

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why do girls need to be aged 12.5 (as at 1 February 2027)?

Girl Guides Australia's [Child Safe Child Friendly Guidance note for International Travel Ratios](#) requires girls to be aged at least 12 for overseas travel to New Zealand. At this Jamboree, girls will participate in the Ranger Program which is for girls aged between 12.5yrs and 17yrs old - born between 1 February 2009 and 1 August 2014.

### Why is outdoor Guide camping experience needed?

All participants will be camping outdoors in tents for the duration of the Jamboree. Onsite catering will be provided by an external contractor. Offsite Ranger expeditions will involve lightweight camping and cooking on small gas stoves which participants will need to be able to manage. For the lightweight camping, no stretchers can be used in this style of lightweight tents.

### Can I arrange my own flights to join the contingent in New Zealand at the Jamboree or stay in New Zealand afterwards?

No. To comply with Girl Guides Australia Child Safe Child Friendly policies and girl to adult ratios, all contingent participants will need to travel together from the designated Australian departure point and return together.

### How will my adult application be assessed?

Membership and compliance details will be verified with the participant's State Girl Guide Organisation. Referee checks will be verified.

All adult applicants must also be recommended as suitable to attend by their District Manager / Region Manager / Peer Group Lead (as applicable) and endorsed by their State Commissioner. These checks will be completed following submission of your application.

Eligible **adult** applications for Contingent leadership team positions will be assessed against the relevant Contingent Position Description and against the **Adult sub-camp position merit criteria:**

- High level interpersonal skills with very good communication and negotiation skills
- Demonstrated ability to work collaboratively as a team player in an international team
- Demonstrated ability to take initiative, be resourceful and resilient in unknown and evolving situations
- Demonstrated sound organisation and time management skills to manage self and others
- Demonstrated ability to act as a positive role model, with capacity to support girls from a wide range of backgrounds throughout the event

Shortlisted adult applicants will be invited to an interview. Final appointments will be approved by the Girl Guides Australia Chief Commissioner.

### How will my girl application be assessed?

Membership and compliance details will be verified with the participant's State Girl Guide Organisation. Referee checks will be verified.

All girl applicants must also be recommended as suitable to attend by their Guide Leader / District Manager / Region Manager and endorsed by their State Commissioner. These checks will be completed following submission of your application.

All eligible girl applications will go into the ballot for random selection. The ballot will take into consideration representation from all States/Territories from the applications received, as well as a mix of ages (in the 12.5 to 17 age range).

As selection is via a random ballot, Girls are not assured your friends will also be selected. Girls are encouraged to discuss your application with your leader prior to applying.

### **Can I apply directly to Girl Guiding New Zealand?**

All Australian contingent participants will need to apply through the Girl Guides Australia application process. We will then work with Girl Guiding New Zealand Jamboree organisers and the selected contingent participants to complete the registration process.