

Dear Jubilee Scout:

You have been assigned to Troop 23, comprising the councils of Central and Eastern New York for your Jubilee trip.

We will probably have much to discuss before our meeting at Valley Forge so please read carefully.

Payments:

Be sure you keep up your payment schedule well ahead of required dates. I would suggest sending your check at least 10 days ahead of the requested date to your council office so it can be forwarded to the Regional office in plenty of time. There are several applicants on a waiting list.

This would make your schedule April 5 - \$200. ✓ 3/27
May 20 - \$450. ✓ 5/15

Knapsacks:

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The best knapsack available for our particular use is a Norwegian Bergan Rucsac, weight 4 pounds, this sells for \$27.50 in New York. The Regional Contingent leaders voted to secure these direct from Norway for all boys and leaders in the Region at a special price of \$16.00. They will be delivered to each Scoutmaster. I wish I could meet with each of you and give all the reasons for using this pack, but please realize that you will be living out of this for almost 2 months, and it is important that you have a good adequate pack. Because of the need to make this decision in time to order and receive the pack, these have been ordered. It will now be necessary for you to send me direct, to 89 Third St., Troy, N. Y., \$16.00 so I can forward this to the person ordering the Rucsacs. DO THIS NOW as this is a personal arrangement and no one person can afford to advance the money for the contingent. When I receive your Rucsac, I will forward it to you.

Spending Money:

\$100 maximum per boy is recommended as enough spending money. If you wish to make special purchases of clothes, cameras, watches, etc., please secure permission from me (as your Scoutmaster) to take additional. We do not object to you taking additional money, but believe it should be controlled. This is the policy of all Troops. Money will be carried in the form of American Express checks, preferably in \$10 denominations so that you will not be to accumulate foreign money.

Shots:

You are required to have small pox vaccination. It is strongly recommended that you also have: Typhoid (particularly), and Tetnus, Pôlio, and Dyptheria as well. Be sure you have a record of these shots.

Band and Indian Dancing:

? If you are interested in playing in the band or have any experience in Indian Dancing, please contact: Stanley S Merrell, Region II, Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Ave., New York 16, N. Y. for an application. Don't be bashful, you will get more training and practice and have fun.

Equipment:

Get your red wool jacket as soon as possible. This is the wool jacket #552, there may be a shortage. Sew the Explorer insignia on the left pocket. Jamboree insignias will go on right pocket.

Get a sturdy Duffel bag preferably with a good lock, either at National Supply or Army Surplus.

No special sweater will be used, just get a good wool one with long sleeves (it can get cold).

At least 3 and better still 4 complete uniforms will probably be needed. (no long trousers or civilian clothes will be worn)

Two pair of sturdy broken in shoes are recommended.

Extra patches and badges should be secured as the European laundries are rough, and they are apt to come off.

An extra pair of glasses (If you wear them) and their prescription, and a spare key for your duffel bag should be brought along.

Get #3226 Boy Scout Songbook, and learn some of the songs, we will be using it a lot.

Rubber air mattresses are recommended over plastic, they hold up better.

Arrival at Valley Forge:

You must plan to be at Valley Forge, section 28, by 4:00 P. M., July 9th, earlier if possible, but not before lunch. The first day will be the hardest, as we must get our tents up etc. before dark. I would welcome this opportunity to meet your parents if they plan to bring you.

End of Trip:

The trip officially ends at Hoboken, N. Y., September 6th (depending on weather). You will have to arrange to be met there. Your parents will be notified if the landing is not as scheduled.

Troop Neckerchief:

If you have suggestions for a Troop neckerchief, please let me know. We have been assigned the color blue for our troop neckerchiefs and to identify our equipment.

Log Book or Diary:

Get a good sturdy book that can be carried in your pocket yet big enough to make many notes. This will help when you return. Also a good supply of addressed post cards and envelopes. Keep a record of what you buy and the price of items for import records.

Passports:

You will receive a special passport blank so that you will not have to pay the full price. Find out what you will need (certified birth certificate, 2 pictures, etc.) so that you can get this underway as soon as these arrive.

Swap Items:

The emphasis will be on exchange of gifts rather than trying to get the best "deal". Metal and cloth badges, scout belts and hats are prized items to scouts of other lands. I would welcome suggestions from you on any material or ideas in this regard.

Smoking:

It has been agreed that there will be no smoking by Jubilee scouts.

Publicity:

We will want the mailing address of your larger papers and key radio stations. One of our jobs will be to keep them informed. Please send me a list of these for my file. I will arrange to have our copy sent to my office and redistributed to your larger papers and stations.

Rope Making:

We have agreed to demonstrate rope making. If you have a machine or plans for one, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Insignia:

The enclosed list will give you complete instructions on the use of insignia, we want to look right but not over decorated.

I look forward to meeting you personally.

Best of Scouting



Bernard C. Hains
Scoutmaster Troop 23
Jubilee Jamboree

Enclosed: Insignia sheets