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What does Scouting mean to the boys in your Jamboree troop, or the Scouts
you will be serving in your staff capacity at the Jamboree?

Take yourself back a few years (OK, maybe a lot of years) and put yourself
in the shoes of the boys you are going to be with at the Jamboree. What
does Scouting mean to them? If you have a chance you might even ask a
couple and share the results.

Notes on Reflections:

This week-long experience for members of Jambo97 is intended to give us an
opportunity to reflect on the special experience we are preparing for
25,000 Scouts both near to us and far away.

As with any reflection we are most interested in your thoughts,

experiences, and ideas. Please save your judgement for the answers others give to your own heart and conscience. If some one's contribution sparks a memory or inspiration in you - by all means give them credit.

There will be another question tomorrow, but feel free to respond to this one when inspiration strikes - even if it is two weeks later!

Have fun!

Another favor - please hold off on routine questions and comments during the week of November 17-23. We'll dive right back in with those at the end of the week. If someone forgets our request, remember that forgiveness is a virtue, and that the list owner will be sending his own polite reminder.

Yours in Scouting,

Doug and all the Jambo97 List Members

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When I look back on my adventure at the '93 Jambo. I remember hundreds of faces that were always smiling. The staff that year made such a positive impact on my experience, and they caused me to desire the honor of working on camp staff. No matter where I was the staff was always friendly, and kind. They exemplified all the good points that we know in scouting, and that is something I want to give back to the scouts and visitors at this Jamboree. As an Eagle Scouts we are faced with the challenge of setting the example, and providing guidance to the Eagles of tomorrow; there can be no better place to do this than at a National Jamboree. As staff we must show the ideals of scouting to the tens of thousands of scouts, scouters, and visitors from this country as well as dozens of others. Having been SPL of my contingent in '93 I always looked forward to the smiling, caring faces of the staff, my leaders, and the rest of my troop. So always remember that the Jambo. is on big stage, and a bad remark, a foul comment, or anything negative about the institution of scouting can devastate the purpose of Scouting, THE CHILDREN OF TODAY, AND THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW.

Yours in Scouting,

Mike Fedelem

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Even today it is hard for me to relate these feelings, but I say this in hopes that it will help others to understand the magnitude and scope of the Jamboree experience.

In 1989 I was fortunate enough to be an Asst. SM for our Council's Jamboree Troop and go there with my (then) 14 year old son. It was a financial burdon on us, and being self employed at the time, tough to take off all of the time necessary for the event, but with the help of fundrasing efforts, family and prayer, we made it work and it was (for the most part)a wonderful experience.

What happened during the third day of the Jambo (8th day of the tour) though, took me completely by surprise. I was coming back from one of the trading posts and happen to see one of the Scouts laying down on a lawn chair a ways from our camp. This happened to be a Scout that I was close to.. one of my sons best friends. (He was a large 15 year old boy who was a CIT at summer camp and an honor student at school) He was one of the "good ones" we all want our Scouts to be like. Well, as I approached him, I noticed he'd been crying. I, of course, asked what was wrong and got the "shoulder thing". Evidently (after talking/counceling for about an hour) he was homesick. He had been to summer camp with his troop, saw his family 1 day, then went back as a CIT for a week, saw them 2 days and then left for two weeks for Jamboree. It got to him. I was able to talk him out of the depression, and my son came by and took him to the phones where he called home. This was one of the kids I DIDN'T think we would have a problem with, and he told me (about a year later) that he was actually considering suicide at that time. (That shook me up). When I asked if he thought the Jamboree Experience was worthwhile, he said yes... it was one of the greatist experiences of his life. I too had felt homesick for my wife and two girls while I was there, memories I can still feel to this day.

Jamboree is a hugh event that takes a lot of planning, costs a lot of money, and can and will be stressful at times. It will not only effect the Scouts, but the adult leaders and their families as well. Is it worth it? Well, I went back in 93, and I'm going back in 97.... YES! As the young man said, it is one of the greatist experiences of your life!

Dave Tracewell

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