



**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 the 77 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 and my second letter in March, I had requested some information from each of you. Can you believe that I'm still looking for that information? Please take a few minutes to review the following and give me an update. Thank you!

I have not received the following information from these troops:

- T301 – Senior Patrol Leader's name
- T309 – Senior Patrol Leader's name
- T312 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM and SPL names, arrival time, type of tent and any medical issues.
- T313 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM and SPL names, arrival time, type of tent and any medical issues.
- T314 – arrival time
- T315 – SPL's name, arrival time, type of tents and any medical issues
- T316 – SPL's name, arrival time, type of tents and any medical issues
- T317 – SPL's name, arrival time, type of tents and any medical issues
- T319 – Arrival time
- T320 - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM and SPL names, arrival time, type of tent and any medical issues.
- T331 - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM and SPL names and any medical issues.
- T333 – Senior Patrol Leader's name
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- T336 – Senior Patrol Leader's name
- T338 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM and SPL names, arrival time, type of tent and any medical issues.
- T339 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM and SPL names, arrival time, type of tent and any medical issues.
- T340 – 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> ASM and SPL names, arrival time, type of tent and any medical issues.
- T341 – Senior Patrol Leader's name
- T345 – Senior Patrol Leader's name

Arrival Information:

After you have cleared security, a Subcamp 3 staff member will join you and direct your driver to the subcamp. Once we have the bus parked, the Scoutmaster will go to the Headquarters tent to sign in. The 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster will go to the Medical tent and schedule a time for medical recheck. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster will be escorted to the troop site location. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant

Scoutmaster and the Senior Patrol leader will supervise unloading of the bus and equipment trucks. As mentioned in past correspondence, all of the equipment will be unloaded along the roadside. Once the bus is released, all of the leadership should be back to the location of the equipment. Then the equipment will be moved to the troop site.

As soon as you can, put up one or two of the patrol-dining flies to provide shade and have water available. After moving the equipment, your Scouts will be in danger of becoming dehydrated. Let's keep them well hydrated and out of the medical tent.

#### Gateways:

I'm sure that all of you have spent a lot of time designing your troop gateways. They are a highlight of the Jamboree in all of the subcamps. As you are completing the final details, please be aware that any guy lines used to support them must be inside the troop site area. The aisle ways between the troops have to be clear to provide for emergency vehicles. Also, please refer to the Troop Leader guide for safety and other information concerning the construction of the gateway.

#### Patrol Flag Competition:

As mentioned in the Troop Leaders Guide, each subcamp will judge Patrol flags and the best will then move on to the Northeast Region competition. The winning flags in the region will be published in Boy's Life. The rules for the flag are as follows:

**Originality:** The flag should depict a theme or idea related to the geographic area of the country from which it originated and to the patrol name on the flag. It should also depict or incorporate the 2005 National Scout Jamboree theme, "On My Honor...Timeless Values."

**Identity:** The patrol must be properly identified with a printed or designed name. (For example, for the Roadrunner patrol, the flag would have a Roadrunner bird design). The patrol members' names or initials or signatures should be integrated into the design of the flag. Eight small devices could be attached to the flag with each member's name printed on a device. Make it unique and different. The Jamboree number and council identification number must be on the patrol flag. This is necessary for judging and will help youth from different parts of the country to meet one another.

**Workmanship:** The flag should demonstrate workmanship and initiative in its construction and design. No commercially made flags will be considered for judging. Flags should be boy made and all members should have had a part in their construction and design. The construction should be uniform. Use of color and material that represent the local area encouraged. The construction should be in harmony with the theme, and the flagstaff compatible with the size and shape of the flag itself. Above all, the workmanship of the patrol flag should reflect that the youth were involved in its construction. The patrol flag's size and shape should be such that the flag is pleasing to display and is easily carried. Each patrol is encouraged to carry its patrol flag throughout the jamboree and in the troop site. The patrol flag should always be displayed near the patrol area. The flag should be mobile and not too cumbersome to carry around with the patrol at the jamboree.

#### Patch Trading:

If your Scouts are into patch trading, then this is the place for them! No matter where you go at the Jamboree you will hear "Do you have any patches to trade?" We all need to be aware of unscrupulous people that will take advantage of the boys. Patch trading suggestions are outlined in the Leaders Guide, but we need to reiterate here. Patch trading is only allowed Scout-to-Scout and adult-to-adult. If any adults are observed trading patches with Scouts, they will be escorted off the Jamboree site and not allowed back. Please make sure that your Scouts are aware of this policy.

Bed Check:

At 10:15 all Scouts will be in the troop site. Your assigned Commissioner will go to each site and receive bed check information from the Scoutmaster. We then have to report the status of all units to the region by 10:45.

Security:

We've mentioned in the past and I feel that it needs to be mentioned again. No Scout will be allowed out of the campsite after 10:15. If they have to leave the site, a leader must escort them. It is unfortunate that in the past, there has been un-Scout like behavior taking place at night. The Commissioners will be around to verify that this doesn't happen. Any Scout who decides to leave their troop site will be taken to the headquarters area and the Scoutmaster will be required to come and pick them up. If a Scout is observed damaging any equipment or facilities, they will be asked to leave the Jamboree. This means that their parents will have to provide transportation home.

Program:

In addition to the Jamboree program, the Subcamp Program staff will be providing troop wide games of volleyball, Frisbee and soccer. They are also planning camp wide patrol and troop Scouting games. More information will be available, as we get closer to the Jamboree.

Morale and Productivity:

To better serve our customer, the Northeast Region will be implementing a new customer satisfaction tool at this Jamboree. All units will be asked to take part in this process. Final details are still being worked out, but it will probably consist of a short daily survey and a "morale meter". As the Subcamp Commissioners make their daily rounds they will observe your morale meter. If it were too low, we would like to know why. If it were high, we would like to know why as well. The idea behind this is to gain immediate feedback on the experience your Scouts are having at the Jamboree. Is there something wrong that we can correct immediately? If we were doing something right, we would like to compliment that area. The purpose of this is to help ensure that your Scouts are enjoying the Jamboree experience.

Subcamp troop site assignments and troop duty roster:

Be sure to check the Subcamp 3 web page to review your troop location and the troop duty roster.

Worth mentioning again:

Drink plenty of water on your trip to the Jamboree and during the Jamboree.

All Scouts and leaders should have summer weight sleeping bags.

Provide large plastic bags to store the sleeping bags in during the day to keep them dry.

Make sure each Scout checks every day for ticks and stay out of the wooded areas.

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

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