

# **Barbados Boy Scouts Association Contingent Leader's Report On the XII Caribbean Jamboree**



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On the morning of July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2000, Mr. T. Jones, Mr. M. Taylor, Mr. S. Hinds, Mr. L. Brome, Mr. C. Layne and AQM Neblett, went to Harrison College to load the transport vehicle.



The Contingent was originally made up of 51 boys and Leaders, however due to a last minute decision it was reduced to 50 persons.

Arrival and check in at the Grantley Adams Airport went smoothly. The Contingent was seen off by Commissioners Mrs. Nell Johnson and Mrs. Joan White. One of the boys, Terrine Thomas did not arrive in time for the flight, all efforts to



reach him proved futile, hence the Contingent left with 49 persons.

The flight left at 12:45am and arrived in St. Lucia at 1:10pm. We were met and welcomed by Commissioners Terry Faisal and Alvin Fauns.



It was indicated to us that the campsite was not quite ready and that we would be housed in a school until later in the evening. The Commissioners made the passage through immigration and customs very smooth. We were transported to the Vieux Fort Comprehensive Secondary School; about ten minutes drive from the airport, where we met Contingents from Martinique & St. Vincent. Lunch was served and the boys enjoyed a game of cricket and football after settling in. At 6:30pm a vehicle arrived to transport the equipment to the campsite, but none for the campers. In an effort to protect the equipment and gear, John King volunteered to find transport to the site. At 6:55pm the transport vehicle for the campers arrived and took us to the site, which was two minutes drive away.

At 6:57pm in complete darkness we disembarked the transport vehicle, after a quick recon of the area we discovered that it was littered with "cow patties" and

appeared to be an old agricultural field. There was no headquarters set up as yet, no water available and no transport available to facilitate the collection of water or the purchase of supplies. Nobody around seemed to know what was happening and the level of co-operation left a lot to be desired, this appeared to result from the fact that the two persons from the staff who we had met (Franklin Deodoni and Shaun Alcindor) were from Castries and were not familiar with the area. The boys set up the sleeping quarters for the night while Leaders travelled off the campsite in search



of food and water.

We eventually ate after midnight and retired for the night.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

With the addition of overnight rains, camp rose to an unchanged situation improved only by the godsend of light.



Breakfast was purchased for the Contingent from a vendor on the Jamboree site, due to the absence of water and firewood.

Personnel from the Regional Office visited our area in search of officials from the St. Lucia Association, who were yet to be seen for the morning.

The rain continued. At 10:00am an enquiry was made as to the water situation



and we were told that the WASA could not find the mains and were waiting on the developer's plan to locate it.

The Contingent continued campsite development, while the Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Quartermaster for Food went into the town via taxi to secure transport, food and communication.



A vehicle was rented as well as a mobile phone, as there was no other form of telecommunication in sight.

At 11:55am Terrine Thomas arrived on site, he had arrived on the island the previous evening on EC Express (George Charles Regional) and had stayed overnight at the Scout HQ. He missed the flight due to an error in interpreting the flight information.

At 12:00pm I met with Contingent Leaders and the Equipment Quartermaster of St. Lucia at a meeting summoned by members of the Regional Office to update Leaders. Leaders were vociferous regarding their concerns on the conditions. The current status remained unchanged, however we were advised that permission had been sought to fetch water from the medical facility some 250m away, everything else was "on the way". The meeting adjourned for recommencement at 4:00pm.

At 2:00pm Mr. Franklin attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, on his return he confirmed that the opening ceremony had been postponed until Sunday at 4:00pm and that the water tanker was "on the way".

It should be noted that Barbados was the only Contingent prepared for this type of situation; we had the only shovel and rake on the Jamboree site (not to mention access to transportation & telecommunications).

At 3:30pm our Chief Commissioner & Dr. Taylor visited the site, we discussed with them some of the problems we were facing and had faced up to that time. During our discussions with our Chief Commissioners, Mr. John Bristol, General Secretary of the St. Lucia Scout Association, visited the Contingent area. He gave his apologies to Mr. Forbes after which we continued our meeting. The boys were assembled and addressed by the Chief as well as Dr. Taylor, they both praised the efforts of the boys and reminded them of the Scout Law.

At 3:25pm the water tanker came for the first time, we were told that due to recent heavy rainfall, the filters had become

clogged with silt, and that WASA was trying to clear it, a process that would take a day or so.

At 5:00pm I attended the official registration where we were introduced to the Camp Chief Mr. Fitzroy 'Bingo' Leon. The Camp Chief updated us and again Leaders voiced their concerns at the lack of improvement in the situation. Barbados was located in Sub Camp #1, with Cayman Islands, Anguilla, Guyana, and Aruba, which did not make a difference at this time as Contingents had set up camp all over in any available non-flooded spot.



Mr. Ron Richardson from the Regional Office arrived late in the meeting and added his contribution to the proceedings. He stated that what he had observed was way below what was expected at the opening of a Jamboree. He expressed that the Chief Commissioners' Conference may have to be postponed or adjusted given what was before us and that the Chiefs will try to see what they can do to help alleviate the situation.

The meeting was adjourned at approx 6:30pm; thereafter, kit was issued to the Contingents which had prepaid.

Dinner was served at 7:30pm and at 8:30pm the St. Lucia HQ provided a KFC meal.

At 9:05pm we had our first Contingent meeting for Leaders, the major point of note was the behaviour of some of the boys in terms of the language being used as well as

some conversation with sexual content. Leaders were updated on the events for the next day, namely the Piton Challenge and Operation Discover. A Tuck-shop is to be organized given the lack of facilities. The meeting adjourned at 10:07pm.

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 27TH**

After breakfast and the usual morning ceremony the Jamboree kit was issued to the boys. At 9:00am the Contingent left to assemble for the Operation Discover under the leadership of Mr. Grantley Drakes with ATL Layne, and AQM Hinds. Mr. Jones, Mr. M. Taylor and AQM Neblett went to secure additional supplies, while the other Leaders stayed in camp.

At 9:45am the water tanker arrived after the Jamboree site had cleared. Leaders and remaining Ventures fetched water. The power company came to install the lights. At 10:00am propane gas was made available, until then all other meals had been prepared by wood burning. At 11:00am supplies arrived. At 3:10pm the group arrived from the activity and were given a snack.

At 6:20pm the Chief and Dr. Taylor visited us again. Dr Taylor engaged in a game of cricket with the boys while the Chief chatted with Leaders. At 6:20pm Mr. Jones transported the Chief and Dr. Taylor back to their hotel. At 7:20 Ron Richardson and Alberto Del Brutto from the Regional Office visited the campsite for a chat.

At 8:30pm I attended a meeting of Jamboree Contingent Leaders. Issues discussed were: lack of running water; campsite inspection by the Jamboree Staff 10am to 11am each morning. A "Scarf Putting On Ceremony" at 8:00am next morning, Jamboree scarf always to be worn in camp; Lost and found to be put in place. Trespassing in other Troop areas; Security presence/patrol still not in place; Notice to be given to Jamboree HQ when Contingents

leaving camp for their own activities. Apologies for campfire not taking place; Project Babel cancelled due to bamboo problems; Open house; Sub Camp campfire. Absence of activities for others who could not or did not want to attend the ticketed activities. Refrigerators on site still had no power; National flags for ceremonial arena still missing; and Gilwell Reunion will cost EC\$30 to \$40 (interested parties to report numbers). The meeting adjourned at 10:00pm.

At 10:32pm Leaders meeting convened, updated Leaders on matters arising out of the just concluded meeting and took comments on the activity that day. The QM was told of problems with equipment, DCL indicated that there were some boys who were not eating. Mr. Franklin to be in charge of First Aid while Mr. Gollop went home to Barbados for the day to take an exam the following morning. We adjourned at 11:35pm.

#### **FRIDAY, JULY 28TH**

Overnight rains flooded the campsite and most of the morning was spent cleaning out the tents and clearing up the campsite.

The "scarfing ceremony" took place as arranged, where Sub Camp Leaders placed the Jamboree scarf on the Contingent Leaders who in turn put scarves on their Leaders and then on the boys. Afterwards one half of the camp split and shook hands with the other half. We were then dismissed. There was no other organized activity for the day. In the early morning Mr. Jones and Mr. Taylor had left to take Mr. Gollop into Castries to catch his 6:20am flight, for his exam in Barbados.

At 10:30pm the Deputy Sub Camp Chief (Dave Jean-Pierre) arrived to inform us that there were to be 'games' in the evening at 3:00pm. The morning was spent digging trenches, acquiring pallets and erecting clotheslines. At 3:45 Dave Jean-Pierre visited the area and dispensed ice-

cream lollies, he also mentioned that the games were about to get started. The games commenced at 4:30pm and comprised of, lime & spoon race, blindfold, balloon bursting, ten legged race, wrestling, and toilet paper race.

Mr. Gollop returned to camp about 7:10pm.

There was no Contingent Leader's meeting or Sub Camp campfire, a message was sent that the Jamboree would be going to Castries in the morning and buses would leave at 8:00am.

At 8:30pm, after dinner, some of the boys went over to the St. Lucia Contingent, where a bamboo cannon was being fired, some of the Leaders including me, went over a little later.

During the proceedings (8:45pm) and unseen by all of us one of the boys (Nicholas Gill) was blowing into the bamboo pipe, at the same time another boy from the St. Lucian group plugged the top of the pipe, the heat from the resulting back draft, singed Nicholas' eyelid and eyebrow. Personnel from the St. John Ambulance Brigade were on hand watching and took him to their tent for treatment. Mr. Hinds who is the ASL of the Hazelwood and myself accompanied him to the first aid station. Mr. Gollop, Contingent First Aider, turned up shortly afterwards to observe the proceedings. At 9:30pm our campfire rehearsal commenced.

At 10:15pm the Contingent's Leaders meeting commenced. Comments: Running around in the campsite; Dining shelter along with the cleanliness and upkeep of the dining area; An incident that occurred between two boys as a result of one boy making an unsavoury comment about the other's mother; The trip into Castries and the attire for it; and, The boys' safety, during the swimming event. The meeting adjourned at 10:55pm.

### SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

The camp rose and prepared for the day's activities. At 8:00am the transport vehicles arrived to take us to the capital. Mr. Jones stayed in camp for security purposes after returning the rental car.



The Contingent occupied three "ZM" type vehicles and journeyed to the capital, where we arrived at 10:45am.

Boys were split into patrols and went in different directions on a tour of the city.



At 1:00pm the patrols returned to the 'square' for our trip to the Rodney Bay area for lunch. Transport left at 1:25pm and we later arrived at a restaurant called 'The Lime'. After lunch we were put in holding at the JQ Mall while the other Contingents ate. Transport vehicles left the mall at 3:30pm for 'Pigeon Point'.

On arrival the Contingent entered the historic park and journeyed along the path

to the look out tower, where they took photographs.

Other more adventurous members took the steep climb to the signal point.



On return to ground level boys enjoyed a short swim under the supervision of lifeguards and Leaders. At 5:50pm



members boarded the transport vehicles for the trip back to camp.

We arrived at the campsite at 7:20pm to a warm welcome by Chief Commissioner Forbes, who was now acting as our security officer while Mr. Jones had taken the trek to the supermarket.

Also present was Mr. Del Brutto and Mr. Richards of the Regional Office.

The Chief left shortly after as he was only waiting for us to return. Preparations for dinner started immediately.

International night activities began at 9:30pm and continued until 10:45pm. After

the night's activities I met with the Ventures regarding their cook's roster and cleanup, as we had been experiencing some problems with this. The nightly Leader's meeting was postponed until the following day.



I met with the QM staff, as boys had been reporting problems being issued with equipment when they needed it, as they needed it, especially at mealtime. The difficulty appeared to be that both of the equipment QMs were absent from the stores, at the same time.

Contingent Leaders met at 11:15 pm. Jamboree staff spoke on a proposed church service and march through Vieux Fort, the opening ceremony and the remaining ticketed activities. Leaders protested the timing of the service and the transport method for the service in relation to the opening ceremony as it left little time for the preparation of meals. Security was still not in place. Leaders insisted on a meeting with the Chief Commissioner, Mon. Joseph who had not yet shown himself to date and the Camp Chief Mr. Leon, who had been absent since the morning of 27/07/2000. Leaders indicated that they would boycott the opening ceremony, should this meeting not take place. Mr. Franklin Deodoni, who had been acting as Jamboree Director since the first night said that he would pass the message on. The meeting adjourned at 12:35am.



**SUNDAY, JULY 30TH**

The camp rose and prepared for the Church Service. At 7:15am there was a message that there was an urgent meeting of Contingent Leaders.

Leaders started to arrive from 7:20am and the meeting eventually started at 7:40am. Matters: Numbers for the ticketed activities; Apologies for the Chief Commissioners absence and the fact that the Camp Chief will be late; Church service now modified to a 'Scouts Own' on the campsite; Flags still not flying in the arena; and, Absence of medical personnel after hours (a camper from the St. Lucia Contingent suffered an epileptic seizure during the night and there was no official person to attend to her). The meeting adjourned at 8:10am to reconvene at 10:00am.

At 9:00am we commenced our meeting and staff were given the latest update, during our meeting the Leader of the Jamaican Contingent arrived with a message that the Camp Chief had been further delayed and would now arrive at 11:30am. Our meeting continued and Mr. Jones stated that while he was at the Jamboree HQ, more bamboo had arrived and we should acquiring some;

the comment was that they were not expecting it, there was a price attached and that there was no money to pay for it. Mr. Franklin commented on the fact that no prayers were said at the morning ceremony, he also noted that the SPLs seemed unaware of the time for flag break. Troop Leaders will be responsible for managing this aspect. We discussed the paid events and our actual attendance or an alternative for those not attending. Meeting adjourned at 9:55am.

10:00am Contingent Leaders met with the Program Coordinator Mr. Deodoni, they reaffirmed that they would not be attending the opening ceremony or route march, if the meeting with the Chief Commissioner and

Camp Chief did not come off, this meeting was now rescheduled for 2:00pm.

At 11:45am we attended a rather unusual 'Scouts Own' led by a Roman Catholic Priest. Lunch preparation commenced at 1:15pm.

At 2:15 pm the Contingent Leaders meeting reconvened chaired by the Camp Chief Mr. Leon. He took the full brunt of the by now antagonized Leaders comments. He of course shifted all blame due to the fact that "my hands are tied". Shortly afterwards Mon. Joseph, the Chief Commissioner arrived and tried to pacify the Leaders, he claimed to be unaware of hands of his staff being tied, as he had given them full clearance. One of the Leaders proposed that as a compromise and also to boost the morale of the boys, that the GG should visit each Contingent's campsite. Leaders agreed to attend the ceremony if this was done and the Chief Commissioner agreed. Mr. Basil Forbes and Mr. Ron Richardson dropped in on the meeting just moments before it's closure at 4:00pm.



The Opening Ceremony commenced at 5:05pm, Contingents formed up and after a

short speech by the General Secretary, the Chief Commissioner of the St. Lucia Association, and the Governor General, Contingent Leaders went on stage to be presented with plaques by the Governor General of St. Lucia. The Barbados Contingent was given the lead for the March past and salute to the GG.

After the ceremony, the GG visited the campsites as promised and greeted the boys as well as interacted with Leaders. On her departure from the campsite the Contingent sounded three cheers.



Chief Commissioner Forbes stayed to chat with Leaders and left around 7:00pm.



Supper was served and the nightly Leaders meeting commenced at 10:15pm.

Meeting Notes: Consensus for the TL's and ATL's to eat with their Troops; M. Taylor commended the tidiness of the QM food tent but noted that there was a lot of intrusion; Consensus to wear Contingent scarf vs. the Jamboree scarf, due to the highlight of the advertisers overshadowing everything else on the scarf; T. Jones commented on the cutlery and crockery not being properly washed, inadequate issuing of equipment for meals or cooks not collecting all equipment necessary for the particular dish being made; J. Best noted pairing of cooks not correct, long time to prepare meals, boys seen licking fingers while preparing meals especially dinner; S. Hinds noted that unkind comments are being made to the cooks, boys felt imprisoned being kept on site for extended periods; and, Contingent Leadership to date as well as general issues affecting the Contingent slated for discussion at next meeting. Meeting adjourned at 11:30pm.

**MONDAY JULY 31ST**

The morning started with the usual program. Nicholas Gill was noticed to have been vomiting after breakfast and just prior to our departure for the day's activity, the 50-mile-abus-afoot-afloat. He was attended to by the First Aider. It was thought that he should have stayed at camp, but he insisted that he was OK for the trip. We boarded the tour coaches and left for our starting point at Choiselles. On the downhill walk, we travelled for about a mile before Nicholas started to vomit again,

I stayed with him and after a short rest we moved on, shortly afterwards he started to vomit again, we rested and while resting I saw a "route taxi" and flagged it, we boarded and travelled to the front of the group where the situation was mentioned to the route Leader, Shaun Alcindor. He indicated that there was a hospital in Soufriere where Nicholas could be taken

and we continued there. We arrived at the hospital at 11:40pm and Nicholas was seen by the doctor ten minutes later.

The doctor indicated that Nicholas was having a bout of 'gastro'. He prescribed an injection and other medication, after administration of the injection and filling of the prescription we left the hospital at 1:05pm to meet with the others at the ferry port. Mr. Franklin was updated on the situation.



The ferry Carnival II was a catamaran type vehicle, which eventually left port at 1:20pm on it's way to Castries.

Nicholas slept for the entire trip, which was easily the most interesting activity for the Jamboree to date.



The vessel docked at Point Seraphim in Castries at 2:40pm and lunch arrived five minutes later.

Everyone but Nicholas ate as his stomach had started to bother him again. Transport was secured and I accompanied him for the trip to our rendezvous point, the Sir Arthur Lewis Community College. The Contingent again moved under the lead of Mr. Franklin. R. Sealy of the Queens College Troop was first to complete the event at 4:20pm. The others arrived and after some refreshment boarded the coaches for our trip back to the campsite.

We arrived back in camp at 5:47pm and dinner was started, Nicholas' stomach had still not settled. Trinidad & Tobago were having their cultural evening and the boys went over immediately but were due to return for dinner. Nicholas was given his medication and continued to sleep. The T & T event finished at 11pm, by which time some of the Leaders were asleep. After consultation with Mr. Franklin, our nightly meeting was postponed. There was no meeting of Contingent Leaders that night.

### TUESDAY AUGUST 1ST

The camp rose as usual, Nicholas Gill was feeling much better after a nights rest. The Piton Challenge was being offered again and some of the boys and Leaders opted to pay for the event. The Leaders meeting planned for this morning did not come off. The group of eighteen (18) eventually left at 9:35am for this 8:00am scheduled event under the Leadership of Mr. Franklin, Mr. Drakes, Mr. King, Mr. Gollop and Mr. Hinds. The rest of the Contingent stayed in camp to be engaged in the sporting activity planned for the day. At 11:50am Mr. Jones and Mr. Taylor went off site for lunch supplies.

At 3:50pm Fabian Norville suffered a stubbed toe while engaged in a game of cricket, I attended to him as both Mr. Franklin and Mr. Gollop were still away on the activity.

At 4:15pm the Piton Challengers returned to camp. Mr. Franklin reported

that they were all successful with the exception of young Jonathan Gay, who developed respiratory problems as a result of the altitude. The packed lunch as promised to the Challengers had not been given. The First Aider was updated on Fabian Norville. I sent a query on the packed lunch to the headquarters via Mr. Alvin Fanus and shortly after the lunch arrived.

Dinner was started and served on time, after another complaint by the SPL's on the issuing of the rations and equipment. After dinner, the Contingent members attended a barbecue, which was held by the Jamboree Administration. Boys returned at 10:30pm for bed. There was no meeting for Contingent Leaders. The nightly meeting was again postponed, as our Leaders were asleep.

At 11:45pm a check was made of the campsite with the SPLs and it was clear that a number of the instructions being given were not being complied with. Equipment was left lying about; boy's personal items were also being left about.

The QM was unaware where certain pieces of equipment were, as well as the equipment storage tent was left unsecured.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

The camp rose as usual and after flag break Leaders had a major meeting, Mr. Taylor took minutes. Some of the issues discussed were the management of the Troops and the Quartermastership. Duties and responsibilities were broken down again and explained in greater detail, both by Mr. Franklin and myself. An area of grave concern to all Leaders was the glum and despondent facial expression of the AQM for food, Carlos Neblett. In his defence he stated that he had a job to do and would complete it at all cost. He was advised a good job was what we wanted but we also wanted him to enjoy the Jamboree. It was agreed the he be momentarily

relieved from his duties. Meeting adjourned at 11:05am.

Troop Leaders arranged an activity for the boys, which included trading and scavenging for badges and scarves, as well as collection of data from other Contingents.

In the evening the boys engaged in various sporting activities. Dinner was served and afterwards, I left to attend a dinner for the Contingent Leaders and Jamboree Administration. All the Contingent Leaders attended with the exception of Grenada. There was an open bar, followed by a buffet dinner. The dinner concluded and I arrived back at camp at 11:10pm. The boys were just returning from a wide game as I arrived and went immediately to bed. Mr. Franklin reported that there were no incidents during my absence. At 12:10pm Mr. Jones & AQM Neblett returned from the HQ area where they had been updating the accounts. Everyone retired for the night.

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 3RD

During breakfast, the Sub Camp Leader came to advise us of the day's activities, which included a hike to a waterfall, a repeat of the Ride-a-thon and the closing ceremony. This being the last flag break, the Contingent engaged in a morning ceremony, which included the singing of the National Anthem.



Troops moved to disassemble the campsite ahead of anticipated rain and in preparation for our move back to the school. The expected one hour, process of disassembly took the inordinately long period of two and a half hours (2 ½); as a result the boys missed the hike to the waterfall. By this time 75% of the portable toilets on the campsite had been removed. After our campsite was cleared, boys went to the souvenir shop on site to purchase memorabilia.

After the lunch session, boys engaged in a game of cricket, while waiting for the promised transport vehicle to arrive.



On checking with HQ administration, the arrangements for us to stay at the school, as promised by Mr. Faisal, were not made. A party of Leaders from the Contingent made their way to the school, to negotiate with the Principal. After a short meeting, permission was granted. During this time we were still awaiting the transport vehicle.

Given that two showers had already passed and we were anticipating a major one, we secured and paid for a vehicle to freight our equipment over to the school.

Flag down was done at 5:50pm after the last set of equipment had left. The boys made the short trip to the school on foot, where they were to get ready for the 7:00pm closing ceremony. At 6:05pm I was summoned to a meeting of Contingent Leaders, the Camp Chief then proposed

that we the leaders, take charge of the closing ceremony and as part of it have a campfire, with each Contingent providing an item. The starting time for the ceremony was postponed by an hour to 8:00pm. On my arrival at the school, this new information was relayed to the Leaders.

All Contingents participated in the campfire/closing ceremony, at the end of which there was a presentation to the host country. Our Contingent presented a scroll, as the gift promised by our Association had not yet arrived (Mr. Reynold McClean delivered it the following day).

After the campfire, at approx. 11:15pm, the Contingent made it's way back to the school for a late supper and bed.

The nightly meeting was held and Mr. Best was noted to be absent, matters discussed were: Planned shopping trip into Castries, Rodney Bay and Pigeon Point; Details of arrangements; and Assignments for the event as well as procedures. The meeting adjourned at 12:45am.

### **FRIDAY, AUGUST 4TH**

We left the school at 8:45am for our shopping trip and afterwards went to the beach at Pigeon Point. Henderson Turton left for his flight home as scheduled, transported to the airport by Mr. Jones. Our transport vehicles arrived at 4:35pm and we arrived back at the school at



5:45pm.

Three boys were 'pasted' during the evening, against expressed instructions to desist from that activity. As a result, scouts were assembled on the parade circle and made to run laps. A venture eventually owned up for the pasting. I apologized to the scouts for my error. I went on to explain to them the importance of being able to admit or concede error and being able to offer an apology, regardless of the circumstance. The time for lights out had come and the boys retired for the night.

The meeting for Leaders to give and overview and comment generally on what had happened so far was held. Minutes were taken by Mr. Taylor. Mr. Drakes commented that flag break was never on time; he noted that some boys enjoyed the experience and others didn't, otherwise all went well. Mr. Best commented that there was too much shouting and push-ups and in his opinion, this was a waste of time; There was too much talking and whistle blowing before anything was done, persons from other Contingents enquired about it, and it was his opinion that we were the laughing stock of the Jamboree.

Mr. King commented that on the Leaders side, more could have been done to reduce the idle time of the boys, due to the lack of innovation by the Jamboree staff. Role of ATL's and Ventures not clearly executed, shortcomings in the preparation of food (execution), tuck shop could have had given some items to the boys and not sold all, in light of the fact that the mid-morning snack was often not given.

During the course of the meeting Mr. Best left without excuse. The meeting however continued and ended without him returning.

### **SATURDAY, AUGUST 5TH**

Breakfast was prepared by the Leaders. Equipment was packed and sorted. The boys gave the floor that we occupied a

general cleaning. Bathrooms were inspected, after which the equipment was taken downstairs. Mr. Franklin, the two Troop Leaders, the Assistant Troop Leaders and I, met to discuss the presentation of tokens to some of the boys for good behaviour and hard work. Nicholas Gill's aunt arrived to pick him up as arranged and he left at 12:45pm. The Treasurer cleared the camp bank of all deposits after which everyone went downstairs to await transport to the airport. While downstairs, the presentation to the boys was made.

Transport arrived and we made our way to the airport. While checking in we experienced a problem with our booking, which was subsequently sorted out. Departure and boarding was uneventful, as was the trip back home.



The group of 48 members (less H. Turton & N. Gill) arrived at GAIA and was assisted through customs by Mr. Reynold McClean. Dr. Taylor met us on the outside. The boys were assembled and officially dismissed.

The transport vehicle for the equipment suffered mechanical problems and other arrangements were made. The QM, Mr. Best, made his way from the airport after securing his own equipment, without the courtesy of indicating to me that he was leaving or checking to find out how or if the equipment was being transported.

T. Jones, M. Taylor, AQM C. Neblett, ATL C. Layne and I, took care of the equipment.

### PRE-JAMBOREE ACTIVITIES

During the course of our preparation for this event, many meetings were held for various reasons. The Secretary was appointed after the third meeting, which was held at the Combermere School, hence officially recorded minutes will be dated after April 23rd, 2000.

There were four activities held with the group in preparation for the Jamboree. The first two were overnight activities, the purpose of which was to assess camping standards and scouting skills, and to inspect uniforms. All in the effort to ensure that all the boys attending Jamboree, were capable of taking care of themselves in a camp setting. Mr. Franklin the Deputy Contingent Leader was in charge of co-ordinating these two activities, which were stated to be compulsory.

With the exception of some confusion over permission to use Headquarters for the first activity; the scary moments when the rider an unlit motorcycle, raced full throttle across the campsite, fields and the berm; also the subsequent police investigation after the discovery of a stolen vehicle on the premises the following morning... all went well for that, and the second overnight activity.

A parents meeting was held at the end of the second activity, when parents had the opportunity to express concerns and ask questions. The information given at the meeting was reinforced as a bulleting of general information was distributed to the parents who attended.

The second two sessions were day activities, at which the collection and packing of equipment was done. Campfire rehearsals were held and on the last evening, Jamboree kit was distributed.

### POST JAMBOREE ACTIVITIES

The group met at Harrison College on Saturday, August 12th to collect equipment and return scarves. The Secretary and Treasurer, were given the task of contacting and collecting the scarves from the boys who had not turned up for the event.

The critique meeting, was held at Hazlewood on Thursday August 31st and was chaired by Dr. Taylor. Minutes of this meeting were taken by the Secretary and form part of his report.

A fun day for the boys, was held at the Pebble Beach on Saturday October 2nd, 2000.

The assembly time was set for 9:00am. The boys engaged in boating and Kayaking. Eighteen boys and leaders turned up for the event, which concluded at approximately 4:30pm.

Tokens of appreciation were purchased for boys and staff, who were outstanding in their roles at the Jamboree. AQM Carlos Neblett, SPL's Halston Farley and Henderson Turton.

### OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

There were some leaders who acted as though they were at the Jamboree for themselves and engaged in their own activities, not taking full charge of their responsibility to the boys.

There were some leaders who held extreme views and as such affected the enjoyment of both the boys and other leaders. Such views should have been expressed at the nightly meeting and a consensus reached, which would have been final and binding on all.

Meetings were held and leaders had nothing to say, yet after the meeting there was a lot of 'private discussion'. This distracted from the expected good harmony and camaraderie.

The appointment of The Jamboree Contingent Leader, should be treated in the same manner as that of Chief Commissioner, as that individual has a principal ambassadorial job with possible international political ramifications in the Scouting arena. The popularity of the individual should not be a factor in their selection. The individual's ability to handle the task at hand, manage people and to be always aware that they are representing our country, should be key attributes that individual should possess as well as strong oral communication skills.

It is my understanding that some previous Contingent Leaders have not submitted reports. It is my recommendation that any future Contingent Leader who does not submit a report, face strict disciplinary action, to be enforced by the National Executive body.

All other contingent leaders not submitting reports should be subject to the same disciplinary action.

**Everton Mayers**  
**Contingent Leader.**



**The Contingent**



**A moment of relaxation**



**Lunch at 'The Lime'**



## ***APPENDIX***

1. Deputy Contingent Leader's Report
2. Treasurer's Report
3. Secretary's Minutes and other correspondence
4. List of Participants
5. Quarter Master's Report
6. First Aider's Notes and Log
7. Troop Leader's Report Troop 1 (John King)
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**Barbados Boy Scout Association**

**XII Caribbean Jamboree Contingent**

**Contingent Treasurer's Report**

**April 1st, 2000 - 31st October, 2000**



**Barbados Boy Scout Association  
XII Caribbean Jamboree Contingent  
Statement of Income & Expenditure  
April 1st, 2000 - 31st October, 2000**

**Income:**

Jamboree Fees	\$32,500.00	
Pre-Jamboree Activities Camp Fees	483.00	
Contributions & Donations	3,050.00	
Sale of Extra Duffle Bags & Activity Shirts	255.00	
Tuck Shop Surplus	46.92	<sup>2</sup>
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$36,334.92</b>

**Expenses:**

Airfare	10,269.50	
Contingencies	591.46	<sup>3</sup>
Departure Tax - Barbados	1,250.00	
Departure Tax - St. Lucia	1,279.85	
Duffle Bags	2,502.42	<sup>4</sup>
Equipment	323.72	<sup>5</sup>
Equipment "Insurance"	11.90	<sup>6</sup>
Food	1,661.78	
Jamboree Camp Fee	13,007.14	
Miscellaneous	957.80	<sup>7</sup>
Post-Jamboree Activity Expenses	620.55	<sup>8</sup>
Pre-Jamboree Activities Expenses	632.48	
Printing of Activity Shirts	302.91	<sup>9</sup>
Ticketed Jamboree Activity	1,310.00	
Transportation	589.55	<sup>10</sup>
Travel Insurance	505.00	
<b>Total Expense</b>		<b>35,816.06</b>

<b>Net Income Over Expenditure</b>		<b>\$518.86</b>
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On Deposit with Treasurer		\$518.86
Accounts Receivable		0.00
Accounts Payable		0.00
Cash In Hand		(0.00)
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$518.86</b>

**BARBADOS BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION  
XII CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE  
DONATIONS RECEIVED**

**Cash:**

Barbados Fire & Commercial	\$100.00
Caribbean Home Insurance	\$150.00
CGM Insurance Brokers Ltd.	\$500.00
Charles McEneaney & Co. Ltd.	\$200.00
Corbin's Garage Ltd.	\$250.00
D C Craig & Associates Ltd.	\$300.00
Harmony General Insurance	\$250.00
Harris Paints Barbados Ltd.	\$200.00
Insurance Corporation of Barbados	\$350.00
Plantrac Engineering Ltd	\$100.00
Rose & La Flamme	\$500.00
Vanderpool Insurances	\$150.00
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,050.00</b>
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**Other:**

A S Brydens & Sons Ltd.	Food Items
Barbados Hardware Ltd.	Equipment
Barbados Lumber Company	Equipment
Carter & Co. Ltd.	Equipment
Consumers' Guarantee Insurance	Activity Shirts
Interage Ltd.	Food Items
Progressive Hardware	Equipment
WIBISCO	Food Items
Star	Juice Syrup

**BARBADOS BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION  
XII CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE  
JAMBOREE FEE BREAK-DOWN**

	<u>BUDGETED</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	
	Per Member	Total	Per Member	Total
Camp Fee	\$250.00	\$12,500.00	\$260.14	\$13,007.14
Food	100.00	5,000.00	33.24	1,661.78
Air Fare	290.00	14,500.00	205.39	10,269.50
Departure Tax - Barbados	25.00	1,250.00	25.00	1,250.00
Departure Tax - St. Lucia	30.00	1,500.00	25.60	1,279.85
Activity Polo Shirt	30.00	1,500.00	4.26	212.91
Contingency	75.00	3,750.00	11.83	591.46
Travel Insurance	10.10	505.00	10.10	505.00
Duffle Bags	0.00	0.00	46.75	2,337.42
"Equipment Insurance"	2.00	100.00	0.24	11.90
Ticketed Activity	26.00	1,300.00	26.20	1,310.00
Equipment	0.00	0.00	6.47	323.72
Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	19.16	957.80
Pre-Jamboree Activities	0.00	0.00	2.75	137.55
Post-Jamboree Activity	0.00	0.00	12.65	632.48
Transportation	0.00	0.00	11.79	589.55
Tuck Shop	0.00	0.00	(0.94)	(46.92)
Donations & Contributions	(188.10)	(9,405.00)	(61.00)	(3,050.00)
	<u>\$650.00</u>	<u>\$32,500.00</u>	<u>\$639.62</u>	<u>\$31,981.14</u>
		Jamboree Fees Collected	\$650.00	\$32,500.00
		Actual Cost of Jamboree	<u>639.62</u>	<u>31,981.14</u>
		<b>Surplus</b>	<u><b>\$10.38</b></u>	<u><b>\$518.86</b></u>

**BARBADOS BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION**  
**XII CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE**  
**CONTINGENT TREASURER'S NOTES**

1. The exchange rate of EC\$1.34 = BD\$1.00 was used to convert all EC\$ bills & receipts to BD\$. This was the cash selling rate received from the bank at the time of purchasing foreign exchange to take to St. Lucia.
2. A Tuck Shop was operated at Jamboree, providing snacks & drinks for the boys to purchase. A small profit was made from the Tuck Shop.
3. Contingencies consisted of:
  - (a) Dinner for Contingent (KFC) on the first night as there was no water or supermarket on site and the nearest supermarket/shops had already closed.
  - (b) Breakfast for Contingent on the first morning in camp as there still was no running water or firewood.
  - (c) Rental of a car for initially two (2) day so that we could travel off-site to purchase food and other necessary supplies as there was no transportation available on site. It was kept for an extra day to that we could transport Mr. John Gollop to the Airport for his 6:20am flight to Barbados on Friday 28th, as we felt we could not rely on the Jamboree staff to ensure that he got to the Airport on time.

**NOTE:** The cellular phones belonging to two of the Leaders were activated as there were no telecommunications on site until the fourth day of the Jamboree. This enabled us to have contact with the outside world and contact with any group of campers going off-site. Also the car was rented again from 31st to 5th as this was the easiest way to travel off-site for food, ice and other supplies. **However**, as the necessity of these were not in agreement by all of the Leaders, the cost of the phones and the second rental of the car was **paid for in full by four of the Leaders**.

4. It was decided to purchase duffle bags for the members of the Contingent as this would standardize the size, type and quantity of the personal luggage taken to the Jamboree. The bags were purchased from Harry's Army Surplus in Illinois, USA.
5. It was necessary to purchase some additional equipment in St. Lucia as the conditions at the Jamboree were far from those in the Jamboree Bulletins we received.
6. Because of the high cost of insurance for the equipment, it was decided to insure it ourselves. A sum was set aside to cover any damage/loss of equipment. Only two pieces of equipment were damaged and this figure represents the repair/replacement of the items.
7. Miscellaneous Expenses consisted of:
  - (a) Rental of chairs for parents meeting.
  - (b) Medical expense for one of the Scouts who took ill at one of the Pre-Jamboree Activities.



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**CONTINGENT TREASURER'S NOTES**

- (c) Liat Quick-Pak for id photographs sent to St. Lucia.
  - (d) Fee charged by W. Willock (Poonka) to help prepare boys for the cultural night at Jamboree.
  - (e) Stationery items purchased (Exercise books, pens, etc.).
  - (f) Sevin & Ant Bait purchased in St. Lucia to control the ants which infested the entire Jamboree site.
  - (g) Paint & brush purchased in St. Lucia to paint the sign for the Gateway.
  - (h) Tokens of Appreciation present by the Contingent Leader to three Junior Leader's who exemplary carried out the duties assigned to them.
8. It was decided to have a Post-Jamboree Activity at which the members of the Contingent would be able to come together in an informal setting for a day of fun and relaxation. This figure represents the cost of refreshments for the activity and the cost of three (3) gifts presented by the Contingent Leader to three outstanding members of the Contingent.
9. The Printing of the Activity Shirts went over the \$1,500.00 provided by the sponsors for the shirts and printing. This figure represents the excess.
10. This figure represents the cost of transporting the equipment and bags to the school where we spent the last two days in St. Lucia (transportation promised by Jamboree Staff never materialized) and the cost of transportation for our day-trip to Castries.

**BARBADOS BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION  
XII CARIBBEAN JAMBOREE  
CONTINGENT LIST**

**Contingent Leader:** Mayers, Everton DaC.  
**Deputy Contingent Leader:** Franklin, Michael L.  
**Contingent Secretary:** Taylor, Martin  
**Contingent Treasurer:** Jones, Trevor DeT. A.  
**Contingent Quartermaster:** Best, James C.  
**Contingent First Aider:** Gollop, John M. N.  
**Asst. Contingent Quartermaster (Eqpt.):** Hinds, Stephen R.  
**Asst. Contingent Quartermaster (Food):** Neblett, Carlos A. DaC.

**Troop #1**

**Troop Leader:** King, John  
**Asst. Troop Leader:** Lane, Corey A.  
**Troop Quartermaster (Eqpt.):** Austin, Dwayne A.  
**Troop Quartermaster (Food):** Cadogan, Nikolai O.  
**Senior Patrol Leader:** Turton, Henderson E. A.

**Patrol #1**

**PL** Holder, Dwight M. L.  
**APL** Renéé, Kenny A.  
 Blackman, Ramon R.  
 Brooks, Lynden A.  
 Cumberbatch, Nicholas A.  
 Hutson, Andre L.  
 Jones, Desmond A.  
 Williams, Michael

**Patrol #2**

**PL** Weekes, Teisheira D.  
**APL** Thompson, Cavour K.  
 Babb, Danny S. A.  
 Collett, Scott S.  
 Coppin, Damian A. R.  
 Godding, Jason  
 Headley, David O.  
 Norville, Jamal Q. R.

**Patrol #3**

**PL** Auguste, Brian H. G.  
**APL** Mosley, Christopher J.  
 Clarke, Damian J.  
 Gay, Jonathon C. T.  
 Mayers, Corey A.  
 Norville, Fabian A.  
 Nurse, Jamar A.  
 Payne, Christopher

**Patrol #4**

**PL** Belgrave, Kevin R.  
**APL** Gill, Nicholas W. C.  
 Alleyne, Oren Y.  
 Chandler, Kyle D. O.  
 Springer, Kemar R. J.  
 Thomas, Terrine O.  
 Weekes, Theodore R.  
 Watts, Anderson DaC.

**Troop #2**

**Troop Leader:** Drakes, Grantley A.  
**Asst. Troop Leader:** Brome, Lenn M.  
**Troop Quartermaster (Eqpt.):** Rollock, Anderson L.  
**Troop Quartermaster (Food):** Sealy, Brian R. S.  
**Senior Patrol Leader:** Farley, Halston A.