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# 20th World Scout Jamboree:



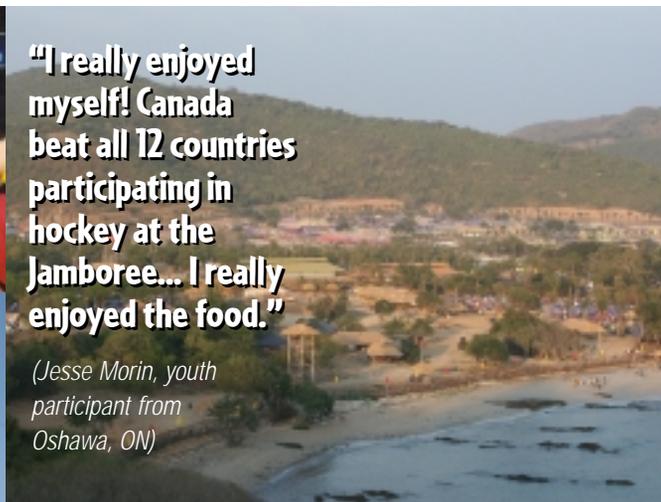
**"This was a fantastic experience for youths and leaders. We had a great time!"**

*(Brian Wick, Patrol Leader from Whitby, ON)*



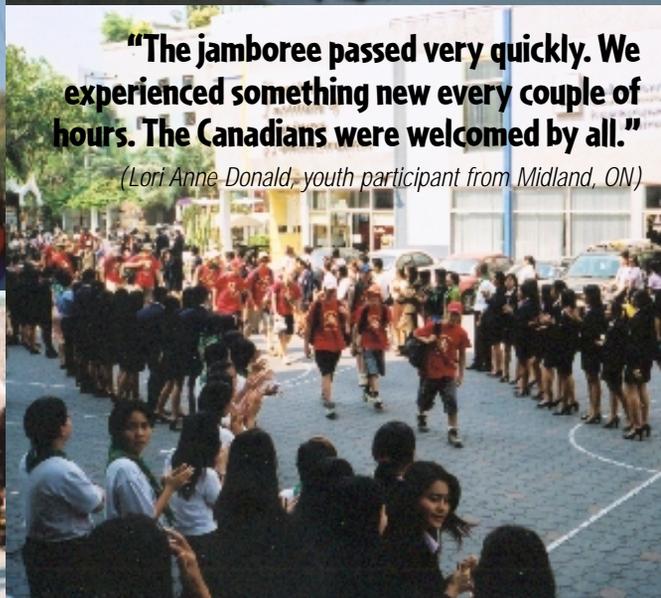
**"I really enjoyed myself! Canada beat all 12 countries participating in hockey at the Jamboree... I really enjoyed the food."**

*(Jesse Morin, youth participant from Oshawa, ON)*



**"The jamboree passed very quickly. We experienced something new every couple of hours. The Canadians were welcomed by all!"**

*(Lori Anne Donald, youth participant from Midland, ON)*



The 20th World Scout Jamboree took place from December 28, 2002 to January 7, 2003 in Sattahip, Thailand about 180 kilometres south of Bangkok. Located on a naval base, the Jamboree attracted 24,000 young Scouting youths from 140 countries.

Canadian participants had a great time at the 20th World Jamboree in Thailand. Our contingent numbered 205 excited Scouting members. With temperatures reaching 38°C and high

humidity, some Canadians actually missed winter from time to time.

Canadian youths and leaders started their Thai experience during a pre-jamboree assembly at Ambassador City Jomtien – a beach resort not far from the Jamboree site. (This was where contingent members came together as a whole, and met fellow Canadians from across our vast geography.) During this time all members had an opportunity to laze around

a pool, visit a tiger zoo, attend a gala Christmas dinner, and visit the Nong Nooch Tropical Garden where they enjoyed spectacular displays of local flora and fauna. Here, some Scouting youths took exciting rides on elephants.

During this pre-jamboree time, contingent members received final instructions and training relating to the 20th World Jamboree.

Participants had the opportunity to see, and some actually met, royalty.

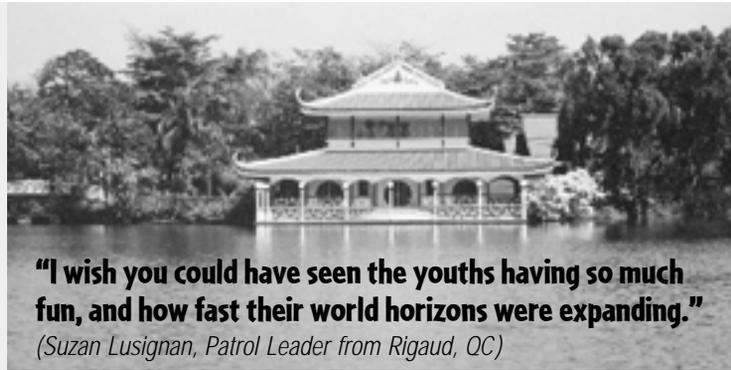


# A 'Cool' Time in Thailand by Lena Wong



**"The young IST members were the best group of Rovers and Venturers I have worked with. They were gung-ho to do any job, and were willing to help at all times."**

*(Brenda Bucci, IST from Plaster Rock, NB)*



**"I wish you could have seen the youths having so much fun, and how fast their world horizons were expanding."**

*(Suzan Lusignan, Patrol Leader from Rigaud, QC)*



**"Was Thailand ever awesome! I loved every minute of it and wish it could have lasted longer."**

*(Christopher Pike, International Service Team [IST] from Calgary, AB)*



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Maha Vajiralongkorn appeared at the Jamboree's Opening Ceremony, and Swedish King Karl Gustaf 16<sup>th</sup> camped for a time with the Swedish contingent. According to Erik Reed (St. Catharines, ON), "It was pretty cool. He (King Gustaf) just walked around the campsite like a normal guy."

## **Our Global Village**

Among the many program activi-

ties available to participants, some serious issues were raised for Scouts to learn from and think about. The Global Development Village was a program area designed to familiarize youths with real issues in the world. It focused on four main areas:

- Health
- Environment
- Peace
- Human rights.

This year, world hunger was addressed through workshops managed by the United Nations World Food Program. Participants had the opportunity to cook dishes made from relief food used in emergency operations. Or, they could play games simulating various emergency situations. What a great learning experience.

## **Program Smorgasbord**

Dozens of program centers were



## ➔ Read More about 20WJ

If you want to read more about the 20th World Jamboree in Thailand, surf to [www.scouts.ca](http://www.scouts.ca). Click on "Scouts International", then "WJ2003". You'll find a day-by-day description of activities, and a photo gallery.

scattered around the site, including community service projects. City of Science offered activities covering topics like computers and robotics, life sciences, Earth and universe, and much more.

Face the Waves offered youth participants experiences in rafting, snorkeling, sailing, festival boats, wind surfing, as well as a variety of beach sports.

During free time, Scouts could experience Thai games, hike wilderness trails, go mountain biking, and more. Of course, badge swapping proved popular with everyone.

Crossroads of Culture was a very popular World Jamboree program. Here, youths lived the Jamboree motto of "Share our world, share our cultures". Participating countries set up stations that reflected their national culture. Youths had the opportunity to participate in workshops on arts, crafts, music, language, cuisine, sports, religion and others. One of the Canadian activities was called, "Hockey Night in Canada". It featured several tabletop hockey games – a very popular activity.

### Sub-Camp Activities

The Jamboree site was divided into a series of sub-camps. Here, participants camped, prepared their



**Many people served on the International Service Team (IST). Here, four members share a happy moment in the sun. From left to right: Rati (Thailand), Alma (Finland), Pung (Thailand), and Jonathan Davison (Canada)**

meals, and enjoyed additional activities – especially during the evening.

Lori Anne Donald described her troop's performance during a sub-camp performance. "In the evening our sub-camp had a Passport to the World show to demonstrate what each country is like. One youth in our troop played the song 'The Maple Leaf Forever' on bagpipes; another youth played 'Land of the Silver Birch' on the saxophone, and then we all sang 'Hockey Night Tonight' decked out in hockey and Canadian apparel with hockey sticks and a net. We had lots of fun!"

### Post Jamboree Highlights

After the Jamboree, youth mem-

bers, leaders and most Canadian ISTs proceeded to Bangkok where they stayed at the SIBA School for three busy days. Here they experienced:

- A dinner cruise
- A visit to the Floating Market
- Shopping at the Central Department Store
- Other educational and fun activities.

It was a tired crew that finally made its way home to Canada in the early hours of January 11. In the words of IST Byron Hynes (Yellowknife, NT), "It was a loooooong way home from Bangkok to Yellowknife."

In an interview with his local newspaper (*The St. Catharines Standard*), Erik Reed pointed out that the World Jamboree had been a life-changing experience. "I expected everything to be so different and there were lots of amazing cultural differences," he said. "But the way we enjoyed the same practical jokes, the same activities and whatnot – I guess I started to realize how similar everyone really is." <sup>Photo (inset): Jonathan Davison</sup>

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## Ready for 21st WJ?

Celebrate 100 Years of Scouting in the U.K.

From July 28 to August 8, 2007, tens of thousands of youths from around the world will be celebrating 100 years of Scouting at the 21st World Jamboree in the United Kingdom. About 40,000 people are expected to attend.

Jamboree organizers are hoping that at least one representative from every country that hosts a Scouting group will be there – a feat never before achieved at a World Jamboree.

Make plans now to attend this Jamboree.

For more information on the 21st WJ, surf to: [www.scouting2007.org/english/index.php](http://www.scouting2007.org/english/index.php).