

## 2005 National Scout Jamboree Council Information Sheet

### BACKGROUND:

The National Jamboree is Scouting's grandest tradition—a gathering of Scouts and leaders from across the nation. Jamboree is the quintessence of the Scouting movement. Program features will reflect the skills of Scouting, the nation's heritage, physical fitness, conservation, and the spirit of brotherhood. During this brief period when the Scouts gather, you can see everything that Scouts do - and everything that Scouting is—all in one place.

Daily activities offer fun and challenge. Religious services provide time for reflection. A cavalcade of highlight events further depicts the rich heritage of Scouting. Scouts practice and demonstrate skills such as archery, orienteering, running obstacle courses, shotgun shooting, boating, canoeing, and hunting safety, as well as take part in the disabilities-awareness trail, competitive events, the Merit Badge Midway, and an arts and science fair.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Scouting movement, created the idea of holding a large encampment of Scouts and leaders to celebrate Scouting in England. He called it a "jamboree."

Since 1937, The Boy Scouts of America has held a National Scout Jamboree for Scouts and leaders of Boy Scout Councils throughout the United States.

For the past 24 years, National Scout jamboree has been held at Fort A. P. Hill in the rolling hills of Caroline County, Virginia, near the towns of Fredericksburg and Bowling Green. The installation was named in honor of Lt. General Ambrose Powell Hill, a Virginia native who distinguished himself as a Confederate commander. This 76,000-acre U.S. Army facility has served as the permanent site for the National Scout Jamboree since 1981.

The 2005 National Scout Jamboree provides many unique opportunities for the youth and leaders who will participate. However, as with Scouting, there is a more serious purpose behind the activities:

*The mission of the 2005 National Scout Jamboree is to deliver a memorable, once-in-a-lifetime experience to Scouts and Scouters that will reinforce the values of the Boy Scouts of America.*

### DATES AND LOCATION:

The 2005 National Scout Jamboree will be held Monday, July 25, through Wednesday, August 3, 2005, at Fort A.P. Hill, Caroline County, Virginia, which is in the historic area of Washington, D.C., and Williamsburg, Yorktown, Richmond, and Norfolk, Virginia. The opening day will be Tuesday, July 26, and the closing day will be Tuesday, August 2. The jamboree troop arrival day will be Monday afternoon, July 25. Departure day will be Wednesday morning, August 3.

### ORGANIZATION:

Western Los Angeles County Council has been authorized by the Western Region to organize a council contingent consisting of 4 troops. The jamboree is open to all who are qualified on a first-come basis. After these troops have been filled, a stand-by list of alternates will be established. Scouts will be assigned to a jamboree troop consisting of 32 Scouts, 4 International Scouts and four adult leaders. Each Scout will be a member of a patrol within a troop

**TOUR & TRAVEL PLANS:**

The Western Los Angeles County Council jamboree contingent will consist of 4 jamboree troops, each with its own tour and travel package. From July 25 to August 3 the contingent will camp at the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill.

TOUR A: Departs Los Angeles via United Airlines on Saturday, July 23, 2005 and flies to Norfolk, VA. This 12-Day Aeronautics, Space and Military Science Tour will center on Norfolk and Williamsburg, Virginia. Special features of this tour include an overnight at Virginia Air and Space Center, the opportunity to earn Aviation or Space Exploration Merit Badge, and tours of Norfolk Naval Station, Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown. Tour A returns to Los Angeles from Norfolk, VA on Wednesday, August 3, 2005.

TOUR B: Departs Los Angeles via United Airlines on Wednesday, July 13, 2005 and flies to Rochester, NY. This 22-Day LDS Historical Tour will visit Rochester NY, Palmyra NY, Boston MA, New York City, Philadelphia PA, Lancaster PA, Gettysburg PA, and Washington DC. The LDS Historical Tour features 2 Days at the Hill Cumorah Pageant, Boston Freedom Trail, Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, New York City, Historic Philadelphia, Amish Country, Amish Feast at the Good & Plenty Farm, Gettysburg Battlefield, USMC Evening Parade, Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Washington DC Temple Visitor's Center, and Mount Vernon. Tour B returns to Los Angeles from Richmond, VA on Wednesday, August 3, 2005.

TOUR C: Departs Los Angeles via United Airlines on Saturday, July 16, 2005 and flies to Boston, MA. This 20-Day East Coast Historical Tour will include visits to Plymouth MA, Revere MA, Boston MA, New York City, Philadelphia PA, Lancaster PA, Gettysburg PA, Washington DC, and Williamsburg VI. The East Coast Historical Tour features the Mayflower, Plymouth Rock, & Plimouth Plantation, Lexington & Concord, Boston Freedom Trail, Quincy Market, Empire State Building, Ellis Island, New York City, Central Park, Historic Philadelphia, US Mint, Amish Country, Amish Feast at the Good & Plenty Farm, Gettysburg Battlefield, USMC Evening Parade, Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, 3 Days Sightseeing in Washington DC, Sunday Non-Denominational Service at Navy Plaza, Mount Vernon, Busch Gardens, and Colonial Williamsburg. Tour C returns to Los Angeles from Washington, DC on Thursday, August 4, 2005.

TOUR D: Departs Los Angeles via United Airlines on Monday, July 18, 2005 and flies to Baltimore, MD. This 17-Day Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War Battlefield Tour will center on Baltimore MD & Washington DC. The Special features of the Revolutionary War, War of 1812 and Civil War Battlefield Tour include Fort McHenry, Cheshire Cove Marina Sea Food Feast, Annapolis Naval Academy, Gettysburg Battlefield, 4-Day Hiking Tour of Washington DC, Mount Vernon, and Historic Fredricksburg. The Scouts in Tour D will spend five nights at George Washington University, and will participate in the USMC Evening Parade, Wreath Laying Ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, breakfast with your Legislator, Historic Washington DC, and Historic Trails Award Program. Tour D returns to Los Angeles from Baltimore, MD on Wednesday, August 3, 2005.

Harmon Travel, of Boise Idaho, has been designated as the council's 2005 Jamboree Tour Operator. A Harmon Tour Manager will be traveling with the council contingent. Each troop in the council contingent will be provided ground transportation via deluxe, air-conditioned motor coaches. Overnight accommodations while traveling to the jamboree will be at hotels, motels, and universities. The council jamboree fee is based on sharing a twin room, 2 persons per room, 1 person per bed.

**SCOUT ATTENDANCE QUALIFICATIONS:**

Scouts who participate in the 2005 National Scout Jamboree are selected by the more than 300 councils in the United States and must first be approved by their Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach, and then by the local council jamboree steering committee.

Each Scout must have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age and a First Class Scout by July 1, 2005. His 18<sup>th</sup> birthday must not be before August 2, 2005.

Participation in the jamboree requires a pre-jamboree training experience, and each Scout must file a personal health and medical record form before that training event. In addition, he must be active in his troop for at least six months prior to July 1, 2005.

**TOTAL COST:**

The Western Los Angeles County Council estimated jamboree fees are:

Tour A \$2,200.00 for Scouts - \$2,200.00 for Leaders.  
 Tour B \$3,470.00 for Scouts - \$3,470.00 for Leaders.  
 Tour C \$3,355.00 for Scouts - \$2,455.00 for Leaders.  
 Tour D \$2,575.00 for Scouts - \$2,575.00 for Leaders.

Uniforms, personal equipment, medical exam, and other personal expenses may run over \$350.00 for each jamboree participant.

**FEE INCLUDES:**

The jamboree fee covers all transportation, tours, admission fees, meals, lodging, and patrol and troop equipment, as well as insurance. The fee also covers the training camp before the jamboree, jamboree troop insignia, personalized nametags, travel bags and other contingent expenses. The only additional expense will be each participant's personal equipment, uniforms, and spending money.

The Western Los Angeles County Council jamboree fee is based on a tour and travel package quoted by the Jamboree Tour Operator. If the cost of the tour and travel package should increase or decrease, the total jamboree fee may be adjusted accordingly.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Payment	Tour A	Tour B	Tour C	Tour D	Payment Schedule
National Reservation Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	With Application
Second Payment	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	Due By January 15, 2004
Third Payment	\$187.50	\$346.25	\$330.00	\$235.00	Due By March 15, 2004
Fourth Payment	\$187.50	\$346.25	\$330.00	\$235.00	Due By May 15, 2004
Fifth Payment	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	Due By July 15, 2004
Sixth Payment	\$187.50	\$346.25	\$330.00	\$235.00	Due By September 15, 2004
Seventh Payment	\$187.50	\$346.25	\$330.00	\$235.00	Due By November 15, 2004
Eighth Payment	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	Due By January 15, 2005
Ninth Payment	\$187.50	\$346.25	\$330.00	\$235.00	Due By February 15, 2005
Tenth Payment	\$187.50	\$346.25	\$330.00	\$235.00	Due By March 15, 2005
Eleventh Payment	\$187.50	\$346.25	\$330.00	\$235.00	Due By April 15, 2005
Final Payment	\$187.50	\$346.25	\$345.00	\$230.00	Due By May 15, 2005

**REFUND POLICY:**

This refund policy relates to the transmittal of funds between the Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America, and registered participants of the council jamboree contingent.

1. The \$100.00 national reservation fee is not refundable.
2. There will be no refund following the jamboree.
3. Registered participants of the council jamboree contingent must submit a written request for a refund to the council jamboree steering committee.
4. Based on the Western Los Angeles County Council refund policy listed below, the council jamboree steering committee is authorized to make the refund.

Before March 15, 2004, refunds will be made as follows. Additional fee payments, less the \$100.00 national reservation fee, will be refunded in full.

After March 15, 2004, the following refund policy applies:

If a registered participant of the council jamboree contingent finds that they cannot attend, they will receive a full refund from the Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America, only if there is an alternate\* to take their place.

*\*An alternate may be selected from the council waiting list, if there is one, or could be a properly qualified youth recruited by the person requesting a refund.*

If there is no alternate, a partial refund will be made. This includes the fees paid to date, less the administrative fee of \$200.00, the national reservation fee of \$100.00, and other expenses related to contractual agreements made on the participant's behalf.

Deposit fees paid by alternates not selected as registered participants will be refunded in full.

**INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:**

Contact Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America, 16525 Sherman Way, Unit C-8, Van Nuys, CA 91406 - Telephone 818-785-8700 ext. 129, FAX 818-901-4888, or [programdir@bsa-la.org](mailto:programdir@bsa-la.org).

Visit our website [www.bsa-la.org](http://www.bsa-la.org) for updated information on the council's jamboree contingent, or the national website [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) for applications and information on jamboree staff opportunities.

All 2005 National Scout Jamboree Payments should be made payable to WLACC-BSA. Please write NSJ Account # 1-2604-170-00 in the memo field.