

# INTO OUR FUTURE

# KŌRERO

DAY 8  
6-1-2024

VERTEMERGE

NEW HEIGHTS

HISTORIC  
VILLAGER

BLAST FROM THE PAST

FIRE!

TE AHI ORA FIRE  
PERFORMERS



23RD AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND SCOUT JAMBOREE - MYSTERY CREEK

# CLOSING CEREMONY

## AT THE END OF THE DAY

The 23rd Aotearoa New Zealand Scout Jamboree culminated in a whirlwind of excitement and emotion during its closing ceremony. The Portal-oo chase kick-started the festivities, where a Rover orchestrated a comedic theft, igniting a chase across the stage involving both police and Scouts, culminating in the capture of the mischievous Rover.

Amidst laughter and cheers, Laurence, the Camp Chief, bid farewell, reminiscing about the Jamboree's highlights and shared camaraderie. His reflections echoed the spirit of unity and adventure that defined the event.

Raani, the National Commissioner, delivered an inspiring address, emphasising the values of Scouting and encouraging Scouts to carry the Jamboree's spirit forward.

The parade of international flags symbolised unity among diverse cultures, with each nationality represented, receiving their flag from a Youth Scout representative, signifying the handover of care.

The evening concluded with a vibrant party featuring laser lights, indoor fireworks, and music, encapsulating the Jamboree's jubilant spirit, marking the end of an unforgettable event.





# FINAL REFLECTIONS

## LASTING IMPRESSIONS

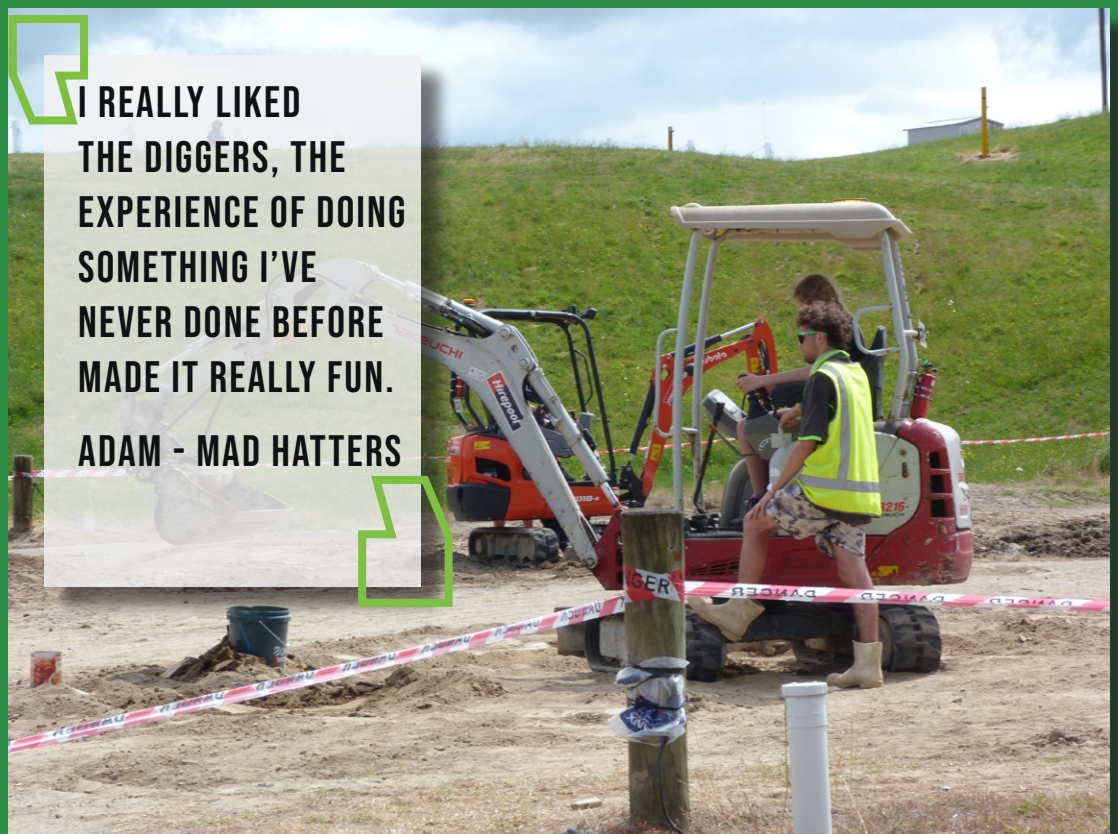
I REALLY LIKED THE VERTIMERGE ACTIVITIES. THE FEELING OF DOING SOMETHING SO DANGEROUS AND RISKY BUT STILL ALWAYS BEING SAFE IS A COOL FEELING. IT'S RISK WITHOUT RISK.

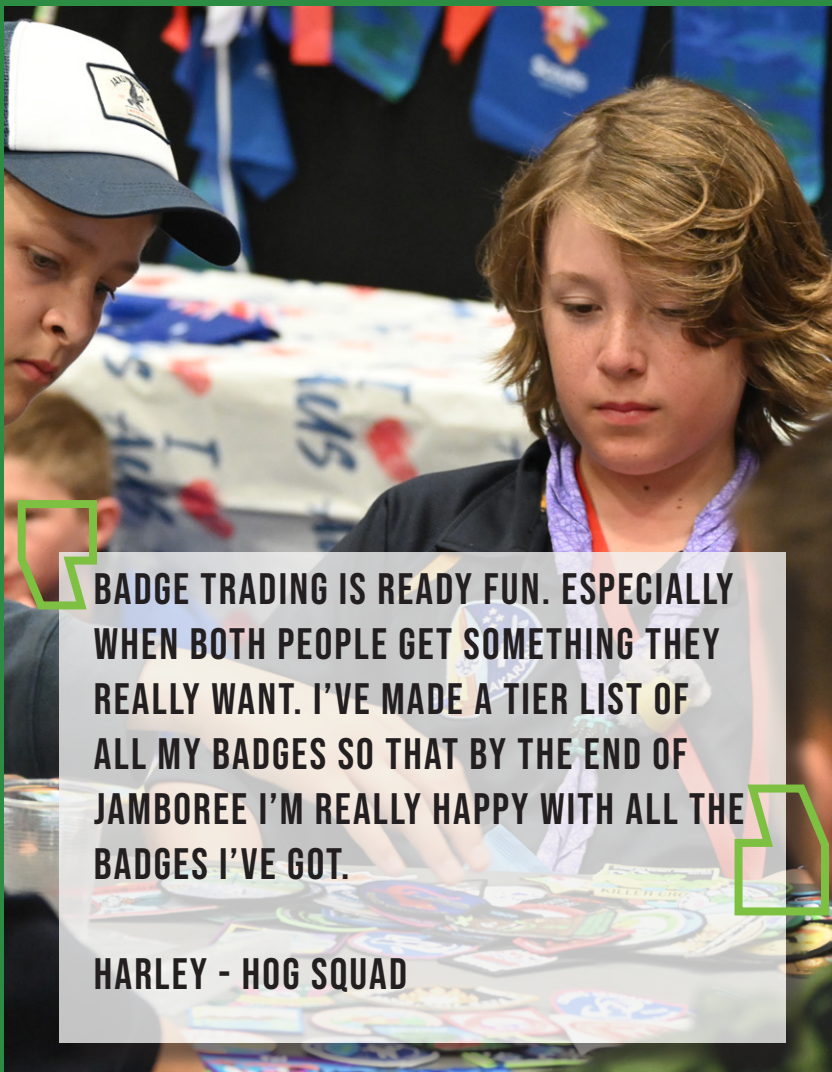
FINN - MAD HATTERS



I REALLY LIKED THE DIGGERS, THE EXPERIENCE OF DOING SOMETHING I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE MADE IT REALLY FUN.

ADAM - MAD HATTERS





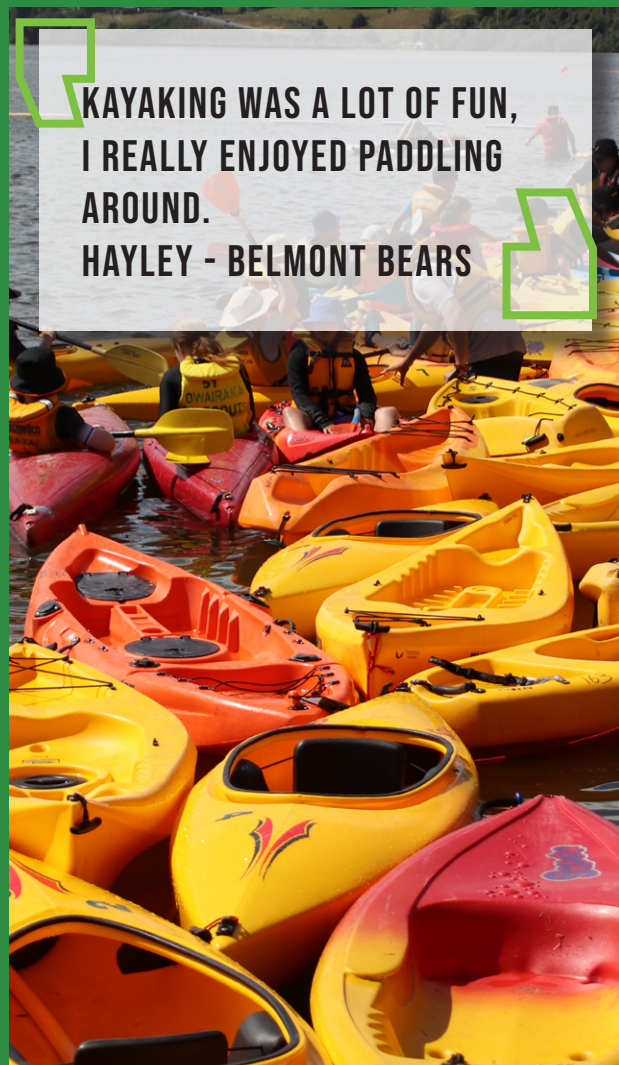
**BADGE TRADING IS REALLY FUN. ESPECIALLY WHEN BOTH PEOPLE GET SOMETHING THEY REALLY WANT. I'VE MADE A TIER LIST OF ALL MY BADGES SO THAT BY THE END OF JAMBOREE I'M REALLY HAPPY WITH ALL THE BADGES I'VE GOT.**

**HARLEY - HOG SQUAD**



**THE ABSEILING WAS COOL AND GETTING TO SMASH UP THE CARS WAS ALSO PRETTY AWESOME. IT'S STUFF THAT TO DON'T GET TO DO AT HOME.**

**DANIELLE - RĀWHITI ROBOTS**



**KAYAKING WAS A LOT OF FUN, I REALLY ENJOYED PADDLING AROUND.**

**HAYLEY - BELMONT BEARS**



**CAMTRAMBIK WAS PRETTY COOL, PARTICULAR THE SHOOTING.**

**ARINI - AUSSIE CONTINGENT**

**“QUAD BIKES, THEY WERE LOTS OF FUN”  
SEAN - AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT**

**“THE QUAD BIKES, CAUSE YOU GOT TO GO  
REALLY FAST AND DO SOME DRIFTING” .  
JAXEN - ASTRO SCOUTS**

**“THE QUAD BIKES WERE REALLY FUN”  
GRACE - RAGING GODZILLAS**

**“QUAD BIKES!”  
JAMES - KILLER CROCS**

**“QUAD BIKES!”  
HAMISH - AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT**

**“QUAD BIKES!”  
RILEY - AUSTRALIAN CONTINGENT**

**“THE QUAD BIKES ARE AWESOME, AND  
YOU’VE GOT TO GIVE THEM A TRY EVEN IF  
YOU ARE SCARED”  
AMELIA - GRUMPY GUMBOOTS**

**“I LIKE THE QUAD BIKES BECAUSE I WAS  
PASSING EVERYONE.”  
BLAIR - PORTAL RATS**

**“THE QUAD BIKES WERE REALLY FUN.”  
QUINN - DA BEEZ NEEZ**





\* **MAGNUS**  
RAGING GODZILLA TROOP

**MY FAVOURITE PART WAS SPINNING THE FIRE YESTERDAY. BECAUSE I LIKE PLAYING WITH FIRE AND IT'S SOMETHING SO COOL THAT'S I'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE.**  
**MAX - ASTRO SCOUTS**



**CAPSIZING THE BOAT.**  
**CAITLIN - WESTERN WYVERNS**



**I REALLY LOVED BEING AT THE LAKE FOR WATPADBOAFLY. THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS TO DO AND BEING AROUND THE WATER WAS SO NICE, ESPECIALLY IN THE HEAT.**  
**PAIGE - BELMONT BEARS**




**I ENJOY LEARNING TO SHOOT A GUN AT THE GUN CLUB BASE AND THEN TRYING TO DO IT CROSS EYED**  
**LEWIS - RĀWHITI ROBOTS**







**I'VE BEEN REALLY LIKING GOING AROUND BADGE TRADING. IT'S REALLY FUN AND I'VE NEVER REALLY DONE MUCH TRADING BEFORE.**  
**EDDIE - KŌKAKO**



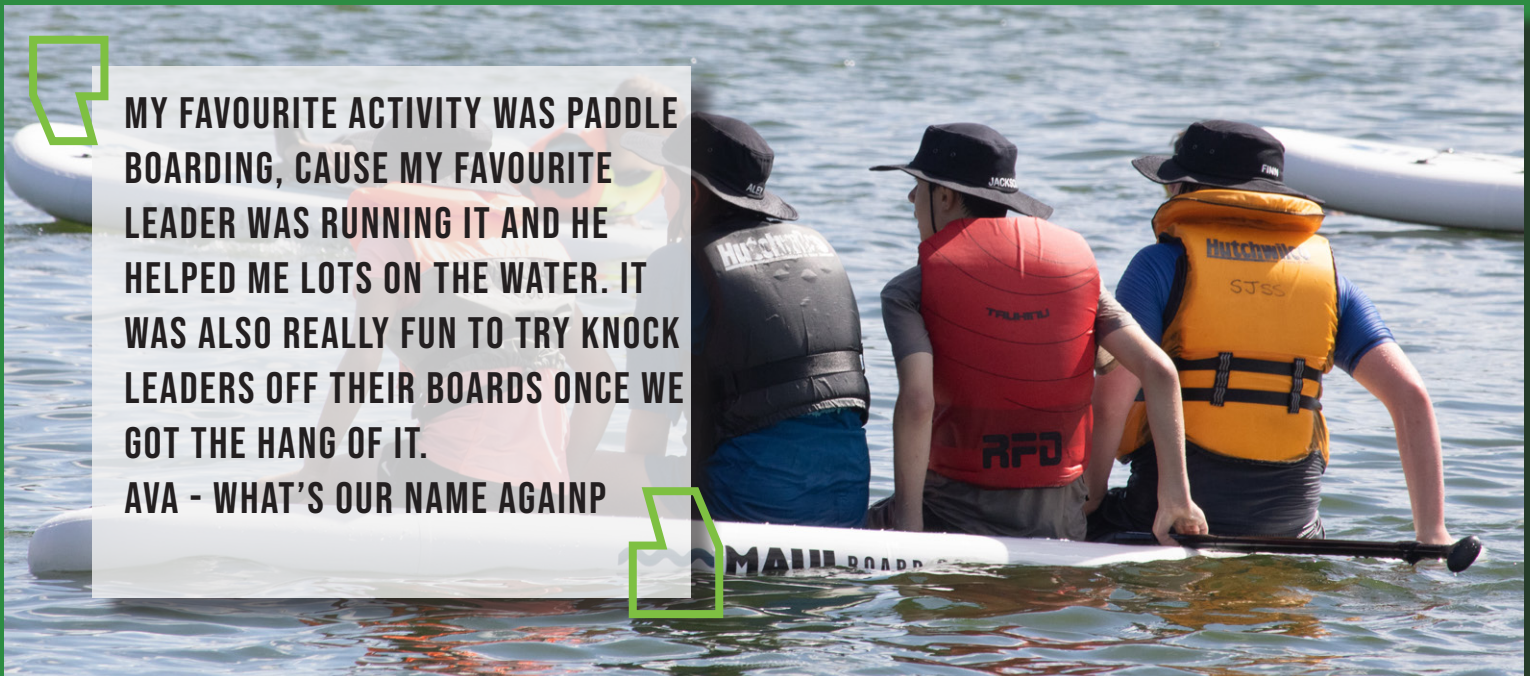
**I'VE ENJOYED TRYING NEW THINGS, EXPANDING MY KNOWLEDGE AND GAINING NEW POTENTIAL HOBBIES. IT'S BEEN FUN TRYING NEW THINGS AND BEING ABLE TO FAIL IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.**  
**TOM, RĀWHITI ROBOTS**



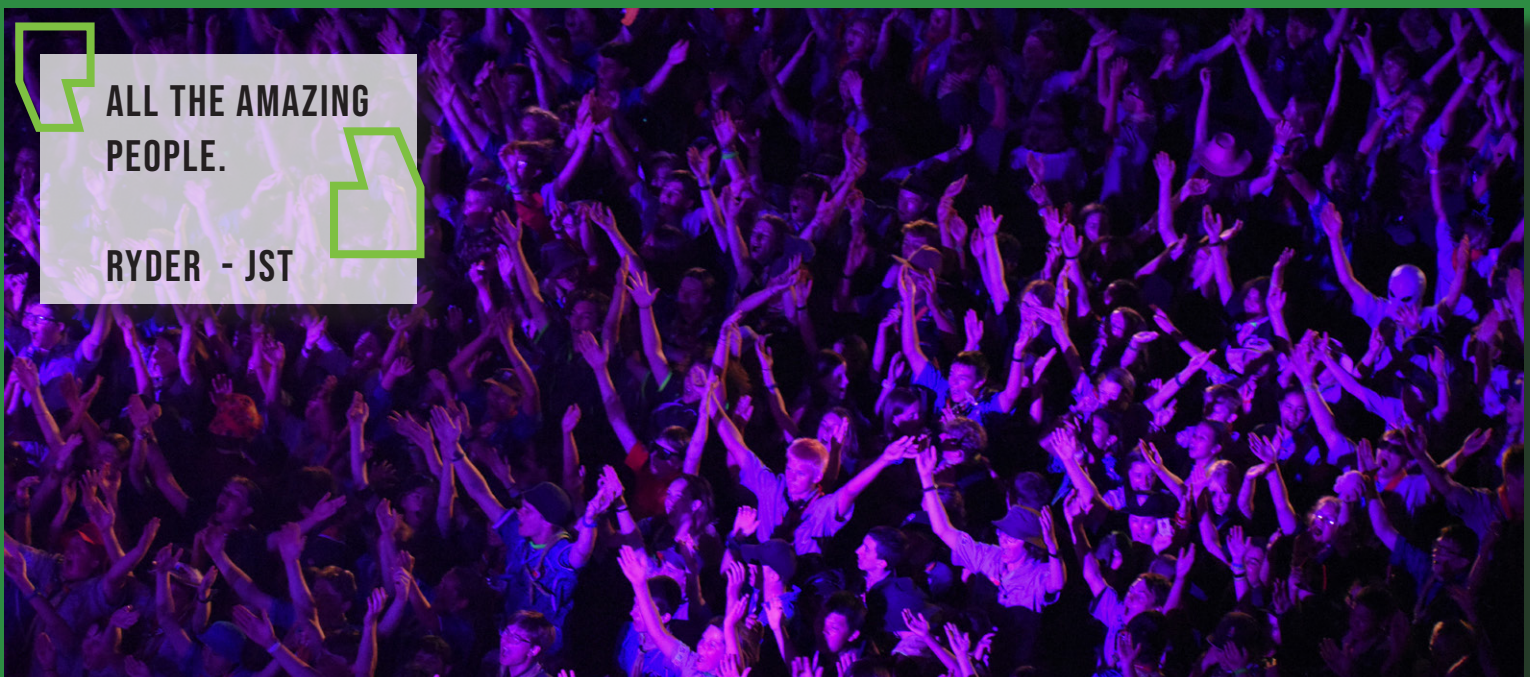
**I REALLY LIKED THE BADGE TRADING CAUSE IT GOT YOU TO TALK TO LOTS OF NEW PEOPLE INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL PEOPLE. IT'S MEANT I'VE MADE HEAPS OF NEW FRIENDS AT THE THIS JAMBOREE.**  
**CARMEN - BELMONT BEARS**



**QUAD BIKING, CAUSE I'VE NEVER DONE IT BEFORE AND IT WAS AND FUN TO GO SUPER FAST. I'VE ALSO REALLY ENJOYED MEETING ALL THE INTERNATIONAL CONTINGENTS AND MAKING FRIENDS WITH THEM.**  
**MYRON - BELMONT BEARS**



**MY FAVOURITE ACTIVITY WAS PADDLE BOARDING, CAUSE MY FAVOURITE LEADER WAS RUNNING IT AND HE HELPED ME LOTS ON THE WATER. IT WAS ALSO REALLY FUN TO TRY KNOCK LEADERS OFF THEIR BOARDS ONCE WE GOT THE HANG OF IT.**  
**AVA - WHAT'S OUR NAME AGAINP**




**ALL THE AMAZING PEOPLE.**

**RYDER - JST**



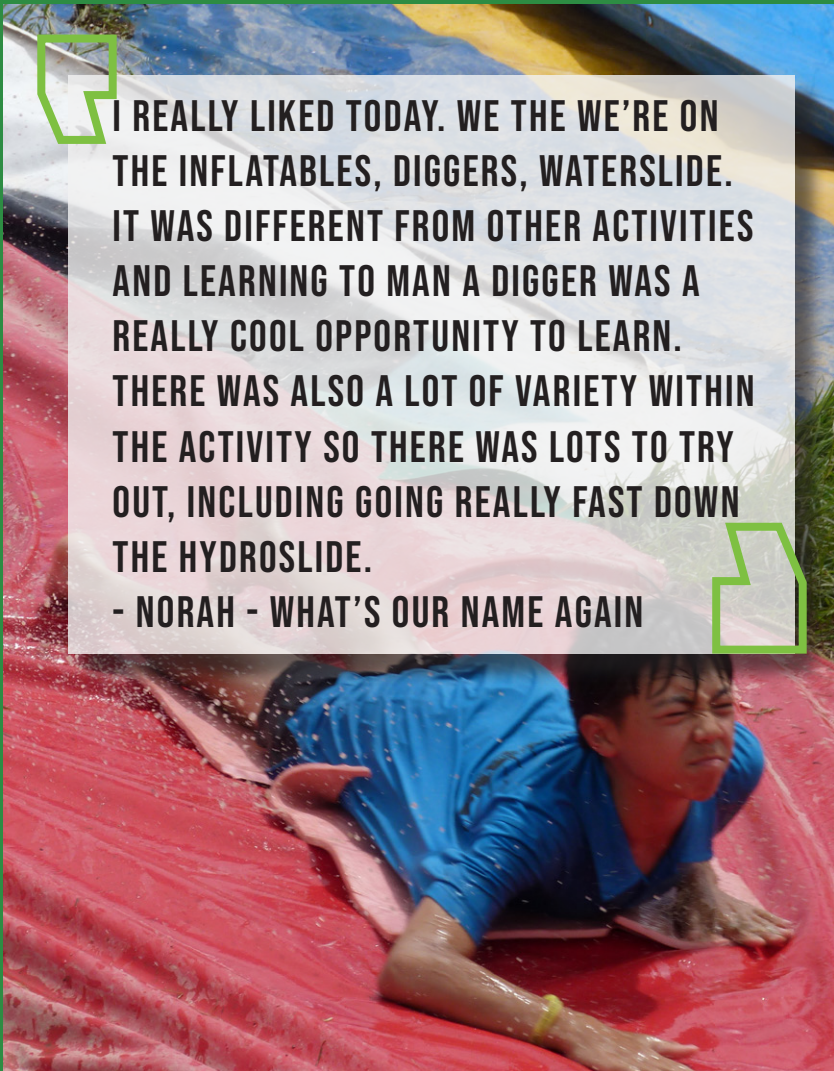
**THE BADGE TRADING HAS BEEN A LOT OF FUN. MY FAVOURITE BADGE IS EITHER THE FLAMING UNICORN OR THE GOLDEN SILVER DRAGON.**

**ZANE - DA BEEZ KNEEZ**



**MY FAVOURITE PART WAS TRYING THE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES. IF I HAD TO PICK THEN VERTIMERGE WAS MY OVERALL FAVOURITE. I'M A KEEN CLIMBER, HOWEVER, ABSEILING WAS NEW TO ME SO IT WAS COOL TO TRY OUT.**

**JAEGAN - CYBORG STINGERS**



**I REALLY LIKED TODAY. WE THE WE'RE ON THE INFLATABLES, DIGGERS, WATERSLIDE. IT WAS DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES AND LEARNING TO MAN A DIGGER WAS A REALLY COOL OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN. THERE WAS ALSO A LOT OF VARIETY WITHIN THE ACTIVITY SO THERE WAS LOTS TO TRY OUT, INCLUDING GOING REALLY FAST DOWN THE HYDROSLIDE.**

**- NORAH - WHAT'S OUR NAME AGAIN**



**MY FAVOURITE PART OF JAMBOREE WAS THE BADGE TRADING. I THINK THE COOLEST BADGE I COLLECTED WAS THE CAPE HAWKS BADGE.**

**JOHN - CYBORG STINGERS**

# THE AUSTRALIANS



My absolute favourite activity at the Jamboree was the flying fox at VERTAMERGE. It was so cool! I also got to try sailing for the first time, and I think I've done enough to sign off some stages in my Outdoor Adventure Skills (OAS). Meeting new people has also been a highlight – it's something I don't do often, so it's been really awesome. If I had to describe the Jamboree in a few words, they would be active, fun, and full of new experiences!

*Sophie - Warragul*



I loved trying the quad bikes, even though I was pretty bad initially. It's fun to learn something new and gradually get better. Meeting new people has been fantastic. I'm already looking forward to AJ2025, hoping to see some of my Kiwi friends there. The only downside of the Jamboree is the lack of personal space – it's like a city that never sleeps! Finger buns and L&P became my favourites; they were so popular that L&Ps sold out in the shop. In a nutshell, the Jamboree has been really, very fun!

*Bridget - Box Hill Nort*

The Jamboree has been nothing short of epic! The best part was definitely CAMPBANTRIKE, where we did cycling, drift trikes, and quad bikes. Riding a quad bike on my own for the first time was a thrill. Although the food has been a bit repetitive, the pancakes for breakfast were my favourite. I think this experience will help me progress in cycling, vertical, and aquatics. Climbing up a cliff was an achievement in itself! To sum up the Jamboree: it's been fun, tiring, and exciting.

*Xander - Warragul*



# PORTAL-00



**DID YOU FIND THE PORTAL-00?**



# FAREWELL FRIENDS

The 23rd Aotearoa New Zealand Scout Jamboree was an incredible melting pot of cultures, adventures, and lasting friendships. As we bid farewell to our international companions, we reflect on the time spent together, where shared experiences and challenges that have helped to forge unbreakable bonds.

From conquering dizzying heights on the abseiling walls at Vertiemerge to embrace diverse cultures, these adventures solidified friendships and created memories that won't fade.

As you depart, we wish for safety, continuous growth, and an enduring Scout spirit. May the lessons learned at this Jamboree serve as a guiding light for your future endeavours. Farewell, dear friends, safe travels and may the Scout spirit guide you through your adventures, wherever they may lead.

**Haere rā**  
*GOOD BYE*

**Until we meet again**





FAREWELL  
UNTIL  
NEXT TIME

Jamboree has been a blast! There has been so much happening, and I'm sure, like me, you have stories to tell your whanau about the Adventures and Worlds you have experienced here at the 23rd Aotearoa New Zealand Scout Jamboree.

At the centre of the Jamboree site was the Village Green — an excellent place for gathering, downtime, and movies every night, which added to the atmosphere. Our International night had many different cultures represented and gave us an insight into our wider Scouting family.

The Water base, WATBOAPADFLY, was fantastic. VERTMERGE we can't stop talking about the abseiling. CAMTRAMBIK, ENVIRO, COMTY, and GLOBCITPEA were our great learning onsite bases. There are so many stories to tell.

A big thank you to our Troop Leaders, Leaders, Staff and Team Bob, our site and services crew, who made it all happen on the ground. Without them, our Jamboree site would not be what it was.

There is more to write and tell, for now, I wish you all a wonderful Scouting year. We look forward to meeting again at the next National Scouting Jamboree.

Until then, Mai te wai.

Laurence Fauatea  
Camp Chief

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The job of Camp Chief is varied and many



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