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**JAMBOREE BULLETIN,
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Dear Jamboree Scouts, Parents, Scouters and Friends,

Happy New Year! We are 547 days away from the Scouting Adventure of a Lifetime! Welcome all to the Green Mountain Council Jamboree Community. Our Council Jamboree Committee has been very busy for many months now in preparations for this great event, and it really is time now to “turn on the lights” and open up shop fully to our efforts to make this, the Centennial Jamboree of Scouting in the United States, the finest experience for all who attend. We will be regularly communicating with everyone, so that all are aware of the most current developments, as we build our Contingent membership, select our Scoutmasters and Youth Leaders, and get the Jamboree troops up and running. Here are some important information items to pass along at this time:

Communications:

You will find some mailings related to Jamboree, but most of our communication is going to be electronic. In addition to these Bulletins, we will send out any shorter messages necessary to keep everyone in the loop from time to time. So, make sure that your email address or addresses are current, and if you have a change let us know right away. Also, keep checking the Green Mountain Council Webpage for Jamboree information. Much more material will be going on the Council Website Jamboree page as time goes by, and we are planning to have content that is accessible only on a registered member basis, such as troop rosters and unit-specific communications, that will eventually be posted.

Recruitment and Sign Ups:

You have each made the right choice by signing up for Jamboree right away. Spaces in our Contingent are filling up fast for this Jamboree, and we have no doubt that we will be over subscribed for this Centennial Jamboree! So if you have friends in Scouting who have thought about Jamboree, but haven't signed up yet, encourage them to do so right away so that they are not disappointed! At

this writing we already have one full troop subscribed, and the remaining spaces will go fast.

Jamboree Scoutmaster Recruitment:

We have received a number of applications from Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters interested in serving as Jamboree Scoutmasters. Interviews for the position of Jamboree Scoutmaster will be held on Saturday February 28th at the Council Office in Waterbury. Interviews and selection of Jamboree Assistant Scoutmasters will follow selection of the Jamboree Scoutmasters. Any candidate not chosen to serve as Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster in one of the Jamboree Troops will still be eligible for consideration to serve on the Jamboree Staff, and many Green Mountain Council Scouters do so.

First Jamboree Payment is Due Now:

If you have been checking the Council Jamboree Information Sheet (on our webpage), you know that your first Jamboree fee payment of \$250.00 was due at the Council Office (GMC, P.O. Box 557, Route 2, Waterbury, VT 05676) on January 15th. Our Council incurs Jamboree expenses on an ongoing basis, including mandatory National fees that must be paid regularly. So, if you have not already done so, please get your first payment in. Scheduled fee payment dates for the next several months are: January 15, 2009 (\$250); April 1, 2009 (\$250); June 1, 2009 (\$250); August 1, 2009 (\$250) and November 1, 2009 (\$250) with additional payments in 2010. It is very important that timely payments be made, to enable the Contingent to go to the Jamboree.

Scholarships/Financial Assistance:

There is a limited amount of Jamboree Scholarship assistance available, through the BSA Regional Office. If your family is interested in applying for a scholarship, please contact Rich Stockton, our Council Executive, or Walt Morris, Council Jamboree Chair, for information. A detailed application must be completed. Scholarship assistance does not in any event cover the entire Jamboree fee. However, those having particular financial need are encouraged to inquire.

Fundraising Opportunities:

In addition to the well known and typical Scout fundraising activities, the Council has announced a special opportunity for Jamboree Scouts to participate in our Spring Popcorn Sales for both 2009 and 2010 and have the entire net proceeds of your sales be applied to your Jamboree fees. Through participation in Spring Popcorn sales, our Jamboree Scouts will have the opportunity to raise a substantial amount, maybe the entire Jamboree fee! Let's consider having all of our Jamboree Scouts become Spring Popcorn salesmen, the effort will go a long

way in terms of Jamboree dollars! Check the Council Jamboree Webpage for the details and guidelines for the sales.

Our Jamboree Subcamp and Its Location:

Our Jamboree Troops will be located in Subcamp 3, which is a great spot to be. It is closer to the principal Jamboree attractions and events (Merit Badge Midway, National Exhibits; OA Show; Scuba; Trading Posts) but also still far enough away from the action so that the Subcamp has a relaxed atmosphere. And speaking of action, we are located right across the road from our Regional Action Center, couldn't do better with that. Not too far from all of the aquatics venues either. The terrain in the subcamp is good, lots of high ground for when the rains come. We are sharing our subcamp mostly with troops from New York State, from Long Island to New York City to Buffalo. The Subcamp Staff and Leadership is excellent. Most will have worked in this same Subcamp at the 2005 Jamboree. At this point, nine Green Mountain Council Scouters are signed up to serve as Subcamp 3 Staff Members, so our Scouts and leaders will be seeing some familiar faces at the Jamboree.

Some Other Jamboree Info Items:

This will be the Centennial (100th Anniversary) National Scout Jamboree. Plans are for 43,000 participants. Here are some numbers for the last few Jamborees: 2005-43,000; 2001-42,000; 1997-36,000. 27,000 Scouts attended the first National Jamboree in Washington, DC in 1937. The largest Jamboree attendance at a single site was at the 50th Anniversary Jamboree in Colorado Springs in 1960, with 56,000.

It's not too soon to be thinking about personal gear and equipment, and trying it out. You may want to consider or try out a low cot (with aluminum tube legs, no wire legs); a good small day pack is a Jamboree essential; and good **Footwear** is probably THE most essential Jamboree personal equipment item. At the Jamboree, you will be walking at least five, sometimes ten, even twelve miles a day, depending on your choice of activities and the major events that are scheduled. It is hot, and you will need your feet to get around and take it all in. Start thinking about, and trying out, a good pair of light hiking boots, or trail shoes, so that you will know what works best for you. Sneakers will not do it. Sandals will not do it. Flip Flops definitely will not do it! Your feet will thank you for thinking of them, for sure.

Jamboree Fundraiser Patch:

The Council Jamboree Committee has approved the design of a Centennial Jamboree fundraiser patch that we hope will be available soon. More details

about that, and a picture of the patch, will be sent to you, once it has been finalized and ordered.

Council Jamboree Committee—Who Can I Contact Locally for Information, or a Unit Jamboree Information Session?

Here are our Jamboree Committee Members, and their Districts:

Calvin Coolidge: Bob Conniff; Mark Luttrell; Tom Ballam

Ethan Allen: John Coco; Bob Allen

Land of Champs: George Beach; Bob Thompson; Neal Haskell; Mike Pelletier;
TJ Jackman

Long Trail: Jim Coulson; Walt Morris

Maple Leaf: Dick Simays; Barry Simays; Dave McAllister

KEY JAMBOREE DATES AHEAD:

Fee Payments—Please pay close attention to the fee payment schedule in the Council Jamboree Information Sheet.

Jamboree “Shake Down” Training Weekend: All Scouts attending the Jamboree are required to attend the pre Jamboree Training Weekend in order to go to the Jamboree. This is a requirement imposed by the National Council. The training weekend program serves to pull our troops and contingent together, and to prepare the Scouts for Jamboree living, cooking, and sleeping, which are very different from most Scouting experiences. After extensive consideration of calendars and events, our Jamboree “Shakedown” Weekend is set for Friday, May 28-Sunday, May 30, 2010, at Mount Norris. This weekend was chosen as providing the least conflict in scheduling, given extensive past experience with any weekends falling earlier, or later on the calendar.

Keep checking the Council Jamboree Website for further information, and we will keep you posted with developments as we go.

Thanks again for your interest in the Centennial Jamboree; it will be the Scouting Experience of a Lifetime!

Walt Morris