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#### Illowa Council – Jamboree Newsletter

# Pre Jamboree Tour Day Two

After a fun filled day one with stops at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the Fort Knox Gold Repository and The General George S. Patton Museum and Leadership Center, it is off to Mammoth Cave for Day Two! Mammoth cave is just that...it is MAMMOTH!



Mammoth Cave National Park was established in 1926 covering over 70,000 acres and including Mammoth Cave, Great Onyx Cave, Crystal Cave, Salts Cave, Colossal Cavern, and Dixon Cave. It was later discovered that all of these caves were part of one massive cave complex that covers 392 miles....yes miles of explored caves.

The largest cave system in the world. The complex varies from caves so small you have to crawl through on your stomach to Rotunda room which covers over 2 acres of open space. There are several underground rivers, remnants of thousands of years of past visitors to the cave, an underground restaurant and some of the most unique and beautiful environment on earth and in it.



In addition to all of the caves, there are nearly a hundred miles of hiking trails, a museum and many other attractions to keep you busy while not underground. Scouts will have an opportunity to tour deep into the caves, and if you don't mind tight spaces and are over 16 you might choose to participate in the Wild Cave Tour and learn what real caving is all about exploring some of the smallest holes Mammoth cave has to offer.

After resting up in Elizabethtown at the end of day two it is off to Cincinnati and Kings Island Amusement park....but that is for next Month!



# Greg Kowitz—Scoutmaster

# Jamboree History



Greg has been involved in adult leader positions for many years, from Den Leader and Webelos Leader to Cub Master in Pack 136. From Assistant Scoutmaster in T131 to Scout Master for the past 6 years.

Greg has been involved on staff at such events as Camporee, Klondike, and Saukenuk District's Roundtable. Greg took Wood Badge in 2008 and was part of the 2011 Wood Badge staff.

In 2010 Greg was an Assistant Scout Master with Jamboree Troop 1109. He has received the District Award of Merit and is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow.

Greg has three sons who have been very active in the scouting life having had all three involved on summer camp staff.

Greg has a lot of camping experience and is a firm believer in a boy led Troop.

1950 - This jamboree was the first after the conclusion of WWII and the first of three to be held at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania.

#### Bob Haffarnan—1st Assistant Scoutmaster

Bob Haffarnan has been involved in scouting for over 2 years. Bob started as a Committee Member in 2010 for 6 months. Following that he moved into the Assistant Scout Master Position for 6 months.

In January 2011 he took over as the Scout Master for Troop 89 to present. Bob has been involved with 2 years of summer camp, Klondike, and various troop campouts.



Bob has been trained as an instructor for Climbing, and also trained as an instructor for COPE.

Bob has a son Drew who has just recently achieved his First Class Rank. Bob has been on several climbing events and enjoys the great outdoors.

The theme was "Strengthen Liberty". Train travel was the main method of getting to the jamboree. Attendance was 47,163 Scouts and leaders.

## John Dewitt—2nd Assistant Scoutmaster

Married, wife Jennifer.
3 kids, daughter Emily
(Associate crew advisor 325),
Casey (Life Scout), Alex
(Scout)
Advisor 325, Assistant Scout
Master 109

10+ years as a scout leader in some fashion (went through cub scouts twice as den leader for each boy) Self employed in insurance and financial services industry. Popcorn district chairman and recently finance director for Saukenuk District. Very active in Venture VOA and numerous venture events. Past Jambo leader and recent ordeal member of the OA. Loves to cook in Dutch Oven.



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## Greg Parrish—Scoutmaster



Greg's home troop is 406 in New Boston, Illinois, where he has been the scoutmaster since 1994. He is a silver beaver recipient, and a vigil member of Konepaka Ketiwa Lodge.

Greg had been selected to be a scoutmaster in 2010, and due to a health issue was unable to attend. Greg is looking forward to being one of the 1st at the Summit, our new National Jamboree site. What an opportunity to lead youth to a new site and a new program, this will complete a Jamboree journey that started for him in

2008.

Greg took the Wood Badge course in 1995. He has since been part of the staff of every Wood Badge course since 1999. The last course in 2011 he was the Senior Patrol Leader. Besides Wood Badge you will find Greg being staff at numerous council and district events.

#### Chris Fiedler—1st Assistant Scoutmaster

Chris is currently serving in many positions in scouting within his district however his current favorite spot is as Chapter Advisor to the Hawk Chapter! Go Hawks!

He has a combined total of 20 years in scouts; seven as a youth, the rest as an adult.

He has been the National Jam-



boree two times, the first being the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1985 and the second to the 100<sup>th</sup>

anniversary in 2010 - both of which were at A.P. Hill.

Chris has also been to the BWCA.

His hopes for the Jamboree are to have a great time, trade for some really cool patches and to finally get a pickle pin!

### Ron Hutcherson—2nd Assistant Scoutmaster

I am married to wife, Amy. We have two boys, Ean, age II and Easton, age 5. I have been involved in scouting for about 10 years (5 as a youth and 5 as an adult/leader). I am currently an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 315 in Macomb, Illinois and serve as the Training Coordinator.

I'm an avid outdoorsman. I enjoy camping, hiking, hunting and most sporting activities. Having just begun the Boy Scout journey with my son, I can say that I am already 100% sold on the structure and benefits of the Scouting program. It didn't take long for me to see the overwhelming benefits of the boy-run philosophy as well as the important role the older Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts play in the development of the younger Boy Scouts. I am so pleased that my son's dedication and love of scouting has reintroduced me to the program and blessed me with the opportunity to enrich the lives of all boys in Scouting!



"I am looking forward to being one of the first to experience the Summit. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the youth and I am glad to be a part of it. I truly believe this will be an unforgettable experience for everyone who attends." Ben Rogers Chairman

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#### Chairman's Corner:

We are hovering around the full mark of youth signing up for Jambo. This is an awesome job on the part of the leadership and the youth of the Illowa Council. If you still have a friend that wants to sign up, please encourage them to sign up. Like the Marine saying, we won't leave anybody behind! If we can't get you on the Illowa bus, then we will get you on one of the other hundreds of busses heading to the Summit. A premier event, we would like every Illowa Scout and Venturer to be one of the first to zip down I 500 feet of a zip line.

Contingent Leader's Notes: The Troop leadership selection and division of registered participants into the four troops is well underway. The letters with your assigned interview time slot, and resource sheet were just sent out in the mail. All of the Scout Masters and Assistant Scout Masters are looking forward to getting to know you better. The resource sheet gives us a lot of information about you, so please bring this sheet with you. If for some reason you need a different time slot please contact me, and we will make every effort to accommodate the change. If you can't attend at all we still need your information resource sheet. Please scan your resource sheet, and send it, or any change request to my home email, <a href="wbeagle@qconline.com">wbeagle@qconline.com</a>. If you have questions please call Jerry Sheldon at 309-781-3350, please leave a message if I don't answer the phone. See you all on Saturday morning October 6<sup>th</sup> at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 1330 13<sup>th</sup> Street Moline.

**Duffel Bags...** As we have stated before, each participant will receive a duffle bag as part of their Jamboree registration. Though we don't know what the bag will look like, we now know the size of the bag. The dimensions of the bag will be 2' x 2' x 3' or 115 liters. More specific information will be available in the next few months at <a href="https://www.bsajamboree.org">www.bsajamboree.org</a>. The duffel bag that was used last Jamboree measured 13" x 15" x 27". The 2012 Jamboree duffle bag is larger and should be more than sufficient for all the personal gear needed.

What personal gear does national recommend? **Clothing...** Two Class A uniforms, one pair of long pants for day of Service, simple lightweight rain gear, one jacket or sweatshirt, two sets of sleep clothes, five pairs of underwear, five scout/jamboree T-shirts for daily activities, two pair of hiking socks, and three pair of green scout socks. Now these are national's recommendation for the Jamboree; but remember we will be touring for four days before we even arrive at the Summit. From a personal hygiene prospective it is highly recommended that each participant have a change of socks, underwear and T-shirt daily. We are not sure at this time what the availability of doing I laundry while touring, we do know that laundry at Jamboree will be done by hand in a bucket. The size of the Jamboree duffel bag should be sufficient for a change of socks, underwear and T-shirts every other day if not daily.

### **Future Issues:**

Next newsletter will discuss additional personal gear items.

New patch unveiled!



Arena shows,
special demos,
service day,
& scheduled
activities should
be a priority everything else
can be molded
around these
anchor points
on your daily
schedule.