



Green Mountain Council, B.S.A.

National Jamboree, 2010

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243 Days to Jamboree!

Dear Jamboree Scouts, Parents, Scouters and Friends,

November is almost gone, a very Happy Thanksgiving to everyone! All that we need to do is just think of the Scout Oath and Law to realize how much we have to be thankful for to call ourselves Scouts, to live in a land of freedom and respect for the rights of all, and to be free from want. Hopefully, we can all help others in some small way during this holiday time, to make a brighter day for some one who needs it.

We are just at eight months away from Jamboree opening day, lots yet to prepare for.

Jamboree Fee Payments/Fundraising

The next Jamboree fee payment of \$250 was due on November 1st. The total of payments made at this point should be \$1,250. There is still an excellent fund raising opportunity for all Scouts in the Second Chance Pop Corn Sale that has just been announced. If your troop is not participating in the Second Chance Sale as a unit, Mr. Stockton has asked me to pass the word that every Jamboree Contingent member can sell directly through your Jamboree Troop. Mr. Stockton will serve as the Popcorn Kernel for this sale. Please contact him directly at the Council Office to sign up, and for order sheets, to make sure that your Jamboree fee account is properly credited with your Second Chance sales. This really is a terrific opportunity to raise some more money for your Jamboree fees, especially with the holiday gift season upon us now.

Youth Leadership Opportunities

We wrote about this in the October Bulletin. Serving as a youth leader at the Jamboree is an awesome experience. It is a true honor, and test of leadership abilities. Scoutmasters Towle and Baker would like to hear directly from any

Scouts who are interested in Jamboree leadership, whether as a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe, or Patrol Leader. The Troops will be offering Jamboree youth leadership training. If you have participated in NYLT, or serve as an Order of the Arrow member, you know how important leadership is, and how important it is that we each step up to do our part. Even if you haven't served in a leadership position yet, and are interested, please be in touch with your Scoutmaster to check it out, and ask what he thinks. Contacts for the Scoutmasters are: Troop 328, David Towle: dtowle@rideRCT.org and Troop 329, Russell Baker, rusbaker@gmavt.net. Please send them a short letter of intent explaining what leadership position you are interested in, and why you would like to serve, no later than December 15, 2009. Interviews for Youth Leadership candidates are planned for early February, 2010.

Council Jamboree Shoulder Patch Design Competition

A key part of every Jamboree experience is patch trading. Whether you see it as just something nice, or you are crazy for patches, patch trading is there. And imagine exchanging patches with Scouts from Alaska, Hawaii, and all parts North South East and West of our Nation. For each Jamboree, we seek a Scout design for our most special patch, our Council Jamboree Shoulder Patch. This will be worn by each member of our Contingent to set us apart as "Green Mountain Boys" on the national field. You can see the fine examples of our past Jamboree Shoulder Patches by going to the Jamboree website patch gallery. We are inviting design proposals from all Scouts for our 2010 100th Anniversary Jamboree Shoulder Patch. Please send a copy of your designs, or a note indicating that you are working on one, to Mr. Morris wmorris@lyndonvillevt.net no later than January 4th. That will give you time to work on a design during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. There will be a competition, and a selection committee, with special recognition, extra patches, and Jamboree memorabilia going to the designer of the patch chosen. So come on all of you artists, help us out with the design! Thank you.

Jamboree Health Forms

We are getting more completed health forms in for Contingent members, that is great. Remember that these need to be in at the Council office no later than February 1, 2010, for health committee review and submission to the National Office. Please don't delay in making arrangements for any health check appointments that may be necessary, or in getting the forms filled out for any recent health checks.

Still Recruiting for Jamboree

Even now, it's not too late for new Scouts to sign up for the Jamboree. If you know of a friend in the Troop who has been on the fence, or who just hasn't

seriously thought about it yet, please encourage him to sign up. This is the 100th Anniversary Jamboree, it will not happen again, if anyone is thinking about the Jamboree experience, this is the one not to miss.

Parent Volunteer Corps

A number of parents have indicated that they will help with graphics, gateways, telephone trees, collection of Jamboree trading items/souvenirs, sewing, and food. We are especially in need of a parent or team of parents to serve as “point persons” for collection of Vermont-related trading items for each of the Scouts to take to the Jamboree with them. If you have not yet indicated your area of help, please contact Walt Morris via email, and we will be in touch. It is actually a lot of fun to work with other parents in support of the Contingent. Thanks parents, for all that you are doing.

Key Future Dates

Next Contingent/Troops Meeting: we are planning for another afternoon Contingent Meeting on either **January 24 or 31, 2010**, again at a central location. This meeting will focus on Troop and Patrol work and Jamboree preparations.

March 27-28, 2010: Jamboree Contingent overnight encampment at Camp Sunrise.

May 28-May 30, 2010: Mandatory Pre-Jamboree Training Weekend at Mt. Norris

More information about our upcoming events, and current Jamboree news from National, will be included in our December Jamboree Bulletin.

Happy Thanksgiving!