



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

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To: Scoutmasters  
Subcamp #3

From: Vic Lonsberry  
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As I write this, there is less than 140 days before your arrival at Fort A. P. Hill for the 2005 National Jamboree. The subcamp staff is busy preparing for your arrival.

Information about your troop:

In my first letter in January, I had requested some information from each of you. A few Scoutmasters have provided me with the information I have requested. Some of you have responded with partial information and I have not received any response from some of you. Please take a few minutes to provide me with the missing information. Thank you!

I have not received the following information from these troops:

T301, T302, T303, and T304: SPL, arrival time, tent type and medical issues  
T305: 1<sup>st</sup> ASM, 2<sup>nd</sup> ASM, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM, SPL, arrival time, tent type and medical issues.  
T306: 1<sup>st</sup> ASM, 2<sup>nd</sup> ASM, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM and SPL  
T308, T309, T322, T324, T325, T326, T332, T337, T341, T342, and T345: SPL  
T312, T313, and T314: 1<sup>st</sup> ASM, 2<sup>nd</sup> ASM, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM, SPL, arrival time, tent type and medical issues.  
T315, T316, and T317: SPL, arrival time and medical issues.  
T320, T321: 1<sup>st</sup> ASM, 2<sup>nd</sup> ASM, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM, SPL, arrival time, tent type and medical issues  
T329: SPL, arrival time and medical issues  
T330, T331, T333, T334, T335, T336, T338, T339, and T340: 1<sup>st</sup> ASM, 2<sup>nd</sup> ASM, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM, SPL, arrival time, tent type and medical issues.

If any troops are expecting to host International Scouts, please let me know as I need to coordinate their arrival with the Northeast Region International Commissioner.

Arrival Information:

When you arrive please make sure you enter Fort A. P. Hill at Gate 1, which is off US Highway 301. If you enter at any other gate, you will be going against traffic to get to the subcamp and no one will be there guide you. Please refer to the Jamboree Transportation Advisory Instructions.

Once you arrive at the subcamp, your bus will be turned around so as your Scouts unload, they will not have to cross the road. For safety reasons, no equipment can be unloaded on the roadside of the bus. We will try to position your bus on the road as close as possible to the location of your troop site, but please remember no vehicles will be allowed in the subcamp. All equipment will be unloaded at

the roadside first and then carried to the troop site. More information on arrival procedures will be included in a later newsletter.

Your council should have sent the "Troop Transportation Advisory" form to National. In item "C Food Service" of that form, please make sure that the information for your first meal was 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.

#### Propane Safety Issues:

As you know, all meal preparation will be using propane stoves. It is the responsibility of the Camp Commissioners to verify that all propane stoves are safe to operate. The Commissioners are required to check each stove for leaks and ensure that they are stable prior to any appliance being used. They will also be checked periodically during the Jamboree. Please refer to the Jamboree Troop Leader Guide for detailed instructions about the propane stoves. The propane is to be used for cooking only. We have been instructed to confiscate any propane lanterns brought to the Jamboree. They will be returned when the units leave. Please, leave them home. Only battery powered lanterns are allowed.

#### Subcamp Duty Roster:

A Troop Duty Roster will be provided on your arrival. Items that you may be requested to do include policing the subcamp, flag raising, flag lowering in the subcamp, cleaning the latrines, showers and wash tents. Most troops will be required to provide only one service during the Jamboree; however, some will be requested to do two.

#### Scout Release Request:

If any Scout in your unit is not going to be returning with your unit at the end of the Jamboree, please ensure that the Scout Release Request form, located in the Jamboree Leaders Guide, is filled out correctly. The Scout, parents and Troop Leader must checkout at Subcamp Headquarters.

#### Dish washing in the patrol:

The Troop Leaders Guide outlines the procedure for washing, sanitizing and drying dishes for each meal. As the guide is instructing you to use boiling water for the sanitizing process, we are reminding you that the container holding the hot water must be on a stable surface. Extreme caution should be taken to prevent any Scout or leader from being scalded by the water should it be spilled. Containers used to heat the water should be deep enough to cover utensils with the hot water. Any oval, shallow pans that are difficult to handle by the Patrol members will not be allowed.

#### Supplement beverage:

At the last Jamboree, the Commissary staff received requests for additional drink mix that they were not able to fill. They are suggesting that the troops bring a supply of drink mix to supplement the daily issue provided. Coffee is not provided by the Jamboree for the Troop Leaders. If you want coffee in your troop site you will have to provide your own.

#### Patrol Picnic Tables:

In Jamboree Bulletin No. 6, July 2004, there is a source mentioned where you can buy picnic tables for use at the Jamboree. They have indicated that they will deliver and pick up the tables. If you decide to order one of their tables and have it delivered to your site, please have them contact me for the location of your troop in the subcamp. If they use the suggested troop site location from National instead of the locations I will be assigning, you may have to carry those tables a fair distance.

#### Pre-Jamboree Campout:

The Commissioner Staff would like to help you in your preparations for the Jamboree. If you would like, we would be willing to attend your pre-jamboree campout to assist and advise. If you would like

a member of the Commissioner Staff to attend, please let me know where and when your campout will be. If we can coordinate schedules, we will do all we can to have a commissioner there.

Medical Information:

From: Joe Sellers MD, Subcamp 3 Chief Physician

Re: Staying healthy in Virginia in the summer heat

We will have physicians and support staff in our subcamp medical station 24/7 to help all scouts and Scouters have the most enjoyable Jamboree experience. I would like to share some advice for you to pass on to your units so they can be prepared for the Jamboree.

Heat Injuries:

It can get dangerously hot at AP Hill in July and August. We will use a heat index system and provide units with advice on levels of activity that are safe when the heat and humidity are high. The key to prevention of heat injuries is to maintain hydration. All participants should have water with them throughout the day. Scouts will do some of their heaviest work in setting up camp upon arriving. We would recommend each scout drink 1 liter of water before getting off their bus and that a shade tarp and water station be the very first items set up in your camp site.

Foot Blisters:

The Jamboree site is very large. The trip from our subcamp to anywhere else-merit badge midway, trading post, lakes, arena shows- is a long walk. Our Scouts and Scouters will need to be prepared for long walks in the heat. Breaking in your footwear ahead of the Jamboree and good foot care with frequent changes of socks and foot washing need to be stressed. Applying moleskin to hot spots before a blister forms is helpful.

Tick Bites:

AP Hill is in a unique location where Ticks that carry three different and unpleasant diseases all can be found. We need to teach prevention and daily self skin checks to all our Scouts. The doctors at the subcamp medical station will be available for help removing ticks. We have been asked by the army at the past two Jamborees to collect any ticks for testing for pathogens.

Skin Problems:

We have treated a lot of boys for sunburn and jock itch at past jamborees. Sunscreen, hats, and shade are all helpful in preventing sunburn while bathing, changing out of wet clothing and using an anti-fungal powder may help prevent jock itch.

For those troops that I have requested information, please send it to me per the following:

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