



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

~ A 2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE FOOD TEAM COMMUNIQUE ~

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The diversity of celebrations of the New Year is wonderful to watch. From Times Square in New York City to Taipei 101's fireworks extravaganza, each of us will bring in 2019 in our own way around the world. In World Jamboree Food terms though this is the year for which we have all waited!

Now that we measure the time to the 24th World Jamboree in a few short months, those who are ready know it and on behalf of Food Team I am glad to make that representation. As prepared as we feel, there are always further volunteer staffing needs that deserve continuing attention and our rallying effort in these few months ahead. Let me share as the topic of this monthly newsletter a candid evaluation of the IST we have for each Food Team so our readership may understand where we stand and of the remaining opportunities to join us before we fill up.

I will start by complimenting the leadership of each team in building their volunteer staffs to levels now that far exceed the numbers we had serving at our last National Jamboree in 2017 with true global representation on every single team. Across all Food Team we have 54% more staff than just two year ago and that is amazing. Enhanced staff notwithstanding, the World Jamboree is a larger event both in terms of participants and IST staff so we identified a significantly greater number of volunteers that would be desired in each of our areas of operation and have worked diligently to issue appointments to IST from around the world to reach those approved goal levels. Here is where we stand now:

<u>2019 WSJ Food Team</u>	<u>Approved IST Goal</u>	<u>Total on Roster</u>	<u>% of Goal</u>
Grocery & Distribution	230	180	78%
Staff Dining	230	155	67%
Retail Food	100	73	73%
Chat-N-Chew	146	58	40%
Food Deliveries/VIP support	13	13	100%
Food Facility Design (Food HQ)	10	10	100%
Total All WSJ Food Teams	732	489	67%

The numbers look good, said with a degree of thankfulness at such, but we are not there across the board and hope to drive all of those levels closer to 100% before the summer.



Now some of you may be wondering how we select staff. Strangely enough the words 'we select' in combination is a misnomer for the process is the exact opposite of that to start off – for the IST staff members initially must select us. Let me expound. When a Scouter from anywhere around the world volunteers to become a member of the International Service Team, they register first and then go through their own country's approval process. Once the green lights of approval are issued, their application proceeds in order to the three choices of Jamboree jobs the person indicated during their initial registration. So it should make sense then when I say if they don't select any of the Food Teams, we won't see their application. By wonderful contrast, if they picked any Food Team as their first choice we will see them immediately and likely issue an appointment right then and there. So each staff member's indication of a Food Team position is the most important aspect to their getting an appointment from us.

Having shared a bit of the process and our status, you can easily see that our teams still have room for IST staff and you may be wondering what you can do to help. First if you have a friend who hasn't applied but wishes to go the World Jamboree, encourage them to do so and to pick a Food Team. Here is the detailed description list of the Food Teams with spots still available for all who might be interested, even if just in reading about the teams:

Food Staff Dining (Logistics – Food Service – IST Dining)

Food Staff Dining team coordinates breakfast, to-go lunch and dinner meal services to all Jamboree staff in three Base camp locations. Work involves dining area setup, food service, staging of meals for staff selection as well as handling certain specialty foods to support various dietary ways and cleanup. Team leadership: Lead is Steve Tipton, Assistants Kim Tipton and Steph McDermott. IST will be assigned to work at one of the IST dining halls.

Food Markets (Logistics – Food Service – Grocery & Distribution)

Food Markets team coordinates food for participants to shop for their meals at stores located in the Jamboree Base camps. Work involves food delivery to the markets and work at the markets including stocking, check in and check out processes for participants during shopping hours, coordination of store replenishment and left over food recovery. Team leadership: Lead is Denny Wright, Assistants Dan Buchman, Chris Nicholl and Eric Bodley. IST will work at an assigned market.

Retail Food (Logistics – Food Service – Retail Food)

Retail Food team coordinates many aspects of retail food including international food houses, snack bars and mobile food stands. Work involves food service and cleanup, cash register sales and shelf stocking to support sales of food to participants, staff and visitors. Team leadership: Lead is Jane Becker, Assistants Graham Earnshaw, Maria Ward and Will Tigard. IST will work at an assigned retail food location.

Food Staff Chat-N-Chew (Logistics – Food Service – Chat n Chew)

Food Chat-N-Chew team coordinates the staff Base camp snack food house and relaxation zone. Work involves receiving food, stocking merchandise, food service, cash register sales, and other assignments as determined to help achieve a unique staff experience. Team leadership: Lead is Trey Moran and Assistant José Hernandez. IST will work at the Chat n Chew location in staff camp.



We want to note that there are still available spots for IST from the United States so that is not a limiting factor either, as some have been speculating it might fill but as of this writing has not. Now for anyone who already has been approved as an IST member, from anywhere around the globe, we are seeing also that selecting a job other than the initial appointment is happening for regularly our staffing levels change negatively when someone moves from Food Team to another team on which they would prefer to work. The inverse therefore would be true and if you know anyone who would be interested in coming over to one of our Food Teams listed above, a friend of yours or a Scouting colleague who you would like to work with us or not have to walk as far to work by choosing Staff Dining or the Chat-N-Chew in the IST staff camp, just send us an email at 2019jamboreefoodteam@gmail.com and we will gladly help with the transfer.

Before this newsletter gets any longer beyond the self imposed two page limit, permit me to close wishing that this New 'World Jamboree' Year may be wonderful for all and with the hope that wherever you celebrate it you know that a Scouting adventure of a lifetime is about to happen in 2019.