

# JDD Fast Pass Meetings

## Relay Key Event Information

### Event

- Patrol/Den Method – the event is built around the premise of operating as a patrol/crew. Want to focus on the Sr Patrol leader (or equiv) leading. Primary need for this event will be coordinating when and where to meet and how the patrol/crew will go to events. We encourage the patrols/crews to go the events and eat together. It is important that the Sr Patrol leader attend the PLC meeting Friday night. There will be a separate meeting for Scoutmasters at the same time but different location.

- Review Event Schedule – review the general schedule provided in packets. A detailed schedule will be available 2-3 days before the event on line (there are a lot of guests and special events that continue to fluctuate on time, we don't want to give out incorrect information).

- Going Green: We are making an attempt to minimize the generation of unnecessary paper/trash. Everyone should bring a personal water bottle – paper cups will not be available at the water buffalos. Maps and directions for the event will be available on line versus printed and distributed so you can print only what you need, etc.... Check the web site often leading up to the event and see what is new out there!

- Advancement Opportunities and how documentation will work: There will be a detailed list available on the web site shortly. Basics: Booths with advance opportunities will have a Blue (Cubs) or Gold (Boy Scouts) Fleur-de-lee posted.

Boy Scouts & Venturers will receive business cards for completing requirements. Some of these cards contain multiple requirements. If a requirement is not complete, it will have a line thru it. Some MB requirements require learning about careers and then discussing with counselor. No cards here. The officials will all cover constitutional rights and obligations (Except Teen 101). Their business card is evidence of attendance. For Venturing, there will be a 2-1/2 mile land navigation course available. This is the only planned Venturing advancement.

- Cub Scout leaders. There will be a Cub Tracking sheet. This should be reproduced at the unit level. One per den or one per family. It is up to the Pack. NO CARDS FOR CUBS.

- Event will go on rain or shine – come prepared:

- When patches, sack packs, merchandise, and ribbons will be handed out:

Units registered for camping will receive sack packs and ordered merchandise for all registered youth as you arrive Friday night. Patches and ribbons will be handed out after you have completed check out on Sunday.

Units registered for day participation only will receive patches with your event packet either at this meeting or when you complete registration (at scout office or day of the event at check in). Ordered merchandise will need to be picked up the morning of the event at the merchandise table between 7-10 am. Ribbons will be handed out at the November round tables.

- Distances between events (camping to events, to dining, to water, to bathroom facilities): The length of Barton Field is 1.5miles long by ¼ mile wide. This includes camping areas and all event areas. Facilities will be spread out within this area. In general come prepared to walk (good shoes, sack pack or bookback, etc..)

- Uniforming: Class A for Arena Show Saturday night, Class B for rest of event
- How to recognize event staff – Class A uniform, special hat, neckerchief, epaulets
- All units - bring your troop, crew, or pack flags to both the opening ceremony and the Arena Show
- Remember to eat before arriving Friday night or bring sack lunch
- Check-out process: There is no check out required for day visitors. Campers will check out Sunday morning after the Scouts Own Service. When your camping area is completely picked up, contact an OA member (will be staged in camping area). After OA clears your campsite, swing by registration area and pick up your patches and ribbon(s).
- Suggestions to help make the most of the event:

To minimize walking distance and the amount of time lost just going back and forth from midway to campsites, Scouts are encourage to bring in their sack packs the following (hat for sun protection, rain gear as conditions indicate, \$, etc.)

There will be a lot of camo sack packs that look the same... to avoid confusion or aid in claiming lost bags and items, bring a Sharpie and mark your youths items with their name and unit #. There will be a lost and found at the check-in area.

You might consider bringing camp chairs – sitting around camp and/or large group events....we will be showing at least one movie at night

Be aware – some events will have lines due to their nature (limited thru put and popularity). To minimize frustration – let your boys know this in advance and help them plan. Options include getting their early, coming back later, or waiting in the line. The plan is to let these events self regulate... versus tickets or return times.

#### Related to Fort Gordon

- Treat the base with respect – show them we can follow rules and leave the site better than we found it

- No fires/cooking – this is a field for soldiers, no holes or tent stakes left behind either

- No personal two-way radios of any type are allowed – they could potentially interfere with military communications. Cell phone communications are allowed and encouraged.

- Dining on Fort Gordon – Detailed layouts of the dining facilities and food choices are available in the planning guide – please use them and plan ahead. This is a cool opportunity, we need to do our part to stick to what is normally done as the facilities are open to military personnel too. Basics from our practice: there are 2 lines – you need to pick 1 (fast food or cafeteria), choose your food items quickly, go to any empty seat (there are not reserved areas), beverages and salad bar are available to everyone and self serve, when you are done you clean off your own table. Dessert it also self serve – limit of 1, not like a Ryans buffet. It is definitely okay and encouraged to sit next to a soldier and talk to them about their experiences.

Timing and wristbands: There are two dining facilities and over 1000 participants to feed. To minimize long lines/waits we have assigned you to specific dining facility (#6 or #8) at a certain time (first half 11:30-12:15 or second half 12:15-1:00). To eat, you must have a wristband and go to your assigned location. The color of your wristbands defines which location and which time period.

Couple key points: No wristband = no chow, it is okay to come to the facility any time during your half, spreading out arrivals will help control lines (example – you are at an event, and have a first half lunch – it is okay to finish the event and arrive at the dining hall at 12:00, if you show up at 12:10 and you have a second half lunch, you don't have to stand outside the door till 12:15). Need to get in, eat, and get out – the dining hall is not a place to spend a leisurely hour. There will be staff assigned to assist in the dining facilities and keep things moving, don't be surprised or offended please if you're asked to move things along.

- Entering Fort Gordon – vehicle pass, list of trailer contents: Specific guidance is given in the planning guide regarding what is allowed on base and what is not. A vehicle pass is available in the guide for everyone to print off as needed. Using the vehicle pass and having a list of trailer and vehicle contents will assist you with getting thru security – you will be less likely to be searched/pulled to the side with the pass displayed. Remember other requirements: valid drivers license, proof of insurance, vehicle registration. DO NOT TALK ON YOUR CELL PHONE ON BASE AND OBEY ALL POSTED SPEED LIMITS

- Stay away from areas marked UNAUTHORIZED AREAS – this is for your safety, do not go into buildings, stay in Barton Field area.

\*\* Read the policies and procedures section, make sure your boy leaders are aware of these policies and share them with the youth

### Registrations/Fast Pass

Last day to add participants, make changes or turn in paperwork is September 18 – after this, changes must be done at the event in the registration area

Check in times: 4:30-9:00 pm Friday campers, 7am day visitors

Required forms and paperwork – registration form, unit roster, hold harmless forms

Medical forms – bring with you and have available

Wristbands – importance of wearing them at all times: for protection of youth – if you see someone without a wristband on during the event, direct them to the check-in area (includes vendors and parents, but not military personnel)

Communicate special needs to Jeremy Whitmore – 706-733-5277

FAQ's: A list of frequently asked questions is available on the web site. (Presenter note: use this list to help answer questions, not necessarily intended to read thru all the questions at the meeting)

### Answer Questions