



23RD AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND SCOUT JAMBOREE 2023-24

JAMBOREE NOTE 001

15-year-olds at the next Jamboree

During the Covid-19 outbreak and the subsequent lockdowns, the 23rd Aotearoa New Zealand Scout Jamboree was pushed back a year. At the time of the announcement, Scouts Aotearoa advised that no Rangatahi / Young people would be disadvantaged.

Taking onboard current concerns, the Jamboree Leadership Team (JLT) has been working though “no one will be disadvantaged”, specifically our 15-year-olds due to the delay of Jamboree. Traditionally 15-year-olds do not come to Jamboree as Venturers, and there is a gap from the Scout section to Venturers attending Jamboree. Venturers traditionally start at 16 for Jamboree.

The JLT have researched and found out how many 15-year-olds there would be this year if Jamboree went ahead and who will be 15 next year. As a result of this research and conclusion, the JLT have come up with the following benchmarks for Venturers, keeping in mind that our Rangatahi / Young people are at the centre of Scouts Aotearoa and it is about their choice.

- If the Rangatahi / Young people have not had their 16th birthday before the 30 December 2023, the available option to attend the Jamboree will be *Venturer Active*.
- Those Rangatahi / Young people who have their 16th birthday on or after 30 December 2023 and are not older than 16 years and four months on 30 December 2023 will have two options to attend the Jamboree: *Venturer Active* or the *Jamboree Support Team (JST)*.
- If our Rangatahi / Young people are over 16 years, four months and one day on 30 December 2023, the only option available is to attend the Jamboree as a member of *JST*.

What does this mean?

Let's introduce *Venturer Active*.

At Jamboree, the *Venturer Active* participants, aged 15-year-olds up to 16 years and four months, who are Venturers, will be based at the JST site. They will participate in activities at Jamboree as a Patrol. Assignment to Patrols will follow registration, and yes, they will be

encouraged to engage with their other *Venturer Active* Patrol members before they arrive at the Jamboree. Details to follow in the journey to the 23rd Aotearoa Scout Jamboree next year. Catering for all *Venturer Active* participants will be via the Staff cafeteria.

Venturer Active participants in their Patrols will be involved in the Hamilton City or Waikato area community service projects. JLT is currently investigating the possibilities of Scouting service projects.

When *Venturer Active* participants are not involved with Jamboree activities, JST will cater for their spare time based on site.

Can Venturer Active participants visit the troop line at the Jamboree?

Venturer Active participants, like any visitor, will need permission to come on-site at the Jamboree and take personal responsibility for leaving the JST base site to visit the troop line and to advise the JST management team of their whereabouts for Health and Safety reasons.

What about those Rangatahi / Young people between the ages of 16 and 16 years and four months?

Those between 16 and 16 years and four months will choose to either be in *Venturer Active* or JST completing service.

What about those Rangatahi / Young people over 16 years, four months and one day?

Those over 16 years, four months and one day will be automatically assigned to JST.

What about if my Scout wants to stay in Scouts?

We strongly recommend that you please refer to [Scout Aotearoa's Transition Policy](#).

Final consideration

When thinking about our Rangatahi / Young people, please consider if you are keeping your 15-year-old in the Scout section. Are you, through your actions, disadvantageous to other Rangatahi / Young people who would have been made a Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader for Jamboree?

What is the fee?

Rangatahi / Young people who attend as *Venturer Active*, the Jamboree fee will be the same as the Youth fee, and those attending as JST will be the same as the Staff fee. However, there are several variables at this stage, and the final Jamboree fee we plan to confirm by the end of 2022.

Venturer criteria

- The Rangatahi / Young person must be an invested Venturer by 30 December 2023.
- Must have completed their Bronze Award.
- Paid the appropriate Jamboree fee by the due date.

- Adventure Skills minimum – Camping level 3, Emergency, Tramping and Water at level 2 and five nights camping.
- Must have the approval of their parents or guardians, and Venturer Unit Leadership

For those over the age of 18

- Any person attending the Jamboree who is over the age of 18 as at 30 December 2023, must complete and pass a Police vetting check.
- Completed the safeguarding module.

Please feel free to get in touch if you have any further questions via the Comment section of this Facebook post. (23rd Jamboree Forum)

The Jamboree Leadership Team

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29 August 2022 - JN001