



Victorian Contingent Newsletter, April 2018

We are only 5 months away from Jamboree, and things are starting to get exciting!

This month's Contingent Letter contains information about contingent camp, travel, and more.

If you have anything you'd like us to add to the newsletter – send it in to us. We'd love to see what preparation you are doing, your fundraising ideas, tips you may have, and anything else you'd like to share with everyone else!

This is our second newsletter – if you missed it, you should check out [Newsletter 1](#).



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Key dates you need to know!

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Registration and Payment Dates

6 May

Full Jamboree fee due

6 May

Final adventure and expedition choices

21 May

Full contingent fee due

Victorian Contingent Camp

25 - 27 May 2018

Mafeking Rover Park, Yea/ Seymour VIC

Sydney Jamboree

30 September - 6 October 2018

Newington Armoury, Sydney Olympic Park NSW



GIRL GUIDES AUSTRALIA

30 September to 6 October 2018



Travel to Sydney

We will be traveling as a contingent to Sydney by bus!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our survey. We had 119 responses, with over 50% preferring bus and many of you who didn't mind either way.

We will be planning routes in May. We will be considering both how far people we need to travel to bus pick-up locations, and how long everyone will be spending on the bus. **The contingent travel fee will be released after 7 May when registrations are finalized.**

Some people have been in contact regarding travel separate to the contingent. If for some reason you are considering this, please get in contact with us ASAP at sydneyjamboree@guidesvic.org.au.

If you travel separately:

- You will not be able to arrive at Jamboree separately to the contingent – we will have to arrange a meeting spot to pick you up in Sydney. There will also be a cost per person for this.
- You will need to submit an OUT01 and Risk Assessment to Girl Guides Victoria, with approval from your Region, *at least six weeks prior to travel*

Contingent Camp

It's great to see that most of you are able to make it to Contingent Camp at the end of May – we're looking forward to meeting you all and having a great weekend preparing for Jamboree and enjoying the beautiful space at Mafeking.

Make sure you have registered whether you are attending on our [Google form](#) by Wednesday 9 May.

A [camp information booklet](#) has been put together to give you all the details you, and your parents, need to get ready for camp. This includes a kit list and travel arrangements.

Leaders: In the next week we will be in touch regarding roles at camp, as well as any assistance you may be able to provide regarding camping equipment – particularly tents.

Preparation Hint #1

At Jamboree you will need to have **super quick showers** to save water and make sure everyone has a chance to have one. Why not start practising at home and see if you can have showers in less than 5 minutes at home?

If you want some tips on how to make your shower process as smooth as possible, check out this fact sheet from the Jamboree team!

[Be Prepared – Taking a 5 Minute Shower](#)





Updates from the Sydney Team

The Sydney Jamboree Team are always updating their [website](#) and posting updates on [Facebook](#) – make sure you/your guardians are checking out all of the information they are providing. Check out their latest [FAQ](#).

Registration

It's important to know that if your Jamboree fee is not paid by 6 May you will NOT be attending Sydney Jamboree. Please check your registration and payments status.

Furthermore, please ensure you have paid the contingent fee by Monday 21 May in order to attend the Contingent Camp.

Jamboree adventure choices

Some of the adventure activity choices for girls aged 10-14 have changed! Check them out and update your preferences on your registration by 6 May.

T-shirt/hat size

Have you provided the team your t-shirt and hat size yet? This will be used by the Jamboree and Contingent teams, so please log into your registration to complete this information ASAP.

Kit list

The Sydney Jamboree Team have released a kit list for camp – check it out [here](#). If you have a birthday coming up – why not have a look and see if there's anything you need that you could ask for?

Showcasing Victoria

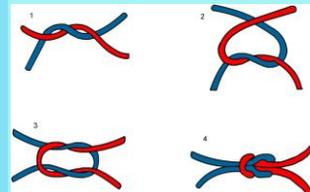
At the Jamboree there will be displays from each Australian state, as well as the other countries that are represented. At Contingent Camp we'll be asking you to contribute to make sure our display shows off all areas of Victoria!

Preparation Tip #2

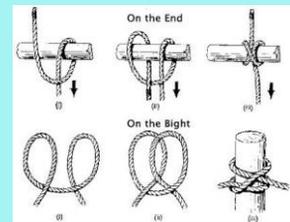
At camp you will find yourself needing to tie lots of knots.

Make sure you practice and perfect these **useful knots** before Jamboree!

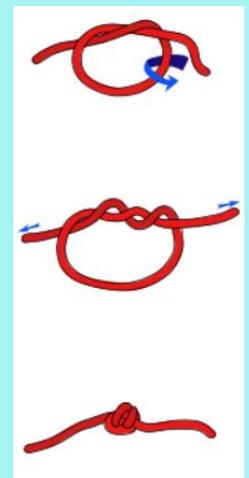
Reef Knot



Clove Hitch



Double Overhand





Meet the Team - Penny



Hi! I'm Penny, and I am your Victorian Contingent Leader. I'm looking forward to meeting you all at Contingent Camp, and having a whole lot of fun at Jamboree with you too!

I've been a Guide since I was 7, a long time ago now. I was never lucky enough to get to go to a Jamboree as a kid, but I always loved camping with my Unit and Region.

As a Leader I've lead Units of lots of age groups – including a 10-14 year old Unit in Essendon for 10 years; and a 14-17 year old Unit in Mount Waverley for 4 years. I've also run lots of State Camps, including Stradbroke and Lady Rylah Cups, along with State Jamborees and Jambos.

Fundraising Superstar!



This month's Fundraising Superstar is Amarli – an 11 year old Guide from Mt Evelyn, Yarra Ranges. Amarli organised an Easter Raffle for the Units at her hall and raised \$170 towards her Jamboree costs. Other fundraisers Amarli has lined up includes cake stalls at local super markets and farmers markets.

Why not hold a raffle with your Unit, or look at having a fundraising stall in your community?

Have you had a fundraising event or activity to raise funds for Jamboree? Send through a photo and tell us about it to sydneyjamboree@guidesvic.org.au and you could feature in next month's newsletter!

Fundraising Tip #1



Heathmont Girl Guides designed badges to sell to raise for Jamboree. The leftovers they will get to take as swap badges to swap with other Guides from across the country and the world at camp.

Why not talk to your Leader about designing a badge for fundraising and swaps?





Visiting the Sydney Jamboree camp site

Penny was lucky enough to get to visit Newington Armoury, Sydney Olympic Park NSW, the site we'll be camping on in September!

It might not look like much right now – but it will be full of tents and activity in 5 months time!



Did You Know?

Newington Armoury was built in 1897 as a Royal Australian Navy depot.

It held armaments such as gun powder, explosives, torpedos, and rockets; and was open for over 100 years closing in 1999.

Since then the Armoury has been used during the 2000 Sydney Olympics, as an art exhibition space – and now for Jamboree!





What's it like at a Jamboree?



Hello there! My name is Kate I have been a Girl Guide for 14 years, during which time I have attended 3 Jamborees. I would like to tell you about my amazing experiences on these Jamborees and the way they helped to shape me as a person.

My first Jamboree was ACE in 2010, in Geelong. I was 11 years old and nervous about spending a whole week away from my parents but the excitement of making new friends and doing some awesome activities helped to soften that. We went to the Penguin Parade in Phillip Island, had a scavenger hunt around Geelong, and an afternoon at the Adventure

Park. I made some fantastic friends, as well as becoming much closer with the other girls in my Unit. Prior to ACE I was the type of kid who got homesick all the time; in fact I hardly even went to friend's places for sleepovers. While being away from Mum and Dad for a week was hard, it helped me gain independence and realise that I was a lot tougher than I thought.

My second Jamboree was in Tasmania in 2013, aptly named FanTAStic (pun intended). I was 14 and extremely excited to be able to attend as a Ranger Guide. However, this meant I didn't know anyone as the other girl in my Unit was younger. I didn't let this deter me though, and I made some great friends, many of whom I am still in contact with today thanks to Facebook. It was on this camp I had one of my favourite experiences in Girl Guides which was an overnight hike on Cradle Mountain. Although we faced horrendous weather with wind, rain, hail and even snow; we all kept up a positive attitude and turned what could have been a miserable experience into a memorable one. I learnt resilience and how to keep a positive attitude on this camp, skills I use to this day in my everyday life.

The most recent camp I attended was Bunya in 2015 which was held just outside of Brisbane. I was 17 when I attended this camp and in the middle of year 11 VCE. VCE can be a stressful couple of years, so to be able to take a week off to completely unwind I believe helped me to do better in my studies. Having the opportunity to leave the daily grind of VCE and get back to nature helped me to recharge my batteries and return to my studies with even more motivation. Again on this camp I met some wonderful people who I still stay in touch with.

Jamborees are amazing experiences which don't come around very often. You will meet fantastic people and have the opportunity to do awesome activities. Attending a Jamboree, no matter your age, is something you will truly cherish forever.

What Does That Mean?

You may have noticed on the kit list that it asks you to bring a "tooth mug" – what on earth is that?

A tooth mug is a cup that you bring in your toiletry bag to help you wash your teeth. So you don't have to walk away the way to the toilet block, you fill the cup up with water and use that in the designated area by your Subcamp Leader.

Why not see if you can get a collapsible cup like the below one from K-Mart to add to your toiletry bag?





Calendar

May

Sunday 6

- Full Jamboree fee due (\$1,250, this covers most activities)
- Final adventure and expedition choices

Sunday 13

- Adventures/Expeditions will be allocated
- Contingent travel fee will be released

Monday 21

- Full contingent fee due (\$160, this covers Contingent camp, t-shirt, badges, and administration)

Friday 25 – Sunday 27

- Victorian Contingent Camp at Mafeking Rover Park

Thursday 31

- Extra activity costs due (adventure, expedition, bridge climb)

September

Saturday 29

- Buses leave Victoria heading to Sydney

Sunday 30

- Sydney Jamboree starts

October

Saturday 6

- Sydney Jamboree ends

Sunday 7

- Buses arrive back in Victoria

Costs

Jamboree fee

\$1,250 per Guide

\$700 per Adult

Due 6 May

Covers Jamboree accommodation, meals, most activities, Jamboree bag, t-shirt, bucket hat, drink bottle etc.

Additional activities

Cost is activity dependant

Due 31 May

Contingent fee

\$160 per Participant

Due 21 May

Covers Contingent camp, t-shirt, and badges (for you to keep and swap).

Contingent travel fee

Estimated \$200-\$250

For those travelling with the Victorian

Contingent

Due date to be confirmed

