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Dear Scout Parent,

In July, 2017 the Boy Scouts of America is holding our National Jamboree. When your son joined our organization it was with the anticipation of activities and adventures. Well, the National Jamboree at the Summit Scout Reserve is all that and more. It is an adventure that he will remember for a lifetime.

You see, forty years ago I had the opportunity to attend the 1977 National Scout Jamboree. And to this day, I recall the sights and sounds that only 40,000 Scouts can make when assembled together. Quite simply, it was the activity highlight of my time as a youth in Scouting.

What will your son gain from this experience? The opportunity to meet other Scouts from around the United States. The growth from working together with other Scouts who will be part of his patrol and troop. Realizing he is part of something bigger than his Troop back at home. Adventure, the exact thing we promised when your son joined our program.

The National Jamboree is our showcase of what is best about Scouting. His participation will help him realize that he part of something bigger and that incorporates everything that Scouting values.

Yes, there is a cost to attending this event. The fee of \$1600.00, except for some spending money, covers everything from the time he leaves our Council until he returns. We have payment plans to help spread the cost out and there is financial aid for those in need.

The holiday season is coming right up and this would make an incredible gift. Maybe the grandparents or another family member could assist with some of the cost. Or the gift of a scout shirt and/or pants could be an idea for under the tree.

Talk to your son's Scoutmaster or give me a call at 574-355-6379 so we can answer any questions that you may have. I look forward to seeing your son at the Summit as we celebrate Scouting at its best.

Sincerely,

Terry Martin
Chairman
Sagamore Council Jamboree Committee