



# Happy 4th of July!!



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A periodic collection of news and information for the Western Region 2010 National Scout Jamboree Staff. Please submit articles or ideas in future issues to: [jvandreese@netbsa.org](mailto:jvandreese@netbsa.org).

WR Headquarters: 100% recruited, 60% accepted LOAs

Subcamp 6: 84% recruited, 46% accepted LOAs

Subcamp 7: 50% recruited, 26% accepted LOAs

Subcamp 8: 94% recruited, 90% accepted LOAs

Subcamp 9: 102% recruited, 72% accepted LOAs

Action Center "C": 87% recruited, 74% accepted LOAs

Please keep pushing your folks to get those LOAs signed and returned. In these tough economic times, we've already had a few staff members cancel, so "over staffing" up to 110% might be a good idea!

**3. Transportation:** Still no final word yet from GM on cars but we know that there will be overall significantly less vehicles available than in 2005. John Alline said that if anybody has a relationship with a manufacturer or dealer of gas powered golf carts or "GATOR" style carts he would be interested in talking with you about that contact. It will probably be early 2010 before we have a final plan in place on this issue. In a related topic, the group agreed that Thomas Road will be closed to ALL vehicle traffic from 8AM until 8PM each evening. It will open later on the day of the opening show and close earlier on the evening of the closing show. A limited amount of cross traffic at selected intersections will still be allowed to service the action center and arena facilities.

**4. Visitors:** There will be a major reception area for visitors at the main entrance to the Fort with various exhibits about the 100th Anniversary and other topics. Still no decision on charges for visitors.

**5. Food Service:** Bart Green reported that there will be significant changes/improvements in food service for 2010. COMPASS Group has been selected as the distributor. Each subcamp will have an 8x20 foot refrigerator for storing basic perishables for units and staff meals. Food will be distributed by troop - not patrol as in past jamborees - and will include more fresh ingredients and less military style tray packs. However, all food will still be pre-cooked to minimize troop preparation time and associated problems with cooking. There will be a "reefer" delivered to each



## Additional Scouts?

Does your council contingent have additional scouts who want to go to the Jamboree but are on a "wait list"? Several councils who have space for additional scouts have contacted me and I would be glad to pass along their contact information if you have scouts you would like to refer to them. Let's do everything we can to make sure that every eligible scout who wants to, gets a chance to attend the Jamboree!



L to R: Jan Perkins, Chris Hunt & John Van Dreesse at Fort AP Hill. All photos by Chuck Erickson.

## A Visit to Fort AP Hill

Jan Perkins, Chuck Erickson, Chris Hunt and I represented Western Region at a meeting of the Sub Camp Operations Group at AP Hill on June 23. We had an excellent visit and a chance to walk our subcamp and action center sites.

The following are notes of the meeting and site visit compiled by Russell Smart, Southern Region's Camp Chief, (with some deletions and additions pertaining to Western Region made by me). It's a rather lengthy report, but in the spirit of sharing information, here goes:

### 1. Payment status and troop allocations:

All of our WR councils are current on troop fees with the next significant payment now pending. There have been a few drops and additions in all 4 regions. The bottom line is that we will have more Scouts attending from WR than in 2005: 206 troops vs. 197 at the 2005 Jambo.

### 2. Subcamp and Action Center Staffing:

Overall, the WR is now at 85% of our recruiting goal, but we still have a ways to go in terms of getting our people to sign and return their Letters of Assignment (LOAs). Here is our status as of June 23.

subcamp each night with the fresh ingredients for the next day's menu. More details on this later.

**6. Documents:** It was noted that we should keep everyone aware that there will not be a formal issue of Staff and Leader's Guides in paper form as in the past. The documents will be on the jamboree website and will be revised and updated on a regular basis. It will be the responsibility of the Staff or Leader to read these and print copies from the website if they choose. It was also pointed out that these are "living documents" and that as the Jamboree draws closer, additional changes may appear. It was suggested that we may want to keep an electronic copy, but wait until closer to the Jamboree to print a paper copy...to make sure we have the most current version.

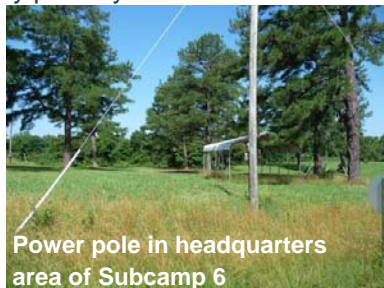
**7. Staff Arrival Plan:** There was lengthy discussion about this topic and a small task force of individuals from our committee was assigned to discuss further and make some specific recommendations. Most of the uncertainty concerns the action center staff since they have the most set-up and training to get done. But I will hold further communication on this item until we hear the results from the task force. The current plan calls for the Subcamp Chief and Director to be on site ready to work on Tuesday, July 20. The first on-site meal available for staff members will be breakfast on Wednesday, July 21.

**8. Site review:** We had a lengthy group discussion about the general changes demanded by virtue of the electrical easement issues and how the BSA engineering group had responded to those issues. The following notes are the "abridged version" and if you have specific questions we can deal with those in separate communications.

Electrical easements: In the past, these easements have not been enforced. In 2010 they will be rigidly enforced. There will be NOTHING allowed within an area 20 feet on either side of primary lines and 10 feet on either side of secondary lines. Even power poles with NO active wires will have a 10 foot radius easement with no encroachment allowed. Subcamp tents and facilities have been or will be relocated to respond to this requirement. As noted in an earlier email, this means that some tents that previously had hard surface inside will now be on grass or only partially on hard surface.

We reviewed the areas where these shifts had been made and made a few changes. There MAY be some ground matting provided by the military in certain situations but we should not count on this. We are also

looking into having some plywood sheets on hand that could be screwed together to provide more stable



Power pole in headquarters area of Subcamp 6

flooring in high-traffic areas. If we get a lot of rain, there may still be a few problem areas. As Russ said in his email: "Semper Gumby" (always flexible) needs to be our watchword.

Electrical supply: To replace some of the previous secondary and tertiary electrical lines, the engineering group has designed "Electrical Distribution Boards" aka "Power Boards" to provide electrical service to subcamp and other facilities. There will be hundreds of these in 5 different configurations all over the jamboree site. Each one is designed to provide 200 amp service and circus wire will run on the ground from them to individual tents. Each staff tent will have 10 amps of service. The use of "daisy chain" power strips to increase the number of outlets in a staff tent will not be allowed. It will be the responsibility of the subcamp Equipment/Maintenance Officer to enforce this. As always, we will likely have a lot of blown circuits during setup until everyone realizes that there is not enough juice for air conditioners and mini-fridges. The more actively that your E/M Officer rides herd on these systems, the more electrical up-time and less arguments that you will have. Be Prepared!

Digging: Most of us do not realize just how much underground "stuff" is all over this site. And through the years, lines that were originally installed 2 feet underground may now be only a foot or even less due to subsequent re-grading or natural erosion. That's why the Army insists on a "no dig" policy. The BSA engineering group will get the required permits for all of our subcamp areas to allow the use of 6 inch tent stakes. No other digging will be allowed by staff or participants. Another enforcement issue for your E/M Officer.



Water Supply: The BSA engineering group is working to increase the number of water points throughout the jamboree site. The water supply is sufficient - we just have to tap it in enough places. There will be NO water buffalos this time around.

Showers, Toilets and Waste Treatment: The fact is that there is simply not enough waste treatment capacity on this base to deal with 45,000 people and upwards of 250,000 visitors. Our strategy on this issue is multi-faceted. (1) Use detention ponds to accumulate the waste for after-event treatment. (2) Improve the quality of food to cut down on food waste. (3) Provide more chemical toilets. (I was astonished to learn that waste accumulated in the detention ponds during the Jamboree will take up to two years to process. I debated using this nugget in the "Jamboree Trivia" I sometimes include in this newsletter, but couldn't come up with a suitable graphic...) There will also be more shower and toilet trailers in every subcamp than in 2005 to increase the fixture ratio to a much more practical level. Male-Female allocations will be a combination of set assignments on some and gender scheduling on others based on the final M-F staff counts. Note: With regard to chemical toilets, there will be many more of these in

2010 in banks of 15 units (14 regular 1 for people with disabilities) rather than individual toilet units spotted here and there. The locations for these banks are based on the availability of water, power, and access for servicing. **If any chemical toilet is moved from the assigned set location it will NOT be serviced for the duration of the jamboree.** Yes, this is yet another enforcement issue for our E/M Officers. (I should have an updated map for each of our subcamp chiefs and directors to review in September with these locations indicated. We'll have an opportunity then to suggest changes in placement.)

Communications: AT&T is totally committed to making this jamboree site a model of wireless communications. Their intent is to provide enough towers for everyone to be able to use a cell phone with minimal problems. The Army is delighted since the new towers will probably remain behind after the jamboree is over. AT&T will also provide solar powered recharging stations for participant cell phones and kiosks with cell phones available for Scouts to call home at no charge. There will be NO "pay phone banks" as in the past. There will also be a wireless canopy (with limited and protected access) for official jamboree computer use and a limited number of stations for personal computer use. All of this is in addition to the significant financial sponsorship by AT&T of the 100th Anniversary Program. We all owe them a debt of gratitude for this extraordinary commitment to Scouting.



Ticks: No surprise - they are still there in record numbers and studies show that approximately 30% of them carry Lyme disease. There will be some spraying done just prior to the Jamboree, but wooded areas will still no doubt be a haven for these critters.



Logistics: Our jamboree is probably the best logistics exercise the Army has available other than that associated with actual engagement with an enemy force. They continue to be very cooperative and supportive in every way. Surprisingly, there are only two permanently assigned regular Army personnel at AP Hill and only a couple hundred civilian staff. The Reg Army guys are the General and his Sergeant Major. The latest General took command last week. He is an Eagle Scout. Enough said. Also, we had lunch on Tuesday with about 30 of the civilian management staff and got to know each other a little better. They seemed to be a great group and very supportive of scouting and our Jamboree.

Based on the most recent site layout maps you have, here are the changes we've asked the BSA Engineering Service to make:

Subcamp 6: Move gateway closer to Travis Lake Road and shift placement of HQ and Program tent nearer to troop sites 0616 and 0620.

Subcamp 7: No changes.

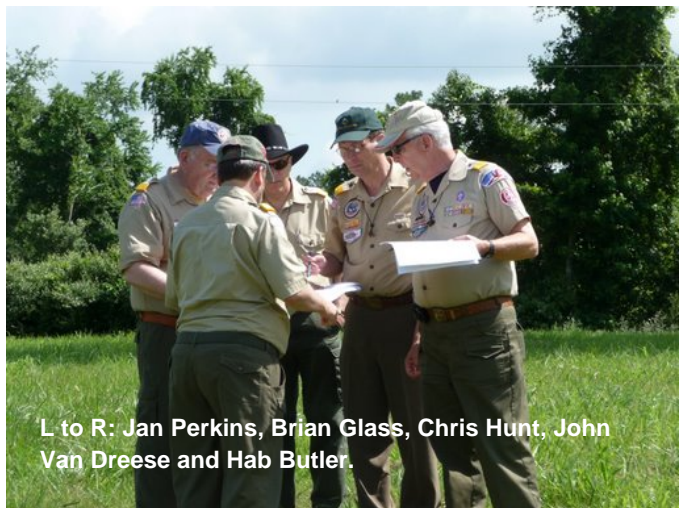


From Subcamp 8 HQ area looking toward Subcamp 7 HQ area.

Subcamp 8: Gateway location not previously indicated. Asked for placement near Lee Drive and HQ tent.

Subcamp 9: No changes.

Subcamps 20-21: These are administered by the Southern Region. There is a new Army fire station and other facilities in the area previously occupied by the subcamp 20 HQ facilities and most of the hard surface areas are under electrical lines. SR has made a number of recommendations that should make the best of these challenges.



L to R: Jan Perkins, Brian Glass, Chris Hunt, John Van Dreesse and Hab Butler.

Jamboree Countdown:  
**391 DAYS!**