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Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope this letter finds you well. Firstly, I'd like to say a big thank you to you for your support for the Jamboree experience. The leadership team has been given so many offers of help ranging from places to meet, cooking for camps, grant information and fundraising ideas. We are very grateful for this. Unit members have attended Jamboree training events even if it meant arriving late, leaving early or in some cases coming, going and returning again! Their commitment to being there and your commitment to ferrying them around is much appreciated.

Enclosed with this letter is the UK Contingent Kit Catalogue. This catalogue details the kit that is being issued to each unit member as part of the fee they are paying. You can find these items on pages 2-6 (although we will not be issued with the guide items on page 5, these are only for guide members.) There are optional products featured from page 7 onwards and these can be bought by unit members if they wish. There is no need for you to purchase these items if you do not wish to, but some unit members may want to have additional items such as t-shirts or camping equipment. Some Scouts also like to buy badges, woggles and other similar items which they can then swop with Scouts from other countries whilst at the Jamboree. Please remember tents will be issued to the unit as part of our participation fee. These will be 4 man tents. Extra tents need only be ordered if you wish for one and unit members will not be able to take these to the Jamboree. When you place your orders you will need to quote our Unit Registration Number, this is 58. Items can be ordered on-line or by post with the order form at the back of the catalogue. All orders need to be received at Scout Shops Ltd by close of business on 30<sup>th</sup> November. I appreciate this is a short deadline but it has been set by the UK Contingent Team, not by me. I received these catalogues by post today so I am turning them around as quickly as I can.

In April some of you applied for the Jamboree Bursary. These bursaries have now been distributed and two members of our unit received something. This is a much lower number of bursaries received than in 2007, but I can only assume the current financial climate and the fact that Jamboree 2011 is costing more has resulted in the bursary being in more demand. If you have received the bursary your District should have informed you.

In the first letter I sent out I proposed two bag pack weekends Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010 and/or Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2010, these were subject to confirmation and we have had no supermarkets allow us these dates. Consequently I am cancelling these dates. I have however been able

to organise a third bag pack on the **18<sup>th</sup> December at Sainsbury's, Castle Boulevard, 9am-6pm**. Last time we bag packed at the store we raised £1600 so we hope to raise a similar amount again. Unit members will do either 9am-1.30pm or 1.30pm-6pm, family and friends are welcome to help.

Our next unit meeting is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at Awsworth School, near Ikea, 10am-4pm. We plan to do some Christmas activities with the unit in this meeting. Our meeting on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2011 will be held at Raven's Lodge, Larch Farm SHQ, Ravenshead. The meeting for the unit members will be 10am-4pm, but we have planned a parent's meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> January between 3pm and 4pm which I hope you will be able to attend. Directions will be sent out with letters to the unit members before the meetings.

Can I also remind you that all the letters, forms and other information that is sent out are on the County Scout webpage under World Scout Jamboree 2011. This will let unit members re-read and print off information should they lose letters and will also allow parents to keep an eye on what is happening. The website is: <http://www.notts-scouts.org.uk/ws2011.html>

Thank you again for the support you are giving the Unit, if you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Scouting,

Ali Taylor.  
Nottinghamshire Jamboree Unit Leader.