



December, 2016

2017 Jamboree Stadium Experience Newsletter



**215 days until the
start of the 2017
National Jamboree!**

We're on Facebook!

Our Jamboree team has established a "closed group" Facebook page. Find us at "**Jamboree Stadium Experience**" and ask to "join." Email Karen Belanger at: kareng8r@tampabay.rr.com if you need assistance.

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Leading the Show



Don Wendell
Jamboree Program Vice-Chair for
the Stadium Experience

Ralph Voelker

Staff Advisor Ralph Voelker is the Scout Executive of the Pacific Harbors Council based out of Tacoma, Washington.

His 31 years of service as an executive with the Boy Scouts of America has included positions in Denver, Portland, Santa Rosa, Irving and Tacoma. As a young person he was involved with Scouting in Idaho, Georgia, Texas, Arizona and Colorado. He earned his Eagle Scout in 1977 while his dad was stationed in Tucson,

Don Wendell

Don Wendell is the Jamboree Program Vice-Chair for the Stadium Experience. He is an Eagle Scout and serves on Scouting U's Board of Regents. He is also on the Philmont Training Center Conferences Committee and a Council Executive Board member. This is Don's 8th Jamboree.

Arizona. His first job with the BSA was as a Scoutcraft Director. He uses skills from that job in his current job as a Scout Executive, constantly splicing things together!

This will be his second Jamboree. In 2010 he served as the staff advisor for the Regional Stages.

Ralph served 5 years with the Center for Professional Development as a part of the National Office. He wrote a lot of the content that is used in the development of new BSA executive employees.

Don lives in Plano, Texas and is a retired parks and recreation director. In addition to his involvement with Scouting, Don enjoys spending time with his granddaughter, hiking, camping, photography, and traveling. He and his wife Kay have been married for 43 years and have two grown children.



Ralph Voelker
Staff Advisor

He is married to Jill and is owned by two Bernese Mountain dogs (Barney and Ruby Sue). His hobbies include writing and magic. He is a blogger for Voice of Scouting.

Leading the Show, Continued

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Marianne Elden
Relationships & Office
Support Team Leader

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Relationships and Office Support Team Leader Marianne Elden was born in Winter Park, Florida, but has lived around the country on the East Coast, Midwest, and Southwest areas. She worked 11 1/2 years for the national headquarters of BSA where she managed internal communications, corporate sponsorships, and sustainability initiatives. She was the Special Foods Director for the 2005 and 2010

jamborees overseeing kiosk lunches; VIP catering; cakes, coffee, and doughnuts; ice delivery; and Kosher/Halal foods, and was the Daily Shows Team Leader for the inaugural Jamboree at the Summit in 2013. After 30 years of marketing and communications expertise, she left the BSA in December to pursue a double master's in Art Therapy and Counseling at Southwestern College in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

David Kehrer

Greetings! I have the honor of serving as the 2017 National Jamboree Stadium Experience Executive Producer. I live in a small farming town (1,800 people) in Michigan with

my wife and youngest son. I have held many Scouting positions within my local council Great Lake Field Services Council and am a member of Noquet Lodge.

This will be my third National Jamboree. In

2010 I was on the National Exhibits staff, in 2012 I was on the program staff for the Shakedown, and in 2013 I was on the Stadium Experience staff where I got to assemble Rubbermaid cabinets.



David Kehrer
Stadium Shows
Executive Producer

Leading the Show, Continued

George Pinchock

Jamboree Band Director George Pinchock is the Associate Director of Music at Villanova University in Pennsylvania where he works with the concert, marching and pep bands and produces the summer graduate teacher education program for 700 music educators, a position he has held since 1994.

George has been active in the Boy Scouts of America since 1959 in Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers. He achieved the rank of Life Scout and has held various Scouting positions including Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Explorer Advisor, and Troop Committee Member. He has attended Philmont, worked on summer camp

staff and has earned Wood Badge. He is a merit badge counselor for Music and Bugling and serves as the Eagle Project Review Chair for the Lafayette District, Cradle of Liberty Council.

His first Jamboree experience was at the age of 12, when he walked to the 1964 National Jamboree at Valley Forge State Park just a mile from his home in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. He was on the band staff at the Centennial Jamboree in 2010 at Fort A.P. Hill and was the Band Director for the 2013 Jamboree at the Summit.

George is Scoutmaster of Troop 50 in Schwenksville, Pennsylvania which he founded in 2000. He is also a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, a member of Alpha Phi Omega

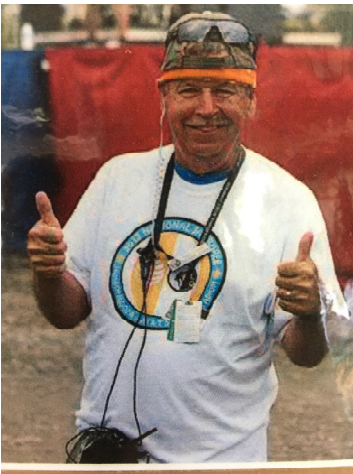


George Pinchock
Jamboree Band Director

(APO) service fraternity at West Chester University and is currently APO chapter advisor at Villanova University.

He has considerable outdoor experience including camping, backpacking, canoeing, technical rock climbing and spelunking.

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David Laabs
Special Events Team Leader

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Special Events Team Leader David Laabs, is retired, Scoutmaster of an inner-city Detroit Troop, as well as prior Scoutmaster of the largest Boy Scout Troop east of the Mississippi. He was the Contingent Scoutmaster for three prior Jamborees and on the Stadium Experience Team for the 2013 National Jamboree. His team is responsible for the hip-hop Sunday afternoon

Jambo-Palooza, 6 evening *Base Camp Bashes*, the *Staff Show* before the troops and crews arrive, and 8 *Lunchtime Fun Shows* which are small but impactful. David said, "Being on my team guarantees the volunteer staff members an absolute blast, engagement with the youth, and awesome Stadium Experience Team camaraderie! I can't wait ... let the shows begin!"

Join us on Facebook at "Jamboree Stadium Experience"

Leading the Show, Continued

Carson Holmes

Carson Holmes is the Deputy Area Leader for the Stadium Experience. This will be his 5th Jamboree and his first time on staff. His main scouting role is an Assistant Scoutmaster from Troop 70 in the Circle 10 Council in

Dallas, Texas. In his professional life, he is an IT and management consultant for Hitachi Consulting. When he is not participating in scouting events or working, he enjoys spending time with his wife and his two Australian Shepherds.



Carson Holmes
Deputy Area Leader

Don't Forget!

Coming soon...

The Stadium Experience team is about to roll out its 2017 website that will be a repository of various team information, updates, FAQ, documents and will be very important as we get closer to our "go" date. Stay tuned.

Jamboree App

We've heard that a Jamboree App is under development as we speak. We'll share more information as we receive it.

To-Do List

- 1) Youth Protection Training—You must be current within one year of the start of the Jamboree.
- 2) Start walking now to be in shape!
- 3) Create your Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) password at the link provided by Jamboree HQ. Download your AHMR form when you are notified.
- 4) Your final staff fee payment is due by January 31, 2017.

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