



JAMBOREE TROOP 1638

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Dear Scouts, Scouters and Parents,

Well, the big event has come and gone. Hopefully; you have all recovered - I know it took me several days for me to catch up on sleep. During the time we were together we had our good times and our bad times. When you spend as much time together and get as tired as we did you are bound to have a few "incidents." In our case there were very few. Hopefully, over time the good memories will be the ones that remain. All in all I think we had a good trip and Troop 1638 did an outstanding job. I will always remember the first time we stepped out of the Metro onto the Mall with the Capital on one end and the Washington Monument on the other on that cloudy, misty day. Also, the excitement of the Opening Ceremony when the Presidential Entourage began arriving was a highlight of the trip.

We will get one more chance to relive the 1997 Jamboree experience when we have a reunion at 2:00 pm, Saturday, November 15, 1997, Buffalo Trail Council Office, 1101 West Texas, Midland. Hopefully, you can be there. If you can make it bring your pictures and negatives. If you label each picture with your initials and a number and have them in some type of display then maybe it will be possible for scouts and scouters to get reprints of that special shot only you got. Also, have your negatives in a labeled envelope to make the reprint as easy as possible.

EXAMPLE: On one corner of the picture: SAD-1
On an envelope with negatives: SAD-1 thru 25

Sometime during the last few days of Jamboree one of the scouts in Troop 1638 had all of his patches taken. We have decided to turn this negative into a positive like we did at Jamboree with the scouts that were exposed to chicken pox and were quarantined. We are asking each scout to donate a patch from Jamboree so that a fellow scout will have some Jamboree patches. You may send your donation directly to one of the leaders.

During our time together you may have ended up with "extra" clothes or other articles that belong to someone else. If you see that someone else occasionally, you might return those items. If you don't see them then let us know. If you are missing some item in particular, let us know and we will try to let the group know to be on the lookout for it.

You should have previously received the following:

1. Color group photograph in front of the Jamboree gateway
2. Black and white group photograph in front of the Capitol
3. Jamboree medical including tick alert notice
4. Topographic map of the Jamboree site
5. Spare key (or combination)
6. Banking records

Attached to this letter is a snack bar ticket which has been laminated. This is a small token of appreciation of your behavior and conduct during the Washington tour and Jamboree. Thanks for being good scout representatives.

While everything is fresh on your mind, you might write down any suggestions to make Jambo 2001 a better experience for everyone. There is no need to put your name on it if you don't want to. Give us the good with the bad.

Enclosed you will find a sheet to design the 2001 patch. While all patches are fresh on your mind, you may want to put your ideas on paper. We might use one turned in now or combine it with others to come up with the "Yoda Patch" of 2001. You can return your design to any of the leaders, the scout offices, or bring it to the reunion.

Also enclosed is who is in our pictures. These have been corrected from the previous ones that some of you have received. Check and see if the names are spelled correctly and correctly identifies each scout. If everything is okay, you may want to glue it to the back of the appropriate picture so you will know who is who (if your memory is like mine).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each scout and scouter for a job well done. Troop 1638 was singled out by the region headquarters and was selected by Subcamp 16 for two Jamboree flag ceremonies. Troop 1638 was probably the only troop at Jamboree to receive both honors. Special thanks should go to the youth leadership for an excellent job. The adults could not have asked for a better group of scouts. Last but not least, thanks should go to Ray Vaden and Jerry Tocherman. Ray did a superb job in organizing, gathering materials, getting donations and supervising building the gateway. Ray was also our banker during the trip. Jerry handled all of the medicals and followed up with any questions. Most of the scouts will remember his wake up calls in the morning trying to get some sleepy heads going. Jerry many times reminded me to do things that I had not thought about or had forgot about. He also composed parts of this letter.

Hope to see you again in November.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve A. Dennis