

# Jamboree Information Guide for Troop Leaders and Staff

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**All incidents and accidents must be reported to the Jamboree Hub or via Vault.**

**Make the site safe from severe incidents, conduct first aid, call 111 if needed, and then freeze the scene. This is a legal requirement.**

**The Risk Manager will assess the scene and take action from there.**

## **Introduction**

Risk management is the personal responsibility of every Scout, Adult Leader, Staff and all other personnel, including visitors and contractors associated with the Jamboree.

Instructions will be provided to each Scout, Adult Leader, Staff member or visitor who may be exposed to potential health hazards or risks during the Jamboree.

The Safety and Risk Team comprises the Risk Manager, Police, Fire, Site Security and Health Team.

The Safety and Risk Team ensures that all the relevant laws, regulations and contractual obligations are complied with. The team also ensures that all risks that have the potential to affect an activity adversely, the continuity of the Jamboree, or Scouts Aotearoa are identified and that, as far as is reasonably practicable, preventative or control measures are implemented to eliminate or at least minimise an adverse outcome.

The Safety and Risk Team is there to assist all Jamboree participants in understanding and managing the risks which are a natural part of Jamboree's life.

## **Jamboree Identity**

**All Youth, Troop Leaders and Staff must wear the 23rd Aotearoa New Zealand Scout Jamboree lanyard and identity card.**

The lanyard comes with a safety quick-release clasp. The lanyard and identity card must always be worn, including to and from the showers.

## Expected Behaviour at Jamboree

The Jamboree should be a safe and enjoyable experience for all participants. Scouts, Adult Leaders and Staff attending have a right not to have their experience or enjoyment diminished or spoiled by the behaviour of others.

The Scout Promise and Law are the fundamental rules for the Jamboree.

		
<b>Have Respect</b>	<b>Do What is Right</b>	<b>Be Positive</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– For yourself and others</li> <li>– For the environment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Be trustworthy and tolerant</li> <li>– Have integrity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Accept challenges with courage</li> <li>– Be a friend to all</li> </ul>

All Scouts, Adult Leaders and Staff are expected to care about each other and care for and about their environment. Bullying will not be tolerated.

It is crucial to balance proper care and supervision of young people with respect for their privacy, and the overriding aim of the Scout section, SPICES and the empowerment of the Team – and giving the Scouts a chance to learn by doing so in a safe environment.

All Adult Leaders and Staff are expected to follow the Scouts Aotearoa’s Child and Youth Protection Policy, the Code of Ethics (NEW LINKS - TBC), the Drug and Alcohol policy, and DADS rules. (NEW LINK - TBC)

**Any behaviour that offends or causes harm to others is not acceptable.**

## DADS Rules (Drugs, Alcohol, Discrimination, Sex)

### Drugs

The possession of or use of illegal drugs is banned. Misuse of prescription drugs or other substances will be treated as unlawful drugs.

## Alcohol

The Scouts Aotearoa Alcohol Policy has been published and circulated. In short:

- No alcohol will be served in front of or to youth members.
- Alcohol consumption is not to occur in front of or within the hearing of any youth member and is to be discrete.
- There is an expectation that all Adult Leaders and Staff will always honour their responsibilities of Duty of Care.

**Members of the Jamboree Service Team (JST) Venturers are not permitted to purchase, possess, or consume alcohol on the Jamboree site or while participating in Jamboree.**

## Discrimination

Discriminatory behaviour that may be degrading or cause offence to others is unacceptable. This includes discrimination based on gender, race, religion, sexual orientation or any other reason.

## Sex

The behaviour of a sexual nature is not appropriate. Couples shall not share sleeping accommodations alone. Affectionate behaviour is acceptable, providing it does not offend or cause others present to feel uncomfortable.

## Smoking and Vaping

The Jamboree is a smoke-free site. A designated offsite area will be provided for smoking or vaping.

## Consequences

Any form of illegal drug use is viewed seriously, and any person found possessing or using illicit drugs will be referred to the Police.

Persons breaching the rules on drugs, alcohol, discrimination, or sex may be withdrawn from the Jamboree.

They may be required to undertake a service activity or other duties as determined by the Jamboree Director for the remainder of the event or be sent home. Where appropriate, parents will be advised.

Persons found to be in breach of the rules on discrimination, violence, or offensive behaviour will be asked to make a written or verbal apology to the satisfaction of the Jamboree Director or Camp Support Director.

Continued or extreme instances or failure to apologise satisfactorily will result in withdrawal from Jamboree at the person's own cost.

Persons withdrawn from Jamboree for a breach of these rules will not receive a refund of the Jamboree fee.

## Noise

As the Jamboree site is subjected to Waipa District Council noise restrictions. We must ensure no undue disturbance to any resident near the Jamboree site.

The noise requirements will be advised. The quiet time on all Troop sites starts at 10:30 pm.

Camp Support will be available during Jamboree to assist with your understanding of the requirements. The Safety and Risk Team will also monitor the noise levels and enforce the requirements placed upon the Jamboree.

**Camp Support will have a process for managing and resolving noise complaints should they be received.**

## Sheath knives and Pocket knives

**No sheath knives will be permitted** on the Jamboree site or offsite bases unless specifically associated with the official Jamboree programmed activities.

Adult Leaders and Staff may carry pocket knives/multi-tools for repairs/maintenance if needed.

**Scouts are not permitted to bring or carry pocket knives.**

## Drones

Drones are **NOT allowed** unless associated explicitly with official Jamboree media activities approved by the Risk Manager on a case-by-case basis.

Mystery Creek Events Centre and New Zealand National Fieldays Society property are in the Hamilton Airport Controlled Airspace Zone. Site-specific conditions and Civil Aviation Rules must be followed if authorisation is granted.

## Resolving Conflict on Troop Lines

Conflict in the Troop is best resolved sooner rather than later. Often, conflict occurs when the Scouts and Adult Leaders are tired or stressed – very common at Jamboree, where they are out of sorts with their regular routines and on the go all day. Refer to the yellow youth card:



**YOUTH CARD**  
What to expect of adults

- Safe From Harm**  
Kia Noho Haumarū i te Kino  
Provide safe spaces, have appropriate boundaries, and keep information private. *You feel safe.*
- Strengths Based**  
Ā-Pūmanawa  
Help you identify what you're good at and encourages you to try new things. *You feel cared for.*
- Participation**  
Te Whāinga Wāhi  
Support you to get involved, have a say, and make decisions. *You feel listened to.*
- Connection**  
Hononga  
Help you build stronger connections within SCOUTS, your community, and your whānau. *You feel included.*
- The Best They Can Be**  
Whāia te Ihi Kahurangi  
They take part in regular training, understand and act within the Code of Ethics. *You feel good.*

In turn, adults will expect you to follow the SCOUT Law and your Group's rules.

- Have Respect**  
He Whai Whakaaro  
- for yourself and others  
- for the environment
- Do What is Right**  
Kia Tika  
- be trustworthy  
- have integrity
- Be Positive**  
Kia Ngākau Pai  
- accept challenges with courage  
- be a friend to all

Got an issue or want to give feedback? Then you can confidentially:

- Talk to a leader
- Talk to someone about an adult  
**0508 - SCOUT HELP** (0508 726 884)  
scouthelp@scouts.nz
- Or to make a report  
**report.scouts.nz**
- For further support with non-SCOUT related issues check out Youthline:  
**0800 376 633**  
Free text **234**  
[www.youthline.co.nz](http://www.youthline.co.nz)
- For more info go to our website  
[www.scouts.org.nz](http://www.scouts.org.nz)

**PLEASE KEEP THIS WITH YOU.**

The best resolution for a conflict among the Scouts comes through the Patrol (Team) system. The Patrol (Team) Leaders Council is where the Patrol (Team) Leaders meet to discuss issues in the Troop. Support can be sought from the Adult Leaders if no resolution can be agreed upon, but initially, the Patrol Leaders Council should try to forge solutions.

To resolve Adult Leader conflict:

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1. Take a leaf from the Team system.
2. Sit down and discuss the issues, not the persons.
3. Find solutions.

**Need more help?** The Jamboree Wellness Team will be able to provide you with backup and support with any youth or adult welfare and counselling issues.

## Suspension of an activity

Any Safety and Risk Team member can suspend an unsafe activity and, with the authority of the Risk Manager, may close down an activity until all appropriate actions have been taken to mitigate any identified risk.

## Staff Safety Catch-ups

Safety catch-ups of all Jamboree functions, activities, and equipment onsite and offsite will be carried out to ensure that the relevant laws and regulations and reasonable practice procedures are complied with and prompt remedial action is taken where necessary.

Each Manager and Director must ensure that adequate checks are conducted in their areas of responsibility and are to satisfy themselves that:

- Structures or areas needing inspection have been identified.
- The commitment to inspect has been assigned.
- Frequency of checks established
- Inspections are carried out.
- A written checklist is used.
- Required actions resulting from an inspection are completed.
- If applicable, details of a preventative maintenance program of lubrication, cleaning, adjustments and testing are documented.
- That all Safe from Harm signs are displayed in mess areas.

All substandard conditions and practices observed during planned general inspections will be recorded and reported to the appropriate Manager.

A copy of each general inspection report must be given to the appropriate Adult Leader for remedial action.



A list of critical parts or items must be identified through a systematic review of each piece of equipment, structure, and area. A crucial aspect is a piece of equipment or a structure where failure is likely to result in serious harm, injury or property loss.

## Staff while working

Staff will not bring pets, radios, or loud electronic equipment. Staff must always be contactable via mobile phone when running events or supervising events.

**Please remember that Staff cannot provide adequate supervision if they are playing on their mobile phones, e.g., texting or engaging with social media (e.g. Facebook, Instagram, Twitter or Threads)**

## Dispute Resolution

Occasionally, disputes arise beyond the parties' skills to resolve.

Sometimes, agreeing to disagree doesn't remove the problem. A trained and qualified Mediator may help in these situations. Mediation is a private and confidential process that seeks solutions and agreement from the parties involved.

Contact the Jamboree Wellness Team for more information.

## Solar Power Systems

The use of solar systems for low-voltage lighting and device charging is permitted. **However, no mains voltage (240v) appliances or devices are permitted. Facilities for charging phones, laptops and such are available in the HUB.**

Solar panels must be securely mounted and able to withstand high winds. Cables must be run so as not to create a trip hazard.

All solar systems charging storage batteries must have a solar charge regulator to protect the battery from overcharging.

All Systems shall operate at or below 48 volts DC, and no AC mains voltage is permitted on Troop sites. **No mains inverters are allowed** ( no 12v to 240v inverters).

Any items found to be damaged or not fit for purpose will be assessed, and if found to be unsafe, the Troop may be requested to remove them from the site immediately.

## Batteries

Batteries must be either GEL, AGM or Lithium. The batteries must be in an appropriate vented leakproof box, off the ground, with terminals covered. They cannot be stored near any heat source. Troops using batteries must also bring a suitable spill kit. Any battery or batteries connected to a solar panel must have the correct solar charger/regulator type, i.e., voltage and battery type. Batteries are not to be connected straight to a solar panel as this can cause overcharging and cause the battery to heat up and explode.

There will be a Battery recycling centre located in The Hub.

## Generators

The use of petrol or diesel-powered generators is prohibited on Troop sites.

## Fireworks

No fireworks or pyrotechnics are permitted at this Jamboree.

## Firearms

No firearms (including air/gas operated items) will be permitted on the Jamboree site or offsite bases unless specifically associated with the official Jamboree programmed activities.

## General Safety Rules and Regulations

The Safety and Risk Team will communicate to all participants the general safety rules the Team will enforce.

**All instructions from the Safety and Risk Team  
must be complied with.**

**SAFER SCOUTING - IT'S WHAT WE DO!**