

InterNational Jamboree in Iceland 2016

The Úlfjótstvatn Scout Centre is located by the lake of the same name in the municipality of Grímsnes- and Grafningshreppur, south of the lake Þingvallavatn. The Centre is jointly owned by The Icelandic Boy and Girl Scout Association and the Reykjavík Scouting Federation. Following steady development since 1941, Úlfjótstvatn is now one of the most modern and well equipped campsites in Iceland, capable of accommodating outdoor events of up to several thousand participants. Úlfjótstvatn is open all year around.

Scouting events of various sizes are regularly held at Úlfjótstvatn. The most recent InterNational Jamboree to have been held there was in 2012.

Úlfjótstvatn and its surroundings feature nature at its finest, and offer diverse opportunities for outdoor activities, such as mountain hikes, aquatic sports, and more. It also boasts the highest climbing tower and the largest „folf“ (field in the country) to name but a few of its attractions.

The Jamboree site

Major renovations have been undertaken at Úlfjótstvatn during the past two years. New camping grounds were laid out in the summer of 2014, and these were seeded with grass last summer. We are hopeful that the new grounds will be ready in time for the Jamboree, although this remains uncertain at the time of writing. Should the new grounds be in reasonably good condition following winter, it will enable a greater separation of the main camp, family camp, and programme venues than has been the case during previous Jamborees. More information on the organization of the Jamboree site will be provided in the coming months.



Camps

The organization of camps at the Jamboree will be similar to that of past jamborees. Each contingent will be allocated an area equivalent to 10–12 m² per participant. For

this reason, small contingents with large tents should bear in mind that their allotted area may not be large enough to accommodate a tent of such size. Although we will do our best to meet any special requirements, some large tents will inevitably have to be situated outside the main camp. The Jamboree's executive committee will issue guidelines pertaining to camps early in the new year.

Arrival and departure

Contingents should have arrived at the Jamboree site prior to 1900 (7:00 PM), July 17th, as the opening ceremony will take place at 2000 (8:00 PM) that evening. Buses should enter the area by way of the drive to the JB Building and Gilwell Hut.

All contingents should have vacated the site by 1600 (4:00 PM), July 24th. Contingents facing longer travel times will be assigned earlier departure times.

Jamboree Security will handle the reception and departure of individual contingents, which will be informed of their allotted arrival and departure times.

Jamboree Facilities and Equipment

As previously stated, the campsite at Úlfljótsvatn in one of the most modern in Iceland, and offers outdoor cooking facilities (barbecue), of which patrols can make use. Fire extinguishers and water buckets will be situated at all outdoor cooking areas, as well as at all squares. Firewood will be supplied to contingents, upon request.

Shop – Food Distribution

Food distribution will be similar to previous jamborees. Each contingent will be given a certain amount of credit per participant for use in the on-site shop. In this way, contingents can better organize their own menu. Contingents will have the option of letting individual patrols and troops cater to themselves, in which case each patrol will see to its own shopping.



Toilet Facilities

Toilet facilities with running water are situated close to the camps, and extra water stations and sinks will be set up around the Jamboree site as needed. Two shower blocks will be available to Jamboree participants. It is worth mentioning that the showers at Úfljótsvatn are popular enough to have a Facebook page devoted to them (Sturturnar á Úfljótsvatni - <https://www.facebook.com/ususturta/?fref=ts>).

Trash Facilities

Úfljótsvatn aims to be at the cutting edge of trash separation and recycling. It adheres to and even exceeds the the sorting and recycling standards set by neighbouring municipalities. All trash will be separated into the following categories: Paper, cardboard, paper cartons, plastic, returnable containers, metal, organic waste (containers for which will be distributed to contingents), batteries, lightbulbs, glass, general household waste. Used cooking water will be disposed of separately.



Family Camp

To the best of our knowledge, family camps at scouting events are a uniquely Icelandic phenomenon, having been part of every Jamboree since 1962. Attendance has always been high. International contingents are frequently both intrigued by this Icelandic custom, and impressed by its popularity. Family camps are, as the name implies, intended for the families and relatives of participating scouts, older scouts, and other guests. Family camp guests cater to themselves and prior registration is not required. Indeed, your only obligations are to find a place to pitch your tent or park your camping trailer, and to participate in the adventure that is the Jamboree. You can camp for one night or longer, and the fee is very reasonable. The family camp will offer a diverse programme of events for all age groups, so everyone should be able to find something to suit them. The family camp will, of course, take part in the common evening programme, and will also have the

option of attending the open programme in the afternoon.

Further information

If your contingent would like more information about the Jamboree, please feel free to contact us at jamboree@skatar.is

Jamboree registration

Registration has been picking up recently, and we encourage you to register as soon as possible

