



FOOD FOR THOUGHT
~ A 2017 JAMBOREE *FOOD TEAM* COMMUNIQUE ~
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When Squire and Rick asked Kim and me to lead the Jamboree Staff Dining venue, we took a moment to reflect on our time in 2013 in the Staff Dining tent, affectionately known as the “Five and Dime”. This reminiscing included fond memory of the friends we made and the food we consumed. When we show photos of our Jamboree home for 18 days to our friends, they “really” can’t comprehend the organization it takes make this happen. This again will be our home in 2017 and we are looking forward to assisting with the creation of another amazing Staff Dining experience.



We will serve as many as 5,000 or more dedicated volunteers for the 2017 National Jamboree. Staff Dining touches the lives of every staff member at least twice a day. The “big tent” is more than a place to eat. It is community, a gathering place. We will make new friends, share the day’s



experiences, the joys, and sometimes our frustrations. We will do this with a kind face and a warm heart.



The environment we provide our fellow staff members is critical to the success of the Jamboree. Good Food, Good Service, a Sympathetic Ear, Laughter and a Sense of Commitment are all part of this job. Many may not be aware that in our jobs at the Staff Dining hall we do not cook ... we leave that to the trained professionals! What we do is serve the volunteers and insure they move smoothly through the lines and have a good meal with “no stress in the process”.

At the Staff Dining complex we will present two hot meal services each day and also be the point location for staff carryout lunch preparation, better known as “Summit2Go”. I have heard there are good changes coming to the staff lunch, but that is the topic for another *Food For Thought* newsletter.



If you join the Staff Dining team, you will live very close to where you serve. You work as a part of a very focused group with experienced and dedicated volunteers, many with Jamboree experience. Our leadership has spent hours working on menus, process, and facilities planning.



We will be ready, however, we need your help. What is our most urgent need? We need more volunteers to join us! You can be a big help. People ask... how do you recruit? YOU ASK! It is just that simple. We have an amazing group of returning and new staff members however we still need more. Here is the like to pass along to your friends.

<http://summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers>

If you have questions, you can reach out to Kim Tipton at kltipper61@gmail.com or contact her at 404-435-8532.

In closing you might wonder 'what is this new logo above?' This is the official Food Team Staff Logo and will be part of a Jamboree Staff collection. You will be receiving the information on ordering Staff Apparel and other fun items you can wear at the Jamboree and to promote Staff participation. Watch your email and future issues of *Food For Thought* for more information.