

Boy Scouts of America – Western Colorado Council Jamboree Contingent Information July 21 – August 4, 2010 Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia

Western Colorado Council

Things are really picking up for the 100th Anniversary of scouting and its National Jamboree. Approximately 45,000 Scouts, Leaders, and staff from all 50 states, territories, and some foreign countries will have the opportunity to live, work and play together in an atmosphere of scouting fellowship at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. Past jamborees have seen Western Colorado Council organize a wonderful tour and jamboree experience for its Scouts. This jamboree will be no different. Many Scouts feel their jamboree trip is the highlight of their Scouting experience. It can be the same for you. Just be prepared to have a wonderful Scouting experience.

How to Sign Up

The application process is online. BSA is hosting a website for the initial application. Each Scout and Leader will need their BSA registration number in order to complete the online application process. For Scouts, your number is on your registration card. If you cannot locate the card, ask your troop Advancement Chairman for your number. It is available through Internet Advancement.

- Have your parents sign you up online at www.myscouting.org.
- Youth registrations must be submitted by a parent or guardian. This means your parent will need to set up their own account before registering the scout.
- If your parent/guardian is not registered with BSA, do NOT have them use your BSA member number (on your card), they do not have to have one to create an account.
- Your parent will need to pay \$10 transaction fee online when registering.
- The parent then prints off the application and gets the required signatures.

Each application will need to be signed by the applicant's scoutmaster. It is critical that only the boys mature enough to go be signed off by their scoutmasters. Once this has been completed, the application will need to be sent to Western Colorado Council with payment of \$100. The fees are transferable but not refundable. WCC will fill both troops based on the order they receive youth applications.

Tour before the Jamboree

The tour has been planned to spend a day and a half in New York City and then three days in Washington D.C. The WCC contingent will travel via commercial airline to New York City and start with a tour of the Rockefeller Center, then Central Park and the Empire State Building, then we will spend one night in a hotel in the general area. The next day, we will tour Battery Park, then off to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, finish the city tour and by nightfall the contingent will travel by air conditioned bus to the Washington DC area. The troops will then spend three full days of touring in Washington DC. The Capital, White House, Smithsonian Museum, National Archives, the Bureau of Engraving, Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, World War II, Korean monuments, wreath laying ceremony at Arlington Cemetery with the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and John F. Kennedy grave are all sites previous trips have included. Final planning and itinerary will be determined by the youth of each troop.

The Price

WCC has prepared a comprehensive budget for the jamboree event. Unfortunately the airline travel situation that exists today (fuel prices) is preventing us from securing a group ticket price from the Tour Company or airlines. Shown below is the price without airfare and our estimate of what a likely airfare price may be.

WCC Jamboree Fee	\$ 2,450
Estimate of Airline ticket	<u>\$ 450</u>
Total Package	\$ 2,900

Payment Schedule

First Payment with Application	\$100.00
March 1, 2009	\$150.00
June 1, 2009	\$600.00
September, 1, 2009	\$600.00
December 1, 2009	\$600.00
March 1, 2010	\$600.00
June 1, Final Payment	<u>\$250.00</u>
Total:	\$2900.00

The tour price is all inclusive. Airline tickets, hotels, entrance fees, subway tickets, meals, etc are all included. Unfortunately, it is not possible to breakout any part of the tour or airfares to allow for "points" or frequent flyer miles to be used. Each troop has 40 slots and arrangements are made along those lines to secure group discounts.

What is not included is the personal equipment, such as uniforms, sleeping bag, pad, spending money, or patches for trading. Your contingent troop's leadership can give you more details on what you may need. All tents and cooking equipment are provided by WCC.

Your jamboree troop may have a troop fee which could include a t-shirt, cap, or extra event fees for venues not covered by the WCC fee. Your contingent troop leadership will inform you of this.

The 2010 WCC jamboree trip to the National Scout Jamboree will begin on Wednesday, July 21 with a return on Wednesday, August 4, 2010.

WCC has only been allocated 2 troops for the 2010 Jamboree. Each troop is allowed 3 adult leaders, one youth leader 18 to 21 years of age and 36 boy scouts 4 youth leaders and 4 patrols of 8. Space is limited, so apply early. Youth being selected will be based on when they applied to council and after the first 72 slots are filled a waiting list will be started. A shake out campout will be mandatory in the summer of 2010 and at that time the troop will be set and those on the wait list will get their \$100.00 back. With the 100 year celebration of Scouting as the major focus of the jamboree, WCC anticipates the contingent will fill even quicker than prior years. Scouts desiring to attend should apply as soon as possible. Adult leaders will be selected based on their qualifications and their ability to recruit 10 youth.

Any questions please call Ed Arnold, 970 274-3787 or Earl McKerrihan, 970 984-0286.