The Jamboree Food Team leadership attended the last meeting of the Logistics Group earlier this month. This meeting marked the final time before the Jamboree that all the Food Team volunteer leaders and their professional counterparts would assemble to set in place the final planning for this grand event. Let us share some of the topics that are likely to be of greater interest to you as you prepare to attend as well.

Staff will all be asked to arrive and register at Bradley Crossings. This is a large, surprisingly flat, piece of ground off Route 19 just north of the Crossroads Mall. Whether you arrive by personal vehicle or take an airport shuttle, this is your target starting point for the Jamboree. There you will be put through a simple, predictable, checklist of things: verification you are paid in full; confirmation you have taken Youth Protection Training for both Boy Scouts AND Venturing on or after July 25, 2012 (within one year of the end of the Jamboree); and then the all important medical review process (noting principally whether in fact on the day of your arrival you meet the published BMI standards that will be enforced without exception). Assuming you sail through all of these, your next step depends on your mode of transportation so let’s discuss each.

If you arrived by airport shuttle, you will be directed to buses at Bradley Crossings that will transport you to The Summit and particularly Staff Basecamp E. If you arrived by personal vehicle, you will be directed to the staff dead storage parking lot where you will park your car. As you drive up, up and up, you will think you are heading to the top of the Summit. Well not quite for Garden Ground Mountain is higher but not by much. The old rock quarry atop another peak has been graded to accommodate thousands of staff cars that also need a home during the Jamboree. Then from there you will board a shuttle bus which will transport you to Staff Basecamp E.

Now we need to share a critical word or two about those bus shuttles you need to take. They are NOT just first come, first served. Each of you has been asked to register with Transportation Management Services (TMS) indicating your day and time of arrival at the site. TMS registration is precisely for the purpose of shuttle bus management and let me suggest that you have a real self interest in registering – for if you don’t you will wait until there is a seat on a bus after all others with ‘TMS tickets’ are seated. Picture it as flying standby out of a busy airport – you might get lucky but you might wait hours. That risk is completely avoidable by
registering! Issue VIII of *Food For Thought* detailed step by step the process which for your convenience starts with clicking this link:

http://www.tms.com/2013Jamboree/

If you have any questions getting through the registration process, please look back at that February issue.

Once at Basecamp E you should look for signs that say “Logistics” and “Food”. These will direct you to our check-in location and members of our welcome wagon will help you with many aspects of your settling – from tent housing to finding the other staff members with whom you will work. We are putting the touches on the final details of the arrival plan so watch for that in a future issue of *Food For Thought*.

Now we know well that you likely have had and will have more questions about this or that topic. Some will be large and important while others small but nevertheless burning in one’s mind. We are suggesting please that you reach out to the Food Team area leaders with those questions. These are the folks who will run the show as it relates to food during the Jamboree and it is best to get to know and work with them now. They are:

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Ray Porter, Food Team Publicity and Media Lead, lightninray@yahoo.com

We hope that helps answer a few of those nagging questions but also enables you to keep others coming now that you have quite a few folks to ask!
One other key topic is staff assignments. Ultimately all of us are just members of the Food Team and we will work together on all aspects of the food provision for the Jamboree. That said, for registration and tenting purposes as well as your initial work detail we have the following major areas: Food/Ice, Specialty Food, Staff Dining, Retail Food (including Staff Camp Snack Bar which bears the now dated name Garden Ground Mountain Food) and Food Team Operations. By the fact you are receiving this newsletter we know that each of you has received a letter of appointment to one of these Food Team areas. So that everyone may see who is on our team, and where, we are attaching a roster by major area with names, hometown and email addresses indicated. This may help those of you who wish to carpool or even just to satisfy curiosity about the cross representation of our staff.

Finally we want to remind you that food team apparel, patches and much more are all available online for your perusing and purchasing pleasure. The link directly to the Jamboree Food Team store is:

http://store.standardrulegear.com/pri.html

One post script as well is to watch for your duffel bag . . . word on the street is that it is in the mail.

See you at the 2013 Jamboree!