START PLANNING FOR THE 2013 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

WHY REGISTER EARLY?

It is time to plan for the 2013 Boy Scout National Jamboree. Although it is still two years away, it is time to start preparing for it now. We know that we will have a fun-filled, educational experience; that we will leave in mid-July, 2013 and get back in the early part of August, 2013; and now is the time to make sure we are all assigned to a troop.

Why the big push to register when the Jamboree is almost 2 years away? It is the only way to be sure that you will be with your friends and Scouts from your own troop. Each troop will consist of 40 people, 4 adult leaders, and 36 Scouts. Scouts who register after a troop is full will be assigned to another troop from the Great Salt Lake Council. Although the Jamboree will be fun regardless of which troop you travel with, most Scouts are more comfortable traveling with Scouts from their own troop.

Also, you will then have enough time to raise funds needed to attend the Jamboree.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

How do I register?

You will need to complete a short application form and turn it in with a $250 deposit. The complete form and deposit can be turned into the Jamboree Scoutmaster (who is????) or taken to the Foothill Service Center at 525 Foothill Blvd., SLC, UT 84113. This registration form is available at www.myscouting.org.

When are we leaving and how long will we be gone?

The Great Salt Lake Council has a travel advisor who is working on the tour portion of our adventure. We leave approximately mid-July and return sometime in the first week o f August. These dates will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Where are we going?

The Jamboree and tour will be divided into two parts. The first part is an educational and fun tour of the eastern United States. The second part is nine days at the Jamboree located at the New Bechtel Scout Reserve. The tour will be very similar to the tours we had in 1997, 2001, 2005, and 2010.

While traveling, we visited Boston (Paul Revere home, Old North Church, Boston Commons, U.S.S. Constitution, etc.) Plymouth Rock, New London Submarine Base, Mystic Seaport, New York City (World Trade Center Memorial, Statue of Liberty, Central Park, Empire State Building, etc.), West Point Military Academy, Philadelphia (U.S. Mint, Liberty Bell, Constitution Hall, etc.). We also visited Arlington National Cemetery, Valley Forge, Amish country, Gettysburg, and even spent a night on a Battle Ship.

When we finally arrived in Washington D.C., we spent a couple of days seeing such sites as the White House, the Capitol, Lincoln Memorial, Jefferson Memorial, World War II Memorial, the Smithsonian including several museums such as Museum of Natural History, the Museum of American History, the Air and Space Museum, and many others.

Then we left Washington D.C. for the Jamboree site, which in 2013, will be held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. After 9 fun-filled days at the Jamboree, we went to Williamsburg, Virginia and spent a day at Busch Gardens Amusement Park (it is about four times the size of Lagoon and has four of the top ten roller coasters in the world). One year we even had time to pay a quick visit to the Naval Academy (Annapolis) and then flew back to Salt Lake.

Since each troop has its own bus and driver during the touring portion of the trip, we will also have the option of taking a couple of side trips along the way.

Where do we camp while on the tour?

This may seem hard to believe, but we do not camp in tents while we are touring, but in some very nice hostels. In past Jamboree tours, we have stayed in Hiltons, Sheratons, Marriott's, and Holiday Inns (the Holiday Inn even included two pools and a miniature golf course). When we arrive at the new Jamboree site, we will camp, cook, and eat in traditional Boy Scout summer style.

How much will all this cost?

While it is extremely difficult to project what the Jamboree Tour will cost in 2013, we are estimating the cost will be approximately $2900-$3000 per person, a very reasonable price for all it includes – all travel cost, lodging, food, National Jamboree fees, and admission fees a, as well as much of our troop and patrol equipment. Start saving now for the adventure of a lifetime! A payment schedule of when specific installments are due is available on www.myscouting.org.

Will there be Jamboree troop meetings and events to help us prepare for the Jamboree?

Absolutely! We will start with three or four meetings and events during 2012, and then move to regular monthly meetings, events and campouts as the 2013 Jamboree approaches. This helps us be prepared for our experiences of travel and camping together and besides, it's a lot of fun!

What about my home troop?

You continue to be a member of your home troop and participant in as many of their activities and programs as possible. The Jamboree is a special Scouting activity that you do in addition to your regular Scouting.

Qualifications for Scouts:

A Scout must be at least a First Class Boy Scout at the time of attendance of the Jamboree; he must have completed the sixth grade or be at least **12 years of age by July 1, 2013** and have not yet reached his **18th birthday by August 2, 2013**; he must participate in the pre-Jamboree training experience and submit the National Jamboree application form, National Jamboree Code of Conduct Form, and the National Jamboree Medical Form; he must also be approved by his Scoutmaster and the local council Jamboree committee. All these forms will be available as the Jamboree approaches.

Still have questions or concerns?

Contact the Council Camping and Events Desk at 801-582-3663.