Happy New Year!

We are down to seven months before Jamboree. That may seem like a long time but look back at where we were a year ago and time has moved quickly!

**AQUATICS PROGRAM AND SWIM CLASSIFICATION:** As you begin choosing your curriculum adventure be aware that the Aquatics adventures require swim classifications. This is also true for any of the unique aquatics activities at the Summit. The classifications are non-swimmer, beginner and swimmer. If you are concerned about your classification, please contact Doug Boomgarden as he will be responsible for signing off on your classification. Either before or at the beginning of Jamboree, each youth will receive a buddy tag marked with their name and swim class. You will present this tag at the Jamboree to receive your official Jamboree buddy tag that must be presented at any aquatic activity area. Anyone without this tag will be classified as a non-swimmer.

**JAMBOREE TREK:** As we talked about last month, your time will be more scheduled at the Jamboree than in the past. One full day will be spent on the Jamboree Trek. This is a required trek that each unit will make to the top of Garden Ground Mountain, the summit of the Summit. Upon reaching the top, you will take part in pioneering, buckskin games and other historical activities. Hikers will eat dinner before returning to your subcamp by bus.

**CAMPSITE LIFE:** In an earlier update we talked about the size of the villages where youth will staying. About how they are broken into sub camps etc. Now let's talk about life in the unit campsite. Youth will be sharing a tent with one other youth from our contingent. Adults will each have their own tent. Tents are color coded to easily identify youth tents from adult. Your campsite is 36’ x 180’ and will hold 22 tents and a dining area. Camp chairs are not allowed. A picnic table is provided for youth seating. Food will be picked up twice daily by 3 youth from the unit. Each youth should bring their own mess kit, eating utensils and water bottles. Meals are prepared at the campsite. Each campsite is required to recycle. Sub camp staff will share meals each day with units.

**PHOTO ID:** Part of the registration process was to submit a photo for your credentials. You have until **February 1st** to change your photo or what name you want listed. After that, they are set and your information cannot be changed. You will receive your credentials at check in.

**CURRICULUM SIGN UP:** The office will be receiving instructions on curriculum sign up on January 16th. We are guessing you won’t receive information on your dashboards until then. Attached is the latest information about curriculum sign up. You will notice some changes - the main ones are 1) you will receive one curriculum activity vs. two that has been talked about and 2) sign up is no longer first come first served. It's explained in the attached booklet.

**WHAT TO BRING LIST:** We have been notified that an additional item has been added to the “what to bring” list. Please add a long sleeve t-shirt to the list. Again, this needs to be Scouting themed. They are also suggesting (but not requiring) that your Class A uniforms be the microfiber material. These shirts can easily be washed in the shower and will dry quickly. This is only a suggestion - any uniform shirt will be acceptable. If you have questions about this give Shelley a call at the office 507-387-3123.
**TROOP LEADERSHIP:** Last month we listed the responsibilities of the Senior Patrol Leader and ASPL. This month we will discuss Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader.

**PATROL LEADER:** Your responsibilities are to relay assignments to patrol members from your leadership team and see that they are carried out. Patrol leaders will see that all tents, equipment and the area around the tents are kept neat, clean and orderly. You are responsible for knowing the whereabouts of every member of your patrol. You will manage the dynamics of your patrol to the point where, when called upon by the SPL, you can report and account for everyone.

**ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER:** You will act in the absence of the patrol leader and assist your patrol leader as directed.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:** Reminder - keep your accounts current with your payment plan. Not everyone is doing so....

**CLEARANCE ITEMS:** As you are preparing for Jamboree we will periodically let you know about clearance items at the Scout Shop before they are advertised to everyone else. Right now, we have BSA swim trunks on clearance for $9.99, regular price $24.99. Unfortunately, once this item is purchased they cannot be returned. So, stop in, try them on, and take advantage of the bargain before they are gone!

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**Do What?? When??**

As always
Questions please call
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**JAMBOREE MONTHLY CHECKLIST**

- On going Council Shoulder Patch design due to Council office.
- On going Watch your dashboard for notice regarding sign up of curriculum activities for Jamboree. Remember - first come first served!
- On going Watch your email for instruction on curriculum registrations.
- February 1 Last day to change your photo or name for your credentials.
- April 1 Medical forms due to Council office.
- April 15 Medical forms due to National office