

## Frequently Asked Questions Jimmie Dyess Days

### **What exactly does earning a FAST PASS mean? What does it do for me?**

If you meet the requirements for FAST PASS check-in it means little to no waiting for check-in the weekend of the event. Specifically:

If you are camping you will drive up to a main check point, you will be handed a bag with final event materials, sack packs for registered youth, and other goodies, and then without getting out of your vehicle you and your unit can proceed to the OA camping assignment area.

If you are attending only Saturday you do not have to check-in at all. You will have all the necessary materials ahead of time so you can distribute wristbands and other items on your schedule and decide as a unit what works best with regards to arriving at Fort Gordon and parking. *Note: Since you do not check in the day of the event, If there are revisions to event materials after you receive your event packet a note will be sent out and you can access the revised information on the Jimmie Dyess website.*

### **What if I register, submit the correct forms, and attend fast pass orientation, but then have changes to my roster (either net additions/subtractions, or substitutions)?**

Changes can be made at the scout office up until September 18<sup>th</sup> and your unit will still qualify for FAST PASS check-in. After September 18<sup>th</sup> changes can be made at the check-in area at the event. Please group your changes at make them all at once if possible to minimize the extra work that results for the council registrar (if all registered units make multiple changes it could easily result in hundreds of paperwork changes for Cindy)

### **What if I attend fast pass meetings, but my Cub Pack isn't registered yet or hasn't completed all the registration paperwork? Where do I go to get my packet/wrist bands?**

Packets and wristbands can be issued from the scout office once all the paperwork has been completed, all fees have been paid, and you attend a FAST PASS meeting up until Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. After September 18<sup>th</sup> you can pick up your packet at the September 22<sup>nd</sup> FAST PASS meeting or at the event at the "check-in" table

### **What if someone decides at the last minute that they want to attend?**

We will not turn anyone away that wants to attend this unique opportunity but ask that you work to minimize this as much as possible. Registering ahead will help ensure we have the right supplies and resources on hand resulting in a more enjoyable event for everyone. Last minute registrations will be accepted at the "registration" table Saturday morning starting at 7am.

### **What do I do if I have a scout who needs to arrive after 9pm Friday night?**

No problem, base security operates 24 hours a day. Once you have completed check-in for the unit, no additional check-in is needed for individuals. You may communicate directly with individual families to coordinate meeting locations and getting individual scouts to your camp site.

### **What do I do if my unit needs to arrive after 9pm Friday night?**

Not a problem. If you know ahead of time, please contact Laura Clegg at [lacleg@comcast.net](mailto:lacleg@comcast.net) to make arrangements. If an unexpected emergency comes up, arrive at the base and come to the LCIT HQ (Bldg 21605, just West of the Indoor Pool on Barnes Ave). This is the event staff headquarters – the location is identified on the event map). We will be there to help you.

**Are there specific events scheduled for Friday night that we need to attend?**

There are no group events scheduled Friday night, to allow your unit time to set up camp. There are open fields in the immediate area that can be used for group games and activities. There is a PLC meeting scheduled for Senior Patrol Leaders after check in. It is important that your Senior Patrol Leader attend this event. There is a separate meeting for Scoutmasters. Check your detailed event schedule provided during check in for the exact times and locations.

**Can I attend the FAST PASS orientation meeting before I finish turning in all my paperwork or making final additions to my roster and still qualify for FAST PASS Check-in?**

Yes. If this situation occurs, we will not be able to issue your event packet and wristbands at the FAST PASS meeting, but they can be issued from the scout office once all the paperwork has been completed and all fees have been paid up until Sept 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Do I need to turn in permission slips?**

No. Permission slips were included in the registration forms as a courtesy to the units. It is up to each unit to handle permission slips as you would for any scouting event.

**Do I need to turn in a copy of my tour permit?**

No. Tour permits should be completed and turned in to the scout office as normal.

**What if I am a Boy Scout/Venturing/Explorer parent who just wants to attend for the day?**

We'd love to have you attend. Please register with your unit as a "Parent or Adult (Sat only)" by Sept 18<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is \$5.00 and does not include meals. Food will be available for purchase at the event.

**What do I do if I lose my wristband?**

It is important that your unit keep track of your wristbands and ensure that each participant has one when they arrive. **For campers, no wristband = no chow.** For all participants, wristbands are an important part of event security and allow you to take part in all the cool events.

If you need to have a wristband replaced come to the registration area. If we can verify your registration we will reissue a new wristband. If we cannot verify your registration you will need to purchase a new one at the full event registration fee (\$25 camper, \$15 day youth, \$5 day /leader or adult).

**What form of payment will be acceptable on Saturday ?**

Most vendors (food and merchandise) will only accept cash. Last minute registrations can be handled with cash, check, or credit card.

**If I have volunteered, when will I know what area I will be working in?**

First of all – thank you. We are working to finalize event details and staffing needs. You will be contacted no later than 1 week out from the event.

**Is there a way we can communicate to scouts attending the event if there is an outside emergency?**

Yes. Cell service on Fort Gordon is available. It is acceptable to use cell phones during the event. If an emergency occurs and the person attending cannot be reached via cell phone, come to the registration area. We will have an announcement system set up that can be used for this purpose.

**What do we do if someone gets hurt or needs medical assistance while we are at the event?**

See the emergency procedures posted on the JDD Website.

Summary: There will be trained medical personnel staffing the event. If you are near the medical tent and can make it to the tent, proceed directly there for the quickest attention. Staff members can contact the

medical personnel for you if you are not near the medical tent. For life threatening emergencies dial 911. Telling them your location on Fort Gordon will route the call to the staff medical personnel the quickest.

If a medical situation occurs, it is very important that the medics have the information provided on the scout physical form. It is up to each individual unit to bring the physical forms for all event participants (including leaders and adults) and have a plan in place to quickly get the information to the medical tent if needed.

**What do we do if there is severe weather during the event ?**

In the case of severe weather an announcement will be made over the speaker system giving instructions. For more specific mustering information see the emergency procedures posted on the JDD website.

**What do I do if there is a lost scout?**

We do have specific procedures in place. Please read the emergency procedures posted on the JDD Website.

**What will happen if I show up at Fort Gordon without my vehicle pass or list of trailer/vehicle items?**

You will be allowed entry to Fort Gordon if this occurs, however you must have a current valid drivers license, vehicle registration, and a current insurance card. Having the vehicle pass displayed and a list of trailer/vehicle items available will greatly help avoid potential delays while entering the base.

**What if I forget to bring my units medical forms or some of the participants don't have one?**

We are committed to doing everything we can to provide a safe event atmosphere and quality medical attention if needed.

To accomplish this, we cannot issue wristbands (permission to participate in the event) without unit confirmation (via the registration form) that all the required medical forms will be on site. A scout is trustworthy... we are counting on you to have all the forms on hand and a plan in place to get them to the medical tent quickly if needed. Last minute registrations taking place on Saturday will need to confirm that medical forms are available at the event.

**What if I don't have all my Release of Talent, Liability and Hold Harmless forms?**

Fort Gordon has gone out of their way to provide space and resources for this event. Without their tremendous support, this event would not be possible. These forms are required as part of our agreement with Fort Gordon.

To accomplish this, we cannot issue a wristband (permission to participate in the event) to a participant until they have completed and turned in the agreement (includes leaders, adults, siblings). Anyone needing to complete a last minute registration or change needs to be aware of this requirement and have the completed Hold Harmless form with them.

**What if I don't really like using the portable bathroom facilities on the event field, can I go to one of the bathrooms in the nearby buildings? Will there be shower facilities available ?**

No. Fort Gordon is an active military base. We are only authorized to be in the Barton Field area and are not allowed in any building except the dining facilities.

**What about Parking?**

Barton Field is immediately surrounded by more than 2,500 total parking spaces allocated by Fort Gordon for JDD's camping Troops & Crews (vehicles and troop trailers) and Cub day participants. Camper Parking will be those lots closest to the campsites. Please note that no vehicles are allowed on Barton Field; Scouts will have to carry gear to the campsite. Don't forget your parking pass for each vehicle (in the unit planning guide, make copies if needed) *(more details to follow on Parking)*

**What level of detail is needed for the packing list or manifest for entry to Fort Gordon? Should it be prepared on a “per person”, “per vehicle” or “per unit” basis?**

The packing list is per vehicle. It doesn't need to be super long, but cover the major gear. The idea is to reduce the gate security folks' anxiety that visitors aren't transporting weapons, explosives, nukes, or other weapons of mass destruction.

**What activities can Cub Scouts participate in ?**

All activities except Rappelling Extreme are appropriate and available for Cub Scouts.