



21st World Scout Jamboree England 2007
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421 Days until the Jamboree begins!!! Exactly 100 days have passed since our last newsletter was written and this is the third edition of our Jamboree regional newsletter. Many more Scouts have now sent in their applications and most of our troops are getting close to their capacity of 36 Scouts or Venturers. Most of our Scoutmasters and Advisors have completed making their selections for the assistant adult leader positions in your unit and the few remaining spots will be assigned very soon. As I told you in previous newsletters we have 792 youth participant spaces and at this point we have approximately 530 of these spaces filled. That's about 67 percent and this means that there are a few spots remaining in each unit but time is running out for your friend, buddy, fellow troop member, etc. who is interested in going with us but has been putting off making his or her application. Please let your unit leader know if you have any prospects so that we can contact them immediately and help you get them "on board" with the rest of us.

PASSPORTS: This will continue to be your priority assignment until it is complete. Do you have yours yet??? If the answer is "YES" thank you for following my instructions. If the answer is "NO" please **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. Remember that if you are not yet 14 years of age, both parents will have to go with you to make your passport application. Also remember that 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 should have made your initial \$500 deposit and your second payment of \$575 that was due on March 28, 2006. Here are the current dates and amounts still due:

- Third payment of \$575 due on June 30, 2006
- Fourth payment of \$575 due on September 30, 2006
- Fifth payment of \$575 due on November 30, 2006
- Sixth payment of \$575 due on February 28, 2007 and
- Final payment of balance due on May 30, 2007. One year from now!

YOUR ADULT LEADERS: Your assigned unit leader will be staying in touch with you during the next several months to get to know you better and to give you further details about the dates and place for your unit shakedown. Our unit leaders are a great group of dedicated Scouters and like me, they want your World Jamboree experience to be the best it can be.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: Probably mid-August. At that time I will share any additional details from the BSA National Office. But as always, please give me a call if you or your parents have any questions or concerns during the interim time. As of this date the BSA National Office has posted three national world jamboree bulletins on-line (the latest in May). You can access them by logging on to www.worldjamboree.net and click the link for "BSABulletins." These will be automatically added to our website as they are issued by National.

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

PARENTS: Please share this newsletter with your parents, guys. They are probably paying for your trip and they deserve to be kept well-informed about our plans. The more info that you give them now the fewer questions that you will have to answer next year. Thanks!

SPECIAL THANKS: I would like to thank former 1983, 1991, and 1995 World Jamboree Scoutmaster Bill Hutters from North Carolina (who first said "THE WHOLE WORLD COMES" to me in reference to the World Jamboree) for everything he taught me about preparing for a World Jamboree. We all need good examples and he was a great one for me.

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE: Actually the "minute" for this newsletter is more of a quiz about world scouting and the jamboree. I'll have the answers in the next newsletter.

- Name some of the ten worldwide principles of Scouting around the world. (I'll give you one for starters....."Duty to God and respect for individual beliefs.")
- Name some of the seven universal practices of Scouting around the world. (Again, here's the first one..."The Scout Promise and Law - duty to God and Country." Although the exact wording is different from country to country.")
- The World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) is the controlling body for the World Jamborees.....similar to the Committee that controls the Olympics. About how many member associations (countries) belong to the WOSM?
- What is the United Kingdom? (You can find the answer to this one in the May 2006 National Bulletin. I learned some geography myself on this one!)
- As of the latest statistics, which member of the WOSM has the largest registered membership with over 9 million participants? (It's NOT the USA....we are No. 2 with a youth membership of about 3,750,000.) It's not the United Kingdom (England and its affiliates) either.

MAKE THE NEXT 421 DAYS COUNT...BE PREPARED!