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JAMBOREE CONNECTIONS

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A WORD FROM THE JAMBOREE DIRECTOR

Kia ora ki te katoa, a reminder that when travelling to the Jamboree, you will require an event to be created in Mahi Tahi, and this covers you should anything go wrong on your travels to the Jamboree. Remember to include who is with you in your car or bus and tick all associated risks. During the Jamboree, the Council for South Pacific Scout Associations will also meet for three days; we look forward to welcoming those leaders and commissioners from the Scout Pacific region. Remember to have something like crocs or jandals when walking to and from the showers and toilets, preferably covered in is better. I am looking forward to catching up with you all soon. Thinking about the end of Jamboree and all the equipment sold, this time, we will have first come, first served. More information will be published mid-Jamboree. Remember to get your authorisation from your Group or Committee. Until next time, thanks, and talk soon. Mauruuru, me te korero wawe. Laurence Fauatea. director@jamboree.scouts.nz

FRESHWATER GOLD CLAM (CORBICULA FLUMINEA) - AN UNWELCOME VISIT TO THE WATER-BASE ACTIVITY

Some may know or have read about the Freshwater Gold Clam (Asian Gold Clam) discovered in the Waikato River in May 2023. This discovery affects our water base at Lake Karapiro. The Adventure Director and the Manager of the water-base activity have been working on a plan to deal with this outbreak.

The plan is about treating equipment and clothing (including towels and footwear used at the water base) at the end of every activity session. They have been working with the help of expert advice on the best way to mitigate and not spread this gold clam outbreak.

To treat, it may affect the type of clothing brought to the water base, as the options include bleach, boiling and freezing. An alternative treatment is also being explored as it will not harm the environment but may affect the Scouts' clothing.

As a precaution, please let your Scouts and Leaders know that all clothing worn, including towels and footwear, must be dealt with at the site for starters. Each water-based activity participant must put all their wet clothing into rubbish bags and transport it back to their Troop site, where it will be dealt with. The rubbish bags will be immediately disposed of in the bins provided at the Jamboree.

The alternative being looked at will mean that you will need some containers, such as fish bins, to soak the clothing in enough to treat clothing, towels, wet shoes, etc., for all of your Patrol for that day.

We know some Troops are packing their containers to be transported to the Jamboree. We are providing this heads-up on the clothing front and the extra bins/containers needed to treat the items.

Please don't hesitate to email media@jamboree.scouts.nz and we will answer what we know or seek an answer until the Adventure Team has had their plan approved by MPI.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping stop the spread of this gold clam to other parts of New Zealand. For information, please head over to: <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/biosecurity/exotic-pests-and-diseases-in-new-zealand/pests-and-diseases-under-response/freshwater-gold-clam/#treatment>

SAFEGUARDING MODULE

There have been several questions from Scout Leaders about the requirements to complete the Safeguarding Modules before coming to the Jamboree. Based on trust, the Jamboree Director reiterated at the Troop Leaders meeting and the recent Jamboree Management meeting, those Leaders who have not completed the original set of three Safeguarding modules are encouraged to complete the current module. Access to the Safeguarding module in Mahi Tahī is available via one's Scouts Aotearoa Leader profile.

STAFF CAMP

Bookings are now open for those staying at the Staff Camp. Head on over to complete the online form at: <https://forms.gle/h7MjS5Lwxkuzuj1CA>

PLEASE NOTE THAT BOOKINGS ARE NOT OPEN TO JST MEMBERS.

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