



Food Bytes

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Happy New Year!

As we enter this new decade, I want to thank Jamboree Food Team members for their service to Scouting and Scouting Jamborees.

Let me share with our readers the one thing that, just perhaps above all, is the constant guiding our work in the year and a half ahead. One of the true gifts of the Jamboree experience is the number of team members returning for each event. Previously we have had the same 'Key 3' of Jamboree Food Team for 2013, 2017, and the 2019 WSJ. In 2021 this will be a change with now a Key 4 leading the teams.

For those who might be new to our Team, let me share who we are and our respective roles in developing the plan for the upcoming National Jamboree. The Jamboree Food Team leadership is made up of four individuals, two volunteers, one Scouting professional and one Food provider professional who together will assemble the resources necessary to deliver all the participant, staff and visitor food to the second largest city in West Virginia for those two weeks in July 2021.

Let me put names to roles, so you will know who we are.

- First is yours truly Steve Tipton the volunteer 2021 Food Team Chairman.
- The second Key Volunteer is Jeff Kline, Food Team Chief of Staff.
- Third is the 2021 Food Team Director, and Scouting Professional, Rick Diles.
- Rounding out the Key Leadership is Patrick Tarr, the 2021 Food Team Provider's Project Manager.

The team has extensive Jamboree experiences and already made key operational decisions. Here is a bit more about our backgrounds.

Patrick Tarr - Last month the Jamboree leadership awarded the food contract for our upcoming Jamboree to the Compass Group. That organization was selected through a competitive bidding process and prevailed due to the amazing job they have done during previous Jamborees. Patrick has worked with Scouting since before the 2010 Jamboree and through the successful first Jamborees at the Summit. As the leader Patrick manages a vast team of Executive Chefs and Food Logistics Leaders. His Compass Team will oversee the purchase, delivery and preparation of all food to feed the JST. In addition, Compass will manage the participant sub-camp food distribution system and supervise the many retail food establishments throughout the Jamboree venue.

Next, let me introduce our amazing Scout Professional, Rick Diles who for most needs no introduction (a bit of an understatement). Rick has worked his 34-year career in Scouting serving at various levels both as a volunteer and as a professional. He currently serves as the Director of Business Development for the Scouting Supply Group and in the next

year and a half will be substantially engaged in Jamboree Food Team logistics. As the lead professional, Rick is the one who keeps our work in compliance with internal regulations and on budget.

Our group manages the largest operating budget at the Jamboree, and someone must fiscally manage that. Rick is certainly up to this task with his wealth of Jamboree experience. He brings a treasure of Jamboree knowledge and is the interface for our team with the Office of the Jamboree Director. A proud fact to share: the 2021 event will be Rick's 12th Jamboree.

The newest member of the leadership team is Jeff Kline, Food Team Chief of Staff. Jeff brings years of Scouting Leadership and in his "Day Job" owns a large catering business in Northern Ohio. Jeff has attended both the 2013 and 2017 Jamborees as a contingent leader and brings perspective from a participant view that is vital for our 2021 success.

Jeff will be directly involved with the "Distribution" food delivery system supporting the contingents. This process will replace the "Grocery Store" structure used in 2017 and 2019. The returning process last used in 2013 will simplify meal preparation for contingents and allow our teams to better control waste. We will have more on this and other changes in future communication. Jeff's wife Angelique will also be attending.

In closing I offer the final member in Key 4. Steve Tipton is a Volunteer from Atlanta and passionate member of the Jamboree Food Team. "I love what we do for the now Jamboree Service Team members and the Jamboree participants". Like several members of our group we are joined at the Jamboree with our spouses, my wife Kim will lead the Staff Dining Team in 2021.

Remember we will welcome over 20,000+ participants and need 400 Food Team volunteers to support our mission. My job is to lead from behind, sit at the decision table ensuring the food plan for the entire Jamboree is developed, approved and fully executed.

NOW an important discussion.

One of our major efforts right now is to recruit!

Note, the 2021 event we will accept JST applications starting at **Age 16**. This is a wonderful opportunity for youth leaders to get involved. We need to make the experience of our Jamboree Service Team (JST) members meaningful and fun so having enough volunteers is BIG.

Here is the link to registration. <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>

With the New Year we are 18 months away from a program normally allowed 4 years to develop. However, in this situation many of us have been working on this delivery at the Summit since 2013. You as volunteers giving of their time, paying to work, are the ones who make it possible for our youth to have a Jamboree to attend.

Thank you for all you do for Scouting.



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