



## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

~ A 2019 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE FOOD TEAM COMMUNIQUÉ ~

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In just two and a half weeks over ten thousand International Service Team members will start their pilgrimage to the 24<sup>th</sup> World Scout Jamboree. As I prepare now at home I wonder a bit how I will get everything done in time to depart for the Jamboree. I suspect many of you are wondering where it will be possible to carve out time to find, clean, pack, acquire, sew, spend time with loved ones we will leave, and then ultimately travel to what, for me and many, will be the Scouting event of a lifetime. No one can help you find the time to do all that, but I do hope to share a few items of what I suggest packing (paperwork wise) and what to expect as you come to the Jamboree, so the first steps of your arrival day hopefully may be a bit easier.

The first thing I laid out to pack was a folder. I hope you will do the same. In it put the following. First add a note to not forget to pack the critical travel documents in your purse, bag or wallet – your passport & visa (if coming from out of the US), driver's license (if your job will involve driving), health insurance card, auto insurance card (if you are driving to the Jamboree site), credit/debit cards, cash and pictures of loved ones (to show to your new Jamboree friends). Then put a print out of your *Safe from Harm* badge/certificate in that folder. You will need this to get into the Jamboree site. Next, I always find and print out the email showing I paid the Jamboree fee in full. Having a receipt means no argument at the gate over money. Next in my folder is the Consent & Acknowledgment form the 24<sup>th</sup> WSJ office asked me to submit. WSJ Health History form email is the next thing I printed out and put in my folder, so I can show that was done. Since I am a member of Scouts BSA, I also figured it wise to throw in my annual medical Parts A, B & C because that contains all the information normally requested and since I have it I'll bring a copy of it. Next is the TMS email. This will be very important for those of you with airport or train shuttles, so be sure to look for that. Last are my certifications that my team specifically asked me to take. With that litany of documentation, your stop at the Ruby Welcome Center should be simpler I hope.

Now having mentioned that location, it seems only fair for me to start by telling you a bit about your arrival process there, as I understand it. Every IST must enter through Ruby, without exception. Buses will come here and anyone coming by privately owned vehicle must as well. For those who happen to be hiking in for whatever reason, set that as your destination too and good luck. The precise name of the place is the **J.W. and Hazel Ruby West Virginia Welcome Center** and information about it may be found at this link: [Ruby Welcome Center Map Link](#). Many ask about what to wear for arrival and I'd be in my uniform. Since this is a World Jamboree, I suggest you don't forget those neckers! Back to the arrival spot, the Ruby Welcome Center is where you will find the World Jamboree Registration, financial review, *Safe from Harm* review, medical review, and lots more including the primary parking area for anyone driving to the Jamboree. Hopefully your experience through that step of arrival is an easy one.



From there you will take a bus to the Jamboree site. The packet given to you when you register, the one that contains your Jamboree credentials, should tell you which bus to take and where to go to find your tent housing. Most Food Team IST will be directed to Base camp E but there are a few IST on the Food Teams that will be living in one of the many other Base camps (A, B, C, D & F) with the participants. Please read where you should go and don't just follow the crowd! Let me also offer some greater details for Food Team members. If you are working in a Base camp Troop Food Market and assigned to live in the camp by that Market, find your assigned tent, drop your gear and then go to the Troop Food Market to join your team. It will be nearby and don't be shy to ask a Scout to be helpful and show you where it is if you feel lost. Equally if you are IST Staff Dining working at either the Pigott or Fork in the Road locations, your tents will be near your work and please just go to the new dining hall to find your manager. If instead you are assigned to live in Staff Camp E, you will find that your registration packet should direct you to the tent number where the Food Team Welcome Wagon is located. We have a staff that is experienced in Jamborees to help you find your sleeping tent, learn about the next introductory meetings for the team you are assigned to join and mostly just help make your first few hours at the Jamboree enjoyable (assuming you had *Safe from Harm* done and proof in hand so you were not detained at Ruby to do that very long process there and then).

Once you find your tent, judge how much time you have before the next meeting when you join your part of the Food Team. You don't want to miss that. Information about the meetings and a lot more will be provided when you see the Food Team Welcome Wagon staff on arrival.

In closing we hope you will review all the documents we have published on the Jamboree Food Team website about your team, so you know what is involved in your job:

<http://jamboreefoodteam.org/>

Then if you have more questions, reach out to your Team Lead:

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Be Prepared (if you don't know who is your team lead) ask: [pehni@wju.edu](mailto:pehni@wju.edu) and he can help you.

All the members of the volunteer leadership of the 24<sup>th</sup> World Jamboree Food Team are excited to have you join us on our staffs or for those on other teams that serve the Jamboree well we look forward to seeing you in line for a meal at one of the dining halls. The World Jamboree begins very soon and happy packing!