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WR Jamboree News!



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

Welcome to Our Newsletter!

This is intended to serve as an information piece for all members of the Western Region National Scout Jamboree Staff, Sub Camp Staffs, and Action Center Staff. We'll try to keep you up to date with news and information related to the 2010 Jamboree. If you have suggestions or contributions, please send them to John Van Dreese at the email address above. If you are new to this mailing and would like a copy of the previous issue, ditto!

Jamboree Scholarships

As a separate attachment to this email, please find a copy of the 2010 NSJ Scholarship Application. Please feel free to distribute this to Scout families who may be in need of financial assistance to send their son to the Jamboree. Contrary to what it says on the application, the completed form should be returned to their council's Jamboree staff advisor.

Last week, a letter with a copy of the form was emailed to all Scout Executives. In it, I asked them to submit a request for the number of youth from their council for whom they would like to request scholarships. Please remind them that I'll need that number by **SEPTEMBER 30th**.

My plan is to then give each council, by October 15, a dollar amount that they will have to work with. It will be up to each council's Jamboree committee to decide who gets scholarships and for how much. To complete the process, I will need each council to forward the original completed scholarship application form forwarded to me along with a list showing the amount to be credited to each participant. The deadline for that is October 1, 2009.

I've "tweaked" the national plan with the intention of trying to get the process accelerated so that councils and, more importantly families, can get a clearer picture of their financial commitment as early as possible. Your help in dispelling any confusion this may cause will be greatly appreciated!

On-Line Registration

The on-line registration is currently up and running, after several false starts. If you have accepted a staff position, but haven't officially registered, please go to the jamboree site (linked to www.scouting.org) and register! If you have friends who are interested in staffing the jamboree, please encourage them to apply as well!



Troop Allocations Update

As mentioned in the previous issue, the request by the US Army to eliminate any tents or camping under power lines at Fort A.P. Hill has resulted in the loss of many campsites and the relocation of many more. Members of the BSA's Engineering Service have been busy re-drafting the site layout maps to try to maximize the number of available sites. At the end of July, I was able to offer each of several councils an additional troop. Additionally, 8 councils were offered an additional "International" troop (which essentially nets out as an additional "half troop" to the council.) Their acceptance is due back by the end of August. **IF some decline and/or if any council decides to surrender a troop, I MAY BE ABLE TO OFFER ADDITIONAL TROOPS TO ADDITIONAL COUNCILS.**

At this point, that is a pretty big "if". So, to help avoid disappointment, please communicate with your council's Jamboree leadership the wisdom of **NOT PROMISING ANY ADDITIONAL SPACES** beyond the original council allocation!

Jamboree Countdown:

709 DAYS!