



1955 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Dear Jamboree Participants and Friends,

In 1955, the Eighth World Scout Jamboree was held in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada. This was the first major international gathering of Scouts outside of Europe. Over 11,000 Scouts attended from 71 countries around the world. The Jamboree of New Horizons, as it was called, was held in a tent city next to the recently reconstructed Fort George National Historic Site.

Fifty years have passed since this historic event and it's time to celebrate the impact that Scouting has on the lives of young people. All WJ'55 attendees, Scouts, and other supporters of Scouting are invited to join us in celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Jamboree. The celebration will be held at the original Jamboree site on September 16-18, 2005. A permanent monument to the Jamboree will be unveiled. The celebration will be held jointly with the Scout Brigade of Fort George, a War of 1812-themed camp which annually attracts over a thousand Scouts from Canada and the United States.

The all-volunteer WJ'55 Anniversary Committee has arranged series of events for the celebration week-end. Niagara Region offers a wide range of other opportunities to make an attractive holiday. The Shaw Festival is in full swing. The Niagara Wine Festival is on. Numerous other activities and sights are available from Niagara Falls to the famous Floral Clock, which will be planted with a Scouting motif.

The weekend gets going Friday evening with a Reception and Meet-and-Greet in the historic Navy Hall by the Niagara River. The reception will run from 18:30 to 21:30. Have some refreshments, meet WJ'55 participants, and see memorabilia and photos from the Jamboree.

On Saturday morning at 11:00 we will hold the formal unveiling ceremony for the permanent monument to the Jamboree. The ceremony will take place in Fort George. You may come by the fort at 10:00 to see the various exhibits and experience what life was like for a British soldier in 1812. The formal ceremony will be completed by 11:45.

Saturday afternoon is open for visiting the many sights and special Jamboree displays. The Scout Brigade of Fort George will hold their parade at 14:00. The Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum will have an exhibit including artifacts from the Jamboree. There will be displays by the Scouts On Stamps Society International (SOSSI), Scout Memorabilia Collectors of Canada, Canadian Badgers Club. The Niagara Falls Scout Museum will be open.

In the evening, join us for our celebration banquet. The evening will get underway at 18:00 with a meet-and-greet. Dinner will be served at 18:30 followed by an after dinner speaker. The formal dinner will conclude at about 20:30 at which point everyone will be invited to retire to a convivial location. Seating for the banquet is limited. Please register soon if you would like to attend.



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On Sunday morning starting at 09:00, you can drop by Fort George to see the Scout Brigade in action and attend a Scouts' Own.

Several WJ'55 Anniversary souvenirs are available. There is a commemorative crest designed in the pattern of the original 1955 crest. In 1955, Chetwin Films made a 45 minute movie of the Jamboree. This film is now available on DVD. We have also put together a CD of CBC Radio broadcasts, the Jamboree song, and some speeches by Lord Baden-Powell. An Anniversary postal cover will be available and an Anniversary postal cancel is available on request at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Post Office. When you go to send your mail, say "hello" to the Postmaster who attended the Jamboree as a Scout.

If you would like to bring your Scout troop to the event, please visit our web site for information (<http://wj55.org/>). For others, there are three registration options:

- **Unveiling Only** package includes parking and admission at Fort George, a WJ'55 Commemorative crest, and a souvenir program. Fee: \$20.
- **Full Weekend** package includes parking and admission at Fort George, a WJ'55 Commemorative crest, a souvenir program, admission to the Niagara-on-the-Lake Museum, and a ticket to the Friday reception. Fee: \$35.
- **Full Weekend + Banquet** package includes everything in the Full Weekend package plus a ticket to the celebration banquet. Fee: \$75; seating limited.

Please register for the event through our web site (<http://wj55.org/>). If you are unable to do so, you may complete and mail the attached form. Be aware that this creates extra work for our registrar.

If you would like more information, please visit our web site: <http://wj55.org/>
Or contact us by email: info@wj55.org

We look forward to greeting you at the Anniversary events.

Your 1955 World Jamboree 50th Anniversary Committee

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Please register for the event through our web site. If you are unable to do so, please complete this form and mail it with a cheque (made out to "Scouts Canada — WJ'55") to the address below.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, Prov., Postal Code: _____

Country: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Attended WJ'55: Yes No

Registration Package: Unveiling Only \$20 Full Weekend \$35 Full Weekend + Banquet \$75

Number of Tickets: _____

Names on Tickets: _____

DVD of Jamboree movie: This DVD contains the 45 minute film from WJ'55. Price: \$25

Number ordered: _____

Jamboree CD: Audio CD of CBC Radio broadcast about the Jamboree, the Jamboree song, and some speeches by Lord Baden-Powell. Price: \$10

Number ordered: _____

WJ'55 Anniversary Crest: Commemorative crest for the 50th Anniversary patterned after the original 1955 crest. Note that one crest is included with each registration. Price: \$5

Number ordered: _____

WJ'55 Anniversary Postal Cover: Commemorative postal cover produced by the Scouts On Stamps Society International. Price: \$2

Number ordered: _____

Notes or Comments: _____



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