



Green Mountain Council,
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Jamboree Bulletin
May, 2010

77 Days to Jamboree!

Dear GMC Jamboree Scouts, Parents, Scouters and Friends,

We are really closing in on the Jamboree now; Thanks to everyone, including of course all of our parents, who attended and supported the Contingent Overnight at Camp Sunrise in March. You have now been hearing directly from your Jamboree Scoutmasters, and here are just some supplemental reminders and news updates for everyone.

Jamboree Youth Leadership Selected

The following Scouts have been selected for Jamboree Troop Youth leadership by your Scoutmasters:

Troop 328:

Benjamin Martin, Senior Patrol Leader
Michael Fickes, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Ken Sawyer, Quartermaster
Scribe

Troop 329:

Kyle Boomhower, Senior Patrol Leader
Davis Stockton, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Jonathan Spaeth, Quartermaster
Benjamin Anderson, Scribe

April Uniform Pre-Order at 10% Discount

The deadline for the uniform preorders has passed and your orders have been sent in by staff at the Council Office, in order to assure delivery of your uniform items at our Pre-Jamboree training weekend. Thanks to all who participated in this effort.

Jamboree Uniforms; What Insignia are Required?

Several people have asked about this. The Jamboree Class A uniform shirt is organized the very same way that you would have it for your home troop. As part of the Jamboree fee, each Scout will be issued a special Green Mountain Council Contingent Jamboree Shoulder patch for each of his two uniform shirts. Each Scout will also be issued two Jamboree participant patches to be sewn above the right pocket of each shirt. Each Scout will also receive two sets of Troop numerals (328 or 329, depending on your Troop assignment) and if you will serve in a Jamboree Troop office, such as SPL, ASPL, Quartermaster, Scribe, Chaplain Aide, or Patrol Leader/Assistant PL, you will be issued two patches for your Jamboree troop office. Scouts and parents will not have to purchase these items, they will be provided at the Pre-Jamboree Training weekend. Each Jamboree participant will be issued one official Jamboree neckerchief upon arrival at the Jamboree. There will be no Green Mt. Council neckerchief. There is a site map neckerchief for sale in the Jamboree catalogue, but no official Jamboree neckerchief. Your Jamboree uniform must correctly reflect your Jamboree troop status. So, if you are SPL at home, but a Patrol Leader at Jamboree, you must wear the PL patch, and not your SPL patch, at Jamboree. If you will have no Jamboree leadership position, then you must leave that part of your uniform sleeve blank. Of course, you will want to include the universal emblem, your rank patch and any religious knot/arrow of light on your uniform, but you can keep your current rank on your shirt, those will not be issued as part of the Jamboree fee. If you are an Order of the Arrow member, you can wear a lodge flap of your choosing, Ajapeu lodge will be issuing a special 2010 Jamboree flap for purchase, and these should be available for sale at the Pre-Jamboree training weekend.

Still not too late to sign up for Jamboree!

Yes, it is still not too late to sign up for the Jamboree. If you know of a Scout who is interested, but still hasn't decided, please invite him to sign up. We have one Scout at this time on our Waiting List, and we are very certain that he is going to be able to attend. So it's not too late. If any Scout or parent has questions about signing up now, please contact either Mr. Morris or Mr. Stockton.

Pre-Jamboree Training Weekend at Mt. Norris

We have an action-packed weekend planned for you, to get into camping, cooking and activities, Jamboree-style! There will be plenty of food, and as you can see, we are now planning to have all Contingent Members complete their swim test (necessary to participate in Jamboree aquatics, including scuba and swimming) during the weekend. Our Jamboree Committee is working on the final touches for the program. Here are the details:

Friday, May 28th:

6:00 PM—ARRIVAL at Mt. Norris (Report in Class A Uniform)

6:00-7:00 PM—Tent set up by Troop and Patrol; Stowing gear

7:00 PM—DINNER WILL BE SERVED

7:30 PM-10:00 PM—Evening Program and Lights out.

Saturday, May 29th:

Complete set up of Jamboree Campsites; Troop and Patrol Meetings; Selection of Ticketed Jamboree Activities by priority; Cooking and Dining Jamboree Style; Swim tests at Johnson State College Pool; Selection of Jamboree Patrol Leaders; Participation in Jamboree Subcamp Activities and Games; Youth Protection Training (for those who did not attend Sunrise Overnight in March); Jamboree Youth Leadership Investiture Ceremony; Campfire and Crackerbarrel.

Sunday, May 30th:

7:00 AM—Reveille

8:00 AM—Breakfast and clean up; Church Service

9:00-11:00—Strike Camp and Pack all items for transit to Jamboree

11:30—Final Assembly, followed by dismissal and distribution of issued Jamboree items, including insignia, Jamboree Shoulder patches, duffel, hat, tshirt, jacket, Jamboree Uniform pre-ordered items. Extra patches and OA Jamboree Lodge Flaps will be available for purchase at this time as well.

Dismissal time on Sunday will depend on how well we have proceeded with striking camp and packing all of our Jamboree equipment up.

This is a mandatory-attendance training weekend, as required by the National Office, and the Council Jamboree Committee chose the dates as the weekend that least conflicts with all of the other activities that usually occur at this time of year. Each Scout must participate in order to attend the Jamboree. Please contact your Scoutmasters if you have any particular or extraordinary scheduling needs.

What do I need to bring to the Pre-jamboree Training Weekend?

Prepare as you would for a troop weekend campout. Remember that Mt. Norris is in a cold weather belt, so while it can be beautiful and warm, it can be snowing at the end of May. Watch the weather forecast, and Be Prepared.

Items to Bring:

Pack or duffle

Small day pack

Sleeping Bag (cold weather bag)

Your Jamboree cot, or sleeping pads (thermarest, etc.) (remember your Jamboree cot must have a tubular bottom, no wires or posts, and be six inches or less high)

Rain Jacket and Hat

A winter coat/jacket

Gloves

Class A uniform, including Scout shorts or pants.

Changes of clothing, including underwear and socks.

An eating utensil kit (fork, knife and spoon) (These will not be provided, you will need them to eat).

Bathing suit/towel (for swim test)

Toothbrush/toothpaste/toiletries

A water bottle

Sturdy shoes/hiking boots

Flashlight or headlamp

Medicines

Insect repellent (no aerosols)

Any patrol flag designs/materials if you have decided to put your patrol flag together

Scout handbook.

Jamboree Catalogue Sales

The National Jamboree Catalogue is the best option for souvenir purchase ahead of the Jamboree, to assure availability. If you order through the catalogue, you will have the items well before departure, and there will be no need to have to carry the items home. Remember that the catalogue sales are available through June 25th only, after which all purchases must be made at the Jamboree.

Jamboree Parent Support Team

We have a terrific Jamboree Parent Support Team, and we thank you all for the help and contributions of food and other essential Jamboree items that you have made to our events, especially for the crackerbarrel at the Sunrise overnight. We already have some great ideas and contributions planned for our May weekend at

Mt. Norris, and we thank all of you who have become a part of this effort. You are welcome to join in! We are still in need of Jamboree souvenir trading items, to put together a bag of trading items for each Jamboree Scout to bring with him to the Jamboree. If you can make contributions of any small Vermont-related items, pencils, stickers, pins, patches, candies, etc. anything that is a memento, please bring them to registration at the Pre-Jamboree Training weekend at Mt. Norris, we are collecting them and will be preparing a bag of trading items for each Scout. Carrie Wolcott is coordinating the collection, sorting and preparation of the trading items. Thanks so much for all of your help, we know that we couldn't do any of it without each one of you!

Jamboree Departure Plans for Thursday July 22, 2010

Our tentative plan is to have two Jamboree departure locations, Montpelier and Rutland. In past Jamborees, our locations have been the High Schools in each City. We haven't confirmed the exact locations yet. Tentative time of departure from Montpelier will be 7:30 AM; departure from Rutland at 9:30 AM. Please plan to arrive well before those times at your chosen location, so that the buses can leave right on time. As we get closer to the departure date, your Scoutmasters will want to have a list of Scouts from each troop who will board at each location, and we ask that you stick with your chosen location to assist with quick boarding of the buses on July 22nd. For the return trip home on August 4th, we have requested a Jamboree departure time of 7:00 AM. However, we don't know if that is a firm time at this point. Judging from past experience, our buses will arrive back in Montpelier on the evening of August 4th between 10:30-11:30 PM after having stopped in Rutland about 2 hours before that. More information about both departure and return home times as we get closer.

Hometown News Correspondents Wanted!

This Jamboree, it is easier than ever to sign up for and serve as a Hometown News Correspondent. If you are interested in writing, reporting, and journalism, this is for you! Go to www.bsa.jamboree.org Under Navigation, click on Activities, then click on Hometown News. You can then register directly as a Correspondent. You will probably need to partner up with a local news outlet, lots of our Scouts work with their community weekly papers, check to see all of your options. These will include Podcasting and Television reporting. There are many benefits to serving as a Hometown News correspondent, including the opportunity to work with some of the best adult leaders who are career journalists, and to interview some of the many celebrity visitors who are in attendance at the Jamboree each day. There is no limit on the number of Scouts who may sign up to serve as Correspondents from each troop.

Alumni Day at the Jamboree

Scouting alumni are all invited to participate in a special 100th Anniversary Alumni Day at the Jamboree, on Friday, July 30, 2010. A gathering of all Scouting alumni will be held in the Jamboree Arena at 1:00 PM that date, with a special show, and picnic for participants (food available for purchase). The announcement says that participants will be eligible to earn a patch for the event. More information about Alumni Day at the Jamboree is available on the National Jamboree Website.

Visiting the Jamboree

Jamboree visitor days begin on Wednesday, July 28, and continue through Tuesday, August 3. Visiting hours are 9AM to 5PM, with the following exceptions: Wednesday, July 28: **11AM** to 5PM; Saturday, July 31, 9AM to **11PM**.

Rank Advancement

Please remember that you must have earned your First Class Rank to attend the Jamboree, there are no exceptions. So, if you are close, set your sites on getting there well before Jamboree time, to save yourself from unnecessary worries. Talk with your Scoutmaster at your very next Troop meeting if you have items remaining to complete for First Class. Make sure that he or she knows about your need to complete First Class in time for the Jamboree. Good Luck!

Jamboree Code of Conduct/Responsibility for Damages

At our Contingent Meeting in January, we all reviewed the Jamboree Code of Conduct together, and we will be doing so again at Mt. Norris. This is so very important for each of us, and for the Scouting movement that we are all a part of. As we travel to the Jamboree and back, and certainly at the Jamboree, we are living examples of what it means to be a Scout, not only when we realize that people are looking, but especially when we are not even aware that we are “on stage”. For our own self respect, and certainly for all Scouts and Scouting families, it is important that we truly be our best at all times. And this would mean not only conducting ourselves honorably at all times, but certainly not engaging in conduct that brings any harm to other people or their property. The Green Mountain Council has always been fortunate to have Jamboree Scouts that are a true credit to themselves, their families and their communities. Keep in mind that if any damage is done by any Jamboree Scout to others’ property, especially the buses, the places that we stay overnight, and the places that we visit, or to Jamboree equipment such as tents, tables or kitchen items, that it will be the responsibility of the Scout and his parents to make payment for any damage done. A bill for any damages will be sent directly to the Scout’s parents should this be the case. Based upon past experience, this will not be an issue for us, but it is

important to mention this important aspect of Scout conduct, to make sure that everyone has a terrific Jamboree experience.

Green Mountain Council Staff at the Jamboree

At this time, we will have 10 Green Mountain Council Staffers in Subcamp 3, including the Commissary Officer, Post Master, Transportation Officer, one of the Subcamp Commissioners, and others working in Commissary and Health Services. We also will have a number of Staffers in the Northeast Region Action Center, and working on the National Staff as well. So, don't be surprised if you see some familiar faces in your Jamboree rounds among the 30,000 plus citizens of Jamboree City!

Next Jamboree Bulletin

The next Jamboree Bulletin will be issued just before the May 28-30 Pre-Jamboree Training weekend, following our Next Council Jamboree Committee meeting on Tuesday May 18th. So, you will have the most current information as to important Jamboree dates, times, and activities. In the meantime, please keep checking the Council and National Jamboree Websites for any updates.