



MADAGASCAR 2018

Participant Application Form

You've made the decision to be part of Madagascar 2018! That's great! That's the first step. The next step is filling in this form. Watch for the fine print throughout the document for more information on what's involved.

On this first page, we ask for a lot of contact information. The reason is simple: we want to be able to stay in touch! There'll be all sorts of things emailed between our regular meetings: stuff that'll help you get to and from Madagascar safely and have the time of your life the whole way along. One important note, if you were born after September 1, 2003, unfortunately, you are too young for this project. Don't worry though, there are always more projects coming up every year. You'll get your chance!

Last Name:

First Name:

Street Address

City

Province

Postal Code

Birthdate

dd / mm / yyyy

Email address:

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

If you are under 18 years old as of September 1, 2017 (so, born after September 1, 1999), you will need to include contact information for a parent or guardian. We'll have some information for them as we prepare to go to Madagascar, so we want to make sure we can contact them easily. They'll also make up one of your emergency contacts while we're away, in case we need to relay information back to Canada (like flight delays).

Name of Parent/Guardian

Phone Number:

Email address:

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This next section of the application is the fun part. This is where we get to know a bit more about you. **DON'T PANIC.** This isn't a writing exercise, but if you find that you need more space to answer a question, feel free to attach extra pages. We want to know all about why you want to be part of this project, and what you're bringing to the team!

Current Scouting Role:

Group:

Area:

How did you hear about Madagascar 2018?

Why would you like to be part of Madagascar 2018?

We all bring different skills and experiences to a team. How will you contribute to Madagascar 2018?

What experiences or achievements are you most proud of?

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There are several different opportunities within Madagascar 2018. Please select any of the following that are of interest to you (you can pick as many as you want!)

Social Media

Fundraising

Program coordination

Construction

Logistics (travel planning)

Training

Quartermaster

Public Relations (e.g. Youth Spokesperson)

Please tell us about any experience you have in these areas (don't worry, this isn't a requirement)

Please list any training or certifications you have completed (e.g. First Aid, FOCUS, etc.)

Finally, before signing on the following page, there are a few things to read through first:

- The success of Madagascar 2018 depends on your ability to work and live with a team of others for nearly four weeks. The decision to remove people from the team, based on safety or security concerns, can be made up to the time of departure from Canada, and could also include arranging for early departure from Madagascar at the expense of the participant in the most extreme circumstances.
- Participation in Madagascar 2018 means being present at Contingent meetings and camps and the full duration of the trip itself.
- As payments are made on your behalf from your participation fee, that money is no longer available for refund in the case of voluntarily leaving the project, or no longer being able to participate. There are special cases where full reimbursement is still possible, such as medical or family emergencies.
- **By signing this application, you understand that living and working in Ambato Boeni, Madagascar will be challenging. There's a lot of dust in the air and garbage in the streets. Living conditions will be pretty basic and showers are generally dumping a bucket of water over your head. Food will be pretty different and being in constant communication with family and friends may be difficult. We're going to do our very best to get you ready to go, including sending out bulletins, having regular in-person meetings and holding two prep camps, but we all bring different expectations with us to a project like this. There'll be a few tough times for everyone while we're away, but this will be an unforgettable adventure.**

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Here we go, the final step: signing your application. If you're under 18, a parent or guardian will also have to sign your application. Your signature (and that of your parent/guardian) shows that you all understand the four points outlined on the previous page and that everything in this application is true (being trustworthy is part of the Scout Law after all).

Signature of Applicant

date

dd / mm / yyyy

Signature of Parent/Guardian
(required if applicant was born after September 1, 1999)

date

dd / mm / yyyy

And that's just about it! Now you just have to send this in. There are two ways to do this, but either way, it needs to be in by August 15, 2017. The first way to send it in is by emailing a scanned copy of your signed application to MADproject2018@gmail.com. The second way is by actually putting a stamp on an envelope and sending it the good ol' fashioned way. You can mail it to:

Scouts Canada – Madagascar 2018
1308-89 Forward Ave
Ottawa, ON K1Y 4M2

Next steps:

There are a few milestones when preparing for a project like this. One of them is when we've finalized our airfare. One of them is when the plane touches down in Antananarivo. The first one, though, is when you send in this application. Once we receive it and celebrate its arrival, we'll then send you the second bulletin with everything you'll need to know to get started preparing for this adventure.

We're planning to have our very first Contingent meeting on Saturday, September 16, 2017, so keep that in mind.

Finally, we want to be able to take everyone to Madagascar in August 2018, but space is limited. We'll get in touch with everyone on September 1, 2017, hopefully to let you know that you're in (because you're great. We can tell. You're actually reading this fine print). If for some reason, we're not able to take you this time, keep your eyes peeled for all the other opportunities that Scouts Canada offers so you can get out there and change the world for good.

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