



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

~ A 2017 JAMBOREE *FOOD TEAM* COMMUNIQUE ~  
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As Halloween approaches it is time for another issue of our monthly staff newsletter. The only ‘scary thing’ in the Food Team world this Halloween is the thought of getting enough staff signed up – but we are off to a great start! Going forward we will be tracking our progress monthly and as of right now we have in the registration system 44% of last year’s staff and 30% of our goal for 2017.

Now this issue we thought would be a fine time to first showcase the three Areas of the Food Team and begin to introduce the leadership so you can see who you would be working for and with as a member of the Food Team. So everyone pictures our organization in simple terms, we have divided leadership responsibility into major categories – feeding the participants (the Scouts and their Leaders), feeding the staff (that’s us) and selling of food (to visitors, participants and staff). Those areas are broadly called Distribution, Staff Dining and Retail Food for ease.

The Food Team leadership of those areas is as follows:

Distribution: Denny Wright & Gary McClure

Staff dining: Steve Tipton & Kim Tipton

Retail Food: Jane Becker, Wes Oakley, Maria Ward & Will Tigard

Now many of those areas are further divided into roles with responsibility that are somewhat unique and we have leadership lined up for those that we will share in an upcoming issue of *Food For Thought* as we detail the work of each area.



Next let me now talk for a minute about commuting to work at the Jamboree. We know that last time there were many who spoke of the problems with the long walk to and from work. It is our understanding that transportation is going to become part of the plan for 2017 to help that situation. This is a good time however for us to suggest that if walking is an issue for you, then perhaps you should seek a job that has less walking for certain. Food Team has one such job for sure – working in the Staff Dining hall. That staff could commute from tent, which was adjacent to the dining area, to work in time measured more in seconds than minutes or hours. There are a couple of certainties, which is a rarity in the Jamboree realm, and if you opt to join Staff Dining you won't have a long commute or frankly a commute at all. There is another Staff Dining certainty too, and that is working with the Tiptons. For whatever reason you chose Staff Dining, you won't regret that decision at all.

There is another area that has a perk, so to speak, that we would like to call out. That is the Retail Food area. It is the one area of Food Team that has the easier ability to assign you to work out in the Jamboree site either near your child, or away from your child whatever is your pleasure. There are 'snack bar' jobs in nearly every Base camp – so if you wanted to be close to your kid just ask Jane. Equally if you want to work where lots of action and people will be coming and going, that's easily found at the Transportation Hub and she will give you a job there with pleasure. So remember that Food Team wants to help those who have specific requests for work, to the extent we can, and please consider that in listing your work choices.

Now if you just want a Jamboree job with a team that will keep you informed, but don't quite know which area might be best for you, reach out to our Food Team staffing manager Peter Ehni. His phone is (740) 769-2910 and his email is [pehni@wju.edu](mailto:pehni@wju.edu). He has a full understanding of all the available positions and will gladly work with you to get you an appointment to the one that best suits you.

Again so it is handy for those who have not applied yet, the link to more information and the Jamboree Registration system can be found here:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration/>

Happy Halloween and happy trails.