



2010 National Jamboree July 26th through August 4th, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.

Greetings from the 2010 National Jamboree contingent leaders. We're working hard, making plans for the upcoming Jamboree. We still have space available so if you are considering attending the Jamboree, but have not signed up yet, I would recommend that you do so soon, and guarantee yourself a spot at this very special Jamboree, celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Scouting in the United States. Sign up by going to: www.bsajamboree.org/, click on "register now" and follow the instructions. You will need your BSA identification number and a parent will need a credit card number in order to charge the \$10 registration fee. And don't forget to call the Fargo service center to get your name on the roster.

Over the past few months I've been asked questions by parents, scouts and scout leaders. Many have heard stories from scouts who attended previous Jamborees or they found Jamboree stories and information on-line. What I've found is that much of the information is good but much also consists of partial truths and some even falls into the tall-tale category. Though many of our plans are still in the works, here are some practical facts about the National Jamboree.

The Northern Lights Council will be taking three troops to the Jamboree. Each troop will consist of four patrols, with each patrol consisting of eight scouts. Each troop has four youth leaders: a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Quarter Master, and Scribe. We will also have four adult leaders per troop: Scout Master, First Assistant Scout Master, Second Assistant Scout Master and Third Assistant Scout master. The Third Assistant Scoutmaster is a youth leader between the ages of eighteen and twenty one. That brings each troop to thirty six scouts and four adults for a total of forty. At the Jamboree each troop will be provided with a camp site which will be our home for the duration of the Jamboree.

Most have heard about the typical activities the scouts will participate in, but other activities include things such as being a Home Town Correspondent where you will be able to send photos and articles back to your local news paper during the Jamboree. As a correspondent you may have access to a bicycle.



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Okay, a bicycle may not seem like a big deal but the Jamboree grounds are big, really big, so a bike can be a handy tool to get some place in a hurry. Everybody else has to walk or wait for a shuttle bus. We will have information on becoming a Home Town correspondent at one of our pre-Jamboree training sessions.

If you have access to Google Earth, take a look at Latitude: 38° 8'27.68N, Longitude: 77° 21'40.05"W. You will be looking at Fort A. P. Hill and the exact location of Northern Lights Council Troop 1437 at the 2005 National Jamboree. Until recently the photo used for this area was one taken on August 13, 2005, ten days after the 2005 National Jamboree closed. It was easy to see the outline of each troop site. It was like looking at a big Jamboree finger print. Many of the tents provide by the US Army were still in place.

If you are lucky enough to attend the 2010 National Scout Jamboree you will need to go back to this web site when the Jamboree is over and look again. You will clearly see where you have been, you will recognize the location of many activities and remember all the exciting things you participated in, at one of the greatest scouting adventures ever.

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