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COUNCIL CHECKLIST: WHERE DO YOU STAND?

Should Already Be Done

- Confirmed transportation and tour arrangements.
- Designed council shoulder insignia.
- Contacted your regional jamboree coordinator in writing regarding hosting international Scouts.
- Second national fee payment made (due August 1, 2000).

In Progress

- Plan a distinctive gateway for your troop site(s).
- Hold monthly committee meetings.
- Recommend candidates for regional and central jamboree staff.
- Order council shoulder insignia.
- Order custom unit numeral.
- Order equipment packages.
- Order jamboree flags.

JAMBOREE FLAGS

Get ready to show troop pride at the jamboree with your troop's personalized flag from the Supply Division! Each jamboree troop flag features the troop number above the jamboree logo and the council name and state below. Orders must be received before May 1, 2001, to ensure delivery prior to the jamboree.

Meanwhile, build jamboree excitement in your council by displaying the jamboree promotional flag! Each promotional flag invites Scouts to "Meet Me at the Hill." No personalization is available.

Order flags and accessories through your local Scout shop or by calling 800-323-0732.

DAY OF DEPARTURE

When purchasing airline tickets, jamboree staff members should keep in mind that on your departure date it is imperative to allow four hours prior to flight time for your transport to the airport. Bus transportation begins at 7 A.M., so the earliest flights should be at 11 A.M.

Extra time must be allowed for passenger loading and unloading, luggage, traffic delays, and various other problems that may arise.

JAMBOREE INSIGNIA

Jamboree emblems for Boy Scouts are worn only by registered jamboree participants and staff and are centered immediately above the Boy Scouts of America strip. No more than two jamboree patches may be worn on the shirt one current national jamboree patch above the right pocket and one current world jamboree patch on the right pocket.

If the wearer has an interpreter strip above the pocket, merely move the jamboree emblem upward sufficiently to accommodate it.

Council jamboree shoulder patches cannot have pictorial representations or descriptive remarks relating to commercial corporations or commercial products.

TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

Because of the limited facilities for telephone communications at the jamboree site, all incoming calls to persons participating in the jamboree will be handled on an **emergency basis only**, as follows:

- Emergency phone calls **must** be made to 804-633-1000.
- Messages will then be delivered to the jamboree participant.
- If a return call is necessary, the requested party will phone from one of the public telephones located throughout the jamboree site.

Telephones for the purpose of calling home or elsewhere outside the jamboree will be located strategically throughout the site, but principally in the vicinity of the trading posts. These telephones will be of two types, coin and coinless. Operator assistance for the purpose of placing collect calls or credit card calls is available from any public telephone, while the coin type must be used if the caller wishes to pay at the time of making the call.

It is recommended that, prior to leaving for the jamboree, the participant establish days and times when calls will be placed to relatives and friends. Council offices should have on file the name, address, and telephone numbers (home and business) of a family member or other primary contact for each participant from the council to provide a source of contact in case of emergency. Each council should also appoint a person or persons to be responsible for handling emergencies days, nights, and weekends during the jamboree trip.

Note: Due to the very limited capacity, overlapping coverage areas, and cost, Scouts and leaders are strongly advised to leave cellular phones at home.

JAMBOREE YOUTH PROTECTION POLICIES

Completion of the BSA's Youth Protection Training for Volunteer Leaders is required of each jamboree adult member. You are responsible for taking this training in your local council before coming to the jamboree. This training helps prepare you to fulfill the youth protection responsibilities of your jamboree position. It contains information to enable you to identify and report suspected child abuse. It also sets forth in detail the BSA's Youth Protection policies.

All youth are required to complete Youth Protection training, view the video *A Time to Tell*, and review the material in the Youth Protection Meeting Guide (see appendix Z in the *Troop Leader Guide*) before attending the jamboree. The guide describes situations in which sexual abuse could occur and emphasizes the "three R's" - Recognize, Resist, and Report - of Youth Protection.

At the jamboree you must report all cases of suspected abuse to your subcamp director. The BSA Youth Protection training you receive will provide information about signs that could indicate the abuse of children. If you observe these signs, you must make a report.

As a jamboree troop leader, you may be told by participants about abuse that happened to them. It is your responsibility to believe any boy or girl who tells you of sexual molestation or abuse of any kind. They will tell you this only if they feel they have your trust, and you must respect that trust. To comply with BSA Youth Protection policies, you must report any disclosures of abuse to your subcamp director. The subcamp director will follow up with the individual and with the appropriate child protection agencies to ensure the safety of the victim.

The sample form, appendix X in the *Troop Leader Guide*, contains the information necessary to report suspected child abuse. Having a written record of factual information helps investigative agencies follow up on reported child abuse. If you need to

make a report of suspected child abuse, try to provide as much information as possible. If the form is not available, write down the information on a sheet of paper. Your subcamp director needs to receive these written reports from you shortly after you tell them of your suspicions.

Child abuse is against the law. The Boy Scouts of America does not tolerate any form of child abuse.

Youth Protection training is considered current if taken since the conclusion of the 1997 National Scout Jamboree.

JAMBOREE VISITS BY SCOUT TROOPS

The events at the 2001 National Scout Jamboree other than arena shows are only for participants. Participation in action centers (air rifle shooting, action alley, archery, bikathlon, buckskin games, confidence course, motocross, pioneering, rappelling tower, and trap shooting) by visiting units is prohibited. Other areas that are reserved for paid jamboree participants are outback centers (conservation, fishing, and aquatics). Jamboree Scout participants are the only individuals who may work on merit badges on the Merit Badge Midway.

A policy has been established that there shall be no visiting units staying within a 50-mile radius of the jamboree site.

JAMBOREE STAFF POSITIONS

While many jamboree groups and services have nearly completed their staff recruiting, there are several opportunities available for youth staff, subcamp staff, action centers, dining room stewards, and trading post sales clerks. New applicants should include these positions on their jamboree staff application due to the fact that many of the smaller staffs have filled at this point.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP FUND

A Good Turn opportunity for jamboree participants will be provided at breakfast on Friday, July 27. At this time, a collection will be taken for the World Friendship Fund. The purpose is to make Scouts and Scouters aware of how the fund has helped Scouts around the world and to give them a chance to contribute to world Scouting endeavors.

A collection bag will be given to each troop in your subcamp by the subcamp program officials prior to the collection. Follow your subcamp instructions on how to turn in your collection bag after breakfast.

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