

Winnebago Council 2010 Jamboree Contingent

How much money should I send to Jamboree with my son?

Again, each family determines what is appropriate for their son to spend. Only you know how your son spends money. Some kids will spend every penny they have in their pocket and others will spend only when they want something. You and your son decide the amount and how he should spend it.

Your Jamboree Scoutmasters will keep your son's money in an envelope with his name on it and dole it out each day in the amount you specify. That money is locked up in the troop's lock box the rest of the time.

For example, Johnny Scout's parents figured out that Johnny could spend \$10 each day so they gave Johnny's Jamboree Scoutmaster 14 ten-dollar bills. The Jamboree Scoutmaster wrote down on Johnny's envelope to hand out \$10 each day to Johnny to spend at Jamboree and in Washington, DC. Jimmy Boy Scout's parents told his Jamboree Scoutmasters that Jimmy could have whatever he needed each day but he had a total amount of \$150 to spend. They gave the Jamboree Scoutmasters a mixture of \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

You figure out how much you want your son to spend for the Jamboree and touring in Washington, DC and let your Jamboree Scoutmaster know what you decide. Jamboree Scoutmasters cannot make change so make sure you have the correct amount of daily cash for your son.

Some families send \$5 a day, some send \$10 a day, some send \$25 and others will send a lump sum for the boy to spend whenever he likes. It is up to each family to decide how much money they want to send with their boys.

How will he eat going to and from Jamboree and on tour?

We have allotted money for meals, which is part of the fee you paid for Jamboree. For example, while going to Jamboree on July 25, the buses will stop for dinner at a truck stop that has at least five different food places. The boys will be given \$10 to spend on the food of their choice, whether it's a sub sandwich, a burger and fries or pizza. If you think your son will eat more than \$10 worth of food, then you can send some extra money with him. You don't have to. \$10 usually feeds a large boy.

While in Washington, DC, we have a food service where we stay that will provide meals and pack sack lunches for the boys, and we will have a pizza party or buffet another night. All their food costs will be taken care of. Again, if you want your son to have some extra spending money for snacks or extra food, just make sure your Jamboree Scoutmaster knows how much to give out to your scout that day.

We just got a BSA catalog that has all these Jamboree items in it. Do we have to buy anything from it?

No, you do not have to buy a single thing from that catalog. It contains all kinds of Jamboree-related memorabilia items that you can purchase IF you want some of them. This will be the only offering of these items. Once Jamboree is over with, all these items are gone. Some of these items will be at the Trading Posts at the Jamboree; but not all of them will be out there.

If you want to purchase something from the catalog, do so sooner rather than later. Once they are out of an item, they don't restock it. That's it. Our local scout shop will not have any of this merchandise. You can start buying from the Jamboree catalog March 1, not before.

Boys usually like to purchase their Subcamp patch, which would be Subcamp 14. Some boys like to buy some of the official Jamboree T-shirts, the commemorative coins, the key chains and other items like this. But you don't have to buy anything from the catalog if you don't want to.

We will provide you with two Central Region patches. If you want more than two, you will have to purchase those from the catalog.

Do we have to buy the official Jamboree baseball hat?

No. Our safari style hat will be the Winnebago Council Contingent's official Jamboree hat. However, if you want a souvenir Jamboree hat, you can buy it from the catalog and wear that too out at Jamboree.

What goes on and comes off the uniform for Jamboree?

Here are items that you will put on the Jamboree uniforms:

Left Sleeve: your Jamboree Council Shoulder Patch, your Jamboree Troop Numbers, your Jamboree position of responsibility if you have one (if you don't, just leave your home troop's position of responsibility on), your Trained patch if you have one.

Right Sleeve: U.S. Flag, your Jamboree Patrol patch. If you choose to, your Central Region Jamboree patch also goes on this sleeve, under the patrol patch.

Front right side: Above the pocket goes the Jamboree round patch. Leave enough room in case your son earns activity bars at the Jamboree to go around this patch. On the pocket will go the Order of the Arrow Jamboree patch if you want to wear it; otherwise, your regular OA patch is fine. If you aren't in OA, then you can put any of your temporary patches there. Red flannel patch below the pocket.

Front left side: Nothing changes there unless you want to put a Jamboree ring around the World Crest Patch.

Don't forget to change your red shoulder loops to the new Centennial green loops.

What about the neckerchief and slide?

Boys will receive their official Jamboree neckerchief at Fort AP Hill after we enter. Boys will need to provide their own neckerchief slide.

What kind of food will the boys eat at Jamboree?

Think camp food. Easy to prepare so the boys will have to just reheat it. PB&J. Cereal. Spaghetti. Apples. Celery. The boys will be preparing breakfasts and dinners. Their lunches will be sack lunches that they will get from a kiosk around the Jamboree site. Those contain a sandwich with either ham, turkey or roast beef, chips, fruit and vegetables, a cookie.

If your son doesn't care for camp type foods or is a really big eater, then there will be other food to purchase. Vendors like Chick Fillet, Burger King, Pizza Hut and others will have food for boys to purchase. This might be something to factor in when you decide how much money to send with your son. There are also vending machines that dispense pop, water and Gatorades around the Jamboree site.

Can we use debit cards or those gift cards in the Scout Shop and in the Jambo Catalog?

We don't have an official answer yet on debit cards, but we think boys will be able to use them at Jamboree. They take credit cards out there. You can send boys to Jamboree with the gift cards that you purchase from the Jamboree catalog and the Scout Shop. Make sure you know if the card has to be used up by the end of Jamboree or if it can be brought home and used in the Scout Shop. The vending machines will only take cash.

Why don't you seem to know things when I ask questions?

The Winnebago Council Jamboree Co-Chairs, Scoutmasters and Committee have been so far ahead of the National Jamboree folks that when we ask questions, National Jamboree doesn't know the answer yet. We have to work through their system of volunteers and staffers to get the answers to your and our questions. Sometimes we can get the answer that day; other times it may take a month to get answers. But as soon as we get the information, we pass it along to you, the Jamboree Scoutmasters and the Jamboree Committee. We also put information on the Council web site so we can be as up-to-date as possible. Please be patient. The information is not always available to us.