



Green Mountain Council, B.S.A.
National Scout Jamboree, 2010

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Dear Jamboree Scouts, Parents, Scouters and Friends,

We are now 513 days away from the Centennial National Scout Jamboree, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the founding of Scouting in the United States. The Council Jamboree Committee has continued to work hard to make this the finest Scouting experience for all of those who will participate, and there is a lot of information to pass along for this month.

Size of the GMC Jamboree Contingent:

You have probably heard that the Jamboree Committee decided in January to reduce the size of our contingent from three troops to two troops. Why did we do that, and what will it mean for Green Mountain Council Scouts who wish to attend the Jamboree? We had a difficult choice to make. Interest in the National Jamboree has steadily grown in the Council over the years. In 1993 and again in 1997, we sent two troops to the Jamboree. In 2001 and 2005, we sent three troops to the Jamboree. However, with economic times being what they are, and considering the schedule of Jamboree fee payments required by the National Council, the Committee decided that two troops would make the most sense, and would enable us to provide the best Jamboree experience for Scouts attending. We did not make this choice lightly, but it is the best decision when all factors are considered. This decision does not result in increased costs for Scouts attending. All Scouts who wish to attend this Jamboree are encouraged to sign up. If a Scout from our Council wishes to attend the Jamboree, we will find a way to make that dream a reality!

Fee Payment Schedule:

Please keep your fee payments up to schedule and on time! This is extremely important for everyone, since the Council is required to make ongoing payments even now for Jamboree expenses, such as the National fees, and for our various service and equipment providers. Here is the schedule:

January 15, 2009: \$250 (includes the \$100 reservation fee)

April 1, 2009: \$250

June 1, 2009: \$250

August 1, 2009: \$250

November 1, 2009: \$250

January 1, 2010: \$250

March 1, 2010: \$250

May 15, 2010: \$250

Arlene at the Council Office keeps an accurate record of all payments made, and she can verify the status of the payments that you have made if you are not sure.

Spring Popcorn Sale Fundraiser for Jamboree:

The Council Executive Board has approved of a Spring Popcorn Sale Fundraiser for Jamboree Scouts. You have each received a separate email about the terms of this fundraiser. Participating Scouts will have the opportunity to raise a substantial part of their Jamboree fees, even the entire Jamboree fee, through popcorn sales, depending on their efforts. You can also find information about the Spring popcorn sales on the Council Jamboree Website. If you are interested in participating (everyone should be involved in this!) contact Richard Stockton right away. This is important, so that proper record keeping can assure that you receive credit for your popcorn sales against your Jamboree fee balance. The popcorn sale will be running from March 16 to April 14, so we need to have you identified as a Jamboree Scout Salesman right now.

Status of Scout Sign-Ups:

As of this writing, we are almost full, almost 72 registered! Any Scout who has not yet registered is strongly encouraged to do so. We will be maintaining a waiting list, since we are still quite a ways out from the Jamboree, and there will be vacancies occurring, and Scouts will be asked to join the Contingent from the waiting list. The waiting list is maintained in order of the date and time of registration. The Scout next in line in time of registration will be asked to take the next vacancy that might occur. You might be asking, "Have I been selected to go to the Jamboree as part of the Green Mountain Council Contingent?" If you have signed up as one of the first 72; if you have your Scoutmaster's approval, and have not been subject to Troop discipline; if you keep up with your eligibility

requirements, and don't yourself provide a reason for disqualification, you are considered selected, and a registered member of our Jamboree Contingent.

Selection of Jamboree Scoutmasters:

Jamboree Scoutmasters and First Assistant Scoutmasters will be chosen following interviews that will be held on February 28, 2009, and we will be announcing the selections shortly after that date. The other Assistant Scoutmaster positions will be filled at a later date from among the candidates who have applied. There are an outstanding group of candidates for all of the Jamboree Troop adult leader positions.

How will our Troops be Organized? Will I be in the Same Troop as my friends from my Home Troop?

Troop organization will be decided by the Jamboree Scoutmasters, once they have been chosen. Generally speaking, there are no guarantees that you will be in the same Jamboree troop or patrol with friends from your home troop, and there is a strong likelihood that you will not be. One of the highlights of the Jamboree experience is getting to know Scouts from all over our state, and of course, the nation. Many lasting friendships have been made among Jamboree Scouts coming from different Districts in our Council. An important point to keep in mind is that even if you are in a different troop or patrol than a friend, the troops will travel to the Jamboree together, and camp in the same Subcamp at the Jamboree, likely in troop sites that are together, so you will have the opportunity to experience the Jamboree and all of its activities with friends from home at just about any time you'd like.

Jamboree Fundraiser/Souvenir Patch:

A Council Jamboree Fundraiser patch has now been ordered, and it should be available for sales in early April. It is a beautiful design, thanks to Scott Gover, and the patch will be much in demand for Jamboree enthusiasts and collectors. Proceeds of the sale will be used to defray Jamboree expenses and costs. Look for more information about the availability of the Souvenir Patch soon.

Rank Advancement:

You must be a First Class Scout to attend the Jamboree. So, it is not too soon to be focusing on your rank advancement at upcoming troop meetings and activities! If you are feeling that you need a little help with certain requirements, don't be shy in asking your Scoutmaster. He or she is there to help you learn and practice the skills that you will need to move ahead in rank. A big part of leadership in Scouting is knowing when to ask for the help you need, and finding the right folks to help you. Good luck!

Spring is slowly sending hints that it will be coming, and that means more outdoor Scouting adventures! Think Jamboree as well, and there will be more information coming to everyone again soon.

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