



## Simply Sustainability\*

Climate change, global warming, CO2 emissions and the greenhouse effect: nobody knows exactly how great the future environmental impacts will be, but it is clear that we all have to contribute to make Earth a healthy and sustainable place to live. As Scouts, we want to make it happen, so let us start here and now!

### **A Green Jamboree**

The 22nd World Scout Jamboree will be the first, but hopefully not the last, eco-awarded Jamboree! This means that the Jamboree has fulfilled certain requirements regarding environment and sustainability by implementing measures that minimize the Jamboree's usage of natural resources. For example, all the coffee, bananas and cocoa at the Jamboree will be eco-labelled. The Jamboree's Sustainability Policy and more information about the award is available at <http://www.worldscoutjamboree.se/>.

### **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

Scouting is about creating a better world. The Jamboree will have an impact on the natural environment, but by simple procedures and climate smart choices, your Contingent can greatly contribute to making the Jamboree as sustainable as possible. As a rule of thumb, there are three R's to remember in order of appearance: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle! It is as simple as that. Here are some examples of what your Contingent can do:

#### **Reduce**

- Reduce pollution caused by transportation of goods over distances by buying eco-labelled and locally produced products.
- Reduce the number of plastic bags. Bring your own bag when you go shopping.
- Reduce your food waste. Plan your meals to minimize waste and save leftovers that are safe to keep, instead of throwing them away.
- Save water by closing the tap whenever you don't need running water. Fill a container when preparing food or cleaning your teeth.

#### **Reuse**

- Refill your water bottle instead of buying new ones. The tap water in Sweden is safe to drink.
- Bring your own cup to the cafés, food houses and the dining hall in Spring.

#### **Recycle**

- Recycle your waste, such as cans, bottles and packages at the recycling stations all around the campsite.

### **Recycle for a green Jamboree**

At the World Scout Jamboree, we will take care of the waste so it affects the environment as little as possible. To be able to do this, we all need to sort and throw the waste in the right bins. Thank you for helping with this and thus making a major contribution to the environment.

Each thing that we can use again saves the Earth's resources. Leftover food is processed into biogas that will be used as fuel for cars and buses and also into sludge used as agricultural fertilizer. An old newspaper becomes part of a new one, and a shampoo bottle can become a brush. In addition, less energy is used to make new products from recycled materials compared to making it from new materials such as wood and iron.

**How to sort waste in the Unit Area:**

When you cook, save all packaging. When all dishes are washed, use your dishwater to rinse out dirty containers. When the packaging is clean, sort it into the intended bins. Food scraps from cooking and leftover food on the plate should be placed in a paper bag in the food waste recycling bin. When you go to the supermarket, take the recycling boxes that are getting full with you and empty them in the containers at the manned recycling station.

**How to sort waste when you're at the common camp areas:**

In cafés and shops, there are recycling bins for the packaging materials and items sold there. Please sort as much as possible here. Along the streets there are bins for sorting the most common waste types. Sort the packaging that is not too dirty. All around the camp area there are bins where you can throw away rubbish that cannot be recycled.

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