

CJ'2007

You Heard It Here First

by Ian Mitchell

That's right!!! At the most recent meeting of the Board of Governors, the Chief Commissioner received approval to hold a CANADIAN JAMBOREE in the summer of 2007.

The Jamboree will be hosted in the province of Quebec, just north of Montreal. It will bring youth and adults from across the country and the world together for the ultimate Scouting experience. Everyone will share friendship and adventure while experiencing personal development that only a Jamboree experience can bring.

Of course, this Jamboree will be special in another way. It will take place in the year 2007, the 100th anniversary of the Scouting Movement. It will promote the true value of Scout-

ing, revisiting many of the traditional Scouting skills and activities that B.-P. himself used during that first camp at Brownsea Island. Learning-by-doing, working in small groups and giving responsibility to young people will form the basis for day-to-day living at the Jamboree.

The Jamboree Site - Tamaracouta Scout Reserve

Tamaracouta Scout Reserve, nestled in the Laurentian mountains, boasts over 1000 acres of forested landscape. It includes two lakes, a

You're looking for ADVENTURE!! You're looking for CHALLENGE!! You're looking for an event that will excite youth members!! Well, this Canadian Jamboree will do all this **and more.**

beachfront area complete with sand, kilometres of hiking and biking trails, some well-established wooded campsites along with fields and open area for camping and a wealth of useable forest area. The main camp houses a number of permanent buildings including a dining hall and large storage facility.

The history of Tamaracouta is a storied one. **Tamaracouta Scout Reserve** was opened as a Scout Camp in 1912 by a group of generous citizens led by Colonel E.A. Whitehead. Originally a farm, the property

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formerly belonged to the Dawson family of Mille Isles. The name Tamaracouta was chosen due to the large number of **Tamarack** trees located on the property; and the word “**couta**” meaning body of water in Native language.

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The Jamboree Program

The week's program will boast many of our past Jamborees' most popular activities. It will revolve around basic Scout skills, building on and exploring many of the programs that B.-P. himself ran. Water activities, team activities, and of course “just for fun” stuff will all be offered to challenge participants at CJ'2007.

Youth and Leader Input Required

In order to ensure that this youth event remains participant driven, we would like member input on a few new concepts that are being considered for CJ'2007.

Concept #1 – Would you like to see a Wednesday to Wednesday Jamboree?

This concept would allow four days for travel at each end of the Jamboree and still only use up two complete weeks of the summer (i.e. leave home on Saturday, arrive at Jamboree Tuesday, participate Wednesday to Wednesday, travel home arriving on Saturday). Depending on where you live, it could allow time for sightseeing along the route to the Jamboree, making it easy for family participation.



Concept #2 – What about holding the Jamboree at the end of July, first of August?

Because it is the Centennial year for Scouting, August 1st of 2007 is the big day of celebration across the country and around the world. This timing would allow for August 1st to fall during the Jamboree so that all Jamboree participants could take part in a grand celebration of our beginnings. Imagine some 7000-8000 young people in one place, at one time to celebrate; oh, the possibilities for fun!

Concept #3 – Would you like to have your unit's food provided; i.e. a set menu?

Here, the ingredients of each meal for the day would be provided along with instructions for cooking. The menu would be set well ahead of time,

giving troops the opportunity to practice making meals before attending the Jamboree if required. It would, of course, take away the need for the unit to decide on what they will have and free up the time otherwise required to shop for groceries.

Any and all comments on these three concepts can be forwarded before March 31, 2005 to: cj07@scouts.ca.

Volunteer Friendly

CJ'2007 will focus on being the most “Volunteer Friendly” Jamboree to date. It will strive to ensure that adults are treated as the valuable resource that they are, endeavoring to make the experience as easy and enjoyable for all as we can. If we can include family in some small way, we will. If we can accommodate flexible camping and meal arrangements, we will. If we can help out with the planning of programs, we will.

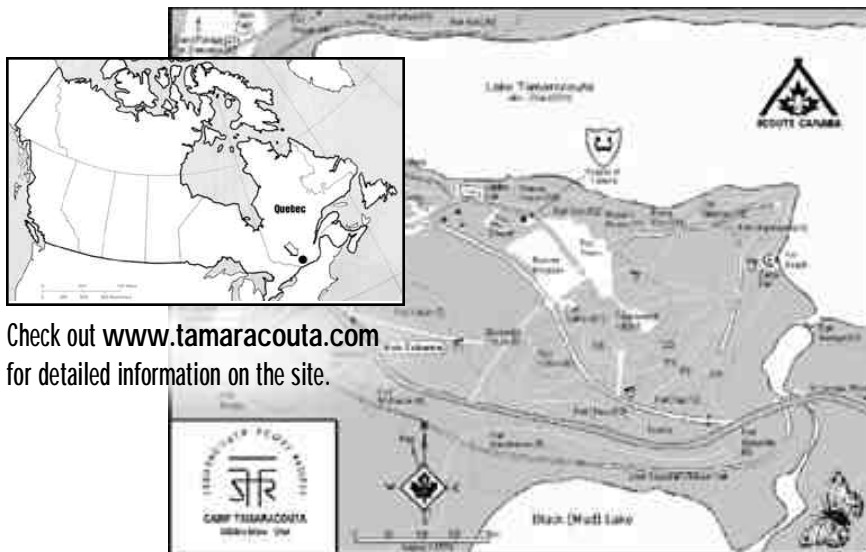
The adult/staff experience at CJ'2007 will be fun to the max.

Tell One, Tell All !!

Get the word out to all. CJ'2007 will be just in time to have our Cubs of today take part as participants. Scouts today will be Venturers in 2007, making them the ideal candidates for young staff members for the Jamboree. Of course Rovers and Venturers are always welcome as staff, as are all other registered leaders no matter what section they are working in at the time.

So tell everyone it is coming. This part of the centennial celebrations will be one not to be missed.

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