A kaleidoscope of cultures

During the Culture Module, Scouts can experience first-hand some traditional games, crafts and music from the different countries attending the Jamboree. This activity module is a fantastic opportunity to sample some of the culture from other countries, here at the most diverse event for young people in the world.

From the moment you approach the Culture tent, you hear drumming, building the excitement of what lies at the end of the woven tunnel that welcomes participants into the activity area. François, a 17 year old Canadian Scout, said “It is a really fun activity, there are lots of stands representing the different countries for us to have a look at, and different things to try.” He had made a flower out of paper using origami.

Wandering around the activity area, there is a buzz, with people trying out traditional dances, crafts and music. In one corner, there were people trying to walk across the ground in skis, in another corner there was a celtic ceilidh going on with a live band. Amid it all, people were practicing Japanese calligraphy and others having a go at modelling balloons.

Luke, 17, from the United Kingdom described the experience as “amazing”. He particularly enjoyed the Leather Craft stand, and had made a woggle in the shape of a dragon’s head, which is a traditional element of Japanese Culture. Alex, 15, also from the UK added, “It is great here - but very hot! People from all over the world have been coming over to visit us.”

The World Scout Jamboree is being attended by 34,000 people from 147 countries and territories across the world. Through completing the Culture Module, it becomes clear that although the Scouts and Guides at the Jamboree all have their own traditions and cultures - they are all brought together by Scouting.
**Young Correspondents**

**What is the Young Correspondents Programme?**

The Young Correspondent programme is the opportunity for young people from many different countries to share their Jamboree experiences through a variety of different media outlets. At this Jamboree we have nearly 200 Young Correspondents from nearly 50 countries who are writing content for things such as Facebook, Twitter, Blogs and websites, as well as producing material for their National Scout Organisations and their national media back home.

We also have Young Correspondents writing for this newspaper, so look out for their articles in here!

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**“WA” and Friendship**

By Marcus Tam Hong Kong

“WA”: A Spirit of Unity, this World Scout Jamboree’s theme can be interpreted in many different ways. “WA” can be the meaning of seeing old friends who have moved to another country, it can mean making new friends from countries that we have never visited before, it can even mean stepping out of one’s comfort zone to learn and understand another culture.

No matter how we interpret this year’s theme, I believe we all have a similar viewpoint on this theme; making new friends.

An example of friendly interactions as I have seen in the past couple of days on this campsite is from people who set up small “stalls” offering to trade badges, scarfs/neckerchiefs, hats, rucksacks and even uniforms. Another approach is to wear “Free Hug” signs, although these interactions are brief, they are definitely not short-lived for we have surely made a new friend that will last a lifetime.

To me, and I believe many of us as well, making new friends is one of the goals for coming to Jamboree, however it is not as simple as that. This common goal is actually our passion for Scouting, the passion that we all share. Although we belong to different races, and we have different beliefs and cultures, our passion for Scouting is the same.

I think this year’s theme is very fitting because we all belong to the Scout family and as members of the same family, once we come together we feel united!

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**Meeting new friends at the Jamboree**

By Chan Kwan Ho Ambrose, Hong Kong

Meeting friends who are from different countries is exciting and interesting, as they speak different languages, and have different cultures. Learning how to communicate with each other is a fun and challenging. The below will introduce some tips that may be useful.

First of all, we can begin with saying “Hello” or “Konichiwa”. No matter if they respond or not, greeting is always a good start.

Secondly, we can take out some of our contingent badges or some badges which represent our country to trade with them. This method can improve the relationship and can also enrich your collection of badges, which can kill two birds with one stone.

Thirdly, we should be active. When scouts from other countries and units come or pass by your campsite, greeting and chatting are always good ways to make friends. You can simply start by introducing who you are and where you are from.

Last but not least, shaking hands is an easy way to make new friends. Shake hands (no matter left hand or right hand) when you are introducing yourselves. It is better if you have a name card with you, so that your friends can contact you after Jamboree. I hope the above measures can let making friends easier. Cherish this chance of making friends in Jamboree and no regrets!

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**“Sawasdee-krub” or Hello Jamboree!**

By Chirasin Parisoothamajanda, Thailand

I’m Chirasin from Thailand, the land of smiles from the east of South East Asia. It’s been a long way here to Japan.

My journey started last year, when I heard of this Jamboree. I have to say that I’m quite a fan of Japan, especially the entertainment like anime, games, music and food. Travelling to Japan is one of my dreams, so I immediately signed up. I was sponsored to come after completing some tests so now I’m one of the Thailand Contingent.

It took us almost ten hours to get here. Six hours from Thailand to Narita Airport, two hours from Narita to Fukuoka Airport and another two hours to Kirara-hama.

Imagine yourselves achieving your own dream - it feels good, right? Arriving in Japan warmed my heart real good.

Who would have thought how brilliant it is just getting to Japan. Every bit of Japan has amazed me so much, from hi-tech vending machines to the beautiful seaside. Just like they said at home, Japan is a country where technology, tradition and nature get along in harmony.

It’s just the beginning of the Jamboree but I can feel that lots of good memories are going to rain on us heavily. Are you excited like me? I hope so. Let our journey begin!

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**A beautiful day is seen in the morning**

By James Kairu, Kenya

The 2015 World Scout Jamboree, aimed at bringing the whole world together, really came up with a global village. Most countries travelled across the world to one place, Yamaguchi in Japan, to participate at the event. The journey was very well organised and we had different countries landing at different times. Fukuoka, Osaka and Tokyo were the main airports in use, and there were buses lying in wait at each station.

Our group got together on the evening before the travel day to share lots of stories and sing songs to build the team spirit. On Saturday 19th July, we boarded the plane at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport. Some of us had never seen aeroplanes on the ground before and merely thought of them as noisy birds in the air. It was quite an experience getting onto one, a huge one at that. On the flight, we were lucky to go round a storm and we could see flashes of lightning forming in the clouds and it was just so awesome. In Amsterdam we had to wait for 6 hours in the airport, in awe of the massive and beautiful structures, the new and various items and the fast Wi-Fi. We then had a very comfortable flight to Osaka and travelled to our hotel. The hotel was an indication of a change in culture that we were about to experience. From then we knew that an awesome holiday had just begun. We set off the following morning for Yamaguchi - ten hours away. We managed to see Japan’s landscape and nature get along in harmony. As they say in our home country, “siku njema huonekana asubuhi” - a beautiful day is seen in the morning. It had started well.
Culture

By Cathy Weber, Juan Nicolas Calle

Les scouts participent entre autre aux activités en lien avec la culture. Ils peuvent choisir les différents ateliers eux-mêmes. De plus, ils sont motivés par l’idée de découvrir une nouvelle culture, entre autre, la culture japonaise.

Sur le site, les jeunes peuvent choisir parmi différents ateliers sur la musique, la danse, les arts, les jeux et auront même l’opportunité de goûter différentes nourritures venues du monde entier.

Japon

Traditionnellement, pour le Japon, il y a une cérémonie de thé. Les jeunes mangent d’abord des sucreries traditionnelles. Avant de boire le thé dans un bol en porcelaine, ils sont obligés de le tourner deux fois dans la main pour que l’image soit tournée vers eux. Les jeunes apprécient tous ce thé vert traditionnel japonais.


Il y a une tradition japonaise qui s’appelle “moxibustion”. Il s’agit d’un traitement par acupuncture pour la santé de la peau. Ici, on utilise la moxibustion, qui utilise un cigare d’armoise pour chauffer un point sur la peau.

Scouts de Chine (Taiwan)

Dans un autre atelier, les jeunes ont eu l’occasion de jouer d’un instrument traditionnel du Taiwan. Le gong ‘IUO’ est un instrument d’origine chinoise et était utilisé autrefois aux champs de bataille pour réveiller les soldats. Aujourd’hui, cet instrument est principalement utilisé pour les cérémonies religieuses. Le son du gong est très fort, voilà pourquoi on dit que ses voeux, au moment du gong, sont entendus par le ciel et se réalisent.

Norrivège

Dans l’atelier norvégien, on peut faire une promenade dans la neige en regardant des photos des scouts norvégiens qui font des randonnées dans les montagnes. Ensuite, les jeunes participent à un quiz à propos du scoutisme dans la neige. De plus, ils ont l’occasion d’essayer un petit parcours avec des skis en bois.

Scouts in Science

By Rosa Amptmeijer, photo by Rihannon Clarke

In the bright sun sits a white tent, full of people wearing white coats. The Science Module includes a number of activities in several tents, allowing you to learn through hands-on experience. There’s a lot of activities to try, and you can choose whichever ones you want. Nick, 16, from the United Kingdom, says, “the dissecting of fish was the most awesome because it’s not something you would usually do”.

Next to the fish station, other young people are playing with slime, which changes easily between solid and liquid states. The fluid is made from water, borax, PVA glue and paint, which you can choose yourself in any colour.

When you leave it at rest it’s a liquid, but it becomes solid if you apply force. If you wanted to show off your strength, you should go to the middle of the tents and you can see if you can lift 72 kg by pulling the rope. There are 3 different tripods where you can lift the weight with a different number of pulleys so you can see which one is easiest.

In terms of construction, there’s a lot of things you can build, such as a small car which runs on solar energy. These are just some examples of the 45 stands, so whichever subject you’re interested in, you will find something you love. Discover and learn something new!

How will you help the world?

By Sara Bonetti, photo by Fabian Engel

Science is a topic that seems fairly unrelatable to Scouting. Andrea, 14, Mexico, says it should be included because “Scouting is everything and everywhere.”

What did other Scouts learn at the Science Module? How would they use the skills they have learned to leave this world a better place than they found it?

“I would find a controller to dim and turn the Sun off and on,” says Douglas, 17, United Kingdom. He adds “I would like to try to find a way to make the agriculture sector more productive, because everyone needs food.”

Carla, 15, Spain wants to be a doctor. She would like to research for a cure for cancer. She says, “Cancer and other diseases kill far too many people in the world.”

Henri Suominen, 23, Finland, runs a Science activity. He helps people make small cars with solar power and gives talks to the participants on renewable resources. “If I had the resources to invent something, it would be a machine or something to make clean water out of dirty water because I think drinking water is a basic resource for living and there is a lack of it all over the world.”

Another activity about renewable energies is run by Matthew Belsey, 19, UK. He shows the participants how to create energy from waste water with some water plants. “I love the idea of just using what we have, like dirty water, and turning it into something everyone has use for.”

Like all young people, Scouts should be involved in this emerging field. It’s difficult to decide what the most important aspect of the Science Module might be, but we know they will each play a crucial part in our future.
Jamboree in pictures

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Scouts of China (Taiwan) Cultural Event
Words and photo by Luke Brickley

A line of Scouts is already forming outside the Scout Shop, eager to see what Jamboree branded items they can pick up. Despite the buzz and energy, everybody seems to be calm and happy to chat and get along with each other.

However this peace and quiet did not last long. It was disrupted by a storm of colour and music descending on the Scout Shop with the arrival of Santaize!

According to Amy Wong, 20, from Scouts of China (Taiwan), “Santaize is a Taiwanese deity whose name means The Third Prince. He shows himself as a playful and almost childlike god.” This personality comes across well with the vibrant pop music that Santaize has chosen for his dance – earning him the reputation as the ‘Techno-dancing Third Prince’.

Whenever Santaize goes through villages and towns he performs a dance, spreading the message of Peace. This message of peace is the reason the Scouts of China (Taiwan) decided to bring Santaize to the World Scout Jamboree today. Amy said “We have brought Santaize to the Jamboree today as he perfectly embodies that message of Wa that the Jamboree is trying to achieve. When Santaize comes he brings peace, we believe this is exactly what Wa means; peace, prosperity and the Spirit of Unity.”

The overriding message of peace has spread along the queues outside the Scout Shop showing that Wa is alive and well today.

Une ligne de Scouts se forme déjà devant le Magasin Scout, impatients de découvrir certains produits “Spécial Jamboree” ils acheteront. Malgré leur enthousiasme et la foule, l’atmosphère est calme et détendue, les gens bavardent gaîment.

Mais ne vous fiez pas aux apparences. Cette atmosphère ne durera pas longtemps. Et de fait, l’arrivée de Santaize au Magasin Scout déchaîne la foule!

Amy Wong, 20 ans, membre des Scouts de Chine (Taiwan), explique que “Santaize est un dieu taïwanais, dont le nom signifie Le Troisième Prince. Il se manifeste sous une forme enfantine et jouette.” Cet aspect se marie parfaitement à la musique pop choisie par le dieu pour faire son entrée, lui valant la réputation de ‘Troisième Prince de la Techno’.

Lorsque Santaize arrive, il voyage à travers villes et villages en dansant, propagant son message de paix. Cette paix est la raison pour laquelle les Scouts de Chine ont choisi d’amener au Jamboree. Selon Amy, “Nous avons amené Santaize au Jamboree cette année car il incarne parfaitement le message de ce Jamboree: Wa. Lorsque Santaize arrive, il apporte la paix, ce qui est exactement le but de Wa: la paix, la prospérité et un esprit d’unité”.

Ce message omniprésent de paix n’est répandu le long de la file devant le Magasin Scout déchaine la foule!

Holly Garbett, 21, UK is an IST member here in Japan. But it’s not her first Jamboree experience. Holly went to the 22nd World Scout Jamboree in Sweden in 2011 as a participant. She took some time out of her busy schedule to share her Jamboree experiences.

Why did you decide to become a member of IST?
“I enjoyed being a participant so much, I wanted to give something back to the next generation of Scouting. The IST in Sweden really made the experience for me and I hope to do the same for the Scouts here in Japan.”

Do you have any advice for the Scouts on how they can make the most of a Jamboree?
“Explore as much as you can and embrace every opportunity with both hands. Be willing to learn and develop being around other cultures.”

What do you think you will get out of the Jamboree?
“Seeing the participants grow through their time here.”

What do you enjoy most about coming to Jamborees?
“Meeting old and new friends. The friendships I have made at previous Jamborees with people from all over the world are still there. It’s great to meet up with them again here in Japan.”

Can you describe the Jamboree in a few words?
“Fun, high spirited, life changing… oh and humid!”

Holly Garrett, 21 ans, Britannique, est membre de l’Equipe Internationale de Service (EIS). Holly n’en est pas à son premier Jamboree car elle a participé à l’édition précédente en Suède en 2011 en tant que participant. Elle a accepté de partager son expérience avec nous.

Pourquoi avez-vous choisi de participer en tant qu’EIS?
“J’ai tellement apprécié être un participant que j’aurais laissé quelque chose à la génération suivante de Scouts. En Suède, l’EIS a rendu ce camp mémorable et j’espère faire de même pour les Scouts présents au Japon.”

Quels conseils avez-vous pour les Scouts afin qu’ils profitent d’un maximum de leur Jamboree?
“Soyez curieux, explorez autant que vous le pouvez, et allez-y à fond. Ayez la volonté de découvrir d’autres cultures.”

Que préférez-vous dans un Jamboree?
“Reverie d’anciennes connaissances, en faire de nouvelles. Les amis que j’ai rencontrés au précédent Jamboree sont toujours là, et c’est génial de les revoir ici.”

Comment décririez-vous le Jamboree en quelques mots?
“Amusant, enthousiasmant, mémorable… et humide!”

5 Minutes with the International Service Team
By Catherine Talbot

Jewish Services

The Jewish tent is holding morning services at 7:30am in the Faith and Belief Zone.

Those eating kosher food need to be aware that over Shabbat all kosher food will be available at the Faith and Belief Zone and not through the usual distribution process.

Friday night service will be at 19:30. For further information about Friday activities visit the Jewish tent.

The Rabbi is checking the Jamboree Eruv, please contact the Jewish tent to find out its status.

La tente juive tiendra un service religieux à 7h30 dans la zone Foi et Croyances.

Les adeptes des repas kosher doivent savoir que durant le Shabbat, la nourriture kosher sera disponible dans la zone Foi et Croyances, et non via les canaux de distribution habituels.

Un service de nuit se tiendra vendredi à 19h30. Pour plus d’information à propos de vendredi, visitez la tente juive.

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**Jamboree Friendship Award**

By Mike Dent

The Friendship Award is a special award only available at Jamborees. With your Unit, you will complete all seven modules and get them signed off. To earn the Friendship award, you also need to visit five Contingent booths at the World Scout Centre, visit the Faith and Beliefs Zone, join a different Unit for a meal, and record the details of so new friends. A good idea might be to complete the challenge in your work teams!

**Adult Jamboree Friendship Award**

If you’re a member of IST, CMT, or a Unit Leader, there is also the Friendship Award available for adults. You need to visit three of the national pavilions and the Better World Tent at the World Scout Centre, visit the Faith and Beliefs Zone, and also make a list of 10 new friends. A good idea might be to complete the challenge in your work teams!

The Friendship Award is a great way of encouraging all Scouts to learn how to better understand each other and different cultures, as well as to be more interested in the world around them.

**Brevet de l’Amitié du Jamboree**

Le Brevet de l’Amitié du Jamboree est une récompense spéciale, seulement décernée durant les Jamboree. Pour l’obtenir, vous devez, avec votre troupe, compléter sept modules, visiter cinq tentes de contingent au Centre Mondial du Scoutisme, visiter la zone Foi et Croyances, partager un repas avec une autre troupe et avoir les coordonnées de dix nouveaux amis. Un participant peut y passer une journée entière afin de l’obtenir.

Le Brevet de l’Amitié est une excellente manière d’inciter tous les scouts à mieux comprendre les autres cultures et devenir plus intéressés au monde qui nous entoure.

**The Wider Adventure**

By Daniel Brock

For all of us, the 23rd World Scout Jamboree is the adventure of a lifetime. Many of the participants and staff of the Jamboree have chosen to take their experiences further by exploring the rest of Japan.

Annabelle, 17, from The Netherlands described her experience so far. “We’ve been here for about a week and I loved every moment of it. Before arriving at the Jamboree site we spent some time in Osaka. We were able to see the whole city from the Umeda Sky Building and it was just beautiful.” Jorris, 15, said “We visited Hiroshima for a few days, too. The shrines were full of deer and each time you opened your lunch, they would try to steal your food.” Wessel, 16, also from The Netherlands, described their final adventure before the Jamboree - Home Hospitality (HoHo). “All of us stayed with different families so we ended up doing very different things. Some of us crafted bamboo dining sets while others sampled traditional bathhouses. No matter what we were doing all of us had a great time!”

Amy, 17, Dafydd, 16, and Philappa, 16, from the United Kingdom also took part in HoHo. They said it was one of the greatest experiences ever. Amy said “If anything, the language barriers made the experience more fun; we were using translation apps and diagrams. After two hours when we finally managed to explain to each other what we would like to do the next day, we and our host families would erupt with applause and laughter together!” “It was a massive culture shock,” said Dafydd. “We knew that it would be different here, but not this different. We have had such a great time in Japan already and the Jamboree has barely started!” Philappa said “We all got incredibly close to our host families and will remember them forever.”

The message from everyone seemed to be clear. Japan is a beautiful country, and the memories created here will be treasured forever. After the Jamboree, wherever you go, remember to take the Scouting spirit with you.

**Plus qu’un Jamboree**

Pour la plupart d’entre-nous, le Jamboree est l’aventure de toute une vie. Au vu de son caractère unique, de nombreux contingents en ont profité pour arriver au Japon plus tôt et visiter le pays.


Ils ont pu passer une nuit dans une famille d’accueil, grâce au Home Hospitality, (HoHo). Wessel, 16 ans, des Pays-Bas, dit “Nous avons eu beaucoup de chance car les familles nous accueillant parlaient anglais, ce qui a facilité la communication. Nous étions dans beaucoup de familles différentes, donc nous avons tous fait quelque chose de différent.”

Le contingent belge est également arrivé plus tôt au Japon afin de découvrir la culture locale. Ils ont assisté à une représentation d’Awa-odori - une danse traditionnelle japonaise - à Tokushima, ont passé une nuit dans le temple et ont assisté à une cérémonie bouddhiste. Alors que l’Equipe Internationale de Service (EIS) belge se rendait au Jamboree, les troupes ont passé une nuit dans une famille d’accueil, grâce au Home Hospitality (HoHo). Chaque famille japonaise a accueilli deux participants et leur a fait vivre des moments inoubliables.

Au vu de l’enthousiasme suscité par le pays et les activités, une chose est claire: le Japon est un pays magnifique, et les souvenirs qu’il engendre durèrent toute une vie. Après ce Jamboree, n’oubliez pas de diffuser l’esprit scout autour de vous, où que vous soyez.
The Jamboree is all about learning about new cultures and values. You should grab the opportunity to learn about recycling in different countries. Here in Japan, people look slightly differently at rubbish compared to other places around the World. You should carry your rubbish with you until you find a place to recycle, so the paths stay tidy and our hosts stay happy!

There are 16 kinds of recycling bins here at the campsite. When your rubbish doesn’t match the bin, it should go into the ‘other’ bin. When the rubbish isn’t separated enough, it won’t get accepted.

This map shows where you can find a recycling point. When you’re not near one, just use a bag to keep in your rucksack. There are bags everywhere - for example, just use your crisp bag to put other rubbish in. Leave no trace of rubbish so everyone can enjoy a clean and awesome Jamboree!