

FOOD DISTRIBUTION OVERVIEW

The food distribution plan for participants is critical because there are tens of thousands of them. First we should start by clarifying that when we say ‘participants’ we are referring to the Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and all their leaders who are attending the Jamboree. Now for participants the Jamboree food meal plan at the Summit is evolving. It is seeking to coordinate with both the program and the environs in addition to working with the upcoming 2019 World Scout Jamboree. The new approach is to offer the participants a true choice by allowing units to select their own meals and then shop for the groceries at a Jamboree Grocery Store to make those meals.

THE GROCERY STORE CONCEPT

The grocery store approach offers several benefits. First the units now will have a real choice of what they make for breakfast, lunch and dinner because they can choose their own food each time they shop. This also makes it easier to accommodate scouts and leaders in the units with different dietary needs and wants, which in the past were difficult to support. Details of the Jamboree Food Team support of various dietary ways is set forth in a section of this manual dedicated to that topic.

We also know from many who have attended Jamborees that used the grocery store model that food waste goes down dramatically. That makes sense because if you choose your own meals you are more likely to enjoy them and have less leftover. The following describes the grocery store process in detail.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE GROCERY STORES THEMSELVES

Units will shop for all their meals at a one of several Jamboree Grocery Store located throughout the Jamboree site. There will at least one Jamboree Grocery Store in each Base camp, so the hike to the store won’t be that long. Let’s try to paint a picture of what to expect as follows.

There will be a large tent that will contain pallets of popular food items and racks with smaller food items. Refrigerated items will be grouped together in one part of the store. The plan is for all grocery stores to have the same product items. Food Team will publish a list of all items that will be stocked in each store.

Continuing with the layout, there will be an entrance where Scouts from the units come in to shop. Like a regular grocery store there will be aisles and the aisles will be big enough to

navigate your wagon around easily. Like any other grocery store there will be checkout lines. With that picture in mind, it is time to talk about the steps in the grocery store planning and shopping process.

PLANNING THE UNIT'S MEALS – THE JAMBOREE COOKBOOK ONLINE

Units will have the opportunity to use a Jamboree Cookbook website that will have ten each of breakfast, lunch and dinner meal ideas. This online tool will give you the opportunity to select meals you think you would like to make and it will provide you with both a shopping list of ingredients and the instructions to make the meal. This will help you plan in advance of the Jamboree for each and every meal.

It is worth noting in the planning that it is not necessary for a unit to select a different meal each day or for everyone in a unit to eat the same meal. However, the different meals will lend variety to the days of the Jamboree and the unit kitchen equipment is designed for unit cooking and is certainly not easily equally divisible by four for patrol cooking if you want to try to make more than one meal at once. The grocery store concept allows for, and even encourages, units to accommodate varying meal desires of its scouts and leaders. So if half want hamburgers and half want hot dogs that is what you buy at the store. If you have four scouts who are vegetarians, and one who is gluten free, buy something each of them can eat and will like as well. It is up to the unit leadership to determine any limits that might logically be imposed so as to prevent the scouts from trying to prepare too many different meal options all at once.

The nice thing about the grocery store concept is that you can, and probably will, change your mind about what you want to have for your meals as the Jamboree goes along. You can tailor your breakfast to your unit's program that day. You can choose a hot breakfast every day, some days or just on Sunday if that's what your unit wants. You can follow the cookbook recipes precisely or even make up your own meals.

THE GROCERY STORE POINTS SYSTEM

The spirit of the Jamboree Grocery Store approach is to allow units basically to do whatever they wish meal wise, however with any system there has to be some limits just as one finds in life. Points are the limiting factor at the Jamboree Grocery Stores. Each unit will receive a set number of points per day. Note that the points are "per unit site" (not "per person") and "per day" (not "for the entire Jamboree"). The daily points amount resets each morning at 9:00am. This way if your unit happens to overspend a little in the afternoon shopping for dinner it may

limit your morning shopping choices for one day but each day you get a fresh start. The daily points amount has yet to be determined, but that will be published in advance of the Jamboree. Each item stocked in the Jamboree Grocery Stores will have a point value assigned to it. The points amount for each item also will be published in advance of the Jamboree. Scouts should expect that some healthy choices will be encouraged by lower point values being given to those items. There is one free item and that is ice. Ice is discussed in detail in another section of this manual.

GROCERY STORE LOCATIONS AND HOURS

There will be at least one grocery store in each Base camp at a central location. Consult the Jamboree site map for each location. The shopping hours for all grocery stores are 5:30am-8:30am for breakfast and lunch shopping and 3:00pm-7:00pm for dinner shopping. These hours will be adjusted on Arrival Day (open 9:00am-7:00pm for lunch and dinner shopping), Departure Day (open 5:00am-7:00am for go-away meal selection) and all Show Days (open 2:30pm-4:30pm for dinner shopping). The days with adjusted shopping hours are discussed in greater detail later in this manual.

THE GROCERY STORE SHOPPING PROCESS & SHOPPING “PASSES”

The following details what you will experience as your unit shops at one of the Jamboree Grocery Stores. To start, units will be assigned a grocery store at which to shop and will be issued shopping passes to that store. These shopping passes will not only identify that the unit is to shop at the store designated by the pass but also will mean that the person with the pass is authorized by the unit to shop for its groceries.

The unit will assign scouts to shop and these unit representatives will need to bring two things with them to the store in addition to that pass – their wagon and a smart phone. The wagon is used as a shopping cart in the store and to transport the grocery items back to the unit site. The phone is the device that the scouts will use to shop and check out, as detailed in the following sections about self-scanning of purchases and use of the Jamboree SwiftShopper app.

SELF-SCANNING WITH THE JAMBOREE SWIFTSHOPPER APP

Scouts will shop and checkout by using a free smart phone app that is specifically developed by the Jamboree Food Team in conjunction with a private proprietary application company called SwiftShopper. The Jamboree SwiftShopper app contains a built in scanning device that will first “check-in” the scout to shop for their unit at their assigned Jamboree Grocery Store. The scouts will then use this app to self-scan the items they chose to purchase. The app records their items and determines if they have enough points to buy each item as it is scanned. When they go to check out there is no double handling of items, because the scouts themselves have already ‘scanned’ the items into the system as they shopped. Go to <http://swiftshopper.com/> to learn more about the app. Feel free to download it now. There will be more news later on how to use it at the Jamboree.

THE CHECKOUT PROCESS

Once the scouts from a unit have finished shopping and scanning all the items in their cart into the Jamboree SwiftShopper app, checkout is simple. The scouts, with wagon in tow, enter a checkout line. There will be several checkout lines at each Jamboree Grocery Store. A member of the grocery store staff will verify the count of items in the cart against the count of items scanned and then checks the unit out electronically with a scan code. That checkout will trigger an email to the unit leader (or designee) with all the details including the items purchased, the points used, the points balance left and precisely when all of this happened. With that the unit leaders will know when their scouts left the grocery store and with what.

If there is a problem, such as the count of items in the cart does not match the count shown as scanned into the phone, the process will take a little longer as grocery store staff will have to help the unit’s scouts reconcile any discrepancies before checking out. Therefore, it would be wise for scouts to double check that they scanned everything correctly before proceeding to the checkout lines.

Once the scouts have checked out, they should return to their site promptly (because of refrigerated items) and prepare their meal.

NO GUARANTEES THAT THE FOOD YOU WANT WON’T BE SOLD OUT

Just as one finds at a real grocery store, there may be times that product runs out. The Jamboree Food Team will make every effort to keep all items in stock in all stores, however there is no

guarantee that all items will be on the shelves all the time if there turns out to be popular items on a given day. If items are out of stock, other items naturally should be selected by the unit to make a different meal for that day.

GROCERY STORE HOTLINE

During the Jamboree the Food Team will have a Jamboree Grocery Store Hotline for units to get assistance. The number is (304) 465-2902. This line will be staffed daily during the Jamboree (July 19th-28th) from 5:30am-8:30am and 3:00pm-7:00pm.

Jamboree Grocery Store inquiries before the Jamboree or during off-hours should be directed to the Food Team email: 2017jamboreefood@gmail.com

FOOD DISTRIBUTION SPECIFICS FOR THE UNITS

There are many aspects of unit shopping process, shopping days and times, what to do if you have leftovers, and much more that we will try to address with specificity in the following sections.

ARRIVAL DAY LUNCH

Let's start at the beginning of the Jamboree for the units – on Jamboree Arrival Day – and explain what happens as the participants come on site. Units will not be issued any meal on arrival but instead will shop for their lunch meal at their assigned Jamboree Grocery Store that day. As soon as the unit completes check-in with Jamboree registration and gets to its site, the unit leaders should feel free to send representatives to their assigned Jamboree Grocery Store to shop for lunch. Be sure the Scouts asked to shop take their phone, the issued wagon and the unit's 'shopping pass'(which will be in the unit's registration packet received as they arrive on site) with them. All Jamboree Grocery Stores will be open on Arrival Day from 9:00am to 7:00pm.

DAILY AFTERNOON SHOPPING FOR DINNER

Next chronologically comes the afternoon shopping for dinner on Arrival Day. Actually dinner shopping is a process that may be more leisurely on Arrival Day but will repeat every day of the

Jamboree in a smaller window of time. The Jamboree Grocery Stores will open daily at 3:00pm for evening meal shopping and remain open until 7:00pm, or such time shortly thereafter as the final shoppers exit the store.

DAILY MORNING SHOPPING FOR BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

The morning shopping routine is equally important and Jamboree Grocery Stores will open daily at 5:30am for breakfast and lunch shopping and remain open until 8:30am, or such time shortly thereafter as the final shoppers exit the store. Units should plan their shopping time carefully since Scouts have to leave for program and have time to prepare and eat breakfast before then. Now some of you may already be thinking about how hard it is to mobilize the shoppers in the morning and with the grocery store model you might try buying breakfast or lunch items the night before. Please read carefully the section of this manual about *Food Safety Specifics for the Units* for overnight food storage policies.

UNIT LUNCH ASSEMBLY PROCESS

Lunch each day at the Jamboree will continue to follow a program supporting approach. At the Jamboree Grocery Stores, units will find components to build your own *Summit2Go* lunch that must consist entirely of non-perishable and shelf stable products that scouts and leaders pack to take with them to the various program activities. These items will be stocked in the grocery stores in Unit sized boxes or box sizes that allow for multiple choices of items by the unit in the creation of their lunch meal menu. After breakfast the scouts in your unit should assemble their individual lunches from the components the unit selected and purchased at the grocery store. Each scout should be offered the opportunity to take the items available for that day's lunch, but naturally may choose not to do so if an item isn't desired. Scouts will pack their lunch in a re-useable sack brought for that purpose, which has been listed on the items to pack list in the Jamboree Guidebooks.

STAPLE ITEMS – NON-FOOD STAPLES & FOOD STAPLES FOR UNITS

There are two different methods by which units will get their staples. Non-food items will be distributed to each unit in their unit kit delivered to their site in advance of the Jamboree. The items in this category that will be distributed to each Unit are as follows: aluminum foil, plastic bags, dish soap, scrub sponges, wiper towels, dish sanitizer and hand sanitizer. These staple items will be sized in quantities appropriate to last the entire Jamboree and will not be replenished as used up so judgment to pace their use is necessary. Please pay particular attention

to the accurate use of the dish sanitizer tablets. In the event there is a situation that causes a unit to lose its sanitizer or another critical non-food staple item, the unit with the help of Sub camp staff should contact the Basecamp ServeMart or the LOC for assistance. These items will not be available at the Jamboree Grocery Stores.

Food staples will be continuously available at each of the Jamboree Grocery Stores and may be purchased by units anytime they do their regular grocery shopping. Items in this category that the Jamboree Grocery Stores intends to stock are as follows: cooking spray, salt, pepper, sugar, peanut butter, jelly and a variety of bread products.

EARLY UNIT DINNER SHOPPING ON SHOW NIGHTS

There are a few exceptions to the Jamboree Grocery Store hours of operations. One common time change that occurs is the earlier shopping hours on Show Nights. The Jamboree Grocery Stores will be opening for dinner shopping on show nights from 2:30 pm–4:30 pm only. Signs will be posted in the Jamboree Grocery Stores reminding units.

FOOD RETURNS TENT

Realizing that units may wish to return unopened, non-perishable food immediately after their meal so these items don't have to be stored in the unit site during the day or overnight, the food returns location at each Jamboree Grocery Store will remain open to accept any food returns for at least one hour after the Jamboree Grocery Store shopping portion closes.

DEPARTURE MEAL

This Jamboree there is a departure from the traditional pre-packaged, go-away breakfast meal that has been provided in past years. Instead, units will have a streamlined shopping experience in their Jamboree Grocery Store for items to assemble their own Departure Day breakfast bag to go. Instead of shopping in the traditional way, unit representatives will pass through a line in their grocery store, select the items they wish for their unit from a 'take what you want, eat what you take' buffet of shelf stable items. The points system will not apply during this period, nor will items be scanned at checkout. The Jamboree Grocery Stores will be open the morning of Departure Day from 5:00am-7:00am, which enables Base camp grocery store staff to prepare for their departure. Units will not be allowed to pickup their morning meal needs the day before departure as storing food in the campsite will attract wildlife into the area. Units will be reminded that only non-perishable items may be selected for the Departure Day meal.

LOST SHOPPING PASSES

The Jamboree Food Team will issue each unit several shopping passes to their assigned Jamboree Grocery Store, because we don't want a unit not to be able shop because one is lost or one happens to be in the pocket of a scout who forgot to come back to do his assigned shopping duty. If somehow you lose all of them, contact the Jamboree Food Team Staff at your grocery store RETURNS TENT.

FOOD TEAMSUPPORT OF DIETARY WAYS FOR UNITS & STAFF

DIETARY WAYS

Food Team recognizes that there are many forces that drive meal decisions for people. Some of these are religious, others medical, and beyond that are those of personal constitution. Knowing well that throughout the world scout community these exist as well, we have termed our approach to accommodating meal needs beyond the traditional as supporting many 'dietary ways'.

Everyone who registers for the Jamboree will be asked to indicate any dietary way as part of the registration process. It is important to correctly indicate any food allergy or restriction so that the Jamboree Medical Team may be aware of your condition and so that the Jamboree Food Team will receive an accurate count of the number of persons indicating each dietary way.

The support that the Jamboree Food Team will provide to the units and its participants at the Jamboree is set forth in detail below. The support of dietary ways for Staff will follow these guidelines as well and also is articulated in the Staff Dining section of this manual.

KOSHER RELIGIOUS WAY

Kosher meals will be provided for those indicating need to the Jamboree Division through the advance Jamboree registration process. The deadline for submitting requests for religious meals including Kosher is May 1st. After that date there is insufficient lead time to accept further requests. Kosher meals will be prepared under the guidance and supervision of authorized religious authorities. Kosher meals will be delivered to the Jamboree Grocery Stores and will be in separate "sealed" boxes. No one else other than the participant shall break the seal on any individual meal box. Units who have Scouts

who requested such meals may pick up the boxes at their assigned Jamboree Grocery Store while shopping for the unit's other food. Jamboree Food Team will work separately with the all-Kosher Scout units to source all-Kosher grocery items.

HALAL RELIGIOUS WAY

Halal meals will be provided for those indicating need to the Jamboree Division through the advance Jamboree registration process. The deadline for submitting requests for religious meals including Halal is May 1st. After that date there is insufficient lead time to accept further requests. Halal meals will be prepared under the guidance and supervision of authorized religious authorities. Halal meals will be delivered to the Jamboree Grocery Stores and will be in separate "sealed" boxes. No one else other than the participant shall break the seal on any individual meal box. Units who have Scouts who requested such meals may pick up the boxes at their assigned Jamboree Grocery Store while shopping for the unit's other food.

GLUTEN FREE & MADE WITHOUT GLUTEN WAYS

Wheat allergy is a very difficult dietary way and we are mindful of the challenge this allergy presents the Scout with it. The Jamboree Food Team will support those with medical need and also those for whom this dietary way is a choice in the following ways. The Jamboree Grocery Stores will offer a pre-determined variety of Gluten Free products that are packaged in small sizes. These items will be placed in a separate portion of each Jamboree Grocery Store for easy identification and may be acquired to help accommodate those within their unit who must avoid gluten. Other products naturally will be made without gluten or are non-gluten containing and these will be identified at the Jamboree Grocery Stores to the greatest extent possible. It is Food Team's recommendation that if one or more scouts in a unit have a medical condition that will cause a serious reaction to gluten, those individuals should consult directly with the unit leaders and participate directly in the shopping and cooking process to assure that the food prepared does not inadvertently contain gluten, as they must do at home, school and during other Scouting outings. As in the past, Scouts and staff with this dietary way are welcomed to make advance provision for alternative foods capable of not causing allergic reaction and to bring that food with them to the Jamboree as long as it is non-perishable and does not require any refrigeration.

VEGETARIAN AND VEGAN WAYS

Many in the Scout community have chosen for a variety of reasons to follow the dietary ways commonly called Vegetarian or Vegan. The Jamboree Food Team is will support

those for whom this dietary way is a need or choice in the following ways. The Jamboree Grocery Stores will offer an array of vegetable products and products that do not contain animal by-products. These products will be identified at the Jamboree Grocery Stores to the greatest extent possible. It is Food Team's recommendation that if one or more scouts in a unit have a need for this dietary way then those individuals should consult directly with the unit leaders and participate directly in the shopping and cooking process to assure that the food prepared satisfies their dietary way.

FOOD ALLERGIES

Other dietary ways, including those with any special medical requirements, continue to be the responsibility of the individual staff member or participant. While the Food Team will do its best to accommodate those food needs we know in advance, the difficulties presented to those allergic to food products is sometimes challenging to satisfy at an event of this scale. Therefore all such Scouts and leaders should plan ahead and, in addition to what they may expect to find that is safe to eat at the Jamboree, bring from home special non-refrigerated dietary items to supplement Jamboree menus.

So there is no confusion on one final topic, we will address peanuts and other nuts here. The Jamboree Grocery Store will carry items that contain peanuts and other nuts. The staples that each unit will likely acquire usually will include a jar of peanut butter. Therefore it should be clear to all that peanuts and other nuts are going to be present onsite and even likely in the unit site. However peanuts and other nuts are not omnipresent in the grocery store items which will enable meal selection to avoid them easily if necessary. Scouts with this allergy should work with the unit leader to avoid any problems.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION FOR GROCERY STORE ITEMS

To assure that anyone with a question about the precise food content of any item in the grocery store, the food purveyor will prepare a detailed listing of all the nutritional information for each item that will be offered in the Jamboree Grocery Stores during the Jamboree. These will be available in the spring of 2017. Watch also for scan codes in the Jamboree Grocery Stores that will link you to important food information.

SWAP SHOPPING FOR NON-PERISHABLE SURPLUS FOOD ITEMS

The staff at each Jamboree Grocery Store will coordinate reutilization of returned items into a 'free to take' shopping location. Here units may shop by simply taking the leftover items for free (so items taken won't affect their points balance). Look for the location near the Jamboree Grocery Store to find the 'take me' tables or boxes and help yourself.

DONATION OF NON-PERISHABLE SURPLUS FOOD ITEMS

As in prior Jamborees, unused non-perishable food items will be palletized at the food returns tent locations by Jamboree Grocery Store Staff. Arrangement for pickup and delivery to the Mountaineer Food Bank will be made by the Jamboree Food Team.

THE 3rd ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER/ASSOCIATE ADVISOR/MATE'S ROLE

As happened at the last Jamboree, the 3rd Assistant Scoutmasters/Associate Advisors/Mates in the units will be directly involved with the Base Camp and Sub Camp staff helping with aspects of the unit feeding. This Jamboree these leaders will join the Jamboree Grocery Store Staff and work one rotation there in addition to their work coordinating The Green Team in the unit sites and Sub camp. The Jamboree Grocery Stores will need these leaders to assist with both the morning and afternoon food shopping time and the Base Camp and Sub Camp staff will coordinate the duty roster. Each Unit's 3rd Assistant leader will be assigned to help with at least one meal shopping time.

This is not optional duty and Scoutmasters/Crew Advisors/ Skippers need to adapt the Unit obligations for these leaders to enable participation in the Jamboree Grocery Store food work when assigned. Scoutmasters/Crew Advisors/ Skippers also are asked to allow those individuals who wish to participate repeatedly to do so, because the future Base camp and Sub camp staff of the Jamboree Grocery Stores may come from those who enjoy this process.

The nature of this work is what one might expect to find at a regular grocery store and will not be difficult, but having ample staff that the involvement of the 3rd Assistant Scoutmasters/Associate Advisors/Mates provides will be very important to the smooth operation of the stores. These assistant leaders will be asked to help with and assigned to one of several roles including: assisting units during the shopping process in using the Jamboree *SwiftShopper* app to scan items they wish to purchase, keeping shelves stocked with products (especially refrigerated items) that are popular by moving new items into the store from inventory or trailer storage, and helping with the checkout lines where the Jamboree *SwiftShopper* app is used to check out the units as they purchase their selected groceries.

ICE DISTRIBUTION FOR THE UNITS

To serve the Units, ice storage will be positioned and ice distribution will take place at each Sub camp. Note that is SUB-CAMP distribution of ice to the Units. The Units have to go to the Jamboree Grocery Store to shop for food and yet only to their Sub camp for ice. Note that there will be no ice for sale or distribution at the Jamboree Grocery Stores.

Ice coolers will be issued as part of the standard equipment to Units for placing food in storage after pickup and before cooking. Then on a daily basis ice will be issued to the Units for the purpose of keeping that food cold until it is cooked. Ice is NOT being issued for the purpose of limitlessly icing drink coolers and much as it should be obvious, nothing except purveyor provided ice is permitted to be placed or stored in the ice merchandisers.

Each Sub camp can make its own arrangements and publish ice pickup time and procedures. Locks and keys will be provided to the Sub camps to secure the merchandisers in hours ice distribution is closed.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU NEED HELP WITH JAMBOREE FOOD

NEED TO REACH THE JAMBOREE FOOD TEAM DIRECTLY?

Now it is likely that many of the questions or issues that arise won't be of a critical or emergency nature and if you would prefer to email the Jamboree Food Team directly please do so. We welcome any questions and even problems relating to any aspect of Jamboree food at the following email and we will direct them immediately to the appropriate area of our team for answers and resolution: 2017jamboreefood@gmail.com

IF YOU HAVE A CRITICAL FOOD RELATED PROBLEM

... CALL THE LOC (that's short for the Logistics Operations Center)

The central clearing house for logistical issues, which food is considered, is the Logistics Operations Center. If you have an issue that requires immediate attention, please call them at the number you will be provided at the beginning of the Jamboree. They may not be able to answer your question immediately but they will complete a form to enter your issue into the problem

solving system and forward it to the Food Team area responsible for providing the answer . . .
and most importantly the right answer.