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Dear parent/carer,

As I write this letter there are four weeks left before we go to the Jamboree! This is just a short letter to give you some recent information regarding money at the Jamboree and a few other reminders.

ID Cards

As you are aware, upon registration at the Jamboree site, all members of the UK Contingent are to be given a plastic ID card. This should be **worn at all times** for identification purposes. I explained at the last meeting how the ID card can also be used as a cash card, where Contingent members can pre-load it with money and use it to make purchases on the Jamboree site. Originally the site was to be a cashless site, however this has now changed and items can be purchased with cash, card or using the ID card.

It has very recently become apparent that there will be no PIN function when using the ID cards. The UK Contingent sees this as a security concern in that there is not a layer of personal security to penetrate if purchases were made using these cards. As such, the UK Contingent is strongly advising against using these cards on the Jamboree site, and to use cash or debit/credit cards for purchases instead.

Cash

It is important to be aware that the only currency accepted for purchases on the Jamboree site is Swedish Kronor. Undoubtedly, Contingent members will have some Danish Kronor left over from the pre-event, as well as some Pound Sterling. There will be a bureau de change facility on the Jamboree site where members can exchange these currencies for Swedish Kronor should they wish to do so. It is unknown at this time if there will be a charge for this. Cash can be used for purchases on the Jamboree site and there will be ATMs in the Jamboree bank for Contingent members to withdraw cash in Swedish Kronor. Please be aware that each ATM withdrawal will incur an additional charge of approximately £2.50. I expect there could be large queues for these facilities.

Card payments

Purchase payments using credit or debit cards can be made on the site. The following cards are accepted: Visa, Visa Electron, Mastercard, Maestro, JCB, American Express

Medication

Thank you to those who have sent me a copy of their European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) If I have not had a copy please can you give me one. Those who do not take a

card will still be covered by the insurance policy. However, the medical claim process will be simpler and easier with a card. In the last letter I explained that we have been advised that over the counter drugs are very expensive in Sweden so unit members may wish to take a small supply of aspirin or similar for personal use. It has been brought to my attention by a pharmacist that youngsters under 16 are advised to use paracetamol not aspirin, as aspirin could cause a serious reaction.

Reunion

Our reunion is Friday 21st October to Sunday 23rd October. If your child would like to be involved in this event please let me know by Sunday July 10th so I can book the accommodation and activities and pay deposits. The only cost to you will be buying lunch for the Saturday and Sunday. We will also be doing a parents presentation event to tell you about our Jamboree adventure on the 7th October at Nottinghamshire County Scout HQ, Linby which you and your family are invited to. More details to follow.

Our last meeting is at 39th Nottinghamshire Scout HQ, 200 Wigman Road, Bilborough, Nottingham, NG8 4AB, on Sunday 10th July, 10am - 4pm. A map and directions were given out at the last meeting. I am planning to hold a brief parents' meeting from 3.30 – 4pm, where I hope I will be able to give out final travel instructions and answer any questions.

If questions occur to you before the meeting, please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Scouting,

Ali Taylor.
Nottinghamshire Jamboree Unit Leader.