

Dear Scout and Parents,

Next summer, in late July, tens of thousands of Scouts and their leaders will gather at Fort A. P. Hill in Virginia for the Boy Scout National Jamboree. From July 26-Aug. 4, 2010, Scouts will experience an incredible array of activities, exhibits and shows. This event, held every four years, must be experienced to be believed. The 2010 jamboree was delayed one year to coincide with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting in the United States.



### ***Scouting Paradise, Jamboree Style***

Nestled in the rolling green hills of Virginia, close to our nation's capital, Fort A.P. Hill lies near many historical Civil War landmarks. This 76,000-acre facility has hosted the national Scout jamboree since 1981. The Boy Scouts of America uses approximately 3,000 acres of land to support a city of more than 43,000 Scouts and leaders.

### ***What is There to Do?***

You name it! The jamboree program reflects the skills of Scouting—physical fitness, environmental conservation, our national heritage, and the true spirit of Scouting.

See yourself rappelling, discovering scuba, kayaking, rafting, and sailing. Experience trap shooting, archery, bikeathlons, buckskin games, confidence courses, conservation trail, and more! There is not enough time in the day for all the exciting activities that are there waiting for you to try.

Daily activities include an incredible merit badge midway, arts and sciences, a re-creation of Baden-Powell's original Scout camp on Brownsea Island, an American Indian village, regional entertainment stages, and many other activities. The arena shows (traditionally including a visit by the President of the United States) are a highlight for all participants. The jamboree is Scouting at its very best!

### ***Boy Scout & Varsity Scout Qualifications***

Boy Scouts must be at least First Class Scouts. They must have completed the sixth grade or be at least 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, but not have reached their 18th birthday by August 4, 2010. All Boy Scouts must participate in a pre-jamboree training experience; file a complete Personal Health and Medical Record prior to the pre-jamboree training; have been active in a troop or team for at least six months prior to July 1, 2010; and be approved by their Scoutmaster and local council.

### ***Kashrut and Shabbat Observance***

In keeping with the rules of our charter partner (Solomon Schechter Day School of Essex and Union), all Scouts will be expected to eat Kosher (that requires ordering Kosher meals for the Jamboree and pre-jamboree training), be Shomer Shabbat in all travel before, during and after the jamboree and wear a hat or kippah at all times.

### ***How Much Will It Cost?***

The jamboree fee covers shelter, food, insurance, equipment, program material, transportation, tours, and pre-jamboree training. The total fee is shown in the Local Council Jamboree Information Sheet. Total fee is \$1560.00. There is a \$10 nonrefundable processing fee due at submission of this application. Print your confirmation, get your **Scoutmaster signature of approval**, and return the confirmation along with your \$100 deposit to your local council. Your council will notify you if selected to attend and will provide you with the payment schedule.

To submit an application for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, go to [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org) and log in. After logging in, go to “Event Reservations” then “Jamboree.” Then choose the Youth Application link. When submitting the application, there will be a \$10 nonrefundable processing fee payable by credit card. This is not part of the jamboree fee if you are selected to attend the jamboree.

### ***Refund Policy***

If you sign up for the jamboree and then find you cannot attend, you will receive a refund only if your council has an alternate to take your place. Your local council has a refund policy and it is explained in the Local Council Jamboree Information Sheet.

### ***Important***

You are not guaranteed a spot at the jamboree until you receive written notification from our council, the Northern NJ Council. If in doubt, please contact one of the troop’s adult leaders.

### ***What you must do, if you want to attend***

1. Immediately go to [www.MyScouting.org](http://www.MyScouting.org) and fill out a youth application, paying the \$10 fee with a credit card. Print out your confirmation.
2. **Get Scoutmaster Mike Schatzberg to approve your confirmation.**
3. Send your signed confirmation and a check for \$100, made payable to Northern NJ Council, BSA, and mail it to:

Northern NJ Council, BSA  
Attn: National Jamboree  
25 Ramapo Valley Road  
Oakland, NJ 07436

4. Let Scoutmaster Mike Schatzberg or Assistant Scoutmaster Rabbi Lisa Vernon know about any and all communications you receive regarding the jamboree.

### ***For more information***

Our local council has information at [www.nnjbsa.org](http://www.nnjbsa.org), then click where you see the jamboree logo on “Click here for more information”

The BSA national web site has information at [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org).