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Can you believe we're less than **5 MONTHS** from our experience of a lifetime? That's right, time is flying by... and your Jamboree Committee is starting to see an increase in the amount of details coming from National for our trip. We're expecting more details on unit numbers, insignia and more later this spring... we'll share more at the March 12th meeting. In the meantime, please read this edition carefully for some additional details on what YOU can do to get ready. Did I mention you only have 5 months?

Mandatory Information Meeting—March 12th

A MANDATORY meeting for all participants will be held on Sunday, March 12, 2023 from 2 to 4 PM at the Asmark Institute Training Center in Bloomington. The address is 14171 Carole Drive. The facility is located north of Route 9, just west of Rivian Parkway on the west side of Bloomington. Carole Drive runs NORTH off Route 9 at Motion Industries. Agenda items will include:

Youth Leadership Introductions
Patrol assignments, elections and name selection
Program Updates
Patch Orders
T-shirt Orders
Q&A and Much, Much More!

Be prepared to provide the following as you arrive (or before the end of the meeting):

- Confirm T-Shirt sizes
- Confirm Name and Address for name and luggage tags
- Turn in SIGNED Whitewater Rafting agreement and PAYMENT if interested
- Turn in Patch Order Forms (for additional patches)
- Any overdue payments
- Medical Forms will be accepted (Part A and B will be required at Shakedown)

2023 Jamboree Reminders

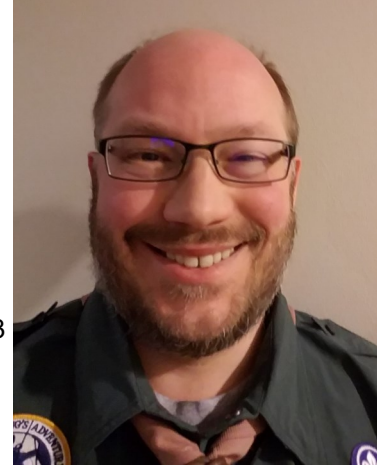
Here are a couple of reminders for Jamboree attendees:

- ☐ March payments are due on **03/15/2023!** Be sure to get your payments in to the Council, or make payment at the March 12th meeting.
- ☐ Check your medical forms! Make sure you have an appointment scheduled with your medical provider for your Part C and Jamboree Risk Advisory Form. All parts of the required health forms must be dated after **July 29, 2022.**
- ☐ Consider your fitness... are you fit for Jambo? It's never too early to get in shape.
- ☐ A Scout is thrifty—save now for the rest of your fees and any new equipment you might need for Jamboree!



Leader Profile: Doug Schwalm

Jambo Position: Crew Advisor, 2023 Jamboree Crew #####
Home Unit: Crew 4242 (Troop 8888) Normal, IL
Home Unit Position: Advisor (Scoutmaster)
Home Town: Normal, IL
Home District: Crossroads
Scouting History: Boy Scout, Hiawathaland Council 1981-1987, Den Leader Pack 3919 W. D. Boyce Council, 2012-2014, Cubmaster Pack 3919 2014-2017, COR, Committee Chair for Crew 4242 2015, Advisor Crew 4242 2016-23, Scoutmaster Troop 8888 2019-23
Scouting Awards: Eagle 1985
Various Knots, including District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver and Honor Medal



Previous Jamboree Experience: National Jamboree 1985 (Fort A.P. Hill VA), World Jamboree 1983 (Calgary, ALB), Crew Advisor C5424D 2017 (Summit Bechtel Reserve)

OA Membership: Ordeal 1983
Brotherhood 1984
OA service 1983-1987 Ag-Im Lodge #156
OA member 2015- Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge #23
OA Vigil Member 2019
Mattamechen Chapter Advisor 2017-2022
Wenasa Quenhotan Lodge Advisor 2023-

Personal Interests: Economics/Statistics, Gardening, Parenting, History, Health Care Policy, Education Policy, Languages

Family Scouting and Other Interesting Facts: Two kids: Robert, 16yrs T957 and Gabi, 19 yrs T8888 (Eagle Scout)
Rotary Youth Exchange Officer/District Chair, Toastmasters Treasurer

Born a "Troll", raised a "Yooper" in MI, Exchange student in Germany during fall of the Wall, Undergrad=Wolverine, Doctorate in Berkeley, CA ; First job as a "Cajun" as an Econ professor at LSU, Econ professor at ISU before jumping out of Ivory tower into State Farm as a Data Scientist.

Why are you in Scouting? To give back, both for my own kids and others

Thoughts on Jambo: Great way to invest in yourself, and in your unit. Have a great time, but bring back attitude and skills that can help others.



Transportation Update

As you can imagine, transportation is one of our biggest expenses for the Contingent, and Committee Member **Eric Hoadley** has been working diligently to get our transportation in place for the trip. One item we've learned since previous Jamborees (and since our November meeting) is that our local bus providers are no longer allowing overnight driving between midnight and 5 a.m.

This means our busses will depart earlier on July 18th, with an overnight stop on the way. Details are still being ironed out, but we're expecting a departure between 9 and 10 am on July 18, 2023 instead of the evening departure we may have mentioned. At this point we don't expect an overnight stay on the way home. We'll have all the details at the March meeting, but we wanted you to be aware so you could plan early!





Leader Profile: Graham Mullett

Jambo Position: Scoutmaster, 2023 Jambo Boy Troop #####
Home Unit: Troop 86 Mackinaw
Home Unit Position: Scoutmaster
Home Town: Mackinaw, IL (formerly Springfield, IL)
Home District: Wotamalo District

Scouting History: Life Scout as a Youth, 10+ Years as an Adult Leader (Pack 3086, Troop 86) NYLT Course Director/SM 2019-2020, Woodbadge participant 2013, Woodbadge Staff 2016-2018.

Scouting Awards: Wotamalo Spark Plug Award, District Award of Merit

Previous Jamboree Experience: 1989 Youth Participant, 2021 Jamboree committee

OA Membership: Brotherhood, LEC Quartermaster Advisor

Personal Interests: Cooking, Camping, Fishing, Shooting Sports, Travel, Boating, Hunting, Family Scouting

Other Interesting Facts: Our whole family are registered scouts/scouters, Attended 1989 National Jamboree at Fort AP Hill, Cooked meals for many Celebrities and Sports Personalities, Won 2019 Food Fight Competition, Worked alongside White House Chef, and several Top Chef/Chopped winners for Special Events.

Why are you in Scouting? Keeps me grounded personally. Is the best way to teach youth leadership. I want to help my own sons enjoy the same opportunities that I had as a Scout.

Thoughts on Jambo: I am very excited to be a part of the adult leadership team for Jamboree. I am looking forward to learning about the scouts that will be joining us on this adventure and helping to create the best possible experience.



Uniform Uniformity *Scouting patch placement for Jamboree*

As a member of the W. D. Boyce Jamboree Contingent, you represent not only Scouting, but your Troop or Crew and Council. It's important to look your best—which means getting the right patches/badges all sewn on **and in the correct location**. The OFFICIAL place to look for correct placement is the [Guide to Awards and Insignia | Boy Scouts of America \(scouting.org\)](https://www.scouting.org/resources/insignia-guide/) (<https://www.scouting.org/resources/insignia-guide/>).

Since your unit numbers, council strip patch (CSP), and other items for Jamboree are specific to your Jamboree experience many scouts will buy a uniform shirt just for jamboree... make it look sharp! Some specific items to remember:

- Not every patch can (or should) be sewn on the uniform (Totin' Chip, for example, though shaped like a pocket flap, is not sewn on the uniform).
- The uniform inspection sheet is a great summary (see the link above for the one you need)
- Leave room for your nametag! (below NSJ patch, above the right pocket)
- Jamboree specific CSP's, and other patches are on order and will be distributed as soon as possible!





Leader Profile: Gwyn Krause



Jambo Position: Scoutmaster, 2023 Jambo Girl Troop #####
Home Unit: Troop 5050G Mossville
Home Unit Position: Scoutmaster
Home Town: Chillicothe, IL
Home District: Heartland District

Scouting History: 4+ Years as an Adult Leader, Advancement Coordinator
T50 and T5050, Founding and current SM of T5050G
Woodbadge participant 2021

Scouting Awards: (Part of) Heartland Couple of the Year

Previous Jamboree Experience: None

OA Membership: Ordeal 2022 (working on Brotherhood!)

Personal Interests: Camping, Hiking, Cooking, Reading, Fiber Arts (sewing, spinning, knitting, weaving), Shooting Sports, Upland Hunting

Family Scouting and Other Interesting Facts: Whole family are registered scouts or scouters. Married to an Eagle scout, son is an Eagle Scout, daughter is Life Scout. Working on 27 years at Caterpillar, 17 in regulatory compliance. Prior to that I was an on-air voice for various Public Radio stations in the region and have done voice-over recording for training videos. Before scouting I spent 20 years doing historical reenactment, focused on the middle ages.

Why are you in Scouting? While I've always been aware of scouting and my son came up through Cub Scouts, I didn't participate myself until I was asked to fill a specific adult role for Troop 50. I jumped in with both feet and haven't really looked back. When we had interested girls show up at a meeting, I took on the new challenge of leading a girls troop. It has been an incredible journey. I get a great deal of personal satisfaction seeing youth learn and grow. I like to see them face their own challenges and discover who they are on the other side. I am having as much fun as they are.

Thoughts on Jambo: I am excited to be part of the adult leadership for Jamboree. I am looking forward to getting to know all of the scouts in the troop and seeing how they work together and discover new experiences at this one-of-a-kind event.

Adult Training Required

Adult leaders and chaperones for the 2023 National Jamboree are required to have not only valid YPT training, but must complete a council provided **IN PERSON training** called Understanding and Preventing Youth-on-Youth Abuse. We are working to schedule a time for this training, more information will be provided at the March 12th meeting.





Whitewater Rafting Information

One of the most memorable experiences listed by Jamboree participants at The Summit Bechtel Reserve is the Whitewater River Rafting Experience. This is an **OPTIONAL activity** that takes place during one of your 10 days at the Jamboree. **The \$125.00 fee is in addition to your W. D. Boyce National Jamboree contingent fee.**

The Jamboree's River Rafting experience offers rafting on three sections of the scenic New River – which is the oldest river in North America! The sections of the New River will be Class I – III+ rapids. Each raft has a professional river guide provided by local outfitters.

Participation requires preregistration with the National Jamboree and approval by the local council. Also required is a [permission waiver](#) authorized/signed by a parent/guardian, completed, and brought with you to the Jamboree. Walk in participation is not an option.

River Rafting does NOT close due to weather, including thunderstorms. The cost is \$125 per person.

TIME TO COMPLETE: 4 to 6 hours depending on water level.

To assist in tracking, we've placed the permission waiver online at <https://form.jotform.com/230334103248040>

You can complete the form online, and it will be recorded for our records and EMAILED to you. You **MUST PRINT AND SIGN THE FILLED PDF FORM AND BRING IT TO THE MARCH 12th MEETING WITH PAYMENT.** (Blank forms will be available on March 12th if you forget).

In order to be guaranteed River Rafting tickets, we must place our order with National IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE MARCH 12th MEETING.

THIS WILL BE YOUR ONLY OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP FOR RAFTING—NO EXCEPTIONS.

What's in a Name?

At the March 12th meeting, you'll find out who your other patrol members are for Jamboree... be thinking of what YOUR VISION OF SUCCESS is for your patrol!

Patrol leadership elections, naming and other patrol organization activities will take place. Bring your ideas for your patrol name!

Are you "Up to Date" on your Payments?

To help you manage your expenses, we've set up a payment schedule for those attending Jamboree. This was included in your original paperwork you signed for the event.

Your \$250 down payment was collected at signup, with payments of \$350 due on:

- September 15, 2022
- November 15, 2022
- January 15, 2023
- **March 15, 2023**



A final payment due May 15, 2023 is expected to be \$350.00 but could be modified based on final details and planned expenses for the event.

Patch Update

We are still working on getting our fundraiser patch back from the vendor and our contingent patch designs finalized. We'll provide a current update at the March 12 meeting!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS ...for the Mandatory Training/ Shakedown Campout

The MANDATORY Jamboree Training/Shakedown Campout for all youth and adults will be **May 5-7, 2023** at Ingersoll Scout Reservation. We will share more information in an upcoming edition of the **Jamboree Journal**, but you should plan on bringing all your gear *just as you would if you were leaving for Jamboree*. Also, you should bring a printed **AND SIGNED** copy of your Annual Health and Medical Record (ASHMR), **Parts A, B, and C**, to leave with your Scoutmaster. We will need this information for our trip to and from the Jamboree, since online versions are limited to Jamboree Medical staff.

Packing List (updated location)

The packing list we shared at the November meeting is posted on the W. D. Boyce website. To find it, select Calendar & Events, > 2023 Jamboree > Links and Documents. Or, you can just click this link: [Links & Documents - W. D. Boyce Council, BSA \(wdboyce.org\)](https://www.wdboyce.org/links-and-documents-2023-jamboree).

Several good packing links and even packing videos can be found on the internet.

A Scout Shop Blog site is located here: <https://www.scoutshop.org/blog/how-to-pack-for-the-2023-jamboree.html>

Another video (from the 2017 Jamboree) can be found here: <http://tinyurl.com/JamboDuffle>

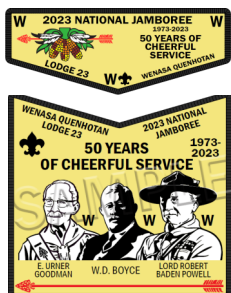
If you have equipment questions, feel free to ask us at wdboyce.jambo2023@gmail.com

Did You Know? The contingent will provide name tags and unit numerals for participants as part of your fee... No need to order your own from the National Jamboree website.

Got BLING?

The National Scout Shop has started receiving 2023 NSJ logo merchandise! Water bottles, stickers, belts and buckles, and more are available at [2023 National Jamboree \(scoutshop.org\)](https://www.scoutshop.org/2023-national-jamboree) (<https://www.scoutshop.org/2023-national-jamboree>). Check back often and search for "National Jamboree" - new items are being added regularly and some items don't show up on the main page listed above.

Note: Most of these items will be available at the Jamboree Trading Post, in addition to items ONLY AVAILABLE onsite. This year, the Trading Post will be accepting iPay, Google Pay, Scout Shop gift cards as well as debit and credit cards. We will discuss the pros/cons of each of these at the March 12th meeting.



OA Patches Still Available

If you are an OA Member, the Commemorative WQ23 Jambo 2023 patches are still available at the March 12th meeting for **\$25** or from the WQ Lodge Trading Post.

Non-OA members can also purchase these patches (Why would you want them? Well, to trade, of course!)

What If I Lose My Phone?

Our phones have become part of our critical gear—have you thought about how you would get it back if you lost it at the Jamboree?

One of the easiest ways to get your phone back is to have contact information on your lock screen such as: "This is Johnny Smith's phone. If found, please call Jane Smith at 309-123-4567". (of course, you wouldn't have them call the cell number of the lost phone, right?!)

At Jamboree, we'll provide information you can add to your lock screen to get the phone back to your subcamp and campsite.