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2013 National Jamboree – Sign up NOW – Do not wait.



Dear Scout Leader:

About 4 weeks ago Scoutmasters received a letter describing the **2013 BSA National Jamboree** being hosted at the **New BSA High Adventure Base - "The Summit"** located along the **New River Gorge** in the **Appalachian Mountains of West Virginia**.

I realize that the National Jamboree is 21 months away – HOWEVER –

At last night's Jamboree Committee meeting we were informed that the National BSA is requiring the local Councils to make a determination of how many Troops (36 Scouts and 4 leaders each) they are sending to the Jamboree by late December. This is because some Councils are already asking for additional Troops.

Because of this and the financial ramifications of this requirement, the Knox Trail Council Jamboree Committee will need to make that decision on December 16th based on **IN HAND registrations with \$150 deposits at the Knox Trail Office**. On that date the decision will be made to have 3, 2 or 1 Troop attend – **do not let your Scouts get left out!**

If you have Scouts who are interested in going to the Jamboree I urge you to talk to them and their parents and get them registered very soon. The estimated cost will be \$1,550 +/-10%, which covers all travel, equipment, food and Jamboree fees.

To register, a Scout needs to go to www.bsajamboree.org with his parents (they will need their BSA ID# from their membership card – if they can't find it contact John at the Knox Trail office at john.fortii@scouting.org). Then they print the application, get it signed by their Scoutmaster and send it to the Knox Trail Council office with a \$150 check made payable to "Knox Trail Council". **Note:** Only upon receiving the completed form and check will the Scout be considered registered and on the council Jamboree roster. This \$150 is non-refundable unless the council is unable to provide a slot for the scout.

The Jamboree Committee has a short video that they can bring to a Troop Meeting to show your Scouts – parents might want to come as well so they can see it as well and ask any questions.

The Jamboree website also has other information on the Jamboree – it looks like it is going to be a great experience.

Ways you can promote the Jamboree in your troop:

- Hand out the promotion cards your troop received in the last mailing
- For more details go to the Summit/Jamboree website at <http://summit.scouting.org>
- A member of our Knox Trail Council committee will be contacting you about visiting a troop meeting and playing videos promoting the Jamboree as well as answering questions.

Adult Leaders needed – Adult leaders are also needed for the Jamboree –

If you are interested in going as one of the Knox Trail leaders go to: <http://www.ktc-bsa.org/Jamboree.htm> and fill out the Adult Leader Application form – this will let us know your interest and we will be in touch. Do not do the registration process on the Jamboree website for adults at this time.

Thank you for all you do for Scouting!

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