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COUNCIL CHECKLIST: WHERE DO YOU STAND?

Should Already Be Done

- Returned kosher menu requests by February 15, 2005. (See **October 2004** Bulletin.)
- Paid third and final jamboree fee by February 1, 2005.
- Collected all final fees from participants.
- Made individual calls to Scouts who indicated an interest in attending to fill vacancies caused by Scouts needing to drop out.*
- Ordered equipment packages from Supply Division.
- Contacted your regional jamboree coordinator in writing regarding hosting international Scouts.
- Ordered council shoulder insignia.
- Ordered custom unit numeral.
- Conducted the troop junior leader training in early 2005.
- Finalized and cross-checked all tour plans by January 31, 2005.
- Established a PAS event for the jamboree (council registrar). (See **August 2004** Bulletin.)
- Returned Troop Transportation Advisory form for arrival at Fort A.P. Hill to Jamboree Transportation Services, S420, no later than January 31, 2005.

In Progress

- Promote participation in the Arts and Science contest.
- Promote the Hometown News correspondents opportunity.
- Earn the 2005 National Scout Jamboree Emergency Preparedness Award by July 1, 2005.
- Hold monthly committee meetings.
- Schedule the troop prejamboree training campout for late May 2005.
- Order jamboree troop flags from Supply Division by May 1, 2005.
- Distribute medical forms, which are due back to the jamboree medical officer by May 1, 2005, for final approval. Original forms must be mailed (in bulk) to:
Boy Scouts of America
Jamboree Medical Officer, S212
1325 West Walnut Hill Lane
P.O. Box 152079
Irving, TX 75015-2079
- Return Staff Transportation Advisory form for arrival at Fort A.P. Hill to Jamboree Transportation Services, S203, no later than March 31, 2005.

Next 30 Days

- Plan a distinctive gateway for your troop site(s)

*The 2005 National Scout Jamboree is sold out; ongoing council promotion is only to fill existing council troops.

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

The jamboree Food Service does not have the capability of satisfying all of the many special dietary needs of those attending the jamboree. If you have special food needs because of medical restrictions, you should first advise the jamboree chief medical officer of your situation and ascertain that you are eligible to attend the jamboree.

After medical permission is granted, or if your own special dietary needs are of a religious nature other than kosher, you should plan to make your own arrangements for the satisfaction of that need. You can do this by bringing a supply of nonperishable food with you, much as you would with medicine. You can also buy food at local supermarkets in Bowling Green or Fredericksburg, Virginia.

STAFF FEES SHOULD BE PAID IN FULL

Just a reminder: Your jamboree staff fee may be paid by Visa, MasterCard, and/or Discover by completing the bottom portion of the fee transmittal form, signing it, and mailing it to the address on the form or by faxing it to 972-580-7811. The transmittal form may be found at www.scouting.org/jamboree/forms.html.

The staff fee for adults staying on-site is \$595 and \$295 for youth staff members.

STAFF TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY

Staff members must complete and return the staff transportation advisory. It was due March 31, 2005. If you have not sent in a form, please download the form at www.scouting.org/jamboree/forms.html and fax it to 972-580-7811.

JAMBOREE UNIFORM UPDATE

The jamboree identification card, kiosk lunch tickets, and staff dining hall passes issued to jamboree participants and staff members are an official part of the 2005 National Scout Jamboree uniform. The items are to be worn by all jamboree Scouts, leaders, and staff members on their official jamboree lanyard. This applies to both the official jamboree uniform and the jamboree activity uniform.

A Scout, leader, or staff member is out of uniform if these items are not worn.

JAMBOREE MEDICAL FORMS

Health and Safety Service is getting hundreds of medical forms each day. The deadline to have all the medical forms to the national office is May 1, 2005. We realize that some will be coming in late for different reasons; however, please send them to the jamboree medical officer as soon as possible. We have a process of printing bar-coded labels, checking people off in the system, and scanning each

form. This all takes time and we are working very hard to ensure that the thousands of medical forms are processed in plenty of time before the jamboree begins.

Please remember that we DO want the original form, and we will not accept a copy (keep a copy for your own records). If you have a medical alert, please send it to us right away. Even though the deadline was February 1, 2005, we are still accepting the late arrivals.

Just a reminder:

- Please do not fold, staple, or TEAR the medical forms.
- If you have any questions, contact your staff leader or your council.
- Immunizations are clearly marked as to what is required and what is requested.
- The deadline for councils, regions, and staff members to get medical forms to the jamboree medical officer is May 1, 2005.
- Please make sure that at least your doctor's name, address, and phone numbers are clearly written on the medical form.

We look forward to seeing you at the jamboree.

STAFF NEEDED

Volunteer staff members are still needed in the action centers and in the regional subcamps to run program and support services. Because Fort A.P. Hill is such a big jamboree site, there will be four action centers, one at each regional site. Each action center will offer identical program events. We are looking for volunteers to staff the various activities:

Action Alley

Action alley is a full obstacle course with a zip line. Although most Scouts will be able to complete the course successfully, only those who are more physically fit will be able to post the best times.

Archery

Jamboree participants who visit the archery range will enjoy shooting with the latest in target-shooting equipment. Participants also will receive instruction in safety techniques for this exciting sport. The archery ranges are designed to accommodate 40 archers at one time.

Bikathlon

In the bikathlon, competitors ride specially geared mountain bikes cross-country. At designated stations, the Scout will be required to target-shoot air rifles. As in the modern Olympic biathlon, success in the bikathlon is measured in riding times and shooting scores.

Confidence Course

The confidence course is designed to promote and reinforce the participants' confidence, physical and mental awareness, endurance, fun, and competition. The course includes a series of "low course" COPE activities. This is a team event participants should plan to attend as a patrol of six to eight members.

Mountain Boarding

Cruising down a hill or dirt road, mountain boarding feels like a cross between snowboarding and wakeboarding. Mountain boards come in all shapes, sizes, and weights and are designed to be matched up with riders based on weight. Smaller riders generally have smaller boards, and bigger riders have bigger boards. With pads on and helmet strapped, participants will be ready to tackle the grassy hill of Fort A.P. Hill. This event is brought to the jamboree by the action centers administration. It will be available only on Thomas Road.

Rappelling Tower

This artificial mountain will allow participants to rappel (descend using ropes) a vertical wall. Special mini-towers will aid in the instruction. While waiting to ascend the tower, Scouts can practice on a horizontal (bouldering) climbing wall.

Trapshooting

Many Scouts will handle a shotgun for the first time at the trapshooting range. Before trying to shoot the fast-moving clay "pigeons," they will be instructed in the proper shooting techniques and safety.

RADIOS AT THE JAMBOREE?

Most Scoutmasters don't want Scouts to bring radios on a campout. To spoil the serenity of a peaceful wooded grove is near criminal! We agree!

But the jamboree is not a campout, it's not serene, and it's not peaceful! It's a thrilling, electrifying, dazzling week of sheer energy!

Here are the three main reasons why the BSA is asking leaders not only to encourage their Scouts to bring a small radio (no boom boxes or iPods), but also to consider including radio(s) on the troop site adult equipment list.

Jamboree radio station QBSA is a live-time direct link to jamboree HQ in the event of an emergency. In past jamborees, lightning storms, hurricanes, flooding, and lost Scouts have caused confusion, which could have been rectified by QBSA as it exists today.

QBSA is the best live-time source for schedule changes, cancellations, and information regarding all jamboree activities. All QBSA programming is conducted by Scouts and Scouters. Scouts are encouraged to come by, participate in training, and broadcast their own 15-minute live program, of which they will get a CD copy. Remote broadcasts will be aired throughout the jamboree.

Make QBSA a part of your jamboree experience!