



Food For Thought  
~~ A 2017 Jamboree *Food Team* Communiqué ~~  
~ December 2016 ~

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all our Food Team members and followers. A year and half ago I promised to deliver a monthly communication for our team and this axiomatically is the eighteenth *Food For Thought* newsletter. What amazes me is that there will be only six more times I write you before the Jamboree itself and topic selection becomes all the more critical to share with you important aspects in your preparation while still endeavoring to keep this message short recognizing the spirit of the holidays may distract one from Jamboree thinking and planning more than a bit.

So let's treat this month's newsletter along the lines of the famous holiday song and I'll enumerate twelve important things (with links) that may interest, enlighten or even give you something little to do each day of Christmas or simply over the holidays if Christmas isn't yours to observe.

1. For those of you who want a nifty gift for self this holiday, check out the Food Team apparel options here: <http://www.jamboree2017.sctradingpost.online/shop/category/Food-Service?c=1629677&ctype=0>
2. If you aren't following the Jamboree Food Team group on Facebook, please check out this link and join us: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2013jamboreefoodteam/>
3. The National Jamboree Division has established an information sharing link with News and Updates that if you haven't checked out you might wish to do so. Here is the link: [www.2017jambo.org](http://www.2017jambo.org)
4. Things are going to be a bit easier for all staff, including Food Team, in terms of getting around the site in 2017. The Jamboree Transportation folks have rolled out a far more comprehensive bus service plan. To get a sense of it, you might want to check this link out: <http://www.summitbsa.org/bus-service-jamboree-expanding/>
5. Not that anyone want to think about it during the holiday feasting, but the medical review process is up and running and ready to receive your completed physical. Or maybe that'll have to wait until a New Year's resolution works a bit. Either way here is the link to all the information about that: <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/jamboree-medical-process/>
6. Staff Transportation is already taking shape nicely. Airport shuttle service has been determined and days and times can be found at this link: <http://www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Staff-Airport-Shuttle-Times-11302016.pdf>



7. The times Registration will be open at the Jamboree site has been published as well. Here is the link to that for your arrival time planning: <http://www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/Jamboree-Registration-Headquarters-Hours-11302016.pdf>  
  
With respect to your arrival day, please consult with your Food Team area leader to determine which day would be best. If perchance you would be available in advance of the Jamboree to help with setup, please let your area lead know.
8. There have been monthly Jamboree Division webinars that detail a lot of valuable information. The slide shows, recordings and Q&A from each can be found via this link: <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-webinars/>
9. If you know someone who wants to visit the 2017 Jamboree, here are the critical aspects concerning that including days, times and pass costs: <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/2017-day-visitor-pass-information/>
10. There will be an array of Food Team training opportunities that will take place shortly before the Jamboree or upon your arrival. However two of them can be done right now. The first we all know well for it is Youth Protection Training. Your certificate must be dated within one year of the Jamboree and be sure to bring a copy of that when you arrive at the Jamboree. To update your YPT training go to your account at: <https://my.scouting.org/> log on and click on My Training. The other training offered now is only necessary for a few people. If you want to assist in any kitchen area at the Jamboree, you'll have to secure your own West Virginia Food Handlers certificate for \$10. Learn more here: <http://www.wvfoodhandlers.com/eFoodMain.aspx>
11. For those who want a very limited edition patch, read this message from our Retail Food Area Leader: *As you all have heard we are very short on help in the Snack Bar Area. We need a lot of help to be able to open all of the snack bars that will be needed to keep the participants happy. So to help us recruit more help I have come up with a recruitment. It is of course a very limited edition! To get this patch, you need to recruit members to the Retail Food Snack Bar team between Nov 15, 2016 and March 31, 2017. Anyone who recruits a member for our team will receive a patch. AND The new team member will also receive a patch!*

Here is a link that will give you a glimpse of it:

<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=10208446330050566&set=gm.1143160965773621&type=3&theater>

12. Finally if you have a friend or colleague who would like to serve on the Jamboree Staff, it's easy to register. Here is the link to all that information and to start the process: <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration/> Here is a link to all the staff positions available, though please be sure to ask them to indicate a Food Team position. ;-)  
<http://www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/2017-NSJ-Job-descriptions-10112016.pdf>

We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing you at the Jamboree next summer!