



**ITE TO
SPONSOR TRAFFIC SAFETY MERIT BADGE AT
THE 2010 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA NATIONAL
JAMBOREE**

The Boy Scouts of America will be holding its National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Fredericksburg, Virginia USA from July 26-August 4, 2010. This event will be attended by over 32,000 highly motivated Scouts, most aged 13-17. One of the many activity centers available to Scouts is the "Merit Badge Midway", where there are booths where boys can accomplish all or part of many of the 120 merit badges offered by BSA.

The Institute of Transportation Engineers will be sponsoring the Traffic Safety Merit Badge booth, as we did in 2001 and 2005. This is an excellent program that exposes boys to safety in terms of driver behavior, highway design and traffic control devices, vehicle and traffic law, and vehicle safety features. It is designed to make them safer drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and cyclists. [see requirements at http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Traffic_Safety] It also offers an opportunity for career guidance about the transportation engineering and planning profession.

In 2005, Traffic Safety was the most popular merit program at the Jamboree. Nearly 2,800 boys participated in the program, with more than 2,200 completing it. Our volunteer staff, including ITE members, staff from FHWA, the Fairfax County VA Police Department, and others, contributed on the order of 1,800 hours over 10 days.

We need your help to staff the booth in 2010! You can come for a day, a few days, or the entire Jamboree. For more information, contact program coordinator Steven Gayle at sgayle@co.brome.ny.us