

Webinar Q&A

September 16, 2015

1. Will the units be assigned to random sub-camps, like 2013? **Yes**
2. Can we do the day of service on route to Summit or confined to West Virginia, or can we do in home state of PA? **All Day of Service Projects will be in WV whether completed before, during or after the Jamboree.**
3. Will the Venturers be in Base Camp F like 2013? **Yes**
4. Gateway questions are coming. Is it banners again? **Yes, units will be making banners in 2017 very similar to 2013 and will be displayed from the dining flies**
5. What are the recharging stations improvements for 2017, with the anticipation that there will be more smartphones in the hands of scouts? **We are looking at increasing the number of charging stations in each Base Camp for 2017.**
6. Are council contingents being assigned the same Troop Number as in 2013? **No. Troop #s will be assigned in 2016 and shared with each council appropriately.**
7. What are the thoughts to have side drops with the dining flies because of horizontal rain, especially in "F"? **Not sure if this will be possible given the current design of the dining flies, but we will look into possibly providing some additional clear sheet plastic that may be attached to the sides.**
8. Will units choose their daily program or will it be randomly assigned? **Scheduling will be done by troop. There are no individually scheduled activities. Troops will be scheduled for their Day of Service, Jamboree Trek (to Garden Ground Mountain.) and all River Rafting participants in a troop will be scheduled to raft at the same time. The program groups will schedule these activities in order to balance the participant load across these areas and activities.**
9. Are there plans to slightly relax the thunder and lightning warnings so that program areas can stay open? **Safety is always priority 1. We are always looking to deliver the best program possible regardless of the weather. We review all of our safety procedures on an regular basis. The lightning policies are the same guidelines we follow during our summer programming. At this time I don't anticipate a significant change in our lightning warning and response guidelines.**
10. Will the duffel bag be included in the National Jamboree Fee? **Like in 2013? There are no plans to include a duffel bag as a 2017 NSJ giveaway. The '2017 Jambo Kit' contents are still TBD.**
11. When is the next webinar? **The next webinar will be Wednesday, November 18, 2015. The invite and login information will be sent a few weeks prior.**
12. Can you post questions on the jamboree website similar to 2013? **Yes, the Q&A from this webinar will be posted online within 7-10 days of the webinar.**
13. Where are the adult leader qualifications found? **The link is <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/participants/>.**
14. How do I get added to the distribution list for this call? **Email 2017jamboree@scouting.org.**
15. Any possibility that there could be an online training course available for all participants to take prior to the Jamboree to cover the BSA/NRA safety briefings for rifle/shotgun/pistol? **We require**

an onsite safety briefing so the specifics of our ranges and the specifics of a Jamboree sized shooting event can be integrated into the briefings.

16. Are you planning on having a Jamboree App in place prior to the Jambo occurring, so we can train our scouts on it? The release date for the app is TBD. We hope to have it in place in advance of the 2017 NSJ
17. When will the contingent guidebooks be available? Late 2015
18. Will BSA Health & Medical records be handled by local councils or by national? The process for submitted BSA Health & Medical records will be announced in mid-2016.
19. Will luggage/equipment requirements be similar to 2013 in that they must be in one bag and carried to campsite? Yes, we will be limiting personal luggage to one large bag and one day pack.
20. Please describe the food service process?

For staff living at Echo

- The staff dining area (front of the house) will be operated by volunteers similar to the format used at previous Jamborees.
- Staff dining food preparation (back of the house) will be done by the contractor as in previous Jamborees.
- The dining area will contain varied dining options (e.g., traditional breakfast and dinner choices, fruit or salad bar, fast food options, and other healthy options.)
- The staff dining options will include a serving line with product that accommodates Halal, Gluten Free, Vegetarian and Vegan diets. Kosher staff members may pick up at the staff dining area a sealed box meal that meets their dietary restrictions.
- Breakfast and dinner hours will be established with consideration for program/service hours of operation and associated transit times from the staff camp. Subject to adjustment on show days, breakfast will be served from 5:00am-10:00am and dinner will be served from 5:00pm-9:00pm. As dinner services concludes at 9:00pm, "Chef's Choice" food from dinner, salad bar and other snacks will be available until 10:00pm for those whose work may cause them to miss dinner.
- On Staff Show, Stadium Show, and Closing Show days, dinner will be served from 4:00-6:00pm and Food Team will test in one serving line providing a pack your own fresh sandwich (not frozen) boxed to-go meal for those who wish to take their meal with them.
- On Show days, a chef's choice Cracker Barrel will be served after the show at the Staff Dining hall for those whose work may cause them to miss dinner, such as the Stadium Experience Team and other similarly situated, and for staff who just want to snack.
- Drinks and snack food will not be available during non-meal hours.
- Portions of the dining hall will be closed during the day as necessary for cleaning.
- Lunch for staff will be a 'take what you want, eat what you take' buffet of shelf stable items that will be available to select at the Summit2Go lunch distribution tent adjacent to staff dining hall. Lunch may be picked up immediately after breakfast each day and will be available until 11:00am. Staff members will have to package their own lunch following breakfast, selecting the items they desire and thereby minimizing waste while allowing those with high energy level jobs to take an adequate amount of food to get them through the day.

- Plastic bags for packing lunch will not be provided so staff will need to bring a re-useable lunch sack to the Jamboree (which Food Team already has recommend be listed on the staff items to pack list).
- Lunch will not be provided to Exhibitors.

For Unit (Troop/Crew) dining

- Food will be distributed from designated Base Camp distribution sites called Jamboree Grocery Stores (there will be at least one Jamboree Grocery Store per Base Camp).
- The Grocery Stores will be tents positioned over asphalt pads to facilitate sanitation and enable whole pallet product placement with pallet jacks.
- All shelf stable products will be placed on pallets and shelving units to facilitate selection by the shoppers.
- Items requiring refrigeration will be placed in refrigerated display units.
- Grocery Store configuration will enable shoppers to take their provided wagons into the store to use as their shopping cart.
- All items in the store will be self-selected by the shoppers.
- Each Unit will be given a daily point allocation and each item in the store a designated point value. Note that points allocated are “per Unit” (not “per person”) and “per day” (not “for the entire Jamboree”). Units may choose to purchase any product within their point allocation, subject to reasonable restrictions of quantity allowed to be taken on given items to reduce the risk of running out of those products.
- After selecting the food for their meals, shoppers will check out as one would do at a big box store – each item selected is recorded in the system, reducing the point balance of the unit.
- Each unit will be issued two scan cards (identifying the unit but principally indicating the bearer is authorized to shop for food for the unit)
- Self-scanning of the selected items by the shoppers is the objective of the checkout process.
- Support for the Jamboree Grocery Stores will include parking for two 53’ refrigerated trailers, an all-terrain forklift, and several pallet jacks and hand trucks for moving product within the tent areas.
- Jamboree Grocery Store staffing will be jointly managed by Food Team and Base Camp Operations. Food Team will provide 10 staff members to coordinate the back of the store delivery of groceries by the contracted food purveyor and assist in error resolution. Base Camp Operations Team will provide 20 staff to handle the front of the grocery store operations including unit check-in, product re-stocking, and unit check-out.

Left over Unit food items

- Reusable excess food supplies from Units will be returned to a tent erected proximate to each Jamboree Grocery Store and identified as the location to drop off such returns. (There will be no food returns in the Sub camps.)
- The staff at each Jamboree Grocery Store will coordinate reutilization of these items into a ‘free to take’ box where Units may shop without affecting their points balance.
- All remaining items will be palletized for delivery to the food bank and Food Team will arrange their departure.

Grocery items and Cookbook with menu options

- Food Team will publish in advance of the Jamboree (early 2017) a list of the specific grocery items that will be stocked in each grocery store, including the points allocated to each item and the daily total points allowance provided to each Unit.
- Food Team will publish in advance of the Jamboree (early 2017) a Jamboree Cookbook that provides menus for breakfasts, lunches and dinners. These menus are educational and not directive. Units naturally may shop for what they wish at the grocery store and are not compelled to follow any menu. The menus however will offer ideas to the Units about all the variety of meals that can easily be prepared from the stock items in the grocery stores.
- As one finds at a real grocery store, there will be staple food items that Units may wish to procure. These will include such common items as peanut butter, jelly, bread, salt, pepper, condiments, cooking spray, et cetera. The list of food items stocked in the grocery store will include these items and the points required to purchase each.
- As one finds at a real grocery store, there may be times that product runs out. There is no guarantee that all items will be in stock all the time, though Food Team will make every effort to do so. If an item is out of stock, other items naturally may be selected by the unit to make their meals for the day.
- Lunch items again will be shelf stable. There will be a wide array of such shelf stable, individual serving, easy to pack items that may be acquired at the grocery store to allow participants to package their lunch following breakfast, selecting the items they desire and thereby minimizing waste. Each participant will need to bring from home a re-useable lunch sack as no plastic bags will be provided for carrying lunch.

Dietary restrictions (religious, medical and personal)

- The grocery store plan will include product that accommodates Kosher, Halal, Gluten Free, Vegetarian and Vegan diets. A list of items that the Jamboree Food Team plans to carry in the grocery stores will be published in advance of the Jamboree and will indicate which items meet these dietary restrictions. During the Jamboree such items will be marked in the grocery store with industry standard labeling like one finds when shopping at home that bears the appropriate common symbols of the dietary restriction (such as: , , , , ).
- Kosher meals for all-Kosher units will be handled separately to assure compliance with the necessary sealed box requirements. Kosher meals for individuals in Units throughout the Jamboree venue will be delivered in individually sealed complete meal boxes as in prior Jamborees and may be acquired at the grocery store where the participant's Unit is assigned to shop.
- In 2017, the Jamboree Grocery Store at Basecamp F will be designed to provide Halal meats for units (principally international) with multiple Halal participants. This is the only varying from the plan that all grocery stores will stock the same items and is designed to test processes for the 2019 World Jamboree. Halal meals for individuals in Units throughout the Jamboree venue may be acquired at the grocery store where the participant's Unit is assigned to shop.
- As in the past, participants and staff will be asked to indicate their dietary restrictions during the Jamboree registration process in order for Food Team to adequately accommodate the dietary needs.

- The food purveyor's deadline for indicating Kosher or Halal meal need is May 1, 2017 (requests for Kosher or Halal meals after that date will not be accepted as there will be insufficient lead time to adjust orders).
- Participants and staff are encouraged to bring from home an ample supply of any special non-refrigerated dietary items to supplement Jamboree food provided, much like someone would bring specialized medications.