



2010 National Jamboree

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

Greetings from the 2010 National Jamboree contingent leaders. As I write this the 2010 National Scout Jamboree is less than 160 days away. It'll be here before you know it. Are you getting excited? You should be. Are you signed up? If not, you should be. If you are interested just call the scout office in Fargo and ask if space is still available for this once in a lifetime adventure.

We recently held our second Jamboree training in Fargo and I would like to thank all the scouts and parents who braved the slick roads to attend this important event. At our training we formally selected troops, and patrols, we elected troop leadership and chose patrol names. Congratulations to our youth leaders, we look forward to working with you in the months ahead. When selecting patrol names there was no lack of imagination, the scouts all did a great job. We also started designing our Jamboree Gateways, one for each troop. Our construction crews will be busy over the next few months building gateways which we intend to have on display at the Centennial celebration in Bismarck.

By now all scouts should have received their first National Jamboree participant patch. If you check the BSA uniform guide, available at your local scout office or online, you will see that the proper placement of this patch is over the right pocket. Be sure to leave enough room for the Jamboree name tag, about an inch. This is a permanent patch and can be used on any future scout uniform. Wear it proudly, forever. Next time you are at a scout gathering look around and you are likely to see a leader with a patch from a National Jamboree he attended as a scout. I have a friend who wears a patch from the 1964 National Jamboree at Valley Forge, another who wears one from the 1973 National Jamboree in Idaho, and you, if you are fortunate enough to go, you will have one from the 2010 Centennial National Jamboree. If you see a scout leader wearing a Jamboree patch take a moment and ask him about it, look at the design, find out which Jamboree it was, where it was, what it was like. He probably has a story or two to tell you, listen carefully, he will be telling you a first hand story of our scouting heritage.



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Someday many years from now, when you are proudly wearing your Jamboree patch, a young scout may ask you about it and you will be able to tell him about the great celebration that was the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, the 100th anniversary of scouting in America. When you get the chance, you may want to purchase a few extra Jamboree patches to wear in the future.

The National Scout Jamboree is also important because it represents many things, one of those many things is a celebration of the brotherhood of scouting, a gathering of young men and adults who all faithfully believe in the scout oath and promise. A brotherhood that exists among scouts across the country, and around the world. It was an inspiring moment at the 2005 Jamboree when, by candle light, over 60,000 scouts and adult leaders recited the oath and promise at the arena show. Be very proud that you attended this Jamboree, it will be a story worth telling.

If you haven't signed up for the 2010 National Jamboree, there may still be space available, contact the Scout Service Center in Fargo for additional information and instructions. This very special Centennial Jamboree will be one of the greatest scouting adventures ever so plan on being part of this historic event.

On behalf of the Jamboree leadership, we look forward to seeing all our Jamboree scouts at the final Jamboree training in June.

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