

To All Capitol Area Council Scoutmasters:

Please pass along to the Scouts in your troop the invitation to join the Capitol Area Council Contingent to the 2010 National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. This is one of the most significant and exciting events in which 144 lucky Scouts from the Capitol Area Council can join more than 35,000 Scouts from the United States and Foreign countries.

The 2010 National Scout Jamboree program reflects the skills of Scouting, our national heritage, physical fitness, environmental conservation, religious beliefs, and the true spirit of Scouting. Daily activities include archery, shotgun shooting, a biathlon, running obstacle courses, rappelling, buckskin games, confidence courses, conservation programs, scuba, kayaking, small boat sailing, the Merit Badge Midway, an arts and science fair, an American Indian village, and many other activities. There are magnificent opening and closing arena shows as well as daily stage shows. Religious services will provide a time for reflection. Of course there is plenty of patch trading too.

The Capitol Area Council will send 4 provisional troops to the Jamboree with each troop consisting of 36 Scouts and 4 adult Scouters. To attend, a scout must be registered with the Council as a Boy Scout or Varsity Scout, 12 years of age by July 1, 2010 but not 18 by August 4, 2010, and at least First Class in rank. All Jamboree participants must take part in the pre-Jamboree training, file a completed Personal Health and Medical Record, be active in a troop or team for at least six months prior to July 1, 2010 and be approved by the unit leader and the Capitol Area Council.

The Council Contingent will depart Austin on Saturday, July 24, 2010 for two days of touring in and around Washington D.C., followed by ten days of Scouting at its very best at the Jamboree, and returning August 4, 2010. The cost of the Jamboree is \$2,500.00, which includes transportation, lodging, touring, meals and Jamboree 2010.

Selection for the Jamboree is on a first come first served basis. While there cannot be a guarantee to selection to a Jamboree troop, odds of selection are increased if a Scout applies NOW. We anticipate troops will be full and a waiting list created for Scouts applying after December 31, 2008. Because the next National Jamboree after 2010 will not be until 2013, Scouts who are 15 or older by August 2010 will not have another opportunity to attend a National Jamboree experience as a youth. Thus, the 2010 National Jamboree will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for most of the currently-registered Scouts in your troop.

To submit an application for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, go to www.MyScouting.org and log in. After logging in, go to "Event Reservations" then "Jamboree." Then choose the Youth Participant Application link. When submitting the application, there will be a \$10 non-refundable processing fee payable by credit card. This is not part of the Jamboree fee if selected to attend the Jamboree. Additional information is available at the official website, <http://www.bsajambo ree.org/>, or at the

Council website <http://www.bsacac.org/CampingEvents/NationalJamboree.php> or by contacting Bill Dugat at 512-404-7860.