



# Responsibly Towards Kajo





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# 1. Introduction: What is responsibility and sustainability at Kajo all about?

**Responsibility** is looking after the people and the environment around you. Responsibility and sustainability at Kajo are first and foremost careful planning and understanding the effects of organising the camp. These guidelines together with the Kajo Ethical Guidelines give everyone involved the opportunity to contribute to the sustainability of the camp.

Sustainability means well-being of people within the carrying capacity of the planet. This requires at least three types of sustainability:

**Ecological**, which means sustainability of the environment - For instance, decreasing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions.

**Social**, which refers to, for instance, equality and ensuring human rights.

**Economical**, which is, for example, careful use of money and materials.

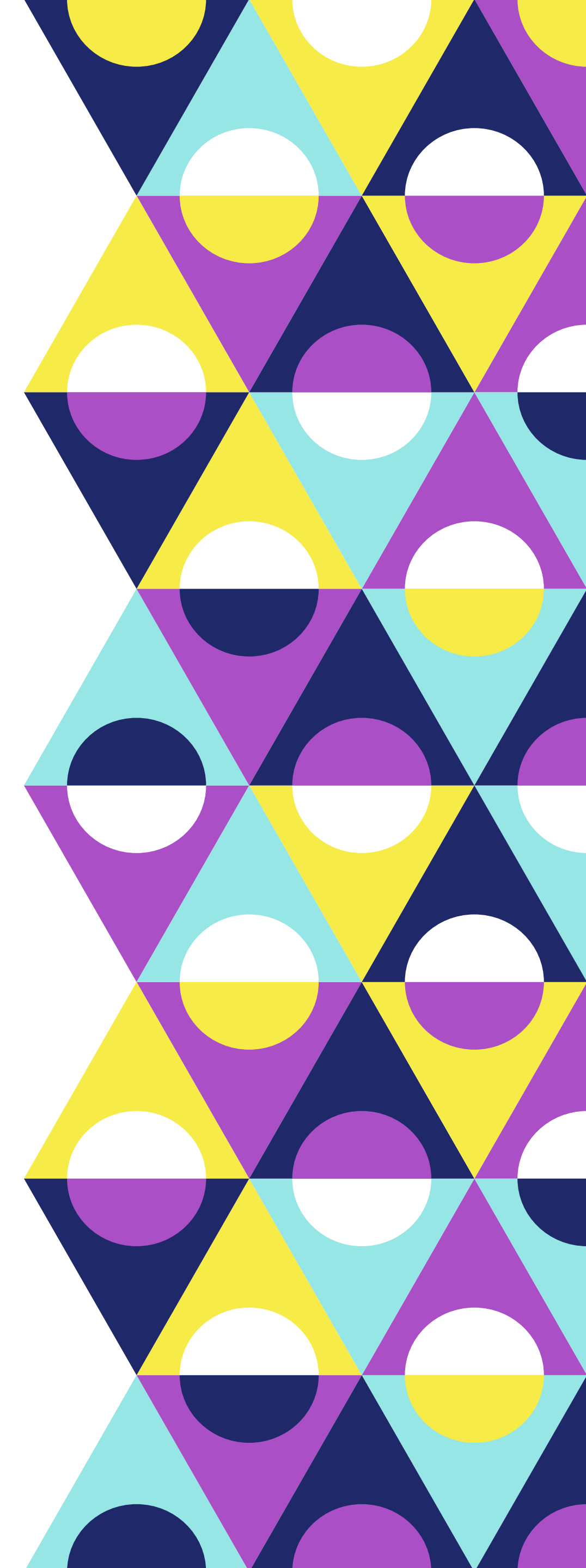
Ecological sustainability is the foundation for all responsibility. If we do not take care of our environment, we cannot have any kind of well-being. These three dimensions of sustainability are closely linked and can be utilised when considering how to make participation sustainable.

**Environmental sustainability.** Travelling to Kajo has environmental effects, such as greenhouse gas emissions. Group transportation reduces the amount of harmful environmental effects per camper.

**Economical sustainability.** Taking part in Kajo is an economical investment both for a camper and the local group. It is important to plan carefully and ahead of time how much money is needed for the camp.

**Social sustainability.** Kajo is planned in accordance with the Easy to Come Along guidelines in order to make equal participation possible for everyone. Kajo staff are bound by ethical guidelines. Local groups also contribute to Kajo being accessible for as many scouts as possible.

Each scout should be able to take part in Kajo without climate anxiety. As a camp, Kajo is **responsible for its responsibility**. We want to create new ways of organising major events in a sustainable manner and encourage our participants to make more responsible choices. We also want to be honest in admitting that Kajo will not be perfect when it comes to responsibility. Therefore, our work is being reported thoroughly so that others can learn from it and develop our solutions further.







## 2. Purpose of the guidelines: Who are these guidelines for, and why have we made them?

### Who is this for?

The guidelines are for the local groups to support sustainable participation. The guidelines are mainly for the local group leaders and group leaders at Kajo. The guidelines may also be helpful for an individual scout like the camp workers, for example.

### Why?

For Kajo, responsibility and sustainability are important ways of thinking. These guidelines are meant to urge the local groups to contribute to a sustainable camp experience. In Kajo, the camp organisation takes care of the sustainability of camp activities, such as the programme and catering.



### 3. How to ensure responsibility before Kajo?

Local groups can contribute to the sustainability of their participation in many ways. In other words, **together** we can make Kajo the most responsible Finnjamboree to date!

#### We urge local groups:

**1)** to plan group transport to Kajo as well as to the camp groups' preliminary meetings.

- By careful planning and organising, it is possible to make travelling to the camp sustainable both in terms of nature and saving money.
- It is important to also consider how the camp builders are transported. Let's not bring any more cars to Evo than absolutely necessary. Every carpool organised is a step in the right direction!

**2)** to carefully consider **the need for new purchases**, and whether renting equipment is a good option.

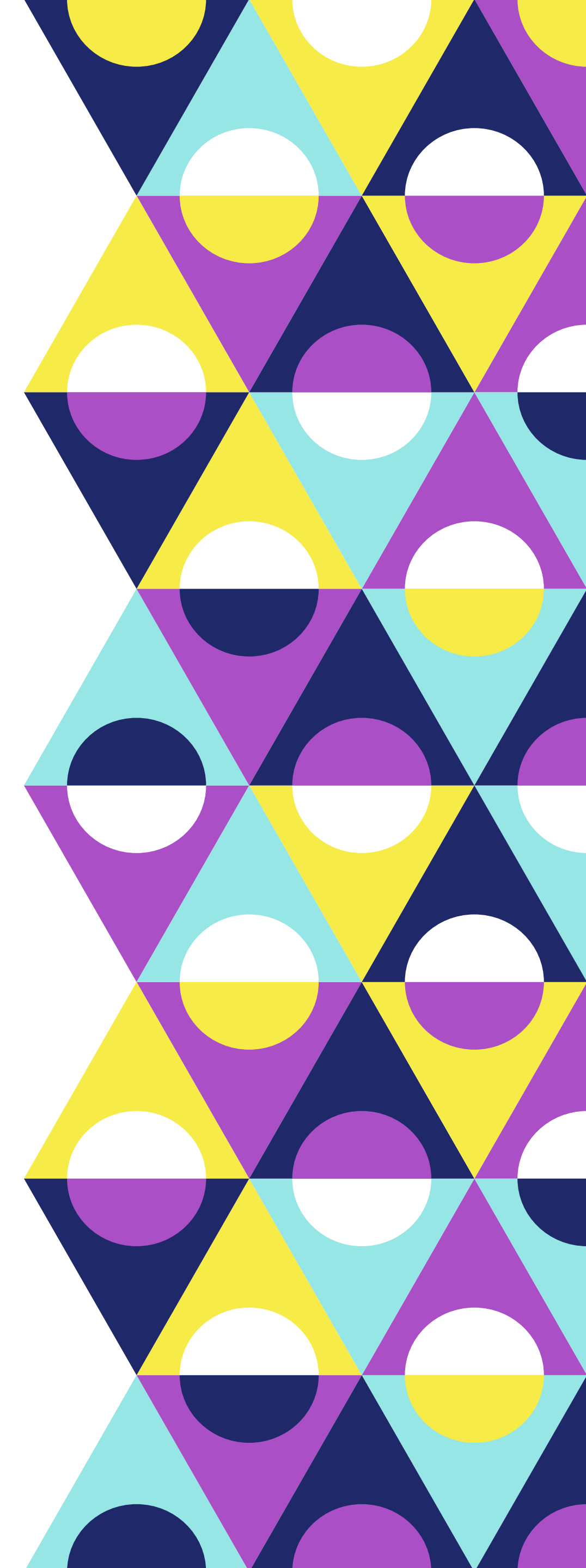
- For example, is getting new tents really needed? Will they have use in other events, too?
- Where are essential purchases made through? Does the local group need help planning the sustainability of the purchases? Kajo's responsibility work group is at the local groups' service!

**3)** to take into account the **whole lifetime** and reuse possibilities of the purchased items and materials at the moment of purchase.

- What is the equipment used for in Kajo? Can the bought item be used after Kajo? If not, why?
- Can the materials be reused after Kajo? If yes, how? With good planning, we can reduce the amount of leftover material and the need to transport it away from Evo.
- Can we, by setting an example and by giving guidelines, affect what items campers bring to Kajo? As an example, electric mosquito repelling devices can be alright on a trip with a couple of friends, but they make a big environmental risk on a camp of Kajo's size.

**4)** to make use of **loaning and renting services** to supply equipment.

- The idea of renting services is to reduce unnecessary consumption. Scandinavian Outdoor is one example of a rental service. Municipalities' youth services also often loan out equipment.
- Renting or loaning is not always possible. Nevertheless, renting or loaning should always be kept in mind as an option.



## 4. Responsibility during the camp

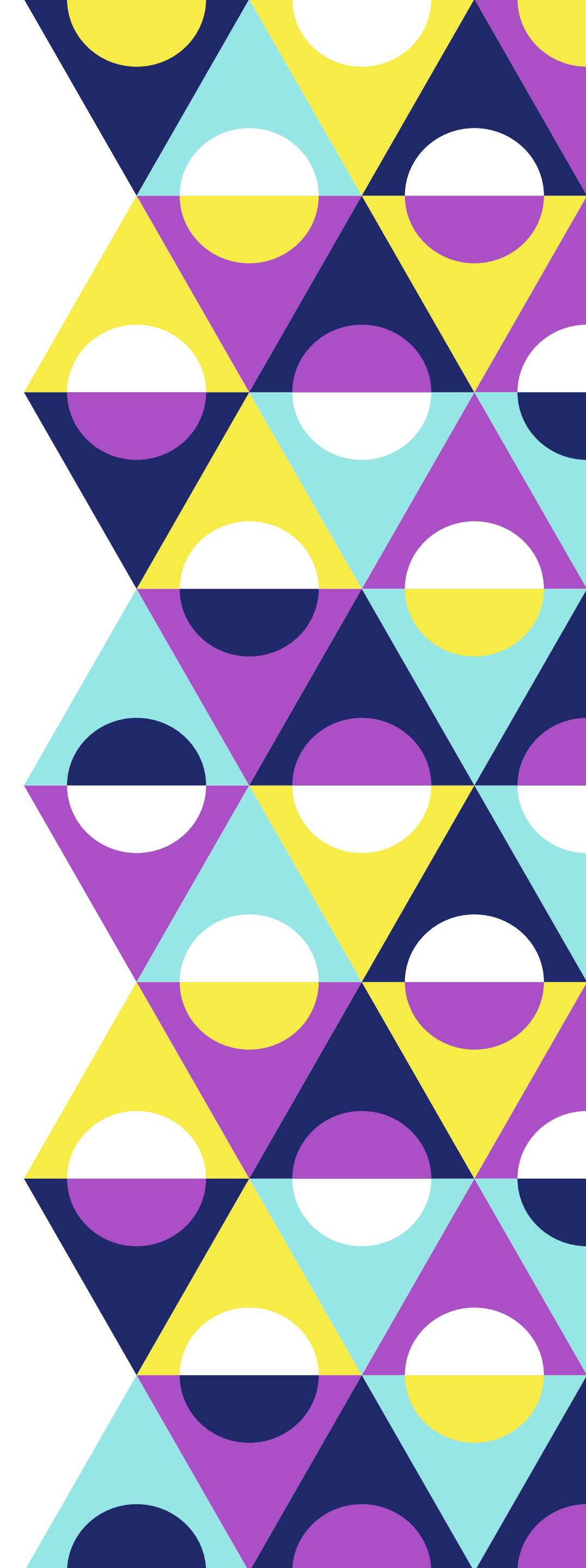
Ensuring the responsibility of common events, event valleys, catering and waste management is in the hands of the Kajo camp organisation. However, local groups' activity plays a large part in making the camp sustainable. During Kajo, the carrying capacity of the camp area is approaching the maximum limit. It is inevitable that 13 000 participants will leave a noticeable mark in the forest. Avoiding this entirely is impossible. However, together we can reduce the strain that is caused on nature.

**For example, we can reduce the strain on nature in Evo's vicinity in the following ways:**

- No new paths should be made.  
Adults should lead with example here!
- Using "tree huggers" with hammocks protects the tree.
- Not a single living tree should be cut down during Kajo.  
This is an organisational policy.
- Avoid using disposable materials, for example in a camp unit's own events. If they are nonetheless used, make sure they are recyclable.

**5)** to take only **genuinely useful** items to Kajo.

- Excess belongings will only grow the fuel expenses and make it harder to keep the camp grounds tidy. Even though nine days does feel like a long time, taking everything with you is not possible. Careful consideration for each piece of equipment should be done to make sure that they are truly needed.
- Can we leave at home the items we did not need last time? For example: does every local group need to bring their own buckets and tarps? Before Kajo, all leaders of camp units should agree with other leaders on what each local group brings to the Kajo with them. By doing this, no one brings things that are not needed.
- Everyone considers the importance of things differently. Someone might need three power banks and a laptop for their task, someone else an inflatable mattress or a large pile of crayons and a ton of cardboard. The most important things to keep in mind while packing are: **why** do I need this and **where** will I use it in Kajo.



## 5. A list of tips for responsible participation

With this checklist, you can assess the responsibility of your own actions. The point is not to check off every single section of the list. The **most important** part is to **steer the local group's operations into a more responsible direction while keeping the group's resources in mind**. The economical responsibility has already been taken into account during the planning stage of the event. Local groups can apply the points related to environmental and social responsibility as they promote their economic responsibility.

### Environment

- We do not use cars if it can be avoided.
- We make use of and arrange group transportation.
- We only make necessary and responsible procurements:
  - 1) Is the procurement necessary or is there an alternative option?
  - 2) Is there any other purpose for the procurement after Kajo?
  - 3) Is it possible to borrow the item so that there is no need to buy a new one?
- We take good care of Evo's environment during camping.
- Stuff that is harmful to the environment is left home.

### Social Sustainability and Accessibility

- We take notice of the participants' diversity and act according to the accessibility goals.
- We listen to the different views of life in the local group.
- We adhere to the Kajo rules and camp safety rules.

### Other

- Participants come up with more responsible forms of participation and tell the Kajo staff about it.

### Responsible participation is not a race about who participates most responsibly.

The most important part is that everyone participates. Together, we can make the most responsible Finnjamboree!

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