

Jamboree FAQ for Parents

Shakedown

Q. What is Shakedown?

A. Shakedown is a day to prepare, as a troop, for Jamboree. At Shakedown, we will review all paperwork and insure that everything is signed and in order. Medication will be turned in along with spending money. Communication systems will be set up and tested. Our two Jamboree troops (C117 and A229) will be assembled and will have the opportunity to work together to complete some tasks and challenges. The Code of Conduct will be reviewed and bus assignments made, along with other activities.

Q. When and where is Shakedown?

A. Shakedown will be held at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday, June 30th from 1:00pm until 6:00pm. Parents should plan to attend from 1:00pm – 2:00pm and then from 4:00pm – 6:00pm (parents are welcome to stay the whole time if they so desire). Scouts will attend the whole time.

Q. Who needs to attend Shakedown?

A. All members of Jamboree Troop C117 and A229 must attend the Shakedown. This event is critical to properly preparing for a safe and fulfilling adventure. It is also recommended that persons traveling with the troop while touring on the front end or back end of Jamboree should also attend.

Equipment/Gear

Q. What if my scout doesn't like the Jamboree provided bag and has another bag he would prefer?

A. All scouts MUST use the Jamboree provided equipment bag. This is essentially your "ticket" into Jamboree. If you don't have your Jamboree provided bag, you will not be able to board the bus. Refer to the Troop 26 Packing Equipment Guidelines for more information.

Q. Can I use the Jamboree provided bag for Summer Camp?

A. Absolutely NOT! The Jamboree equipment bag should not be used for any events until Jamboree. Mr. Zvacek will have an aneurism if this rule is violated and none of us want that to happen. 😊

Q. If sleeping bags/pillows are being packed in Jambo bags, what is the plan for sleeping bags/pillows for touring?

A. The Jamboree planning committee has determined that all participant bags will be unloaded at each touring stop and scouts will have access to all of their equipment. This is a change from previous treks and is made possible because the troop doesn't have to transport as much equipment as usual to Jamboree. Compression bags are a great way to save space. \$10 at Academy.

Q. What is the requirement for Messengers of Peace Day of Service work clothes?

A. All scouts need to bring work pants and a long-sleeve shirt. A pair of work gloves would also be a good idea as well. It will not be known what kind of work the troop will be performing until arrival at

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Jamboree. There are rumors that some people will be painting. While it is unlikely that either of our troops will be painting, you should plan accordingly.

Q. What is recommended for water shoes?

A. Scouts need to pack as lightly as possible and minimizing the pairs of shoes is important. An old pair of tennis shoes can easily double for water shoes, shower shoes, and “light sports”. Water shoes should protect the feet. Use good judgment in selecting shoes.

Q. Do scouts need to bring a mess kit or will that be provided by Jamboree?

A. Scouts need to provide their own mess kit. The kit should include a plate, bowl, and spork (s).

Q. What is the importance of the solar water heater on gear list?

A. The solar water heater was on the National Jamboree equipment list as an optional item. The Troop 26 Jamboree Planning Committee has reviewed the item and has deemed it to be unnecessary and is not recommending any scout bring a solar water heater. Troop 26 has revised the equipment list and this item has been removed.

Q. Will electronics charging stations be available at Jamboree? Can we determine security situation?

A. The 2013 National Jamboree is providing charging stations for scouts and leaders to use to charge their electronic devices. However, scouts will be responsible for keeping track of their devices. We will not be able to guarantee the security of their devices when left in charging stations. Scouts should assess the risk of theft or damage if devices are left unattended at charging stations.

Communication

Q. Parents want to know when/how they can get contact information for troop leaders?

A. A final contact list will be provided at the Shakedown, scheduled for Sunday, June 30th at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

Q. Parents need information on sending mail to scouts.

A. Information on where how to send mail to scouts will be provided at the Shakedown. The mailing address is listed below for both the troops (Participants) and staff members.

Mailing Address for Participants

Full Name
Jamboree Troop/Crew # _____
2013 National Jamboree
92 SBR 2
Mount Hope, WV 25888

Mailing Address for Jamboree Staff

Full Name
Housing Area # _____ i.e. E302
2013 National Jamboree
92 SBR 2
Mount Hope, WV 25888

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Q. Are scouts allowed to bring cell phones, iPods, iPads, or other electronics?

A. Yes. Electronics such as music players, game boys etc. are ok on the bus (with headphones) but not at Jambo site. Cell phones are ok the whole time. The 2013 National Jamboree is encouraging scouts to use technology at this year's event. However, there are some guidelines that should be followed for technology. Troop 26 will address these guidelines at the Shakedown.

Q. Is there any way to get updates from the troop while they are away at Jamboree?

A. A special texting/email system has been set up to provide a means of communication. However, this system is unproven and untested and parents should not expect regular updates.

Q. How do I get set up on the Jamboree texting/email system?

A. Contact Christopher Smith by phone at 918-899-5265 or via email at Christopher@sixbyte.com immediately to get setup and configured. You need to be set up before Shakedown and it requires action on your part to completely set up. A document detailing setup instructions has been put together to help parents and scouts get signed up for the system.

Q. How do I contact my scout if we have a family emergency?

A. Please don't contact your scout directly, especially in the case of a family emergency. The adult leadership will be available to help scouts and their families work through issues while at Jamboree. It is important that one of the adult leaders be aware of any situation that warrants notification of scouts. A resource in Tulsa will also be available for you to contact and discuss any critical situations while the troop is at Jamboree. Please use the resources provided.

Q. What should I do if my scout contacts me directly with an issue?

A. Contact Dennis Zvacek (Troop A229) or Bill Fournet (Troop C117) immediately. The adult leadership needs to be aware of the situation. Please engage them ASAP.

Spending Money

Q. Is there a money bracelet available for scouts to use to carry their daily cash around with?

A. There is not a money bracelet available for participants of this year's Jamboree. The planning committee has investigated other options for electronic funds management. A money card option (essentially a gift card) is available, but there is a fee for putting money on the card and for removing any remaining fees at the end of the trek. In addition, it doesn't provide any reasonable options for replacement in case the card is lost during the trip.

Q. How much money should my scout bring?

A. That is really up to you. The trip is a 17 day adventure and we will be touring some pretty awesome sites along the way. Meals are already covered in the cost of the trip. However, scouts will likely want to purchase snacks and souvenirs along the way. They may also want to purchase Jamboree gear such as belts, hats, and patches as well. The planning committee recommends planning on \$100 - \$200 for spending money.

Departure

Q. When do I need to bring equipment to the church?

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A. The touring bag and the Jamboree bag must be delivered to the church on the evening of Wednesday July 10th, from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. We will meet at the troop garage and all equipment will undergo final preparation for departure.

Q. What to do if you cannot deliver equipment on Wednesday evening?

A. Contact Dennis Zvacek at (918) 798-7067 to make alternative arrangements as soon as possible.

Q. Which bus will my scout be on?

A. Scouts will be assigned a seat on one of the two troop buses. A list is being compiled and will be finalized for Shakedown.

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Q. When will the troop be departing for Jamboree?

A. The troop will be departing from Good Shepherd Lutheran Church on Thursday evening at 6:00pm. All scouts need to be at the church, ready to board their bus by 5:15pm.

Q. What should scouts bring with them for the departure?

A. Scouts should have their Troop 26 uniform on a hanger and their day pack (see the troop equipment list for more information on day pack).

Touring

Q. Will the bus have power outlets for the scouts to use?

A. The planning committee is unable to guarantee that power outlets will be available on the buses. We expect to have power outlets at the stops along the way, but event that cannot be guaranteed at this time. Scouts should expect that power availability will be limited and plan accordingly.

General Questions

Q. Are scouts able to pick their tent mates? When will they get assignments?

A. Scouts will have some say in selecting their tent mates but should be open minded about who their assignments. Assignments will be made at the Shakedown.

Q. Is there anything else that should be done to prepare?

A. Trim your toe nails before leaving Tulsa. Your feet are your best friend at Jamboree and the better you care for them the more fun you will have.

A. Exercise daily by walking in the heat of the day. Start out at a half an hour of walking and increase to an hour and a half/day until we depart.

Q. Can movies be taken on the trip?

A. Yes. However, movies for the bus, EVEN for your private player, MUST BE APPROVED BY BILL SHAFFER, DENNIS ZVACEK, or BILL FOURNET.

Q. Do scouts really need a photo ID?

A. Yes. An official school ID will work fine. If you choose to get a State of OK one you have to go to the Drivers license examining center (2 in Tulsa) and get the proper form, you need a social security card and a birth certificate. You then go to the tag agent of your choice to get the photo taken and the ID made. Do not punch holes in the State ID's. This invalidates them.