

519 toys for 519 scouts

Most children have dreamed of the opportunity to become a digger driver with all the power at their disposal. This Jamboree base, operated by experienced and qualified operators, allowed Scouts of all ages to work and become digger drivers.

Each Scout received instructions on how to manipulate the digger arm and bucket; then they were challenged to place various-sized balls into a bucket.

If successful, a final challenge was to balance the golf balls on upturned cans. Scouts were surprised at the skill of these machines and the delicacy of touch that can be achieved.









GANG SHOW TREADING THE BOARDS



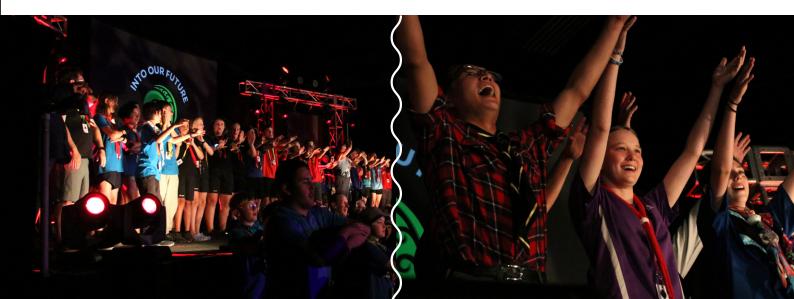


Throw open the doors turn on the lights - its showtime!

Wednesday night saw cast members and backstage crews of Gang Shows from across New Zealand and Australia come together in fellowship to share in the magic that is Gang Shows and showcase some of the best sketches and highlights from their most recent shows.

The audience was treated to video highlights of Snow White singing a new version of "Call Me Maybe", a Footrot Flats rendition of "Slice of Heaven", and some small dwarves reciting a traditional nursery rhyme "I Know an Old Lady who swallowed a fly".

Waikato shared a medley of their 2023 show. Some plucky pirates did a song and dance, and the Otago Crew sang the traditional "Reach out and Touch somebody", which is sung at the end of every Otago Show. There was Scouty's 12 Days of Christmas, with special emphasis on the "five bars of soap". The night finished with the traditional "Crest of a Wave" song sung at most Gang Shows since the first one in London in 1932.





EMERGENCY SERVICES

Scouts gathered at the COMTY base at the Jamboree for an immersive learning experience. The New Zealand Police shared their role in community safety, engaging the youth in interactive sessions. Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ) guided them on tsunami preparedness, emphasising swift and safe responses to natural disasters. Neighbourhood Support also had volunteers share information regarding the services that are provided.

Scouts also delved into cyber safety,understanding online threats and responsible behaviour. These diverse sessions not only imparted vital knowledge but highlighted the the interconnectedness of community safety, disaster preparedness, and digital security.

This convergence of learning instilled a sense of empowerment, preparing Scouts to be vigilant and responsible members of their communities.







GOGSE CHALLENGES WITH SOFT CORNERS SOFT

Where else can you stick to the wall like a human fly, knock your opponent off a pedestal with a giant jousting pole, wear boxing gloves bigger than your head, and be the live-action players on a Foosball table? A visit to the Inflatable course satisfied all of these demands.

Scouts spent a few hours exploring the possibilities of this base, expending their energy and having fun that also developed their agility and balance as they challenged themselves and each other in that air-filled gladiatorial arena.















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Challenge Valley has been my absolute favourite, especially getting muddy and doing the commando crawl. The river crossing taught me the importance of sticking together. I've been in Scouting since Cubs, inspired by my aunty, a Queen's Scout. I saw the New Zealand Jamboree as a great opportunity, which hasn't disappointed me. I can't wait for the big zip line on the post-tour. If I had to describe the Jamboree in three words, it would be fun, muddy, and amazing.

Teagan, Warragul Scout Group



I love the water activities here, especially the paddle-boarding, even though I'm still getting the hang of it. Watching 'Pirates of the Caribbean' was awesome, too. I'm excited about making more Kiwi friends. Scouting is a family affair, and the Jamboree is a fantastic opportunity to jam in as much friend-making as possible. Back home, I will work on signing off more of my Stage 2 in vertical.

Ella - Caroline Springs Scout Group

My favourite Jamboree moments so far were abseiling and stand-up paddle boarding. Sailing was also a highlight as I conquered my fear and achieved Stage 2 Boating. This is my first time overseas without my parents, making it even more special. I've been a Scout for two years, and I joined Scouts because it was conveniently close to home and looked fun. And it indeed has been an incredible experience!

Molly - 9th Brunswick Scout Group

