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COMMISSIONER CORNER

As you read this issue, our Commissioner Team has just completed our last major planning meeting as we continue our preparations for the 24th World Scout Jamboree. We finalized the plan for the number of units we are sending from each of our four BSA regions. We also made assignments of all participants to a unit who had not already been assigned. We realize that some of you have not been contacted by a specific unit leader but with everyone assigned to a unit, this should allow us to complete the process of contacting each of you. We do apologize to those of you who have been affected by our delay in making these final assignments.

By now I hope that all of you have viewed the online video training modules we released in January. If not, please do this at your earliest opportunity. These videos can be found on our website: wsj2019.us or our Youtube.com channel (#wsj2019USA). You will probably find answers to many of your questions there plus answers to questions you had not even thought about yet. We guarantee it. Thanks.

Going forward, your unit leader will be your absolute best source of information and the first place you should go to ask questions. If the unit leader does not know the answer, he or she will contact their Regional Commissioner for assistance. Although it is tempting to allow each of you to contact me or our Commissioner staff with your questions, we are volunteers and simply do not have the time to keep up with hundreds of such requests. There is a LOT of both general and specific information on the contingent and Host websites, so you should be sure and check those out at wsj2019.us and 2019wsj.org.

During the next few months, each of our units will be conducting a "SHAKEDOWN" training camp and perhaps several unit meetings. The unit leaders and youth leaders in each unit have been given an outline by which to conduct these meetings and a list of topics that should be covered to ensure that all units get the same information and training. Attendance at the SHAKEDOWN camp is mandatory, unless your unit leader approves an exception for EXTREME circumstances. One or more members of our Commissioner Team and/or our Contingent Management Team will participate in these camps. I will personally visit as many as I can.

Let me repeat one part of last month's article. We know that each of you – adults and youth – would like all the answers now. But this is NOT a strictly BSA event and we depend on the Host Committee and Planning Team – which consists of representatives from many different National Scout Organizations (NSOs) – to make their decisions and then issue guidance to all the participating countries. We do not want to make assumptions or guesses on critical points just to give you information and then be forced to walk it back for whatever reason. Once we do have accurate and complete information, we have a robust communication strategy to get it to you quickly. Your patience and understanding are very much appreciated.



Let me close this article with a "Scoutmaster's Minute" (or maybe two minutes) ...

Recently, I watched the personal video of my 1999 World Scout Jamboree troop and our experiences in Santiago, Chile. I was once again reminded of just how "magical" the World Scout Jamboree experience is. A LOT - maybe even MOST - of what happens is not planned or even expected. The word for that is "serendipity." But, after six World Scout Jamborees, I know that you will experience your own magical and serendipitous moments time and time again at THIS World Scout Jamboree.

Often people from around the world have a negative opinion about us, and by "us", I mean citizens of the USA. Most of this is based on what they see in the media - be it real or fake. It has been over 50 years since a World Scout Jamboree happened in our country. As the host site and one of the three host NSOs, the participants and IST who are members of the BSA will constitute about 20 percent of the population of this jamboree. This is our opportunity to show many thousands of other Scouts and Scouters and visitors from all around the world who and what we really are. The highest degree of Friendliness, Politeness, and Courtesy should be our goal. You and I will be Ambassadors of the United States of America and the Boy Scouts of America. I ask you to consider ways that you can GIVE rather than RECEIVE. That's the true jamboree spirit that our founder Baden-Powell created. Giving of yourself in friendship to other Scouts from all around the world is the greatest single thing you have to offer. Swapping badges and other stuff is a lot of fun and most of you will enjoy that activity. But my hope is that each one of you will go beyond the notion of "what will I GET" to the far greater idea of "what can I GIVE." "Do Your Best" to make a positive impression on everyone you meet.

I am both excited and grateful that I will be there to share this experience with you guys. I can hardly wait.... **BE PREPARED!**

Russell

Chair Commissioner Team

Hey Unit Leaders....Get started early and construct a checklist as you plan ahead!

You will want to develop your own checklist that covers all of your specific needs and expectations. But, here are some suggestions.

- Make initial communications with Scouts and parents of your unit.
- Create a questionnaire in order to get to know your Scouts.
- Have your unit Scribe capture a photo of each participant so you can get to know them by name. Put together a photo file
- Remember BSA YPT requires all communications, especially digital must maintain NO one-on-one contact. Remember to add parents/guardian and adult unit leaders.
- Provide information to Scouts and their parents/guardians concerning WSJ information as it becomes available.
- Prepare a pre-jamboree training plan for Scouts and Parents.
- Establish the unit youth leadership.
- Establish unit and youth expectations.

A Shakedown Guide is located on Basecamp. Please use it as a valuable guide for having a successful Shakedown.

Working Ahead:

- Transportation arrival and departure details, once finalized, ensure that youth and their parents are well informed, including departure date, jamboree dates and return date.
- Health Assessments for the USA Contingents will be required to use the BSA forms including Parts A, B and C and must be fully completed and in the hands of unit leadership. Establish a firm turn in date.
- Make sure that all WSJ Payments are up-to-date.
- Plan "Safe from Harm Training" for all adult participants.
- Plan ahead for a Shakedown weekend.

Important Resources

BSA Health Appraisals	https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/
WSJ Basecamp	https://3.basecamp.com/3336411/projects/2146735
WSJ Official Website	https://wsj2019.us/
Contingent Facebook	https://www.facebook.com/WSJ2019USA/
Freq Asked Questions	https://wsj2019.us/faq/

You will want to develop your own checklist that covers all of your specific needs and expectations and things you may want to remember...

Equipment Provided by the World Scout Jamboree

- All tents and ground covers
- All cookware, except personal mess kits
- All cooking supplies
- All dining areas/facilities in each troop site
- All tools to set up tents, etc.
- Picnic tables
- Cots

Equipment That the Contingent Will Provide to Each Unit

- One first aid kit
- One USA Contingent unit flag
- One American flag

Equipment the Participant Will Want to Bring

- Duffel Bag
- Flashlight
- Lightweight Sleeping Bag
- Sun Screen
- Eating Kit (plate, bowl and spork)
- Non-aerosol insect repellent
- Reusable Lunch Bag
- Day Pack
- Two one-liter water bottles
- Two Wash Cloths
- Toiletry Kit (keep it small)
- Two Bath Towels

Clothing

- Uniforms
- Rain Gear
- Long Trousers
- Scout head gear
- Good Broken in hiking boots
- One jacket or sweatshirt
- Lace-up shoes (lightweight sports)
- Two sets of sleep clothes
- 4 or 5 Scout/Jamboree t-shirts
- Five pair of underwear
- Scout Uniform socks
- 2 or 3 extra pairs of hiking socks
- Scout Belt
- 2 or 3 other pairs of socks.



References and Resources:

- [Footwear](#)
- [Packing Guide](#)
- [Participant Gear](#)
- [Campsite and Gear](#)

Here's a Lowdown on How to Stay Connected With the Contingent

As you have already seen, the USA Contingent to the World Scout Jamboree has been ramping up our communication. Since last year, we have been releasing regular Flash Friday Update emails with important information, such as program elements to expect at the World Jamboree and what gear you should bring to be prepared. From now until the Jamboree, we'll focus more on information specific to our contingent. You may have also been getting emails from the World Jamboree itself.

Outside of email, we are also really active on social media – [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). Right now, this is the fastest way for you to stay connected with the breaking news of the contingent, so we encourage you to follow us! Set our accounts to be the first to show on your feed so you are the first to know the latest info.



We launched our contingent's training videos early in 2019. If you haven't seen them yet, [you can follow this link](#) to find them on our website. All participants are expected to complete all trainings prior to their shakedown, and are highly encouraged to watch all videos prior to arriving on site. Remember: BSA is one of three hosts for the World Jamboree (alongside Scouts Canada and Asociación de Scouts de México), so it's important for us to know the right stuff!

For the first time, we are excited to announce that a mobile app is being developed to help our contingent communicate directly to you this summer. Available on the Apple App Store and the Google Play Store starting in June, the application will serve as the hub of all information during the World Scout Jamboree. Be on the lookout for information coming later this spring!

Do you have ideas on ways we can better communicate with you? Drop us a line on social media, or send an email to UScontingent2019@scouting.org



Notes from the SWAG Team

You've received your first round USA Contingent patch! Sew it on your right pocket to promote the World Jamboree in your Council! The rest of your SWAG items will be arriving later this Spring. Participants will get their SWAG items from their Unit Leaders. IST members will get theirs prior to the jamboree, but details on how are still coming – we'll let you know. Your SWAG bags will include: another USA Contingent round emblem like the one you've already received, an Osprey 115L Transporter duffel bag, an Osprey Hikelite daypack, 2 luggage tags, 3 neckerchiefs, and 4 Jamboree shoulder patches (JSP) from your region. All of this SWAG comes as part of your registration fee!

Keep a lookout on Scoutshop.org. There will be a chance for attendees to purchase more of many of the SWAG items, as well as lots of other cool WSJ items from BSA's WSJ2019 online catalog. Some of the items available for purchase will include a variety of shirt styles and colors, belts and buckles, hats and caps, mugs, coins and medallions, small duffels, additional neckers, slides, Nalgene, Camelback hydration units, and stickers. Be sure to stock up so you can leave a few souvenirs at home and have a few extras to trade with all the new scout friends you'll make from around the globe! See you at the Jamboree!

Update on Health Stuff

In the [third issue of WoJam Unlocked](#), we learned about the World Scout Jamboree Health History (WSJHH) form, a questionnaire about your medical history coming from the host team. The host team will store this required record for their use only, just in case something would happen during the jamboree and they would need such information for medical treatment of the scout.

Most participants, unit leaders, and IST should have already received an email from the host medical team with the link to the WSJHH. If you have not completed the questionnaire yet, we encourage you to do so. The good news is, even though it is required, it's not long! The host team asks general medical history questions (the hardest question you'll find is the date of your last tetanus shot), so it's not necessary to have your BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) completed before doing this questionnaire.



Since BSA does require all scouts to have an Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, and C), this will need to be completed before going to the jamboree. These documents are not to be sent to the host medical team. Instead, unit leaders will hold participants' records for unit shakedowns, travel to and from the jamboree, and in case more detailed medical information is required at the jamboree. IST and CMT members will keep their own AHMR throughout the jamboree. They will not be collected.

If you have any questions about completing the AHMR, you can reference BSA's FAQ here: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/medical-formfags/>. The AHMR will need to be completed by a licensed healthcare provider (MD, DO, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant). You can print out the document found at this link (Parts A, B, and C): https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf. Lastly, if you would wish to claim an exception for any immunizations, you can access the immunization exception form at this link: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-451.pdf>.

We encourage everyone to have these two medical forms completed as soon as possible, especially the WSJHH form for the host team. The jamboree is fast approaching. We look forward to seeing you all soon!

- Brad and Emily, Safety and Security Team Leaders

You Gotta Have Faith! Update on Chaplain's Program

The 2019 World Scout Jamboree provides a once-in-a-lifetime setting to explore your Duty to God, Duty to Scouting, and Duty to the World. A team of chaplains is being assembled to help you fulfill these duties. Throughout the jamboree our chaplains will be assisting with:

- Spiritual Guidance – Do you need somebody to talk to? Do you have a question about your faith? We are easy to find. We will be sharing a tent in every subcamp and around the jamboree site with the Listening Ears personnel. Stop in and talk to us. We will be glad to listen.
- Corporate Worship – Our chaplaincy team is working closely with the WSJ Faith and Beliefs area to provide worship services during the jamboree. We hope you will take advantage of this opportunity to worship with like-minded believers from around the world.
- Individual Worship - Individual Worship will include daily devotions for your time at the jamboree. Read more about Faith and Beliefs program: <https://wsj2019.us/2019/01/14/27376/>

We could still use additional chaplains. If you know of a Scouter who serves as clergy, please encourage him or her to apply to serve as a chaplain at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. They can apply to be a part of the International Service Team as a Faith and Beliefs Chaplain at www.wsj2019.us/apply.



New World News Hits the Streets

A new newsletter designed to provide information for the members of the IST has been launched. It is called New World News. Two issues have already been published. Be on the lookout for this great source of information. If you are in the IST and haven't received the newsletter, email IST2019@gmail.com.

USA Contingent IST are invited to join us on Facebook - 24th World Scout Jamboree 2019 - USA IST Group Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/USAIST/>

IST Facebook group is intended for those from the United States who will be attending the 2019 World Scout Jamboree as members of the International Service Team (IST). It will be used to share information, answer questions, and meet each other. It is moderated by commissioners from the USA Contingent Management Team. As this group is specifically for USA IST only, any posts that are unrelated to IST or for countries other than the United States will not be approved.

Update on the Guidebook and Supplement

The members of the Publications team are currently working on materials outside the newsletters to share with all of the contingent members (including guidebook and/or supplements)! In order to make sure content is completely accurate, we are coordinating the ideas and content pieces with the Host. You should be receiving the Guidebook, which has a comprehensive list of information about the jamboree, very soon. We appreciate your patience and your passion for Scouting adventures as we work!



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Trivia

In December of 1999 and January of 2000, the only cold weather International Winter Scout Jamboree was held. In what country was it held?

Tag us @WSJ2019USA with your answer! We'll reveal the story behind the question in January.

In our last newsletter, our trivia question was:

What is the only National Scout Organization in WOSM that does not include the name of their country in their organization's name?

In case you missed the answer, it was the United Kingdom.

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The Jamboree Store is open! Get your 2019 WSJ shirts, patches and gear at: <https://2019-world-jamboree.myshopify.com>



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