



INFORMATION
FOR PARTICIPANTS

**TO THE PARTICIPANTS
OF THE MARSNA JAMBORETTE 1993.**

The Netherlands, Meerssen, March 1993

Dear friends from all over Europe. Welcome to our Marsna Jamborette! We are delighted that our invitation had such a good reponse. We hope you will excuse us for writing this letter to you in English. Of course any language can be spoken during the Marsna Jamborette, but to avoid having to write this letter in several languages we had to confine ourselves to one language understood by nearly everybody.

You certainly will be anxious to hear more about the camp-site and the program. Well, the Marsna Jamborette will be held in Meerssen, a village in the province of Limburg, the most southern part of the Netherlands.



Meerssen is a very old village; it was even known in the days of the Roman empire under the name Marsna. Now you know where the name of our Jamborette comes from. Meerssen has about 20.000 inhabitants, and is partly agricultural and partly industrial. Who thinks of the whole of the Netherlands to be a very "flat" country will be disappointed in the province of Limburg. This province is the only part in the Netherlands where you can find some "hills" up to a height of 365 meters above the sea level.

You will find out that Limburg is a very interesting province to visit and that Meerssen is a nice and charming village. You may find all kind of old traditions all over the province and the village.

The campsite is a meadow near to a farmhouse in a hamlet just outside Meerssen. The campsite is situated about a half an hour walk from Meerssen. To reach this place you will have to climb a slight slope of approximately 60 meters. From the campsite you will be able to enjoy a nice panoramic view over the city of Maastricht, the capital of the province of Limburg.

In the camp each group will have its own area for the tents, a kitchen, a fireplace, etc. The area of the individual groups are bordering upon each other all around the central area with the main flag-pole, the meeting point, the playground and the arena with a big fireplace.



THE DAILY ROUTINE IN THE CAMP:

07.00 o'clock: reveille
 08.00 o'clock: breakfast
 09.00 o'clock: morning program
 12.00 o'clock: lunch
 14.00 o'clock: afternoon program
 17.00 o'clock: dinner
 19.30 o'clock: free or joint campfire
 22.30 o'clock: silence in camp

Please don't worry about this timetable. You will certainly have plenty of sparetime in which you can meet new friends!



You have already a short provisional program for the Marsna Jamborette. Here are some more details about the program which you may need for your preparations. You will however not be told all the surprises we have planned!

MONDAY 2nd AUGUST.

You will be picked up at the railway-station of Meerssen or Maastricht, the Maastricht Airport, or you will come to the camp with your own means of transport. You are permitted to relax a little bit and to make the very first contacts with other participants.

TUESDAY 3rd AUGUST.

You will build your camp furniture: e.g. a kitchen, tables, benches, etc. We trust to get sufficient wood to make this possible. A start will be

made for the permanent exhibition where you may show pictures of recent activities of your group, information about your home-town or country, or scout-craft or whatever you like. By preparing the exhibits please keep in mind that we are in a camp where the air can get quite moisturous!

In the afternoon we will have our opening-ceremony. Please be prepared to contribute an appropriate song. Afterwards there will be time enough for getting acquainted to each other. Late in the afternoon we will have a joint meal which will end in a big campfire in the evening. Do you perhaps know a play to perform or something else? Don't hesitate to tell us, any contribution is most welcome.



WEDNESDAY 4th AUGUST.

This morning you can visit Meerssen and do some shopping. In the afternoon we will have a workshop for everyone. You can show your products as a craftsman or talented artist. These are some of the skills which can be done:

- a. wood-brand: burn a picture in a piece of wood;
- b. leather- or wood-marking: burn the Marsna-Jamb sign in your leather belt or in a piece of wood;
- c. learn the skill of the Yakar (an ancient play);
- d. print the Marsna-Jamb logo on a T-shirt;
- e. make your own Marsna-Jamb badges;

- f. learn how to make your own ropes;
- g. try out some glass-scarving;
- h. learn how to do chalk-carving;
- i. learn how to play La-crosse (an outdoor game, popular in North-America, played with a ball which is caught in, carried in, and thrown from a racket with a net);
- j. learn some games from other countries: each group is invited to demonstrate a game or skill which is very popular in its own country.

THURSDAY 5th AUGUST.

Today there will be excursions and hikes; please look for further information in the special section Excursions & Hikes.

FRIDAY 6th AUGUST.

Today we are going to do games for the *JAMBO'S BOOK OF RECORDS*. We will do some New Games and we will try to set some new records. Every contingent is invited to come up with any record-attempt! In the morning we do our preparations and in the afternoon we can try to break some records.

SATURDAY 7th AUGUST.

In the morning there will be a relaxing competition of the sport "volleyball" with teams in which all nationalities are mixed. If you wish to, you might visit a windmill near the campsite instead, and learn all about how corn is grinded. The afternoon will be free for activities of your choice, e.g. swimming or shopping. In the evening we will offer you a special - still secret - program!

SUNDAY 8th AUGUST.

The morning is free for religious services. We plan to have a *Scouts-own* service for everybody to attend at the campsite. If you want to have another service, please let us know. In the latter case we will try to arrange an alternative service for you elsewhere. In the afternoon there is a visitors-day. Parents and other guests will come to see what we are doing. Your parents and friends are welcome, too! We will have the workshop (see 4th August) again this afternoon, so all the skills which you did not have the time for on wednesday you can do today. Perhaps we will have a big campfire with all our guests.



MONDAY 9th & TUESDAY 10th AUGUST.

Today there will be excursions and hikes. For further information please look in the special section Excursions & Hikes. On both days there is a possibility to have a shower.

WEDNESDAY 11th AUGUST.

In the morning we have a joint task, namely the preparation of the so-called "Breughelian party" of this afternoon. In the afternoon each group has to prepare a meal; not a normal meal but a meal for which your country or area is famous for. As soon as every group has finished cooking you can invite the other groups to try and taste some of your

meal. In this way everybody is offered the chance to try out several different culinary specialities. Everybody is invited to have a look in each others kitchen during the preparation phase of the "Breughelian party". Please prepare some handouts for the other participants with recepies of your favourite meals typical from the country of area where you come from.



THURSDAY 12th AUGUST.

Today internationally mixed groups will go to Valkenburg, a very typical town with a lot of interesting things to visit. There is a possibility to visit an artificial coalmine or a fantastic aquarium pit. Late in the afternoon we will have the closing ceremony with a fare-well party at the campfire. For diner we will present you something very special. For the last time we will unite in singing and chatting.

FRIDAY 13th AUGUST:

Today all participants will depart. Before this though, everybody has to help to clear and to clean the campsite. We will help you to get you to the railway station or the airport.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

HOME HOSPITALITY.

Some of you accepted the invitation for home-hospitality. Your leader will indicate in the registration form whether you like it before the camp or after, and whether for one or two days.

Some of you will have an opportunity to go home with one of your new Dutch friends. Unfortunately the majority will be accommodated with other families because there are so many guests. Please be prepared that one or two at maximum will go to the same family. You will spend evening and night(s) at your host-families home. Dayover you will meet your friends for joint activities of your choice. Together you will also have lunch.

FACILITIES AT THE CAMP.

There will be toilets and washing facilities at the campsite, separate for boys and girls. Please think about how to handle the waste water from your kitchen and dish-washing. You should also provide for something to keep part of your food and drinks cool during the day and safe from cats, birds and insects. You will surely understand that everybody at this camp is responsible for his or hers personal hygienic.

SHOPPING AT THE CAMP.

All basic food and drinks are covered by the camp-fees. However you may buy some sweets, additional drinks, postcards, stamps and some other small items at the campshop. If we don't have an article in stock we will try and get it from the local shops for you.

TELEPHONE AND POSTAL SERVICE.

We offer you a daily service to deliver your mail to the post-office. The nearest telephone-box is at quite a distance from the camp. For very urgent phone-calls we have a telephone available near the camp-site.



POST ADDRESS.

You may receive letters under the following address:

Marsna Jamborette 1993
c/o "Name participant"
Raar 46
6231 RR MEERSSEN
The Netherlands

BEHAVIOUR AT THE CAMP.

Baden-Powell once said:

"Try to leave the world in a better way than you have found her."

We think this is self-evident for any scout. We trust that you will certainly help us at the best of your ability, to leave the campsite in the best possible way. Nevertheless there is something we have to emphasize: the campsite will be transformed into a cowpasture after we have left. Cows do not know very well what to eat and what not. For example they may eat nails, pieces of wire, small tools, glass, needles and similar things and as a result of this they could die.

You understand that those things can easily escape from your attention. Therefor we demand from you to keep away from the camp everything that might possibly endanger the lifes of cows. Strictly forbidden are objects like: nails, screws, wire and ring-pull cans. Please keep this restriction in mind when you choose your equipment, when you plan your camp buildings and during your stay at the camp.

We don't have to explain why everybody should use the water-closet, even at night and during rain. We hope you understand that you should not enter the meadows around our campsite. With so many people on the camp it is further-more necessary that you should use the dustbins to get rid of your waste. We also think that "silence in camp" means just that, don't you?



We are all eagerly looking forward to your arrival in Meerssen for the Marsna Jamborette and we hope you will have a unforgettable time here,

On behalf of the Meerssen Group
Yours in Scouting,

James Mac Gillavry Rik Akkermans Marco Beijleveld Stan Schrouff



HIKE 1: The Limburg tour.

This is an hike on foot through some of the nicests parts of Limburg. You see how people lived centuries ago and how they built their houses in those times. On this hike you may see some rare plants and perhaps you will see some of the scarce wild-life in the Netherlands.

Costs: NLG 10,-

HIKE 2: The Ardennes.

This is a one day hike through the wild but very nice Ardennes, a big nature reserve in Belgium. This hike is for groups of four to ten people. Personal equipment: shoes with hard and rough soles and with shaft covering the ankle (preferably light mountain shoes), anorak, sweater, rain-cloth, small back-pack. This hike is definitely not for people on

tennis-shoes. The tour will take you up and down the hills of the Ardennes and across some fast flowing rivers.

Costs: NLG 15,00

HIKE 3: The Ardennes - Survival - ③ North
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This is a two day hike with limited survival practice. People who have no experience with carrying a back-pack for quite some time should not participate in this hike. The first day of this hike we will walk through the Ardennes and in the evening we try to find a shelter for the night. We don't take along our tents but simply use whatever we can find in nature. We also learn to use the various types of fires and will prepare our meals on them. We will practice "abseilen" from rocks.

This hike promises to be a great experience for those who never had an introduction to survival training. Those who do have some experience can bring their knowledge into practice again. Personal equipment: see Hike 2 plus: sleeping bag, good bag-pack.

Costs: NLG 22,50

EXCURSION 4: Sightseeing Maastricht.

This excursion will show you some very interesting places in Maastricht, the capital of the province Limburg. For the European Community Maastricht is a very important city: here the Treaty of Maastricht was signed. You will learn about the ancient cultur of this city. You will visit the famous caves in Maastricht. These caves are special because they have been created by men. Large parts of Limburg are covered by chalk. People used to cut out the chalk and built their houses and churches with

this material. Through the centuries enormous caves were created this way. Several people found shelter in these caves in time of war and disaster. In some parts of these caves you can see enormous paintings, drawings and sculptures.

Of course you will have plenty of time to do some shopping in Maastricht. You can "taste" a little bit of the so-called Burgundian hospitality Maastricht offers.

Costs: NLG 10,-

EXCURSION 5: Sightseeing Amsterdam.



Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands. It is known as the city with the numerous canals. We have arranged a sightseeing tour on these canals by boat. Of course you will have time enough to do shopping and walk around.

Costs: NLG 25,00

EXCURSION 6: The Dutch Treat.

A visit to some typical Dutch spots in Holland: see old houses, wooden shoes and windmills at the Zaanse Schans. Visit the famous flower auction in Aalsmeer; from this place millions of flowers are exported.

Costs: NLG 25,00

ALTERNATIVES.

In case of bad weather, we will provide instead of the hikes other excursions. The costs for these alternative excursions will remain within those given for the original hikes. If you have something specific in mind which you would like to visit in the Netherlands, please let us know and we will try to make this possible for you.

Please note that every group is free to decide whether they will participate in the hikes or excursions. Please let us know if you don't want to participate on a special day. You can register for hikes and excursions on the registration-form. Please return this form as soon as possible.



CHECKLIST FOR THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU

Camp-needs:

- tents for sleeping and storing of luggage;
- canvasses, plastic sheets etc., for the protection of kitchen and sitting area against rain (we hope to get some plastic-sheets for you, too);
- gas-cookers, camping stoves etc (we hope to get enough wood for cooking);
- kitchen equipment: pots, pans, bowls, water cannisters;
- tools: spades, saws, axes;
- ropes and lashes for camp building and flagpole;
- flags;

Personal needs:

- clothing for sunshine and rain (rubberboots);
- swimming suit;
- equipment for the hikes: shoes, anorak, sweater, rucksack;
- blankets or sleeping-bags and mattresses;
- personal plate, spoon, fork and knives;
- washing gear: towell, soap, etc.;
- regularly needed medicine;
- passports;
- music-instruments and songbooks;
- compass and other useful things;
- scout uniform;

Things to be prepared in advance:

- song for at the opening ceremony;
- contribution to campfire(s);
- permanent exhibition;
- contribution to the Marsna-Jamb songbook;
- possible contribution to the workshop;
- a national game which can be played with the other participants;
- cooking national speciality;
- alternative games and record attempts for the Jambo's Book of Records