

Newly-Formed Youth Services Team to Support 1,000 Youth Staff at 2010 Jamboree

Staff Roles Available for Skilled Adult Volunteers

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The Jamboree Department of the Boy Scouts of America recently approved the formation of the **Youth Services Team**—a team of skilled volunteers, 21+ years of age, dedicated to the highest standards of fun, support, and safety for the nearly 1,000 16-17 year-olds who will serve as Youth Staff members at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. Keith and Dorothy (Dot) Gehlhausen of Evansville, Indiana, who advocated for the creation of this specialized service team after their personal experiences at the 2005 Jamboree, have been selected as the overall co-chairs for the Youth Services Team (YST). The leadership of the YST, consisting of the Gehlhausens, four function-specific vice-chairs, and three BSA professional staff advisors, are currently accepting applications for a limited number of YST staff roles from adult volunteers with specific skill-sets that directly support the mission and vision of the Team.

The primary functions of the YST are divided across four areas of service to the Jamboree's youth staff. The *program* section will produce evening and free time activities and entertainment exclusively for the youth staff. *Security and support* will work to provide the youth staff and YST members with what they need, and help them go where they need to be while maintaining the highest possible level of safety while at the Jamboree home away from home. The *administration* section will aim to support communication and solve problems through information and coordination. The *youth advisement* section will serve as the team's front line, interfacing directly with the youth staff throughout their time at the Jamboree.

“The Youth Services Team will be one of the most highly energized and skilled groups of youth workers at the 2010 National Scout Jamboree,” writes Keith Gehlhausen, “we’re not necessarily looking only for Scouters with the most experience, we seek people who have professional quality training and experiences that can help the YST achieve its mission.”

The search for those skilled volunteers is underway. Those interested in serving on the YST must be willing to dedicate time to planning, preparation, and implementation before, during, and after the Jamboree. A supplemental application that addresses the specific needs for the YST can be accessed online at <http://bsa2010.org/hq/application>. “We aim to match the best people to the right jobs, and to accomplish that, we need to know more information about our applicants than what is gathered with the standard Jamboree staff application,” according to Dot Gehlhausen. Applicants will also need to submit a Jamboree Staff Application and registration form under the “Event Reservations” section of <http://myscouting.org>, citing “Youth Staff” (even though qualified applicants will be 21+ years of age) as one of five staff role selections. The YST supplemental application is available online now through February 21, 2009.

General questions about the Youth Services Team may be directed to the team's co-chairs at yst@bsa2010.org. Technical questions related to the online supplemental application should be e-mailed to Josh Kirby, Vice Chair for Administration, at josh@bsa2010.org.

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