



2021 National Jamboree Policy for Special Food Needs for Allergic or Religious Reasons 03/10/2020

Jamboree meals are by necessity a high-carbohydrate, high-caloric diet. Many meals will have wheat, milk products, sugar and corn syrup, and artificial coloring/flavoring. If an individual from your council is allergic to some food products or requires a special diet, suitable food must be purchased at home and brought to the Jamboree. Examples: Vegetarian, Vegan, Nuts, Gluten, Wheat, Dairy, Eggs, Soy, Fish.

Note: Kosher and Halal individual meal kits for participants and staff will be provided based on registration as of March 15, 2021. Individuals keeping Kosher or Halal are welcome to supplement their diet with suitable items from the regular menus.

Substitute Food Procedure:

The Jamboree asks that food substitutions be made only for medical (including allergies) reasons. All food shipped to the Jamboree is subject to inspection to insure the best delivery method. **There is no fee reduction for individuals who bring their own food.**

To determine if replacement/supplemental food is required, go to the Jamboree Food Team website at <https://www.jamboreefoodteam.org/> to find the initial menus. Final menus and ingredients lists will be posted in April 2021. Separate instructions for participants and staff are outlined below.

For participants (both youth and adult leaders):

All meals for participants are pre-planned by the Jamboree and grocery kits will be issued to the troop. Please review the Jamboree menu plan and determine which items in each meal will cause a problem and prepare a substitute for the specific items in the meal. This process applies to specialty equipment needs as well. Package the substitutes for each participant individually (feel free to package by troop if the quantities are minimal) and label them with your JAMBOREE TROOP NUMBER, and the person's name. At this point, there are two options for getting the food to the Jamboree: **Ship it or bring it.**

Bringing it will depend largely on how much food is involved, and what method the troop is using to travel.

Note: there may be baggage fees for most airlines.

For shipping food to the Jamboree, please go to the link below and complete the Supplemental Food Shipping Request and the Jamboree Food Team will communicate specific shipping instructions in May 2021. In addition to basic contact information, you must provide your Jamboree ID number, as well as an **estimate** of how many boxes you plan to ship with **approximate** dates.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2021JamboreeSupplementalFoodShippingRequest>

Food must not arrive prior to **July 18**. Food arriving at the above address may take at least 24 hours to reach the participant. Shipping food after **July 27** might not be delivered before the troop leaves the Jamboree.

The Food Team Staff will then group the food shipments by **SUBCAMP** and will arrange for them to be delivered to that **SUBCAMP Headquarters**. Please make sure everything is labeled for the participant.

Frequently asked questions:

Should I ship my substitute food to the Jamboree ahead of time?

It is best if you can bring all substitute food items with you. If it is necessary to ship the substitute food, be sure to allow enough time for the food to arrive before your scheduled arrival date. Also allow extra time to locate and pick up the food once you have arrived.

Can my troop plan meals that suit my needs?

All troop meals are planned by the Jamboree. Troops are welcome to bring supplemental items, but there is **not any electrified refrigeration available in the campsite.**

Can I bring or ship perishable foods?

The Jamboree is a temporary city of 30,000 people. Deliveries are made by volunteers in non-refrigerated vehicles on dirt roads, crowded with participants. Perishable foods may not survive the adventure well. **Ship at your own risk.**

What if I have questions?

Start with your adult leadership. They likely will have other troop members with similar questions. There are several resources available at <https://www.jamboreefoodteam.org/> .

When will the menus and ingredients lists be available?

The initial menus will be posted in April 2020, and final menus and commercial ingredient labels will be available in April 2021.

For Jamboree Service Team (aka Staff)

The vast majority of the Jamboree Staff will get their meals via the 3 staff dining halls. These meals are all in a buffet format. Please review the menus posted at <https://www.jamboreefoodteam.org/> (by April 2021) and determine which items in each meal will cause a problem and prepare a substitute for the specific items in the meal. Package the substitutes for each staff member individually and label them with your **JAMBOREE TROOP NUMBER (may be a Staff Troop Number)**, and the person's name. At this point, there are two options for getting the food to the Jamboree: Ship it or bring it.

Bringing it will depend largely on how much food is involved, and what method the staff member is using to travel. Note: there may be baggage fees for most airlines.

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Food must not arrive prior to **July 15**. Food arriving at the above address will take at least 24 hours to reach the staff member. Shipping food after **July 27** might not be delivered before you leave the Jamboree.

The Food Team Staff will then contact you to arrange for you to pick up your food. The key thing to be sure of is that items are clearly labeled.

Frequently asked questions:

Should I ship my substitute food meals to the Jamboree ahead of time?

It is best if you can bring all substitute food items with you. If it is necessary to ship the substitute food ahead of time be sure to allow enough time for the food to arrive and be delivered to you.

Can I bring or ship perishable foods?

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What if I have questions?

Start with your council's Jamboree Coordinator. They likely will have others with similar questions. There are several resources available at <https://www.jamboreefoodteam.org/>.

When will the staff dining menus be available?

April 2021.

Will the Dining Hall be able to accommodate my Special Food needs?

Staff can consult with the dining hall manager and chefs to determine if specific dishes are suitable. Note, it is a buffet and cross-contamination is a risk. It will still be very wise to bring a supply of shelf-stable items to support your needs.