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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.

Sub Camp Names Sought

If you have ideas for sub camp theme/names, please submit them to John Van Dreese before the end of this month. The Jamboree Committee wants to make a decision on this and announce them in the near future. (At the 2005 Jamboree, the theme was "Explorers" and each sub camp was named after famous explorers who had scouting connections.) The committee has set no guidelines for this although they would like it the names/theme tied in with the 100th anniversary of the BSA. A total of 21 sub camps need to be named.

Sub Camp Operations Manual

Although the **Sub Camp Operations Manual** is not scheduled for release until September of 2009, the committee charged with revising this critical manual is now welcoming input for suggestions and changes to make the 2010 version even more helpful and effective. If you have ideas or suggestions, please funnel them through John Van Dreese before the end of October.

Troop Numbers

As many of you know, each Jamboree troop is assigned a unique troop number that ties in with their campsite space and sub camp designation. We've received many inquiries about when these assignments will be made. Please know that we are very close to being able to do this and hope to be able to announce troop designations by mid-November.

On-Line Registration

If you have accepted a staff position, but haven't officially registered, please go to the jamboree site and register! If you are a volunteer scouter, go to www.MyScouting.org to register. If you are a professional scouter, go to www.MyBSA.org to register. In both cases, be sure to have your membership number handy. (This is the number that appears on the bottom center of your registration card. If you don't have a card, contact your council's registrar to obtain your number.)

Jamboree Trivia



Dwight D. Eisenhower has the record for the most "presidential" visits to the Jamboree. He visited Jamborees in 1950 & 1957 (both at Valley Forge) and the 1960 Jamboree in Colorado Springs.

Jambo Staff: Younger & More Fit!

As you recruit your staff, please keep in mind our challenge to bring in new and younger staff members! It's great to have staff members who have "been through it before" but we also know that new people bring new ideas and enthusiasm to any endeavor. To ensure the vibrancy and success of future Jamborees, we need to constantly involve new faces.

To encourage the college-age Scouter, the Jamboree is offering a great discount on the staff fee. Instead of the normal fee of \$795, those staff members aged 16 through 25 can go for \$397.50!

Fitness is also an important criteria for a successful staffing experience. The Jamboree medical form includes a height/weight scale that EVERY staff member should comply with. If you are overweight, the web site even offers a conditioning program that you should START NOW! EVERYONE will be required to do MORE walking at this Jamboree than those in the recent past and there will NOT be as much availability of alternative transportation. So, if a staff member wants to attend one of the shows, but doesn't feel they can walk that far, then they probably won't be able to attend the show!

Being in good physical shape will make the Jamboree experience better for everyone!

Jamboree Countdown:

647 DAYS!