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Subject: JAMBO97 Sub-Camp Commissioner's Duties
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> Vic Lonsberry wrote at 12:47 Friday, December 13, 1996 requesting
information > on the sub-camp commissioner's duties.

You should have received a list of the duties from your Sub-Camp Director.
If you haven't, give him a call.

The Sub-Camp Director, Chief, and Commissioner usually make a pre-jambo
inspection trip to Fort A. P. Hill (April 19, 1997 in the case of sub-camp
5) to walk the site and check out the physical arrangements. This crew along
with the assistant directors for Support, Administration, Program, and
Medical are responsible for the pre-jambo Orientation Meeting (April 26,
1997 in the case of sub-camp 5).

Upon arrival at the jambo, the primary task of the commissioner staff is to
check out the individual troop site locations. These are marked out by the
army ahead of time, however, past experience at the last two jamborees
indicates that mistakes are often made. Some sites are unusable due to
terrain (poor drainage, etc.) and lotlines are sometimes in the wrong place
resulting in some sites being too large while others are too small (a 100'
measuring tape is useful for this task). Our practice is to outline the

sites with binder twine and place a paper pie plate with the troop number at the recommended location for the troop gateway.

On arrival day, each commissioner staff member meets his/her assigned troop as it arrives and boards the bus to escort them to their site (be ready to make substitutions in case two or more troops arrive at the same time). If possible, each staff member should have assigned troops in close proximity to minimize wear and tear on the legs. After the troops are set up, it is the responsibility of the staff to hook up and check out the propane stoves. We usually take a dixie cup of soap and water solution and a small paint brush for each commissioner to facilitate this operation. The commissioner staff is also responsible for checking out the gateways to see that they are installed safely.

On show days, the commissioner staff is responsible for organizing the 'march' and escorting the troops to the arena and 'crowd control' of the troops at the show.

Daily routine for the Commissioner includes attendance at a meeting of the Sub-Camp Commissioners at the regional headquarters, a meeting of the Sub-Camp senior staff, and the commissioner staff. Information is passed both ways during these meetings to keep everyone apprised of problems and changes to the program.

It has been our practice for the commissioner staff members to make morning rounds to visit their assigned troops (it will be very helpful to the staff if you can obtain a list of the names of the adult and youth leaders for each troop ahead of time), make site inspections, and pick up the report forms from the senior patrol leader. This provides a good opportunity to pass on information regarding program changes and look for problem areas (sounds like the job of a unit commissioner doesn't it?).

Teams of two commissioner staff members are assigned to man the 'desk' each afternoon and evening. Their purpose is to handle any problems that arise during the day and to receive the 'bed-check' reports after taps. With a six person staff, this permits everyone ample time to enjoy the jamboree exhibits. It is probably a good idea to assemble the entire staff in the late afternoon to make an 'information run' if it is necessary to get any last minute program changes to the troops.

On departure day, the staff members are responsible for checking out the troop sites prior to dismissal. The staff member must sign the release form before the units are permitted to leave.

Good luck. I will be in Sub-Camp 5 if you would like to look me up while your at the jamboree.

A word of advice for all: Bring a sheet of plastic to cover your bedding while at the jamboree. The dewpoint is usually so high that everything gets

wet about 7:00 in the evening. Also some plywood and a piece of carpet next to your bed makes life a lot more enjoyable. As someone mentioned earlier, a screw-in lamp receptacle with a pull chain and extension cord taps makes it possible to plug in a radio or small fan.

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