transportation and tour guide

2005 National Scout Jamboree Boy Scouts of America

July 25–August 3, 2005  Caroline County, Virginia
Methods of Transportation

Rail Travel

Amtrak offers group fares, based on inventory availability, for 20 or more passengers traveling together. The adult fare shall be the applicable excursion fare. Youth 15 years and younger may travel at one-half the adult excursion fare at a ratio of two for each adult fare.

Excursion fares are available on an inventory-controlled basis. Advance planning is a must.

All group reservations must be made by calling 800-872-1477.

Train service is available into Fredericksburg, Virginia. A possibility exists of extra sections being made available, as Washington, D.C., is a marshaling area for Amtrak.

Airline

It is possible to negotiate special group airfares with carriers. If your region has not negotiated a fare agreement on behalf of all the participants from that region, you will want to explore the possibility of combining the involvement of other councils that could use the same airline.

A greater number of potential passengers will provide greater savings. All participants will qualify for the current discounted fare. These seats are capacity controlled. You will need to negotiate the number of seats available on each aircraft at the discounted fare.

Buses

You should request proposals from established, reputable companies with equipment suitable for your travel requirements. School buses should not be used except for short trips. Insurance limitations should be reviewed carefully. Equipment replacement capability is an important consideration in case of breakdowns. (Many tours have been ruined because no replacement capability was available.)

Developing Your Tour

Tours are an excellent opportunity for participants to learn the unique attractions of the different areas of our country. Participants should be encouraged to research the points of interest on the selected tour prior to departure. The numerous points of interest which are available near the jamboree site provide a multitude of options which will afford educational and entertaining opportunities for the 2005 National Scout Jamboree participants. Some of the highlights you might wish to consider are:

Washington, D.C.
- The Capitol, Senate, and House of Representatives, White House, Smithsonian Institution, Jefferson Memorial, Arlington Cemetery, the Vietnam Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Kennedy Center, Washington Monument, Mount Vernon, Federal Bureau of Investigation, and others.

New York City

Baltimore, Maryland
- Fort McHenry

Yorktown, Virginia
- Site of Revolutionary War battle and present day Victory Center

Jamestown, Virginia
- Site of first permanent English settlement and present-day Festival Park

Manassas, Virginia
- Site of Manassas National Battlefield Park

Fredericksburg, Virginia
- Site of Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania National Military Park

Richmond, Virginia
- Site of Richmond National Battlefield Park

Petersburg, Virginia
- Site of Petersburg National Battlefield

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Independence Hall, U.S. Mint, Franklin Court, and home of Betsy Ross

Williamsburg, Virginia
- Colonial Williamsburg, a restored 18th century settlement
These are just a few of the many historical areas to be explored. Additional information regarding these and other highlights in the same area can be obtained from:

For Washington, D.C.
Washington, D.C., Convention and Tourism Corp.
1212 New York Avenue NW, Suite 600
Washington, DC 20005
202-789-7000
Fax: 202-789-71037
www.washington.org

For Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau
1515 Market St., Suite 2020
Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-636-3300
Fax: 215-636-3327
www.pcvb.org

OR
Federal Tourist Center
Independence National Historical Park
Third and Chestnutt Street
Philadelphia, PA 19102
215-597-8974

For Virginia
Richmond Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau
401 North 3rd St.
Richmond, VA 23219
1-888-RICHMOND
www.richmondva.org

Williamsburg Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
201 Penniman Road
Williamsburg, VA 23185
800-368-6511
Fax: 757-253-1397
www.visitwilliamsburg.com

Fredericksburg Department of Tourism
706 Caroline St.
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
800-678-4748
540-373-1776
Fax: 540-372-6587
www.rappahannock-web.com

Spotsylvania County
4704 Southpoint Parkway
Fredericksburg, VA 22407
877-515-6197
www.tourism@spotsylvania.va.us

Caroline County Tourism Coordinator
P.O. Box 447B
Bowling Green, VA 22427
804-633-4074
www.co.caroline.va.us

Welcome to Virginia
Official Tourism Corporation
901 East Byrd St.
Richmond, VA 23219
www.virginia.org

For Maryland
Baltimore Area Convention and Visitors Association
100 Light St., 12th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202
877-BALTIMORE
410-837-INFO
www.baltimore.org

New York
NYC & Company
810 Seventh Ave.
New York, NY 10019
214-484-1200
www.nycvisit.com

Other
Scout Coordinator
Battleship USS Alabama Memorial Park
P.O. Box 65
Mobile, AL 36601
800-GANGWAY
Fax: 251-433-2777
www.ussalabama.com

Scout Camping
Patriots Point
Naval and Maritime Museum
40 Patriots Point Road
Mount Pleasant, SC 29464-4377
800-248-3508
843-881-5930
www.state.sc.us/patpt
Planning and Scheduling

Provide ample time for enjoyment of the tour at each attraction. To prevent exhaustion, the recommended total duration for travel and tour should not exceed five days.

Make requests early for transportation service and try to be flexible. The month of July is a peak period.

Overnight Accommodations

Inexpensive overnight accommodations can be made through military installations, colleges or universities, and youth organization facilities. Listed are contacts that can provide information regarding housing and food service available to Scout groups.

Military Installations
United States Army Community Relations Office
Headquarters, Department of Army Public Affairs Office
Attn: Ms. J. C. Bean
Pentagon, Room 2E637
Washington, DC 20310-1508
703-697-7487

Colleges and Universities
Georgetown University
Jacqueline Rack, Director of Housing and Conference Services
Summer Housing
Room 100, Harbin Hall
Washington, DC 20057-1117
202-687-4560
Fax: 202-687-4590
www.summerhousing@georgetown.edu

Howard University
Rev. James Coleman
Resident Life
2401 Fourth Street NW
Washington, DC 20059
202-806-5661
E-mail: jcoleman@howard.edu

Catholic University of America
Brian Halihan or Celso Puente
Conferences and Summer Programs
Housing and Residential Services
106 St. Bonaventure
Washington, DC 20064
202-319-5277
Fax: 202-319-6262
E-mail: cua-summer@cua.edu

Marymount University
Liz Onesty, Director
Conference Center
2807 North Glebe Road
Arlington, VA 22207
703-284-1540
Fax: 703-284-3835
www.marymount.edu
E-mail: eonesty@marymount.edu

University of Maryland, College Park
Tom Flynn
Conference and Visitor Services
0101 Annapolis Hall
College Park, MD 20742-9811
301-314-7884
Fax: 301-314-6993
www.umd.edu/visitors
E-mail: reserve@hiwashington.org

Youth Organization Facilities
Hostelling International—Washington, D.C.
Attn: Group Services Manager
1009 11th Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
202-737-2333
Fax: 202-737-1508
E-mail: reserve@hiwashingtondc.org

The National 4-H Conference Center
Julia Bail
7100 Connecticut Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815-4999
301-961-2800
301-961-2826
www.fourhcouncil.edu

Tidewater Council, BSA
Pipsico Scout Reservation
1032 Heatherwood Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455-6675
757-497-2688
www.tidewaterbsa.com
Selection of Travel Agent/Tour Operators

There are many qualified travel agents/tour operators available who specialize in developing tours. You should establish budget and time parameters and request proposals from those companies which have provided evidence of fiscal responsibility and experience.

Contracts should be reviewed for assurance that all items requested are included, and that cancellation penalties are realistic.

Tour Permit

Each council must file a tour permit with the regional service center. You should refer to Tours and Expeditions, No. 33737C, for assistance in preparing your tour permit application.

Health and Safety

The information contained in Tours and Expeditions, No. 33737C, will provide guidelines in developing the equipment and procedures to ensure the safety of participants.

Insurance

Included in the jamboree fee is accident and sickness insurance for all participants attending the jamboree.

Coverage for registered members of the BSA will be effective during travel from their homes to the jamboree site, from the jamboree site back home, and during their stay at the jamboree. Scouts and leaders also are covered under this program during the time of their prejamboree training.

The schedule of benefits is listed in your Council Jamboree Guide.

Unit and Personal Equipment

The method of transportation selected for your travel to the jamboree will determine the amount and type of unit and personal equipment that can be accommodated. Airline, bus, and train sales personnel can provide maximum sizes and weights permitted. Should you be returning from the jamboree by a different mode of transportation, restrictions regarding personal luggage and unit equipment should be checked and adhered to.

Arrival/Departure Jamboree Site

Transportation to and from the jamboree site will be available for the dates of July 25 and August 3 at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Dulles International Airport. Forms will be supplied to each council and jamboree staff member for requesting transportation assistance. A fee of approximately $25 per person, each way, will be charged. Personal luggage cannot include large trunks, footlockers, or items that you cannot carry. Transportation of troop and patrol equipment must be arranged separately.

Dead Storage

Buses used for transportation, which will stay at the site during the jamboree, will be provided with dead storage space at no cost.

Automobiles and vans used for transportation of participants (Scouts and leaders) will also be parked in the dead storage space at no cost and may not be removed until authorized by the BSA Public Safety Group.

Vehicles with self-contained equipment (toilet facilities) will be required to be emptied prior to being placed in dead storage.

Update

For the latest information, contact the Transportation Service in the national office, S420, telephone 972-580-2203.

Special information and procedures will be shared as needed in the monthly Jamboree Bulletin.

Reference Materials

Tours and Expeditions, No. 33737C

Avoid the Risk Zone

The Risk Zone is a state of physical and mental fatigue that is a major cause of highway crash fatalities. Jamboree troop leaders can heighten their awareness of this danger by reviewing the Driver’s Pledge and the checklist below. Drivers who transport youth to and from jamboree activities should not wait until they are in the car to think about avoiding the Risk Zone. The Driver’s Pledge is a commitment to planning ahead and avoiding killer fatigue. The checklist is a quick reminder of important safe driving tips. Included on the checklist are six conditions to check before heading out each day.

Getting There Safely

- Always use seat belts.
- Turn headlights on for safety.
- Don’t drive when fatigued.
- Load, hitch, and tow trailers correctly.
- Avoid night driving.
- Ensure good mechanical condition.
DRIVER’S PLEDGE

• I will not drive when I feel fatigued. I realize that when I am fatigued, I process information more slowly and less accurately, and this impairs my ability to react in time to avoid accidents.

• I will arrange my schedule so that several days before driving to the prejamboree campout or to or from the jamboree site, I will get a good night’s sleep every night to avoid the cumulative effect of not getting enough sleep.

• I will make trip preparations far enough in advance so that last-minute preparations don’t interfere with my rest.

• I will make travel plans that take into account my personal biological clock and only drive during the part of the day when I know I will be alert.

• I will pace myself if I am a designated driver. I will be smart about engaging in physical activities during the prejamboree and jamboree activities and will make sure that I will be ready to drive alert.

DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO KEEP SCOUTS SAFE.
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