

Helpful Hints and Items to Take to Jambo

- Every staffer will receive a staff handbook with a list of recommended items.
- If billeted in staff tents (10 man) with dirt floors, bring some sort of ground cover to place beside your beds/cots for when the rains come - and it will rain - and a river runs through it. Indoor/outdoor carpet or plywood platform works well.
- Heavy plastic sheeting to put under & wrapped up the legs of your cot in the tent
- Bring along two pieces of scrap 1X6 lumber to put the cot legs on.
- You will be provided a canvas Army cot - bring a backboard, ThermaRest, foam pad, or airmattress for comfort.
- Frame system for cot to hang mosquito net and clothes.
- Cabela's, 1 800 237-4444 (www.cabelas.com) has cot organizers (Cot-Side Nightstand item DB-51-3358. \$24.99).
- Bring a sleeping bag (lightweight summer bag - it can get cool at night), pillow, sheets for the hot nights.
- Sheet of plastic or big trash bag for covering bedding and other stuff during the day in case of rain.
- Mosquito net and poles or a bug screen just in case.
- A waterproof Action Packer/foot locker/Rubbermaid storage bins (Roughtote totelockers 27 gallon or 18.5 gallon size) for personal gear will keep things dry and secure.
- Padlocks or combination locks for your Action Packer/footlocker.
- (Plastic) Shoe boxes for keeping clothing sorted inside footlocker.
- Duffel bags did not cut it last time.
- Several thin Rubbermaid containers that fit underneath your cot for things like paperwork, patches, snacks (be careful of critters), etc.
- Power strip for extension cord to allow for more than one thing at a time to be plugged in.
- A 10-15 foot extension cord.
- Good items to have - clock, small battery/electric fan, and a small folding snack/table/TV tray to put them on.
- Clip on fans for the end of your bunk.
- Battery powered fan with a fluorescent light.
- Small lantern or other battery light source - mini mags, head lanterns, etc.
- Bring a folding lawn chair to sit on and to place your clothes at night.
- Cushion for sitting on at the Arena Shows - no folding chairs allowed
- Clothes line rope and clothespins can be handy to have.
- A 5-gallon bucket washer/plumber's helper (camp washing machine) is good to have if there is no coin laundry nearby. It can be used to store sleeping bag, dry storage for clean clothes and other gear, stools for sitting.

- Laundry soap or Woolite to do wash - Woolite rinses easier and makes the clothes softer.
- Bring some coat hangers and string.
- Duct tape (of course).
- NO motor driven equipment or blow dryers - could overload the electrical system!!
- Radio, CD player with earphones
- Camera(s) and lots of extra film - can be expensive/short supply at the Jambo.
- Notebook, pen, stapler, paper clips, tape, tacks, markers, pencils, Post-its, scissors, paper, tape measure, etc.
- Small cooler for drinks or snacks
- Sturdy Walking shoes
- Lightweight shoes for those lazy times <G>.
- If you have room, a pair of waterproof high top boots such as "ducks" are valuable during rainstorms.
- Day/fanny pack with a good water bottle - drink lots of water!!
- Huge water cup.
- A tube of petroleum jelly.
- Medicated powder - "Gold Bond"
- Bring at least 2 sets of your field uniform.
- T-shirts, scout shirts, scout shorts, windbreaker
- Mark all clothing - especially socks.
- Dirty clothes bag
- Sock liners. Save your feet. Can be hand washed at night and hung to dry. 2 or 3 pair will be fine for the Jambo.
- Spray your socks and shorts with Permethrin - do not spray on skin - will keep ticks and other critters off and will last throughout the Jambo
- Bring a good bug spray - recommend no more than 30% DEET
- Bring an eye shade and earplugs - snoring and shift duty can ruin a good night sleep.
- Light poncho and a light jacket - jacket for cool mornings and poncho for rain and to sit on at arena shows.
- Light weight clothes/sweats to wear as pjs and to keep warm as necessary.
- Pack toiletries together to go - use several small containers in case you leave your shampoo or toothpaste in the latrine/shower room, you will still have others to use.
- Liquid soap for use on hands, body, or shampoo.
- Neck cooler (hydrophilic gel) or a good sweat band to wear to make you feel cool during the day
- A good hat to protect neck and ears from the sun.
- Bring a good sun screen and use often.
- A spray bottle (plant mister) to keep cool during the day.
- Extra TP - you never know when they might run out<vbg>
- Wet ones.
- Purell (or similar) hand sanitizer.
- Lysol spray (Sample size)
- A box of gallon sized zip lock bags.
- Extra trash bags.

-Roll of Velcro

-Bring supplies to address hot spots and blisters before they form or you will visit the Great folks at the health tents.

-Bring friendship gifts to give away and trade as your mood suits you. These could include mini food samples from your area or handmade neckerchief slides.

-Bring extra patches to trade.

-Business Cards with name, address, council, sig file, Catchy slogans, Jambo site worked, kids, husbands, pets names...

-Tootsie Rolls (We gave out 2 bags of 1200 each day) Give aways (From adults to youth)

-Toilet Seat Covers

-Wool army patch blanket

-Cow pies (The edible kind to give Charlie when we see him.)

-Mini blowup kiddie swimming pool (scuba folks probably don't need <VBG>).

-Use phone cards to keep the cost of calling home down.

-Use the pre-Jamboree catalog/flyer to order souvenir items to reduce the amount of money needed on site, keeps the items "nicer" and reduces the theft problem.

-Roll of quarters for laundry (if available), telephones, etc.

-In case of heavy rain, bring something to take up your time - book, cards, etc.

-Staffers, take a small notebook and jot down all your recommendations for Jambo improvement. Send to National.

*** Toilet paper. The first couple days that staff is there, some items are in short supply. One time the toilet paper didn't arrive until we were there 2 days.**

*** 5 Gal bucket. In the morning when I wake up (not necessarily in the morning since I worked different shifts), I just grabbed the 5 gal. bucket and walked to the shower house. It had my towel, toiletries, clean underwear, etc. I had prepared everything the morning before when I got back from the shower house. When I got to the shower house, I could set the bucket down anywhere and didn't have to find a clean dry area or worry about someone mistakenly grabbing my towel.**

*** Wash cloth. When you finish showering, if you use your towel to dry, it gets quite wet and in the humid, sometimes rainy, climate of Virginia, it doesn't dry too well. So I first use a wash cloth to remove most of the water that is on my skin and just keep wringing it out. Then I finish with the towel. That way the towel gets thoroughly dry every day. The wash cloth gets washed out every day and doesn't need to get completely dry.**

- A chamois cloth - like you use to dry a car. A "real" one, not the imitation ones!

*** "Shower shoes". You need two pair of shoes.**

1) One to walk to the shower through mud. I usually use a pair of hiking boots that have the laces tied in such a way that I can just slip into them.

2) I recommend a pair of flip flops in the shower to reduce the chance of getting foot rot.

*** Window fan, extension cord and power splitter. The large self standing fans are very common and the best. Even when it is hot at night, the fan makes it possible to go to sleep. It also makes enough soothing noise to mask some of the snoring.**