



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

~~ A 2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE FOOD TEAM COMMUNIQUÉ ~~

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The Food Team leads just concluded a long weekend of preparation and training sessions in Toronto as part of a WSJ Logistics meeting. Much was shared by us and by other Teams, Areas and Pillars. As the meeting unfolded questions were asked, most answered, and we on the Food Team are excited at our preparedness for the World Jamboree next summer.

Thinking about what questions and answers might be of true interest to our readers, I recall my school age training of the “Five W’s”. This was an information gathering and sharing tool where one asks or answers the following: who, what, where, when and why. Let me use that rubric for sharing what have recently become very frequently asked questions, all similar nature, about IST arrival/departure and that timing for the 2019 World Jamboree.

I must start by qualifying the answers that follow with another common phrase: *‘subject to change’*. We on the Food Team don’t establish the rules about IST arrival, departure, or transportation support so naturally if the teams that do alter the plan just explained to us this past weekend, or online as is happening concurrently, it is their prerogative. That said we are glad to share what we know at present so that many of you may begin to investigate travel arrangements and more. As this was going to press the topic was published officially in New World News, the official Blog of the 24<sup>th</sup> WSJ and emailed to the world. We are glad for that unexpected but good timing and further hope our newsletter offers you greater detail on the topic. We also suspect there will be transportation support details and the need to register your plans online, but we surmise that those may come too late for some of you who need to purchase tickets before prices skyrocket or desired travel days become unavailable or vacation from employment need to be requested and secured.

To the W’s, let’s take them in scholastic order beginning with ‘who’. The following applies to IST. IST=International Service Team. The vast majority of staff at the World Jamboree are IST and presume you are unless you have been asked to serve in a role such as a team lead. Another easy way is to look at your registration confirmation. Important details about your World Jamboree registration will come from this email address:

From: **2019 World Scout Jamboree** <[event-information@certain.com](mailto:event-information@certain.com)>

The form letter all IST applicants get would look like this:

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Your application has been approved by your National Scout Organization (NSO) to attend the **24<sup>th</sup> 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.



Having established who we are talking about, let's turn to 'what'. Staff arrival and departure is our singular focus at this moment. There will be a wealth of information at a later time about what to bring and what you will do but for now I'll keep the focus on entrance and exit plans, timing and transport support.

'Where' is an easy and critical question to answer. Your ultimate destination for arriving at the Jamboree is the Ruby Welcome Center. I shared the link last month but will include again so it is handy: : [Ruby Welcome Center Link](#) World Jamboree Registration takes place there so if you are driving that is your target. Parking is available there at assigned locations. If you are flying or taking a train to the Jamboree, you will need to arrange transportation to the Ruby Welcome Center. The WSJ Transportation Team will assist in this, but on a time limited and site-specific basis. There are only two airports from which shuttle buses will operate and those are Charlotte, North Carolina (airport code CLT) and Charleston, West Virginia (airport code CRW). There is only one train station supported by Jamboree transportation and that is Prince, West Virginia (Amtrak train station code PRC). No other locations will be supported by Jamboree transportation so if you choose to fly into a different airport or take a train to a different station, however close it may seem, you are on your own to arrange to get from there to the Ruby Welcome Center. Please understand as well that the Food Team has neither time nor the transportation resources to help you either on arrival or departure.

Now we know that many of you have been patiently waiting for the answer about 'when' to travel to and from the Jamboree. Starting with your arrival, the main IST arrival days are Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup> of July commencing at 08:00, all of Friday the 19<sup>th</sup>, Saturday the 20<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> until 22:00. Shuttle services, that you will need to reserve through the Transportation Management link once published, will be available to help get you from the supported air and train locations above. Arrival before the 18<sup>th</sup> of July is not to be scheduled without full authorization from your team lead after approval by Rick Diles as lead of all Food Services. Because of the nature of our Food Team work, we must be ready for IST arrival before the IST arrive so there is the need for those who may be able to come early, who are driving and thus don't need airport or train station transportation. If you are able to assist early or if you are driving to the Jamboree and are willing to do an airport pickup on your way, please reach out to your team lead.

Turning to the exit plan, participants depart the morning of Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August. The IST departure day is scheduled for both the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August and Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August. We hope some of you can stay to the 3<sup>rd</sup> to help with final stand down. However please don't try to extend beyond the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August for food service ends with breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> so it is imperative that you have travel arranged to depart by that day because no dinner will be served. If that is not possible or practical, for many possible reasons we could foresee, please make arrangements to depart the site on Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup>. We suggest if possible that you arrange to depart that day in the afternoon or evening because participant busses will leave first and if experience teaches us anything they could totally congest the roadways until later in the morning.



Let me end briefly with the last of W's litany: 'why'. To the author the answer is self explanatory for this Jamboree will be a pinnacle of world Scouting experience shared.

