

**21st World Scout Jamboree England 2007  
Southern Region Newsletter Number 2  
February 21, 2006**

**521 Days until the Jamboree begins!!!** That's right. This is the second edition of our Jamboree regional newsletter. We are now 80 days closer to the beginning of our World Scout Jamboree adventure than we were when I composed our Newsletter Number 1 in December and a lot has happened during those 80 days. Your Scoutmaster or Advisor has been busy interviewing candidates for the assistant adult leader positions in your unit and soon all of those spots will be assigned. They have also been busy recruiting additional Scouts and Venturers for our 22 units. We have 792 youth participant spaces and at this point we have well over 300 of these spaces filled. We anticipate being FULL soon so if you have a friend, buddy, fellow troop member, etc who is interested...NOW is the time to make application before it's too late! Your unit leader is ready, willing, and able to visit with anyone who has an interest but we cannot visit them until we know who they are. When you chat with your unit leader please let him or her know if you have some prospects.

Since my first newsletter to you the BSA National Office has posted the first national world jamboree bulletin on-line. You can access that by logging on to [www.worldjamboree.net](http://www.worldjamboree.net) and click the link for "BSA Bulletins." We will continue to add these to our website as they are issued. There are a lot of things you need to know and be sure you are taking care of during the next several months. Let's start by reviewing the most important item from our Regional Newsletter Number 1.....

**PASSPORTS:** Do you have yours yet??? If the answer is "YES" then congratulations and thank you for following my instructions. If the answer is "NO" what are you waiting on?!? **GET ON IT IMMEDIATELY!!!** Don't forget about the extra pair of passport photos and the photocopy of your birth certificate for your unit leader. Any problems with this, get them resolved or you will be sitting at home while the rest of us are having the time of our lives in England. If you are not yet 14 years of age, both parents will have to go with you to make your passport application. Also your passport must be valid for at least six (6) months after our scheduled return date from England which is August 9, 2007. This will not be an issue for any of you who are getting your first passport for this event.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Please "do your best" to stay current on your Jamboree payments. At this point you have made your initial \$500 deposit and you have a second payment of \$575 due on or before March 28, 2006. A transmittal form for all payments is available on-line plus we are sending you a copy with your acceptance letter. Your next payment of \$575 will be due on or before June 30, 2006.

**YOUR ADULT LEADERS:** Now that you are "officially" a member of our Southern Region World Jamboree contingent, you will be contacted by your assigned unit leader and he or she will begin getting to know you much better. Your unit leader will be your father & mother during our trip....so you and your parents should get to know all about them. I have had several meetings with them now and I believe that we have a great leadership team who are dedicated to giving you a very safe and very exciting and very FUN experience!

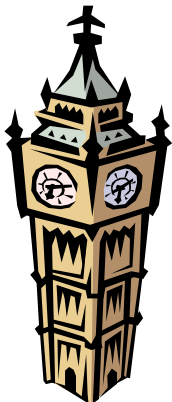
**NEXT NEWSLETTER:** Probably on or about May 1st. By then our contingent roster should be close to full and we should have additional details from the BSA National Office. As always, please give me a call if you or your parents have any questions or concerns during the interim time.

**REGIONAL WEBSITE:** Keep checking our exclusive website ([www.worldjamboree.net](http://www.worldjamboree.net)) from time to time for new information. You can email me at [smart@worldjamboree.net](mailto:smart@worldjamboree.net). This will be our main communication method in the months ahead.

**CORRECTION FROM FIRST NEWSLETTER:** In our first newsletter I asked you to get a map of the world, to learn some phrases in new languages and to start thinking of yourself as a member of the world brotherhood of Scouts. I also noted that we were not the only "Americans." A keen observer emailed to tell me that citizens of Mexico are also North Americans, not Central Americans as I had indicated. As you continue to think GLOBALLY instead of LOCALLY you will be better prepared to be a part of your WORLD Jamboree.

**SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE:** Probably like most of you I am enjoying watching coverage of the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino(Turin), Italy. It is NOT true when the commentators suggest that this event is the ONLY one where the youth of the world come together in peace and fellowship. YOU will be a participant in an experience even more exciting than the Olympics because there is no pressure to WIN A MEDAL - but rather the even better opportunity to WIN NEW FRIENDS. The opening and closing ceremonies at the World Jamboree may not have the multi-million dollar TV glitz of the Olympics but they will be just as exciting on a personal level because you will be involved!!!!

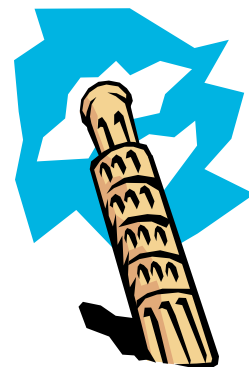
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