



ESTONIAN SCOUT ASSOCIATION

## JAMBOREE “THE WORLD BEGINS WITHIN“

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Dear friends in scouting,

We are hoping to see you in Estonian Scout Association's international Jamboree “The World Begins Within“ (in Estonian “Maailm algab minust” – MAM) at Tagametsa on the **13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> of July 2013!** The theme of this Jamboree is connected to the nature and environment.

### WELCOME TO ESTONIA!



Estonia is one of the three Baltic states, bordered by the Baltic Sea, Latvia and Russia. Covering an area of 42.227 square kilometers, Estonia is a flat country of which 40% is forest. The highest point is Suur Munamägi (Big Egg Mountain) in South Estonia – 318 meters, which is also the highest point in the Baltics.

Despite the northerly location, we can enjoy a mild climate because of marine influences. Travelling around, you can find here numerous lakes and more than 1.500 islands. Here are also many swamps and fens for enjoyable hiking. The warmest month is usually July, when the temperatures hover around 20...25°C.

Estonians, who are ethnically and linguistically close to the Finns, make up about 68.7 % of the 1.3 million population, Russians constitute 24.8% and the rest other minorities. The official language is Estonian, but Russian is also widely spoken and English as well. The majority of Estonians are evangelical Lutherans.

After centuries of other countries' rule, Estonia attained independence in 1918. Forcibly incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1940, we regained the freedom again in 1991. Today, Estonia is a multiparty republic, which has a popularly elected 101-seat parliament, called Riigikogu. The president – Toomas Hendrik Ilves (also a scout) – is elected by parliament for a five-year term, the prime minister is nominated by the president and approved by the parliament. Since 2004 Estonia is a member of the European Union.





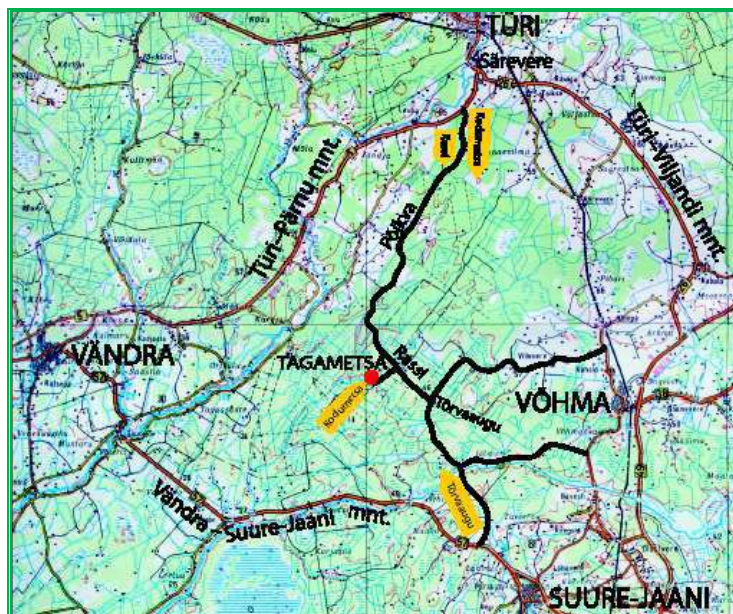
Tallinn – the capital of Estonia, is one of the historic towns of Northern Europe. First known as Reval, appeared in 1219 at the base of the harbor castle conquered by the Danes and acquired town rights in 1248. In the 10th century, the ancient Estonians had already established their central trading point on the coast of the Gulf of Finland. Nowadays Tallinn has about 400.000 inhabitants. The Old Town is a living monument to the heyday of the Hanseatic League in 14th-15th centuries and offers much to discover. **Tere tulemast! – Welcome!**

### SCOUTING IN ESTONIA

Scouting in Estonia began first in 1912 when a group of boys gathered in Pärnu. Estonian Scouting was a founding member of the World Organization from 1922 to 1940. After that scouting was forbidden in Estonia, but kept alive in the foreign countries where Estonians were living. Estonian Scout Association (Eesti Skautide Ühing) was founded in 1995 after the revitalization of scouting in Estonia, which occurred towards the end of the Soviet occupation in 1988-89. It was recognized and became a full-fledged member of the WOSM again in 1996. When founded, there were 200-300 members in several counties of Estonia, today the number is about 1.500 throughout the country. The Association is managed by a National Committee, which is elected by the General Assembly for a term of 3 years.

### TAGAMETSA – THE CAMPING PLACE

The camp will last 8 days and take place in central Estonia – Tagametsa – at the permanent camping area of Estonian scouts' and guides' – in the deep forest near the beautiful river. You can find the camping place also by typing “Tagametsa, Türi vald” into the Google Maps.



## **CAMP PROGRAM**

In the camp there will be campfires, international evenings, visiting day, but also many new activities inspired by the theme (nature and environment). We will sleep in the tents and build all equipment for the camp life by ourselves, study and talk about the environmental issues, learn to make cooperation and to manage by ourselves, make different projects to see the ideas come true, evacuate the whole camp for practicing it for the real life situations, partake in different cultures at the cultural fair, play the ball, run with the Chief Scout, dance at the disco-party, go to the overnight hike and make a good turn, so everybody can change the world to a bit better place.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

From Estonia there will be participants aged 6+ (cubs) and there will be also kindergarten for the leader's children. **From abroad** we are inviting **scouts aged 16+** with their leaders 18+ and **individuals aged 18+**. Citizens of European Union do not need a visa for travelling to Estonia. For our guests from other countries who need visa, we can send an invitation. All groups will be checked through the WOSM or WAGGGS as there have been incidents when some non-scouts have applied as scouts.

## **IST**

We are expecting that all participants **aged 18+** are participating as **IST**, which is giving also a discount of the camp fee. Working groups for ISTs are following:

1. Information – administration
2. Program
3. Technical
4. Catering
5. Camp's newspaper
6. Public relations
7. Your sub-camp's team
8. Cubs' program (6-11 years old)
9. Day care (0-5 years old)

You can mark your interest about the working group on the group registration sheet which will be sent to you by e-mail.

## **REGISTRATION AND PARTICIPATION FEES**

**NB! We have prolonged the initial registration dates!**

<b>Scouts from Latvia and Lithuania</b>	
01.11.2012- <b>01.03.2012</b>	100 EUR
02.03.2013- <b>01.05.2013</b>	120 EUR
02.05.2013- <b>01.06.2013</b>	170 EUR
<b>IST (01.11.2012-01.06.2013)</b>	80 EUR
<b>Scouts from all other countries</b>	
01.11.2012- <b>01.03.2012</b>	175 EUR
02.03.2013- <b>01.05.2013</b>	225 EUR
02.05.2013- <b>01.06.2013</b>	275 EUR
<b>IST (01.11.2012-01.06.2013)</b>	150 EUR

The camp fee includes participation, all the meals and activities in the camp, but not the transportation (it will be organized from Tallinn or other bigger towns to Tagametsa for the additional payment). **The final registration deadline is the 1<sup>st</sup> of June 2013.**



## **LIVING IN THE CAMP**

In the camp we will have 5 sub camps. Every sub camp consists of several sub units. Leaders will stay in the same sub unit with their group. All participants will accommodate in their own tents.

There are open-air shower booths near the sub camps and also a small sauna on the camp area, which can be used by the schedule. Showers are using clean unheated river water.

In the camp we offer breakfast, lunch, dinner and supper. Dining schedule will be found from the camp's daily program. There is a cooking team and all the food is prepared in the camp's kitchen. The food is taken to the sub camps in thermo bottles to be eaten there.

All participants who need a special menu/diet can report about it in the personal registration sheet which will be available on the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2013.

## **CAMP RULES**

There is a professional first aid and lifeguard in the camp. And also the security team, who you know by reflector vests. Every sub camp has its own leader, who is responsible for the order of the sub camp and bands together necessary teams. Everybody's contribution is important for camp's security and welfare!

You can leave from the camp territory only through the camp gates and with the permission of your own leader. All people, who are coming to the camp and leaving the camp, also all quests, must sign in themselves in the camp info desk. It is obligatory to inform about leaving the camp even then, when you are away only hour or some. In case on emergency, follow the instructions of the stuff in duty.

The bed time in the camp is from 00:00 in the evening until 08:00 in the morning. The bed time for cubs starts at 23:00. "Bed time" means that those who want to sleep should have the chance to do so. During these times it is not permitted to move outside your sub camp area.

Campfires are permitted in designated areas only agreed with the camp security stuff. All safety requirements must be met. Each fire site must have a bucket full of water, dry chemical fire extinguisher and if possible, also the fire blanket.

Swimming is only allowed in designated areas and with the lifeguard present. All instructions by lifeguards must be followed without argument.

In effect there are all Estonian laws, all good customs and scouts' and guides' laws. No smoking, no use of alcohol or drugs! Alcoholic drinks are not part of leader's cafe program. All campers are to follow all camp rules and the instructions of village elders, sub camp leaders, the camp security staff and the Jamboree headquarters staff.

Due to not following the camp rules, camp headquarters has the right to send the camper home. But hopefully they do not have to do any that kind of decisions.

## **HOME HOSPITALITY**

Before the camp there will be possibility for Home Hospitality in Estonian scouts' families or scout houses for 2-3 days to see a bit more of Estonia and its' life. During your stay you will experience the country and culture together with the local scouts. Your host will arrange the



activities, you can take a tour around the area where you stay to experience the local culture and taste the local food. The Home Hospitality will cost additional money and the number of participants is limited. If you are interested in Home Hospitality, please let us know: [jamboree@skaut.ee](mailto:jamboree@skaut.ee).

### **ONE DAY TRIP TO PÄRNU**

During the camp there will be the possibility for one day to travel outside the camp area. Pärnu is a well-known summer town in Estonia near the sea. On the way you will visit also an open-air museum and in Pärnu there are many ways to spend a great day which would include also visiting the beach if the weather is fine. The trip will cost around 50 EUR per person and needs the pre-registration.

### **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING ...**

... please write us a letter to the e-mail address [jamboree@skaut.ee](mailto:jamboree@skaut.ee) including the following information: name of your troop, name of your scout or guide association and country, how many participants would like to join and what are the ages of them. Please add also your contacts (leaders' names and e-mails). After getting the answer from us you can start arranging your trip and pay the camp fee. With the answer there will be send also the registration sheets and bank account information for paying the fee. Please look at the fee deadlines above, so there would be enough time between writing us and the final date of paying.

If you have any further questions please feel free to contact us by e-mail  
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**We are hoping to see you next summer in Estonia!**

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Next camp info letter will be available in March 2013 and includes following topics: sub-camps; program by days; activities which need preparation before the camp; visiting day; equipment; transportation; Home Hospitality; more details about the one day trip to Pärnu; introduction of the camp staff.

