



2010 National Jamboree

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

Greetings from the 2010 National Jamboree contingent leaders. It's less than a year until the 2010 National Jamboree so things will start to get exciting as we finalize our plans and start preparing for our pre Jamboree training.

It's not too soon for you to start preparations for the Jamboree, here are some tips I learned from the 2005 National Jamboree.

Get yourself in good physical condition. You will be walking a lot at the Jamboree, much of it on paved streets. There are also a number of high adventure activities. I would suggest you take this opportunity and start working on the hiking, backpacking or personal fitness merit badges. You can earn a merit badge, or two, and get yourself in shape. If you are in good physical condition for the tour and the Jamboree you will be able to see more, do more, and have more fun.

Get yourself a good pair of walking or light hiking shoes and make sure they are broken in. I bought mine last week. One of the most common, and avoidable, complaints at the jamboree was blisters. Now would be a good time to get a good pair of shoes if you don't have one already. If you already have a good pair of walking or hiking shoes be careful to make sure that they are properly broken in but not worn out by next July.

You will find that socks are very important. When traveling or when we are out in public we will all need to be in a full scout uniform, including scout socks, any official scout sock will be acceptable. But while at the jamboree we need to emphasize taking care of your feet. Make sure that you have a few pairs of good socks, socks designed to wick moisture away from your feet. Sock liners will be very helpful. If you've been on a Philmont or Double H trek you know the drill. Take care of your feet and they will take care of you.

Each Scout will be required to carry at least one form of Identification, with photo, while traveling with the Jamboree Contingent. A state issued I.D. or Drivers License is acceptable, as are military dependant IDs.



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Please take care of this early because you will have plenty to do as the Jamboree approaches. Scouts, please do not tell your parent that you need a drivers license to attend the Jamboree; they will also read this and know when the truth is being stretched.

Other important items include:

The upcoming mandatory Jamboree trainings will be just that, this is the only time in your Scouting career that you **MUST** attend. This commitment is a big one, and should not be taken lightly.

Please stay current with your Jamboree payments, your time and financial investment in being a National Jamboree Participant is substantial and we wouldn't want anything to interfere with your ability to attend the Jamboree. Your payments are important as the Council must make regular payments to National, regardless of how the participants are paying. For this reason, an emphasis on keeping your payments current is essential to the successful planning of this huge event.

With popcorn season approaching you have a great opportunity to earn your way to the Jamboree, **SELL POPCORN.**

Remember, this very special Centennial Jamboree will be one of the greatest scouting adventures ever so start planning to do your part and make the most of it.

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