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GUIDE TO  
(Probable Good Fortunes of  
AND a Few Warnings About)  
BEING ON A  
NATIONAL  
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be the LAST TIME a  
National Jamboree is  
held at Fort AP Hill.***

## Welcome to being a member of the 2010 National Jamboree staff.

### *A unique experience.....*

The experience you will have as Jamboree staff member will indeed be fantastic and will be unlike any other scouting experiences you have had. (.....unless you were on Jamboree staff before). A Jamboree has characteristics of: a summer camp, troop campouts, outdoor carnival, rock concert, camporees, military bivouac, outdoor party, and temporary housing in disasters. You will see some of the greatest innovations in scouting skills as well as temporary city logistics, infrastructure, exhibits, shows, displays, and program – all with scouting as the basic foundation. The jamboree experience and some of the lessons learned were proven to be vital experiences and training for the military to hone skills on how to establish and manage large overseas military encampments. These lessons also have been modified for civilian use for large disasters, as well as models for local camporees.

### *The needed “frame of mind”.....*

As a staff member, you must have a VERY, VERY open mind and be VERY, VERY, “mentally” flexible and patient. Although years of planning take place, sometimes the full scope of the issues and challenges do not become fully realized or properly understood until “everybody gets there and we see what we have to work with” – then, sometimes, major changes need to occur. Also, you are dealing with scouters---most ALL of them are often the leaders in their home-town areas and are used to being “in-charge” of everything – so, getting a bunch of “chiefs” to quickly change roles and work as “Indians” sometimes may (DOES) take a wee bit of time. So expect lots of multi-tasking, doing all sort of jobs, and...

..... As advocated in one Clint Eastwood movie, be ready to be a person who can..... **“Adapt, Improve, Overcome”**

So please see general comments, ideas below.....

Sincerely,

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## 1.) Before you leave to come to the jamboree. ....

In that you are from the [REDACTED] area, it is assumed that you are driving. Because you are driving, you have a RARE opportunity and privilege that only small percentage of staff members have – that opportunity is to bring your own stuff and lots of it – as this is because you do not have the limitations in that you are not flying or riding a train or bus, as many other staff members (and participants) will be doing!

So, consider bringing some other equipment such as supplies, tools, etc IN ADDITION to the usual personal items. While there are resources at the jamboree, they might not be in the quantities that are needed to get a job done quickly. Also, if you are NOT SURE that something will be available at the jamboree and you think it is vital to the success of your area then indeed DO BRING IT! Don't spend large amounts of money, just start gathering/picking up "stuff". **REMEMBER: "IT IS BETTER TO HAVE IT AND NOT NEED IT, THAN TO NEED IT AND NOT HAVE IT"** –See **Appendix 2 FOR DETAILS**

NOTE: Because this is written with the premise that you are driving to the Jamboree, there is NO information about bus and airline issues and transportation to from Jamboree from airports or train/bus stations. If you do not have a ride, contact the [REDACTED] Scout office for a list of staff members who may be able to give you a ride.

## 2.) Traveling by personal vehicle to the Jamboree

Generally, you should allow [REDACTED] hours (a meal/rest stop is included in that time) to travel to the jamboree site from the [REDACTED] area. Basically, many folks will go onto the [REDACTED] to the [REDACTED] Exit and then proceed onto Interstate [REDACTED] then onto Interstate [REDACTED], then to Interstate [REDACTED], then to Interstate [REDACTED] then get off at one of several marked exits.

If you hate or fear the [REDACTED] ([REDACTED] ) around [REDACTED] , then a route bypassing the [REDACTED] be provided you and you will get onto Interstate [REDACTED] at point [REDACTED] the area.

If you have no fear of the beltway (or have never been on the beltway, but are looking for a new thrill), then remember the timing of rush-hours and, that while the posted speed-limit is some number, the lower end of the "actual" driving

speed is most often 80 MPH, and this can be a real challenge if you are driving slow due to a “full” vehicle and/or are towing a trailer.

It has been observed that while the [REDACTED] is somewhat “quieter” at late night hours and the wee hours of the morning, [REDACTED], on the contrary, is BUSY with tractor trailer trucks at those in same wee hours for the morning.

### **3.) Checking in when first arriving at the Jamboree site**

It is strongly suggested that you personally contact the person for whom you will be working for to CONFIRM your start date – simply, it may be a matter of saying the date is confirmed; or, it may be a situation of you being asked to come in a day or more early than what was listed on your staff acceptance letter – try to do this at least one month BEFORE your departure date.

From an overall personal logistics standpoint, especially if you can get the personal time off to do such, try to get permission to be there earlier than your report date versus later! (provided that you have the few additional days you can spare). *Note if for some reason you can arrive early and your attempts to “get approval” to come early have not been answered then do the following: A few months before the jamboree you will be sent a “transportation form” which will outline arriving dates etc etc. On that form put the ACTUAL date you want to be there versus the “assigned reporting date”—that way at the very least your housing will be there.*

Sometimes, staff that drive come in and spend the night before their report date at a motel near the jamboree site, and then enter the jamboree site very early the morning of the “report” day – (NOTE: the last time of the day to figure out where you are going to sleep is in the late afternoon!) I would suggest staying in the area between Fredericksburg and Richmond at a location off of Interstate 95 called Ruther’s Glenn. There are few nice motels there as well as a mini-mart and gas station to fuel your vehicle prior to going into the jamboree grounds.

You will enter one of the Main gates of Fort AP Hill. YOU WILL HAVE YOU PERSON AND YOUR VEHICLE INSPECTED and THEN be directed into Jamboree area – you will then be further directed to the Staff check-in Area, which in 2005 was at a kiosk right before entry into the Jamboree proper. If you arrive on a date very close to the beginning of the jamboree expect VERY LONG lines at the check in area as the military checks you vehicle.

**When you enter Ft AP Hill, your vehicle will go through a thorough a vehicle inspection by the military. Make sure you have proper vehicle registration papers.** You will then proceed to the staff check-in location. At this location you will notice a locations with many “stations” or windows at a building(s) and/or

tent(s) (meals, housing, forms, ID stuff etc etc) Once you get all of your “check-in” stuff – dining hall passes, official staff ID material, housing assignment etc etc – you can drive to your “housing” site and unload. You will probably then have some time to leave the site and go to various stores (SAMS, Lowes, Home Depot) to purchase stuff you may find you need for a platform for your cot.

**WARNING: Make sure you bring/have copies of your assignment letter(s) and a copy of your medical form!!!! No medical form either there or with you WILL be very problematic!; and you may not be granted entrance..**

#### **4.) Dining Halls and Staff Meals/Food**

At Staff check-in, you will be issued a dining hall pass and with that pass(s) you will be permitted to eat ONLY at the assigned facility as stated on the pass – you can get a special ticket that permits you to eat a meal at a given location (i.e. breakfast ticket for Longstreet, while your dinner is at Wilcox), OR, if you can present a need based on your job, you can obtain a ROVING dining hall ticket to permit you to eat at any facility –but these are few and far in between and must be procured ASAP upon your check-in as a staff member.

- If you are **assigned to be housed at a subcamp** then you will probably be assigned to eat at the dining hall for that subcamp >>> **on arrival at the subcamp, DO NOT be surprised (or disturbed—in fact BE JOYFUL) if it is “suggested that you “donate” an additional \$30-\$50 for food** from your personal funds --- this is a reasonable request and a **GREAT DEAL**, as it means better and additional salad bar items, steak dinner(s), desserts, fresh fruit, and other quality food items—it’s really a worth the cost!!! (Note there has been OFFICIAL discouragement of this practice in past jamborees, but no one heeded such – but hey, it’s for a good cause -- great food!)
- If you are not assigned to a subcamp dining hall, then you (poor you) will be assigned to eat at one of the 3-5 larger staff dining halls/facilities. There are no special food items here and thus no extra cost. (and, usually, not as good as subcamps!)
- For the large staff dining halls, the hours of operation are strictly adhered to and there is definitely no after hours “refrigerator-raiding” --- however, such a privilege has been rumored to be so in the past at some subcamps?
- In the past, Pizza Hut in Bowling Green has been set up to deliver!!!!

## **Menus and other types of Staff Dining Facilities OTHER than subcamps**

Menu—the staff menu is often the same at all facilities. From time to time, other foods may be served at individual areas due to shortages or other logistics. *Note: The staff dining hall menu for breakfast and Dinner DOES NOT correspond to what troops eat at a given meal.*

Fixed Dining Hall Facility – these are military dining halls and one is served indoors and eats in doors. These are found at Longstreet and Wilcox.

Temporary Dining Hall Facility – Here, the kitchen “chow-line” could be a multi-trailer unit and tents with tables under the tent. One example is the youth dining facility in the Longstreet area.

Lunches for staff are the same as the scouts eat. They are “brown bag” lunches served from the back of refrigerated trucks. You will be given daily tickets to exchange for lunches. The 2001 lunches were pretty good while the 2005 lunches were not as filling.

*NOTE: If you have a real early report date, you may be assigned to one dining hall early on for a few days and then reassigned to another(s) as the others or subcamps open up when more staff arrives.*

## **5.) Uses/Limitations of Personal Cars/Trucks/Trailers/Bicycles**

When you arrive at the jamboree, you will do so on a date which is at least 1-3 days before the “vehicle-moratorium” --- this means you can drive to the staff reception area, then onto your bunk/sleeping area, and unpack your vehicle with all of your stuff. [There are NO personal vehicles permitted on the grounds DURING the Jamboree] Although “they” may want you to immediately place your vehicle in “dead storage” [a parking lot for all staff personal vehicles.], you might get way with keeping it and parking near at your sleeping area for few days and nights. (towards the official opening date of the Jamboree the roads will indeed be very crowded with other staffer vehicles around the staff areas!!!) You may also be permitted to drive your vehicle (AND BICYCLES) unimpeded around the entire jamboree site to all of the areas BEFORE they are inhabited. (A great photo opportunity)

Usually with a vehicle, when you arrive are often just 4-50 feet away from your tent/building – so bring what you want—if you are indeed driving! So, for a day or two you may keep your car and use it --- but 1-2 days before the scouts arrive, all cars will be required to be in “dead storage” While vehicle passes for

on-site vehicle may be given for a VERY VERY FEW non-jamboree fleet vehicles, these are usually NOT ever personal vehicles. If 2010 is similar to 2001 and 2005, buses will be running on a regular schedule to the vehicle “dead storage” location. The trunk of your car may be a safer place to store some personal items than your bunk area. (See items in APPENDIX 2)

You can go to dead storage to get stuff from your vehicle almost any time. On your days off, you may also leave the site and go to other places (like the beach or to amusement parks or other attractions).

REMEMBER, the large majority of the STAFF have come in via planes, buses and trains – or have driven with someone else or in a convoy – therefore, if you have a car, or better yet, a pick-up truck --- make sure you do the “scout-like” thing and ASK if anyone needs a ride somewhere to get something!

*Note #1: One of the most enforced policies is that of NO personal vehicles in the jamboree site during the jamboree. The simple answer is that virtually under NO circumstances will personal vehicles be permitted on the site during the jamboree. Those who have tried to make a case of “medical issues” in order to keep their vehicles on site were essentially advised that if a medical issue was so bad to require you to use your personal vehicle, then perhaps you might not be physically able to STAY on staff. [however before the jamboree starts, if you have a vehicle that can haul things (pick-up truck etc), then these may be encouraged to be used and available up to the very last moment before the vehicle ban commences]*

*Note #2: If you have an RV and park it in Dead storage there may be a STRONG prohibition about staying overnight in that RV while it is in dead storage.*

## **6. BUNKING/SLEEPING ASSIGNMENTS**

**General Philosophy about housing and your bunk area – although you are providing a staff service – this by no means requires you to “rough it” – ON the contrary, one of the keys to having great Jamboree staff experience is to MAXIMIZE sleeping comfort under the conditions!!!! -- The only limitations are the bed, electrical power, and space. The amount of stuff is not critical - except you have to be able to get it there and put it somewhere-which is usually NOT an issue.**

## **6.1 Housing for Main Staff Areas-BARRACKS**

Usually those staff who work in main staff areas (i.e. Arena show, Health and Safety etc) and/or who are on-site for the longest periods, will be assigned to Barracks in an area known as Wilcox – about 2 miles away from the main jamboree area or Longstreet which is near Subcamp 2 and in the middle of the jamboree. Staff is bused to and from Wilcox via school buses (there are some Jamboree staff vehicles too) --- a regular schedule is in place.

### **6.1.A Bedding and other amenities in barracks**

Barracks provide you with a large upright locker so you can hang up shirts and there is also a top shelf for miscellaneous items. At the foot of the bed on the floor is a wooden footlocker. Both the locker and footlocker are lockable. You are provided a single regular mattress BUT NO LINEN – so bring your sheets etc. There is often no “flying insect” problem in the barracks. The beds may be singles or bunk beds. Barracks have fixed shower facilities inside that are usually pretty good.

### **6.1B. Wilcox Barracks**

#### **Good News**

The Wilcox area has its own PX and Dining Hall. The barracks have mattresses on large bunk beds and lockable footlockers and upright metal lockers. Ample shower, electric outlets etc are available. It's a great housing facility; it is all adults, and a good “get-away” from the hustle-bustle of the main jamboree area. This facility HAS washers and dryers. The PX DOES have some “adult” beverages and did have a “Pizza Hut”.

#### **Bad News**

Wilcox is far away from the main jamboree site—therefore vehicle/bus transportation is the only way to get back and forth (that is unless you run/jog fast have an officially issued bicycle or get a ride with someone). This means that there is little staff-troop interface possible on a regular basis in the evening. The roadway is very clear from the main area but it is very dark at night. Even though Wilcox has significant amount of parking you will still be required to put your vehicle in dead storage. Also, Wilcox is the location where all incoming support military and other federal personnel may be housed and thus it will get crowded in some areas (i.e. washing machines). The barracks are not air-conditioned, but they did not

get too hot in 2001, but were indeed very hot in 2005. Wilcox does use bunk beds.

Recommendations for Wilcox:

- 1.) Get a larger Day-Pack and pack ALL you need (extra set of clothes and underwear) for the day—going back and forth during the day could be a 1-2 hour process!
- 2.) While this is stated elsewhere too— if you are assigned to Wilcox then you will be expected to eat meals at Wilcox! – So, if your area requires you to have early or late hours, you will need to talk to Dining Services (AT CHECK-IN) to get “universal passes” so you can eat anywhere.
- 3.) Locks – get Combination locks for you lockable areas
- 4.) Sheets – forget the sleeping bags – go with sheets and blankets
- 5.) Bring washing detergent, etc --- there are washing machines
- 6.) Bring small electric fan with a clip for on your bed.

**B. Long Street Barracks**

Good news

This is usually very close and in walking distance to most centralized work area areas. There are washers and dryers. Ample shower, electric outlets (for fans) etc are available. There are NO bunk beds in this facility

Bad news

This is near the middle of jamboree proper and thus there is a potential for lots of non-staff to be in and about the area -- so security can be an issue. There is also no adult area other than inside of the barracks themselves.

Recommendations for Longstreet

- 1.) Lock everything – this is next to the public flow and bus stops
- 2.) Washers and Dryers will be busy – may have to do wash in the wee hours – brings soap, bleach etc.
- 3.) Bring a small fan, it does get hot inside!

## **6.2 Housing for Subcamps and Action Center staff<sup>1</sup>**

**6.2.A** If you are working in an action center or subcamp, chances are you will be housed in a GP medium army tent or a rented (white and striped) commercial tent—both house 8-12 people and you will sleep on an army cot (Note: Army cots are the durable ones with the aluminum frame). (NOTE: if there are not enough staff tents at a given site (i.e. subcamp), then sometimes (in the past) 2 person BSA wall tents are used, but these will need to be set up when you get there --- and there will be no electricity) The ground under a staff tent may be asphalt or gravel or dirt or concrete or grass. Regardless of the ground cover, water depth on the ground, in the tent, from storms, is OFTEN a problem and could be 5+ inches!

-Make sure you have a plastic footlocker that has a bottom side waterproof (VERY FEW waterproof duffel bags have survived the “Jamboree Flood” test!!!)

-Consider stopping at or going to Home Depot or Lowes to buy enough 2x8s and plywood to make a small tent platform to get you 6+ inches off the ground. A “cheap piece” of carpet is good as well as some basic “night-stand” material (milk crates or plywood/pressboard).

GREAT NEWS—These large GP Medium army tents or commercial tents will have been set up before you got there and will taken down by someone else.

There is some electrical service in the tents – what that is and what you MIGHT be able to do is outlined in APPENDIX I

*[Youth staff, except for Aquatics, will/may be housed in one area at Longsteet – in GP medium or commercial tents]*

### **6.2.B CHOOSING A STAFF TENT**

If you have a choice of which tent to inhabit, consider the following factors:

1. Rain runoff
2. Asphalt/concrete versus grass, gravel
3. Away from vending machines (noisy, lights, bugs, late night scouts)
4. Away from Subcamp dining tent—they start at wee hours + clank pots

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<sup>1</sup> Report from NE Region meeting in November 2008

5. Away from troop sites
6. Watch where the “AIR RAID SIREN” is – these are electronic super loud-outdoor-warning-speaker-units that are both sirens, PA system, and used for TAPS/REVILLE --- AND can be project 120 decibels within 100 feet. They are sometimes mounted on telephone poles near at the subcamp areas. The speaker array looks like several large wheels of gray cheese stacked atop each other.
7. Access to bathroom/shower.
8. Near or not near streetlight (bugs-humming of light)
9. Away from Commissary tents (Trucks which supply the subcamps do so at about 1 AM in the morning!!!!)
10. Security – not directly next to a public thruway, except if there is some fencing installed.

### **6.2.C Bedding and Supplies in Staff tents**

I If you are in a tent, then chances are you will sleep on an army cot:

-In most cases, a light sheet to cover you will be more than enough -- bring a blanket just in case-it got to 45 degrees one night in 2001.

-Consider 3"+ of foam rubber pad or mattress

-Cabella’s camping supplies sells several items to hook onto the army cot to hold/store your stuff and have mosquito netting.

1. Cot Tree to hang clothes – installs at head of the cot

Catalog Number: RW-51-3718

2. Cot Nightstand -- really it is a length of fabric folded and sewn to give a bunch of pouches, hangs on one side of the cot and runs from one end to the other.

Catalog Number RW- 51-6067 OR RW- 51-3358

3. Mosquito netting – need 2 sets trees in #1 above

Catalog Number RW- 51-5934

-As previously mentioned, some folks construct a small nightstand of plywood and/or wire-tie some milk crates.

-Bring whatever pillows you want

-One doesn't have to sleep in a sleeping bag

### **6.2.D MOSQUITO NETTING IN STAFF TENTS**

The use of such is an exception rather than the rule. Unbeknownst to many, the site is “very-well-sprayed” prior to staff arriving and such “bug issues” are considered by many to be far more of a myth than reality. But most suggest bringing netting just in case.

### **6.2.E Important for staff tents:**

-Bring clear plastic and big blue tarp and then place plastic over bedding in AM.... keeps it from getting damp during day

-Have Blue tarp to place over all personal items or suspend from ceiling of tent in case in rains and the tent is a leaker.

### **6.2. F SHOWER FACILITIES FOR THOSE IN STAFF TENTS**

The shower facilities servicing staff tents can be one of several types. First there is the fixed building type (+ restroom). Second, there is the shower “trailer”. And third, there are a variety of temporary shower tents, often with only cold water. Because staff in tents may be sharing the facility with participants, one needs to see what type of scheduling there is and/or whether there are adult-only showers. Whatever the facility, you need to bring to/from shower clothes and footwear.

## **6.3 OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS/CONCERNS FOR THE SLEEPING AREAS**

**Bring earplugs – there are many late night noises, but “snoring scouters” are the primary culprit of most noise. Also some staff have to get up very early (i.e. 5 AM, or come in late, i.e. 3 AM) and there will be inadvertent noise.**

BRING folding chair for around camp/barracks!

Bring a “nightlight” or clamp light if you are going to read – if you have time!

Some jamboree staffers have procured ORANGE plastic disposable construction fence and put up a perimeter around the staff tent area – this has worked out very well!

## **7. SCHEDULING, WORK HOURS, WORKING AT, PERSONAL TIME, AND FAMILY VISITING YOU AT THE JAMBOREE**

### **7.1 The days BEFORE the Jamboree officially starts**

Virtually all staff will be on-site usually no later than 2-4 days before the first troop arrives. This set-up period is a very very busy time period. Often you must completely set up your “area”; and, that may require lots of effort or little effort.

What is usually at your area are boxes of “Stuff” contained in what are called CONNEX boxes or white commercial storage boxes (PODS). These are large metal boxes or white wood/plastic boxes that are shipped on trains and tractor trailer trucks and often have EVERYTHING for your area. One of the first orders of business will be to unload the box and make sure the inventory coincides with what they say is present and QUICKLY resolve any missing items.

These CONNEX/PODS, once emptied of the program and administrative equipment, make EXCELLENT storage of personal gear that you do not need to have continuous access to. In some cases, at subcamps, these boxes are used to “Store” some items for in-coming troops—but these are “deals” you have to make with the subcamp staff --- because “they” have the locks for the boxes.

During this time everyone is expected to do everything asked of them --- Physical work may be required in lifting and moving items. There may be a need to build things and set up areas. But usually all tables, counters and other items have been pre-built.

So, no matter what your profession or avocation is, make sure you bring your work gloves and be ready to do moving and lifting. Then again, you may be in an area where none of that is required.

At the end of the Jamboree the CONNEX/STORAGE boxes will need to be repacked with the very same stuff that came out of it.

### **7.2 The “Kick-off” Staff Arena Show/Party**

The night before the scouts arrive there will be a special arena show and “pep-talk” for the staff. In 2001 and 2005, they combined this with an outdoor picnic dinner.

### **7.3 Work Hours**

Every area is different and there is indeed a genuine effort to make sure everyone has both days off and day-time hours to see the Jamboree. Those working the Actions Centers and other activities can expect to have evenings off as those areas do not have activities during the nighttime. Those working in food service can expect to have early morning wake-up calls. For Subcamp commissary, all food is delivered via pallets in tractor-trailer trucks in the hours just after midnight. For Health and Safety, as well as other Public Safety services, the schedule is pretty much 24/7. The “challenge” for many areas is the amount of staff that is available. Sad to say, that if there are staff shortages, it may not be uncommon to get but only 1-2 days off for some areas.

### **7.4 Giving out Trinkets from [REDACTED]**

All areas of the country will most often bring “things” representing their hometown and before long the scouts and fellow staff members may ask you if they have those trinkets. What have been very common things are various types of pins and within 1-3 days, it is possible to fill your entire hat with pins of every type. For [REDACTED], the [REDACTED],and [REDACTED], pins have been very popular and in high demand. To a lesser degree, some staff trade CSPs from their home town – both the jamboree issue and the “regular” CSP.

### **7.5 Give-aways—other options**

In years past, some other ingenious folks have given bits of steel, chunks of coal, aluminum pieces from [REDACTED] as other give items. Some areas have an endless supply of “piece candy” (and are forever picking up wrappers????!!!!)

### **7.6 Dealing with Non-registered scouts (and Scouters) wanting to participate in Jamboree Program areas intended for attendees**

There will be “non-jamboree” scouts who present themselves at program areas or will attempt to obtain items that are meant only for registered participants of the Jamboree. In rare cases, these “un-official” scouts may go so far as to buy

Jamboree T-shirts to wear ...and some may buy or trade for participant patches and sew them on their shirt – it is only when they cannot provide the Jamboree Identification Card that the “true story” is may become known.

On one (not-so-bad) “side” of the spectrum are the scouts who live near the Jamboree site and are only visiting and this is expected – [heck -- why not, if such an event is in your back yard!?!?] – and, generally, that’s the only reason why they came. One can almost “accept” these local visitors as being legitimate and “cut them a break”.

However, a “dark-side” are those scouts of troops that may travel days and many miles and camp/stay “secretly” near the jamboree site -- with their trip being done with only the express intention of benefiting from jamboree program events for several days, if not the entire Jamboree, and undertake this endeavor to purposely avoid paying the jamboree fee. Here, it is more of a “misdirection” of the leaders versus the scouts... the scouts not knowing what they are doing may be improper. Often non-jamboree-registered scouts are told by their leaders that what they are doing is “okay” because as long as they got there they were entitled to the same as any other scout who made the journey.

This is where each program area may have its own (or jamboree-wide) policy. Some program areas have ticket requirements and will turn away any scout (participant or not) who doesn’t have a ticket. Some areas will request to see the Jamboree ID card. Some areas only permit registered participants enjoy the activity because of the inherent liability involved in those events (i.e. rappelling). Some areas WILL let “non-registrants” participate ONLY if there are no other “officially registered” jamboree scouts in-line. Other areas do not even bother to check if the scout is a registered participant and all activities are filled on come on a first-come first served basis by whoever is there.

However, do expect "official participant leaders” and "official participant scouts” to clearly and loudly bring to the attention of the staff those situations where non-participants are being given preference over participants or waiting in lines. From time-to-time, heated exchanges may occur between the leadership of the participating scouts and the leadership of the non-participating scouts in these matters. Security personnel have had to be summoned for similar situations in past jamborees. Therefore, the staff person working at a program area needs to know ahead of time the “exact” policy of who may participate in area.

## **7.7 Staying or leaving the site on your off time.**

Again, each person's situation is different. Certain groups of staff will be arriving early as July 14 and therefore in ten days may "need" to get off-site. For short-time staffers, (arriving 1-2 days before and leaving 1-2 days after) staying onsite the entire jamboree assignment period might be tolerable. If you do not have transportation, then, unless you can join up with someone who does, your options are limited. Most often one travels to the dead storage area and takes a car off site.

Some opt to go into town for dinner or stay overnight in a motel and go swimming. Some have gone to Busch Gardens or the Norfolk Naval base to take tours. Some have gone to the beach/shore.

But for most there will not be enough time-off to see the entire jamboree, let alone visit hometown troops. Many staff often do the "real vacation" after the jamboree and on the way home.

## **7.8 Personal Time at the Jamboree Site in staff areas**

There indeed may be a lot of this. Staff usually talks amongst themselves (a several hour long cracker barrel every night) or visit troops or partake in patch trading. Card and board games are not uncommon.

## **7.9 Family visiting**

If your family is visiting you, it is imperative to work out with your area supervisor to assure you can get "time-off" during their visit. It has been rumored that family can get meals in the staff dining facilities but this has to be arranged for in advance and not the day of.

## **7.10 Departure.**

It has been reported that Staff departure will be "officially" no earlier than noon on 8/4/2010; and, no car will be permitted in prior to 11 AM that day.

## **8. GENERAL**

### **8.1 Cell phones**

For 2010 it has been reported that there **will not be any restriction** on cell phones.<sup>2</sup> This information has not been confirmed as to whether or not there will be a restriction for participants as well. It has been reported that AT&T will be providing cell phone service. This means AT&T will probably bring in one or more extra COW (Cellular on Wheels) units to provide additional coverage and service. There has been no indication to date as how this proposed system will or will not support connectivity to laptops throughout the site.<sup>3</sup>

While it is stated and indeed true that there are lots of payphones, there are lots of boys and there are literally LONG LINES to the phones.

### **8.2 Special “Staff-Only” Trinkets Associated with your Work Area (optional):**

Be prepared to spend upwards to \$50-\$100 dollars on special trinkets that MAYBE are manufactured especially for your work area (Action centers, Health/Safety, Dining hall –and everything else). Some program areas (Aquatics is notorious for a large array of neat clothing stuff!) have these available for purchase before the Jamboree, many do not. This could be nothing more than special staff pocket patches, back patches, CSP strips (@ \$5-\$50+ each), special metal badges (@\$15-25), embroidered golf shirts and fleece jackets (@\$20-\$40), hats (\$10) (AND ...in the past the Aquatics staff had “official” swim trunks!--- you don’t have to buy any of these, but the day they have them, buy them ASAP !!! – usually all of this kind of stuff gets sold out in 1-2 days. And, these items ARE NOT SOLD via the Trading Post...someone in the staff area arranges to get and sell these. Sometimes the staff at areas may ask you to sew on special JSP for their area—so, bring thread and needle!

### **8.3 Special Costs for Work Areas (not so optional):**

Sometimes an area will charge a small fee for a party cost, drink costs, or patch or shirt and this can be upwards to \$15 OR MORE!

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<sup>2</sup> Report from NE Region meeting in November 2008

<sup>3</sup> While it is reported that AT&T will handle cell phones, no other info has been made available

## 8.4 Transportation on site:

School buses provide transportation around the jamboree site and run various routes-these are often full of scouts and/or not “on-time”-while staff is supposed to get priority, this has rarely occurred.

For 2010 it has been reported that there will LESS vehicles on-site than in previous jamboree(s).<sup>4</sup> In 2005 about 600 GM vehicles, as well as specialty and emergency vehicles were used. Also, Adults are urged to be able to walk at a 3MPH pace prior to coming to the Jambo.<sup>5</sup>

Try to get rides in official staff vehicles.

“Official” bicycles will be assigned to most areas, however, these are usually the smaller sizes (24”) for scouts and adults will hurt their knees!

Vehicles used by staff on the grounds are usually BSA provided and are leased or donated vehicles --- rarely, if at all, is a personal vehicles given a status as a staff vehicle.

Some areas will have staff vehicles for making pick-up and delivery and general purposes – GET TO KNOW who has the vehicle and what the routes are – this can save you time and aggravation if you need to travel to various parts of the jamboree to do your job.

The odds of a single staff member getting a vehicle for his job and for his personal use only are slim. Even when there are vehicles available there is usually STRONG DIRECTIVE NOT transport scouts or family members (Do not assume that if you have access to vehicle that you can save visitors from having to walk!!!!)

## 8.5 Security:

Remember that a Jamboree is a city of 50,000 and as such, crime of ALL sorts occurs in a Jamboree as well. While it may seem unfriendly to do such, **do indeed challenge any and all unknown person(s) in or lurking about your area.** It has not been uncommon for non-scouts to steal uniforms on laundry lines so as to look official. Also, it is an unfortunate situation that theft occurs from within the jamboree, as some participants arrive with little or no spend money.

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<sup>4</sup> Report from NE Region meeting in November 2008

<sup>5</sup> Report from NE Region meeting in November 2008

Unfortunately and surprisingly, it was reported that there were arrests for prostitution and drugs in past jamborees.

In the post 9-11 era, all personal vehicles will undergo a significant inspection when entering the Ft. AP Hill gate – which is roughly 2+ miles away from the main Jamboree site perimeter. Expect under-vehicle inspections, dogs, and perhaps an array of seen and unseen monitoring devices. Therefore, if you have a pick-up truck or a trailer, make sure you pack so that things can be moved easily! (Even in August of 2001 – before 09-11--- there was monitoring equipment set up in the arena for air-borne WMD “agents”).

The President usually comes for last arena show. The Secret Service will have a significant presence and the Arena show have a check-in process where every one through metal detectors and the examination of bags --- expect anything and everything.

#### **8.6 After the Jamboree-availability of supplies and purchasing surplus items:**

In most areas, most equipment and supplies must be returned. However, some areas do not have to return some program equipment if staff pledges to take back to council camps may be turned over to staff. There are some items, such as shelving made from plywood that is destroyed—if you have the means you might want to take such home. There may be some picnic tables that also may be available as well.

Outside the jamboree perimeter but on the AP Hill site is the food storage facility – at the end of the jamboree, the specially packaged tins of jamboree food will be on sale. The items for the steamers are great deals as are other dry goods. Note however that some of the canned items for the steamers might have a short shelf life.

#### **8.7 Some odds and ends – recommendations:**

- 1.) No matter what-if you can get a Jamboree driver’s license do so ASAP!
- 2.) Advise friend and families that the day to come is the Last Arena show
- 3.) If you do bring your car, make sure you fill up with gas as soon as you leave Interstate 95 and head towards the Jamboree site.
- 4.) Bring a seat pad for the Arena shows.... NOT a folding seat –but something that sits ON THE GROUND.

## **8.8 Weather:**

The weather at AP Hill is like [REDACTED] proper during hot muggy summer period —simply: hot and humid, but could be raining for days – BUT UNLIKE the [REDACTED] Scout camps in the [REDACTED], AP Hill is NOT usually too cool at night. In Jamborees past, the military stationed an Air Force or Army Meteorological detachment to provide forecasting service for the event.

### Lightning

AP Hill is basically flat area with some rolling hills ---- [REDACTED] is very hilly compared to AP Hill. Therefore, lightning is a real threat. If an alert is given take heed.

### Flash floods

More of the “flood-your-tent-type” of flood versus a “wipe-out-a-town” variety – but a few troop sites did have 1-2 feet of water in them for several hours until drains could handle the volume.

### Heat

This is intense high heat and can be in the 90-105 degree range with high humidity.

## **8.9 Emergency Alert System:**

Located all over the grounds is an electronic and very loud siren system (120 db at 100 feet) and public address system –This system was used in 2001 and 2005 to advise all to seek shelter during an intense thunderstorm and for a few days to warn scouts to drink more water. It also is use to broadcast taps and reveille bugle calls.

## **8.10 Some other trivia:**

- 1.) The BSA staff could number upwards to 7,500; and, adding military and government staff may bring that upwards to 11,000 non-participants.
- 2.) Staff will receive a special staff-only items (in 2001 it was a special issue wallet/key-chain; 2005 was a belt buckle), a staff neckerchief, and a staff hat – at the end of the jamboree, one (1) staff patch is issued when the staff diary is completed and submitted. These items will not be on sale at the Trading Posts.

- 3.) Staff will be given and are asked to keep a daily diary as to what they did and for suggestions for improvements.
- 4.) No “official” place for a late night snack unless you bring it yourself.
- 5.) If your program area gets cleaned up quickly after the jamboree, then you may leave sooner than what staff appointment letter says is the official departure date.
- 6.) You must have a jamboree driver’s license to drive jamboree vehicles.
- 7.) In the past, GM donated the use of over 600+ NEW vehicles (all types of cars, vans, and trucks) for use at the jamboree and these may be available for staff purchase at deep discounts—inquire early if you are so inclined to buy a certain vehicle. As stated, there are all types of vehicles including vans, SUV, luxury cars and the like.
- 8.) Only military personnel are permitted to drive military vehicles (IE Hummers) but there are some rare exceptions.
- 9.) Postal Service Staff had been assigned small mail trucks to drive.
- 10.) There is SAMS Club<sup>6</sup>, Home Depot<sup>7</sup>, Lowes<sup>8</sup>, Office Max<sup>9</sup>, and a host of other stores within about ½ hour driving range to the Jamboree site. In the past, some of these stores have set up special “Jamboree-only-staff” desk/check-out aisle to assist in purchases and sometimes WITH a discount if you have jamboree ID -- so bring your Jamboree Staff ID card at all times
- 11.) The staff is usually permitted to go swimming/wading in the SCUBA pools at certain times – there are NO OTHER “swimming” resources.
- 12.) There are certain items available at the Trading posts which will definitely sell quickly or may sell out of a given size or color. **THEREFORE, buy what you desire ASAP before the participants**

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<sup>6</sup> Map to Sam’s is Attachment 4

<sup>7</sup> MAP to Home Depot is Attachment 5

<sup>8</sup> MAP to Office Depot is Attachment 6

<sup>9</sup> MAP to LOWES is Attachment 7

**arrive because those items may not be there in the future in after day 1 or 2 of the official start days.**

- 13.) Remember the Spouses and rest of family: There are lots of jewelry items and charms and other items --- get something to take home!
- 14.) There has been an “office-supplies” source at the jamboree – usually through a big chain store, so if you ask (or send a requisition to) the Physical Arrangements Group (PAG) for office supplies, you can probably get the items in 1-2 days.

**8.11) Use of Personal Family Radios on site and “other staff communications”**

Unfortunately all of the troops, scouts and staff have the same idea --- use family radios to communicate—so do expect to have minimal success if you choose to bring these. When contingents were enroute to the jamboree, the use of these radios was often appropriate and functional because there were not a bunch of scouts around. But at the Jamboree, “everyone and his mother” have been know to have one so relying on those radios for important communications was a problem.

**Another option FOR 2-WAY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS.....**

The editor has observed that some staff individuals have had very successful personal radio communications with hand-held radios using radio frequencies not being used at or near the Jamboree site. Such frequencies are fire, police, EMS, governmental, military, business, railroad etc that may be used in one area of the country, but not used in Virginia and/or near the jamboree site. The editor found that the users of the radios, prior to coming to the jamboree, had researched what radio frequencies were being used in the Bowling Green, Virginia and Fort AP Hill area (business and public safety and military), and compared them to the frequencies of their home-town radio systems. If there was no duplication, then those staff members brought with them their “own” business or public safety hand-held portable radios to communicate on “home-town” frequencies (albeit in Virginia). The military and others may or may not frown on this practice given a possibility of military frequencies being interfered with is minimal. And the editor STRONGLY advises any staff to be cognizant of such prohibitions.

### **8.12) Being a polite visitor to the home troops:**

As a staff member, you can be of some assistance to the troops. This may be as simple as making the contingent leadership aware of what your area has to offer and perhaps give advice as to what time to attend given events. The best way to assure such is to “ask” the leaders what they need.

Some staff visitors like to “treat” a troop or patrol. Such treats include Pizza (2 Pizzas per patrol), Ice cream (some logistics with dry ice, but not impossible), cookies, pudding (#10 cans-1 per patrol-from Sam’s Club); drinks (cold individual drinks). Brings cups, plates, and bowls.

Please **AVOID** being a guest for any meals on the troop site --- unless YOU BRING more food for the meal. The portions given for patrol are basically ONLY enough for the patrol and the troop leadership.

*(True story: One ASM invited his family of 4 to 3 dinners at the Patrol – the ASM said that there was too much food anyways and there was enough for HIS family – he cut all of the portions in half --- please note that EXPERTS have determined portions size not ASM- the scouts of the patrol had to get Pizzas delivered)*

If you have a vehicle, you may go outside the site and get items for the troop. Also, with troop permission, you may transport some “luxury” items for individual scouts—such items include folding chairs, plastic nightstands, cot trees and other bulk items that won’t fit on the Jamboree bus from [REDACTED].

Some leaders may ask for some consideration on supplies or admission tickets --- remember, it is nice to be nice when being nice is NOT to the detriment of others.

### **8.13 What if your son is a participant – what to expect.**

Usually scouts are so busy that they rarely seek out the “staff” parent unless they are in need of something – usually money! (and, sometimes washing services)

However, if you are staffing a “hot activity area” where admission tickets are required, or, the commissary, don’t be surprised if “requests” are made. How those requests are handled is up to the policies of your area. (Again, it is nice to be nice when being nice is NOT to the detriment of others)

If you are going to provide niceties for your son (i.e. luxuries mentioned above) it is suggested that you make the offer to at least his entire patrol.

As with all scout events the troop adult leadership will affect the needed oversight and usually parental intervention on-site is often not necessary.

Also, it is usually NOT appropriate for the parent to take the son off-site. Also, note that parent-son activities on-site would not OFTEN conflict with troop or patrol activities.

#### **8.14) On-site Jamboree Computer systems and Accessing the internet**

There is an on-site computer system in various sub-camp administrative and medical areas -- which uses internet-type software to communicate. Therefore there is internet capability/access at these sites. The challenge has been that the connectivity is usually wireless and sometimes slow. Also note that the wireless system is MILITARY and thus standard wireless connections in laptops will not be able to access the system! Whether 2010 has a dedicated Wi-Fi system is unknown at this writing.

However, it has been reported that there will be an “internet site(s)” at the Jamboree.<sup>10</sup> With AT&T wireless cards may work. However, the internet resource may be very busy with lines.

If you are working in a tent site with computer please note the following suggestions:

- 1.) THOU SHALL NOT EVER TURN OFF THE COMPUTER OR MONITOR – lots of condensation happens overnight and “wet” monitors have been known to fry when they get turned on in the morning. Keeping them ON will provide enough heat to keep them from getting too damp. A tarp over the powered-down computer has not been shown to resolve the problem.
- 2.) THOU SHALL TAKE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO KEEP THY PAPER DRY – again the humidity will serve to have the paper jam in printers
- 3.) THOU SHALL KEEP THE COMPUTER FROM GETTING TOO HOT – a restatement of common sense is to keep it out of the sun and to put a fan on the CPU if needed.

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<sup>10</sup> Report from NE Region meeting in November 2008

## **8.15 On-site Jamboree Phone System and FAX**

The jamboree land-line system uses a Verizon Centrex-type (switch) system in the Bowling Green CO (Control Office) for the jamboree. This system permits on-site users to dial only four (4) numbers to access Jamboree phones. A few of the phones at few locations will have outside access. It is important to note that the CO phone switch has been added to and improved each year with Jamboree monies to meet present and future jamboree needs. With this system, it is often possible to get calls from the outside by folks dialing the area code, the prefix then the 4 digit extension number.

Many of the administrative and medical centers have fax machines which can receive and send “outside” faxes.

Please note that a program or administrative area may have two or three phone numbers with ONLY one phone in the tent per number -- **therefore you should give out all two or three numbers to parties who need the information.** If one phone line is busy, often there is no provision made to “bounce” the call to the next open phone number assigned in the area.

Here again is an opportunity to increase efficiency by bringing extra phones with splitters, especially if one phone number serves multiple desks and/or to bring multi-line phones to hook up so one doesn't have to run back and forth in a tent to answer multiple lines.

## **8.16 Jamboree Trading Posts**

Jamboree trading posts are of little resemblance of summer camp trading posts. They look like somewhat smaller versions of a WAL MART! The Jamboree will probably have three (3) Trading Post sites. At each trading post site there will be three very large tents underneath which there will be several counters. There will be counters/tents for food and drink, tents/counters a tent for jamboree related souvenirs and tents/counters for dry goods like detergent, clothes pins etc rope. It is safe to say that anything that a logo can be placed on will be available. But as stated previously, buy stuff early!

Only one of the trading posts will be designated with a FULL Scout shop. So if you need to get another set of uniform shorts etc they can be available.

It has been past practice to have at least one of the trading posts (most often the one with the Scout Shop) opens BEFORE the contingents arrive to give staff the “first crack” in obtaining needed trinkets and bobbles. *[PS They DO NOT SELL “shot-glasses”, but rather they do sell “TOOTH-PICK holders” which look*

*exactly like a shot-glass – yeah, right! :-)]*

The Trading posts also have an array of fast food, candies, drinks, and ice cream – these have been reasonably priced. There is always a variety of soft drinks – Coke and Pepsi Products, with water and sports drinks too. Fast foods at the trading posts included pizzas, hamburgers at somewhat high costs.

Scattered around the jamboree, and just not near the trading posts are many, many “soft-drink (in plastic bottle) dispensing machines”. However, many of these machines ALWAYS run out of product or since there is a high consumption, the product is often not cold because it is not in the machine long enough to get cold. Again, this is a reason to get/bring your own drink and ice.

In 2005, there was an on-site restaurant with a limited menu. The food was probably the best on site, but very pricey.

### **8.17 Laundry facilities, in general**

Subcamps usually do not have washing machines. (unless someone brings one) There are washing machines in the barracks (Wilcox and Long Street). Your best bet for an open washing machine is at Wilcox. However, the better idea is to gather up all of the dirty clothes and have someone go outside of the Jamboree site to a local Laundromat in Bowling Green, VA.

### **8.18 Uniforms**

Of course you will need at least 2, but perhaps upwards to 4 uniforms. Some staff positions require you to be in full uniform at all times. Some places permit T-shirts in lieu of a uniform shirt. Some places will let you wear the “section” golf/polo shirt with scout shorts. It is important to keep these secure and to assure they don’t get too dusty or damp when being stored. No doubt you will need MORE (4-5) scout shorts than scout shirts (2-3).

### **8.19 Medical Care and Medical needs for staff**

There are medical stations at each of the subcamps. Also there are some other medical stations serving the general areas. When you receive your housing assignment, you may receive a location for your medical care.

Please note that the medical centers have supplies of over the counter (OTC) medications. So, try going there before buying the OTC items anywhere else. If your medical problem is too “severe” you may get sent to the main hospital (near Wilcox) and then possibly airlifted from there to a civilian hospital (GOD FORBID). But on the other hand, somewhere on the staff of all of the medical centers there are indeed many specialists you may be “referred to” – but this “privilege” is often not known nor is it practiced on all staff or participants.

There is good supply of “general” prescriptions at each medical center. But these are more of the generic limited kind. If the physician says another medication(s) might be better and you have do indeed have a ride off the site and if you have a prescription plan (or lots of cash) then you can tell the doctor to write the best prescription and you can go pick it up. See 8.20 as to where to go.

## **8.20 Replacement Prescriptions**

The best advice is to bring your medications form home AND prescriptions for back-up in case of loss or destruction.

But if you have not done so and a problem arises, and you have a generic medication then there is some probability of that medications being available for you at the Medical centers or the Jamboree Main Pharmacy. So, make the inquiry first on site before looking for options

However if they do not have it then it is the editors suggestion that you call your personal physician and have them call in your prescription to the RITE AID Pharmacy in Bowling green (804-633-5058). The good news is there is a good probability that the RITE AID computer can access your medical insurance plan so you get your pharmacy benefits. (Note the Editor has found NO PROBLEMS working with the RITE AID. *(and NO, the editor doesn't own stock in that company!)*<sup>11</sup>

## **8.21 Dental Issues**

While there are dentists on site and a dental office, the capability to do treatment is significantly limited. The best advice is to resolve all potential dental issues BEFORE coming to the jamboree. Again, Bowling Green is close by and a dentist can probably be accessed in that town.

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<sup>11</sup> LOCATION OF RITE AID APPEARS AS MAP 5

## **8.22 Eyeglass Issues**

There is an “Eye Glass Repair” facility on site. However the services are limited to basic and temporary repair. If you can bring two sets of eyeglasses, that might be the best advice.

Also, keep an accurate prescription for your glasses and if you do lose them have a new pair made at home and then have it delivered via overnight delivery.

## **8.23 Money and Banking**

There are multiple ATMs present. In at least one past jamboree the trading posts also had a person who could facilitate cash advances on credit cards. There is also a full-service bank on site as well. It has been reported, but not confirmed, that money could be wired to the bank from Western Union.

The only pocket money that you will need is for drinks and munchies from the trading post. As strongly advised previously, any trading post purchases of goods should be done ASAP. Also some staff goes out for a staff dinner some place off site and this is often a “dutch treat” system

## **8.24 Mail: Coming In/Going Out**

The US Postal service has established separate Zip Code for the jamboree. The challenge is finding out WHERE your mail is going to be delivered. Usually they will use your staff troop number to determine where it goes. Your mission will be to find out where.

There are three (3) actual full-service post offices on the grounds. So getting letters out and or items sent overnight via USPS is quite easy. There have been availabilities for UPS and FedEx, but I suspect you might have to do some investigating once you get on site to find out where this points area.

## **8.25 Vehicles in Dead Storage**

As stated before it has been a past practice to permit one to access vehicles in dead storage and to leave the site. The gate at Fort AP Hill is open 24/7. However, the challenge is to find someone to drive you back to your staff site if you arrive back to then dead storage area AFTER the buses stop running.

Security is not usually a problem. There is a full security compliment that patrols the area.

Also note that in the past there has been assistance in getting dead batteries started etc.

There is no problem in what size vehicle(s) you park there. Cargo and recreational trailers are not prohibited, nor are large RVs.

## **8.26 Staff ID Material**

In past years, staff was issued:

- One (1) Staff ID card with lanyard

- One (1) Staff neckerchief

- One Staff hat

- One staff trinket (2001 was a special Key Chain; 2005 –Was a Belt buckle.)

Staff have been issued STAFF Patch that was sent to their homes prior to the jamboree . After turning in the staff diary, it is unknown if staff nay receive some other "staff-only" item.

# APPENDIX I

## **ELECTRICAL IN LARGE TENTS HOUSING STAFF SLEEPING QUARTERS**

Electrical (*this is always a challenge and the **Physical Arrangement Group folks hate this section**—knowing that someone is going to do something “BAD” with the electrical stuff*)

Each GP medium tent or commercial tent will no doubt have 2-4 light bulbs hanging from the ceiling and a few plugs, there is a switch to turn off the lights (and all power in the tent and usually a fuse or circuit breaker incorporated in the switch unit)--this is the **ONLY** source of personal power. Often there is GFI unit present

**So this is how you devise the personal power system so as to have what you need with minimal probability of negatively affecting the “jamboree power grid” (AND GET THE REST OF TENTMATES TO COOPERATE)**

-From the outlets run a heavy duty 25 ft extension cords to a power strip -- feed other (2-4) power strips from this [one wants to blow circuits **INSIDE** the tent not blow the circuit to the tent itself]

-all connections should have electrical tape applied to keep out water and be off the ground

-all wires should run across ceiling and down and not across a floor--- so you need lots of wire tires and bungee cords or zip line.

### **Electrical supplies/equipment List to bring with you:**

- 1.) Adapters = QUANTITY 2 --- Light bulb Socket with 2 3-prong plugs on each side and pull-cord to turn on/off light
- 2.) Adapters = QUANTITY 4 ---- 3 prong to 2 prong
3. Power strips with overload shutoff --(THIS IS **NOT** THE SAME AS A SURGE PROTECTOR) = QUANTITY 3-5
- 4.) 25ft power extension cord (10-12 gauge wire min) = QUANTITY = 2-3
- 5.) **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!!!!** In-line ground fault detector/shut-off for extensions cord = 1 (hopefully someone else buys another!)

6.) Wire ties

7.) Black Electrical tape

8.) Replacement light bulbs (100, 75 watt —for tent; 35-25 watt for personal light)

If the above system is adhered to, then each person can run a power strip of their own and therefore everyone in the tent then should be able to run for himself or herself:

1-small 9”-12” fan

1-alarm clock

-any number of recharging units for cell phone or cameras or flashlights

1-small 25 watt reading/personal clamp-light

What is questionable to run in the tent is:

-multiple computers (unless lap top –charging batteries)

-more than one small TV

What you should **NOT** plan to run is:

-Refrigerators (accept those camper type coolers that can plug into a car power outlet)

-Microwaves

-Toaster ovens

-Hair dryers/blowers (maybe one if nothing else is running)

# **APPENDIX 2**

## **BUILDING AND ADMIN STUFF TO CONSIDER BRINGING**

It is important to communicate with your staff leadership BEFORE you arrive as to the function of your area and what resources may be provided to affect those tasks and to maintain the program. You need to find out to WHAT DEGREE the staff has to BUILD what they operate what they may need to build such. Also, it is advisable to get cell phone numbers of some of your staff members who may be there BEFORE you leave from home – then ask them if there are any specific needs.

In some areas, you will be providing a service and you need only bring yourself—in that case, make sure you have needed gloves, or aprons, or whatever.

In some cases you will be on a subcamp staff and will need to set up a full-blown office and program area. If you work in those areas consider some special "whiteboards", markers, stickers, etc etc and the stuff needed hang them. When you arrive at a subcamp there will be some wooden counters, desks, tables, phones and that's about it – there will probably be an ability to order from Office Max of needed items.

In other areas you may/will need to build things (Especially some of the Action Centers) —so bring hammers, nails, screws, circular saw(s), goggles, rope, various small hardware items hooks and eyes etc etc may be the best idea and battery powered sawzalls and drills

### **Tools**

Hammers

Circular saws

Staple Gun with staples

Drills

Belt sander

Level

Chalk lines

Square

Multiple Drill bits to make 3/8 and 1/2 holes, and Phipps head bits to drive screws; AND long ONES TOO SO AS TO BE ABLE TO GO THROUGH LOGS/POLES and/or 4x4's!

Goggles

Leather gloves

Shovels

Rakes  
Wrecking bars  
Miter Saw  
Chain Saw

### **Building Supplies**

Plastic sheeting  
Rope ¼ AND 3/8, manila  
Nails, Screws: 1 inch, 2 ½ inch, and 3 inch deck screws  
Screw driver bits for drills  
Various hardware (eyes, latches, slide latches, hinges, handles, angle brackets, pulleys, hasps,)  
Steel wire  
Fluorescent orange, yellow, red spray paint  
Clear coating spray paint (for signs after you make them)  
Yellow banner guard  
Red, yellow, orange surveyor tape  
Tape Measure (50-100 ft)  
Duct Tape  
Masking tape  
Lumber  
    2 x 4  
    4 x 4  
    2 x 2  
    8 x 12  
    Plywood ¼ (lots), 1/2

### **Generator /Electrical**

Generator - Some of the outback areas MAY NOT BE CLOSE ENOUGH to an electrical outlet so if you have generator you can bring, do consider bringing it as it might be helpful to run some electrical tools to build those areas. You will need heavy dual extension cords with splitters.

### **Garden hose/plumbing**

Extra spigots/faucets to affix onto soft pipe and hose with O style clamps, wyes, nozzles  
Garden hose 100 feet MINIMUM

Wyes to split hoses – with shut off valves  
Extra Washers  
Multi-purpose nozzles – Mists and sprays (do help if it gets hot!)  
Submersible pump (110 volt)  
Hose clamps  
Hose holders – for attaching hose to pole or board.

### **Phone equipment**

One (1): 1 to 2, or 1-3+ splitter modular or more  
Extra analog phone(s)  
Extra 2 pair (4 wire) Phone wire  
Modular plugs  
Wire to modular adapters.  
Extra phones  
2-line phones

### **Office Supplies**

Large White Poster Board  
Thumbtacks  
Tape  
Various Permanent color markers  
Clear Paint spray to waterproof signs  
Clear 3 ring binder document holders  
9x 12 envelopes

### **Other Furniture**

Folding office chairs  
Folding tables (large 1-2)  
White boards with markers  
Bulletin Boards

### **Office Equipment**

Three hole punch  
Dividers and various plastic bins  
Scissors  
Three ring binders  
Staplers and Staples

## **APPENDIX: 3**

### **PERSONAL STUFF TO (CONSIDER) BRINGING**

*(This is a compilation of many many sources, may be redundant, and NOT all are endorsed by the author/editor –especially the chemicals for insect control)*

- Every staffer will receive a staff handbook with a list of recommended items.
- Heavy plastic sheeting to put under & wrap up the legs of your cot in the tent
- Padlocks or combination locks for your Action Packer/footlocker.
- (Plastic) Shoe boxes OR 1 GALLON ZIP-LOCK bags for keeping clothing sorted inside footlocker.
- Several thin Rubbermaid containers that fit underneath your cot for things like paperwork, patches, snacks (be careful of critters), etc.
- 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 at your tent site
- 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).
- Wire ties
- Radio, CD player with earphones
- Camera(s) and lots of extra film or Digital picture storage or a means to download .... can be expensive/short supply at the Jamboree.
- 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
- If you have room, pair of waterproof high top boots such as “ducks” is 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 hug to dry. 2 or 3 pair will be fine for the Jamboree.
- Spray your socks and shorts with Permethrin - do not spray on skin - will keep ticks and other critters off and will last throughout the Jamboree

- 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
- Wet ones.
- Purell (or similar) hand sanitizer.
- Lysol spray (Sample size)
- Clorox wipes
- A box of gallon sized zip lock bags.
- Extra trash bags. (DRUM size)
- 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 personal information name, address, email. council, jamborees program area location, catchy slogans, Jamborees worked, kids, husbands, pet's names...

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

-Toilet Seat Covers

-Wool army patch blanket

-Mini blowup kiddie swimming pool (scuba/snorkeling folks probably don't need it).

-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 Jamboree improvement.

-Munchies – Consider that you will be there for 2 weeks and that YOU DO not want to pay high prices at the trading posts for small portions --- this can be resolved by “participating” in one of the SAM’s runs. Consider buying/bringing a (“throw-away” Styrofoam) cooler for munchie storage - remember security and critter issues.

-Soft Drinks – Same philosophy as the “munchies” –again drink mixes and canned soda are much cheaper if brought in from the outside. Again, consider bringing buying a 2<sup>nd</sup> (“throw-away” Styrofoam) cooler for cold drink storage – remember security and critter issues.

-Walkman type radio

-Flashlight, small for walking

-Flashlight, larger for illuminating bunk area in case of power failure

-Batteries-Batteries-Batteries

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.....wishing you a great  
jamboree staff experience!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

# The End