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Gyeongbokgung Palace





# Pre-Camp Update

The Canadian contingent has selected the following itinerary. Please note, it is subject to change.

## Seize the day

Explore Jeollabuk-do's Seas Experience of Nature

## Day 1 - Seoul

- Arrival in Korea, transfer to Seoul
- Namsan Tower or Lotte World Tower

## Day 2 - Seoul

- The War Memorial of Korea
- Gangnam K-Star Road
- Gwanghwamun Square
- National Museum of Contemporary History
- Gyeongbokgung (royal palace)
- Blue House (presidential residence)

## Day 3 - Seoul & Jeonju

- Everland or Lotte World
- Transfer to Jeonju

## Day 4 - Jeonju & Gochang

- Woongok Ramsar Wetland (UNESCO Biosphere Reserve)
- Sangha Farm (ecological, small-scale farming, "happy cows")
- Jeonju Arboreteum (to recover damages from building expressways)
- Jeonju Hanok Village (traditional cultural and historical district)

## Day 5 - Jeonju, Jeongeup & Buan

- Solti Village (eco-forest, soltiae rice cake making workshop)
- National Jeonbuk
- Meteorological
- Science Center
- Transfer to Jamboree site



# 20 Facts About South Korea

1. The name "Korea" comes from Goryeo, which was the name given to the dynasty established by General Wang Geon in AD 918.
2. No one has seen an Amur, or Korean, tiger in the wild for many years, but it is found in Korean mythology as the guardian of the people, driving away evil spirits. Scientists think that the Amur tiger and the Siberian tiger, which lives in Russia, may be the same species.
3. The microchips for Apple's iPhones are made by the South Korean company Samsung
4. South Koreans consider the number 4 as unlucky, and it is associated with death
5. More than 2 billion people have viewed the "Gangnam Style" music video of Korean K-pop artist Psy since 2011.
6. South Korea has the world's fastest wireless speeds on the planet, with an average download speed 33.5 megabits per second, nearly three times the average speed of second-place Hong Kong. The country also has an average upload speed of 17 megabits per second. One hundred percent of South Koreans have broadband access.
7. South Koreans love Honey Butter Chips, which are potato chips flavoured with honey and butter from France
8. Baseball in South Korea is called yagu, and teams are named after corporations like Samsung and KIA.
9. South Koreans love sweet potatoes so much that there is every possible dish flavoured with sweet potato, including main courses, desserts, chips, latte, bread, salads and sweet potato-topped pizza
10. All South Korean roofs are curved at the ends giving the appearance of a smile
11. South Korea's national dish is kimchi, which is a combination of vegetables and spices that have been fermented underground for months. It is served with almost everything. The first written description of making kimchi dates to about AD 1250 and there are about 170 varieties of the dish.
12. Ten-pin bowling was introduced to South Koreans by American GIs during the Korean War, and it is still a popular sport in South Korea today.
13. Both the tiger and rabbit are important Korean folk symbols. Some Koreans say the Korean Peninsula is shaped like a tiger and others, a rabbit. Both animals are found in Korean folktales and folk art.
14. Kite flying is a popular pastime in South Korea, and on the last day of the new moon during the Lunar New Year, people traditionally let off their kites hoping their bad luck will float away with them
15. When taking a photo, South Koreans say "kimchi" instead of "cheese"
16. South Korea is a mountainous country, has three main rivers and over 4000 islands dotted around its coastline
17. South Koreans believe that dreaming of pigs is a good omen
18. South Korea is known for its cultural exports in particular its music (K-Pop) and its soap operas for which it is famous around the globe
19. South Korea's national flower is called the Mugunghwa (Rose of Sharon) that is a variety of hibiscus and is included in the national anthem
20. Taekwondo is the national sport of South Korea. It's believed to have been invented approximately 2,000 years ago.



# Who is Simon Hang-bock Rhee

Simon Hang-Bock Rhee is the former Chairman of the World Scout Committee, the main executive body of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the chairman of its management subcommittee. In 2008, he was the first elected member and Vice-Chairman of the Committee in Seoul, Korea and in 2011 he was elected as the Chairman at the 39th World Scout Conference in Brazil for a three-year term. He's also the Camp Chief of the 25th World Scout Jamboree 2023 taking place at SaeManGeum, South Korea.



Simon has been in the scouting movement since 1966, he was a scout and a venture scout and since then as remained active in scouting. In 1972 he was the recipient of the Tiger Scout award which is the highest rank and award that a scout or a venture scout can earn in the Korea Scout Association.

Outside of Scouting, Simon is a professional architectural engineer and a construction management specialist. He's also been a Senior Director, a professor, a Project Manager and a General Manager. His current job title is the Vice-President of Construction Management in a Marketing Department.

## 1991 World Jamboree History

32 years ago, in 1991 South Korea hosted the 17th World Scout Jamboree. The Jamboree took place August 8th to 16th in 1991, the location was the Seoraksan National Park which is near the border with North Korea and was about 200 km or 6 hours away by road from Seoul.

Around 20,000 scouts from over 135 countries attended which matched the theme of the World Jamboree, which was Many Lands, One World. Countries such as Czechoslovakia and Hungary participated for the first time since 1947.

Contingents such as the UK made a replica of the Brownsea Island Scout camp to re-enact Robert

Baden-Powell's experiment camp of scouting in 1907. All scouts experienced home hospitality in South Korea and in Japan.

Think about it, the young men who were there are now most likely scouters bringing their scouts to Jamboree. Eye-opening eh?





# Cooking with Dave

The WJ23 Canadian Contingent to South Korea had invited everyone to a night of South Korean cooking with renowned chef and Scouter David Franklin. This fabulous evening took place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 and David created an amazing bulgogi dish (authentic Korean BBQ beef recipe) that anyone can make!

If you had missed it or if you would like to relive the moment and cook this delicious meal, well now you can! First download our recipe for bulgogi at [www.scouts.ca/wj23/downloads.html](http://www.scouts.ca/wj23/downloads.html).

And then head over to our YouTube page at [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJcRIErnbEAW\\_mitw9glA2\\_PpPTP68URT](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLJcRIErnbEAW_mitw9glA2_PpPTP68URT), scroll down to our Cooking Night video and watch our video!

Or just click on the link below to take you directly to the video. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q\\_Ek1Rc8dys&list=PLJcRIErnbEAW\\_mitw9glA2\\_PpPTP68URT&index=13](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q_Ek1Rc8dys&list=PLJcRIErnbEAW_mitw9glA2_PpPTP68URT&index=13)

Don't forget to tag us on Instagram at @WJ23Canada and show us your inspired meals.

Bon appetite!



# Contingent Badges

The badge for the proposed 25th WSJ2023 in Korea cheer fully expresses a traditional Scout Camp tent and also depict Korean tiled-roof. Hanok is a term to describe Korean traditional houses, the house also used Giwa, a kind of roofing tile which was made with baked soil. The jamboree committee has asked each contingent to design their badge around this theme. We are going to share Canada's badge along with a few others countries



# Recent FAQs

## Registration FAQ

### When is the closing date to register? Can I still register after the closing date?

Due to recent changes from the World Jamboree Organizing Committee in South Korea, we are having to push up our registration date to SEPTEMBER 15, 2022, much earlier than we were expecting. Anyone wanting to register after September 15, 2022 will be put on a waiting list. One of two things may happen. If there are withdrawals, youth will substitute for youth and ISTs for ISTs. If South Korea has additional openings, we will add the wait listed youth or IST. Priority will be given to youth. There will be some late fees involved and we will explain this on the later here in our FAQs along with the requirement for catch up/balloon payments. For the latest news, check back here on our FAQs page or visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/CanadaWJ2023>.

## Travel FAQ

### What is included in the contingent's registration fee?

In addition to your participation in the Jamboree, the registration fee includes round trip flights from Canada to South Korea (with meals and luggage), ground transportation in South Korea (including during the pre-camp), travel and medical insurances, meals, accommodation, activities, and a contingent kit.

### What will be the departure/arrival airports in Canada?

Flights will be offered from a variety of medium/large Canadian airports and will transit through hub cities for flights to/from Korea. You will be contacted by the contingent to confirm your departure/arrival airport in Canada.

### Is the price for flights the same for everyone?

Yes. No matter your departure location in Canada, the price for flights is the same. This is to ensure an equal opportunity to everyone to attend this once-in-a-lifetime event.

### Can I request special arrangements (change flight dates, origin, etc.)?

We will do our best to accommodate every member of the contingent. You will be contacted by the contingent to confirm the details of your travel. In the meantime, if you have questions, please reach out to [wj23canadiancontingent@scouts.ca](mailto:wj23canadiancontingent@scouts.ca).

### Is it possible to "opt-out" of the flights provided by the contingent?

No. All travel will be handled by the contingent. Will do our best to accommodate everyone with special requests. The contingent is planning to offer flexibility in flight dates for members wanting to visit Korea on their own before/after the Jamboree. More details to follow. In the meantime, if you have questions, please reach out to [wj23canadiancontingent@scouts.ca](mailto:wj23canadiancontingent@scouts.ca).

### What is the baggage allowance for flights?

Exact allowance remains to be confirmed.

### On which dates will the contingent depart Canada?

Exact dates remain to be confirmed, but participants and

leaders should expect to depart Canada around July 27th, 2023, for an arrival in Korea on July 28th, 2023, in time for the pre-camp.

The departure date for ISTs remains to be confirmed, but they should expect to depart Canada around July 28th-29th, 2023, for an arrival in Korea on July 29th-30th, 2023, in order to reach the Jamboree site before the arrival of participants.

### Is insurance included with the registration fee?

Yes, travel and medical insurances are included. It is not possible to opt-out.

### What are the passport requirements to enter South Korea?

Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months following your planned return to Canada (this means around April 2024). If you need to obtain or renew your passport, you should do this as soon as possible, as there may be delays. In the fall of 2022, the contingent will need to know the details of the passport you will be using to travel in order to make the required bookings.

Holders of a Canadian passport do not need a visa to enter South Korea but will require an electronic travel authorization. If you do not have a Canadian passport, please refer to the Korean government website for specific requirements.

More information on entry requirements for members of the contingent will be shared later.

## Check your passport

As the date draws nearer, please remember to check if your passport will be valid for WJ23. To avoid any issue with Customs, your passport should be valid for 6 months AFTER your planned return to Canada (so scheduled to expire around February 2024). If you need to renew your passport or get a new one, you can do so on the Government of Canada's website.

Please keep in mind that due to the Covid lockdowns, Passport Canada is currently backlogged with passport requests, leading to longer delays for issuing passports. We strongly encourage you to look at your passport SOONER rather than later. We encourage you to submit your request to renew your passport as soon as possible (that is if you need to do so).



To renew, click below to go the Government of Canada website.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/canadian-passports.html>



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