

SPECIAL 2017 JAMBOREE BULLETIN

A Summary of Changes from the 2013 Jamboree experience



STAFF CHANGES

- 1. Expanded Staff Transportation:** Staff members will not be required to walk longer than 30 minutes between their tent and their work area. Staff bus routes have been established to:
 - a. Provide breakfast and dinner shuttle service between Base Camps A/B and E.
 - b. Drop/pickup staff at key nodes within 30 minute walking times of work sites.
 - c. Provide continuous shuttle service during program hours around Justice Heights, around Adventure Valley and between The Oasis and The Barrels on Upper Ridge Road.
- 2. More Time Off:** Staffing levels have been established to provide the equivalent of at least one full day off for staff members during the jamboree. Staff recruiting success will ultimately determine the degree to which these levels are met. Information on offsite trips is also being developed for those desiring to explore the local community during their day off.
- 3. Better Communications:** A robust communications strategy is being executed to keep staff members informed from the date they register as a staff member through the last day of the jamboree. Email, staff bulletins and social media posts are being used prior to the Jamboree. Social media, text messaging and local broadcasts will be utilized during the Jamboree.
- 4. Lunch Options:** The number and variety of shelf stable lunch choices is being expanded. Supplemental items will also be provided for staff members in more active program areas.
- 5. Lodging Choice:** A lodging selection process is being finalized to allow staff members to pre-select their tent-mates up to one month prior to the jamboree.
- 6. Enhanced Staff Village:** The staff base camp Chat & Chew has been expanded to provide staff members a wider area in which to relax, play, and refresh themselves in the company of other staff members.
- 7. Heated Showers:** Solar water heaters are being installed in the staff Base Camp that will raise the water temperature to 80°F and, with responsible water usage, will maintain that temperature.
- 8. Laundry Service:** Laundry service will continue to be available for staff members desiring it.
- 9. Staff Photos:** A contract photo service will be available for staff photos of individual teams. Staff members will have the opportunity to purchase photos of their choosing.

PROGRAM CHANGES

1. **Program Flexibility.** Most jamboree activities will be open, allowing participants to go where they like and then spend as much (or as little) time in a particular venue. The exception will be zip lines and canopy tours which must be pre-scheduled because of capacity limitations.
2. **Shuttles service for participants.** One bus will constantly shuttle between The Barrels (shooting), The Bows (archery) and a rest and relaxation area where Technology Quest was located in 2013. Another bus will run a loop around Adventure Valley and will serve the Big Zip landing, The Rocks (climbing), The Ropes (challenge courses), and Low Gear (mountain biking).
3. **Unit-based river rafting.** While still available as an extra-charge option at the 2017 Jamboree, scheduling will be by units and not by individuals.
4. **More transparent wait times.** An on-line system is being created to keep all participants informed on the expected wait times in activity areas.
5. **Revised shows schedule.** For 2017, rather than a stadium opening show, each base camp will have an event in its headquarters area on the evening of arrival day to allow participants to get acquainted and prepare for the week ahead. The first stadium event will be the show on Saturday evening. A closing stadium show will occur on the final night of the jamboree. During the week, daily activities and special events will fill the stadium. A “base camp bash” will be presented on a different night in each of the five base camps.
6. **New and expanded STEM Quest area.** The new STEM Quest area will be located adjacent to The Pools. As in 2013, each unit will be assigned to visit STEM Quest on a specific half-day to maximize participation. There will also be a variety of STEM-related exhibits in Scott Summit Center and a “Science Behind the Sport” program will be active at selected adventure areas.
7. **Expanded military engagement.** A new military display area is being created that will feature an array of military equipment for participants to visit and learn more about our military services.

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