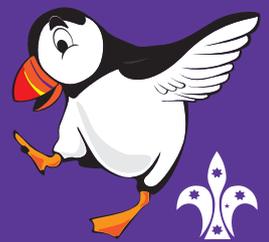


# NEWSLETTER 3

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## CONTINGENT LEADERS MESSAGE

It's just under four months until we will be in Iceland for the World Moot! The countdown is on and the reality of the incredible adventure we are going to share together is starting to set in. I'm sure you are all as excited as I am!

This newsletter contains another tasty serving of info from the Contingent Team. Please make sure you read it thoroughly! We get a lot of questions via email and Facebook that we have already answered in these newsletters. Of course, if there is anything we haven't covered, feel free to get in touch! There is info in this newsletter about our Facebook Q&A sessions that will be happening in April, as well as the Orientation Days that we'll be having in May/June around the country. Make sure you save the date now for your O-Day as you will need to be there!

As we move into April you will start to receive a lot more information about the Moot itself – things like your expedition allocations (for participants) or your job allocations (for IST), who else will be in your patrol, etc. This information will most likely come from the Moot directly – please make sure you check your inbox (and your junk mail) regularly to make sure you don't miss anything. We'll also let you know via our own emails when this information is released.

Last (but not least) everyone's final payments were due on the 1st of April. We are required to pay the bulk of our final invoices in the coming weeks and we won't be able to do this if people are behind on payments

Other than that, keep on getting keen for WSM2017!

Cheers,

Kusi

Contingent Leader

## ARRIVAL DAYS AND MEETING POINTS

### Pre Tour

The meeting time for each Pre Tour Bus is 6pm on the starting date for each group (6th, 8th, 10th or 12th of July, depending on your bus). The location will be the Bogstad Camping & Turistsenter (Ankerveien 117, 0766 Oslo, Norway). More information about the meeting point and how to get there will be sent to you via email (it's easily accessible by public transport). You will need to be at the Centre by 6pm to meet the rest of your group and have dinner together.

For more information about the schedule for each bus you can check out the website - <http://www.wsm2017.com/trip-info/pre-tour/>



At the end of the Pre Tour you will be transported from Helsinki to the Contingent meeting point and accommodation in Reykjavik.

### World Moot - Participants

When you arrive in Iceland you will need to make your own way from the airport to Reykjavik (the easiest way is using the airport bus - <https://www.re.is/flybus/>). The Contingent meeting point will be our pre-Moot accommodation, which will be in the district of Laugardalur (a 10 minute bus ride from the main bus terminal in Reykjavik). We are waiting to hear which site the Moot is allocating us to, so we can't give you an exact address just yet, but we will let you know as soon as we do. Our tip would be to pay a little bit extra for a "Flybus+" ticket – this means the Flybus will actually drop you off at the meeting point in Reykjavik. Check in will open from 2pm and will run until 5pm – you will need to make sure you are checked in by then! From here the Contingent will head to dinner in Reykjavik where the participants and IST will meet up together to make the full Australian Contingent for the first time.



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## World Moot - IST

The meeting point for IST will be the same place as participants at 5 pm on the 22nd July. The days before the opening ceremony will be learning the ins and outs of moot life and training up on your assigned jobs.

## DEPARTURE DAY

### World Moot - Participants

The Moot Closing Ceremony will be held in the afternoon on the 2nd of August. After the ceremony our Contingent will be coming back to Reykjavik for one last night to party in Iceland (we can't tell you too much, but let's just say a bar will be involved)! Accommodation on the night of the 2nd of August is included for everyone, as well as breakfast on the morning of the 3rd. After that you are free to leave at your leisure as there will be no more activities for the Contingent. You will need to make your own way from the accommodation (which will be in Laugardalur again) to the airport in time to catch your flight. If you have an early flight and need to leave before breakfast that's totally cool. Again, our tip would be to get a "Flybus+" ticket, which means you will get picked up from the accommodation and then taken to the airport.

### World Moot - IST

You are free to leave at your leisure after breakfast on the morning of the 4th of August. You will need to arrange your own way from Reykjavik to the airport in time for your flight.

### Post Tour

The Contingent will fly to Zurich on the 4th of August and travel to KISC on the 6th of August. All transportation and accommodation is included from the end of World Moot up until the 12th of August. After breakfast you will be given a train ticket that allows you to make your own way to the airport or next adventure.

## Q&A SESSIONS

We will be holding some online Q&A sessions as we are aware there are plenty of questions out there from both Contingent Members and parents.

We will hold two sessions and each will run for one hour.

The first session will be held this coming Tuesday 11th April at 8 pm AEST and the second will be Wednesday the 19th April at 8 pm AEST.

There will be a special post on our Contingent Facebook Page that you can comment and ask your questions during

this sixty minutes.

[www.facebook.com/wsm2017](http://www.facebook.com/wsm2017)

We look forward to joining you there!

## GEAR AND BAGGAGE

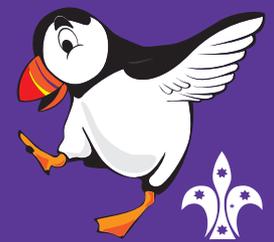
We have been receiving a lot of questions in regards to what Contingent members should pack. While it is up to each individual to pack what they think is suitable, there are a few recommendations.



### Luggage

The organisers have said we will require a minimum 60L waterproof hike pack and a day pack; due to the walk into Althing (the site onsite aspect of moot) and because several of the expeditions involve some level of hiking. For many traveling either side of Moot the idea of traveling with just a hike pack is daunting thought, however there are several hybrid alternatives which will give you the best of both worlds. Hike pack when needed, easy gear access via front zips and some even have wheels when in airports. Best Hybrid Examples are the Mont Astro Travel Pack and the Kathmandu Terrane Adapt Pack. Look for a pack that comes waterproof, has front zip access like a standard suitcase, high quality harness, and if possible the harness to zip away to minimise the chance of harness damage whilst in transit.

Packing cells and/or dry bags will be a massive help to those with standard hike packs, as it will allow you to sort gear, and get to gear without messing up the entire pack. Having one giant dry bag for dirty washing will also be a massive help as



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it will keep clean and dirty separated and the stink away from the rest of your clothes. Fold up duffel bags are perfect for when you inevitably buy too much stuff or for taking washing to be done - they pack down small and give you heaps of extra storage space.

### **Weight Restrictions**

For Pre Tour & Post Tour there is a luggage allowance **maximum of 20 kg** checked in baggage for your flights and tour arrangements.

For everyone else there is no size restrictions but you will need to check with your airline for size and weight restrictions. It's best to keep in mind that you will need to carry your own packs, so do not pack more than you can personally handle.

### **Rain gear**

There is nothing worse than being cold and wet. We are required to take waterproof pants and jacket, because although we are going in Iceland's summer rain is highly likely. Waterproof gear gets very expensive very quickly, buying Goretex or equivalent is recommended as you pay for what you get. Keep in mind cheap rain gear may not withstand multiple days of bad weather and will trap the sweat making you feel like you are wearing a plastic bag. Rain gear is also an excellent way to keep warm as they act as wind breakers - the cold winds are common in Iceland. Soft-shell gear will be very useful due to the winds.

Sleeping Warm - Icelandic summer is like Southern Australian Winter, meaning being warm at night will be a priority. A sleeping bag which is rated to comfort at 0 Degrees, is the minimum recommendation, a minus 5 rating would be better. Sleeping bags have two ratings comfort and extreme; as their names suggest one tells you the temperature you will be comfortable in and the other the lowest temp you can get to before risk of hypothermia. These ratings are based off a standard so for everyone it will be different, when buying a sleeping bag remember it is easier to unzip and cool down then it is to add layers and get warm. There are two filling options Synthetic and down - Down is lighter, packs smaller, and can be much warmer, but takes more effort to care for and is useless when wet.

Sleeping mats and Sleeping bag liners will also help you keep and stay warm at night. A sleeping bag liners helps insulate and keep your sleeping bag clean; a silk or thermal Sleeping bag liners are perfect, they pack down very small and can keep you several degrees warmer. Sleeping mats insulate you from the ground, give you a more comfortable surface

and help keep you warm. A warm, comfortable, small pack sleeping mat is going to be expensive - look for one with built in foam. Thermarest is a fantastic brand, but expensive. If you are concerned you can always buy a yoga style mat in Iceland and use it in conjunction with your inflating mat. Sleeping in thermals and a beanie, having a space blanket to reflect heat or a cuddle buddy will also keep you warm at night.

### **Footwear**

Recommended footwear is one pair of hike boots, one pair of wet shoes (required if hiking), one spare pair of shoes and thongs for the shower. When buying hike boots, you want to look for a pair with decent ankle support, a good sole such as VIBRAM and that will be waterproof - rain is highly likely and having wet feet sucks! Low quality or old socks are the leading cause of foot problems, so ensure you have high quality wool blend socks for your boots.

### **Keeping Warm**

As mentioned Iceland's Summer is like a southern Australian Winter, rain is very likely and the winds are cold. Having three different seasons in a day is also common in Iceland. So having gear that you can layer and will keep you warm is very important. Simple things such as a beanie, gloves and scarf will go a long way in keeping you warm. Soft-shell gear and rain jackets will keep the wind off you, thus keeping you warmer. Thermals will be good as they give you the ability to layer. High quality socks will also help keep you warm while taking the sweat away so your feet don't get gross! Denim isn't good as it stays wet so a short shower has the potential to keep you damp and make you cold; Light weight, quick dry hike pants are ideal. Down is fantastic at keeping you warm but remember that once it is wet it is useless so keep that contingent jacket dry so it can keep you toasty warm!

These gear tips are simply things to consider when buying gear, to ensure you have the best possible moot; there is nothing fun about being cold, wet or having blisters. Good camping gear is expensive so keep in mind that you get what you pay for; high quality will work better and last. The sooner you start looking the better as this gives you the opportunity to know what you want when sales come up. And if in doubt or after more information find your local Adventure/camping store Rover and ask.



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## TENTS

In the next couple of weeks, Iceland will be releasing which other participants you will be in the same Tribe as, you will be given the opportunity to connect with these participants and arrange sharing tents with those in your tribes if you so desire.

You can purchase tents through the official World Moot merchandise which can be arranged to be picked up on the 24th of July in the same location of the Opening Ceremony.

<http://skatabudin.is/en/products/moot-items>

Otherwise there are some great options to purchase tents in Australia and take them over in your personal luggage, but be aware of your luggage limits mentioned above.

You can choose to take your tent home or a lot of people at the last World Moot donated their used tents to local Scout Groups after the event finished.

Another option is to "rent a tent" however it does look like the pricing works out to be roughly the same as you buying a tent for yourself. You can check out this option yourself here.

<https://www.iceland-camping-equipment.com/collections/iceland-camping-tent-rental>



## ORIENTATION DAYS

After hearing feedback from many of you we have decided to run a series of Orientation Days before the Moot. The O-Days will be an awesome chance to meet the people you will be travelling with, get detailed information about the Pre Tour / Moot / Post Tour, and ask any questions you might have. We will also be distributing your contingent merchandise!

The dates for each of the O-Days are as follows. The exact times and locations will be sent to you via email a little later this month.

Canberra	26 May (Evening)
Adelaide	27 May (Afternoon)
Perth	28 May (Afternoon)
Brisbane	2 June (Evening)
Sydney	3 June (Afternoon)
Melbourne	4 June (Afternoon)

Attending an Orientation Day isn't mandatory, but it is strongly encouraged to prepare you for the Moot. If you absolutely can't attend (and you should have a pretty good reason) you will need to ask someone else you know to pick up your merchandise for you. If you are the only person in your district / region attending the Moot and you can't make it to the O-Day please email [admin@wsm2017.com](mailto:admin@wsm2017.com)

Please note: We will assume you will be attending the briefing in the capital city for your state. If it's easier for you to attend a different briefing outside your home state (eg people in Byron Bay who are closer to Brisbane than Sydney) please email [admin@wsm2017.com](mailto:admin@wsm2017.com) so we can make sure your gear is sent to the right location.

Apologies to people from Tassie and the NT – we will record one of the sessions and post it online so you can catch up on all of the info! We will also arrange for your merchandise to be posted to you directly.



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## PASSPORT INFORMATION

We need your up to date Passport information. Please log into your online registration and make sure your passport information is up to date, even if you think it is correct, log on and double check it! If you have not yet applied for your passport you need to do this by the end of April. It is not an instant purchase. Please see Newsletter 2 for steps on how to apply for an Australian Passport.



## TRAVEL INSURANCE

An important reminder that part of your Australian Contingent inclusions includes Travel Insurance for your time with the Contingent. It will cover you two days prior to you joining the Contingent and two days from you leaving the Contingent to cover you for your travel to and from Europe. Any additional travel you will need to arrange your own Travel Insurance. There is a copy of the Product Disclosure Statement for the Australian Contingent Travel Insurance in your online registration under the Travel Tab.

*"If you can't afford travel insurance,  
you can't afford to travel!"*

## PAYMENT

Just a quick reminder that your final payment was due on the 1st of April. If you haven't paid this yet you need to do it now!

Pre Tour Participants: Please be aware that if you are on the Pre Tour Bus C or D your "Final payment" in the system won't take your discount into account. When making your final payment please use the "additional payment" button and enter whatever the remaining amount is on your account. As long as the total "Amount Received" and the total "Amount Due" are balanced you're all good! If you have any problems please email [admin@wsm2017.com](mailto:admin@wsm2017.com).

Post Tour Participants: Please be aware that your final payment will not include your Post Tour activities as we have not yet received the confirmed bookings from KISC. Once your bookings have been confirmed we will add the total amount to your account – we'll let you know by email when this happens.

## QUESTIONS?

### Post Tour

For further information or detailed questions on Post Tour get in contact with Bailey [post-tour@wsm2017.com](mailto:post-tour@wsm2017.com)

### General Enquiries

For any other questions or queries please get in contact with Nicola via [admin@wsm2017.com](mailto:admin@wsm2017.com)

### Flights and Travel

Please note if you haven't already booked your International flights, please hurry as there are ~ 5000 people trying to fly in and out of Iceland with in a very short period so flights are either booked out or expensive.

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