



Good Camping Guide 2025

Norjam has produced a guide to good camping practice, that we ask all contingents and staff to adhere to. We have put together some useful information and have also included some links to Scout Association and Girlguiding UK documents which you might find useful.

If you have any questions, please contact the Administration Team: admin@norjam.org.uk

This guide is provided to help you to prepare for Norjam Jamboree 2025 and should be read in conjunction with:

- All Norjam Jamboree Policies
- Norjam Staff Handbook
- A – Z of Norjam

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A message from The Chair of Norjam

"I have been part of the Norjam family since 2008, and I have held the role of Director of Media and Communications for three Jamborees.

I am proud to work with a fantastic group of dedicated volunteers who are working hard to deliver a first-class Jamboree for Scouts and Guides from across the globe.

Whether you are bringing young people to Norjam or joining our fantastic staff team, Scouts and Guides from across the world are welcome."



Camp Safety

With any camp it is important that it is set up, run and taken down in a safe way.

There is more emphasis on safety due to the increased risk with the large amount of people camping in one place.

We have a dedicated safety team, and we need contingent groups and staff to work together to ensure a safe environment. Please follow the guidance provided, and do not hesitate to ask if you have any safety questions or concerns.

As required by Scouting and Girlguiding, please ensure you have a risk assessment specific to your camp setting. Review and update it as needed, especially once you've set up your camp. The Scouts and Girlguiding produce a range of factsheets which focus on camping safely and where possible we provide the links; however please do check their websites too.

Girlguiding: Large scale events

Scouts: Safe camping residentials and outdoor skills

Tents and Subcamp Space

The space you will be allocated is based on your group size, but please be prepared for it to be a tighter squeeze than you would normally expect when camping. Your allocation will be approximately 15m² per head (slightly less with larger and slightly more for smaller groups).

Top Tips:

1. Do not bring enormous tents or marquees, make the size match the size of your group.
2. Only bring essential tents.
3. For Contingent Groups: ensure that you use all your tents wisely: maximise the number of Scouts or Guides in each tent and use porches for storage.
For Staff: Please bring a tent that is relevant for the number of people sleeping within it.

Your Layout:

Each camping group must ensure a clean easy route out of their site onto the main traffic routes. This should not be obstructed by guy lines or equipment.

Cooking areas must be separated from the young people ideally by placing a serving table in front so there is clear separation from the flammable elements and hot surfaces, and the campers.

Cook tents must be three metres away from any sleeping tents to prevent fire spreading if it occurs and must also be placed next to a fire lane, the subcamp team will advise position.

Party tents are permitted provided they fit into your allocated space and are erected to the manufacturer's instructions and secured appropriately for all weather conditions with ratchets and straps.

Gateways and Fencing

We encourage you to fence off your area with bunting or such like, not only does it look nice it will also deter others from walking through your camp area.

We will also have a small subcamp competition for the best gateway.

Respect Your Neighbours

Remember a Jamboree is unlike any other camps, and you will have to live very close to other people. Camping near others means that you will need to show respect and consideration for your neighbours at all times.

Top Tips:

1. Keep noise levels down, especially at night.
2. Be aware and respectful of any cultural or behavioural differences of your neighbours.
3. Become friends and support each other.
4. Remember **all** the staff on site are volunteers, just like you.

Health and Hygiene

This is one of the biggest priorities at the Jamboree, as it is very easy for infection to spread, so we expect everyone to follow some simple guidance:

Hand Washing is Important

It is imperative that everyone maintains excellent hand hygiene:

- Ensure everyone washes their hands with soap and water after using the toilets
- Always wash hands before and after preparing food
- Always wash hands before and after eating

Washing Facilities

Ensure you provide basic washing facilities at your site; this could be as simple as a bowl with hot water and hand soap available for handwashing at the entry to your site.

Scouts, Guides, Leaders and Staff will not be able to use the toilet facilities for full body washing or brushing their teeth. It is important that everyone abides by the guidelines. We do not want infections spreading throughout the site, and this is a critical element of that. No teeth brushing at the water taps. We suggest that everyone brushes their teeth within their own camping area using a mug and water instead of a running tap.

Toilets

The Jamboree toilets will work well all week only if the toilet paper provided by the Jamboree is used. If you notice that paper stocks are running low, please inform a member of your Subcamp Team and encourage your Scouts and Guides to do the same.

Please use the bins provided for any sanitary items and nappies. If you notice the bins becoming full, please inform a member of your Subcamp Team and encourage your Scouts and Guides to do the same.

The main toilet and shower clean of the day will be from 10:00 daily.

Showers

Please note that there are limited facilities, and we encourage everyone to only take showers when necessary. When using the showers, be mindful to minimise the length of time and to be respectful of others by leaving them as you would wish to find them.

Health and Hygiene (continued)

Infectious Disease

It is important to take preventative measures to reduce the impacts of infectious disease. Infectious disease covers a range of illnesses which are generally easily spread. They can be spread via person-to-person contact, contact surfaces, and within food and water. It is important that anyone suffering from illness seeks medical attention immediately.

The Safety Team and Medical Team will be able to support and provide guidance and investigate to prevent spread of the illness.

Most infectious diseases have a range of symptoms which vary between types of infection. General symptoms could include a variety of the following:

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach cramps, abdominal pain, loss of appetite, a high temperature (fever) of 38c+, chills, or muscle pain.

To prevent the spread of infection it is important that everyone adopts good handwashing practice and personal hygiene.

Help and Support

The first aid team onsite can help assist when people are unwell providing support and guidance as needed.

The safety team will also assist in providing support and dealing with concerns.

Cooking on Gas

The only fuel allowed on camping sites is gas.

You should not store excess gas on your site, with a maximum of 100kg per plot.

There will be the opportunity to order gas throughout the week.

Pierceable canisters are not allowed at Norjam.

Any gas appliance onsite being connected to gas bottles must be designed for use with, or converted for use with gas cylinders. All equipment needs to be in good working order with no visible damage. Hoses must be kept as short as possible but be long enough for the gas cylinders to be positioned outside the tent and therefore accessible for the valves to be shut off in an emergency. Connection must be by using a jubilee type clip, not crimp clip. Gas hoses must be inspected before coming to camp, confirmed as 'fit for purpose' and have been renewed within five years. If a fault does occur or damage is noticed, then the equipment must not be used.

During the event, checks will be carried out to ensure gas safety.

You will need a fire blanket and fire extinguisher; these must not have exceeded the expiry date and can be ordered and hired from the Jamboree.

When using tents for cooking they need to be flame retardant, of an adequate size for moving around in and have available exits for emergencies. Tents used for cooking need to have sufficient ventilation to prevent carbon monoxide building up from cooking.

Food Safety

This is an important area when camping. It can be more difficult to ensure food safety when camping due to difficulties at keeping food cold, effectively cleaning surfaces and storing the food.

The guidance below is set out to ensure good practices and safe food storage and preparation.

Purchasing Food

As you will be on site for a whole week, planning your menu and timing of purchasing food is important. Whilst there are no issues with purchasing non-chilled long-life products for the whole week, you should not purchase high risk, chilled food, for the whole week in advance. It would be advised that you purchase or have delivered chilled/frozen foods on a regular basis throughout the week to ensure that this food is not affected by heat.

Storage of Food

Ambient goods: These should be stored off of the floor, preferably in sealed boxes to prevent insects coming into contact with them. Keep in mind that during hot weather food will deteriorate more quickly i.e. bread can go mouldy and fruit can spoil more quickly.

Chilled and frozen goods: These foods need to be stored at their respective temperatures. Chilled, below 8°C and frozen, below 5°C (as long as it is used within one week).

The exception to this is if you are going to use the frozen food within 24hrs of defrosting it. An Ice Block Exchange is available at the Subcamp offices.

Cooking Food

When cooking meats ensure they are fully cooked. If using a probe thermometer, the food should have a core temperature of 75°C or above. You should not retain cooked foods for use the next day as this cannot generally be achieved safely in a camping situation.

Personal Hygiene

When preparing, cooking and eating food, hand hygiene and personal hygiene is paramount. You need to ensure that there is clean hot water available with hand soap and drying facilities. Hands should be cleaned before cooking, after handling raw meat and in between tasks. Clean aprons should be used in the kitchen.

No one suffering from diarrhoea or vomiting should prepare or handle food. They need to wait at least 48hrs after their symptoms have stopped before they start food preparation again.

Cleaning

Cleaning is an important part to ensuring food safety. Prior to preparing food all equipment and surfaces need to be effectively cleaned and disinfected.

The use of a surface sanitiser is recommended to remove bacteria. After preparing raw meats, the equipment and area need to be thoroughly cleaned with hot soapy water and then disinfected.

Clean cloths and tea towels need to be available throughout the camp duration.

Food Safety (continued)

Water Collection

It is important that we use our water responsibly and minimise waste.

Please bring with you water carriers, remembering the tap could be located far away from your site. It is important that the carriers are filled carefully to avoid spillages around the tap. If the area around the tap becomes muddy or hazardous please inform one of the Site Services Team.

Water Disposal

Water must be disposed of in the right way and in the right place. The disposal points are located adjacent to the permanent toilet blocks around the site. Therefore, we would recommend that you bring one or all of the following:

A bucket or two (with lids if possible) to carry the dirty water to the disposal points.

A trolley to help carry the buckets may be helpful.

A net to place over your wastewater bucket to catch cutlery and prevent drain blockage with food matter.

Please remember we want to avoid spillages as much as possible. If dirty water is spilt, please advise a member of the Site Service Team if you feel it could become a hazard.

Rubbish Disposal

There will be a number of rubbish disposal areas around the site, and these will be serviced daily at 5:45 in the morning to minimise vehicles onsite during times of pedestrian activity.

Fire Safety

Fire safety is very important when camping in large numbers.

Should a fire occur on a camping site the risk of it spreading quickly through tents is a major concern. You need to ensure you take the simple steps below to prevent fire outbreak and also know what to do if a fire does occur.

Fire Rules

1. No open fires, charcoal BBQs, pierceable gas cartridge cookers and lights or liquid fuel appliances are permitted.
2. Groups must have at least one fire blanket in the cooking area.
3. There are to be no naked flames in sleeping tents.
4. Cooking appliances must be positioned away from wall and roof surfaces.
5. Full and empty LPG cylinders must be kept outside in a ventilated area and must be changed over in open air.
6. No candles onsite.
7. Smoking and vaping is allowed in designated areas only.
8. No naked flames near gas bottles or pipework.
9. On smelling gas, immediately turn off all appliances, extinguish naked flames and raise the alarm.

Make sure you familiarise yourself with the Jamboree fire points and the evacuation procedures at the start of the Jamboree.

First Aid and Welfare

First Aid

As with any camp, the group leaders are responsible for their first aid; and should bring a fully stocked first aid kit. If you require additional support, your Subcamp Team will be available for you, and we also have a fully trained team and hospital on site for incidents requiring a Doctor, Nurse or Dentist.

Welfare

We also have a team available on site to support any welfare or mental health issues; please contact your Subcamp Team if you require their assistance.

Policies

Norjam has a number of policies that we ask everyone to abide by. They are all available on the Norjam website:

- Campsite Electric Policy
- Caravan and Motorhome Policy
- Complaints Policy
- CCTV Policy
- Code of Conduct
- Data Protection Policy
- Dependent Child Policy
- Safeguarding Policy
- Sexual Health Policy
- Smoking and Vaping Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Terms and Conditions
- Transport and Vehicle Policy
- Visitor Policy
- Welfare Policy

Important Reminders

Remember that all the staff at the Jamboree are volunteers and have paid to work as staff so that you can enjoy the Jamboree.

Some items on subcamps are personal property or have been hired for the event. “Trophy Hunting” or “Taking of Souvenirs” will be treated as theft.

Be ready to have a fun filled week and grasp every opportunity with both hands, we know a Jamboree is a really exciting place to come to, but make sure you get some sleep too !

Please note that the information contained in the Good Camping Guide was correct at the time of production – April 2025.