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Dear Colleagues



2015 Jamboree Selection

As many of you will be aware, the 23rd World Jamboree takes place the summer of 2015 in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Japan. Please note these dates cover only the Jamboree, they do not allow for any travelling nor any post Jamboree home visits.

As is customary, the Kent contingent at the Jamboree will include Explorer Scouts from each District. Three places have been provisionally allocated to Sevenoaks, but a fourth allocation has been successfully secured in the past, and we will endeavour to repeat this for the 2015 Jamboree. Costings have not yet been finalised, but are likely to be between £3000 and £3500 per attendee. This amount will cover not only the Jamboree but all directly associated events in the run up to the Jamboree.

The total cost per person is expected to be composed of 1/2 from the individual and 1/2 from the District. A significant amount of fundraising (plus a number of other duties) will be expected of the successful candidates, in order to reduce the cost (equally) to all the contributors.

Jamboree attendees must have been born between 9 August 1997 and 27 July 2001, and must be available to attend the event between Tuesday 28 July and Saturday 8 August 2015. Please note these dates cover only the Jamboree, they do not allow for any travelling nor any post Jamboree home visits.

More details of the Jamboree are available at <http://www.23wsj.jp>.

Our District (in conjunction with several other Districts in our area) will be holding a selection weekend at Lower Grange Farm from 4th to 6th October 2013. All those who wish to be considered for the Jamboree must attend the selection weekend, which is being designed to be an enjoyable and active experience, incorporating a number of adventurous and creative activities as well as traditional selection methods. For this reason there is a small charge of £20 to attend the selection weekend.

We appreciate that more comprehensive information (particularly in respect of jamboree cost) would be desirable, but these details are not yet available. Nevertheless we need to commence the selection process in time for the Kent contingent to be formed, and the District team felt it was important for details of the selection weekend to be released as early as possible. Anyone who wishes to be considered for the selection weekend should have the attached paper completed and returned to Lesley by 31st July 2013.

If you have young people in your Group or Unit who are in the appropriate age range, and wish to attend the Jamboree, then please arrange for them to complete and return the attached form and declarations at your earliest convenience. Please note that some sections of the form (where indicated) must be completed by the applicant, not a leader or parent.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Rutter', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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