

Webinar Q & A

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Grocery Store and Meal Planning Questions

Note: The email address for the Jamboree Food Team is 2017jamboreefood@gmail.com

1. Does everyone in the troop have to eat the same meal or can units have different meal options for each meal?

A: No, it is not necessary for everyone in the troop to eat the same meal. However, the unit kitchen equipment is designed for unit cooking and is certainly not easily equally divisible by 4 for patrol cooking. The grocery store concept allows and even encourages units to accommodate varying meal desires of its scouts and leaders. So if half want hamburgers and half want hot dogs, that's what you buy at the store. If you have four scouts who are vegetarians, and one that is gluten free, buy something each of them can eat and will like as well. It is up to the unit leadership to determine any limits that might logically be imposed so as to prevent the scouts from trying to prepare too many different meal options all at once.

2. Does a participant have to have a smartphone to shop in the grocery store?

A: Yes, for a unit to shop in the grocery store it is necessary for at least one of the persons assigned to shop to bring a smart phone, loaded with the FREE Jamboree Grocery Store Shopping App from SwiftShopper, to the store for use in the shopping process. This does not have to be the personal phone of any scout sent to shop, but some smart phone must be brought in order to shop.

What if no one in the unit has a smart phone available for use?

A: In the event a unit does not have a smartphone, contact us at 2017jamboreefood@gmail.com and we'll help.

3. Will there be enough options for those that have special dietary concerns or needs?

A: Yes, that is one key benefit that the grocery store method brings to the participants in their selection of breakfast, lunch and dinner meals. There will be an array of products that are identified as Kosher, Halal, Gluten Free, Vegetarian, Vegan and more. Units should work with scouts and leaders who have dietary restrictions or preferences to include items that accommodate in the food acquired each day for the unit.

Will there be enough of the special options in stock for each troop or do we have to worry about special items selling out? (This concern was specifically listed for Kosher meals last night.)

A: Since this question was really focused on the Kosher items, an understanding of how Food Team plans to accommodate the observant may help. Those who are in an all Kosher unit will plan all

Jamboree meals in advance and the food purveyor will order for delivery to the grocery store in Base camp A the precise groceries needed to prepare those meals. These groceries will be completely compliant with Kosher restrictions. They will not be on the shelf for others to purchase, but kept aside for the all Kosher unit, so the store can't run out of that food. Turning to the Kosher individuals in the rest of the units throughout the Jamboree camps, the Jamboree Food Team will offer again complete boxed meals that are certified Kosher and sealed. These will be available for pickup at each grocery store in numbers based on the Jamboree registration system for those who have indicated a need for a Kosher meal. In addition there will be numerous stock items in the grocery store that are certified as Kosher by the Circle-U label on the packaging and those items naturally will be available to supplement the Kosher meals provided, if so desired.

4. How much time should a troop plan on having to devote to meal planning?

A: The answer to that question is as varied as the number of units attending the Jamboree. To facilitate safety and maximum program time, most items in the grocery store will already be "cooked" and the units just need to bring them to desired serving temperature.

Note: Food Team will offer a Jamboree Cookbook website which includes a day-by-day meal planning tool. This will go out to all units months in advance of the Jamboree. We encourage you to use this website in the spring of 2017 to select your desired meal plan for the Jamboree. This website also will provide you with a shopping list for the selected meals and enable the time devoted to meal planning during the Jamboree to be small. That said, it is probably a safe bet that even if you plan it all out in advance someone will change their mind during the event once they see the food options in the grocery store and see what other units are doing. That is fine. Other changes in a unit's meal plan will be occasioned by the fact that some food has run out in the store, for we certainly will try to keep everything in stock but it is always possible that there will be a run on a given item any one day and if your meal plan required that your unit will have to adapt its menu as necessary.

5. Does food have to truly be cooked or does it just have to be warmed through?

A: The answer depends on what you are cooking, but the following may help. It is our current objective to work with the food contractor to provide only pre-cooked meats to the grocery store. This should really help reduce the true cooking need but obviously if one includes other vegetables or items that require more stove time than just heating thoroughly that will be the unit's choice to make.

6. Is the app compatible for Android and iOS?

A: Yes, the FREE SwiftShopper app has native applications for both Android and IOS. For Android it requires version 4.0 and up. For IOS it requires version 8.0 and up. One note, there is no support in this app for Windows smart phones.

Note: The menu planning website will work on any PC, tablet, or smart phone and scales automatically to your device screen.

7. Is there a backup plan if the app fails or goes down during Jamboree?

A: Yes, the grocery stores operate as though nothing is wrong and shopping is done on the basis of 'Scout's Honor'. Unit shoppers will be allowed to take what they otherwise would buy and once the system is restored we will replenish stock and begin the operation of the app again.

8. What if a unit loses their pass?

A: The unit will be issued several passes, because we don't want a unit not to be able shop because one is lost or one happens to be in the pocket of a scout who forgot to come back to do his assigned shopping duty. If somehow you lose all of them, contact the Food Team Staff at your grocery store RETURNS TENT.

Note: The passes issued to the unit will be used to enter a designated grocery store (by color code) and do not drive the app. Prior to the Jamboree each unit will receive instruction to create their "family" to link every unit member's FREE SwiftShopper app to their unit. Instructional slides and/or webinars will be offered to help with this step.

9. Is the wagon provided or does our unit need to bring it?

A: The wagon is provided as part of the unit equipment issue.

10. Provide more explanation on the point system.

A: Each unit will be issued a set number of points per day. Let's make up some numbers to help you understand. Note that there has been no final determination of points so this is just an example of how it might work. Say we give the unit 4,000 points per day. That is how much 'credit' you have on your app account to charge food at the grocery store. You then come to buy dinner and let's say it is a BBQ chicken dinner you want to create. You get the following items that have the following point values assigned: Chicken 400, Corn on the cob 200, BBQ Sauce 25, Cole Slaw Premade 150, Rice Krispy Treats 400, Milk 50, Fruit 150, Drink Powder 50. That's a total of 1,425 points. When you check out, the app deducts 1,425 from 4,000 leaving you 2,575 points to shop for breakfast and lunch food in the morning. That next day your scouts load up the wagon at the store with their own version of egg muffin sandwich breakfast: Egg Patties 300, Ham 200, English Muffin 150, Sliced Cheese 50, Fruit 150, Fruit Juice 150, Milk 50, Butter 25, Jelly 25 for 1,100 points to handle breakfast. That leaves 1,475 for lunch. They load that amount, or less if they wish, but not more of course of lunch items (they are so varied that we won't try to list them here in this example) and check out. After the grocery stores close in the morning, the points reset and you have another full day's worth (in this example 4,000 points) for the next 24 hours.

11. Will there be limits on the amount of available ice per unit per day?

A: No . . . and Yes. This isn't a trick answer but a dual one. No, there is not a planned limit on ice as long as it is used for the intended purpose of keeping perishable food cold while it is stored pending food preparation. Ice is not intended to limitlessly be put in drink coolers or for any overnight storage of perishables (which is prohibited). So to the extent a unit goes beyond the

prescribed use of ice, then limits may be imposed but for in the ordinary course of the Jamboree it will be readily available. You will not have to manage ice “chits” as we did at the 2013 Jamboree.

General Information Questions

1. The troop #s that were received at the council level—are these the permanent troop #s?

A: Yes. The troop #s will not be changing. The process to assign troop #s to the participants in the jamboree system will be announced in the next few weeks.

2. Can a council order additional jamboree patches if needed.

A: Patches will be available to order from www.scoutstuff.org this fall. Please check with BSA Supply directly for further information. (Phone # 800-323-0736)

3. When will more details about the rafting opportunity for participants become available and what is the cost?

A: The cost will be \$65 per person. Councils will have the opportunity to add on rafting spots for Jamboree during December 2017. The councils will be contacted directly with instructions.

4. Will more ‘charging’ stations be available for charging items like cell phones, laptops, etc.?

A: Yes. AT&T will be providing additional charging stations for the 2017 NSJ.

5. Are half-troop commitments an option for councils?

A: Yes. Please contact Matt Myers directly for additional details. His email address is matt.myers@scouting.org.

6. Is there a list of merit badges that will be available at the 2017 NSJ?

A: Not at this time. The list will be available in Spring 2017. It will be posted on www.bsajamboree.org.

7. When will the Transportation Management System (TMS) site be available?

A: It should be available within the next 3-4 weeks. We are working with TMS to get the information on our website.