



**2005 National Jamboree
Subcamp 3 Commissioner Staff
Northeast Region, BSA**

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To: Scoutmasters
Subcamp 3

From: Vic Lonsberry
Camp Commissioner
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I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and the Commissioner Staff assigned to Subcamp 3, Northeast Region. We will assist you and your Jamboree Troop during your stay at Fort A. P. Hill. As Camp Commissioners it's our responsibility to make sure your Scouts have a safe and enjoyable experience at the Jamboree. I believe I have an excellent staff of six Assistant Camp Commissioners to do this. For your information they are:

Dick Avery from Cornish Flat, NH
Gene Bavis from Walworth, NY
Jeff McKinney from Binghamton, NY

Rick Baecker from Lancaster, NY
Ray Duncombe from Oneonta, NY
Keith Strouble from Sayre, PA

I was able to make a site visit to "The Hill" on November 12, 2004. I believe that Subcamp 3 is one of the better sites at the Jamboree. We are across the road from Action Center D, one of the highlights of the Jamboree, and not too far from the Boating Outback area. The day we were there, they received 3½ inches of rain. I now know where the low spots of the subcamp are located!

I am not aware if any of you have attended the Jamboree in the past, but I would like to offer some suggestions that we think would help you and your Scouts enjoy this experience.

Dehydration:

At the last Jamboree, on check-in day and during setup, the temperature was 94 degrees with very high humidity. Setting up a camp in those conditions results in major fluid loss. In order to minimize the onset of heat exhaustion, the Medical Staff has requested that all Scouts and Leaders consume at least one liter of water while on the bus prior to arriving at the Jamboree. Any drink with caffeine like soda, tea or coffee should not be consumed; Gatorade type drinks are OK but not necessary. Let's keep our Scouts out of the medical tent and in the troop site – drink lots of water on the bus as you make your way to the subcamp.

Tents:

The ground at Ft. A. P. Hill is a very hard clay soil. Plastic tent stakes are impossible to drive into the ground and wooden stakes are not much better. We would suggest that you purchase some large spikes from a building supply store and use them for your tents, tarps and gateways.

I would like to know what type of tents you are planning on bringing to the Jamboree, wall tents, dome tents? This will help me decide where to locate your unit.

Troop Sites:

The Jamboree Troop Leader Guide indicates that each troop site will have a little less than 8000 square feet (72 ft by 108 ft). After reviewing the suggested layout and walking the subcamp during my visit in November, I feel that we can provide each unit with a site that will measure 90 feet by 100 feet, 9000 square feet.

Weather:

It is hot and humid in Virginia at the end of July, however it will also rain. Please be prepared for some inclement weather. During wet weather, Leaders should be on the look out for possible cases of hypothermia. During the hot part of the day, we need to be aware of heat exhaustion.

Provide good ground cloths for all tents to keep your equipment dry. We also suggest that you provide each Scout with a large plastic bag to put their sleeping bags in when not in use. Then when a rainstorm comes through during the day, their sleeping bags will stay dry. We would also suggest that some means be provided to keep a Scout's personal equipment off the ground. I know where the low spots are, but there will be some units that will have standing water in their site during a heavy storm. I hope to avoid the more troublesome spots as I locate the units.

Please have every Scout and leader bring a warm weather sleeping bag or blankets. There were a few mornings at the last one when I put on a jacket to ward off the cool air in the morning. A sheet will not be enough to keep warm.

Security:

Scouts will not be allowed out of the campsites after taps. If they have to visit the latrines, we are requesting that an adult leader escort them. The Commissioner Staff will ensure that this restriction is followed. It's unfortunate that not all of the youth attending the Jamboree will follow the Scout Oath and Law.

We would suggest that one adult remain in the site for security purposes at all times. Units should work together to provide a watchful eye for each other. As Subcamp 3 is at the outer fringe of the Jamboree with wooded areas surround us, those units located along the wood line should practice some additional precautions.

Multiple Units:

One of the Camp Commissioner's responsibilities is to assign units to the troop sites in the subcamp. There are a number of issues that will help me determine the location of your troop. If your council will be sending multiple units, please let me know if your units want to be located together, or dispersed in the subcamp. Are there adults or Scouts in your unit with a disability we should be aware of? Please let me know this as well.

Arrival/Departure Times:

Units will arrive on Monday, July 25th and depart on Wednesday August 3rd. We will make every effort to make your check in and check out procedure as efficient as possible. We know that when you arrive you want to get settled in and set up as soon as possible. We have the same goal.

I understand that you are still in the planning stages of your trip, but please let me know your expected arrival time as soon as you have finalized your itinerary. Please, not before 6:00 AM. We have 45 units in the subcamp and if you all decide to show up at the same time, it will be a

challenge! When you arrive, we need to get your bus unloaded as quickly as possible so we can make room for other units coming in. You will have to unload along the road and then move your equipment to your site. We will not allow any vehicles into the subcamp.

Your council will be sending a "Troop Transportation Advisory" form to National. In item "C Food Service" of that form, please be sure that the information for your first meal is filled out. If you are expecting to get lunch on that first day and it's not checked with the number of lunches requested, then lunch will not be available for your unit.

Medical Check-In:

You are being asked to mail the original medical forms to national. Be sure to make copies of them for any medical needs on your trip to the Jamboree. Once you arrive at the subcamp, your unit will be scheduled for a medical recheck by the subcamp medical staff.

We suggest that your Scouts bring some sunscreen to protect them from sunburn, not only at the Jamboree, but also during your trip to "The Hill" as well.

Troop Leadership:

The commissioner staff would like to know the names of the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Assistant Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leader and the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader of your unit. If you would please send that to me, I'll pass it on to your assigned commissioner.

Program and Subcamp Activities:

During the evenings, time has been set aside for Subcamp activities. Our Program Staff is in the process of planning some real exciting events. They have not been finalized yet but as they become final, we will provide you with more detailed information.

Just a review of information I would like from you:

- ?? What type of tents will you be using?
- ?? Councils that have multiple units, do you want your units to be located together?
- ?? Do any of your Scouts or leaders have any disabilities or medical conditions?
- ?? Arrival times.
- ?? Please provide the names of your leaders, youth and adult.

The staff of Subcamp 3 is looking forward to providing you and your Scouts a safe and enjoyable experience at the 2005 National Jamboree. If you have any questions, issues or comments, please feel free to contact me. If I don't know the answer, I know where to go to get it. I can be reached by phone, mail or email. Please send the information I have requested to:

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