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**To:** International Commissioners of NSAs\NSOs  
**From:** International Commissioner of CNE  
**Subject:** Information letter on World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon (WYD 2023)  
**Date:** 30 June 2023

**Dear friends in Scouting,**

Regardless of whether you are registered for WYD 2023 in Lisbon, we have news for everyone.

We are already rushing towards the great feast that will bring together thousands of young people from all over the world, both during the days in the dioceses and during the week of WYD 2023 in Lisbon. Many Scouts from our organizations are united and involved in preparation and delivering of this significant event.

This shows that Scouts is deeply committed to each of the local communities where it is implanted and an important reality of the Church in the world.

Considering the proposals at WYD 2023 in Lisbon, we also have some more information:

1 – We are still accepting, until July 8, the registration of volunteers for the check-in. These volunteers will pay a fee of 30€, with the kit, meals at UCP (Catholic University of Portugal) and overnight stay. The main need at this moment is for the week of 22 to 30 July, as well as weekends, where we expect a large turnout. To all interested, we leave here the link to the [Form](#) to fill in. For any further questions, send email to [voluntariosmj@escutismo.pt](mailto:voluntariosmj@escutismo.pt).

2 – In a very special way, we invite all the Scouts, regardless of whether they are registered for WYD, to participate in **the Scouts Festival on 2 August, at 2 pm**. In addition to being a moment of commemoration of Centenario of CNE, it is also a moment of communion between all the Scouts and Guides present at WYD2023. This moment will take place at **Quinta das Conchas, Lisbon**.

We are counting on everyone's presence! We also intend to have a live moment with the 25<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree, a way of living the Scout fraternity spread around the world.

3 – Regarding the participation of the Scouts in WYD 2023, we ask everyone to wear their Scout scarf, regardless of whether they are part of larger groups in their community or diocese as volunteers. The scarf is the symbol that unites all the Scouts in the world.

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4 – We also have available merchandising kit for Scouts, with a WYD 2023 commemorative scarf and badge. There is also a t-shirt, closely related to the mission that the CNE has - the Pilgrim of Our Lady of Fatima to Lisbon. You can find the kit on our website as well as the order form.

If you have any doubts about picking up your kit you can send an e-mail to [merchandisingmj@escutismo.pt](mailto:merchandisingmj@escutismo.pt).

5 – The CNE, in partnership with ICCS, will be present in various areas of WYD 2023 and we invite everyone to stop by to find out more:

- **Cidade da Alegria** - where there will be stands promoting Scouting.
- Presence of the **Pilgrim in the Church of Saint Thomas Aquinas**, where there will be a dynamic around the message of Fatima and education for Peace. It is intended that all those who pass by here sign a letter that will be sent to the world leaders, calling for Peace as a fundamental value for the development of communities and peoples.
- **"Pilgrims of Peace: the place of interreligious dialogue in the construction of peace. The example of Scouting"** to take place at the Ismaili Centre, on 2 August, at 21h. There will be a limited number of participants, according to the space to be made available.
- **Centenary Exhibition** at the National Headquarters.
- **Peddy Paper** to make Lisbon known to all participants, which will start at the National Headquarters and will also introduce Marcel Callo, patron of WYD, blessed Scout.
- **Rise Up** (Catechesis) animation in a church yet to be defined.
- **WYD Camp**, a camping site for Scouts, especially from other nationalities.

We are available for any further information you may need. We count on all Scouts to say **YES** to the invitation that Pope Francis has extended to us. WYD 2023 is an activity of the Church, of which we are a visible expression, where we are all very welcome. You can find all the additional information on our [site](#).

Yours in Scouting,

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