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### Helpful Jambo tips

- Make sure scouts know how to properly prepare meals so they don't waste time.
- Always have the scouts bring drinking water with them whenever they leave the site.
- Make sure food cleanup is complete.
- Ensure fair duty rosters (scouts and scouters) so everyone can enjoy the Jambo.
- Ensure that the cooks know when to be back at the site to prepare meals on time
- Transportation is the biggest time waster at the Jambo - plan accordingly.
- Let the scouts have fun - be friendly - be nice - be a scouter - be a friend - keep them informed.
- Try to have the scouts plan out a schedule, based on the priority schedule and stick to it.
- Scouts must set up a coordinated plan to maximize activity and minimize waiting and travel time.
- Gas lanterns are not permitted.
- Merit Badge Midway is a good place to get out of the rain - and it will rain.
- Bring 5 gallon buckets - can be used to store sleeping bag, dry storage for clean clothes and other gear, stools for sitting.
- Bring a plumber's helper and with a 5 gallon bucket, one can do laundry - Bring laundry soap.
- Use lockable Rubbermaid storage bins (Roughtote totelockers - 27 gallon or 18.5 gallon size) for personal gear.
- Use padlocks on tent zippers if feasible for added security.
- Assign a color to each troop and a number to each scout and leader to put on gear to find quickly and know who or what's missing.
- Assigning a roster number speeds formation checkoff.
- Lockable duffel bags can also be useful for packing gear.
- Electric fluorescent lanterns with alkaline lantern batteries should be used.
- Possibly use solar powered fluorescent walkway lights to keep your campsite softly illuminated for safety and security.
- Make sure scouts have either high bulk acrylic or polypropylene sock liners to prevent blisters. At least 4 pairs and wash out frequently.
- Make sure you have a propane "T" fitting to work both stoves off 1 20-pound fuel tank.
- Have each scout keep his sleeping bag inside a large plastic garbage bag or similarity protected in case of heavy rain.
- Keep an eye out for hypothermia, especially after hot weather and a rain storm drops the temperature.
- If the troop does not use a "bank" (or even with - reduces the amount of "loose" money), use traveler's checks with picture ID for the scouts.
- Encourage the use of phone cards to be used when calling home.
- \$10.00-\$15.00 a day is a good budget for the scouts.
- Use a mallet or brick hammer (or any hammer) to pound in 10 penny metal stakes into the hard Virginia clay

- Be prepared for massive recycling for garbage disposal.
- Expect Rain and plan your personal equipment accordingly.