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# Introduction

## Dates and Location

The 2017 National Jamboree will be Wednesday, July 19, through Friday, July 28, 2017, at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve.

Departure day is Friday, July 28. No early departures will be accommodated.

## Attendance

The 2017 jamboree is being planned for up to 40,000 Boy Scouts, Venturers, and unit leaders, including more than 9,000 staff members. Each unit consists of 36 Boy Scouts and four unit leaders or 32 to 36 Venturers and four to eight unit leaders, not to exceed a total of 40. Each Venturing crew will be made up of groups of 10 that will be grouped together prior to the jamboree to form complete crews of 40. International contingents from over twenty-five countries are expected to attend. These units will follow the Venturing guidelines for the jamboree and international staff will be members of the jamboree staff. .

## Work Schedule

The National Scout Organization (NSO) should develop a work schedule for participation in the jamboree. The following sample work schedule will help with this process.

### October–December

- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and staff.
- Collect initial fee payment from contingent members.
- Initial deposit will be invoiced by mid-December. NSO initial deposit payment will be due by January 31, 2017.

## 2017

### January

- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and staff.
- Initial NSO deposit payment is due by January 31.

### February

- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and staff.
- Begin photo verification.
- Begin verification of all Youth Protection training for leaders.
- Complete Swim Checks for the youth participants.
- Complete practice campouts or “Shakedown” with your youth participants to prepare for the jamboree.
- All participants need jamboree medicals within one year of the jamboree.
- Manage the allocation of river rafting slots.
- Final NSO payment will be invoiced by mid-February. NSO final payment will be due by March 31.

### March–April

- Final NSO payment will be due by March 31.
- Photo deadline is March 31.
- Continue to verify Youth Protection training.
- Check all transportation and submit tour and activity plans.
- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and staff.

## **May**

- Deadline for Youth Protection training to be completed is May 31.

## **June**

- Deadline to submit all travel, transportation, and tour and activity plans is June 15.

## **July**

- Attend 2017 National Jamboree!

# People

## Unit Leader Positions

The recognized unit leader positions for international contingents are the adult leaders for the Venturing patrols and crews known as Venturing Advisors.

## Unit Configuration

Contingents must adhere to a Venturing group size of 10. This can consist of eight youth and two adults or nine youth and one adult as determined by the contingent. The two-deep leadership requirements can be met during travel by the Venturing groups traveling with the troops and sharing leadership. Please keep in mind that should there be coed youth attendees, there must be coed leadership present during travel. Prior to arrival at the jamboree, the groups of 10 from various contingents will be grouped together to form crews of 40, which will meet the two-deep leadership and coed requirements while on-site.

## Registration Requirements

### Venturing Unit Leader Qualifications

All Venturing Advisors must meet the following requirements:

- Have a current membership with their national Scout organization (NSO).
- Be at least 21 years of age by the first day of the jamboree.
- Complete Youth Protection training for both Boy Scout and Venturing programs (two separate courses) within one year of jamboree. All staff must complete both trainings, regardless of age. Youth Protection and Venturing Youth Protection training

may be taken online at the My.Scouting.org website. Follow the instructions on the site to create an account for the training of non-registered members .

- Be actively serving as a crew Advisor or associate Advisor, or similar, in your own NSO.
- Meet the medical and body mass index (BMI) requirements.
- File a jamboree personal health and medical record by April 15, 2017.
- All adult leaders must be approved by the NSO.
- All adult leaders must submit all registration fees per their local contingent's payment schedule.

### Venturing (Youth Participant) Qualifications

All Venturing members must meet the following requirements:

- Have a current membership with their NSO.
- Be at least 14 years old on the first day of the jamboree, but has not reached their 21st birthday by the last day of the jamboree.
- Participate in a pre-jamboree training experience with your contingent.
- Be approved by the NSO.
- File a jamboree personal health and medical record by April 15, 2017.
- Submit all registration fees per their local contingent's payment schedule.
- Meet the medical and body mass index (BMI) requirements.

- Complete Youth Protection training for both Boy Scout and Venturing programs (two separate courses) within one year of jamboree. All staff must complete both trainings, regardless of age. Youth Protection and Venturing Youth Protection training may be taken online at the My.Scouting.org website. Follow the instructions on the site to create an account for the training of non-registered members .

### International Staff Qualifications

There will be only one staff session offered for international staff at the 2017 National Scout jamboree.

Session 1: July 15–28, 2017

Those wishing to join the international staff must work through their contingent and NSO to complete any country-specific registration and application requirements.

Jamboree staff positions are open to adult men and women who meet the required qualifications. All applicants must:

- Have a current membership with their NSO.
- Be able to arrive on-site at the jamboree before opening day as deemed necessary by the service director.
- Be at least 18 years old by the first day of the jamboree.
- Submit all registration fees online per the published payment schedule.
- Complete any jamboree-specific training deemed necessary by the

service director of the area selected to serve.

- Complete Youth Protection training for both Boy Scout and Venturing programs (two separate courses) within one year of jamboree. All staff must complete both trainings, regardless of age. Youth Protection and Venturing Youth Protection training may be taken online at the My.Scouting.org website. Follow the instructions on the site to create an account for the training of non-registered members.
- File a personal health and medical record as instructed by the deadline.
- Meet the medical and body mass index (BMI) requirements.

For more detailed information on serving as staff at the Jamboree, please refer to the Staff Guide at [www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2017-Staff-Guide.pdf](http://www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/2017-Staff-Guide.pdf). Please note some of the information in the guide is specific to BSA members and will not apply to international staff.

### Jamboree Applications

All applicants (youth, adult leader, and staff) must complete an application. The links to the online applications have been sent to your NSO and are also located at [Scouting.org/International](http://Scouting.org/International).

Applicants must have a current passport-style photo showing only the full face of the applicant. The photo should be uploaded to the applicant's jamboree application by March 31, 2017.

A detailed fee discussion is included in a later section; however, staff members

may pay individually with their application; youth and adult leader participants pay their fees to their NSO. Each NSO will determine its own deposit amount and payment schedule, keeping in mind the established BSA national payment schedule.

## **Statement of Understanding**

All participants (youth, leaders, and staff) are selected to represent their local contingents based on qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all adult and youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to read the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition of participation.

It is with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion (at the participant's own expense) from the jamboree. Each participant is responsible for his or her own behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from the jamboree.

## **Code of Conduct**

The contingent's adult leaders are responsible for the supervision of its membership, maintaining discipline, security, and the Jamboree Code of Conduct.

Leaders will be guided by the BSA Scout Oath and Scout Law and will obey all U.S., local, and state laws.

- *I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable*

*and will wear my jamboree credentials at all times.*

- *I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other unit members and leaders.*
- *In consideration of other unit participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the unit and meal times.*
- *I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear clean and organized.*
- *I will adhere to all jamboree recycling policies and regulations. I will not litter.*
- *I understand that the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited at the jamboree.*
- *I understand that serious and/or repetitive behavior violations, including cheating, stealing, dishonesty, fighting, and cursing, may result in expulsion from the jamboree or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. The jamboree headquarters must be contacted for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. There are no exceptions.*
- *I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.*
- *I understand that possession of lasers of any type and possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.*
- *I will demonstrate respect for unit and jamboree property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.*

- *Neither the unit leaders nor the Boy Scouts of America will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items and check items of value at the direction of unit leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.*
- *I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.*
- *I understand that, in accordance with U.S., local, and state laws, firearms and weapons are prohibited in the possession of all jamboree participants unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Boy Scouts of America. All devices categorized as dangerous weapons in West Virginia (see <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/wvcode/code.cfm?chap=61&art=7>) are prohibited at the Summit. Knives in excess of 3.5 inches are among these items and, as such, are prohibited at the Summit.*
- *As a jamboree adult leader or staff, I agree to complete the Youth Protection training for both Boy Scout and Venturing programs (two separate courses) within one year of jamboree. All staff must complete both trainings, regardless of age. Youth Protection and Venturing Youth Protection training may be taken online at the My.Scouting.org website. Follow the instructions on the site to create an account for the training of non-registered members.*
- *I understand that all participants and staff members may only bring items specified on the equipment list*

*provided by the Jamboree Department, BSA National Council.*

- *I understand I must have a current photo ID in my possession at all times.*

Violation of this Code of Conduct, or any other conduct deemed to be inconsistent with the values of Scouting, may result in expulsion from the jamboree at the participant's own expense.

## **Commitment to Safety**

The safety and health of our youth, volunteers, staff, and employees is a key component of the 2017 National Jamboree experience. Youth develop traits of citizenship, character, fitness, and leadership during age-appropriate events when challenged to move beyond their normal comfort level and discover new abilities. In doing so, it is essential that risks are identified and mitigated.

The 2017 National Jamboree program, activities, and events integrate many safety features. However, no policy or procedure will replace the review and vigilance of trusted adults and youth leaders at the point of program, activities, and event execution.

In order to promote and secure a safe and healthy 2017 National Jamboree environment, all leaders are asked to:

- Know and execute the BSA program as contained in appropriate jamboree publications and the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.
- Set the example for safe behavior and equipment use during all programs, activities, and events.

- Engage and educate participants in discussions about hazards and risks, their identification, and mitigation.
- Report incidents in a timely manner to appropriate staff leadership.

Together we will ensure the 2017 National Jamboree provides an exciting and safe experience for everyone.

# Organization

## Venturing Organization

Your contingent will join other contingents to form a crew at the jamboree. Your contingent crew assignment will be announced one month prior to the jamboree. The leadership of your crew will be selected from among the crew members. Listed below are customary leadership positions for a crew at the jamboree.

### Advisor

- Accompanies crew to and from the jamboree.
- Maintains policies and coordinates efforts of associate Advisor and the crew president.
- Is personally responsible for the health, safety, and morale of their crew.
- Responsible for crew first aid and contacts the subcamp medical officer on serious cases.
- By example, serves as a role model for others to follow.
- Is responsible at all times for the proper behavior and conduct of the members of their crew.
- Receives a report from the crew president on bed check each evening after taps and reports those present, accounted for, or missing to the designated subcamp staff member.
- Works with the vice president of administration in administering unit operations.
- Advises the treasurer and assists with the management of crew finances.

- Arranges directly with the subcamp repairs and maintenance officer for supplies with the support of the vice president of administration.
- Works with the president to maintain general morale of crew, including distribution of mail and other communications.
- Cooperates with subcamp leadership at all times.

### Associate Advisor

- Serves as the crew adult leadership in the absence of the Advisor.
- Works with the vice president of administration in the issuance of supplies.
- Arranges directly with the subcamp repairs and maintenance officer for supplies with the support of the vice president of administration.
- Works through and with the president and vice presidents to train and oversee the crew's tasks of food supplies, preparation and serving of food, and cleaning up.
- Advises the vice president of program on transportation of personal baggage to and from the jamboree.
- Works with the secretary in the handling of crew records.
- Works with the vice president of program in handling the scheduling of crew participation in jamboree activities.
- Along with the secretary, encourages crew news correspondents to send news to their hometowns.
- Maintains a relationship with the Jamboree "Media Experience."

## President

- Serves as the primary youth leader of the crew.
- Plans and implements crew program in cooperation with other officers, members, and Advisors.
- Assists the crew Advisor in conducting the crew officers' seminar (training and planning).
- Appoints youth chairs for crew activities and special crew officers.
- Maintains information on the whereabouts of crew members.
- Is responsible for the appearance of crew members with regard to cleanliness and proper uniforming.
- Maintains schedules within the crew camp covering reveille, meal hours, and other special assignments received from subcamp staff.
- Organizes all formations of the crew.
- Makes bed checks at taps each evening and reports and accounts for all members of the crew to the Advisors.
- Assesses on an ongoing basis whether the responsibilities of the officers are being considered and carried out effectively.
- Attends leader meetings as needed.
- Approaches Venturing and encourages others to approach Venturing in a spirit of fun and enjoyment.

## Vice President of Administration

- Serves as the administrative officer of the crew.

- Assumes responsibilities of the president in his or her absence.
- Works directly with the Advisors in administering crew operations.
- Coordinates directly with the Advisor on crew supplies, maintenance, and repair issues.
- Organizes and recognizes the achievements of crew members.
- Conducts opening and closing ceremonies for meetings and special occasions.
- Encourages others to approach Venturing in a spirit of fun and enjoyment, and seeks to reflect this spirit in the recruiting of new members and through recognizing the achievements of crew members.

## Vice President of Program

- Handles the scheduling of crew participation in jamboree activities.
- Is responsible to the associate Advisor on program and activities of the crew.
- Is responsible to the Advisor for the crew's physical arrangements.
- Consults regularly with crew cooks on the most effective ways to prepare daily food selections.
- Meets daily with the crew cooks, giving briefings on food preparation and safety precautions.
- Oversees cleanup operations after each meal.
- Is responsible for the care and neat appearance of all equipment.

- Maintains an up-to-date calendar of crew meetings and activities.
- Approaches Venturing and encourages others to approach Venturing in a spirit of fun and enjoyment.

### Secretary/Vice President of Communications

- Manages all communications and publicity of the crew.
- Maintains crew membership and attendance records and handles crew correspondence and minutes.
- Coordinates crew publicity and communication through the Jamboree “Media Experience.”
- Works with the support of the Advisor in handling registration procedures and in keeping such records as required.
- Encourages others to approach Venturing in a spirit of fun and enjoyment.

### Base Camp and Subcamp Operations

Here are some specifics to help you understand what to expect.

- There will be five participant base camps.
- There will be four subcamps per base camp with the exception of the Venturing base camp, which will have two subcamps.
- The subcamps will be divided into five neighborhoods per subcamp (10 Scouting units per neighborhood).

- Your troop/Venturing group will be camping beside other Scouting units from all over the world.
- Two youth participants will be rooming together in one tent.
- Adult leaders will have individual tents. If there are more adult leaders per patrol, adult leaders will share tents based on gender. Both the youth and leader participant tents will be dome-style tents with cots provided.
- All individual Scouting units will be preparing their meals in their assigned living area.
- All program activities will be occurring outside of the base camp and subcamp areas.
- There will be one headquarters area within each subcamp for assistance.
- There will be medical facilities in each of the five base camps.

If you have additional questions, please contact the International Department at [international@scouting.org](mailto:international@scouting.org).

If you find any item at the jamboree, take it to the nearest “lost and found.” Mark the item with your name, unit number, and where it was found.

# Money

## Fees

The international participant fees for the 2017 jamboree are as follows:

Youth participants—\$1,225

Unit leaders ages 21–25—\$750

Unit leaders age 26 and over—\$1,275

Staff ages 18–25—\$575

Staff age 26 and over—\$1,025

The payment schedule is as follows:

For international youth participants and international unit leaders, NSOs are invoiced by the BSA International Department through national accounting to pay directly to the BSA International Department. NSO payments are typically paid via wire transfer. For international staff, payment is made online with a credit, debit or gift card or by arrangement through a wire transfer. See the International Registration Instructions document, provided to your NSO, for specific information regarding wire transfers.

The national jamboree fee charged to the contingents covers the expense of program material, food, insurance, and equipment as well as the use of a tent, cot, dining shelters, stoves, fuel, and cooking utensils during your adventure at the jamboree. The national fee also includes a “Jambo 17 Kit,” the contents of which will be announced at a later date.

Each NSO will set its own jamboree fee, including the deposit and payment schedule, based on travel and tour expenses and the BSA national payment due dates.

## Scholarships

There will be scholarships available. Information regarding scholarships will be provided to NSOs before the end of 2016.

## Refund Policy\*

If an individual has signed up to attend the jamboree and then finds he or she cannot attend, a refund may be processed by the local contingent only if they have a replacement contingent member. Individual refund requests should be submitted to the primary registrar in the NSO.

\*NSOs set their specific cancellation and refund policies for individual contingent members. Requests for refunds from individual members of a country's contingent are the responsibility of the NSO.

Requests for refunds from individuals are the NSO's responsibility and will not be accepted.

### National Refund Policy for NSOs Youth Participants and Unit Leaders

This refund policy relates to the payment of funds between NSOs and the BSA for troop and/or crew participants.

Any refund requested by an NSO must be approved by the BSA International Department and then submitted in writing to [international@scouting.org](mailto:international@scouting.org).

Requests for refunds resulting from a change in the overall size of an NSO contingent, which must be coordinated/ approved through the NSO primary registrar prior to submission to the BSA International Department, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis through April 30, 2017.

No fees are refundable after April 30, 2017.

Refund requests received through March 31, 2017, will be processed within eight weeks following receipt of the request.

Refund requests received after March 31, 2017, will be processed between August 1, 2017, and September 30, 2017.

Refund requests received after the jamboree will not be considered.

### National Refund Policy for International Staff Volunteers

This refund policy relates to the payment of staff volunteer fees directly to the national jamboree office.

Staff member refund requests will be processed as follows:

If an international staff member is declined participation by their NSO, all submitted fees are refundable.

- If a position has not been offered, all submitted fees are refundable.
- If a position has been offered (regardless of whether or not it has been accepted):
  - \$75 is nonrefundable through December 16, 2016
  - \$175 is nonrefundable from January 1, 2017, through April 30, 2017
  - No fees are refundable in the case of requests received after April 30, 2017

- If the request is made as the result of military orders, a relocation caused by an employment change, or a documented medical condition:

- 100 percent is refundable through December 31, 2016
- \$25 is nonrefundable from January 1, 2017, through March 31, 2017
- \$50 is nonrefundable from April 1, 2017, through May 30, 2017
- \$75 is nonrefundable from June 1, 2017, through June 30, 2017
- No fees are refundable in the case of requests received after June 30, 2017

# Support Services

## Transportation

Transportation information will be provided for international staff in 2016 as soon as it becomes available. This information will include transportation options and contact information. Each contingent will be responsible for organizing their own transportation to the jamboree site. Travel and transportation details will need to be communicated to the TMS Bus Permitting online system prior to June 15, 2017.

TMS Bus Permitting:

<https://events.tms.com/JamboreeBusPermitting>

TMS FAQ:

<http://events.tms.com/events/2017-national-scout-jamboree-bus-permitting/custom-17-871ae81369e94fe9920f1839b54aed48.aspx>

Permit registration must be completed by June 1, 2017.

## Telephone Communications

As the frequency of cellphone usage increases, telephone usage is becoming less of an issue. There are multiple cellphone towers on the property, plus back-up capabilities in case of emergencies.

All emergency phone calls must be made to a specific number that will be sent to contingents before the jamboree.

Messages will then be delivered to the person's subcamp headquarters. Persons will then return calls from predesignated locations throughout the site.

It is important that someone be appointed to receive emergency calls that may come into the BSA International Department during the jamboree.

Contingents must have on file the names, addresses, and phone numbers of parents or guardians of each international youth participant and spouse or relative of each international unit leader and international staff member to contact in case of an emergency. The home and business telephone numbers must also be on file.

Each contingent is asked to appoint someone to be responsible for handling emergencies day and night during the jamboree. Your jamboree unit leaders must have the name and phone numbers of the key persons to contact in the contingent.

## Electricity/Adapter

There will not be electricity provided for each tent; however, there will be recharging areas available to recharge phones in each subcamp.

The standard 120-volt, 60-hertz U.S. plug will be the outlet supported at the jamboree. Make sure you bring the appropriate adapter.

## Banking

There will be limited banking provided at the jamboree by automatic teller machines (ATM). No currency exchange will be available.

## Trading Posts

There will be trading posts operating in convenient locations throughout the jamboree. The following services and types of items will be available in each trading post:

**Souvenirs.** An attractive line of jamboree souvenirs and other materials will be available to send or take back home.

**Sundries.** A varied assortment of hardware, over-the-counter drugs, and miscellaneous items will be on sale.

**Snacks.** Drinks, milk, candy, and light meals will be available.

Payments accepted will include cash (USD) and credit card.

Prices charged for all merchandise and services at jamboree trading posts will be similar to the prevailing prices of comparable merchandise in cities and towns in the area.

## Laundry

Units will have access to large sinks to do laundry. Staff members will have laundry service available in the Echo subcamp for a reasonable price.

## Cooking and Eating

New to this jamboree, Scouts will have the opportunity to select their own food for breakfast, lunch, and dinner at jamboree grocery stores. Products stocked in the grocery stores will be sized for units to eat as a troop/crew for breakfast and dinner, not as individual patrols. Lunch items in the grocery stores will be cases of individual

products so participants may pack their own lunches to take with them as they leave their camping area for the day.

Proper training in food preparation techniques prior to the jamboree will help ensure an enjoyable experience for all unit members.

It is the responsibility of the assistant Scoutmaster or Adviser in charge of physical arrangements to give oversight to the preparation and serving of meals within the unit. Prior menu planning will be essential to ensure grocery shopping is completed quickly and efficiently. Additional suggestions on menu planning will be provided when the jamboree grocery list is published.

Duties will include:

- Ensuring safe practices are followed in the handling and preparation of food
- Working through and with the youth leadership to train and oversee the tasks of selecting food and food supplies at the grocery store, food preparation, serving, and cleanup
- Consulting with youth cooks regularly on the most effective ways to prepare daily food selections
- Meeting with the youth cooks and giving briefings on food preparation and safety precautions
- Overseeing cleanup operations after each meal

## Grocery Store Items and Menu Cookbook

In early 2017, the list of items that will be stocked in the Jamboree Grocery Stores and a jamboree menu cookbook with

meal ideas that can be made from stock items at the stores will be made available online.

### Cooking Equipment

The unit equipment package furnished by the jamboree will include propane stoves with the fittings necessary to use the provided tanks and fuel for all meal preparation. Under no circumstances should participants bring cooking appliances, fuel tanks, or fuel.

### Special Diets

The Jamboree Food Team will aid Scouts, leaders, and staff who have special dietary requirements in the following ways:

Youth participants and unit leaders attending the jamboree will be able to choose their meals under a new model of food distribution where units go to a designated “grocery store” in or near their base camp area and select from a wide variety of common grocery items to prepare their meals. The grocery store plan will include products that accommodate kosher, halal, gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan diets. A list of items that the Jamboree Food Team plans to carry in the grocery stores will be published in advance of the jamboree and will indicate which items meet common dietary restrictions. During the jamboree, those items will be marked in the grocery store with industry-standard labels and symbols, just as one finds when shopping elsewhere. The Jamboree Food Team has also arranged for food items meeting various dietary plans to be

included in the offerings at the staff dining hall.

During online registration, each youth participant, unit leader, and staff member will be asked whether he or she has dietary preferences or restrictions. The Jamboree Food Team will then use this information to determine what foods are stocked at the grocery stores and what special diets will be supported at the staff dining hall. Therefore, it is important that individuals indicate these needs during the registration process. Additionally, if there are any specific food items that are essential to your culture or contingent meals, please notify the International Department at [international@scouting.org](mailto:international@scouting.org).

The Jamboree Food Team recognizes that there are many potential dietary restrictions as well as common diets (e.g., low-calorie and low-carbohydrate) and common food allergies (e.g., to citrus fruit, dairy, eggs, fish, nuts/peanuts, and shellfish). Individuals will need to consider this, and avoid such items in the grocery stores and when cooking in camp or in the staff dining hall. In addition, remember that the Food Team cannot feasibly plan for all specific dietary needs of all persons attending the jamboree. Therefore, anyone with special food requirements for medical reasons (after medical permission to attend jamboree is granted), or personal dietary beliefs, must make their own arrangements to meet those needs by bringing nonperishable food with them—just as they would bring their own medications.

## **Staff Dining**

International staff and CMT will be dining at one centralized area in the Echo base camp. Meals served there will be cafeteria style breakfast and

dinner. All staff will pack their own lunch to take with them once they leave for the day. Unit leaders will eat with their contingent.

## Program for Youth Participants

The national Scout jamboree showcases the broad range of activities available within Scouting. Those activities are conducted at many high-adventure venues found at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. While Scouts and Venturers attending the jamboree will have the chance to experience some of these high-adventure venues, capacity constraints and the sheer number of attendees will make their experience very different than one received during a Summit high-adventure experience. Contingent leaders should help Scouts, Venturers, and parents understand that the jamboree is primarily a social event that celebrates Scouting, not a high-adventure experience.

### Pre-Jamboree Training

It is recommended that pre-jamboree training for youth participants and unit leaders be conducted by contingent leaders.

It is recommended that the training be held in May or June 2017. The purpose and objective of this training is to help identify and select the leadership for the jamboree unit contingent. Here are some other recommendations to ensure a successful training to prepare your unit for the jamboree:

- Help the youth get to know one another.
- Create team-building games and activities for the youth which, in turn, will help select their jamboree youth leadership and other positions.
- All of the troop equipment, including tents, dining flies, cooking materials, etc., will be provided upon your arrival. Each contingent will be provided a tutorial video produced by the BSA Jamboree

Department and Supply Group. The training provides the perfect opportunity for both leaders and youth to view this video, which details what to expect upon arrival, the equipment each contingent will use, and other useful information to help prepare each contingent for its jamboree experience.

- Emphasize the place of the BSA Scout Oath and Scout Law at the jamboree.
- Practice jamboree-style camping and cooking skills.

International crew camp assignments will be completed by June 15, 2017. At that time contact information will be provided to contingent leaders who will be in the same camp.

### Program Elements

The 2017 National Jamboree at the Summit will be filled with new programs that will excite Scouts from all across the country. We will be delivering the jamboree program at the adventure activity areas on-site, the Summit Center, the New River Gorge National River Area, communities throughout southern West Virginia, and the summit of the Summit—Garden Ground Mountain.

### Adventure Areas

The adventure areas will offer 15- to 30-minute activity experiences for youth participants, Scouts and Venturers. Most activities will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and will be designed for maximum throughput. Certain activities that have very limited throughput capacity will be scheduled by a “lottery” system. More details on this system will be provided to unit leaders at a later date.

**Adventure Valley** will be home to The Rocks (rock climbing), Low Gear (cross-country mountain biking), High Gear (downhill mountain biking), The Ropes (challenge courses), The Zip, and lake kayaking.

**The Canopy** is home to the Summit's canopy tours. Soar through the trees on a series of zip lines 50 to 80 feet in the air.

**Thrasher Mountain** will be home to The Park and The Trax. The Park houses the Summit's first-rate skateboarding facilities. At The Trax participants will find the Summit's thrilling BMX and mountain board courses. A disc golf area will also be located a short stroll from The Trax.

**The Bows and Barrels** shooting sports at the 2017 jamboree will offer the widest variety of shooting sports activities ever. Shotguns, rifles, 3-D archery, and sporting arrows. International participants wanting to participate in shooting sports will need to have a signed parental/guardian permission letter that will be distributed prior to the jamboree.

**Aquatics** activities will be located at the Summit's man-made lakes (Goodrich Lake and Lake B), as well as The Pools. Goodrich Lake will be home to fishing, basic kayaking, paddleboarding, and an expanded Water Reality obstacle course. Lake B will be home to advanced kayaking. The Pools will be home to scuba diving and free swim.

**The STEM Quest area** will offer high-tech, state-of-the-art exhibits.

## Aquatics Program and Swim Classifications

In order for youth participants to participate in the unique aquatics activities at the Summit, including the off-site River Rafting adventure, they will need to be classified for swimming prior to arrival at the jamboree. These classifications are nonswimmer, beginner, and swimmer. Contingents are responsible for swim classification checks and issuing buddy tags to their youth participants during the scheduled jamboree troop campout or pre-jamboree training. Each tag will be marked with the participant's name and swim classification. Correct certification by the contingent is a serious trust, since the life of a boy or girl could depend on it. A single buddy tag will be issued to the youth participant for the supervised aquatics activities at the jamboree and BSA Swim Classification must be presented by the youth participant when he or she arrives at the specific adventure areas. Participants without a tag will be treated as non-swimmers. BSA Swim Classification procedures can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/Aquatics/pdf/430-122.pdf>.

## The Summit Center

The Summit Center will be the hub of jamboree activity set between the villages and the activity areas, and the only area open to day visitors. On specific days, visitors may pay a fee and visit the Summit Center to experience all it has to offer. The center will be open to regular jamboree participants, but day visitors may not visit the base camps or activity areas.

The Summit Center will be home to the stadium shows, the military exhibits, conservation trail, Disabilities Awareness Area, Sustainability Treehouse, merit badges, and a wide variety of other exhibits and displays.

The Conservation Trail is located in Summit Center (near Boulder Cove along Goodrich Lake) and features activities and exhibits from conservation agencies and organizations. The Conservation Trail provides hands-on education about the natural world and how we interact with it.

Also located in the Summit Center is Action Point, which has smaller preview versions of activities taking place in the activity areas.

### **Jamboree Trek**

For one day of the jamboree, each unit will hike to Garden Ground Mountain, the summit of the Summit. Upon reaching the top, hikers will take part in pioneering, buckskin games, Highland Games, and Native American and other historical activities.

### **Messengers of Peace Day of Service**

The Messengers of Peace Day of Service (MOPDOS) program during the 2013 national jamboree was a huge success for both the jamboree participants and the local communities where the projects were executed. For 2017 there will be two options for units to complete the MOPDOS activity. Most units will do this activity during one day of each of their jamboree experiences. More details on these options will be provided to contingents at a later date.

In either option, youth participants and unit leaders will visit one site in West Virginia and perform service that will have a lasting impact in that local community.

**Messengers of Peace Day of Service Equipment.** For the Messengers of Peace Day of Service, participants will need to wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, and hiking boots.

### **Scheduled and Unscheduled Time**

A few programs at the 2017 National Jamboree will be scheduled, but there will be plenty of time for youth participants to choose those activities that they most enjoy. Over the 10 days of the jamboree, youth participants will spend one day on the jamboree trek, one day participating in the Messengers of Peace Day of Service, and one half-day in a scheduled technology activity. The rest of the time, they will be able to participate in the adventure programs or visit the Summit Center.

### **Nature and Conservation**

It is the goal of the Summit and the 2017 National Jamboree to be as “green” an operation as is possible. Scouts will be asked to carry drinking water in reusable water bottles, not commercial bottled water. For any and all refuse generated, recycling bins will be located throughout the Summit to make sure that everything is recycled that can be.

### **Unit Banners**

Jamborees stir color and excitement! International contingents at the jamboree will be provided with banners

that reflect the combination of crews that make up their campsite.

## **Program for Staff Participants**

International staff participants will be asked their preferences of volunteer job assignments, and will be matched to positions in accordance with their preference, need for staff and any specific pre-qualifications or pre-training needed. International staff members will also be invited to support the jamboree International Exhibit who will be testing language skills of attendees seeking to qualify for the BSA Interpreter Strip. Information about this program is available at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/inter.aspx>.

The jamboree invites great opportunity for cultural exchange. International staff members are invited to bring cultural costume and instruments that they wish to show and share with others in their off hours in the adult sub-camp.

## **Medical Requirements**

Weather conditions at the jamboree can range from being hot and humid during the day to mild temperatures in the evenings. Rain is more common at the Summit due to its location in the Appalachian Mountains. Jamboree activities are very strenuous. It is crucial that everyone arrive fit and prepared, and drink plenty of water while at the jamboree.

## **Physical Examination**

All participants must submit certification of physical fitness on the official BSA

Annual Health and Medical Record. Maintenance of good health in a jamboree camp is of utmost importance, and it is with this objective in mind that the following must be enforced:

- Participants will be expected to get a complete examination by a licensed health-care practitioner.
- It is recommended that the examination take place not fewer than 30 days or more than 12 months before departure to the jamboree.
- Participants will go through a medical screening prior to arrival. It is imperative that all medical forms are submitted by the published deadlines so that prior approval for participation occurs before you leave for the jamboree. In the event a leader is found medically unfit upon arrival at the Summit, he or she cannot serve and must return home at his or her own expense.

International youth participants, international unit leaders and international staff should bring a copy of their Annual Health and Medical Record and provide a copy to their unit leader or CMT.

## **Immunizations**

When attending Boy Scouts of America programs or activities that require an Annual Health and Medical Record or specialty physical exam to be completed, it is required to have a current tetanus immunization. The following immunizations are strongly recommended:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B

- Diphtheria, pertussis
- Meningococcal
- Polio
- Measles, mumps, and rubella
- Varicella
- Influenza

### **Exceptions to Immunization on Medical or Religious Grounds**

If there is a medical or religious reason why you cannot comply with vaccination requirements, obtain a statement to that effect from a physician if it is an exemption on medical grounds. If you aren't immunized due to religious reasons, you must also provide a statement to that effect that includes specific reasons, so it can be given full consideration by the jamboree medical staff. These statements need to be submitted with the medical form.

### **Physical Fitness—Be Prepared!**

The jamboree is a physically demanding experience. While much of the site is level, there are regular changes in grade as part of everyone's daily schedule. A number of our activities require more stamina and fitness, too—climbing, rappelling, rafting, mountain biking, and skateboarding. It is essential that all participants and staff are prepared for their Summit jamboree experience.

Being overweight has been shown to increase the likelihood of certain diseases and other health problems: hypertension, heart attack, hyperlipidemia, and stroke. Anyone who

is obese and has multiple risk factors for cardiovascular/cardiopulmonary disease would be at much greater risk of an acute cardiovascular/cardiopulmonary event imposed on them by the environmental stresses of the Summit. The BSA's goal is to prevent any serious health-related event from occurring, and ensuring that all of the participants and staff are "physically strong."

The Centers for Disease Control suggests using a body mass index (BMI) as a screening tool for obesity; it is easy and only requires knowing your height and weight. The BMI is a governmental calculation based on nationwide statistics that takes into account variables that include geography, age, and sex. The simple online calculator to determine your BMI can be found at [www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/assessing/bmi/).

The CDC defines the BMI Healthy Weight as follows:

- If your BMI is less than 18.5, it falls within the "underweight" range.
- If your BMI is 18.5 to 24.9, it falls within the "normal" or Healthy Weight range.
- If your BMI is 25.0 to 29.9, it falls within the "overweight" range.
- If your BMI is 30.0 or higher, it falls within the "obese" range. The BMI is just one of the factors to be considered, and we will take those other "co-morbidities" into account as we make our decisions about an individual's inclusion in the jamboree. The national jamboree at the Summit

has some challenging adventure venues but is not a 24/7 high-adventure experience, so we have modified the criteria for the jamboree.

**Accordingly, it is the policy of the 2017 National Jamboree that:**

**The jamboree will uphold a decision by an applicant's personal health-care practitioner to deny participation for medical reasons.**

**The jamboree will accept applicants who are recommended for participation by a health care practitioner and who have a BMI of 31.9 or less.**

**The jamboree medical staff will review all applicants with a BMI of 32.0 to 39.9 and consider jamboree participation based on 1) health history, 2) submitted health data, and 3) recommendation of the applicant's personal health-care provider. For applicants with a BMI higher than 31.9, a recommendation of "no contraindications for participation" by the applicant's personal health-care provider does not necessarily guarantee full jamboree participation. The jamboree medical staff will have final determination of full jamboree participation.**

**The jamboree will consider for participation applicants with a BMI of 32.0 to 39.9 and/or one of the following risks:**

- **Hypertension**
- **Diabetes mellitus**

- **Tobacco use**
- **Dyslipidemia**
- **Prior heart attack**
- **Coronary angioplasty/stent**
- **Prior stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA)**
- **Coronary artery surgery**
- **Family history of premature (before age 55) coronary artery disease**
- **Sleep apnea requiring CPAP or BiPAP**
- **COPD**

**Applicants may be requested to provide further documentation, including cardiac testing, pulmonary testing, or further information from their physician to ensure the applicant's ability to participate.**

**Jamboree medical services will provide specific instructions to the practitioner to determine eligibility.**

**The BSA cannot accept any applicant with a BMI of 40.0 or higher. Youth applicants with a BMI in excess of 40 will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.**

In order to plan, prepare for, and support the participants who have these medical conditions, an individual evaluation of each situation by the national medical team is required. There may be instances where proper medical support at the jamboree site is impossible. Under such circumstances, participation may be denied.

## Medications

Leaders need to treat youth medications as they would on any unit campout or when attending summer camp.

Medications are to be secured and dispensed by the unit's leaders throughout the jamboree, as well as while traveling to and from the Summit. It is recommended that the unit bring a small lock box to store these medications.

Medications needing refrigeration while at the jamboree can be stored at the medical service location nearest your assigned camping location. While you are traveling to and from the jamboree, you will need to keep these medicines at their required temperatures by using a small cooler, etc., if needed.

## Tobacco Policy

The current *Guide to Safe Scouting* states:

“Adult leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.”

***Accordingly, it is the policy of the 2017 National Jamboree that smoking and the use of smokeless tobacco is prohibited in all jamboree buildings, tents, and vehicles. While in BSA uniform and/or on duty, smoking or the use of smokeless***

***tobacco is not permitted. The use of tobacco by visitors or off-duty, non-uniformed staff or leaders will be restricted to designated areas.***

## Alcohol Policy

The following statement is approved by the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America.

The current *Guide to Safe Scouting* states:

“It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.”

***Accordingly, it is the policy of the 2017 National Jamboree that alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted.***

## Insurance

Accident and sickness insurance will be provided to all those attending the 2017 National Jamboree. The cost of this insurance is included in the jamboree fee.

International youth participants and International unit leaders attending the jamboree as representatives of international National Scout Organizations will be covered from their time of arrival at the jamboree site, during their stay at the jamboree, until their departure from the jamboree site. International staff members are also covered on the same basis.

## **Religious Observances**

Chaplains representing many faiths will be at the jamboree to conduct services and provide personal counseling. Participants and staff also are encouraged to visit the religious relationships tents in the Summit Center.

Religious observances and chaplain services for youth participants, unit leaders, and staff of all faiths will be coordinated by a chaplain for each faith. There will be a daily devotional guide available for individual use.

The schedule for religious services will be published as soon as it is available.

## **Visitors**

The jamboree will be open to visitors on certain days. As soon as the schedule and fees are available, they will be published on [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org).

# Equipment

## What to Bring

It is important that participants pack the right items.

### • Personal Gear

2'x2'x3' duffel bag

Sleeping bag (lightweight in stuff sack with 30 degree rating is good)

Eating kit (plate, bowl, and spork are adequate)

Reusable lunch bag (Disposable plastic bags will not be provided.)

Two 1-liter water bottles

Toiletry kit (keep it small)

Two bath towels

Two hand towels

Two washcloths

Flashlight

Sunscreen

Non-aerosol insect repellent

Day pack

Adapter/plug (120 volts at 60 hertz)

### • Clothing

Two uniforms

Long trousers (required for Messengers of Peace Day of Service)

Good, broken-in hiking boots

Lace-up shoes (lightweight sports)

Rain gear (simple, lightweight)

Scout headgear

One jacket or sweatshirt (synthetic is good)

Two sets of sleep clothes

Five pairs of underwear

Four or five Scout/jamboree T-shirts/polo/activity shirts (antimicrobial synthetic is good)

Three or four Scout uniforms

Three or four pairs of Scout uniform socks

One Scout belt

Two or three pairs of hiking socks

Two or three other pairs of socks

Note: Arrival day, stadium show, Sunday religious observances, and departure day are uniform days; other times may be determined by your staff leader. Other days are Scout/jamboree T-shirts or activity shirts with uniform shorts or long trousers.

The Summit has a network of tanks, pipes, and filters that serves as our greywater system. As a result of the greywater system and the ambient-temperature showers, the amount of water required per person has been reduced by nearly two-thirds. And by reusing our water, the size of the wastewater system has been reduced by half.

We are so excited that our Scouts and Scouters are finding inexpensive, renewable ways to heat the water for showers. We just ask that you remain respectful of the overall water-consumption goals on-site. If you are considering a solar camp shower, please limit yourself to three gallons or less in size. Your water-resourcefulness will go a long way in making sure the Summit's systems are not overstressed.

- **Optional**

Air or travel pillow

Swimsuit

Water shoes

Sunglasses

Solar camp shower (three-gallon)

- **Troop/Crew Equipment**

One first-aid kit

One troop flag

Stage performance equipment and traditional clothing to share your culture on the Foxtrot BaseCamp or arena stage

Bring or request assistance in acquiring food to share on International Day with the other members of your crew of 40

### **Items Provided by the BSA**

All tents with ground covers

All cookware, except personal mess kits

All cooking supplies

All dining areas/facilities in each troop site

All tools to set up tents, etc.

Picnic tables

Cots

International unit banners

Jamboree patch and neckerchief

Lockable container for passports/valuables (units only – not provided to staff volunteers)

### **International Staff Members**

International staff members (not associated with a youth unit) should bring the same above individual items with the below exceptions:

Optional – Eating kit (plate, bowl, and spork are adequate).

Not provided – lockable container for passports/valuables.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [International@scouting.org](mailto:International@scouting.org). Also, feel free to visit our national Scout jamboree website at <http://www.bsajamboree.org> for more information about the event.

Please note that some information on our national Scout jamboree website, including pricing, is specific to each “council” attending, and will not be the price communicated to you. For the international youth participants and unit leaders, and staff, the International Department of the BSA is your “council”. Further event information on the national Scout jamboree website is more general and indeed will provide you with more information about the event.

# Boy Scouts of America

## Suspected Child Abuse Reporting Form

The following information was provided to: (name/position)

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Phone No. and address

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Additional witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name/Phone No./Address)

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Name of suspected abuser \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Scouting position \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Jamboree unit number \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Physical indicators observed \_\_\_\_\_

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Behavioral indicators observed \_\_\_\_\_

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Other indicators observed/known \_\_\_\_\_

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Reporter's name and position \_\_\_\_\_

Date of report \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

# 2017 NATIONAL JAMBOREE DAILY SCHEDULE

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\* Special program days:  
 Whitewater rafting: \*\*2,800 Scouts per day on the river  
 Day of Service: \*\*\*6,000 Scouts per day offsite on service projects  
 Garden Ground Mountain Hike: 6,000 Scouts per day hike to Garden Ground Mountain

\*\* Various dedication ceremonies will be scheduled throughout the jamboree  
 \*\*\* Jewish and Muslim services to be held during this period  
 \*\*\*\* All activities may not be available during these times