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A taste of the Jamboree



By Daniel Brock and Nils Rood, photo by Darwin Sujaya

On any given day the Jamboree is alive with colours and cultures, but no more so than on Cultural Exchange Day. Spatula in hand, dressed from head to toe in national costume, Scouts from across the globe served up all kinds of traditional cuisine for their international neighbours, with many also choosing to perform songs, dances, and ceremonies to accompany the food.

A new culinary adventure was around every corner and down every pathway, from Scottish haggis and Irn Bru, to kiwi fruit from the land down under – there was something to please everyone's palate.

If you were not aware of the scope and international diversity of the Jamboree before, you only have to see the diverse abundance of flags waving proudly in the wind above the subcamps.

On one of the plots is camped the 'Samurai Sheep', a unit from the United Kingdom (UK). On this plot is unlike most others as two different national flags are flown. As a part of the UK's Solidarity Program, a group of 10 Bhutanese Scouts are living with a unit from Wales. Together they served up a smorgasbord of treats to

tickle the tastebuds. "We're serving laverbread (boiled seaweed), which is a traditional Welsh delicacy, as well as boiled cockles and Welsh cakes," said Katie, 14, from the UK, "I'm dressed like a daffodil and handing out foam leeks because these are our national symbols." Other Scouts in the Unit were also painting the Welsh Dragon on people's arms.

Ugyen, 17, from Bhutan is camping as part of this Unit "We are sharing yak cheese from Bhutan with everyone. The cheese is prepared at high altitudes in a very cold environment. This makes it set very hard and so we use it like chewing gum."

One area was buzzing with life. Massa, 15, and Sana, 16, from Lebanon were serving staple food from Lebanon - fül with hummus. Fül consists of cooked fava beans seasoned with lemon juice and salt, whilst hummus is made by mashing chickpeas together with tahini, olive oil, lemon and garlic. Their Unit even performed a traditional dabke dance to spectators later that day. They wore traditional Lebanese clothes fit for the occasion, including tarbooshes and loose shirwel trousers which are easy to move in. "The dance is really energetic!" said

Sana, "but it is fairly easy to pick up, and very fun. We move to the sound of a derbuke (a side drum)."

The Food Festival played a large part in Cultural Exchange Day but other cultural experiences were being exchanged too. Five Swedes were busy raising a Swedish maypole. It is usually raised on Midsummer Eve and then danced around all night. Arvid, 16, said "They are put up all around the country, and are particularly popular in the region called Dalarna." Amanda, 14, Sweden laughed and said "There is a dance where we pretend to be frogs". Usually, the maypole is made of wood and decorated with leaves and wildflowers, but because those things are harder to come by here in Japan, instead the Scouts used bamboo poles and folded origami flowers, creating a stunning fusion between Japanese and Swedish culture.

Did you try any exciting, tasty, or unusual foods on Cultural Exchange Day? Was there any national clothing that amazed you?

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Young Correspondents



A visit from a Prince

By Alice Preece, United Kingdom,
photo by Guadalupe Sanmateu

His Royal Highness Prince Bandr bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia visited the Jamboree on the 1st of August. The visit included a tour of the Better World Tent and the Global Development Village. At the Better World Tent, the Prince met with three Young Correspondents: Alice Preece from the United Kingdom, Farouk Abdallah from Algeria, and Andrea Cossu from France. Here is what Alice, has written about the meeting.

Together with two other Scouts, Farouk and Andrea, the three of us asked the Prince for his thoughts about the Messengers of Peace Programme and the way forward, the impact the Jamboree will have on local communities around the world, and how Scouts could continue to promote positive dialogue and understanding after the Jamboree.

HRH said he was confident that the Messengers of Peace programme would continue to grow and thrive, and that he hopes it would expand to many more countries, especially in the southern part of the world so that the number of people the programme is supporting would be greater all over the world.

On the impact the Jamboree would have on local people, the Prince thought that the local communities would notice positive differences across all areas of life where Scouts are. HRH also said that the main advantage of the Jamboree is that besides having a positive impact on



HRH Prince Bandr bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al Saud of Saudi Arabia speaks to Alice from the UK

tourism, it also unites nations and brings young people together, creating links so that small communities can become more connected with the rest of the world.

The Prince said that it was very important to encourage young people to continue to share the positive impact the Jamboree has had on their understanding of the world. He encouraged the Scouts to continue to keep the Spirit of the Jamboree alive even when they are back home as it has an impact on not only the people around

them, but also on the whole environment.

Overall, the Prince was very enthusiastic about Scouting and recognised that Scouting values can really change our world for the better.

The World Scout Jamboree is indeed an excellent opportunity to see just how wide our Scout family extends. No matter what race or culture we are, we are still united through Scouting.

Different cultures

By Bruna Ishida, Brazil

Experiencing a Jamboree allows everyone to see us all as individuals and each being unique in our own ways. There are lots of cultures and having learned of some gives me a different perspective on the World. Other cultures always have something incredible and fun to offer us, so they are definitely worth experiencing.

It is hard to explain, maybe you need to see it for yourself to understand! But, for example if you arrive on the other side of the world being thrown into experiencing a new culture and way of life, like Japan, it is literally like being upside down!

As for the participants, you will experience or have already experienced the Culture Module, where you can cross the Atlantic in just five minutes!

Let's go to a tea ceremony in Japan, after a little dancing in Portugal, make some paper dolls in Slovenia and afterwards come back to Japan where you can have delicious Okonomiyake for lunch.

Or go you can go to the Community Module. You have the opportunity to converse with Japanese people, experience their culture and values and introduce yourself into their lives.

Also, what about the Food Festival where we can share and experiment with other cultures foods? I personally feel really enthusiastic when someone likes brigadeiros (a Brazilian candy made with chocolate).

We have so many differences even in food, music and clothes, but on the other hand we are together for one reason called Scouting. Even though we all have so many differences, we are all here wanting to enjoy ourselves and create a better World.

الكشري المصري يحوز الإعجاب

By Fagr Hesham, Egypt



أعربن أمس مشاركات من البعثة الإنجليزية عن إعجابهم بوجبة الكشري المصري الشهيرة الذي تناولوها مع المشاركات من البعثة المصرية في دعوة عشاء منهم، ثم تبع العشاء ألعاب و أغاني مصرية وإنجليزية. حتى انتهى اليوم و انطلقوا لمعسكرهم سعاداً ممنونين للبعثة المصرية.

Somehow, they're similar

By Chirasin Parisothonamjanda, Thailand

Our Thailand Contingent arrived at the Bandai Subcamp during the night so we didn't know which country was our neighbour. One of us thought it might be Spain, who travelled with us to Fukuoka. But as the days went by, we found out the answer. There is a white flag with the mighty red sun. It's Japan, the hosts of this amazing Jamboree. Who knew that they were going to greet us as soon as we woke up. They have such a welcoming culture! They asked us for a subcamp gathering following the Opening Ceremony and of course we agreed.

That night was really good, it's like the world got bigger than I could ever imagine. We discovered for ourselves that there are many cultures globally, and we are almost all the same. As a form of greeting, Thai people press their hands together like in a prayer, however the Japanese do not, instead they follow up with a bow. Our tradition game, the "Pra-Pen-Pra-Tai" is similar to the Japanese "Daruma san ga Koronda", but in Thai the oni is a blindfolded fish which will then guess the name of who it touches.

All of these experiences and encounters link to the message of this Jamboree, Wa, the Spirit of Unity. Our cultures may be different, but at least we are able to share the same beautiful sky so we can reach our hands out to each other. Thank you to the Jamboree organisers and volunteers for allowing us this opportunity of a lifetime!



Sc-outer Space

By Sara Bonetti, photos by Fabian Engel

“It’s like when you open your tent and get your first look out of it in the morning,” begins Sōichi Noguchi. He was asked about how it feels like when you take the first glance out of the shuttle’s window into space. Sōichi is a Japanese aeronautical engineer, JAXA astronaut, and Scout Goodwill Ambassador for the Scout Association of Japan. As an astronaut, on duty as a flight engineer, he spent around 177 days on a mission high in the sky.

Even though he has an ambitious and demanding career, he still finds time to be active in the Scout Movement. Sōichi is a Scout Leader of 2nd Chigasaki Group, part of Kanagawa Scout Council. He also supports the Scout Association of Japan. He wants to promote Scouting to the people of Japan, and to encourage his Scout brothers and sisters around the world.

Sōichi visited the Jamboree on Cultural Exchange Day and spoke to a group of Scouts and Young Correspondents (YCs). The YCs are participants at the Jamboree who applied to a special programme. They receive media training, then put this into practice by sharing their Jamboree experience through a number of media outlets.

Julien, 16, from France, said “It was very interesting to talk with a real astronaut.” About the programme, he said “It also makes it fun to see and talk with someone from a professional background. I learned a lot from joining the Young Correspondents.”

As he described his space expedition, Sōichi talked about his dreams of being an astronaut and the joy of being a Scouter, and how both activities improve his quality of life.



With a wee bit of help from my friends

By Katie Goudie, photo by Jagz Bharth

No one likes to be unwell at camp, so when Niall Ferguson, 24, a member of the International Service Team from the United Kingdom (UK), started his Jamboree with a trip to hospital, he was a little disappointed.

“I got an infection in my ankle and had to go to the real big boy hospital for three days.” When he was discharged, Niall had to get about in a wheelchair, borrowed from a retirement home nearby. “At first I was worried I was going to miss a lot of the camp. Although being in a wheelchair might be a challenge, I realised as time went on that I could enjoy the camp just as much as anyone else, because I had my good friends and other Scouts around to help me.”

Kieran Hards, 19, also from the UK, was one friend who supported him. “It was challenging for us as well, but we were still able to do everything we wanted. I didn’t really mind helping as I knew he’d do the same for me.”

One potential challenge was finding a new role for Niall. Originally, he was supposed to help with the Off Site Programme, however he was unable to as he couldn’t get around well enough in his wheelchair. Instead, he was given the role of dispatcher in the hospital. When people call the hospital, he finds out what help they need, and sends a team out to the right place. “The hospital staff were very, very good. They adopted me into their team quite happily. They’ve also given me lots of advice on how to use the wheelchair and how to help my foot get better faster.”

Niall is now out of his wheelchair and using crutches, as there were others who needed the chair more. He’s excited to explore the Jamboree further with his new found freedom. The most important thing for him was to thank all those who had helped. “Jennifer, Callum and Blair, and the rest of the Scottish IST, were amazing. I don’t know what I would have done without them all. Everyone has been so helpful and has made me feel like I’m still part of the team.”

It’s great to see IST setting such a good example for all the Scouts on camp - working together to help each other in a Spirit of Unity.

Jamboree in pictures



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Meet the Press

By Nicolas De Leeuw, photos by Fabian Engel



The Newspaper Team starts at 8:30 am with a daily briefing about what has happened since the last meeting the day before, as well as assigning stories to the budding writers to cover the events of the day: Modules, specific events, as well as general camp life.

The teams are sent into the field by 9:00 am to collect material for their articles, returning before lunch, when they come back to the Media Center to write down what they witnessed. The writing finishes up in the early afternoon so that the editors and translators can carry out their jobs and make sure everything is up to scratch. The translators come into play from about 2:00 pm, then letting the design team insert photographs where they need to be. Finalising and proofreading then begins, finishing around 9:00 pm. A final check is completed before sending the newspaper to the printer at 10:00 pm.

Everyday has its challenges with story lengths varying, and events happening on and off site, so everything does not go as smoothly as one would like, but we nonetheless feel proud when the newspaper is finally gone to print and makes it to its audience.

Due to the lack of translators and many of them coming up with original pieces to write themselves, the balance between English and French articles in the newspaper is a challenge to manage. The team spends a lot of time trying to get the balance right.

Une journée au journal

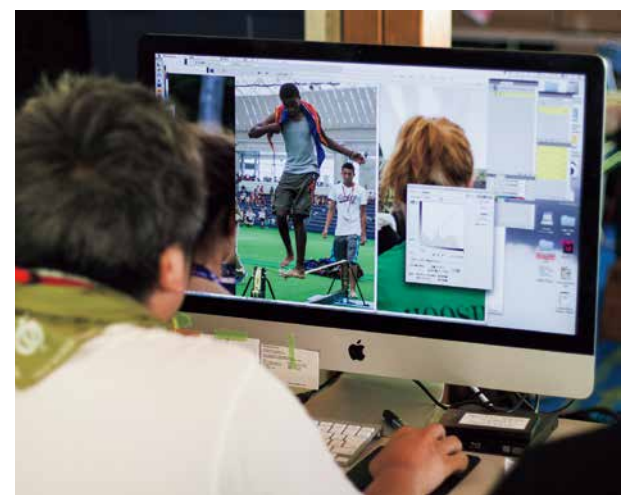
La journée commence par le briefing matinal à 8h30, où l'on dispatche les équipes sur le terrain. Ces dernières interviewent les participants, collectent les informations nécessaires à la rédaction des articles et reviennent au Centre Media vers 11h pour rédiger leurs articles jusque 14h. Les réviseuses prennent le relais et transmettent les textes finaux au traducteur afin que les articles apparaissent également en français dans l'édition du lendemain. C'est ensuite au tour des designers d'entrer en piste pour insérer les photos et vérifier la mise en page. Une dernière relecture et correction sont faites entre 20h et 22h, avant de finalement envoyer l'épreuve à l'impression.

Dans un monde idéal, cet horaire serait respecté et tout se passerait comme sur des roulettes. Mais nous ne sommes pas dans ce monde idéal. La rédaction, la traduction ou la vérification prennent parfois plus de temps que prévu, et cela retarde l'échéance pour l'impression.



Pour des lecteurs francophones, ne soyez pas surpris du peu de contenu en français. Bien que le français soit l'une des trois langues officielles du Jamboree, nous sommes relativement peu nombreux par rapport aux personnes parlant ou comprenant l'anglais. L'équipe fera néanmoins de son mieux pour vous fournir des articles en français plus nombreux.

En plus, de temps en temps, il y a des articles écrits en français que seraient traduites ensuite en anglais.



Food, friends and family

By Sara Bonetti, photo by Fabian Engel



"Give us food and we will be happy", said Daren, a 14 year old Scout from New Zealand. Food, and especially good food, is an important topic for her and the members of her troop. If she had to describe the food from New

Zealand, Daren would say "Yum!"

Many others would surely say the same of their own country. Köttbullar (meatballs) and cinnamon rolls

made the Swedish famous for their delicacies - at least since a certain blue and yellow furniture trader started selling food as well as flat packs. For the Swedish, one of the most important foods is potatoes. "I have to admit, that I miss potatoes a little bit," said Sanna, aged 17. She loves cooking as well as eating. While she often has breakfast on her own, lunch and dinner are meals Sanna usually eats with friends at school or family at home. It's important to her to take the time to share with others and find out what is going on in her family. "Even when my dad is tired from work, he never misses the meals."

Meat is popular among the participants from Cyprus. Stephen, 15, feels that food is directly connected with his family. He has a large family that likes to spend time sharing meals together. The whole of Cyprus' food culture is very closely connected with social life and family. Shared meals are important occasions, and the fun starts as soon as the cooking. "I like it when my grandfather, my father and I prepare food together. It is an event, when all members are sitting together and eat and spend time together."

One of the best things about the Jamboree is the chance to cook and eat with Scouts from around the world, like you are a family. Sharing food helps us to bond, and to strengthen our friendships, and this connection we create stays with us after the Jamboree, and even for the rest of our lives.

The coolest place on site

By Luke Brickley, photos by Peiyun Cheng

The Scout Shop is the coolest place on site, literally - it's air conditioned! The shop opens at 8:00 am everyday but by 7:30 am, the queues have already begun to form. This hasn't been a problem for many of the Scouts as it's the first time that they get to see the inside of the Scout Shop. This anticipation is magnified by the lack of windows, which makes the shop feel like a mythical building.

As you might expect, the conversation is lively. In the queue, people are talking about what items they hope to see and buy. Malin Malstorm, 28, from Sweden, says "I'm really looking forward to getting one of those Hello Kitty t-shirts, and maybe a roll mat since that one that I have with me is damaged."

Josias Zeller, 21, from Switzerland, says "To be honest, I am just looking forward to exploring the inside of the shop. I have not managed to go in yet, and it will be nice to be able to see what is there, and compare it to the one they have at home."

As soon as you see what is in store, you're not disappointed. It has everything from water bottles to badges to Japanese uniform to bathing robes, and of course, Hello Kitty t-shirts.

The inside of the shop is just as busy as the outside, with Scouts from all over the world darting between aisles to see what they can pick up next. Many customers have a specific product in mind when they shop. One such person was Grzegorz Łabuz, 19, from Poland, who said that he was buying presents for his Scouts back home.

One participant named Matiete, 16, from Sweden, summed up her shopping trip. "Being in this shop is an experience in itself. In day to day life I have never seen a shop totally dedicated to Scouting but here, there is." Matiete went on to say her favourite part was "getting to look at and try on Japanese uniform. Just being able to experience something like this is really cool."

Matiete is right, nowhere else in the world can you find new and modern Jamboree souvenirs like flashing sunglasses and fancy umbrellas alongside traditional uniforms dating back almost a century. So, the Scout Shop is one of the coolest places on camp for two reasons. You can get away from the beating sun and you can grab presents for people back home - or for yourself, no one will know!



Swapping, kesaco?

Par Nicolas De Leeuw, photos par Darwin Sujaya



Le swapping. Ce terme est tellement utilisé qu'il est passé dans le vocabulaire scout de plusieurs langues. C'est une tradition presque aussi vieille que le Jamboree, qui prend de plus en plus d'importance. On peut trouver les swappeurs derrière le Magasin Scout à l'heure du dîner, et dès la nuit tombée, des stands improvisés s'installent entre le Hub sud et la Cantine du staff. Les contingents les plus représentés sont Taïwan, Hong Kong, le Royaume-Uni et les États-Unis.

Il s'agit d'échanger (ou de swapper) des badges, des foulards, ou des pins contre ceux d'autres contingents. Les raisons de ces échanges sont multiples, mais souvent les mêmes. Yung Kin Man, responsable adjoint du contingent hongkongais, fournit quelques explications. "Le but premier d'échanger ses badges est de faire de nouvelles rencontres et d'en garder un souvenir, mais aussi de promouvoir son pays dans le monde entier. Certaines personnes se contentent de donner un badge en guise de souvenir alors que d'autres font un échange traditionnel. Le swapping est également l'occasion de commencer ou de compléter une collection en cours, car certains badges, comme ceux des pays musulmans, portent des motifs que l'on ne trouve nulle part ailleurs." Alors que les badges occupent 90% du marché du swapping, les foulards sont une valeur sur laquelle il faut compter car ils sont portés en permanence et sont un meilleur ambassadeur que les badges.

Hasan Subaşı, Président de la Fédération des Scouts et Guides de Turquie, raconte qu'échanger ses badges est une tradition propre au Jamboree, qui permet de se constituer un réseau d'amis dans le monde entier. Mais pour lui, la discussion et le temps passé en compagnie de ces personnes sont plus importants que le badge. Ce dernier sert seulement à se rappeler de la personne et des moments vécus ensemble. Au Brésil, les badges échangés sont cousus sur des ponchos et les pins fixés sur les chapeaux.

Le swapping a donné naissance à une classe de personnes qui passent la plupart de leur temps à cela: les chasseurs de badges, qui tentent de collectionner tous les badges disponibles durant le Jamboree. Et ils sont nombreux, car certains pays en apportent plusieurs différents, comme le Royaume-Uni. En plus du badge de contingent, les comtés ont leur propre badge, et ceux des Jamborees précédents pour échanger. Les badges japonais et taïwanais sont également nombreux et se déclinent en plusieurs couleurs et tailles.

Bref, rappelez-vous qu'échanger des badges ou des foulards ne se fait pas uniquement pour agrandir une collection, mais aussi pour se souvenir des moments vécus lors des Jamborees. Bon swapping!

Five minutes with Amine and Bendani

By Sara Bonetti, photos by Fabian Engel

Amine (A) and Bedani (B) are 16 and 18 years old. Amine is from Algeria, over 10,000km away, and Bedani is from 4,800km away, in Papua New Guinea.

Why did you decide to come to the Jamboree?

A: "I want to bring some thoughts and

ideas from my country and my culture to other people. I want to represent Algeria in the world, and of course I want to have fun."

B: "I am very excited to be here. It is a chance to get in contact with other people and learn something."

What are you most looking forward to while you are here?

A: "I'm not looking forward to leaving. Honestly I would love to stay forever. Only with my friends and my family here also."

B: "I want to learn more, than I did so far. People learn a lot from each other. I learned knitting for example!"

Has Scouting changed your life?

A: "Scouting has changed my life a lot. It is wonderful, that I can do something like that with my life."

B: "It gives me stability in my life. I became independent and more self confident since I started."



What is Scouting like at home?

A: "In Algeria, Scouting is very active. We do all the classic stuff like camping and making our promise. It is very serious because we say once a Scout, always a Scout."

B: "It is different than here. We do more stuff on our own. Everything here is very modern. We go into the bush and live Scouting in the traditional way."

Can you tell me some folk wisdom from your country?

A: "Once a Scout, always a Scout."

B: "The line of the lie is short."

Is there something you miss from home?

A: "There is actually nothing I miss."

B: "I miss betel - it is a nut we eat a lot. It is very typical for Papua New Guinea."

Koomsitz Coffee

Every evening, 7-9pm
For Leaders, IST and CMT

All adults at the Jamboree are invited to Koomsitz Coffee, in the Faith and Beliefs Zone.

You can come to chat about Spiritual Development in Scouting, and enjoy some soft drinks and inspiring ideas in company of others.

Musical instruments are welcome too.

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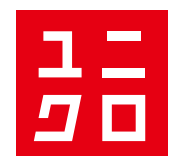
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