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Illowa Council – Jamboree Newsletter

We are just under 8 months to go. There are two dates that are very important. In fact let's just say you have to be there.

The first one is January 27th at Bettendorf High School 3333 18th Street, Bettendorf, IA .

1:00 PM is registration. This will be a swim test and a parent meeting. We plan on having a ton of information for the Jambo participant as well as the parents.

The second gathering is May 11th. This is what we call the Jambo shakedown. At this point in time we are planning an all day event for all participants. More details next year.

At the January meeting we will have available Jambo shirts, hats and patches for sale. These items would be above and beyond what each participant will be issued.

Jambo stuff will not be available from the Scout shop only at the swim test and shakedown.

The official Jamboree duffel bag will be shipped to your house in 2013. Be sure you have not used a Post Office Box as UPS or Fed X can't deliver there. Also if you have moved since completing your Jambo application please get it corrected.



This is the complete 2013 Jamboree patch set showing all 6 Troop and Crew JSP's as well as the back patch. This optional set will be available for purchase at the swim test.

Jamboree Past and Present

1950 - The Jamboree was the first after the conclusion of WWII and the first of three to be held at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. The theme was "Strengthen Liberty". Train travel was the main method of getting to the Jamboree. Attendance was 47,163 Scouts and leaders.

1953 - The Jamboree was held on the Irvine Ranch (now Irvine) in California. This was the first of four Jamborees to be held in the west. The theme was "Forward on Liberty's Team". The timeline was shortened to three years (as it was from 1957 to 1960) to set up a Jamboree in 1960 to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the BSA. Attendance was 45,401 Scouts and Leaders. Jamboree Rd was a dirt two track through the site. It is now a six lane major thoroughfare.

The NEW Sustainability merit badge will be introduced at the National Jamboree in July 2013! In essence, it takes conservation and environmental science to another level. Sustainability takes responsibility for balancing long-term environmental, social, health, and economic needs with progress and development. Development, while meeting the needs of the present, cannot compromise the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Sustainability merit badge will be an alternative to Environmental Science merit badge.

If you are receiving this newsletter that means that you have registered for the National Jamboree with the Illowa Council Contingent!

As of this newsletter, we have filled the Troop contingent and have a small waiting list. We have 5 spots left on our Crew contingent for those Venturers who are interested in attending. With this said, please encourage anyone who is interested in attending the Jamboree to register online. Invariably

ten slots open up due to Scouts who have to withdraw. We will find a way to make sure everyone who is eligible and interested in going gets to the Jamboree!

According to the Payment Plan, each Scout should have paid at least \$800 towards their Jamboree fee of \$1695. The payment plan is designed so Scout payments coincide with Council payments to the National Jamboree as well as scheduled deposits for transportation, activities, patches and gear. As

a friendly reminder, the entire Jamboree fee is due to the Illowa Council at or before the Shakedown in May 2013.

Please be sure to keep your Jamboree username and password in a safe place, you'll need it in the future to access your schedule, medical form, and more. Make sure that your MyScouting and Summit accounts have your correct shipping address or someone else will get your duffel bag!

Venturing by Ina Pearsall

You have met many of the leadership from the Boy Scout side, I would like to take this edition to briefly introduce some of the Venturing leadership for 2013 Jamboree, and more detailed introductions will follow. Currently we have 3 of the potential 4 leadership positions filled for our 2 "groups." The adult staff includes Ina Pearsall, Moline, IL with Group A and Jon Terry, Erie, IL and Catie Pearsall, Moline, IL with Group B.

We have found out that we will be teamed up with 2 groups from Winnebago Council of north central Iowa to form Crew F401. I had the pleasure of meeting them this past weekend. They are Dori Ram-melsberg-Dvorak, Clutier, IA and Don Dehning, Decorah, IA with group C and Doug Lang, Osage, IA with group D.

We are all looking forward to getting the youth together several times before we travel

to the Summit, including 1 weekend in Illowa Council and 1 in Winnebago Council. We will have a chance to work together, to get to know each other better and plan some things to make us 1 "happy" crew for a great Jamboree experience.

Jamboree Pre-Tour Day 3

After a day underground at Mammoth Cave, it's time to spend a day in the bright sunlight at Kings Island Amusement and Waterpark just North of Cincinnati, Ohio. We are on site for 10 hours and word is that Scoutmaster Scott Johnson has issued the roller coaster challenge! The most coasters in one day wins!

Kings Island features more than enough thrill rides and coasters

to get your heart pumping, head spinning and your lunch..... well, you know. Coasters include the Invertigo, Firehawk, Vortex, Flight Deck and for you old school coaster fans, the Racers. Plus there are rides like the spinning Delirium and the Drop Tower (it's not that exciting....just drops you 26 floors at up to 70 miles an hour!) Don't forget that coasters are just a small part of the park.

There are over 350 acres of activities and fun. When it starts to warm up it's time to hit Soak City Waterpark. Raft rides, wave pool, and a ton of slides to keep you cooled down as the day heats up. We will finish off the day with an all you can eat buffet cook out.

Next time it's off to the Wright-Patterson National Museum of the Air Force and the world renowned Columbus Zoo!

2013 National Jamboree Health Information

We anticipate getting the special 2013 Jamboree health forms mid November. The usual BSA form will not be adequate for Jamboree purposes. Before we get those forms and you schedule your physical with a licensed health-care practitioner, there are some health related items to think about in the mean time. Once we get the forms, don't wait too long to schedule that physical. Many physician's offices reserve limited time for these exams and you don't want to get in a time squeeze

in case there is an unforeseen medical issue that needs to get taken care of before we ship out to West Virginia. This is good advice for youth, adults and staff alike.

Also, conditioning, getting your immunization records together and up to date, and getting control of any serious medical conditions or weight issues are good things to work on now as we anticipate snow season. Summit Bechtel may be hot and/or cold, and we will likely see rain. We will definitely be in hilly Appalachian mountain

terrain and all travel on site is on foot- no buses. A number of our activities require more stamina and fitness, too—climbing, rappelling, rafting, mountain biking, and skateboarding. The following items are excerpts from one or more of these resources that you can access for further information:

Jamboree Council Guide, pp. 33-36 <https://summit.scouting.org/en/jamboree2013/Documents/JamboreeCouncilGuide.pdf>

National Jamboree information on health related concerns and BMI <https://summit.scouting.org/en/jamboree2013/Documents/Be%20Prepared.pdf>

BMI calculator for adults (over 20 years) and children/teens (19 years and under) <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/>

Physical Examination

All participants must submit certification of physical fitness on the official Jamboree Medical Form.

- Get any medical issues clarified and fixed at least 30 days before departure to the Jamboree.
- Participants will go through a medical screening prior to arrival.

Immunizations

All participants must provide proof of immunization for tetanus within 10 years. In addition, youth participants must provide verification of the following immunizations since birth:

- (1) measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR)
- (2) polio vaccine (oral or injection)
- (3) diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus (DPT)
- (4) chicken pox (Varicella)
- (5) It is recommended, but not required, that immunizations for hepatitis B be considered.

Physical Fitness—Be Prepared! Know your BMI. Get in shape now!

The BSA's goal is to prevent any serious health-related event from occurring, and ensuring that all of the participants and staff are "physically strong." The Centers for Disease Control suggests using a body mass index (BMI) as a screening tool for obesity; it is easy and only requires knowing your height and weight. The simple online calculator to determine your BMI can be found at

www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/ The BMI is just one of the factors to be considered. The Jamboree will uphold a decision by an applicant's personal health care practitioner to deny participation for medical reasons. The Jamboree will accept applicants who are recommended for participation by a health care practitioner and who have a BMI of 31.9 or less.

The Jamboree will consider for participation applicants with a BMI of 32.0 to 39.9 and/or one of the following risks:

- Hypertension; Diabetes mellitus; Tobacco use, Dyslipidemia; Prior heart attack; Coronary angioplasty/stent; Prior stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA); Coronary artery surgery; Family history of premature (before age 55) coronary artery disease; Sleep apnea requiring CPAP or BiPAP (Note: any CPAP machines must be battery powered); COPD

The BSA cannot accept any applicant with a BMI of 40.0 or higher.

For those wishing professional assistance with conditioning, consultation with a registered dietician, or BMI issues, Genesis PSP has offered to help. Contact physical therapist, Wendy Volkert 563-332-4422 volkertw@genesishealth.com

Alcohol and Tobacco and Alcohol Policy

It is the policy of the 2013 National Scout Jamboree that smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco is prohibited in all Jamboree buildings, tents, and vehicles. While in BSA uniform and/or on duty, smoking or the use of smokeless tobacco is not permitted. The use of tobacco by visitors or off-duty, non-uniformed staff or leaders will be restricted to designated areas.

Also, it is the policy of the 2013 National Scout Jamboree that alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted.

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Chairman's Corner:

I want to thank all the participants and leaders that helped put the Illowa Council at the summit of the Jambo participation mountain. We currently have 9.1% of all the eligible youth attending the 2013 Jamboree. The number two in the USA is about 1% lower at 8.2%. The number twelve in the nation is as low as 4.7%.

Contingent Leader's Notes:

From the Gear corner:

Scout gear needed for the Jamboree, makes great holiday list items. Here are my suggestions of those items that you will need that could be on that Holiday wish list. Uniform shirts, (you're going to need two), scout shorts, scout socks (no white socks), scout belt., and rain gear (something breathable). A new pair of hiking boots that you should start breaking in. How about a water bottle or even a hydration bladder, which could be put in your day pack? (Day pack will be provided). A new 30 degree light weight sleeping bag that can be put in a stuff sack would be good. A small flash light is on the gear list as well.

Starting in January you will be able to go online to the Summit web site and pick the fun curricula of your choice.

Keep in mind that this exciting Jamboree is so packed with adventure, you won't be able to do it all, but pre-register with your own interest.

White water rafting will be available for an additional fee of \$50.00.

There will be lots more details in the December issue of the JAMBO Newsletter, so watch for it!

Future Issues:

- Shakedown details
- A day at Jambo
- Bus etiquette
- Visiting the Jambo
- Cell Phones

Tips from Jimbo:

Tip #4:

Plan smart at Jambo. Plan to head a different direction each day and do 2 or 3 activities in the same general area. That way you get more activities done while keeping travel time and energy low. Plus, by heading out a different direction each day you will see most of the Jamboree by weeks end.

