

Minutes 2013 National Jamboree Committee Meeting

January 30, 2012 - Scout Service center

Jamboree Dates July 15 – 24, 2013

Chairperson Greeting: Steven Buckley
Staff Advisor: Chris Quakenbush

Attendance:

Steven Buckley, Chris Quakenbush, Bill Cain, Terri Ostovich, Peter Grasso, Mike Scotto, John Kilduff, John Guaragno, Ed Carroll, Bruce Nyman, Brian DeShong, Stan Weinstein

Committee Communications & General Comments:

Steven Buckley

The currently used single e-mail distribution list is being replaced. Below you will see an e-mail that I sent out requesting confirmation of every ones status

1. Please delete me from your committee member list
2. Please leave me on as a committee member. This implies monthly attendance at meetings and some level of participation in its work.
3. Please move me to a list of those who wish to continue receiving all e-mails but for information purposes only.
4. In April a new list of all adults selected as unit leaders taking our youth to the Jamboree.

In addition to these e-mail lists I have thought of a forth list. I will create a list for persons serving on Staff. Some staff people might be on this and the committee list.

If you know of person in Monmouth Council that for whatever reason is missing from my list and should be included please let me know who they are and why they should be added by which I mean what position do they hold and which list do you think they should be on

In the future with the help of Adam Gross we will phase in the use of our web site, facebook and or twitter or similar service to facilitate better communication. I might say also that we will provide this to each troop and the crew so everyone has the same tools to work with.

Since the meeting on January 30th I have received some e-mail indicating which list they should be on and even better what subcommittee they wish to serve on. I have added the new subcommittee names below.

Promotions:

Steven Buckley, with help of many.

During December & January long presentations were made at all three District Round Tables, a shorter version at the Venture Forum and brief version at the winter OA dinner. I have asked through each District Exec. That our promotional sign be displayed at all Klondikes and Winter Burgs.

As of our meeting we have 58 Scots, 0 venturers signed up.

For Adults we have 8 folks who have signed up at National and have submitted their Monmouth Council paper work.

We also have an additional 8 adults who signed up at National but have yet to submit the Monmouth Council paper work.

We need to determine long before first week of April if we have a large enough and suitable group of adults to choose from and if not to start now to encourage folks to consider signing up.

I also communicated the following to Lee Marconi to ask for some additional help.

Lee

I need your help to some degree to make sure that every opportunity to advertise the 2013 National Jamboree is being used. We need to double the amount of boys registered and we also need more adults to sign up to be considered for unit leaders.

Recently I have made presentations at all three Round Tables, the OA Dinner and the Venture Forum. While this is good it only reaches those attending. I also inserted into all 66 troop and 16 crews mail boxes copies of all promotional materials created here at Monmouth Council requesting them to make additional copies to distribute to all people in their units both, boys, girls and adults.

I asked each district Executive to make sure our large poster sign that we keep down stairs in the lobby gets to all Winter-burbs and Klondikes.

I think we have been running advertising in each issue of the Trail. We have a presence on the Council web site.

What I'm asking you is to consider what other groups there are that we can reach out to or events that we should have a presence at. It occurred to me that there might be various e-mail distribution lists that are managed by various folks and organizations that if I knew that they existed we could do direct promotion to them. Executive board, districts, OA, Wood badge, FSR staff/Alum and I'm sure there are other e-mail lists to groups that I'm not aware of but you might direct me to.

Let me know your ideas. I need to push this recruiting over the top to fill our quota by March 31st or I will be forced to decline part of our original allocation of three troops and one crew.

Steven Buckley

Here is part of Lee's response:

Steven

I have copied all of our executive staff on this and to follow-up with any e-lists they have in each district. The OA e-list is maintained by the Lodge and the best person to touch base with there is Jerry Ceres, Wood Badge would be Tom Bogart.

Lee A. Marconi

Health & Safety:

Mike Scotto

Set up first aid / CPR training, review medial forms.

Transportation:

Mike Maier

Will provide to Mike all current quotes that we have and any work in progress.

Personnel:

John Kilduff, Wendy Harman (need two more folks)

We need a small group to review adult applications in early April for selections and to hold interviews in person or by phone. This might go into May. People on this task can't be applicants of course.

The following e-mail was sent out on 2-1-12

Dear Adult Monmouth Council Jamboree Applicants

Today you should have received an e-mail from me confirming your status as an adult applicant for one of adult jamboree troop positions.

Please read that e-mail carefully and take special note of what position I have noted that you applied for. Just after sending out the e-mails I notice that for some of you there seems to be a difference between the National on-line date and the hand filled out local Monmouth Council Form.

I also noted that several of you indicated a preference for the 3rd ASM position. I have not reviewed your individual detailed information you entered yet but I want you to be sure you are eligible for that position. See the highlighted in bold section below. If this was an oversight and you are not eligible for that position please consider making another choice and modifying your on-line application and also by sending Chris Quakenbush an e-mail so that he may modify your hand written form in the office if we have received it.

All Jamboree **Scoutmasters, First, Second and Third Assistant Scoutmasters** must meet the following requirements:

- Must have a current BSA membership with a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team.
- Scoutmasters and First Assistant Scoutmasters must be at least 21 years of age by the first day of the jamboree.
- Second Assistant Scoutmasters must be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the jamboree.
- **Third Assistant Scoutmasters must be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the jamboree but not yet 21 years of age by the last day of the jamboree.**
- Scoutmaster applicants must be currently serving as a Scoutmaster or Varsity Coach.
- First, Second and Third Assistant Scoutmasters must currently be serving in any adult troop or team leadership position.
- Scoutmaster applicants must have completed Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach leader specific training.
- All adult leaders must complete Youth Protection Training within one year of the first day of the jamboree.
- Meet the medical and BMI (Body Mass Index) requirements.
- All adult leaders must have filed a Jamboree Personal Health and Medical record with the council jamboree committee before the pre-jamboree training.
- All adult leaders must be approved by the local council.
- All adult leaders must submit all registration fees per the local council's payment schedule.

Here is a list showing the current break down of our current 16 applicants:

4 for SM
8 for 1st ASM
1 for 2nd ASM
3 for 3rd ASM

I can't stress enough for each of you to suggest to your friends to consider applying for an adult position. This is a short list.

As far as boy recruitment goes as of Monday Jan 30 we had 58 boys signed up for our three troops and we need 108 by March 31st. If we do not reach that goal we will be forced to reduce our original allocation of three

troops to the Jamboree to two troops. If we do that we can still recruit but we may or may not be able to get back our 3rd troop allocation.

In addition we have no adults applying for our two openings as Crew advisers and no youth, female or male, signed up so please help us with that situation.

Steven Buckley
Monmouth Council Jamboree Chair

Equipment: This is now a minor item I think as National is providing all troop site equipment and a physical gateway but we will see when the new Jamboree Guide books are published.

Training: Peter Grasso, Brian DeShong, Terri Ostovich, Bill Cain, Ken Bonnell

Need to set up unit leader training ahead of the start of Jamboree Troop meetings in the fall of 2012. Need to set up what each troop needs to do at the planed six meetings. Two troop meetings in the fall 2012 and four in early 2013 at the discretion of the unit leaders. Need to set up an agenda for a training camp out weekend spring 2013, not June as before but sooner. We might need to set a location for swim tests if the campout is moved from June, as was done in the past, to April or May. It was stated that there is a FSR swim pretest at QHSR in June and that we might be able to go to that and Bill Cain said he still has access to the swim club in Marlboro.

Public Relations: I sent out an e-mail invitation for a possible chair.
Home town news from Jamboree and local MC Trail and news papers

Budget & Finance: Steven Buckley, John Guaragno

Fund Raising, Logo Items: Ed Carroll
Ed provided an over view of his plans which will ramp up very soon. The biggest need he has for the next possible three months is an experienced graphic artist. If you know of such a person let Steven Buckley & Chris Quakenbush and Ed know right away.

Online: Adam Gross
From an e-mail received from Adam. I am more than happy to continue to update the jambo.monmouthbsa.com website with any updates from you or other subcommittees; however, I doubt I will be able to attend the monthly meetings.

Shomer Shabbat Troop: Bruce Nyman
Stan Weinstein will coordinate between our Monmouth Council Jewish Committee on Scouting and our Committee and Jamboree troops via Bruce Nyman.

Regional Coordinator Woody Wiley (linwood.wiley@scouting.org)
The following three items are from his first issue of "JAMBOREE BULLETIN #1 January 9, 2012.

As you know, the 2013 Jamboree will be quite different. Because council troops will be randomly assigned to various "villages" and not regional subcamps, the position of regional coordinator was not considered. Because I hope having a regional contact has been helpful to our councils throughout the BSA in the past, I've been pushing for its reinstatement and a new regional structure was approved in December. Like it or not, I'm your guy (again) and I couldn't be happier. I'd like to think giving you a regional contact person will be useful in helping to answer questions, get you information and passing along important Jamboree updates as well as reports etc.

Having Woody back as a helper to me is wonderful thing.

(I wish I had remembered the following details for last night's meeting)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

I know all of you have been waiting for this so **PLEASE**, get the word out. Funds ARE available to assist those who need financial help in order to attend. You need to understand that the Northeast Region does not provide funding above the BSA Jamboree fee of \$850. Generally, we award up to half camperships but, in rare circumstances, grant the whole shot. I also simply can't emphasize enough, the importance of your publicizing the fact that camperships are based on **REAL** and **JUSTIFIABLE** need. We **WON'T** entertain applications from families with excessive incomes and we've had too many in the past. *The classic example for me is from 2005. A physician, earning over \$250,000/year, justified his request for a full campership based on his being a driver for troop campouts. When the application was declined, he was actually so outraged that he pulled his son out of the Jamboree!!! The disturbing thing is that the local council came back and actually defended the application because he was a board member. Nonsense!* The Northeast Region treats all applications on a first-come-first-served basis, rather than fixing a deadline (like the October 1 date on the application). What this means is that awards will be determined on a regular basis, rather than making families wait until October before they know if they'll receive funding. One caution is that our campership funds may be exhausted **BEFORE** the October 1 date and your folks need to understand this. This happened in 2010. **PLEASE get this application into circulation now.**

SUMMIT SITE VISIT: (Your chair Steven Buckley is going)

The Jamboree will be hosting an exciting site visit for council ambassadors on Friday and Saturday, March 30-31 at the Summit and we want to invite **your** chairman/ambassador. The details of this visit will be included in the invitation.

Jamboree Troop Operations:

We have 16 adults at some point in the process of asking to be considered for positions:

I will be sending e-mail to them all to let them know if we have both their National Electronic and Local Monmouth Council paperwork of if we still need our local paper work turned in.

- Troop
- Troop
- Troop
- Crew

International Scouts:

I sent to National the following e-mail.

Lonnah or Jamboree Folks

Monmouth Council had volunteered in the past to be a host for International scouts as we had done in the past, 2 patrols. I asked during a webinar for an update. The answer was a bit ambiguous in that I was told that since International Scouts could be co-ed they would go to the Venture Village. Does this mean that even if they are not co-ed all International scouts will go to the Venture Village so our need to hold part of troop allocation for them is no longer needed?

When we accepted three troops for our allocation I anticipated about half of one troop to be international scouts. If we are not going to receive any International Scouts I might have to decrease our allocation back to two troops. So far here in Monmouth council I only have 53 Scouts registered.

Please take no action at this time in reducing our allocation but we will need to do this by March 31st if we have not filled them as we would not have received enough payment money to cover the cost for three troops.

I have to receive a reply

Date(s) for future meetings

2012 – 2/29 a 5th Wed., 3/26, 4/30, 5/30 a 5th Wed, 6/25, no July, 8/27, 9/24, 10/29, 11/26, no December.

2013 – 1/28, 2/25, 3/25, 4/29, 5/29 a 5th Wed, 6/24, No July, August Party, 9/30 wrap up meeting with after action reports due to me no later than Monday 9/16 so I can merge them into one document for review at our meeting including the settlement before hand of any bills and a reconciliation of any petty cash spent or returned..

Training weekend

Probably April 2013 but could be May but that is a tough month to find a date not that April is easy. On March 13 the Monmouth Council Calendar planning meeting will be held where I will attempt to workout with the group some possible dates for us to consider.

Leave for Jamboree: Sunday July 14 arrive Monday July 15

Leave Jamboree: Wednesday July 24 by 11 am arrive at QHSR very late in evening, will need to set up a phone chain to notify families of the actual arrival time at QHSR. The phone chain will be activated by a call from one bus.

Clean Up of Equipment: July 27 10 am Quail Hill

Multiyear Work schedule

2012

Jan – Dec heavy promotion for possible participants

Oct – Dec Jamboree troops have two meetings.

April selection of adult leaders to take the troops to the Jamboree

Jan – Dec Adult staff applications need to be submitted for those wanting to work at the Jamboree

Jan – December Sales of our own Jamboree items, hats, patches, shirts ect.

Jan – December Jamboree committee meets almost monthly

2013

By January 1st have our budget complete so we can set the final participant fee

October summary report of our experiences and finances to present at the MC Executive Board Mtg.

Late July clean up and disposal of any Jamboree equipment.

July 14 leave for the Jamboree

Early spring, April or May, shake down training weekend at QHSR

Jan – May Jamboree troops have their separate meetings

Adults who will be working on staff at the Jamboree will meet with their respective groups.

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