

2017 National Scout Jamboree



MONTANA COUNCIL CONTINGENT NEWSLETTER

UNIFORMS

Each member of the contingent will need at a minimum 2 complete uniforms. A complete uniform consists of shirt, pants/shorts and socks. The uniform will be worn during travel, while on the tours of Washington DC and Charlotte, NC and during the shows at the Jamboree. Scout t-shirt and uniform pants/shorts will be worn during the rest of the time. We will issue each contingent member a hat, neckerchief and two t-shirts. There will be an opportunity to purchase additional hats, neckerchiefs and t-shirts. We will also issue each member two full sets council shoulder, unit number, patrol emblem, OA 2 pc set for dues paid members, and jamboree patches.

PATCH CONTEST

We are looking for a patch design to use for our council shoulder patch that will be worn on the uniform of all Montana contingent members and offered to staff members from Montana. We are also looking for a design for the patch set members of the Order of the Arrow lodge will wear as well. The winning design for the council shoulder patch will receive a \$200 credit to their jamboree fee and 2 extra complete sets. Please submit any patch design ideas to Kyle Smith by email at Kyle.Smith@scouting.org by December 31st for consideration. It will be helpful to have it in as much color as possible and notes with ideas or intent are acceptable as well.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

Applications for the youth leadership positions have been emailed to everyone. The due date for submitting the application for consideration is November 30th. Please review the instructions for turn in procedure, positions available, and position descriptions. Please make sure to designate ALL positions you are interested in being considered for.

FUNDRAISING

For those Scouts who need some assistance in finding the funds to pay for this incredible trip we have a deal for you. Every year at the end of the popcorn sale we have overages of popcorn because of the way we have to order it and ship it. The overage popcorn is offered as an "after sale sale" and issue you popcorn to sell on a consignment basis. There are no prizes just straight commission which is usually 50/50. We will have the details as we approach delivery day around Nov 3 & 4. If this is something you are interested in taking advantage of please contact Michelle or Kyle S. in the Great Falls office. We will work out the details with you soon.

WHITEWATER RAFTING

Our contingent has been allotted 37 slots for the two troops and 4 slots for the Venture patrol for rafting. There is an additional cost of \$65 to participate in this activity at the jamboree and will be paid directly to the council with your jamboree fee if you are interested in this activity. What we are looking for at this point is how many of our contingent are interested in participating in rafting. We can still add and also subtract slots so we don't get charged for rafting slots we don't use.

RECRUITING ASSISTANCE

We still have plenty of room for more youth to take advantage of this life changing event. We have room for 22 Boy Scouts and 4 Venturers. If you know of someone who might be interested in participating please encourage them to do so right away. We will close registration on November 30th so we can start confirming reservations and purchasing gear and other items for the contingent.

PAYMENTS

According to our payment plan you should have paid \$1,750 with the September 30th payment. There are several who still have not paid the deposit or the other payments. Please make plans to get caught up at your earliest convenience. If you need help or more time please the office in Great Falls and talk to Michelle or Kyle.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

May 31, 2016 \$550

July 31, 2016 \$550

September 30, 2016 \$550

January 31, 2017 \$500

March 31, 2017 \$550

The Jamboree itinerary looks like this:

July 15th (Saturday) depart Montana for Washington DC.

Arrive in Washington DC late afternoon and participate in a guided tour of the Vietnam Veterans and Korean War Veterans Memorials.

July 16th (Sunday) Continue tour of Washington DC

Tour will consist of visiting Arlington National Cemetery, Smithsonian Museums (all afternoon), and Boy Scout Memorial. For those who wish to participate we can plan a Scouts Own Service.

July 17th (Monday) Continue tour of Washington DC

Tour will consist of Visit to the Capitol Building with a meet and greet with Steve Daines or Jon Testor (hopefully) Pentagon 911 Memorial, Supreme Court and Library of Congress, Washington Monument, WWII Memorial, Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, Lincoln Memorial. We are also hoping to set up a tour of the Pentagon with a contact we have through our committee.

July 18th (Tuesday) Leave Washington DC headed for West Virginia with stops along the way

Tour will consist of George Washington's Mt Vernon, Monticello in Charlottesville, VA.

July 19th (Wednesday) Arrive at the Summit for the Jamboree

July 19th- June 28th Jamboree activities!

July 28th (Friday) Depart the Summit and head to Charlotte, NC

Tour will consist of NASCAR Hall of Fame, simulator rides, Charlotte Motor Speedway and the "Over the Wall Tour".

July 29th (Saturday) Depart Charlotte, NC and return to Montana

The calendar of events we need each participant to attend is below. Each activity has specific items we will need to accomplish so attendance is crucial to being ready to go. **YES, THESE ARE MANDATORY EVENTS!**

February 11, 2017 Troop Meeting at Carroll College in Helena- This meeting will be important for some of the paperwork we will need to have turned in including physicals, travel documents, order forms for t-shirts, patches. Etc. We will also have t-shirt samples so you can order the right size t-shirt. This will be a day meeting and lunch will be served.

June 16-18, 2017 Pre-Jamboree Shakedown Campout at Scout Service Center in Great Falls. This campout is extremely important as we will issue all provided items including t-shirts, hat, neckerchief, duffel bag and patches along with all items you purchase including extra t-shirts and patches. We will also work on any last minute documents or requirements needed to participate in the Jamboree.