

2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve

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The 2017 National Scout Jamboree will be held July 19th through July 28th, 2017 (plan on 1-2 days before and after the Jamboree for travel and or potential tours)... at The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, located in the mountains near Beckley, West Virginia. Known as "The Summit" for short, the 10,600-acre site borders the New River Gorge National River Area with over 70,000 additional acres to explore. The Summit is the Boy Scouts newest National High Adventure Base and serves as the permanent home of the National Scout Jamboree.

OBJECTIVES

- Experience friendship, leadership and memories that will last a lifetime.
- Opportunity to participate in unforgettable experiences and outdoor challenges and activities all in one place.
- Enjoy the pinnacle of the Scouting experience.
- Ascertain a clear understanding and a deeper sense of commitment to the ideals of Scouting.
- Emphasize physical fitness and conservation of natural resources in today's world.

ACTIVITIES

The excitement of the Jamboree isn't limited to Scouts. The Summit features a large visitor area, where day-users can try out some of the activities that the Scouts are doing around other parts of the Summit. Also, 2013 was the first year that Venturers, a branch of the BSA that includes young women, were part of the Jamboree. Whitewater rafting and kayaking, rock climbing and bouldering, and mountain biking are just a few of the activities offered at the Summit. There's also skateboarding, BMX, shooting sports, and zip-line challenge courses. And that's just the beginning.

GEAR LISTS

Even if you're a jambo or high-adventure camp veteran, it's always nice to have a checklist of the gear you'll need to bring along. The 2017 Jamboree is again being designed to significantly reduce the amount of gear that units and Councils have to bring. Please check back to see what gear The Summit is providing and what gear you're responsible for.

TOTAL ESTIMATED COST

The estimated cost of the 2017 Jamboree is \$1,700. The exact fee for the 2017 Jamboree will be established in early 2016. A \$200 deposit will hold your spot. This is nonrefundable after December 31, 2015 but transferable to a new Scout signing up. Registration and payments will be made online.

FEES INCLUDE

The fee will cover the Jamboree fee, transportation, tours(TBA), meals, lodging, patrol and Troop equipment (as needed) training before the Jamboree as well as insurance. The only additional expense will be your personal equipment, uniforms and spending money. Additional information will be forthcoming. Water and Woods Field Service Council is planning on sending 3 Troops (36 youth and 4 leaders each) and 1 Venturing Patrol (group of 10 - This can be 8 male and female youth with one male and one female leader; or 9 youth of the same gender with one leader of that same gender) to the National Jamboree in 2017. Since we are a large geographic Council, Scouts will be assigned to Troops as closely geographic as possible.



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SCOUT PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS

- Scouts and team members **MUST** have a current BSA membership with a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team.
- **MUST** be at least a First Class Scout.
- **MUST** be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree or an 11 year old that has graduated the 6th grade, but has not reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree.
- Be approved by the unit leader and local Council.
- **MUST** have appropriate parent/guardian to complete the online parental consent. (An email will be sent to the parent/guardian during the application process.)
- Participate in pre-Jamboree training experience with local Council and unit leader.
- Filed a BSA Health & Medical Record with their Council within one year of attending the Jamboree. (The local Council will provide specifics closer to the Jamboree.)
- Submit all registrations fees per the local Council's payment schedule.

VENTURING PARTICIPANT QUALIFICATIONS

- Crew members **MUST** have a current BSA membership with a Venturing crew.
- Be approved by the unit leader and local Council.
- **MUST** have appropriate parent/guardian to complete the online parental consent. (An email will be sent to the parent/guardian during the application process.)
- Participate in pre-Jamboree training experience with local Council and unit leader.
- Filed a BSA Health & Medical Record with their Council within one year of attending the Jamboree. (The local Council will provide specifics closer to the Jamboree.)
- Submit all registrations fees per the local Council's payment schedule.

SCOUTMASTER QUALIFICATIONS

All Jamboree Scoutmasters, First, Second, and Third Scoutmasters **MUST** meet the following requirements:

- **MUST** have a current BSA membership with a Boy Scout troop or Varsity team.
- Scoutmasters and First Assistant Scoutmasters **MUST** be at least 21 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree.
- Second Assistant Scoutmasters **MUST** be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree.
- Third Assistant Scoutmasters **MUST** be at least 18 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree but not yet 21 years of age by the last day of the Jamboree.
- Be approved by the local Council.
- Scoutmaster applicants **MUST** be currently serving as a Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach.
- First, Second or Third Assistant Scoutmasters **MUST** currently be serving in any adult troop or team leadership position.
- Scoutmaster applicants **MUST** have completed Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Couch leader specific training.
- All adult leaders **MUST** complete Youth Protection Training within one year of the last day of the Jamboree.
- Meet the medical and BMI requirements of the Jamboree.
- Participate and assist in planning the pre-Jamboree training experience with local Council.
- Filed a BSA Health & Medical Record with their Council within one year of attending the Jamboree. (The local Council will provide specifics closer to the Jamboree.)
- Submit all registrations fees per the local Council's payment schedule.

VENTURING ADVISOR QUALIFICATIONS

Venturing Advisors **MUST** meet the following requirements:

- **MUST** have a current BSA membership with a Venturing crew.
- Be at least 21 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree.
- Completed Venturing Leader specific training.
- All adult leaders **MUST** complete Youth Protection Training within one year of the last day of the Jamboree.
- Participate and assist in planning the pre-Jamboree training experience with local Council.
- Filed a BSA Health & Medical Record with their Council within one year of attending the Jamboree. (The local Council will provide specifics closer to the Jamboree.)
- Submit all registrations fees per the local Council's payment schedule.
- Be actively serving as a Crew Advisor or Associate Advisor.
- Be approved by the local Council.
- Meet the medical and BMI requirements of the Jamboree.

HOW TO APPLY

The 2017 Jamboree will again use an online application process for all Scouts, leaders, and Jamboree staff applicants. You can only apply for one category— youth, leader or staff. Not both. You will then be directed to print a confirmation and send to the local Council with a deposit (\$200). Go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/?2017jamboree> to register and pay your \$200 online. This deposit is fully refundable if you are not accepted. Individuals seeking staff positions will apply and pay online using a credit card. You must apply online to secure a spot in the contingent or on staff.

If a participant or volunteer has trouble accessing their myscouting.org or my.scouting.org account or their Jamboree application call Member Care Services at 972-580-2489. Be sure to check your junk/spam folders of your email accounts for their confirmation emails, staff offer emails, etc. Application instructions, qualifications, prices, payment schedules, refund policies, etc., can all be found on our website at www.bsajamboree.org. Parents need to register youth participants with the youth's BSA account, not the parents. Application instructions are here: <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration/> to switch registration types or to attend with a different Council, send an email to 2017jamboree@scouting.org.

Adults interested in applying to be a leader with one of our local Troops/Crews need to go online at <https://scoutingevent.com/?jamboldrrqst> and sign up. Interviews will be conducted by year end 2015.

