



**21st World Scout Jamboree England 2007
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Just 365 Days until our Jamboree experience begins!!! Exactly **ONE YEAR** from today we will be arriving in London to begin our pre-Jamboree tour. The adult leaders for the Southern Region jamboree troops and crews have been hard at work this summer visiting summer camps to recruit youth to fill our contingent. We now have approved applications for over **600** Scouts and Venturers. But we still have room for more. Our goal is still a total of 792 youth participants. Our unit leaders are anxious to meet with anyone who is interested so please let me or your unit leader know if you have a prospect. It also occurred to us that some of you guys might have sisters who have an interest in participating and if they meet the age restrictions (that is a birthday between 7/28/1989 and 7/27/1993) we can get them registered as a Venturer (if not registered in Venturing already) and give them a chance also.

PASSPORTS: I will continue to remind you about passports until time runs out. Do you have yours yet??? If the answer is "YES" thanks. If the answer is "NO" please **GET IT DONE!!!** Don't forget about the extra passport photos and the photocopy of your birth certificate for your unit leader. Remember that if you are not yet 14 years of age, both parents will have to go with you to make your passport application and that your passport must be valid for at least six (6) months after our scheduled return date from England which is August 9, 2007.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Please "do your best" to stay current on your Jamboree payments. At this point you should have made your initial \$500 deposit and your second payment of \$575 that was due on March 28, 2006 and your third payment that was due on June 30, 2006. If you made those payments on time you will soon be receiving your first official contingent patch from the BSA National Office in the mail. Wear it proudly and when asked about it, recruit your friends! Here are the remaining dates and amounts still due:

- Fourth payment of \$575 due on September 30, 2006
- Fifth payment of \$575 due on November 30, 2006
- Sixth payment of \$575 due on February 28, 2007 and
- Final payment of balance due on May 30, 2007.

UNIT ORGANIZATION: With about 75% of our applications now in hand, we see a need to make some adjustments in the assignment of Scouts and Venturers among our 22 provisional jamboree troops and crews. There is a maximum of 36 youth in any unit and the number of youth in some of our preliminary provisional units has now exceeded that number. As soon as we finalize your provisional unit assignments we will let you know. All of our unit leaders are well qualified and I assure you that everyone will have the same great jamboree experience. We certainly plan to keep Scouts from a given troop or council in the same jamboree unit.

NEXT NEWSLETTER: Probably early September. But as always, please give me a call if you or your parents have any questions or concerns during the interim time. As of this date the BSA National Office has posted four national world jamboree bulletins on-line. You can access them by logging on to www.worldjamboree.net and click the link for "BSABulletins." Also remember to share this newsletter with your parents to keep them as informed as you.

REGIONAL WEBSITE: Keep checking our regional website (www.worldjamboree.net) from time to time for new information. You can email me at smart@worldjamboree.net. This will be our main communication method more and more in the months ahead.

SCOUTMASTER'S MINUTE: Here are the answers to the first two questions of last month's quiz about world scouting and the jamboree. Answers to the rest in the next one.

- Name some of the ten worldwide principles of Scouting around the world.
 1. *Duty to God and respect for individual beliefs.*
 2. *Loyalty to one's country and respect for its laws.*
 3. *Strength of world friendship and Scouting brotherhood.*
 4. *Service to others - community development.*
 5. *Universal regard for the Scout Promise and Law as a life guide.*
 6. *Voluntary membership.*
 7. *Service by volunteer leaders.*
 8. *Independence from political influence and control.*
 9. *Training youth in responsible citizenship, physical and mental development and character guidance through use of the patrol system, group activity, recognition through awards, and learning by doing.*
 10. *Outdoor program orientation.*

- Name some of the seven universal practices of Scouting around the world.
 1. *The Scout Promise and Law - duty to God and Country. (Although the exact wording of these are different from country to country.)*
 2. *Design of badge - basic trefoil.*
 3. *"Be Prepared" motto. (In many Spanish speaking countries it is "Siempre Listo" which is literally "Always Ready.")*
 4. *Universal three-finger Scout sign - sign of personal honor.*
 5. *Scout left handclasp.*
 6. *Use of the patrol system.*
 7. *Basic ideal of the "Good Turn" (or "Good Deed").*

I hope that the remainder of your summer is a great one! For those of you who may be attending the 2006 NOAC at Michigan State University, I will be there with the contingent from Atta Kulla Kulla Lodge (Blue Ridge Council) Greenville SC. I will be assisting at the World Jamboree booth at the High Adventure Expo, singing in the Brotherhood Chorus and part-time staff at the OA History Exhibit and Museum. Hope to meet some of you there!

MAKE THE NEXT 365 DAYS COUNT...SIEMPRE LISTO!