Food for Thought
~~ A 2017 Jamboree *Food Team* Communiqué ~~
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On March 31st, the Jamboree Food Team updated its website with several critical items relating to the unit grocery store.  One item particularly merits introduction to our devoted Food Team followers through this monthly newsletter so let me do so by offering you a special chance to preview something new for this Jamboree.  We invite all interested readers to test the 2017 Jamboree Cook Book and Meal-Forecasting website.  Read to learn how you can test drive it right now.  If you have no patience for newsletters, just click here to go to the site directly:  http://www.2017jamboreefood.com/

For those reading on, and for the rest who have to because you need to find out how to get a username and password if you just clicked the link above, let me offer some background that may help you understand why Food Team is offering such a site.  The plan this Jamboree is for units to shop for ingredients to make their own meals of choice for breakfast, lunch and dinner each day.  This site is a tool to aid units in the planning process by showing ten to twelve possible menus for each meal, with instructions, and providing a way for units to save their daily meal desires in one online account.  It also serves to aid the Food Team in forecasting what ingredient needs will be during the Jamboree based on the choices units make.

Process wise, each unit will be given a user name to access this website under the units own account.  For this test, we are providing a list of user names that are similar to unit numbers (though too big to be real unit numbers) and that are indicative of the Base camp grocery stores where the units will shop.  This way people who are interested in testing can follow what happens when you enter meal selections in the reports that are available on the site as well.

The instructions are straightforward and appear on the first page after you log in.  You may access a list of available test usernames and passwords by clicking on the following link:  Unit Menu-Forecasting website TEST access codes

Now some of you can stop reading and just play in the site but for the rest I'll continue just a little.  There are several user names for each Base camp so hopefully during the test people randomly choose different accounts and aren't trying to save selections at the same moment in time.  As you try it out, pretend you are a unit choosing your meals.  For those who want to delve deeper, you will find there are reports that can be generated that Food Team will use to plan inventory in the grocery stores.  The meals indicated can all be made with stock ingredients in the store and your selections flow through to reports that will help us with the inventory of items desired at each store.

We welcome your feedback, both positive and for possible improvement, to 2017jamboreefoodteam@gmail.com .  I'll end there to atone for some of the too long, three page, *Food for Thought* issues of the past.