



Boy Scouts of America Monmouth Council

Meet me at the Summit
July 15 – 24, 2013
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Announcements

- Please be certain to maintain your Summit Dashboard! Be sure your E-mail and contact information is correct and update your rank and leadership experience if necessary.
- Don't forget to sign up for your Unit's Facebook Page. On Facebook search for your Troop or Crew Number (ie: Troop B238, C440, D418, or Crew F302)

Calendar

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| April 26-28 | Shakedown Weekend for all participants |
| July 14-24 | Jambo, departs 7/14 at 6:00pm |

Jamboree Committee



Jamboree Committee Chairman
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UNIT MEETINGS

We are well underway in the process of each unit starting to hold their individual meetings. These meetings continue through the spring of 2013. The next time we meet as a group will be the shakedown training weekend at QHSR on April 26 – 28, 2013. From this point forward almost all communication to participants or their families will be handled through their individual units, the adult leadership of the unit and our newsletters. If any special news needs to be sent out we will use our e-mail distribution lists.

UNIT ASSIGNMENTS

We were recently notified that we might be able to recruit up to four more folks in our Venturing Crew. This might be one adult and three youth. If you have a friend that would qualify for a crew slot please have them fill out one of our Monmouth Council applications and submit it with their \$100 deposit. We will notify each family if these additional slots are allocated to us. In any event we have no Venturing

youth on our waiting list and we could use a few. So in any event please sign up for a Venturing slot.

All Troops are full and we have a waiting list but we could use more folks to be in position for any future openings in our Troops. If you desire to be added to our waiting lists please register on the Summit Jamboree web site and Chris will take note of your desire. In addition please fill out our local paper Monmouth Council Application to hold your spot with a deposit.

BUDGET

We have submitted our 2013 budget to Monmouth Council for inclusion in their overall budget last month. The detailed budget can be found on our web site. What follows is a summary of the budget which I hope you will find easier to understand.

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| INCOME | |
| Fees Collected from all youth and adults | \$188,325.00 |
| Income from the sale of all extra logo items anticipate | \$6,788.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$195,113.00 |
| EXPENDITURES | |
| Fees paid to National BSA for the Jamboree | -\$122,825.00 |
| All Transportation Cost including food on the way down, meal on the way back and three buses | -\$21,682.00 |
| Troop Flags required | -\$1,600.00 |
| All Monmouth Council Jamboree Logo items, JSP's, name tags, unit numbers hats, t-shirts, patches, beach badges | -\$14,137.00 |
| Day Packs provided by Monmouth Council | -\$6,570.00 |
| Various unit required items, unit pictures, gate way materials, unit contingency, mess kits, neckerchief, office supplies and postage | -\$8,978.00 |
| Training | -\$2,205.00 |

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| Cost of Monmouth Council Logo Items | -\$1,600.00 |
| Jamboree Activity Contingency 10% of variable costs | -\$5,677.00 |
| Monmouth Council Administrative fee 5% of income | -\$9,755.00 |
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| TOTAL EXPENCES | -\$195,029.00 |
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| Net = +/- | +\$84.00 |

MEDICALS

Medical forms are now available on the Jamboree registration web site under the applicant's dashboard. It is anticipated that we will collect all medical forms so they can be reviewed for completeness. We will make copies for unit leaders to have them available for unit purposes. Monmouth Council will then mail all forms to National. We must mail them ahead of the required due at National which is April 15th. Some portion of the medical form is filled out electronically. This explanation is a slight variation of the official method but we feel this works for Monmouth Council and National.

SELECTING ACTIVITIES

All participants need to be sure that all electronic applications are complete on the national web site by the end of January because that is when participants will start selecting their program choices for the Jamboree.

Participants currently registered will start receiving e-mail soon describing the activities available at the Jamboree so that you will have about one month to make your choices before you start the electronic selection process.

JAMBOREE LOGO ITEMS

It is now past time for the submission of your order forms for Monmouth Council Logo items. If you have yet to send it in please do so and if it arrives in time we will include it in our order. If it arrives too late we will notify you of that. If you need another copy of the form it can be found on the Monmouth Council Jamboree website. On the form it also lists what items you receive as part of your Jamboree fee.

VISITORS COMING TO THE JAMBOREE

I had said in the previous newsletter that hopefully by the end of 2012 a section will be added to the Summit National Jamboree web site outing all the details for people who wish to visit the Jamboree. As of December 18 it has yet to be posted. I will notify everyone once it is available.

Guidelines That Will Get You Ready For Adventures At The Summit

Article reprinted from www.summitblog.org

The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is closer than we think. And as construction of the site at the Summit Bechtel Reserve continues to progress, there are two things to remember – expect fun and be prepared for the adventure.

Mentally, but most importantly, physically, every Scout should spend the next two years preparing himself or herself for one of the most high-adventure, action-packed trips of a lifetime.

Because of the level of physical health and fitness that is needed at the Summit, and to keep everyone safe, the Boy Scouts of America has developed a set of guidelines. If you have a body mass index (BMI) of over 40, then you will not be allowed to attend the Summit. If you have a BMI of between 32 to 40, then you may be allowed, but you will have to consult with a physician.

The Adventure

With activities like hiking up to the top of mountain peaks, whitewater rafting down some of the wildest rapids in the world, biking through rough and rugged terrain, zip lining through the trees and traveling several miles each day without the use of any type of motorized vehicle, fitness at the Summit is not only important, it is essential.

“We will have skateboarding for the first time ever, as well as mountain biking, rock climbing and a more involved BMX experience,” says Larry Pritchard, the 2013 jamboree director. “And for some, whitewater rafting or kayaking,”

And not only are the activities more intense, the land itself is more intense, as well. With a mean elevation of 2,500 feet above sea level, there is an elevation change of 200 feet from the Summit Center to the Staff Village. Also, with no transportation on site, this means that you could be walking up to 3 miles to reach your destination.

“The site here at the Summit is physically very different than sites from our previous jamborees,” says Pritchard. “We want to make sure our folks are prepared for those changes. While you don't have to travel as far to get from point A to point B as you did at Fort A.P. Hill, you may have to travel up and down steep grades and will need to be prepared for that.”

To get ready for the Summit, get off of the couch and get outdoors. Run. Play. Swim. Hike. Bike. Do whatever it takes to get ready, because the Summit is going to be a physical challenge.

“It's important to follow us on Facebook, so that you can see as we get closer, the activities that we will be doing,” Pritchard adds. “To get prepared, you should get outdoors and out of the house. You need to be hiking, biking, swimming and getting out as much as possible.”

Time is winding down, but it's never too early to prepare for the Summit. What kind of activities are you doing to get in shape for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree?

Holiday Hike

Where were you on December 15, 2012? If your answer is anything other than “On the Jamboree Holiday Hike” then you missed out on loads of fun! The Jamboree is all about getting to know other Scouts, getting out of your Comfort Zone and expanding your world into the Scouting Universe. Congratulations to those Scouts that took that leap of faith and spent the day exploring NYC.

All three Troops and our Coed Crew participated in a great experiment for Monmouth Council. Never before, at least to this writer’s memory, has Monmouth Council hosted a multi-Unit event to New York City. Approximately 100 Scouts and 50 adults participated in what I hope is our first annual Holiday Hike. We saw sights like Times Square, Columbus Circle, Central Park and of course Rockefeller Center. There were lots of fun stores to visit and Holiday treats like the Christmas tree. I cannot tell you more of what we saw because if you were there then you already know, if you were not there then we wouldn’t want to spoil it for next year!

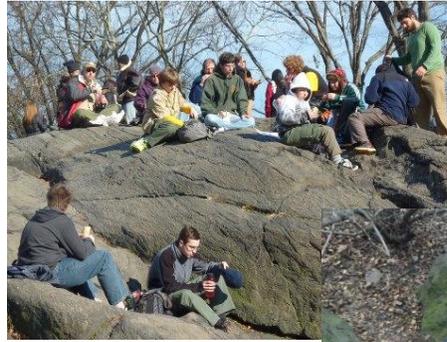
The Hike started at the Metropark Train Station at exit 130 of the Garden State Parkway. We all boarded the 9:15 train to Penn Station-New York. Upon exiting Penn Station each Patrol of each Unit started their Quest. The Hike was a total of five miles but I doubt any Patrol only hiked five miles that day. There were many side attractions let alone unintentional detours (anyone get lost??). We started off with figuring out how to turn Latitude and Longitude coordinates into practical map information so that the Patrols could find their way. You see this was a challenge from the moment the Quest began. The instruction sheet for the Patrol only provided the Lat/Long, a question, and a point value. Each Patrol had to figure out how to navigate using the Lat/Long and which questions they wanted to answer. Some questions were easy, and therefore valued at only one point. Some questions couldn’t be answered by just looking, maybe you had to talk to somebody, three points. Some questions needed more creative solutions, five points!

Once the Patrols reached Central Park they could optionally search for public geocaches. Geocaches could make or break a Patrol’s score. Depending on the difficulty level the Patrols earned additional points. All this point earning was offset by how long it took to complete the Hike. One point was deducted for every 15 minutes the Scouts hiked. The successful Patrols were those that balanced looking for answers to the questions with looking for geocaches and sticking to a tight schedule.

What was the prize for such an endeavor? What every Scout deserves: Knowledge, hopefully you came away knowing something about NYC that you didn’t know before; Skill, navigating using only Latitude and Longitude; Curiosity, maybe you’ll convince your Home Troops to do some GPS Geocaching!; and a little bit of Pride, knowing you can rise to the challenge. Congratulations are due to all of the participants but Bragging Rights go to the following Patrols and their Jamboree Units!

- 1st Place – Troop C440 Senior Border Patrol (36.5 pts)**
- 2nd Place – Troop B238 Condensed Soup Patrol (35 pts)**
- 3rd Place – Troop B238 Honey Badgers Patrol (20 pts)**

Final Scores have been sent to the Leadership of each Unit.



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Troop News

Wow, what a great day in NYC! First the entire Troop would like to thank Scoutmaster Grasso for his time and positional efforts to create such a cool event for us all. It took some old fashioned creativity to construct, some solid planning to lay it out and some serious thinking like a Boy Scout, but he led one of the most fun scout skills events ever IMHO. We would also like to thank Mr. David Meiskin for arranging our Troop NJ Transit discount; sorry to the other Troops that we were not able to grow our reservation to cover more folks. A lesson learned for next time.

Three of our four Patrols had a blast; one didn't gel as well as we would have liked, but still a fantastic event and day. All the key locations one would expect were in there and even a couple surprises. The lunch in Sandy Hook, NJ was a good test for the boys as well. The Scouts got to work together as a Patrol, to get to know their Patrol mates, to learn each other's strengths and to learn to trust each other – or not, which is good to know as well. Many of our natural Scout leaders did a great job of getting the Patrol going as well as sharing that leadership within the Patrol. As two Scouts said to me, they liked the fact we granted them the responsibility to go off [almost] on their own in the big city!

And another huge THANK YOU to the adult Patrol Parent for accepting the responsibility to track a group of boys through crowded Manhattan streets, and stay mum when they were clearly heading in the wrong direction. That is a good learning for the Adults as well.

The Adult Leadership will announce our Scout Leadership Team at our next Troop meeting on Sunday January 13th from 630PM to 8PM at the Neff Chapel behind the Old Tennant Presbyterian Church. For those using a GPS or Google maps, use 644 Craig Road, Manalapan, NJ 07726 and enter through the cemetery. The first white building on your left is Neff Chapel. While the Patrols meet, the Troop Committee will also meet with interested parents to discuss support items.

All Scouts are expected to be in their Field Uniform for all Troop functions unless advised otherwise.

Go Big Get Wild!

Announcements

Our next Troop meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, from 7:30-9:00pm at the Monmouth Council Service Center on Ginesi Drive.

Troop News

By Dom Squillaro, Scribe

On Saturday, 15 December, Jamboree Troop C440 had a Holiday Hike to test our orienteering skills. The hike consisted of a scavenger hunt, where the Patrols had to uncover facts about major New York buildings, and geocaching, where the Patrols could earn extra points. The Patrol with the most points wins. The groups had a fun time and the Senior Patrol did as well.

Scoutmaster Minute

By now everyone should have received an email from National titled "Jamboree online medical form announcement". If you have not then your email address is incorrect. Everyone needs to keep their Jamboree Dashboard up to date especially when it comes to your email addresses. If you need to change your email then please follow the instructions that were in last month's Newsletter (Issue 2) and notify Chris Quakenbush at Monmouth Council.

Our Holiday Hike was a great success! Thank you to all the Scouts that participated and a special thank you to all the parents that helped out. See the main article to see how our Troop did in the competition. The Troop C440 Patrol with the highest score will be treated to a pizza party!

We had 30 out of our 36 Scouts signed up for the Hike. We had some last minute cancellations that caused us to have to go with only three Patrols instead of four. I watched our Patrols have a blast. Our 3rd Assistant Scoutmaster, Ryan, was home from college and came out with the Cloud Nine Patrol. I understand they ran him ragged playing in Central Park. Our Senior Patrol shored up the Border Patrol and found more geocaches than any other Jamboree Patrol! This Hike was so much more than just a fun sightseeing adventure in NYC. It was the opportunity for our Scouts to get to know each other and show their Leadership Skills. I know I am even more proud of our Troop after watching these young men blow past every challenge put before them.

Troop D418



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Troop News

We finally had our first troop meeting last month after Hurricane Sandy postponed our October meeting. It was great for us to all finally meet and start to get to know everyone. We formed our 4 patrols and appointed our SPL and ASPL. The patrol names are: Spartans, Llamas with Hats, Sporks, and “Undecided at this Time Patrol”.

This past weekend we had 28 scouts and 12 parents attend the NYC Hike. The event was lots of fun even with the large crowds of people. The Troop Leaders would like to thank all of the parents that came out for the day and gave us a hand keeping track of everyone in the busy NYC streets. Pictures of the event have posted to the Troop Facebook page.

Youth Leadership

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Andrew Jablonski to the position of Senior Patrol Leader and Andy Gao to the position of Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. We are still looking to fill our Scribe and Quartermaster positions. Please email the leaders if you are interested in either position. The leaders email address is D418_leaders@monmouthbsa.org.

The Sporks have elected Ian Baum as their Patrol Leader. The other three patrols will elect their Patrol Leaders at the January Troop Meeting.

Message from our SPL

I am Andrew Jablonski and I will be serving as your Senior Patrol Leader. I am 15 years old and a Life Scout in Troop 32, River Plaza. I look forward to be able to serve as your SPL and to work so that we have the best possible experience at the 2013 Jamboree. I will also be working with my assistant, Andy Gao, in ensuring we are prepared for the upcoming jamboree. I will be coordinating with our Scoutmaster, Mr. Kevin Sweetnam in planning our meetings and running this Contingent Troop. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to approach me. Thank you and I wish you and your family a safe and Happy Holidays.

Meetings

We will hold our next Troop Meeting on Sunday, January 20th. The meeting will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 136 Wemrock Road, Freehold. Future meeting dates are Feb 24th, Mar 24th, and May 19th. All meetings will be held at the LDS Church from 4pm – 5:30pm. Scouts must wear their Class A uniform and bring a notepad and pen to each meeting.

Crew F302



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Crew News

What a fantastic day in New York City! The standing-room only train ride, the crowded streets and the hundreds of SantaCon Santas, elves, Frostys and reindeer to let you know that it's Christmas time in the city. With almost three-quarters of Crew F302 up for the challenge (starting with getting the right number of train tickets), we knew we were in for a good day.

After a quick pit stop in Penn Station, we were off to the races. A combination of cell phones, GPS units and the clues for the scavenger hunt got us moving. Our newest Crew leaders – President Jacob Thorpe and Vice President Cassie Mazza, were put in charge of moving the crew. They had many helpers with Google Maps skills, working their cell phones to decipher clue after clue. The outing gave the Crew a chance to get to know each other a little better, including two Venturers who have been away at college.

The Crew worked well together making it to Rockefeller Center for lunch. Who knew you couldn't sit on the sidewalk and eat! After lunch, the Crew chose to divert from the prescribed route (sorry, Mr. Grasso), and head west to the M&M store. Not wanting to discourage the Crew's first real challenge of leadership, the adults went along with the youth-led decision. We may not have made it to Central Park, and certainly didn't score well (which the Crew didn't seem too concerned about), everyone had fun, worked as a team, and got to know each other a bit better, which was really the point of the day after all.

Thanks to Associate Advisor Karen Bond, and parents Bob Lutkewitte, Joe Prefer and Dawn Allen for helping keep the Crew on track, and to Scoutmaster Pete Grasso for organizing the day's activities.

Youth Leadership

Congratulations to our new Crew leadership – President Jacob Thorpe, Vice President Cassie Mazza and Secretary Colleen Nastro. The leaders of Crew F302 are looking forward to turning over the reigns to you – but we're only a phone call, e-mail or text away for help.

Our next Crew meeting will be on Sunday, January 20th, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., at the Monmouth Council Service Center, 706 Ginesi Drive, Morganville. Reminder...order forms for patches and shirts are now overdue and should be sent in to Council. Even if you don't order anything extra (we recommend a couple extra shirts and some extra patches to trade), you still need to submit the form so we know what size shirts to order. Each participant gets 2 shirts included with the rest of the gear the contingent will be getting.