

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

~ A 2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE FOOD TEAM COMMUNIQUÉ ~

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With just over a year to go before the next World Scout Jamboree the time seems right to begin the monthly *Food for Thought*. For those Scouting colleagues from around the world who may be unfamiliar with this publication, *Food for Thought* is a communication tool the Jamboree Food Team uses to share information that you might not otherwise receive or focus upon. It is published by the Scout leadership of the Jamboree Food Team in a true joint effort – Squire writes; Rick edits and posts.

Principally for those new to the operations of the Jamboree Food Team, we thought this *Food for Thought* issue ought to share some background of the WSJ Food Team leaders so that you know a bit about us when mere first name references, as above, are made. The coordination of all World Jamboree Food Services ultimately rests with its lead, Mr. Rick Diles who is a Scouting professional. Rick is directly supported by a pair of cohorts: Mr. Patrick Tarr, a food service professional and Executive Chef with Compass Group and this author, Mr. C.V. Squire Lang, who is a pure Jamboree Scouting volunteer. Together this troika is commonly termed the ‘Key 3’ of the Jamboree Food Team. Permit me now to share with our world friends in Scouting a bit about each of us.

I shall start with the Jamboree Food Lead. Rick has been an employee of the Boy Scouts of America for over three decades, so he is aptly skilled for this ultimate task. In the United States he rarely needs introduction but for the world let me share some truly detailed background that I asked him to provide to me for this article. Rick has worked his career with the Scouts at many levels culminating with his current role as Director of Business Development for the BSA Supply Group. Simultaneously he has been a Scouting volunteer on many levels while wearing yet another big hat as the leader of Jamboree Food since 2011. He has been charged with coordinating all aspects of planning food provision for all Jamborees at the Summit, since before its opening, to bring them to fruition and within budget. Rick has a wealth of Jamboree experience and 2019 (World-North America) will be his eleventh. Of interest, he has attended the following Jamborees: 1997, 1999 (World-Chile), 2001, 2003 (World-Thailand), 2005, 2007 (World - England), 2010, 2013, 2015 (World-Japan), and 2017. His attention to a multiplicity of details while caring not only for all our food customers but also for all Jamboree Food staff sets him apart as a true leader.

Turning to Patrick Tarr, let me start by noting he is a trained Executive Chef and has risen quickly to be a District Manager of Compass Group. Compass was selected as the purveyor of potables for the 24th World Scout Jamboree and Patrick is the team leader for his company on all aspects of this endeavor. Let me assure you that Patrick owns a white chef's coat, but you will rarely find him in that. Instead he will be hands on something. That something most often is a computer ordering food or adjusting orders in the system so that all necessary items (for what is projected to be in excess of 50,000 participants, IST and visitors in 2019) will be on site and in the right place at the correct time so everyone can eat. However, he is not merely a desk jockey and thus it should not surprise anyone when I say that you may find him hands-on helping to unload a truck if there is a question of quality or quantity or even helping to fix a broken piece of kitchen equipment because he understands how things work on all levels having worked his way through the ranks. A World Scout Jamboree is a daunting task but Patrick, with the help of a series of excel spreadsheets, and an array of skilled chefs and employees working for him, will coordinate all food deliveries, production and the many aspects of health department compliance in 2019 without a doubt. Patrick has a straight run of Jamboree experience having attended the last several Jamborees (2010, 2013, and 2017) as Compass Group's Jamboree Project Lead.

Rounding out the Key 3 of Jamboree Food leadership, I will turn to a little autobiographical Jamboree description. To start I am known simply as Squire. This is a vestige of a radio call sign during my first Jamboree Food volunteer service in 1997. Though I have attended Jamborees as a participant and troop leader, dearest to my heart has been the volunteer Jamboree Food work these past two decades plus. My role on the 24th WSJ org chart is Assistant Lead to Rick, but in practice my job is Food Team *Chief of Staff*. I am charged with overseeing all the volunteer team leaders that make every aspect of the food operation function from a labor coordination standpoint. Then when the Jamboree begins, these volunteers are key to providing feedback which conduits across my desk and through my experience in analyzing so that to Patrick has data and input upon which he may react adjusting orders and deliveries to the extent possible. Akin to my colleague, I am no stranger to Jamboree life and 2019 (World-North America) will be my 11th Jamboree too. Here is the list in case anyone from around the world wonders if we were in the same camp eons ago: 1977, 1979 (World-Iran cancelled, attended Dalajamb-Sweden), 1981, 1997, 2001, 2005, 2007 (World-England), 2010, 2013 and 2017. I am sure this Jamboree on home soil will crown my tenure and the chapter in life as a Jamboree Food coordinating volunteer quite nicely. Through then I will continue to wield the pen behind the *Food for Thought* newsletter and more to help bring all IST who become part of Jamboree Food into our fold with good communication that is the hallmark of this team.

In closing let me share two photographs to put faces with our names. It hasn't been easy to find a photo that captures Patrick working during a recent Jamboree for he is always on the go during these big events. So instead it is fun for me to offer this picture with a glimpse of our Executive Chef colleague in a personal food selection moment that may help you associate face with the name:



Next please find a rare shot of Rick (left) and Squire (right, with the signature black bandana) relaxing for a moment one Jamboree back:



Together Rick, Patrick and I will do our best to help make this 24th World Scout Jamboree in North America one that will live long in memory as our greatest success in Jamboree Food Service to our fellow Scouts, at home and from around the world.