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dAC Chair's Message

As the Jamboree approaches the single most important thing you can do to help make the dAC a success is to invite a friend to join



Tony Mei

you on the dAC staff! As you can see in a separate article in this newsletter, we are at about HALF STRENGTH for staffing the dAC. We can make the dAC work, but having more staff will make it easier for everyone (and will ensure that everyone gets adequate time off to enjoy the rest of the Jamboree!). PLEASE ask at least one friend, or fellow passionate Scouter, to join you as staff at the dAC.

For the 2017 Jamboree the Scott Summit Center leaders have established a website where they are posting all information for those who are staffing the activities in Summit Center (that includes the dAC!). Some of you have already checked out the website (scottsummitcenter.org) and the staff clothing purveyor (SG Trading Post --- <http://www.jamboree2017.sgtradingpost.online>). I encourage you to review the "Updates", "Key Dates and Schedule" and "Resources". Don't be bashful! If you have a question about any of the information posted, ask away! The leaders of the Summit Center, Russ Hunsaker and Bob Scott, will get you an answer (and will do their best to find a solution!).

In previous Jamborees the dAC has either had it's own tee shirts, or had a staff tee shirt that was personalized to identify us as dAC staff. This Jamboree we will be following

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Above: Individual program entrance gateways are being created equal with just the names changing. dAC has always had one of two entrance signs as its gateway and plans to incorporate the above sign as the first stop for a photo opportunity as well as the location of "The Voice" - scouts meeting with a disABled staff member.

Individual staff member scheduling to begin

To begin staff scheduling it is important to know the process behind the planning. The schedule adheres to the following:

1. Each staff member gets one full program day off and 1/2 program day off. Rest of schedule is full day

on site

2. Two staff per schedule periods to be assigned MB (Merit Badge-select staff)

3. Up to 3 Staff rotating for administration duties and emergency substitutions.

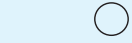
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Countdown to Jambo involves scheduling

One of the busiest times for the upcoming Jamboree will be the two initial days of staff arrivals. Because the dAC group is one of the larger program staffing teams, we are being broken down to two arrival dates. Our administrative and layout teams are due in on Saturday July 15th with the remainder of our staff due to arrive on Sunday July 16th. Because of this time frame the staff will be working on the site set-up on Monday having used Sunday to set up their living quarters. The schedule will allow all staff to be on site on Monday to set up and finish decoration. Beginning Monday afternoon the entire dAC staff (35+) will begin training and learning the

18+ station event. Each venue will be reviewed including the program daily set up, the action that takes place at the event, and the follow up discussion of the impact of that experience with groups and individuals. The team will also be trained with safety procedures for some of the events to be certain that all scouts and scouters will be afforded proper instruction at the various action events. Again, training will begin Monday afternoon and continue through Tuesday with each staffer completing the course. All staff will be at the event by 9:00 am to prepare for opening at 12:00 pm Wednesday. Individual scheduling begins on Thursday.

Printed dAC task card determined for use at Jamboree



DISABILITIES AWARENESS CHALLENGE

NAME: _____

<input type="checkbox"/> The Voice	<input type="checkbox"/> Trust Run
<input type="checkbox"/> ADHD/ASD	<input type="checkbox"/> Obstacle Course
<input type="checkbox"/> Laser BB Gun	<input type="checkbox"/> Mind Bender
<input type="checkbox"/> Beep BaseBall	<input type="checkbox"/> Cane Maze
<input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball	<input type="checkbox"/> Merit Badge
<input type="checkbox"/> Signing	<input type="checkbox"/> Compass
<input type="checkbox"/> Wheelchair BB	<input type="checkbox"/> Special Exhibit
<input type="checkbox"/> Tent of Possibilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Home Challenge
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> 2nd Day Return



Participant: Attempt the challenge of all tasks. You need a minimum of 15 events completed to brag that **“to finish is to win”^{DD}**

the National Jamboree 2017
Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia

2-13-17

History of dAC at Jamboree

First introduced as the Handicapped Awareness Trail at the 1977 Boy Scout Jamboree held at Morraine State Park, Pa. the basis for dAC was a program developed by Dr. Jack C. Dinger, a professor of Special Education at Slippery Rock State College in Slippery Rock, Pa. From his initial 6 trek event, dAC has grown to a 20+ station event at the Jamboree level. Credit for most of this program belongs to two gentlemen who, in 1989, introduced the redesigned disAbilities Awareness Challenge to the National Jamboree. Their staff of 12 attracted just over 4000 participants. Through the persistent efforts of David Davies (d. 2009) Professional Scouter of Virginia Beach, Va. and volunteer Fred “Chief” Hampton of Albuquerque, NM, the Challenge has grown to be one of the premier events of the National Jamboree. In 2005, chair Fred Hampton supervised the staff of 47 who introduced the 16 station disAbilities Awareness Challenge to just over 14,000 participants. Jamboree 2010, chaired by Sonya Whitehead, had an assigned staff of 50 but continued to deliver dAC to Scouters from all over with an on-site staff of 39. More than 15,300 visits averaging 6-7 events yielded 99,450 scout events. At the Summit in 2013 the disAbilities Awareness Challenge, chaired by Tony Mei, became one of the “must-do venues” of the Jamboree. Never turning away any of its participants, the Challenge earned its reputation as one of the top program choices. Tony Mei will continue as chair of dAC at the 2017 National Jamboree and is soliciting staff (up to 100) for that event. It is in that spirit that this program is recommended at the Council and local levels. It is true that the possibilities are endless and it is up to individuals to make the difference.

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Above: Technology vs. Traditional - Use a phone app, or the task card at the 2017 Jamboree? It was determined that a hand’s on card would give participants the incentive to complete the course. Each entrant to the dAC will be handed one of these cards and, as he completes each challenge, the host presenter will punch out that event. The dAC team will be offering a very limited number of pins or patches to those challengers who complete 15 events. A maximum of 14,000 cards will be printed, with the guesstimate of 12,000+ going through at least part of the Challenge.

dAC tee shirt to align with Summit branding guidelines



The dAC Team has had an original staff shirt since 1993. Above are ‘93, ‘97, ‘01, ‘05, ‘10, ‘13. The dAC 2017 shirt will be consistent with the Summit plan and Administration recommends that each staff member plan to purchase at least three since it is worn most Jambo working days on site. Previous Jambo shirts can be worn off duty hours.

The class B shirt design has been announced. All staff members, when on duty, will wear either a class A uniform or the Summit designed STAFF class B shirt depicting a large printed image on back and a patch over the front left side. A number of additional choices are available at the on line store. The dAC team has been assured that it is a large enough group order so that our area will have writing on the sleeve or chest that will say dAC STAFF. Order forms can be found at <http://www.jamboree2017.sgtradingpost.online/>. Payment will be in advance and on the site. Each shirt will be \$16. and it is advised to plan on purchasing at least 3-4. Class A’s will be worn opening and closing days as well as on the main show date.

Scheduling...from page 1

4. All staff will be on site on Monday, Tuesday, Opening day Wednesday, and closing day Thursday.

5. Other days staff will work events on 9 hour periods Notice the lunch time overlap where all staff are on site. This gives admin and staff a chance to meet and greet, review program offerings, closings, etc.

BREAKFAST: 6:00-7:15

LUNCH: DAILY FROM 12:30-2:00

FULL DAY: 8:00 AM-5:00 PM

HALF DAY: 8:00-1:00 - 12:00 - 5:00

Half Day staff time overlap allows lunch for all while not closing venue.

1. ADHD	1	9. Mind Bender	1
2. Beep BaseBall	2	10. Cane Maze	2
3. "The Voice"	1	11. Volleyball	1
4. Wheelchair BB	2	12. Home Challenge	2
5. Signing	1	13. Compass	1
6. Tent of Possibilities	2	14. Entry Gate	1
7. Trust Run	2	15. Merit Badge	2
8. Obstacle Course	2	16. Administration	3
			26

Administration: Anthony Mei*,
Jim Africano* Charlie Mann*

Note numbers after venue are staff needed to run event.

BASED ON 30 STAFF (Still developing final on site staffing list/needs): In order to guarantee each staff member one full day off plus 1/2 day off it is necessary to furlough 5-6 team members each of the 7 available days yielding a shortage of 4-5 per program period which will cause closing of several areas each day*. To this end we will divide the staff into Group A and Group B. Equal numbers of staff from both Groups A and B will feed the daily furlough. This will be sent out in advance to notify participating staff as to their schedule in order for them to be able to plan their days with their participating son or troop.

**It is possible to bring in participating Scouts to assist at some stations as has happened in the past. We have met plenty of Scouts who wanted to do "staff in training" after they went through dAC as a participant. Also, if staff volunteers longer hours, some venues can remain open.*

The mathematics

Registered staff	35
Administration	-3
On site staff	32
Less daily furlough	-7
Program as planned	26
Shortfall each period	-1

*dAC plans on a rotating closure of several venues each period. A schedule will be developed to ensure that all areas are given equal exposure.**

NOTE: dAC Venue needs minimum 23 staff plus administration at any shift to deliver full program including Merit Badge. Staff on site each morning will follow schedule of venue closures. *

disAbilities Awareness Challenge staff schedule sample

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
16 Staff arrives today; Set-up living qtrs. at Camp; Meet and greet other staff;	17 All staff on site for assembly, set-up, fabrication, tent of possibilities;	18 All staff on site for training, safety instruction, Q/A, Schedule distribution/explanation	19 All staff on opening day: 9:00 set-up; Open at 12:00 - 5:00	20 A	21 B	22 B
				B 8:00 - 5:00	A 8:00 - 5:00	A 8:00 - 5:00
23	24 B	25 A	26 B	27 All staff on closing day; 8:00 - 4:00; Exhibits close at 12:00; Knockdown begins	28 Tear down complete. Materials removed or stored; Staff leaves for home	29
B 1:00 - 5:00	A 8:00 - 5:00	B 8:00 - 5:00	A 8:00 - 5:00			

Schedule

1. All staff have one full day off;
2. All staff have one half day off;
3. Staff divided into two groups with those groups on furlough highlighted each day. Names change daily as staff takes day to visit Jambo;
4. With 30+ group an average of 7-8 staff per day will not be on site

SAMPLE
schedule

ALL “STUFF” JAMBOREE RELATED...

Uniform . .

Hats: We will not require staff to wear hats while on duty (messes up the hair, huh?), but if one chooses to wear a hat while on duty it must be one of the two Summit Center staff hats -

http://www.jamboree2017.sgtradingpost.online/shop/view_product/J2017__Summit_Center__C867__Emb__Sandwich_Cap?c=1731042&ctype=0&n=8735352&o=0

or

http://www.jamboree2017.sgtradingpost.online/shop/view_product/J2017__Summit_Center__C921__Emb__Brim_Hat?c=1731042&ctype=0&n=8767852&o=0

Name Tags:

Jamboree Name Tag order forms at this link:



Tee Shirts: (see page 2)

Order forms can be found at <http://www.jamboree2017.sgtradingpost.online/>. Payment will be in advance and on the site. Each shirt will be \$16.+ and it is advised to plan on purchasing at least 3-4. Class A's will be worn opening and closing days as well as on the main show date.

NOTE: You have four different types of “Summit Center” staff shirts to choose from. Recommend selecting “Disabilities Awareness Challenge” for staff assignment and your name on opposite side of chest. (We will not attempt to add a dAC logo on the sleeve --- too much added cost)

*The shirts will be delivered to **your home address** individually rather than a bulk order and distribution at the Summit.*

Lunch at Program Site:

Please note that all staff of dAC will not share a common lunch time meal together. ***The program never closes during the day.*** Individual venues may close due to lack of staff during lunchtime staff meals. In addition to at least one day off to participate in the Jamboree events, each staff member will be scheduled for a half day work period (or 4 1/2 hrs./day). All staff will pick up bag lunch and eat at dAC site. Dinner will be served at conclusion of program day back at the staff campsite. Each staff member will work together as part of the full team dedicated to exposing the program to as many Scouts as possible. Please *do your best* to promote this terrifically marvelous event through positive cooperation with rest of team throughout the entire period.

Our Mission Statement:

The mission of the disAbilities Awareness Challenge is to instill in participants knowledge and sensitivity to various types of disabilities that impact the human race. The vehicle to instill that knowledge and sensitivity is a collection of experience based exercises designed to simulate, as closely as possible, some of the challenges to everyday living created by various disabilities. The simulations are presented in the form of activities typically encountered by Scouts in unit, school and sports and community settings.

2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE DAILY SCHEDULE

	Wednesday 7/19/2017	Thursday 7/20/2017*	Friday 7/21/2017*	Saturday 7/22/2017	Sunday 7/23/2017	Monday 7/24/2017*	Tuesday 7/25/2017*	Wednesday 7/26/2017*	Thursday 7/27/2017	Friday 7/28/2017
Theme	First Day									Last Day
6 a.m.										
7 a.m.										
7:20 a.m.										
8 a.m.	Units									Units
9 a.m.										
9:30 a.m.	Arrive 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.									Depart 5 a.m. to NOON
10 a.m.										
10:30 a.m.										
11 a.m.										
11:30 a.m.										
Noon										
12:30 p.m.		Worship Services***								
1 p.m.	Leaders' meeting Live stream									
2 p.m.										
3 p.m.										
4 p.m.										
5 p.m.										
6 p.m.										
7 p.m.	Base Camp Welcome Activities									
7:30 p.m.										
8 p.m.		Colors	Worship Services***							
8:30 p.m.										
9 p.m.										
9:30 p.m.										
10 p.m.										
Adventure Areas	NOON - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Closed	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed
**** Summit Center	NOON - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.	8 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Closed
Visitor Hours	None	None	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - Show close	1 p.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.	9 a.m. - 4 p.m.	None

REVELLE

Raise Colors - 12 Points

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Worship
Services
7:30 a.m. -
12:30 p.m.

Stadium
Event
1 p.m. -
5 p.m.

DINNER

Stadium
Show
7 p.m. -
9 p.m.

OA Show
7-8 p.m.

Lower Colors Daily

Closing
Show
6 p.m. -
7:30 p.m.

Adventure areas and Summit Center
open per below

TAPS

ALL QUIET

* Special program days:
 Whitewater rafting: **2,800 Scouts per day on the river
 Day of Service: **6,000 Scouts per day offsite on service projects
 Garden Ground Mountain Hike: 6,000 Scouts per day hike to Garden Ground Mountain
 ** Various dedication ceremonies will be scheduled throughout the Jamboree
 *** Jewish and Muslim services to be held during this period
 **** All activities may not be available during these times

The Chair's message...from page 1

the latter approach, with one significant change --- each staff member will order their own staff tee shirts and/or polo shirts directly from the SG Trading Post and will have their shirts delivered to them at home before the Jamboree. We do have the option of having "Disabilities Awareness Challenge" printed below the Summit Center logo on the left breast of the shirt. I am getting approval for a dAC logo to be placed on the right sleeve of the shirt. That last extra is in process, so don't order your shirts until I give you the go ahead!

Another item for you to purchase will be the Jamboree name plate. I am working with the suppliers to make sure that we can get "Abilities Awareness" to fit on the second line, with "Challenge" and "Staff" on the third line. Your name will be the first line. The address for ordering name plates is: <http://www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/6767-103518-2017-Jambo->

ree-Nameplate-Order-FormsR7E.pdf. I'll also give you the green light once I've gotten the details ironed out.

As in previous Jamborees the BSA Supply Division (Scoutstuff) will have a Jamboree catalog with various items for all participants. The latest word was that this will be active online by March 1st, 2017.

As you prepare for the Jamboree, don't forget to send in your updated physical, your updated Youth Protection Training, your scheduled arrival and departure, your uniform shirts and hat, order your name plate, and your request for preferred tent mate. Other than the delays I mentioned above, the sooner you can get these actions completed the better.

I'm looking forward to seeing all of you on July 15th, and we will start setting up the dAC at Action Point by July 16th.

Yours in Scouting with Special Needs (YISSN),
Tony Mei, *dAC Chair*

Questions, questions, questions...

The dAC chair would like to get your input on several areas of our program offering. Our next contact, due out by mid May, will address the following issues and how they relate to you, your skills, experiences, professional know-how and the connections necessary to make Jambo dAC a great success. Areas to be covered include:

1. Merit Badge Counselors for dAC?
2. Member of an Eagle board of review committee to expand Tent of Possibilities area?
3. Presentation skills or lack, thereof?
4. Mental block or uncomfortable with certain areas? Basketball, Beep Ball, Trust Run, etc?
5. Do you have additional responsibilities at Jamboree?
6. Willingness to volunteer extra hours to continue open program venues (see "Mathematics" page 3 for explanation)
7. Artist (freehand signs, etc.), carpenter (Assembly and maintenance of several venues), Graphic Artist to continue the dAC tradition, etc.?
8. Facility with signing (American Sign Language)

**The Summit Bechtel Reserve -
Jamboree 2017 - Administration Team
Working with the dAC team for a
quality presentation.**

**RUSS HUNSAKER - Summit Center Director
BOB SCOTT - Deputy Director Summit Center
SCOTT BERGER - Exhibits & Displays Team Leader
MATT MONROE - Summit Center-Director of Program
JANICE DOWNEY - Summit Center Advisor**

**The Summit Bechtel Reserve -
Jamboree 2017 - dAC Administration Team
CHAIRPERSON - Anthony Mei
DEPUTIES**

**ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES - Scott Hellen
SITE LAYOUT, STAFF SCHEDULING - Jim Africano
FIELD EVENTS COORDINATOR - Charlie Mann
POSSIBILITIES / INNOVATIONS -
ADVISOR - Sonya Whitehead, Chair Emeritus, '10
DEPUTY / ADVISOR -
FOUNDING DIRECTOR - David Davies, d.**



Thirty Five plus staff members, representing more than 20 states are gathering this summer at the Summit to provide scouts with an experience in integrity, honesty, empathy, character, reliance, and resiliency.

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