



**21st World Scout Jamboree England 2007
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20 Days until the Jamboree!!! It seems like only a few weeks ago that I sent out the first newsletter when the jamboree was 601 days away. A lot has happened in those 580 days and our World Jamboree experience is almost here.

SCOUTS...BE SURE YOUR PARENTS ALSO READ THIS NEWSLETTER!!!!

Only 16 Days until Jamboree departure!!!

Better not start any really long conversations because you don't have time to finish them! This newsletter and contact from your unit leader(s) should tie up any loose ends. I reckon that it better 'cause there is not much time left!! If you still have any questions or concerns after you read this newsletter...please contact your unit leader(s) immediately!!

Stay healthy and safe....it would be a shame to get to this point and miss it, uh??

TRAVEL UNIFORM: The following is what each Scout will be expected to wear during our flight to London and during the tour.....*no exceptions* except as noted.....

- Official BSA Scout Shirt with all required World Jamboree Emblems as discussed.
- Official BSA World Jamboree Contingent N/C and nametag you received from BSA.
- Official BSA Scout Shorts or Long Pants as you prefer (I am wearing long in flight.)
- Official BSA World Jamboree belt and buckle or any other official BSA belt.
- Official BSA Scout Socks and Lace-up Shoes or Boots (no Texas, Sandals, etc.)
- Official BSA World Jamboree Poncho or some other type BSA Jacket

NATIONAL NEWSLETTER: By the time you get this newsletter, the last National BSA newsletter should be posted on-line. READ IT ASAP. READ IT AGAIN. AND AGAIN!

SAFETY AND SECURITY: The BSA is monitoring the UK security situation and is totally committed to our safety. Details will not be shared to maintain the integrity of those plans. Your unit leaders are receiving daily information from me about the final preparations for our jamboree experience. There are some specific rules and procedures that they will be asking each of you to follow to insure your SAFETY and your ENJOYMENT of this great experience. Occasionally, you might have the idea that you know a "better way" to handle something. I am asking you NOT to let those thoughts control your actions while we are together. PLEASE follow any and all instructions from your leaders immediately and without question. THANKS!



SCOUTMASTER'S LAST MINUTE: Well guys, this is it...the "last minute" from your old Southern Region Chairman. The above logo, common to Scouts all around the world, is the crest of the World Organization of Scouting Movement. It is the universal symbol of your brotherhood and camaraderie with over **28 million** boys and girls, men and women who share membership in the largest youth movement on earth. Yes, we have differences in language, custom, race, and religion....but for almost two weeks you will forget all about these barriers as you discover the much more important common bond of friendship and service.

My hope is that I have been able to stir in you an anticipation that will literally consume you as our departure date approaches. This experience can be the summit of your Scouting career. I say "can be" because the rest is up to you. Each Scout and each leader will have his or her own most special moments during the magical time of jamboree. Yours will be unique to you. Maybe it will be a special friendship, an exciting event, an unforgettable ceremony, or an unusual meal. Who knows? All I know is that if you are ready and open your mind and heart to the possibilities, it will happen for you as it has for thousands and thousands of Scouts from all over the world in the twenty previous World Jamborees.

Your unit leaders and I have shared with you our dreams and a few of the special moments from Jamborees of the past. But there is no way to show you the "**Jamboree Spirit**" that Baden-Powell started in 1920. If you are ready, it will surround you, overwhelm you, and finally consume you as you pass through the gateway to the 21st World Scout Jamboree in Hylands Park, Chelmsford England on July 27th.

Once again and finally, thank you for letting me share this magical experience with you. Parents, all of us will "do our best" to care for your sons and daughters as if they were our own. In one sense, I guess that they are. I can hardly wait!!!

I WILL SEE YOU IN LONDON ON TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 24th!!!!

P.S. DON'T FORGET YOUR PASSPORT!!!!