



To: Section and Chapter Officers of the Air & Waste Management Association
RE: Support for 2017 Scout Jamboree Exhibit
Date: June 26, 2017

Dear A&WMA Colleague:

You may have heard about A&WMA's Scouting Committee and A&WMA members participating in the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) National Jamborees over the last 16 years. Typically held every four years. This year the BSA will celebrate its 19th Jamboree (the first was held in 1937) at its new home called the "Summit Bechtel Family Reserve" near Beckley West Virginia. The date of the National Scout Jamboree is July 19-28 2017. This will be the 19th since the first held in 1937, <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/>. A&WMA's Scouting Committee of the Education Council will once again host an environmental educational outreach exhibit at the **Conservation Trail** focusing on the themes of environmental careers, air quality, climate change and sustainability.

The A&WMA Environmental Exhibit has been given a featured position along the header of the **Conservation Trail** and expect upward of **30,000 scouts** and camp visitors through the Trail and potentially thru our exhibit. We are therefore sending out an appeal for more A&WMA volunteers to help staff the Committee's Exhibit on a tag team basis (from July 19-28, 2017). The volunteers will pay our own way to/from WV and for their lodging and meals while working the Jamboree. Most volunteers (from coast to coast) will be using their personal vacation time or may be sponsored by their employers! A&WMA Scouting Committee is holding lodging reservation for interested volunteers.



The Sections and Chapters help is needed! The costs associated with exhibit program logistics & the exhibit itself are typically covered by donations from Sections and Chapters. For the 2017 Jamboree we estimate these expenses at ~ \$7,500 to include A&WMA exhibit logistics, the keystone A&WMA BSA vendor registration fee, trailering/storage of materials, replacement of worn out or new educational posters, a few new pop-up displays, support for A&WMA branding materials (hats & T-shirts) for volunteers, and recognition patches and/or tokens for the scouts.

Nominal donations from Sections and Chapters (S&C) are requested in the amounts of \$500, \$1000, \$1500, \$2000, or \$2500, along with various other contributions, i.e., support of an S&C member volunteering to be an on-site Staffer.

When former A&WMA President Gwen Eklund visited our 2010 Exhibit she said in her EM column: *"I was surprised at the depth of knowledge and enthusiasm exhibited by the teenage scouts and their understanding of the environmental and energy issues facing our planet. I also was impressed by how caring and interactive our A&WMA volunteers were in teaching these young men and women."*

Can your Section and Chapter help us offset the expense of the 2017 Jamboree Exhibit and/or sponsor a member to volunteer onsite during the Jamboree? Please send your timely pledges to the A&WMA headquarters office. Thank you for your generous donations and/or support for an S&C member to be an on-site Exhibit volunteer. Volunteers should be advised to immediate contact me directly at trherman76@gmail.com, or phone 502-451-8308 for more details and instructions.

Respectfully,
Tom Herman, P.E., Chair, Scouting Committee