



World Scout Jamboree
New Zealand Contingent
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To Whom it may concern,

Your student Sahr Kortequee is respectfully requesting leave as they have been invited to participate in an International Scout event, the World Scout Jamboree. Sahr Kortequee will be representing New Zealand as a selected member of the New Zealand Jamboree Contingent. They will be included in a group of 92 Scouts and leaders from around New Zealand joining over 45,000 from around the world. This is a significant life-changing international youth event where they learn lots and develop themselves substantially, while representing New Zealand on the world stage. Comments from parents regarding the positive changes they saw in their child upon return to New Zealand have been quite common after previous events.

The young people involved have been planning and fundraising for a significant amount of time to enable this trip to happen and to be able to participate in this experience. The event will be taking place in Saemangeum, Jeollabuk-do Province, South Korea, and is a once in a lifetime educational experience for many of the youth and leaders attending. Extensive learning opportunities are involved in terms of cross-cultural contact and other cultural and outdoor education experiences. Participants will come from virtually every part of the globe, over 152 countries, and a detailed programme for the participants and volunteers is in place. The details of which can be found on the World Scout Jamboree Website - 2023wsjkorea.org. We have created opportunities for our youth participants to participate and contribute in the planning for our trip too, which is another unique learning experience contributing to their development.

The inclusive dates for this event are 20th July - 15th August 2023. This involves an absence from school at the start of Term 3 (these dates are set to accommodate the Northern Hemisphere summer). The participants will return immediately home on the completion of the event as many have commitments to study and work.

It is understood that this may have an impact on learning at school for youth attending so participants are encouraged to talk to schools and teachers beforehand to minimise the potential for disruption for learning and assessment, especially those participating in NCEA. Due to the nature of the event and the programme, participants will be busy while we are away and unable to complete schoolwork during this time. Where appropriate, plans should be put in place where work is done before or on return to New Zealand after the event. Participants are aware that they need to be proactive about this so should be expecting to put in the effort required to minimise the disruption and complete what's required of them. However, they may also need support from schools and educational institutions in helping them manage any potential disruption to study.

Please do not hesitate to discuss the details of the event with your young person and their family. If you require further information about the event, please reach out to the New Zealand Contingent Leader, Justin Stewart.

Kind Regards,

Justin Stewart

New Zealand Contingent Leader - 25th World Scout Jamboree