

February 8, 1957

Dear Jubilee Jamboree Scout:

Plans for our trip to the National Jamboree, the Jubilee Jamboree and for our tour of Europe are shaping up to the extent where it is possible to give you some fairly definite information. You can expect a few changes in the following information and you can expect to receive additional information about every month, between now and the time we leave.

OUR SCHEDULE

July 9th - Report at Valley Forge for Pre-Jamboree Training by 4:00 P.M.

July 12th- National Jamboree Opens

July 19th- Jubilee Jamboree Delegation leaves the National Jamboree by Train to board ship, probably at Hoboken.

July 31st- Arrive at Plymouth, England.

August 1st to 12th - Jubilee Jamboree-Sutton Park

August 13th - Leave for European Tour

We will stay overnight in the following cities in the order listed:

Two nights in London, one night in Brussels, one night in Amsterdam, one night in Dusseldorf, one night in Wiesbaden, one night in Heidelberg, one night in Basle, one night in Lucerne, 1 night in Montreaux, one night in Geneva, three or four nights in Paris. We will sail from Le Harve for home.

September 6th or 7th- Arrive in Hoboken.

TRANSPORTATION TO AND FROM YOUR HOME

It will be your responsibility to arrange your transportation to Valley Forge where you will report at Section 28 on July 9th for our Pre-Jamboree training. It will also be necessary for you to arrange for your transportation from Hoboken on either September 6th or 7th to your home. We recommend where a number of Scouts go from a council that they plan their transportation together. Your Council leader and your Troop Scoutmasters will assist you in your transportation planning. The cost of this transportation is not included in your fee.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Enclosed is a list of the required and optional uniform parts and equipment that you will need.

Check these lists carefully and discuss with your local Council Advisor before placing your order with your local Scout Distributor. Your Council office and your Distributor have Jamboree catalogs that show the items.

There is a special price on the complete uniform as you will note on the order blank.

Note that we wish you to wait for further instructions before buying a sweater or your backpack.

Do not buy a sweater or a pack until you receive further instruction.

We are advised that it is very cold at night at the Jamboree Site so you will want to take along warm bedding. This bedding will be transported directly from the National Jamboree to the Jubilee Jamboree without handling by you. When the Jubilee Jamboree is over, it will be picked up by the American Express Company there and we will next see it when we arrive at the pier in Hoboken on our return.

PASSPORT

We have been advised that the \$10.00 Passport Fee will be waived for Jubilee Jamboree members, but that we must pay the \$1.00 execution fee that is required. No visas are required. An application will be contained in our next letter. You will be required to show proof of Small Pox vaccination within 3 years. Immunization shots for Tetanus, Polio (3), Typhoid and Diphtheria are recommended.

TRANSPORTATION TO EUROPE

We will travel on either the Castle Bianco or the Castle Felice of the Sitmar Lines for our trip across the ocean. Both ships will sail the same day and arrive home the same day.

EQUIPMENT

Our troops will be equipped with the Standard Supply Service Tentage and Equipment. The first 7 Troops will be equipped with Baker Tents throughout except for the Storage Tent which will be a Wall Tent.

All of our tents and other troop gear will be for sale when we return. Arrangements will be made in advance for the sale of this equipment first to members of the Jubilee Contingent, should they wish to buy it at about 25% off of the wholesale cost. These arrangements will be made at Valley Forge before we leave for England.

PRE-JAMBOREE TRAINING

Our early arrival at Valley Forge will permit us to do our Pre-Jamboree training there.

Should you wish to take the regular National Jamboree Training with your own Council before coming to the Jamboree and then travel with them to the Jamboree, you may do so, if their schedule permits. You must arrive July 9th by 4:00 P. M.

JUBILEE BAND

Our U. S. Contingent will have a band. If you are interested in being part of this organization, please advise me directly, as quickly as possible.

THE JAMBOREE FEE

As outlined in the Jubilee Jamboree folder, \$275.00 of your fee is due now.

The 3rd payment of \$200.00 must be at the Regional Office on April 14th, 1957. The \$450.00 balance of the fee is due at the Regional Office on or before, June 1st.

THE JAMBOREE FEE (continued)

Because of the time necessary to transmit these fees, they should be made to your local Council Office about 5 days ahead of these deadline dates.

This fee has been established to meet our anticipated expenses as listed below. If it does not cost as much as estimated there will be a refund of any balance to each member of the contingent. It is important that we all do everything possible to eliminate any extra costs and to conserve our equipment for resale.

National Jamboree and Jubilee Jamboree Fees and transportation to and from Europe	- \$475.00
Pre-Jamboree Training (July 9 - 11 at Valley Forge)	- 3.60
Sightseeing Tour	- 300.00
Leadership	- 90.00
Equipment (Tents, stoves, tables, display and demonstration materials, food boxes, tent flies, tools, etc.)	- 30.00
Contingency Fee	- 24.40
Regional Fee	- <u>2.00</u>
TOTAL	\$925.00

ORGANIZATION OF TROOPS

Our troops will not be organized until after a meeting of the Jamboree Scoutmasters to be held on March 11. Following this meeting you can expect to receive a letter from your Scoutmaster, following which assignments to patrols and temporary appointments of senior patrol leaders and patrol leaders will be made.

TROOP CAMPS

We will want to make our troop camps as distinctive and interesting as possible. Your Scoutmaster will appreciate your ideas for Gateways, demonstrations, displays and other things that will show the type of Scouting we do in the United States at the Jamboree.

Our Troop camp site areas at both Jamborees will be approximately 100 feet square

Our cooking will be done on charcoal stoves. The regular charcoal briquettes will be supplied for us at the National Jamboree, but in England we will use ordinary charcoal, which is slower than the briquettes.

JUBILEE JAMBOREE BROCHURE

Each of you should have received a copy of the Jubilee Jamboree brochure from your Council Office. This carries a small map of the Sutton Park area and other information.

Cordially yours,
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Jack Merrell
STANLEY S. MERRELL
DEPUTY REGIONAL EXECUTIVE

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Att. Required Uniform for the Jubilee Jamboree.
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