



Commissioner Call to Action for 2017 Jamboree

The 2017 National Scout Jamboree is just about nine months from now. There are still many staff opportunities available that need to be filled in order for the jamboree to provide a mountaintop experience for our Scouting youth. As commissioners, there are a few things we can do to help fill these staff positions:

1. Become informed about jamboree opportunities.

Review the Commissioner's Guide for 2017 National Scout Jamboree so you are aware of the various opportunities available at the jamboree. Please click [here](#) to view the guide.

2. Promote the staff opportunities to the units you serve.

Talk about the many staff opportunities that are available at the jamboree with your unit leaders, district volunteers, and even parents of Scouts. A couple of activity areas that still have a critical need for staff volunteers are Aerial Sports and Wheeled Sports. There is also a big need for many more medical staff members (doctors, nurses, and EMTs) for the medical base camps and hospital.

3. Volunteer to be a staff member.

This summer, all commissioners received an invitation from our national commissioner, Charles Dahlquist, to volunteer at the jamboree. Many have responded, but there is still time to make this commitment.

Charles has prepared a special 2017 jamboree commissioner staff service patch, which is a three-part patch. You will receive the first part when you register, the second upon completion of payment, and the third at the Commissioner's Corner at the jamboree.

My Story

The 2017 jamboree will mark the third time I have volunteered for the national jamboree. I was a subcamp commissioner in 2010 and a subcamp chief in 2013. I will be serving in 2017 as the subcamp chief in Alpha 2 Subcamp, now named the Badlands. (All the subcamps have been named for national parks at the 2017 jamboree to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service.) I am looking forward to working with the wonderful staff we have assembled to serve the 2,000 Scouts and leaders who will be assigned to live in our subcamp. (By the way, I still need a few staff members too.) *There is nothing like seeing the excitement of the youth to remind you why we serve as we do.*



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The Summit Bechtel Reserve is a beautiful setting for all of the fun and adventure a jamboree can offer. So how was it to live at the Summit for three weeks, you ask? I found my tent accommodations to be comfortable, and I even enjoyed the ambient showers in the subcamps, finding them refreshing at the end of a great day. I hear the staff assigned to stay at the staff camp will have warm showers this time. Bonus! I did a fair amount of walking at the jamboree (which was great exercise), but this time around there will be transportation for staff to help cover the distances between job and "home." The food that was provided in the staff dining area during our preparation period (before the Scouts arrived) was wonderful, and seeing all the staff from across the jamboree site gather for meals was amazing. The food that the units prepared for us was also good, but being able to sit down with the Scouts and leaders and hear about their day was priceless. And this time around they promise even better fare. Yes, we had a bit of rain and our share of mud in Alpha 2 last time, but oh the stories we can tell, and the pictures ...! I am sure the grass there is much more established now and will tolerate any moisture that might show up. And most important to my adventure was meeting new friends whom I look forward to seeing again in July! Won't you join me in this adventure and help give our Scouts that mountaintop experience?

