

A note to Minsi Trails Council parents and scout leaders -

Still wondering whether to send you son to the **2010 National Scout Centennial Jamboree**? Now's the time - the four Minsi Trails Troops are being formed now ! This Jamboree, coinciding with the 100th anniversary of the Boy Scouts, is a once in a lifetime opportunity for your sons and scouts. If you have not already visited: www.bsajamboree.org or the Minsi Trails Council Jamboree Contingent information at www.minsitrails.com, please consider checking them out. There is a wealth of information available to help you and your sons decide.

Jamboree Rallies Scheduled to Recruit the Final Jamboree Participants

Information sessions for Parents and Scouts wanting more information on the 2010 National Scout Jamboree can attend one of the Jamboree rallies. They are scheduled:

Sunday, March 8th, 7:30 – 9 PM
Akeland Dining Hall
Trexler Scout Reservation, Jonas, PA

Thursday, March 26th, 7:30 – 9 PM
Jordan Lutheran Church 5103 Snowdrift Rd., off PA 309, Orefield, PA

Below are some common questions from parents and troop leaders:

1. Who are the Jamboree Troop Scoutmasters? Are they from Minsi Trails Council?

Yes, they are registered Scoutmaster from various troops in the Council. The individuals serving as Jamboree Scoutmasters for 2010 are:

Richard Cortright	Nazareth, PA	<i>(Lead Scoutmaster)</i>
William Folk	Allentown, PA	
Charles Kopcho	Schnecksville, PA	
Alan Lippincott	Sciota, PA	

2. How do Scouts go? Is there a selection process?

Scouts who meet the qualifications (see the web sites) are selected on a first come

basis. The first 144 scouts (36 in each troop) that sign up, make the payments, and meet the requirements (*Summary: between 12 and 18 and First Class in 2010*) will be assigned a slot. Subsequent signups will be placed on a waiting list.

3. What about the activities I read about on the web site - who runs them?

Adult volunteer scouters and representatives from various state agencies and corporations staff the activities. For example, the Jamboree radio station, QBSA 95.1 "The Voice of the Eagle", which provides Jamboree participants to produce and host their own radio show, is run by professional DJs that are also volunteer Scout leaders back in their home town. The same is true across all the activities at the Jamboree.

4. How about health and safety? How is that handled?

Let's start with safety first. The Jamboree is held on the Fort A.P. Hill US Army Military Reservation. Overall security is handled by the Army, Commonwealth of Virginia and the local police jurisdictions. In addition, extra security is in place when the President visits at the arena show. In addition, internal (inside the base) Jamboree security is handled by adult scout volunteers that are professional law enforcement officers back home (local police, troopers, FBI, etc.).

Likewise, a similar approach is taken with health issues. Overall health and medical concerns are handled as part of the A.P. Hill base operations, with medivac available off base to local hospitals or the Washington D.C. military hospitals. Additionally, each Jamboree subcamp (we are in sub camp 2. There will be 20 subcamps total with between 30-40 troops in each subcamp) has what amounts to an immediate medical care / mini-emergency room medical tent facility. These are, as you may guess, are staffed with volunteer scouters who are in the medical care profession (doctors, nurses, etc.) back home. Scattered throughout the Jamboree's activities, are first aid stations for participants and visitors alike.

Finally, each participant, whether scout or adult leader or Jamboree staffer, has a photo ID card worn at all times. The magnetic strip on the back is encoded with personal and medical information for the participant. It also serves as the ticket for Jamboree participant only activities. (Only a small subset of activities are available for the visiting general public.)

5. And the food....for all those teenage appetites?

Each subcamp has a commissary and staff that distributes food twice a day, breakfast and dinner. (Lunch is a box lunch available at various pick-up points around the Jamboree.) The food is mostly pre-cooked and pre-packaged in aluminum trays requiring the scouts to reheat them on traditional propane cook stoves. Naturally, the three trading posts at the Jamboree offer between meal snacks, such as hot dogs, hamburgers and pizza!

The food is delivered to each subcamp, each evening after midnight, by tractor-trailer. To put in perspective, one tractor trailer supplies two subcamps for one day! The food is then sorted by subcamp troop and refrigerated when needed (milk, pies, etc.) by the

commissary staff. Ice is also provided to cool the water containers and personal water bottles as well. Troop leaders eat with their troops. Jamboree staff has a separate food distribution process and generally eat in mess tents (and housed in army barracks and/or army tents separate from the scouts.)

6. Finally, what about sanitation?

Again, each subcamp is a little neighborhood! In the subcamp, garbage is either ground, disposed of or recycled nightly. There are (cold) showers, flush toilets, running water sinks and fresh drinking water spigots available. These are supplied by BSA-paid for infrastructure underground and tied into the Fort A.P. Hill base infrastructure.

Water sources and port-a-pots are generously placed around the Jamboree activities, arena, and parking areas for participants and visitors alike.

7. OK, we've decided ! How do we sign-up?

Visit www.bsajamboree.org and register. You will need to:

- (1) Create a MyScouting account in a parent/adult name.
- (2) Access the youth participant registration option.
- (3) Complete the form.

Tips: - You will need the scouts registration card member #

- An adult credit card for the \$10 fee

- MUST use the same email address as the one in the MyScouting adult account

- (4) Print two copies of the registration form. Keep one! Have your Scoutmaster sign the other form.

- (5) Attach \$100 deposit check and forward to the Minsi Trails Council.

*** The date and time shown on the registration form determines the 'first come' status of each application and check. ***

8. More questions?

Check out our Jamboree section at www.minsitrails.com, or call the Minsi Trails Council office at 610.264.8551.

See you at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree !