



Join-in-Jamboree: *You Can Take Part!*

by Lena Wong

THE 20TH WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE TAKES PLACE IN THAILAND from December 28, 2002 to January 7, 2003. Well over a hundred Canadian Scouting members will be attending,

and experiencing this world jamboree first-hand where youths from all over the world meet and share their cultures and friendship.

If you're not lucky enough to be one of the Scouts attending, here's an opportunity for you to experience a little of what participants will do, see and taste during their travels. The U.K. Scout Association has graciously permitted us to use their join-in-jamboree publication for parts of this article. If you want to know more about this resource, visit the Scout Association's web site at www.scoutbase.org.uk/inter/jambo/thailand/resources/joininjam-boree.htm.



but will be worth the extra effort. Start with a visit to your local travel agent for some brochures and perhaps even a poster showing Thailand. It doesn't matter if these materials are out of date; you're just going to use the photos and some of the general information.

Decorate your hall with posters and photos, and when the youth arrive greet them in Thai. Here are some phrases to use: "Sawaddee Khrap" (if you are a male) or "Sawaddee Kha" (if you are a female) means "Hi". "Pen yang-ngai?" means, "How are you?" Youth members should reply to this last question with,

"Sa-baa-dii, khawp khun" meaning "I am fine, thank you".

Jamboree Background

Thailand is located in Southeast Asia, and is home to 61.4 million people. Bangkok, Thailand's capital, has a population of more than 6 million. Called Krung Tep in Thai (meaning "the City of Angels"), Bangkok is a city of great beauty and contrasts.

Thailand experiences only three seasons. The hot season lasts from March to May, the rainy season lasts from June to October, and the cold season from November to January. This means the jamboree will take place during the cold season.

Will Scouting members bring their parkas? No! "Cold" is a relative term. Although Thai people might call their December and January weather "cold", Canadians would consider it warm summer climate. Jamboree participants can expect daytime temperatures of about 25 degrees C, little rain, and excellent weather for camping.

Join-in-Jamboree Activities

To get youth members involved in this exciting event, organize a "Thai Evening". This may take some planning,

Sawaddee Thailand

This game will start off your join-in-jamboree evening in style. You may have to repeat the expressions several times until everyone learns them and knows how to respond.

A leader calls out one of the following expressions, and players respond with the corresponding actions. The last person to follow instructions is out.

"Sawaddee": Players take up the Wai position with palms together, fingers touching the nose, and head slightly bowed.

"Thai smile": Players smile big smiles. (Thailand is known as the "Land of Smiles").

"King's coming": Players kneel on the floor with heads bowed. (In Thailand your head must always be below the King's.)

"Elephant round-up": Players wave one arm as a tail and the other as a trunk. (Thailand has lots of elephants.)

"Tuk-tuk driver": Players weave erratically between one another. (A tuk-tuk is a commonly used vehicle in Thailand.)

"Boat races": Players stand in a line and "paddle" their boat.

The Silk Worm Walk

The silk worm is larvae from a type of moth that feeds on mulberry bushes in Thailand. During the transformation from larvae to pupa, it spins a cocoon. The threads from these cocoons produce some of the finest silk in the world when unravelled.

To play the game, line teams of six to eight Scouts up with their hands on the shoulders of the person in front; this forms a silkworm. Each team is sent out in the play area to find various objects (e.g. a stone, a leaf or other items) that can be picked up easily and carried. The winning team is the one that picks up every item without letting go of one another and breaking the chain.

Friendship Band

These wrist bands are meant to be exchanged between individuals as a token of friendship. You'll need scissors and five multicoloured pieces of string (or wool, thin shoelaces or tape) of identical lengths, about 40 cm long.

Fold the five strings in half, tie a knot at the top to form a loop, and tape it firmly to a table. When you separate the strands into their respective colours, you will have two of each.

Weave the right hand strand across all the others and pull it tight. Keep weaving the right hand strand over to the other side until you reach the end. Tie a knot at the end to secure the weaving. Cut off excess string, and give the band to a friend. Because you secure the band on a wrist by pulling the knot through the loop, make sure the knot fits tightly through the loop.

A Taste of Thailand

The Internet has many recipes you can use during your join-in-jamboree evening. Simply do a search using the words "Thai Cooking". Here is one recipe to try.

Kao Pad Gkai Gkaprow (Spicy Chicken and Basil Fried Rice)

This recipe uses peanut oil. *Important! Make sure no members are allergic to nuts.* The dish makes enough for a full meal for three people, so it should provide about eight small "taste portions" for Cubs, Scouts or Venturers.

You will need one pound of boneless chicken cut into bite size chunks; six chopped garlic cloves; three to four thinly sliced shallots (or a small onion); 500 to 750 mL of broccoli florets; two jalapeno or hot chilli peppers; one litre of cold *cooked* rice; 45 to 60 mL of peanut oil; 10 mL of soya sauce sweetened with a little sugar; 30 mL of fish sauce; 250 mL of basil leaves; a liberal sprinkling of white pepper; and one lime cut into wedges.

Prepare ingredients as indicated above. Cut the chilli peppers into short slivers; make the dish less spicy by removing the seeds. Crumble and break up the cooked rice. Heat a wok over high heat, swirl in the oil to coat the surface, then add the chopped garlic and chicken. Stir-fry the mixture until the chicken has changed colour.

Toss in the sliced shallots and chillies followed by the broccoli; cook for a minute or so, then add the rice. Continue stirring until the rice is well coated with oil and starts browning, then sprinkle it evenly with soya sauce to colour the grains lightly. Sprinkle the mixture with fish sauce or use salt. Keep stirring until all ingredients are cooked. Toss in the basil, and stir-fry for a few seconds until they wilt and mix in with the rice.

Sprinkle with white pepper, then give the whole dish a final stir. Use the lime wedges to squeeze juice over the rice before eating.

These ideas will give you a real taste for the world jamboree, and may spark an interest in international Scouting.

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Take Part in Jamboree on the Air

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Are you ready for Scouting's 45th Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)? It takes place on the weekend of October 19-20, 2002.

Start preparing youth members now by talking about JOTA, contacting a radio amateur to run a radio station for you, and playing some games to familiarise youth members with the event. The April **Leader Magazine** featured details about last year's event; share the information with your members.

For more details about JOTA, contact me at the National Office, 1345 Baseline Road, Ottawa, ON, K2C 0A7; phone (613) 224-5131; e-mail: lwong@scouts.ca. If you want to be added to our mailing list of those interested in participating in this event, just ask. For international information on this event, visit the event web site at www.home.zonnet.nl/worldscout/.

QSL Card Art

After talking to your Cubs, Scouts, Venturers or Rovers about JOTA, help motivate them further by asking them to design a QSL card.

What is a QSL card?

It's a card sent by a radio station to another one to acknowledge the JOTA radio contact. Normally one side of the card is decorated with a unique design, while the other has technical details of the contact information (e.g. call sign, date of contact, location of station). Sometimes both elements appear on one side.

Make your QSL cards interesting by encouraging members to design something that includes both elements of local Scouting and communications. (Your QSL card might have a picture of a tent with an antenna coming out the top, or some other typical Scouting image.) Why not make this into a competition with the winning design being the one your group eventually sends out to all contacted radio stations?

Send your designs to me at the above address. Next year **the Leader** will publish the most interesting ones.