



COUNCIL CHECKLIST: WHERE DO YOU STAND?

Should Already Be Done

- Appoint staff adviser and select chairperson and committee.
- Start monthly committee meetings.
- List prospective adult leaders.
- Start transportation and tour arrangements.
- Begin selection of troop leaders.
- Develop council fee and payment schedule.
- Prepare for district jamboree promotion rallies (jamboree troop leaders promote and conduct).
- National reservation fee is due.
- Hold allocation by having made first payment on February 1, 2004.

Near Completion

- Complete selection of troop leaders (include in monthly committee meetings).
- Confirm transportation and tour arrangements.
- Conduct district jamboree rallies.
- Tell jamboree story at roundtables, district committee meetings, all Scouting activities, and through council newsletters.
- Promote jamboree at roundtables.

PROMOTION TECHNIQUES

Many councils have completed their recruiting efforts and have established waiting lists and are requesting additional troops. It is in your council's best interest to wrap up your recruiting this spring.

Most success stories of councils promoting the jamboree involve jamboree rallies or the recruiting of new participants "one on one" by jamboree adult troop leaders. Here are some ideas for how you can promote the jamboree:

- Consider using the new jamboree promotion video. It's only six minutes long and is ideal for use at roundtables, troop meetings, and summer camp.
- Give interested participants a copy of the promotional brochure and local council jamboree information sheet.
- Publish the names and/or photos of registered participants in council bulletins and local newspapers.
- Summer camp is a great opportunity for promoting the 2005 National Scout Jamboree. Show the jamboree video, then hold a question-and-answer session. Council jamboree plans also should

be promoted during the weekly meeting between the troop adult leaders and the camp director or his or her representative.

- Publish a monthly council jamboree newsletter. It is important that each Scout and adult troop leader receive regular information from the council and/or the jamboree troop. Each participant should be well informed in order to be the best possible representative of the council and Scouting.
- Emphasize program features; "sell the sizzle." Program features at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree will be planned on both a subcamp and a campwide level. The fun-filled program will reflect the skills of Scouting, physical fitness, conservation, teamwork, and adventure.

More Program Sizzle

The program will include a Brownsea Island encampment and an amateur radio station. Campwide program activities will be presented in four action centers strategically located throughout the jamboree site. Each action center will provide 10 exciting activities for patrol participation. Outback centers will offer fishing, a conservation program, boating, and scuba/snorkeling. There will also be the popular Merit Badge Midway and the Boy Scout Arts and Science Fair.

Other special activities will focus on fun and personal growth. Scouts will have the opportunity to exchange souvenir items, patches, and culture with other participants from throughout the United States and many parts of the world. Religious services will provide a time for reflection.

Winnebago Council, Waterloo, Iowa, Surpasses Aggressive Participant Target

Historically only two troops attended the jamboree from Waterloo, Iowa. Today the Winnebago Council is taking five troops to the jamboree. Their goal was to recruit four troops by November 2004. To everyone's surprise, the jamboree committee surpassed its goal in 18 months and filled a fifth troop with a waiting list to fill the last-minute vacancies. This success was a direct result of identifying the right volunteers and getting them excited about the jamboree. Todd McGregor, Scout executive, says the real success has been a result of making everything about the jamboree fun!

They started with a council-created video/DVD promoting the jamboree and a "triple dog dare" to Scouts to go the jamboree. To assist Scouts financially in going, the council implemented a special product sales commission that rewarded jamboree participants with money to go to the jamboree. This decision allowed the Scouts to keep both the unit and council's commission and apply it toward the jamboree fees. After a careful study that concluded that Boy Scouts were not selling tons of products, the council implemented this money-earning opportunity. It also determined that diverting the commissions would not provide a negative impact on units or the council and, in fact, caused sales to increase.

EQUIPMENT NECESSITIES

If your council does not order the Basic Patrol Equipment Package for your jamboree troops from the National Supply Division, make sure each of your patrols has 10 plates, cups, and bowls (please, no styrofoam) along with a three-gallon water cooler for each patrol. These will not be issued. You should also note that an eating kit containing a knife, fork, and spoon is required as personal camping equipment for each Scout and troop leader. These will not be issued to troops.

BAND MEMBERS NEEDED

The Daily Ceremonies staff needs approximately 85 youth to serve on the youth staff as jamboree band members. The musicians will play at some flag ceremonies and conduct concerts in other locations around the jamboree. If you know of a Boy Scout, age 16 or older, with strong musical background who wishes to serve on the jamboree band, be sure his application is marked "applying for jamboree band member." A recommendation from a current band director is required with the application.

HOMETOWN NEWS OPERATION

The jamboree's Hometown News operation is an opportunity to provide your Scouts with a real media experience. Scouts who have earned the Journalism merit badge will work as "hometown correspondents" with adult media professionals to provide home newspapers and radio and TV stations with personalized coverage of the jamboree. Hometown News correspondents will have credentials and access to equipment.

The Hometown News program basically works this way: Interested Scouts and local media personnel get together to discuss coverage. The BSA provides Hometown News kits and accreditation to youth who have proof of correspondent status with hometown newspapers or radio/television stations. (Specific details will be provided to jamboree troops at a later date.)

You can assure Hometown News coverage by pairing participating youth correspondents with media personnel in your council's area--city editors of daily newspapers, news editors of weekly papers, and news directors of radio and television stations.

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING A MUST

The qualifications for all troop leaders include the completion of the 60-minute Youth Protection training session. This requirement also is listed on the last page of the Troop Leader Application form, under "all adult leaders must."

Local council jamboree committees must make sure that all the troop leaders selected have this training. It is recommended that the session be conducted as a part of a regular meeting of your troop leaders after all have been selected but before the pre-jamboree training weekend. Leaders who have had the training three years prior to the jamboree need not retake the training. Youth Protection training is also available online through local council Web site and is an acceptable alternative to the classroom-based training. Also, the training unit based on the video A Time to Tell must be provided to each youth participant prior to attending the jamboree.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES PROVIDED

Participants and staff members of all faiths will have the opportunity to attend religious services during the jamboree. These will be conducted by ordained and lay leaders of many faiths, including Protestant, Catholic, Episcopal, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Jewish, Eastern Orthodox, Christian Science, Reformed Latter-Day Saints, Lutheran, Buddhist, Islamic, and Unitarian-Universalist. Arrangements for other faiths will be made as needed.

RECYCLING NOW AND AT THE JAMBOREE

The Boy Scouts of America is committed to conserving our natural resources. At the 2005 National Scout Jamboree, each individual Scout and Scouter can make recycling happen. As jamboree troops are formed, emphasize recycling by asking members to sort, pick up, and properly dispose of paper, cardboard, cans, glass, plastic, etc. Participants should make this a habit that will continue after the jamboree. After all, we should always leave a campsite better than we found it.

YOUTH STAFF POSITIONS STILL AVAILABLE

Older Scouts can participate in the 2005 National Scout Jamboree in a special way: as members of the jamboree subcamp or headquarters staff.

To qualify, each Scout must have been born between August 3, 1984, and July 25, 1989. They also must:

- Be a registered BSA member.
- Have the approval of his parent or guardian (if under 18).
- Submit application to local council for evaluation.

Youth staff positions in the following areas are available:

- Air-rifle range
- Archery range
- Arts and Science Fair
- Bikathlon
- Trading post (clerk)
- Conservation area
- Fishing
- disAbilities Awareness Challenge
- Motocross
- Order of the Arrow Service Corps
- Patrol Challenge
- Jamboree Band
- Special Food Service
- Pioneering
- Rappelling
- Newspaper (reporter)
- Trap shooting
- Confidence course
- Buckskin Games
- Dining halls
- Action Alley

When an applicant turns in the staff application, he or she should keep a copy. No fee should be attached to the application. The council should then make a fair and honest appraisal of the applicant and should sign the application. The next step is to forward the application to the national office. The application will be made available electronically to the regional offices. A postcard is sent to each applicant to confirm that the national office has received their application.

There is only one staff application form; it contains a place to indicate that the person is applying to be

a youth staff member. Staff applications are available on the jamboree Web site at <http://www.scouting.org/jamboree/forms.html>.

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTS TO ATTEND JAMBOREE

Lord Baden-Powell believed that Scouting, because of its international scope, might be the last real hope for peace between nations. This spirit will live on at the 2005 National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. Why? Because of the several hundred participants from Scouting organizations from throughout the world. Dust off your foreign-language dictionaries, brush up on that high school foreign-language course, and prepare to meet and enjoy participants from Europe, the Middle East, Africa, the Far East, and places in between. You'll hear languages such as French, German, Italian, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Japanese.

Councils wanting to host Scouts from other countries in their jamboree contingent should contact their regional coordinator. There is a written procedure on how to request international Scouts.

VISITING UNITS

Let Your Units Know

The organizers of the jamboree are most anxious to ensure that all visiting packs, troops, teams, and crews have a successful and enjoyable experience. Visiting units will have the opportunity to observe Scouts in action from all parts of the United States and many foreign countries. Program areas and activities are restricted to participants, but other events, such as arena shows, may be visited by guests. Visitors should be able to catch the spirit of national and international brotherhood and carry that spirit home.

Because several thousand visitors will be at the jamboree each day, visiting units must limit their stay to one day, then continue their tour to other points of interest. Within a 100-mile radius of the jamboree site is a fascinating part of our country, laden with historic and educational value--the nation's capital, Revolutionary War and Civil War battlefields, and a number of world-class museums.

LIVING QUARTERS NEAR THE JAMBOREE

Your Help Is Needed

A longstanding policy is that there shall be no visiting units--or other groups of Scouts organized for the purpose of visiting the national jamboree--in living quarters or lodgings adjacent to the jamboree area. This means that hotels, motels, military facilities, city or county parks or facilities, local council camps, and public camping places within 50 miles of the jamboree site will not be available for living purposes for units and other organized youth groups from local councils. This does not apply to families. Local councils are asked to monitor all local and national tour permits to help ensure compliance with the policy.

JAMBOREE EMBLEM

A jamboree emblem is worn above right pocket of the official uniform. Participants and staff registered to attend the 2005 National Scout Jamboree may wear the 2005 patch. Members having

previously attended a jamboree may wear the jamboree patch they attended as a participant. Only one National Scout Jamboree patch may be worn at a time. Both a world and a national jamboree patch may be worn--one current national jamboree patch above the right pocket and one current world jamboree patch on the right pocket.