



Green Mountain Council, B.S.A.

National Scout Jamboree 2010

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Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia

JAMBOREE BULLETIN, JUNE, 2009

Dear Jamboree Scouts, Parents, Scouters and Friends,

Summer is arriving, and hopefully with it, lots of great outdoor Scouting activities, in your Troop, at Summer Camp, Frontiers Camp, National Youth Leader Training, high adventure treks, in Ajapeu Lodge, or just around home with friends and family. Believe it or not, we are closing in on only one year away from the Centennial Scout Jamboree. 392 days right now, and they will be going faster and faster. Here are key Jamboree items of note for this month:

Help us to Organize the Troops

Your Scoutmasters are right now in the process of organizing the Jamboree Troops, and assigning Scouts to each of our Troops (328 and 329). Please help us with this process by sending an email as soon as possible to wmorris@lyndonvillevt.net with the following information: (1) Your Name; (2) Your home troop number; (3) Your current Scout rank (includes completed Board of Review, even if you haven't received your badge); (4) the estimated date when you expect to complete your next rank; (5) Current Troop office, and a list of any Troop offices that you have held; (6) Do you have First Aid or Emergency Prep merit badges?; (7) Are you an Order of the Arrow member? Thank you, this information will help us a great deal in organizing our Troops.

Fee Payments

Each of you should be receiving a regular billing statement from the Council office, indicating where you stand with fee payments, balance paid and balance owing. It is very important that the fee payments be made on time, for two reasons. First, to help you keep current without having to worry about it, and to do necessary fundraising over time, rather than all at once. Second, to enable

Scouts on the waiting list to move forward, if there are going to be vacancies. The Council Jamboree Committee wants to make sure that every Scout who wishes to attend the Jamboree can go, regardless of financial circumstances. And that is definitely possible, but advance planning is definitely needed. We are still processing some scholarship applications and sending them in to the Regional Office, so if you are interested in scholarship assistance to cover part of the fees, please let either Rich Stockton or Walt Morris know, and we will send you an application. Thanks to everyone making up to date payments, and to all of you Scouts who are working hard with fundraising, and have participated in the Spring Popcorn Sale. You will find that those efforts will pay off in more ways than one. At this time, payments of \$750.00 are due and should have been made (for January, April and June 2009). The next payment of \$250 is due on August 1st. We will have a major payment to make to the National Council in July, and payments to some of our Jamboree service providers, so it is especially important that payments be brought up to date. Thank you all.

Is it Too Late to Sign up for the Jamboree?

No! At this point out, any Scout who has not yet signed up and wishes to attend the Jamboree is encouraged to go to the National Website and sign up. We are welcoming new applications, and encouraging them. You are not too late to go. At present we have a small waiting list, and we are confident that any Scout who wishes to go will have the opportunity. Even in the event that our Contingent is full up without any room, we are confident that there will be places available in neighboring Council troops in our Subcamp for any Scouts who would like to attend. As the old saying goes, where there is a will, there is a way. So, if you are just now coming around to thinking about the Jamboree, don't hesitate, sign up and join your friends who have signed up for this Scouting adventure of a lifetime!

Rank Advancement

Remember, all Scouts must have attained First Class rank to attend the Jamboree. Summer is a great time to work on those requirements that may have been a little tough to get done during Troop meetings, and to enjoy the process as well. Good luck on moving forward on your rank advancements.

Jamboree Medical Process for 2010

We have received a bulletin from the National Office outlining the process for Jamboree medical checks and forms for 2010. We are told that beginning on July 27, 2009, each registered Jamboree participant will receive via e-mail a bar-coded medical form that is for the use of the participant only, and cannot be transferred. In other words, we will not have extra copies, and it is important to use only the

form that you receive. Completed medical forms must be submitted by our Council to National Medical Services no later than March 1, 2010. Jamboree medical services will then notify each participant directly of acceptance or need for further review and approval. One hang up will be incomplete immunization information. Please note that specific dates must be provided on the form. If you don't do that and just write "up to date" or "has all immunizations" the form will likely be rejected. Also, height/weight limitations are also being closely examined for this Jamboree (body mass index within acceptable range, using three scales, beginning with the standard index). It appears that physicals for the Jamboree conducted from July 27, 2009 through March 1, 2010 will be acceptable to the National Medical Services. So, in scheduling Scouts' physicals, either bring the form sent from National with you to the exam, or let your health care provider know that you will be receiving the form, and would like to have the form filled out with information current as to date of physical within the established dates. We will be posting more information about the process on the Council Jamboree Website soon, with more details as we receive them from the National Office.

Parent Help with Collection/Organization of Jamboree Souvenirs/Other Jamboree Tasks

Parents, we need your help! And we welcome it, we know that there is a lot of talent out there. We have lots of volunteer "jobs" available, and will be talking more about that at the first Contingent meeting on October 4th. In the meantime, we would like to start a list of people interested. We are always in need of graphics people, for signs, badges, and most importantly, to design and produce banners for the Troop Gateways at Jamboree. Each Jamboree, we assemble a box of trading/souvenir/friendship items that is given to each Scout. In the past we have been very fortunate to have such items as pencils, pins, small maple syrup bottles and candies, note pads, wooden coins, and other items that are unique to Vermont that can be given or traded with Scouts from other States and countries at the Jamboree. Any parents willing to work on the souvenir box collection, or to donate items for the souvenir boxes, are needed and welcome to do so. Parents with carpentry or sewing skills are also needed. In past we have had groups get together to cut and sew troop neckerchiefs, or sew patches onto our Contingent neckerchieves. So, if you have a talent, any talent, in the way of these items, please contact us right away to let us know, and we will be in touch. Our Scouting families haven't hesitated in the past, and we are looking forward to working with you all to make this the finest Jamboree for our Scouts. Thank you!

Jamboree Patch Sales

We still have available a number of our Souvenir first issue patches, through either the Council office in Waterbury, or Jamboree Committee members. The cost is \$5.00. Lots of them have been seen on uniforms all over. If you haven't yet put the souvenir patch on, consider getting one, to display the Jamboree spirit

around. They are going fast, you won't want to miss out. Your official Jamboree participant patch will be provided at our first Contingent meeting in October. We will also probably be running a contest for the design of our Council Jamboree Shoulder Patch, so if you are into art and design please be thinking of a great one for our patch. More details on that will come later.

Jamboree Leadership

Here again is a list of your Jamboree Scoutmasters. They have all been working hard in their jobs, and you will be getting to know them well on the road to the Jamboree. If any of you are interested in joining them as youth leaders of our troops at the Jamboree, please let us know right away.

Troop 328: Scoutmaster, David Towle of Danville
1st Assistant Scoutmaster, Thomas Lague of Derby
2nd Assistant Scoutmaster, Richard Lederer, of Arlington
3rd Assistant Scoutmaster, Grant Baker of Monkton

Troop 329: Scoutmaster, Russell Baker of Monkton
1st Assistant Scoutmaster, Brock Quesnel of Orwell
2nd Assistant Scoutmaster, Anthony Gragg of Burlington
3rd Assistant Scoutmaster, Rob Schlesinger, of Monkton

Jamboree Staff Gathering, August 9th

A Jamboree Staff Gathering is tentatively planned for Sunday, August 9th at 2PM at the Council Office in Waterbury. Have you signed up to serve on the Jamboree Staff? Are you interested in serving on the Staff? Come to this first gathering, so that we can get to know each other and our assignments at Jamboree better. We will definitely have a session at the gathering on "Dos and Don'ts" for Jamboree Staff Service for those who have not been before.

Some KEY DATES:

June 1, 2009—Third Jamboree Fee Payment of \$250.00
August 1, 2009—Fourth Jamboree Fee Payment of \$250.00
August 9, 2009—Jamboree Staff Gathering at Council Office, 2PM
October 4, 2009—First Contingent Meeting, 2PM Location to be announced
November 1, 2009—Fifth Jamboree Fee Payment of \$250.00
January 1, 2020—Sixth Jamboree Fee Payment of \$250.00
March 1, 2010—Seventh Jamboree Fee Payment of \$250.00
May 15, 2010—Final Jamboree Fee Payment of \$250.00
May 28-30, 2010—Mandatory Pre-Jamboree Training Weekend

Have a great Summer, keep checking both the Council and National Jamboree Websites for further information. A little over a year from now, we will be heading for the Jamboree. Good Scouting!

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