

## Local Scouts Impressed By National Jamboree

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BOWLING GREEN, Va. — At 6:30 a.m. on July 25, 200 Scouts and Leaders of Patriots' Path Council started arriving at the Morristown Armory to join with 45,000 other Scouts and Leaders for the Boy Scouts of America National Jamboree and to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of BSA, at Fort AP Hill, Bowling Green, VA. Five buses and two equipment trucks departed.

The opening arena show was held on Wednesday, July 28, and it was absolutely astonishing. A field was filled with the participants and stacked cases of water bottles in the blistering heat. In the pre-show, Burton Roberts & Alex Boyland of Survivor and the Amazing Race were on hand to open the morning with a game of apple stacking after they shot t-shirts from a cannon into the crowd to determine the contestants.

At 9:15 a.m., three U.S. Air Force military fighter jets flew overhead. U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert Gates was introduced and gave an inspiring speech to the assembly of scouts. He is an Eagle Scout and attended Jamborees as a youth.

Chief Scout Executive Robert Mazzuca took the stage and spoke of the values of Scouting in our lives, as citizens and in our conduct. He is a true inspiration of the Scout Oath and Law.

Other speakers that morning that wowed the crowd were Miss America 2010 Caressa Cameron, the Gov. Robert McDonnell of Virginia and wrestling star "Sergeant Slaughter." The US Army parachute team Golden Knights landed in the arena.



The opening was a truly spectacular event for all who attended. We can't wait to fill the NJTODAY.NET readers in on the closing arena show, hopefully for next weeks' edition.

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