

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

~ A 2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE FOOD TEAM COMMUNIQUÉ ~
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This month it seems that everyone is getting antsy about lining up their appointment to work on staff at the 24th World Scout Jamboree. This has trickled down to the Food Teams as well with many IST asking about the status of their application, even if only recently submitted. So, to help everyone it seemed timely to devote this issue of *Food for Thought* to the topic of IST registration steps to a Food Team appointment.

The real reason behind writing this roadmap is so that those of you who are languishing in the system will know to ask about your application and those of you who just applied (read within the last sixty days – yes 60) should just wait your turn for review. The World Jamboree registration dynamics are greater, and the delays likely longer than one might experience at our BSA national events. So, if you would be so kind as to let the process run instead of making an exception that we have to and will address. Understand that our nature on the Food Teams is to be responsive to all inquiries, but if you are asking prematurely our time would be more aptly spent on true problems.

Let me explain the registration process from the perspective of the Food Team leads who are reviewing applications and issuing appointments to serve on our staff. There are several steps before your file appears on the screen or is available for any of our team leads to accept you. Let me enumerate those for everyone to understand.

1. You apply online (and hopefully have selected three food-related preferred jobs). **NOTE: Some NSO's are utilizing an alternative "bulk upload" process for adding their NSO's IST, so be sure to follow your NSO's directions.**
2. You pay your deposit next.
3. Once you have done both of the things above, you will get a confirmation email that you have registered. It looks something like this – annotated with dark red to help you focus on the important aspects:

----- Original message -----

From: 2019 World Scout Jamboree <<event-information@certain.com>>
Date: 11/7/17 10:33 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: **[YOUR NAME AND EMAIL WILL APPEAR HERE]**
Subject: Application Confirmation: 2019 WSJ

Dear **[YOUR NAME WILL APPEAR HERE]**:

Thank you for registering for the **USA Contingent to the 2019 WSJ [NOTE I HAVE USED A US APPLICATION SO OTHER COUNTRIES MAY BE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT]**. Your application code and date completed are shown below.

Application Code: **123-456789-4321 [I HIGHLIGHTED THIS NUMBER FOR IT IS VERY IMPORTANT AND SHOULD BE INCLUDED BY YOU IN ANY COMMUNICATION ABOUT YOUR APPLICATION.]**

Date Completed: 2017-11-01 05:24:58 **[NOTE THIS APPLICATION DATE IS ALSO KEY, FOR IT STARTS THE APPROVAL TIME PROCESS 60 DAY TIME CLOCK]**

Your application will now be forwarded to your local National Scout Organization (NSO) for review. At the completion of the NSO review, you will be notified by email whether your application has been approved for Jamboree consideration. Please be patient during this time as **the review process may take up to 60 days. [DID YOU NOTICE THIS IN THE FINE PRINT? THAT'S WHERE I GET 60 DAYS.]**

Thank You,
2019 World Scout Jamboree Application

4. Next in the process your National Scouting Organization (NSO) reviews your application and hopefully indicates your approval. This is what takes time! Once that happens you will get an email telling you that you have been approved. It will come from <event-information@certain.com> as did your registration email and will look something like this:

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **2019 World Scout Jamboree** <event-information@certain.com>
Date: 2018-08-09 15:33 GMT-04:00
Subject: **[YOUR NAME WILL BE HERE]** is APPROVED: 2019 WSJ

English (Français suivant, Español sigue)

Dear **[YOUR NAME WILL BE HERE]**,

CONGRATULATIONS! Your application has been approved by your National Scout Organization (NSO) to attend the **24th World Scout Jamboree** and is now being reviewed by the applicable area and team lead members in the order of your listed preferences for possible International Service Team (IST) position offers.

Please be patient during this time as the review process may take 90 days or longer. Any position offers will be sent to you via email, so please keep your email address updated on your Jamboree application. You will also want to monitor your email as you will have **21 days** from time of receipt to accept or decline the offered position.

****THE RECEIPT OF THIS EMAIL IS NOT A GUARANTEE OF AN IST POSITION****

Thank you!

World Scout Jamboree Registration Team

5. Then, if you indicated one of the six Food Teams, the Food Team leads will see your application immediately for review and for offering you a position. You are free to just wait for the appointment but once you have your 'Approved' email, you may feel free to forward it to the lead of the team with whom you would like to work. Also, be sure to send the team lead your Jamboree number (from the registration email) for that is critical to finding your application in the system and making the appointment. Now if by chance you didn't indicate a Food Team as your first choice, but want to work on Food Team now as your first choice, please send your Jamboree number and your 'Approved' email to the team lead and include please in that email a quick note that says you want this team instead of what you indicated during registration. With that we will work to get your application moved and an appointment to Food Team made.

We hope all of this helps a little because it is easy to get ahead of oneself and ask about the status of your application when only a short period of time has passed since applying. There is so much going on in the preparation for the World Jamboree that we don't have time to chase what isn't a problem that time alone should cure. If on the other hand, as I am working on this same week I write this newsletter, you applied on 1st November 2017, then it's time to ask what is going on!

We look forward to having many of you join our ranks on the World Jamboree Food Team and to making this event as special as it can be.