



Celebrating the Adventure • Continuing the Journey

Western Region Happy Halloween News!



Issue #5

October 29, 2008

A periodic collection of news and information for members of the Western Region 2010 National Scout Jamboree Staff. Please submit articles or ideas for inclusion in future issues to: jvandreese@netbsa.org.

AT&T Corporate Sponsor

Jamboree Director John Alline announced at a recent meeting in Dallas that AT&T has agreed to provide major support for the jamboree. In addition to a large cash donation, the company will be constructing a number of cell towers on the jamboree site that will be active at the time of the jamboree. John indicated that several other major companies are also expected to provide corporate sponsorship to the jamboree.

Scholarship Allocations

I recently emailed notices to Scout Executives indicating the amount of money available to their councils for National Scout Jamboree scholarships. Their jamboree committees will need to review all scholarship applicants from their councils and then forward the application(s) and dollar amount granted to each to me by October of 2009.

Support Material Release Dates

Many of you have asked about the release date of various support materials. The following is a list of when some of the items will become available to councils:

- ✓ **Council Jamboree Guide** Currently available on ScoutNET
- ✓ **Jamboree Staff Guide** Available February 2, 2009 on the BSA Web site.
- ✓ **Jamboree Troop Leader Guide** Available April 15, 2009 on the BSA Web site.
- ✓ **Sub Camp Operations Manual** Available September, 2009
- ✓ **Patrol Menu & Cooking Instruction Guide** Available March 30, 2010 on the BSA Web site.
- ✓ **Scout Participation Guide** Released May 15, 2010.

Some of these items may already be in various phases of production. Generally, the folks charged with compiling these pieces welcome suggestions for improvement. So, if you have any, please forward your ideas, comments, etc. to me (John Van Dreese) and I'll try to make sure they end up in the right hands.



Jamboree Trivia

Daniel Carter Beard, one of the founders of the BSA, lit the opening campfire of the first National Scout Jamboree in 1937,...in front of 27,232 Scouts camped on the Mall in Washington, DC.

Retraction on Troop Numbers...

Okay, I guess I've gotten ahead of myself. In the last "News" I indicated that I was hopeful that we would have troop numbers assigned by mid November...NOT going to happen! After discussion with a number of folks who have been through this process before, I've become convinced of the wisdom of delaying this until next spring or summer. Why? The troop numbers we assign also correspond to the site numbers on the Jamboree maps. This relationship makes it easier to locate troops and people, which is especially helpful in emergency situations. In the coming months, some councils will have additional scouts on their waiting list while other councils struggle to fill their troops. Holding off on assigning numbers will allow us to get these councils together so all our troops are full and, hopefully, every Scout who wants to attend, can. To further facilitate this "sharing", we can place these councils in adjacent campsites, something that would be almost impossible if the sites/ troop numbers are already assigned. So please, counsel patience as you are approached about troop numbers...THANKS!

Jamboree Countdown:

634 DAYS!

