



To rescue someone fallen through the ice, push a log under to him.

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183 Days to Jamboree!

Dear Jamboree Scouts, Parents, Scouters and Friends,

Happy New Year! Now watch as the weeks fly by to Jamboree time!
The Scoutmasters and Jamboree Committee have been working hard and there is a lot of information to report:

Next Jamboree Contingent Meeting, Sunday, January 31st

Our next Jamboree Contingent meeting will be held next Sunday, January 31st, from 2-5 PM at the American Legion in White River Junction. The Scoutmasters are planning to focus on Troop meetings, including activities for all Scouts to get to know each other better. We will also be focusing on providing much more information about living the Jamboree experience and how to get the most out of it. This will include a “Day in the Life of the Jamboree” presentation by Scouts who have attended the Jamboree. There will be a separate session for parents, and in addition to getting more information out, we will be interested in forming teams of parents who are interested in contributing to the Jamboree effort in various ways. We need a lot of help from everyone. For parents not familiar with the area, WRJ is a major commercial/shopping hub, all of the big stores and then some can be found just across the river in West Lebanon. Directions: Exit from either I-91 or I-89 at White River Junction. Proceed from your exit to “Downtown” White River. You will be traveling on Rte. 5, then combined Rtes. 5 and 4 northerly, straight onto Main Street in White River. Continue on Main Street, passing the Railroad Station and Courthouse on your left. You will come to an intersection with a right hand turn. Continue straight through the intersection and the American Legion hall is at 129 South Main Street, on the right hand side. There is a sizeable parking lot in the back of the building.

What to bring? Just come in uniform, a notebook for writing things down will probably be very helpful.

Foul Weather Plan for 1/31?

The long range forecast for January 31st calls for sunny, clear weather. However, if that doesn't prove to be the case, check your email for a message that will be

posted no later than 9AM on the morning of January 31st as to the status of the meeting. If you can't or won't have internet access at that time, call your Scoutmaster (numbers listed below) to check on the status of the meeting. If the weather is clear and sunny, there will likely be no message at all, just assume that the meeting will proceed as scheduled.

Is it too late to sign up for the Jamboree?

No! Even now, if you know of a buddy who has been on the fence and would now like to sign up to go to the Jamboree, it is not too late. Please encourage anyone interested to visit the National Jamboree website to sign up, or just call the Council Office to get the process started. It is definitely not too late to decide to go.

Jamboree Shoulder Patch (JSP) Competition

We will be displaying draft designs for Jamboree Shoulder patches at the contingent meeting on January 31st, and taking a poll of the most popular designs. If you have not already submitted a JSP design, and would like to do so, please bring a color copy of it with you to the meeting on January 31st. We will display your patch with others that have been submitted, for selection of the final patch design. Thank you, to all Scouts who have been working on a patch design.

Completion of Jamboree Health Forms

We are now on a serious deadline to get all health forms in and submitted to the National Health Service office on time. Please remember that we need to have completed forms no later than February 1st. If you haven't sent yours in, please bring it with you to the meeting on January 31st. Make an extra copy for your own records. Please make sure that your health care person signs the form where indicated, including signing or initialing the entry for prescribed medications. The immunization information must contain dates of immunizations. Any general entry such as "has all immunizations" or "up to date" will just be rejected. Thanks for your cooperation in getting the health forms completed and in on time. As of Tuesday of this week, we still had many health forms that had not been submitted. Everyone, except for those who have very recently registered, will have received their Jamboree Health form via email, with a separate email giving you the password to access and print out your individually coded form (you must use the one with your individual bar code on it, we don't have blank health forms to provide). The forms and the passwords were sent out to everyone last Fall, during September and October. If you are having difficulty finding and accessing your health form, please contact Richard Stockton, our Council Executive, at the office in Waterbury.

Jamboree Fee Payments

The Sixth Jamboree fee payment is now due. At this point, each Scout's Jamboree account should be indicating payment of a total of \$1,500. Please make every effort to keep payments up to date, we are now in the process of completing the Jamboree fee payments to the National Office, and paying for transportation, lodging and other tour expenses for everyone. Thank you.

Jamboree Souvenir/Supply Catalogue

A number of folks have inquired about the special Jamboree souvenir and supply catalogue that will be sent to all registered participants. The Jamboree Catalogue, with instructions on the code to order, usually comes out in late January or February in advance of the Jamboree. We will be checking with National Supply Office for more information on when the catalogue for this Jamboree will be available and should have some news on that for the meeting on the 31st.

Buying a cot?

If you are planning to buy a cot for use at the Jamboree, remember that given the size of the tents (Eureka 4-person Timberlines), your cot must be low, no higher than 6", and must have tubular, aluminum legs so that it does not punch through the floor of the tent.

Discount Uniform Purchase

Plans are in the works for a group discount uniform purchase (10%; no shipping charge) this Spring. If the plan proceeds, we will likely take prepaid orders through a date in April, with delivery of the uniforms at the Pre-Jamboree training weekend at Mt. Norris. More information will follow about this.

Spring Popcorn Sale

We are hoping to again offer a Jamboree incentive Spring Popcorn Sale for our fundraising Scouts. The Council Spring Popcorn Sale is scheduled to begin on March 16th. We will have more information for you about the Spring Popcorn Sale after our next Jamboree Committee Meeting, which will be on February 23rd.

Service in Youth Leadership

Scoutmasters Towle and Baker have received some communications from Scouts interested in serving in Jamboree Leadership, but they would like to hear from more Scouts who are interested in leadership positions. At this time, they are looking for Scouts who are interested in serving as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, or Scribe in their Jamboree Troop. If you

are interested in serving as a Patrol Leader, the Scoutmasters would like to hear from you as well. A discussion of Jamboree leadership is going to be a part of the Troop meetings on January 31st. So, if you haven't already expressed interest in Jamboree leadership, please consider it, and let your Scoutmasters know at our meeting next week.

Jamboree Tour Update

We will be staying in air conditioned dorm/apartments at Mount St. Mary's University in Emmitsburg, Maryland. The Mount is in a rural setting, just south of Gettysburg, cooler in the Summer evenings. There are volleyball courts, and a pool, we are working on swimming hours for the Scouts. Plans are for the Contingent to visit Baltimore, and attend an Orioles baseball game on Friday; on to Washington D.C. for Saturday with a Pizza Party back at the Mount on Saturday night; on to Hersey Park on Sunday; then on to the Jamboree on Monday.

Jamboree Visiting

The Jamboree is open to visitors beginning Wednesday, July 28th, through Tuesday, August 3rd. Visitor hours are from 9AM to 5PM daily, except for Wednesday July 28th, when visitors will be admitted after 11AM, and Saturday July 31st, when visitors are permitted until 11PM (That is the date of the 100th Anniversary Arena Show). Please remember that visitors are not permitted to be on Jamboree premises outside of the specified hours. And, while there are snackbars available, a Jamboree visit means a great deal of walking, so it would be best to treat it as a day long hike in hot weather, bringing suitable footwear, clothing, some food items, and water with you as well. You'll find it to be an adventure! If you are visiting, please also remember to let the Scoutmasters know of your plans, so that your Scout will actually be at a location where you can visit him! The Jamboree site is vast, and it is possible for Scout and visitor to be as far as a two hour walk apart if there are no advance plans to meet up.

Council Jamboree Website

Please look for updates to our Council Jamboree Website in the next few weeks. We are adding a number of postings to it, including a Jamboree Map, the Jamboree Daily Schedule, and the Jamboree Code of Conduct. You can find lots more information about the Jamboree on the National Jamboree website as well. We will have an important discussion about the Jamboree Code of Conduct at our meeting on January 31st. All Jamboree participants, youth and adult, have subscribed to the Code of Conduct, and violation of the Code provides grounds to be sent home from the Jamboree. So, it is important that we all know what the code says about our commitments and behaviors as Jamboree Scouts.

Your Scoutmasters are also planning to establish Jamboree Troop webpages that are only available to Jamboree scouts through your My Scouting password. More information about the Troop Webpages will be provided as we get the arrangements for that completed.

Advancement

Even though we are here in solid Winter, Spring will be coming, then Summer, and more outdoor Scouting adventures and the Jamboree! Remember that all must be First Class Scouts to attend the Jamboree, so it's time to put that extra focus on Rank advancement. Whatever your rank, with Jamboree coming up, it's a great time to make the most of Scouting, the fun and growth that it provides, and work on getting your next rank earned in time for the Jamboree. Good luck on your Scouting advancement paths, and remember to have fun!

Subcamp 3 Has A Name!

Our Subcamp is named "Niagara". Each Jamboree, the Subcamps are named, sometimes after famous explorers or famous scouts, or flags associated with American history. More information about the selection and significance of our Subcamp name to follow.

Subcamp 3 Staff Meeting, Saturday April 17th

For those GMC Scouters and Scouts serving on the Subcamp 3 Staff, a Staff meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010 at the Double Tree Hotel, Carrier Circle, in Syracuse, NY. If you are interested in attending the Staff Meeting, please contact George Beach, our Subcamp 3 Commissary Officer, for more information. This meeting is not for staff serving in other Jamboree areas, just for those who will work in Subcamp 3 itself.

GMC Jamboree Staff Meeting in Vermont

There will be a meeting for all Green Mountain Council Jamboree Staff, in all jobs, held in the Spring, in April or early May here in Vermont. That meeting will carry forward our discussion of Jamboree essential info for staff, and we will be talking about travel arrangements to the Jamboree and opportunity for Staff service at our Council Pre-Jamboree Training weekend on May 28-30.

Key Jamboree Dates

January 31, 2010—Contingent Meeting at White River Jct., 2-5 PM
March 1, 2010—Seventh Jamboree Fee payment of \$250.00 is due

March 27-28—Contingent Overnight at Camp Sunrise, Benson
May 15, 2010—Eighth and final Jamboree Fee payment of \$250.00 is due
May 28-30, 2010—Mandatory Pre-Jamboree Training Weekend

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See you on January 31st!

