

# TRANSPORTATION AND TOUR GUIDE

2010 National Scout Jamboree Boy Scouts of America





# **Methods of Transportation**

#### **Rail Travel**

Amtrak offers group fares, based on inventory availability, for 20 or more passengers traveling together. Discounts of up to 20 percent may be available for each 20 paying passengers. 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, or use the online group travel form at www.amtrak.com, fax to 800-872-2398, or e-mail groupsales@amtrak.com.

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. A minimum of one chaperone is required for every six minors younger than 18.

#### **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 encour-

aged to research the points of interest on the selected tour prior to departure. The numerous points of interest near the jamboree site provide a multitude of options which will afford educational and entertaining opportunities for the 2010 National Scout Jamboree participants. Some of the highlights you might wish to consider are:

#### Washington, D.C.

The Capitol, Senate, 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**

United Nations Headquarters, Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center, Radio City Music Hall, The Trump Tower, and Central Park.

#### 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. 901 7th St. NW, Fourth Floor Washington, DC 20001-3719 202-789-7000 Fax: 202-789-7037

#### For Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

www.washington.org

Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau 1700 Market St., Ste. 3000 Philadelphia, PA 19103 215-636-3300 Fax: 215-636-3327 www.philadelphiausa.travel

#### 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 N. 3rd St. Richmond, VA 23219 1-800-370-9004 www.visit.richmond.com

Williamsburg Area Convention and Visitors Bureau P.O. Box 3495 421 N. Boundary St. Williamsburg, VA 23187 800-368-6511

Fax: 757-229-6511

www.visitwilliamsburg.com

Fredericksburg Department of Tourism 706 Caroline St. Fredericksburg, VA 22401 800-678-4748

540-373-1776 Fax: 540-372-6587 www.visitfred.com Spotsylvania Visitor Center 4704 Southpoint Parkway Fredericksburg, VA 22407 800-654-4118 540-891-6670

E-mail: tourism@spotsylvania.va.us www.visitfred.com

Caroline County Tourism Coordinator P.O. Box 447B 117 Ennis St. Bowling Green, VA 22427 804-633-5380 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 212-484-1200 www.nycvisit.com

#### Other

Scout Coordinator
Battleship USS *Alabama*Memorial Park
P.O. Box 65
Mobile, AL 36601–0065
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
866-831-1720
843-884-2727
www.patriotspoint.org

# **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: Col. Timothy Walters 1500 Army Pentagon ID470 Washington, DC 20310-1500 703-697-8193

# **Colleges and Universities**

Georgetown University
Jacqueline Rack, Director of Housing
and Conference Services
Summer Housing
Room 100, Harbin Hall
Washington, DC 20057-1117
202-687-3001
Fax: 202-687-4590

1 dx. 202 007 4000

www.summerhousing@georgetown.edu

Howard University
Marc D. Lee
Asst. Dean of Residence Life
2401 Fourth Street NW
Washington, DC 20059
202-806-6131
E-mail: mdlee2@howard.edu

Catholic University of America Brian Halihan or Celso Puente Conferences and Summer Programs Housing and Residential Services 620 Michigan Ave. NE 160 Cardinal Hall Washington, DC 20064

202-319-5277 Fax: 202-319-6262

rax: 202-319-0202

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, Associate Director Conference and Visitor Services 8400 Baltimore Ave., Ste. 100 College Park, MD 20740 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 Troop must secure a National Tour Permit from the regional service center even if the trip is less than 500 miles. They are available at Scouting Safely on Scouting.org Form # 4419.

#### 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**

Troop transportation to and from the jamboree site will be available for the dates of July 26 and August 4 at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport, Dulles International Airport, and Richmond, Va., airport. 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 Security Service, Enterprise Risk Management Group. The primary mode of transportation upon arrival at the Jamboree is walking. Personal vehicles are prohibited to be used as transport around the Jamboree.

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 jambotransport@netbsa.org.

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**

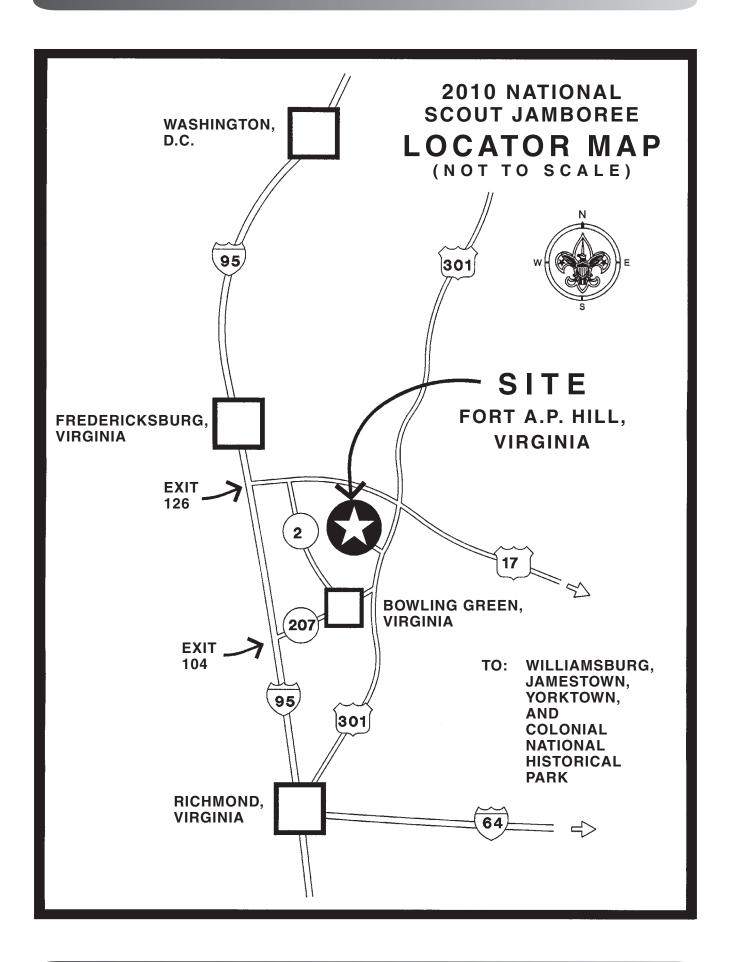
- · Always use seat belts.
- Turn headlights on for safety.
- Don't drive when fatigued.
- Load, hitch, and tow trailers correctly.
- Avoid night driving.
- Ensure good mechanical condition.



# 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 be smart about engaging in physical activities during Scouting outings and will make sure that I will be ready to drive alertly.

# DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO KEEP SCOUTS SAFE.





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