



**21st World Scout Jamboree England 2007
Southern Region Newsletter Number 5
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Just 310 Days until the Jamboree!!! The countdown continues to the start of the greatest Scouting adventure that you can imagine. In just over a month all of the adult leaders for the Southern Region jamboree troops and crews will meet in Atlanta for a weekend together to finalize plans that will make your experience the best that it can be. Active recruiting will continue for one more month (through October 17, 2006) and after that date applications will be approved as long as space in one of our units is still available. Then we start a waiting list and there is no guarantee of a spot in our contingent. SO.....if you have a Scouting buddy who has been talking about going but has not yet submitted an application.....tell him or her to please turn it in AS SOON AS POSSIBLE! If you need help from me or one of our local unit leaders just let me know and we will assist you.

PASSPORTS: Do you have yours yet??? If not, why not??? Yes....I will ask you about this in each and every newsletter until time runs out. Don't forget about the extra 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 and that your passport must be valid for at least six (6) months after our scheduled return date from England which is August 9, 2007.

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 and your third payment that was due on June 30, 2006. If you made those payments on time you should have received your first official contingent patch from the BSA National Office in the mail. Your next payment is now due and it is important that you stay current with this and the remaining payments.....

- 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.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: As noted in my last newsletter, based on the applications now in hand we must make some adjustments in the assignment of Scouts and Venturers among our provisional jamboree troops and crews. There is a maximum of 36 youth in any unit and the number of youth in some of our preliminary provisional units has now exceeded that number. Attached to this newsletter is a listing of our councils and the provisional unit to which the Scouts from each council are currently assigned. There is still the possibility that we will have to make a final adjustment between October 17 and the end of the year. Stay tuned.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: Probably mid November after our unit leaders meeting in Atlanta. But as always, please give me a call (864.271.9857) or email (smart@worldjamboree.net) if you or your parents have any questions or concerns during the interim time. As of this date the BSA National Office has posted five national world jamboree bulletins on-line and sent out one email to all participants. You can access all info on www.worldjamboree.net. Also remember to share this newsletter with your parents to keep them as informed as you.

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE: The answers to the first two questions in the quiz found in Newsletter No 3 were in the last newsletter. Here are the answers to the other questions.

- What is the United Kingdom?

Answer: The name United Kingdom refers to the union of what were once four separate countries: England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland (though most of Ireland is now independent). The U.K.'s full name is the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Great Britain comprises only England, Scotland, and Wales. Great Britain is the largest island of the British Isles. "England" is sometimes wrongly used in reference to the whole United Kingdom, the entire island of Great Britain (or simply Britain), or indeed the British Isles.

- 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?

Answer: There are 155 countries with internationally recognized National Scout organizations who are members of WOSM. The newest members of WOSM are Albania, Guinea, and Malawi all of whom joined in 2005. There are another 35 countries where Scouting exists but there is no National Scout Organization. There are Scouts in over 216 countries and territories.

- As of the latest statistics, which member of the WOSM has the largest registered membership with about 9 million participants?

Answer: Here is the list of the top 11 as of 2005 (counting youth and adult membership):

1. Indonesia	8,909,435
2. United States	6,239,435 (site of the 1967 World Jamboree in Idaho)
3. India	2,138,015
4. Philippines	1,956,131 (site of the 1959 World Jamboree)
5. Thailand	1,305,027 (host of the 2002-2003 World Jamboree)
6. Bangladesh	908,435
7. Pakistan	526,403
8. United Kingdom	498,888 (site of the 1920, 1929, 1957, 2007 World Jamborees)
9. Korea	252,157 (site of the 1991 World Jamboree)
10. Japan	220,223 (site of the 1971 World Jamboree)
11. Canada	212,259 (site of the 1955 and 1983 World Jamborees)

(Note: The WOSM member with the smallest number is the principality of Monaco with only 49 members. Total WOSM membership as of 2005 was over 28 million.)

IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR.....THE WHOLE WORLD COMES!