

July 12, 2010

Dear Jamboree families,
Jamboree is nearly here and we have just a few key items we want to give to you before you take off on the buses July 25.

Jamboree Mailing Address: Scout's name
Jamboree Troop (fill in number)
Subcamp No. 14
2010 National Scout Jamboree
Bowling Green, VA 22428-(your child's troop number)

Here's an example using our two kids:

Conner Calhoun	Sean O'Connor
Jamboree Troop 1449	Jamboree Troop 1450
Subcamp No. 14	Subcamp No. 14
2010 National Scout Jamboree	2010 National Scout Jamboree
Bowling Green, VA 22428-1449	Bowling Green, VA 2248-1450

Jamboree Emergency Number: 804-633-2222 (This number is for emergencies only and will be in effect only July 26 through August 4.) Only use this number for true emergencies, and remember it might take all day to locate your son.

Calling Scoutmasters: Do NOT Call Scoutmasters to see how your son is doing. Scoutmasters are busy watching over the troop, the campsite, and they are also out with the boys viewing the activities. Instruct your son to call home on a time schedule that works for you. **ONLY call your scoutmaster if there is an emergency.**

Jamboree last-minute information and updates: Again, check the Council web site for any last-minute information. Click the Jamboree link.

Jamboree Blog: Check the Council website for Jamboree updates. You can log on there and see what the boys are doing and read comments about the day. www.winnebago-bsa.org

LABEL LABEL LABEL everything you are sending to Jamboree with your son's name and Jamboree troop number. It will come back if it's labeled, and remember, there is a huge lost and found at Jamboree. Don't forget to label socks, pant legs from the zip off pants, water bottles, glasses, watches, wallets, cell phones ... every single item should be labeled. Make sure you have a name and troop number in your wallet.

Gear we want to highlight: Make sure you have this and label it:

1. Photo ID will be needed for admission to Fort AP Hill AND the White House/Capitol tours. Keep with you or in your backpack.
2. Watch: a good, working watch. Label it.
3. Cutlery: bring a spoon and fork, spork, or whatever you want to eat with. No knives.
4. Laundry detergent: Woolite or other camping type detergents are preferred because they wash out better. Others will work.
5. Clothesline and clothespins, to hang up washed or wet clothing.
6. Neckerchief slide. Bring one. They will get their scarves at Fort AP Hill.

Laundry Service in D.C.: When in D.C., the boys will have a chance to have one uniform shirt and shorts and two t-shirts laundered. Make sure everything is labeled so it will come back. Make sure your tie-dye shirt has been washed before it goes to Jamboree. It shouldn't run, but we want to be extra sure it doesn't run in their laundry.

Your current contact information. Please make sure your son's Jamboree Scoutmasters have your current contact information. This is how we will contact you if we need to. It also goes into an Emergency booklet for our scoutmasters.

Food. Check out the Jamboree web site (www.jamboreebsa.org) and click on the food link and/or the parent information. You can see the food being served at Jamboree, and you can see the food (and prices) served at Trading Post B's restaurant. It's also reported that there will be Pizza Hut, Chick-Fillet and other fast food type vendors at Jamboree.

An average Jamboree day: Boys will be up and eating breakfast by 7 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Once the flags are raised and the announcements are finished, the boys take off for all the activities of Jamboree. They eat lunches out in the field and come back around 5 p.m. If we need to find your son, it may take all day to find him. The boys are out all day long.

Weather: Weather this summer at Fort AP Hill has been hot. Temperatures have been in the mid to upper 90s with very high humidity. Please get acclimated to the weather. Spend time outside walking and getting used to the heat. Drink plenty of water too.

Medications: All medications, with the exception of epi-pens and inhalers, should be turned in to your son's Jamboree Scoutmasters on departure day. That includes any over-the-counter medications and vitamins. It's important the Scoutmasters know what your son is taking ... just in case. If you are carrying an epi-pen or inhaler, please let your Jamboree scoutmaster know. It would be a good idea to bring a spare inhaler and/or epi-pen for the Jamboree Scoutmasters to have on hand and locked up just in case.

On departure day, ALL medication INCLUDING over-the-counter medicines, pain relievers and vitamins must be in the original package or prescription bottle. All medicine containers should be placed in a zip-lock bag and labeled. Parents, you will need to fill out a medication form. Please let scoutmasters know why a medication is needed and any symptoms they should be aware of. We want to make the Jamboree experience enjoyable for your son.

Don't forget the gear list is on the Council web site.

Sincerely,
Jim O'Connor and Kathy Calhoun
Your 2010 Jamboree Co-Chairs

Name:

Your Bus is:

Departure Information and Schedule:

Please arrive by Noon, Sunday July 25 at the Gallagher-Bluedorn

Performing Arts Center on the UNI Campus. There will be road construction at the front of the facility. Buses will be parked on the west side of the facility.

The Gallagher-Bluedorn is air conditioned with restrooms. There will be some seating in the main lobby. Food and beverages are acceptable in the facility. Please place trash in the garbage cans.

Bag drop off will be in the parking lot across the street from the Gallagher-Bluedorn Performing Arts Center west entrance. Signs for each of the four buses and the bag drop-off location will be posted. Check in and photos will be in the Center lobby. Please park in the lots on the north side of the building. See map at <http://www.uni.edu/infosys/campusmap/#>

The schedule is:

12-12:45 p.m. -- Check in -- All scouts need to be checked in by 12:45 p.m.

12:45-1:00 p.m. -- Troop and Contingent photos in lobby.

1:15-1:30 p.m. -- Final Announcements and blessing.

1:30 p.m. -- Load buses

2:00 p.m. -- Buses leave for Fort AP Hill

Dress for send off and photos: Class A (full uniform without a neckerchief), which includes the official scout shirt, scout pants/shorts, scout belt if needed, scout socks and closed-toe shoes; the tie-dye t-shirt should be worn underneath the scout shirt for the bus ride.

Dress for the bus ride: Buses are air-conditioned and may be chilly. Boys might want a sweatshirt, sweatpants/pants that they can put over their uniform shorts/pants.

Backpacks on the bus; duffels underneath the bus: When you check in, the duffels will be loaded under the bus. Boys will bring their backpacks on the bus for the overnight trip. They should have whatever they will need for the overnight portion: sweatshirt/sweatpants, pillow, toothbrush and deodorant, some snacks and water, plus your photo ID in the backpack.

Dinner and Breakfast: Boys will be given money (\$10 each meal) for dinner and breakfast on the road. In DC, boys will be given a \$75 VISA gift card (\$15 for each of the three meals in DC and \$10 for each of three meals on the return trip home.) If you think your son needs more money than this, then send it with him. Please talk to your son about how to budget his money with this gift card and how to keep track of what's left on it. If he overspends his gift card, then he will need to use his own funds to eat. You may keep the gift card and whatever balance is left on it when you return home. Use it up within a year.

Arrival Information: Buses are scheduled to return to the Gallagher-Bluedorn at 2 p.m. on Sunday, August 8. Updates will be posted on the Council web site or blog. You might also receive a phone call from your son or the Council. The Gallagher-Bluedorn will be open for the arrival with restrooms and seating available. Then, we'll do everything in reverse.

Checkout: You will pick up your son, pick up his duffel bag, pick up his medications and any money that might be left and then you may leave.

Visitors to Jamboree: If you plan to visit Jamboree and meet with your son, be aware of how difficult this might be. First, there are hundreds of visitor cars every day. It may take you hours to get through the military gates at Fort AP Hill. Second, the visitor parking and visitor areas are about 3-5 miles away from Subcamp 14 so plan on quite a hike. Third, remember to check the hours you can enter Fort AP Hill. You will be entering AFTER the boys have taken off for the day's activities. Scoutmasters are not responsible for you and your son getting together. You will have to arrange that with your son.

DC Touring: We have number specific reservations for the waterpark, the Capitol and White House tours, the Spy Museum and for Gettysburg. Parents and siblings cannot join us on these tours/events. You can do your own family tours at times comparable to ours or show up at sites/monuments when we are there. Otherwise, families cannot be part of our touring process.

Thank you for making this a wonderful experience. Your son should have many stories and experiences to share with you.

Enclosed: Driving directions of the buses
Washington, D.C. Tour Schedule

Put Sunday, September 19 at the Gallagher Bluedorn Performing Arts Center on your calendar. This will be the Winnebago Council's Council wide Court of Honor! All Jamboree participants will be recognized at this event.