



Food for Thought  
~~ A 2017 Jamboree *Food Team* Communiqué ~~  
~ Special Edition Mid-April 2017 ~

Happy Holidays to all. There are so many frequently asked questions now that it seemed wise to publish a special edition of this month's *Food for Thought* trying to answer some of them. In the ensuing paragraphs, you will find, in no particular order, the answers to an array of critical questions. We hope the answers that follow will help you plan and look forward to the Jamboree!

◀ **What day should I arrive?**

- Main staff arrival days begin on Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Please consult with your area leader for the ideal day and time to join the team. There are limited spots available to arrive early and please let your area leader know if you would like to help with set up.

◀ **What if I am assigned by my area leader to arrive before July 12<sup>th</sup>; TMS doesn't have an earlier date as a choice I can indicate?**

- Put down July 12<sup>th</sup> as your arrival date.
- Here is the link to the TMS registration site: <http://events.tms.com/events/2017-jamboree-staff-registration/event-summary-478c932722c24cd8aa9604f8369bfd27.aspx>
- Note that transportation support will not be provided before July 12<sup>th</sup> so coordinate that with your area leader.
- Then behind the scenes your area leader, in concert with Food Team leadership, will coordinate the necessary approvals of the early arrival day and time with the appropriate Jamboree registration folks.

◀ **Where does a Food Team staff member go upon arriving at the Jamboree?**

- Proceed first to Jamboree registration. Final details on that have not been released, but we will share them when we know them. From there those of you with private vehicles will follow their parking instructions. Shuttles will then bring you to Staff Camp in Echo. When you get off the shuttle bus, look for the Food Team Welcome Wagon sign. We will have people there to greet you. From there you will be directed to the Staff Dining tent to check in with our team, confirm your housing and meet up with your area leader and other staff with whom you will work. During all primary staff arrival days (Friday, July 14 through Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>) there will be meetings of all Food Team areas to welcome new staff at both 11:00am and 4:30pm daily, location will be near the staff dining hall, so you can join up with your areas shortly after getting settled on site. Aside, if you arrive at a very early or late hour and there isn't a welcome wagon person there, come directly to the Staff Dining tent (the biggest tent around) and find the Food Team headquarters. We will join you with your area leader with pleasure.

◀ **I am attending only half the Jamboree on staff (staff serving in sessions 2 & 3), what day do I arrive and leave?**

- All half session staff MUST transition on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. Departing 1<sup>st</sup> half staff must leave the site that day and arriving 2<sup>nd</sup> half staff must arrive that day. There is no possibility of earlier arrival or later departure for a variety of logistical and event planning reasons. This is a Jamboree rule with no room for exception. For first half staff arrival day and second half staff departure day, consult your area leader.
  
- ⚡ **What are my options for departure day and time?**
  - The rules again are set by the Jamboree Division based on the logistics of the entire stand down of the Jamboree. Participants depart first on July 28<sup>th</sup>, in the morning, so no staff departure can be indicated before 1:00pm on that day. The balance of the day on the 28<sup>th</sup> the Food Team areas will be concluding their operations, returning equipment and finalizing leftover food recovery and delivery to the Food Bank. Based on the experience of last Jamboree, this will be done by noon on July 29<sup>th</sup>. Any Food Team staff members who can stay until the 29<sup>th</sup> to help would be most appreciated.
  
- ⚡ **When do I need a 'Class A' uniform?**
  - Arrival, church, arena events. Otherwise, not.
  
- ⚡ **What do we wear to work daily?**
  - We don't want to compel a daily uniform and basically will accept any scout t-shirt or polo or plain t-shirt or polo or equivalent along with short or long pants that suit.
  
- ⚡ **What gear can I bring?**
  - Pack light. Target one duffel bag and anything else you can carry by yourself, alone, in one trip to your tent. A camp chair is nice to include.
  
- ⚡ **How many persons per staff tent?**
  - That is governed by others but the current Jamboree website publication indicates that three (3) persons per tent is the aspiration.
  
- ⚡ **Is there power in our tents?**
  - Nope! There will however be several areas that Food Team staff can charge things. Consult with your area leader upon arrival.
  
- ⚡ **Can I pick my tent mates?**
  - That is the objective both for Food Team staff and for all Jamboree staff. Naturally that is a complex process with thousands of staff requesting tent mates across possibly several Jamboree staff areas. Here is the link to the information page about staff housing and tent mate selection: <http://www.summitbsa.org/big-news-staff-housing/>
  - Here is the link to request a tent mate through the Jamboree process: <https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x81283bcb1>
  - If history repeats, Food Team may find that its members are housed in tents immediately adjacent to the staff dining hall and our team would coordinate the tent assignments within that block. Until we have confirmation of that it would be wise to place your



request through the link above AND inform your area leader of your tent mate indications so that we have the best chance of fulfilling your desired arrangements.

◀ **Do I need a name badge?**

- They are not required but many people like to get them to wear on your lanyard. To order them, go to this the Boy Scout Supply Division website for Jamboree gear: <http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/jamboree.html>
- Log in to access Jamboree related items. If it is your first time you must register with your Jamboree ID number.
- Then select the “Jamboree Staff” Catalog from the drop-down menu on the upper right side.
- The name badge is on the first page in that catalog. Complete it as you wish, within reason. There are no specific requirements for how you indicate your Food Team area or position.
- According to the site, be sure to order before May 12<sup>th</sup> to get delivery in time – earlier if you are leaving for the site earlier.

◀ **Where can I buy Food Team staff apparel?**

- Click here: <http://www.jamboree2017.sgtradingpost.online/shop/category/Food-Service?c=1629677&ctype=0>
- Note that there are no ‘required’ items for any Food Team area staff.
- But feel free to get anything you would like to wear or collect.

◀ **And last but by no means least . . . When does the Chat ‘n Chew open for business?**

- The Food Team Run of Show, our day by day planning guide to food related service during the 2017 Jamboree, shows July 13 or July 14 as the target days. This turns on when the Chat ‘n Chew receives health department approval to begin full operation.

We hope this help and if you have more questions feel free to fire them to us via the following email and we will put common ones in a future FAQ special edition of *Food for Thought*:

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