



STAFF GUIDE

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Welcome to the 2026 National Jamboree!

As you begin your preparations, we hope you are filled with the same excitement and enthusiasm that we have as we get ready for the 2026 National Jamboree. Our goal is to elevate your experience as a staff member by providing the tools and support you need to help deliver an outstanding National Jamboree for Scouts from across the country. In these pages you will find the first things you need to know to hit the ground running. This guide will continue to expand as the plan unfolds.

On a personal note, we want to say thank you for choosing to give your time and talent to this life-changing event. Volunteering on staff is no small commitment, and your dedication makes all the difference. Because of people like you, Scouts will arrive at the Summit and find an experience built with care — one filled with adventure, growth, and fellowship that only the National Jamboree can offer.

The 2026 National Jamboree theme "ELEVATE" captures exactly what you make possible. It's about rising to new challenges, reaching new heights, and helping Scouts discover their potential in ways they've never imagined. Every role on staff — no matter how visible — is part of that mission. Paired with our program goal to "prepare Scouts for a life of purpose and impact," the theme reminds us that the work you do here leaves a mark that lasts far beyond the closing campfire.

As we move forward in our preparations, please know that the National Jamboree leadership team is here to support you every step of the way. Whether it's providing resources or answering questions, we are committed to making sure your time on staff is rewarding, meaningful, and memorable. Reach out to us anytime at national.jamboree@scouting.org. Thank you again for stepping up and being an essential part of this journey. We can't wait to serve alongside you as we ELEVATE Scouting at the 2026 National Jamboree!

Yours in Scouting,



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Introduction

This guide is designed to assist staff members in planning their ultimate National Jamboree experience. Your journey has already begun, and proper preparation now will result in a smoother, more enjoyable National Jamboree experience for you.

It is important that each staff member become familiar with the details and policies about everything from Pre-Jamboree to Departure. Please read this guide carefully. Both experienced and new National Jamboree staff members will find the answers to many of their questions regarding the National Jamboree within the following pages. Good luck as you continue to prepare for the 2026 National Jamboree!

Key Staff Information

Event Dates and Staff Schedule:

- Jamboree Details: July 22nd- 31st, 2026 (full), July 19th-25th or 25th-31th (half)
- Staff Arrival: July 19th, 2026 or coordinated with program area
- Staff Departure: July 31, 2026 or coordinated with program area
- Location: Summit Bechtel Reserve, Wild and Wonderful West Virginia

Staff Fee Structure:

- Full Staff Fee: \$1,060 for full duration
- Reduced Fee: \$650 for staff aged 29 and under (full duration)
- Partial Staff Fee: \$700 for one week
- Partial Reduced Fee: \$400 for staff aged 29 and under (one week)

Staff Eligibility:

- Minimum age of 16 for program staff positions
- Adults 18+ eligible for all positions
- Young Adults ages 20-33 open to Aides to Chief
- Must be a registered member of Scouting America
- Must complete Safeguarding Youth Training

Staff Benefits, Gifts, and Recognition:

- 22L ALPS Mountaineering "Elevate" 2026 Jamboree Staff Day Pack
- Special staff-exclusive patches not available to participants
- Staff-exclusive items at the Trading Post
- Professional development and networking opportunities
- Part of the historic first Scouting America Jamboree
- Participation in the American 250th anniversary celebrations

Time Off During the Jamboree:

- All staff members will receive scheduled time off to enjoy the Jamboree
- Perfect opportunity for parents to spend time with their Scouts during their service





Finding a Position on Staff

Staff Guides for Position Selection

Two comprehensive position guides are available at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/staff/>

- **General Interest Guide:** For first-time staff members
- **Pillar Sorted Guide:** For returning staff members

Program Area Staff Opportunities Include:

- Aquatics
- Outdoor Sports
- Range and Target Sports
- High Adventure
- Climbing & COPE
- Ecology and Sustainability
- Civic and Inclusive Programming
- Music and Art
- Program Instruction and Facilitation
- Scouting Programs
- & More!

Jamboree Operations Opportunities Include:

- Administration and Operations
- Computer and Data Services
- Contingent Operations
- Event Planning
- Food Service
- Hospitality
- Maintenance
- Medical and Counseling
- Photography and Videography
- Public Safety and Management
- Religious Services
- Logistics and Support
- & More!

Aide to Chief Program

The Aide to Chief role is a leadership program for 20-33 year old's designed to develop the next leaders of the Jamboree. The program provides the opportunity for young adults to work closely with top leaders and help shape the Jamboree experience for thousands of Scouts. Apply by emailing Jewel Norris at Jjnscouting@gmail.com.

Council Contingent Staff-New in 2026!

Calling all adults planning to attend the National Jamboree with a Council Contingent that would like to help put on the event by being a member of Staff. These adults (21 years +) will play a dual role — supporting Jamboree operations during the day while remaining embedded with their contingent in the evenings. This is a great opportunity for adults who want to contribute to the success of the Jamboree while staying connected to their local youth.

Key Details:

- **Role & Responsibilities:** Assist with Jamboree operations for at least 6 of the 7 program days. They'll work with a team lead to determine their schedule and may be required to complete training prior to the event.
- **Travel & Lodging:** These staff members will travel, eat, and camp with their council contingent.
- **Registration:** Register as part of the council contingent under the designation "Council Contingent Staff Member." Council Contingent Staff are subject to the approval of the local council and placement is not guaranteed.

Refund & Recognition:

- **Refund:** Upon verification of service completion, each Council Contingent Staff member will receive a \$400 refund, issued to the council for distribution.
- **Recognition Kit Includes:** Two participant patches, Participant neckerchief, Custom 2026 National Jamboree red daypack and a special staff gift!

National Jamboree Applications

A detailed fee discussion is included in a later section; however, Staff members pay individually with their application; council contingent staff pay their fees to their council. Each council will determine its own deposit amount and payment schedule keeping in mind the established national payment schedule.

Staff Payment Schedule

Staff members can choose from three options for their Staff experience: Session 1, 2 or 3. Session 1 is the first half of the National Jamboree. Session 2 is the second half of the National Jamboree. Session 3 is the entire National Jamboree. National Jamboree fees also vary based on age.

A \$50 nonrefundable late payment fee will be assessed on October 1, 2025, and/or February 1, 2026, as appropriate. The collection of payments is subject to change. Scouting America reserves the right to close the registration system or advance the closing of the registration system earlier than previously advertised if needed.

National Jamboree Refund Policy

Staff Fee and Payment Schedule 30 Years of Age and Older Session 1 or 2 - \$700		Staff Fee and Payment Schedule 30 Years of Age and Older Session 3 - \$1,060	
Deposit: \$100 at the time of registration.		Deposit: \$100 at the time of registration.	
Due Sept 30, 2025	\$300	Due Sept 30, 2025	\$480
Due Jan 30, 2026	\$300	Due Jan 30, 2026	\$480

Staff Fee and Payment Schedule 16 to 29 Years of Age Session 1 or 2 - \$400		Staff Fee and Payment Schedule 16 to 29 Years of Age Session 3 - \$650	
Deposit: \$100 at the time of registration.		Deposit: \$100 at the time of registration.	
Due Sept 30, 2025	\$150	Due Sept 30, 2025	\$275
Due Jan 30, 2026	\$150	Due Jan 30, 2026	\$275

Council Contingent Staff Refund Policy

Local councils set their specific cancellation and refund policies for individual contingent members. Requests for refunds from individual members of a council contingent staff are the responsibility of the local council and will not be considered by the National Jamboree office.

No fees are refundable after April 30, 2026. Refund requests received after the National Jamboree concludes will not be considered.

Staff Refund Policy

All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to national.jamboree@scouting.org. All refund requests received before March 31, 2026 will be processed within six (6) to eight (8) weeks upon receiving the request. All refund requests received on or after April 1, 2026 will be processed within six (6) to eight (8) weeks AFTER the close of the National Jamboree. Refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis based on merit. Refund requests received after June 30, 2026 will not be considered.

Note the following decisions regarding refund requests:

- In cases where the applicant has shifted from JST (Staff) to council participant (e.g., a registered JST (Staff) member who will be needed instead as a council contingent leader), a full refund will be made regardless of the date.
- If the refund request is for a JST (Staff) position but a position is not offered, a full refund will be made regardless of the date of the request.
- If the request is made due to military orders, a relocation caused by an employment change, or a documented medical condition:
 - 100 percent is refundable through December 31, 2025
 - \$150 is non-refundable from January 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026
 - \$175 is non-refundable from April 1, 2026 through May 30, 2026
 - \$200 is non-refundable from June 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026
- No refunds will be considered without proper documentation in the case of medical emergency.
 - Failure to meet the minimum medical requirements specified on the annual health and medical form will not qualify for a refund.
 - Proper documentation consists of letter from a qualified medical provider stating the condition or circumstance that changed your participation.

TRANSPORTATION

Staff Arrivals and Departures

Arriving and Check In

Staff will be assigned an arrival day from their team. Staff members cannot arrive prior to their assigned arrival day. Check in with your team leadership if you have any questions or need to change your arrival date. All staff need to pre-register their arrival and departure plans, even if you do not need any shuttle services.

When staff arrive, they must check in at the Ruby Welcome Center before proceeding to the Summit. You will not be permitted entry to the Summit if you do not check in at Ruby. The address for the JW & Hazel Ruby WV Welcome Center is **55 Hazel Ruby Lane, Mt. Hope, WV 25880**.

At the Ruby Welcome Center, you will be greeted and checked in by the Registration team and given your credentials for the Jamboree. Please note: Other useful items, such as camp maps, safety procedures, etc., will be distributed to you in your registration packet when you receive your credentials.

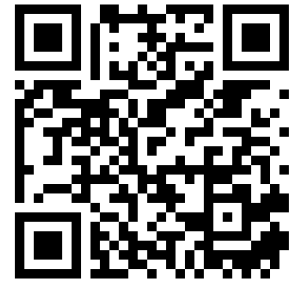
All staff will fill out a health questionnaire and then the status of health forms(AHMR), Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT), and fees will be verified. If the AHMR is not previously approved, proceed to the medical area for medical review and processing. Be current in the annual Scouting America SYT through the last day of the National Jamboree. The former Youth Protection Training (YPT) for Scouting America is set to expire on May 16, 2026. All registered adult members who previously completed the YPT must take the new Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) by this date to remain compliant, regardless of their previous YPT expiration date. All fees must be paid in full. All outstanding fees are to be paid in full at the payment window via credit or debit card only.

Parking and Traveling to the Summit

Individuals driving personal vehicles will receive a parking pass during check in and informed of where they will park during the Jamboree. Place the parking pass on the driver's side dashboard, clearly visible from the outside. Proceed to the Jamboree site using the instructions given during check in. Shuttles may be used to help transport staff to their campsite, please plan ahead.

Staff taking shuttles to and from the airport will leave the airport shuttle, remove all their belongings and place them in a staging area. After check in, staff members will retrieve their items and proceed to a DIFFERENT shuttle to go to the Summit. It is imperative that you remove all items from the Airport shuttle. Please group your belongings neatly in the staging area to prevent lost items. Please label items ahead of time.

Staff Airport Shuttles



[Airport Shuttle Registration Link](#)

Scouting America has partnered with TMS to provide safe, efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible transportation solutions for staff and volunteers attending the 2026 National Scout Jamboree.

TMS will operate a dedicated shuttle service from the following airports:

- Charlotte Douglas International Airport CLT
- Yeager Airport CRW in Charleston

Shuttle transfers will operate between the airports, designated check-in locations, and the Summit site.

Once you have booked your flight, you may reserve your seat through this website for a nominal round-trip transfer fee.

Please book your airport transportation only after your flight has been confirmed.

Participants may purchase:

- One-way transfer – \$45.00 (Service fee not included)
- Round-trip transfer – \$90.00 (Service fee not included)

Airport transportation is available only on designated service dates and times. These are the only days and operating windows during which TMS will provide shuttle service.

Current dates are: JULY 18, 19, 25, 26, 31 & AUGUST 1

We encourage you to reserve early to secure your seat.

Transition Day - July 25, 2026

For those leaving the Jamboree after Session 1 (first half) or arriving for Session 2 (second half), the same arrival/departure procedures and timelines will be followed. However, there will be additional Base Camp staff assigned to help collect signed checkout forms and direct staff members to the appropriate staging areas on that day.

Departure and Checkout Process

All staff members working the first half of Jamboree (Session 1) must leave no later than July 25, 2026. **All staff members working the second half of Jamboree (Session 2), or the entire Jamboree (Session 3) cannot leave before 1 p.m. on July 31, 2026.** On departure day, every staff member is REQUIRED to adhere to the following procedures:

Staff Departing by Personal Vehicle

1. Two hours before your assigned departure time from the Summit, you must have all your belongings packed and removed from your tent.
2. One hour before your assigned departure time, you will report to your Sub Camp HQ with your belongings in tow and will officially check out of camp by submitting the signed checkout form you received on the day you arrived. If you are staying in the Echo Base Camp, you will submit this form to the housing area administrator or assigned designee. If you are staying in a participant Sub Camp, you will submit this form to the Sub Camp administrator or assigned designee.
3. Once you have submitted your signed checkout form, you will pick up your vehicle and exit the Jamboree through the North Gate.

Staff Departing by Air Travel

1. Four hours before your assigned departure time from the Summit, you must have all your belongings packed and removed from your tent.
2. Three hours prior to your assigned departure time from the Summit, you will report to your Sub Camp HQ with your belongings in tow and will officially check out of camp by submitting the signed checkout form you received on the day you arrived. If you are staying in the Echo Base Camp, you will submit this form to the housing area administrator or assigned designee. If you are staying in a participant Sub Camp, you will submit this form to the Base Camp administrator or assigned Sub Camp designee.
3. Once you have submitted your signed checkout form, you will be directed to your assigned pickup location to be transported off-site. Please ensure that you are in your assigned staging area and confirm the destination sign on the shuttle bus is the location of your airport, either Charleston, West Virginia or Charlotte, North Carolina.

Please note: When scheduling your airport shuttle service with TMS, please keep in mind the commute time once you leave the Summit to your prospective airport as stated by TMS.

Staff Arrival with Contingent

For staff arriving and departing with a council contingent, but sleeping in the Staff subcamp, i.e. not a Council Contingent Staff member, these staff must plan ahead to move their gear to and from their campsite. Limited vehicles will be allowed on Jamboree roads while participants are being dropped off and picked up. Council Contingent vehicles do not enter staff basecamp and subcamp areas.

Transportation During Jamboree

Standard Onsite Movement

Movement onsite is primarily walking. Trail systems built into the Summit support foot traffic throughout the Summit. Neither youth participants, unit leaders, nor staff may walk on the roads as this poses a danger of injury – there will be many elements of transportation daily moving on the road system within the Summit.

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Participants may purchase either:

- One-way transfer
- Round-trip transfer

Please note: Airport transportation is available only on designated service dates and times. These are the exclusive operating windows during which TMS will provide shuttle service. We encourage you to make your reservation early to secure your seat.

Register Here - <https://aftontickets.com/AirportJamboree>

Mobility Impaired Transportation

The Summit was designed to accommodate mobility-impaired individuals consistent with generally accepted outdoor program standards. However, neither the terrain nor the programs can support a full spectrum of accessibility. Mobility-impaired staff will be assigned tents in the area most accessible to Summit Center. Special transportation arrangements can be requested through your Base Camp or the LOC. Assistance with mobility devices will be available in Charlie Base Camp, Charlie 1.

TRAINING & SAFETY

Statement of Understanding

All staff members are selected to represent their local councils 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 National Jamboree or during the National Jamboree tour. Each participant is responsible for their own behavior, and only when necessary, will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from the National Jamboree.

Safeguarding Youth

All registered adults must have Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training current through the end of the National Jamboree. This includes all adult program participants who are registered in Venturing, or Sea Scouting. Because of the great concern Scouting America has for the issue of child abuse in our society, the Youth Protection program has been developed to help safeguard both our youth and adult members. Adult Registration requires verification of Safeguarding Youth Training. All adults participating in the National Jamboree must be registered.

In addition, some staff members may need to complete additional training depending on your position requirements.

Safeguarding Youth Training and documentation are available at your local council or online at www.scouting.org or www.my.scouting.org. "Understanding and Preventing Youth on Youth Abuse for Camp staff and NYLT staff" is a course taught in person at the council level.

If you observe any serious violation of Safeguarding Youth policies and/or potential abuse, you must:

- Stop it immediately!
- Summon any assistance needed.
- Separate the parties involved.
- Protect the alleged victim(s).
- Segregate the alleged perpetrator(s) and, if activity is clearly criminal, remove them from the location immediately.
- Identify potential witnesses.
- Gather basic information using the Safeguarding Youth Incident Information form.
- Make the required notifications.

Code of Conduct

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

- I promise to obey the Scout oath and law.
- I will be Scout-like in how we act and treat others.
- I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable.
- 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.
- I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear clean and neat and labeling all personal gear.
- I will adhere to all 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 Summit.
- I understand that serious and/or repetitive behavior violations, including cheating, stealing, dishonesty, fighting, and cursing, may result in expulsion from The Summit or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges.
- 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 The Summit and unit property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
- Neither the unit leaders nor Scouting 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 Service Team members.
- I understand that hazing has no place in Scouting; nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, and similar acts of physical punishment.
- I understand that participants may only bring items specified on the equipment list provided.
- I understand that I can be sent home for bullying, horseplay, fighting, stealing, off-color jokes, remarks or conduct, harassment of any kind-sexual, religious, race, cultural, national origin, disability, etc., being a “peeping tom”, being in an off-limits area and/or repeated failure to follow instructions.

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 Summit at the participant’s own expense and could result in revocation of BSA membership.

Commitment to Safety

The safety and health of our youth, volunteers, service team, and employees is a key component of the 2026 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 2026 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 2026 National Jamboree environment, all staff members are asked to:

- Know and execute the Scouting program as contained in appropriate National 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 identifying and mitigating hazards and risks.
- Emphasize staying hydrated due to hot, humid weather and extreme activities to prevent rapid dehydration.

Together we will ensure the 2026 National Jamboree provides an exciting and safe experience for everyone.

Off Limits Areas

Certain areas of the SBR are “Off Limits” at either designated times or for the entire Jamboree unless you, as a staff member, have been specifically authorized to work in these areas. Off Limits areas include:

- All areas outside of the Base Camps to include the CONSOL Energy Bridge, dams, and other access points from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
- All program areas outside of Scott Summit Center from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.
- The main and backstage area of the Order of the Arrow Rendezvous and the Base Camp Elevation Celebration stages
- All lakes except in connection with program
- Loop access roads and perimeter trails during non-daylight hours
- Wooded areas located in or adjacent to base camps during non-daylight hours
- Any unattended program, medical, administration, or logistics facility

Violators will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action including removal from the Jamboree.

Prohibited Items

The following items are not allowed to be brought on site during the Jamboree by staff:

- Glass bottles
- Firearms of any kind as well as any toy firearms which could be mistaken for the real thing
- Self-defense or restraining devices (e.g., pepper spray, tasers, mace)
- Ammunition
- Alcohol
- Tobacco products including electronic devices
- Pets: Registered guide, or service animals are allowed
- Illegal substances
- Sheath knives
- Smoking, including with electronic devices, is prohibited on the shuttle buses and at the Jamboree
- Illegal drugs including marijuana
- Drones
- Skateboards
- Bicycles
- Fireworks

Jamboree Clothing & Attire Guidance

The National Jamboree will follow the established [Scouts BSA Scouting Activity Clothing Guidelines](#) for all staff and participants. Jamboree Staff should read and understand these guidelines.

Program Opportunities for NSJ Staff

Staff are welcome to experience Program Adventure Team areas as individuals or in very small groups throughout the Jamboree. Plan ahead — some activities have limited availability, and a few are best enjoyed before the first full program day on July 23.

All details are tentative and subject to change.

Plan ahead and allow extra flexibility in your schedule. For confirmed times, locations, and ticket information, check the Jamboree app or stop by a Jambo Staff Services Help Desk.

Aerial — Golden Eagle (Big Zip) Available after 10 am starting July 20th. Riding the Golden Eagle before July 23 is strongly encouraged — the Aerial Team wants participants to have the best possible experience once full program begins.

Ride before July 23

Bows & Barrels All venues open July 20th. Staff are especially encouraged to try the handgun range before July 23rd.

Shoot before July 23

Aquatics Kayaking & SCUBA opportunities on July 21st and Water Reality on July 22nd.

Boulder Cove Climbing opportunities on July 21st.

Extreme Sports Staff can go to the Action Point course on July 21st and TRAX on July 22nd.

Rafting Seats available July 21st and 22nd . Ticket logistics are still being finalized — details to follow. **Limited seats Fee required**

July 21st and 22nd

Fishing — Echo Lake Evening fishing after dinner. The Fishing Team is excited to offer this opportunity each evening that program is in session.

After dinner starting July 22nd

Career Expo | Friday, July 24th (all-day) @ NESA / Scouting Alumni Tent

NextGen Social | July 27th (7:30 - 9:30pm) @ Piggott Pavilion

A Few Things To Know:

Golden Eagle (Big Zip)

The Aerial Team strongly encourages all staff to ride the Golden Eagle before July 23. Once full program begins, priority shifts to participants — get your ride in early.

Bows & Barrels

All venues will be open throughout the Jamboree. Staff are especially encouraged to visit the handgun range before the first full program day.

Rafting

Seats are available on all program days. There is a cost to participate, and the team is still working out ticket sales logistics. Watch for updates.

Fishing at Echo Lake

Evening fishing is available after dinner on every night that program runs. The Fishing Team is excited to share this experience with staff.

Where to find final details

- Jamboree app
- Jambo Staff Services Help Desks (on-site)

Evening Program Opportunities for Staff:

Jamboree Staff Services & OA

Evening programming opportunities will be available for both youth and adult staff. These optional activities will be announced through the Jamboree Staff Services tents and the Jamboree app, and will include social events, guest speakers, games, open mic nights, trips to Walmart, laundry runs, and more.

The Chat N Chew will also be open for staff to hang out, catch up with friends, and unwind. Additional opportunities include connecting with local council contingents and shopping during exclusive staff-only trading post hours.

Program

The 2026 National Jamboree will feature amazing experiences for participants and staff, beginning long before the event itself and creating memories that remain long after we leave the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

As a Jamboree staff member, you play an important role in delivering and reinforcing the Jamboree program. This section covers what you need to know to contribute to the overall Jamboree program and is divided into 4 parts:

1. Jamboree Program Objectives
2. Jamboree Program Overview
3. Reinforcing the Jamboree Program
4. Staff Participation in the Jamboree Program

Jamboree Program Objectives

The Jamboree's theme is Elevate, and the objective of the Jamboree program is to challenge our Scouts to grow and excel in ways they never thought possible, push them past the limits of what they imagined they could achieve, and build character throughout the experience.

The Jamboree program vision is to prepare Scouts for a life of purpose and impact. The Jamboree theme and program vision differentiate it from other programs at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, from High Adventure programs, from Scouts BSA Resident Camp, and in fact from any other Scouting event. Our promise is to help prepare each Scout for a life of purpose and impact. We will do so through programs that touch on these nine pre-requisites to living a life of purpose and impact:

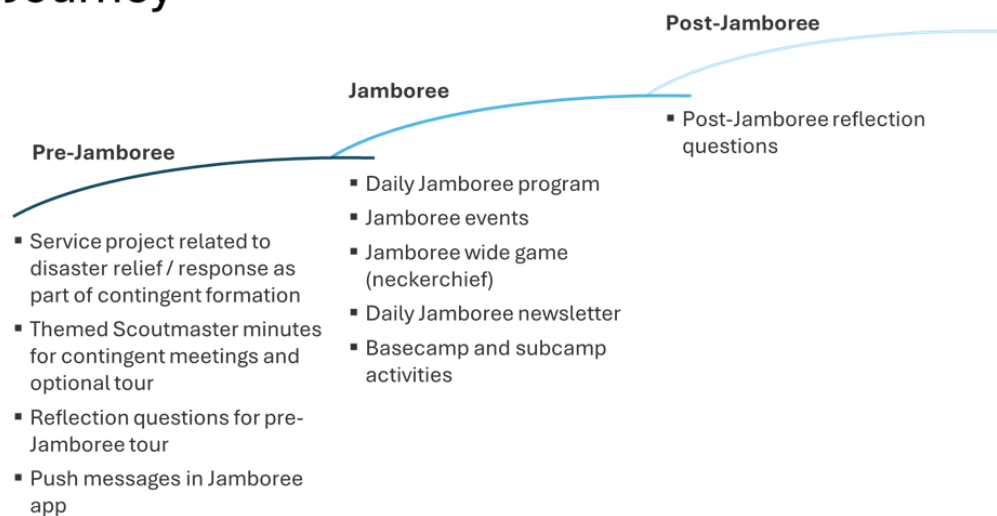
- Purpose (3)
 - A clear set of values
 - Knowledge and mastery of what brings you joy
 - Knowledge of the world's greatest needs
- Impact (6)
 - Ability to lead yourself
 - Confidence in your ability to overcome obstacles and challenges to achieve difficult things
 - ...and a source of renewal when you encounter these obstacles and challenges
 - Ability to inspire others to join your journey
 - Ability to make risk-reward decisions
 - Ability to coordinate actions and activities

Jamboree Program Overview

At its core, the Jamboree is a social event with a set of activities that both engage Scouts and help them meet fellow Scouts from across the country. While the Summit has incredible facilities, the National Jamboree is not a “theme park”; rather, it is a 10-day festival.

The Jamboree program occurs not just at the Jamboree itself, but across the Jamboree journey:

Jamboree Program covers the Jamboree Journey



While the **Pre-Jamboree and Post-Jamboree program elements** are primarily conveyed through language (e.g., Scoutmaster minutes, reflection questions) and will be accessed through the Jamboree website and the Contingent Compass, the **Jamboree on-site program elements** are experiential.

The **Jamboree App** is the Scout’s detailed guide to the Jamboree program. The app contains a schedule of events, a description of activities, a map, and useful resources (among other things). An overview of the on-site program elements is also in the Council Contingent Guide – please read the “Program” section for a better understanding of the specific programs offered to participants.

The Jamboree uses an **open program concept** – during program hours (generally 8 A.M. - 5 P.M., with exceptions on arrival day, Sunday, and the day prior to departure day), all activities are open on a first-come, first-served basis. The exceptions to this are six **programs that are scheduled**, either at the unit or individual level:

- **Scheduled by unit**

- Rafting: units purchase spaces in advance and are assigned a specific time
- Leadership Heights Keynote Speaker Series: Each unit will have one day when their participants have priority seating. The event is optional, and participants may attend as many (or as few) as they would like. This event is in the Summit Stadium, so seating is sufficient to hold all who wish to attend.
- Order of the Arrow Legacy Experience: Each unit will be assigned a time when its participants will have priority seating for the Order of the Arrow Legacy Experience show. The event is optional; attending at times other than the time assigned is possible, on a space-available basis
- Americana Extravaganza Civic Engagement Fireside Chats: each unit will receive a set number of spots in civic engagement “fireside chat” small groups (each session lasts 30 minutes). The unit leader will use an online system (details to be provided closer to the Jamboree) to sign their Scouts up for small groups in advance.

- **Scheduled by an individual**

- Zip Lines: individuals (with a buddy) can enter a daily lottery for a time to go down one of the Summit’s three Zip Lines (Alexander Eagle Flight, Gateway Zip, and Legacy Zip) on the following day. The lottery is conducted through the Jamboree App. Zip Line capacity is limited, and participants are not guaranteed a spot.
- Triathlon: individuals sign up for the Triathlon in advance of the Jamboree (exact approach to be determined), as this is a space-constrained activity.

The **Jamboree-wide game** is delivered through the participant's (and staff!) neckerchief. Each neckerchief has space for 26 friends (old and new – ideally new!) who meet certain criteria (e.g., you perform an activity together or learn something about each other). The Jamboree-wide game reinforces that the Jamboree is about the people that you meet and how they help you on your journey to a life of purpose and impact.

Jamboree Events are special, “don’t miss it” activities:

- **Staff Show:** Held the evening of July 21 (the day before arrival day), the Staff Show is an opportunity for us to thank you for the time and effort you are dedicating to delivering a great Jamboree experience! It’s also a great opportunity to work on your Jamboree-wide game (neckerchief)!
- **Stadium Shows (they’re back!):** on Thursdays (First Thursday: Opening; Second Thursday: Closing), be inspired by an immersive experience featuring performers, speakers, videos, and more!
- **Jamboree Scout Skills Challenge:** a competition for patrols during the first half of the Jamboree. Patrols who compete on arrival day or the first Thursday have the opportunity to advance to the championship round at the Opening Stadium Show!
- **Hometown Celebrations:** held Friday and Saturday evenings in the basecamps, these are an opportunity for each unit to show off their hometown and for participants to learn more about other parts of the country
- **Primary Religious and Spiritual Services:** Each faith group attending the Jamboree has, through advance coordination with the Jamboree’s Duty to God and Country program, the opportunity to hold a “primary” religious or spiritual service. While these generally occur on Sunday morning, they can occur at other times based on each individual's faith preference.
- **Americana Extravaganza:** Happy 250.06th birthday, U.S.A.! On Sunday afternoon, the Jamboree celebrates America in the Summit Stadium through stage performances, lawn games, and a civic engagement program that brings mayors, city council members, and other community leaders to the Jamboree for small-group discussions with Scouts. We are asking units to sign their Scouts up for small groups in advance, using an online system. Details will be provided to unit leaders. This is a space-limited program that depends on the number of community leaders who accept the Jamboree’s invitation to attend.
- **OA Rendezvous:** The Order of the Arrow Rendezvous on Sunday evening will educate and activate members at the lodge, section, and national level through highlighting the OA’s achievements, promoting NOAC 2027, and creating a jamboree fellowship opportunity. All Jamboree attendees are invited, not just OA members.
- **Semiquincentennial Fireworks Show:** Sunday night, after the OA Rendezvous, enjoy a special fireworks show from the comfort of your campsite. You will neither want nor be able to miss this!
- **Elevation Celebrations:** In the second half of the Jamboree, the Elevation Celebrations (held Monday, Tuesday, and the second Wednesday evening) are an opportunity to celebrate West Virginia and relax in a more intimate setting than the Stadium Shows allow.

- Jamboree Triathlon: An early morning opportunity for Scouts to be active – swim, bike, and run a course on the Jamboree site. This is the inaugural Jamboree triathlon. Space is limited, so we are prioritizing youth participants. Adult participation is on a space-available basis.
- Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient talks: We expect to have three recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor visit the Jamboree to share their experiences with and meet participants. These will be listed in the Jamboree App.

Reinforcing the Jamboree Program

Any interaction with a Scout is an opportunity to reinforce the lessons we are trying to teach with the Jamboree. This includes the program vision, but, more fundamentally, starts with the underlying purpose of the Jamboree itself. Through our temporary city, made up of Scouts and Scouters from across the country and world, the Jamboree provides participants and staff the opportunity to practice being people in the way they hope the world will be when they grow up. To reinforce this underlying purpose, consider asking any of these questions, or create your own:

- What is your favorite part about living at the Jamboree?
- How does the community here at the Jamboree differ from the community you have at home?
- What is it like living in a community where everyone commits to following the Scout Oath and Law?
- What about the Jamboree experience do you want to carry with you into the future?
- How does life at the Jamboree change your hopes for the future?

To reinforce the Jamboree program vision (“to prepare Scouts for a life of purpose and impact”), consider asking any of these questions, or create your own:

- What do you most enjoy doing?
- The Jamboree can get really busy – how do you stay calm?
- What has inspired you recently, and why?
- If you could change one thing, anything anywhere, what would it be?
- Additionally, it is very helpful to participant satisfaction to reinforce the Jamboree's social nature. If a conversation with a participant indicates they are focusing more on what they have been able to do than who they have been able to meet, please guide them to realize that, while they can come back to the Summit anytime and do these activities, this is their one chance to meet their fellow participants.

Staff Participation in the Jamboree Program

Jamboree Staff are invited to the Jamboree Events – attend as many or as few as you would like!

Jamboree Staff, on their time off, are welcome to participate in any program activity. Programs do prioritize participants over staff, so staff may not be able to participate in popular programs once the Jamboree starts, *with one exception: staff who volunteer for a half day on the Zip Line team will be able to ride down as an expression of gratitude for helping provide this program to participants!*

For staff interested in participating in the Jamboree's adventure programs (mountain biking, BMX, skateboarding, climbing, zip-lining, and range and target activities), the adventure staff typically hold "test runs" the day before participants arrive. Times will be added to the "Staff only" schedule in the Jamboree app. This is the best opportunity for staff members to participate in these popular programs.

Young Adult Program

The National Jamboree will offer special program opportunities for young adults (aged 18-30), designed to help them develop their network, learn about opportunities to remain involved in Scouting, and to provide feedback to National Jamboree leadership and National Executive Board members. These activities will primarily occur in the evening to avoid conflict with daytime responsibilities and are open to unit leaders and JST (Staff) - Jamboree Service Team members aged 18-30. Details about two of the events, the Career Expo and NextGen Social can be found below.

Career Expo | Friday, July 24th (all-day) @ NESA / Scouting Alumni Tent

Hosted at the NESA and Scouting Alumni tent, explore the wide range of opportunities within Scouting and for your professional life. Featuring free professional headshots and a "Passport to Careers," this event will connect pre-college and college-aged Scouts with opportunities to continue Scouting—in older youth programs, High Adventure, and various staffing opportunities— and also connect them with career-minded representatives in fields such as STEM, first responders, Law, and Education. This is THE event to think about your future and how you'll leverage your Scouting experience to change lives, so be sure to mark your itinerary for this all-day event!

NextGen Social | July 27th (7:30 - 9:30pm) @ Piggott Pavilion

For a relaxed evening, join us as we connect the next generation of Scouting leaders with experienced Scouters in a variety of roles across Scouting America. Listen to their take on young adults in our organization's leadership, build personal connections, learn how to stay involved post-Jamboree, and explore the many pathways available to contribute to Scouting beyond youth membership. Think of it like a professional networking mixer for Scouting opportunities!

Be sure to check the app schedule for any updates to activity dates and times!

Visitor Experience

The Summit Center along with Basecamps A and B will be the hub of National Jamboree activity set between the villages and the activity areas, and the only area open for day visitors. On specific days, visitors may pay a fee and visit the Summit Center and Basecamps A and B to experience all it has to offer. These areas will be open to regular National Jamboree participants, but day visitors may not visit the base camps or activity areas. Visitors, however, will have an opportunity to participate in their own way that connects their visitor experience to that of every National Jamboree participant, whether visiting for one day or more.

Elevate Your Well-Being

"Elevate Your Well-Being" aims to support the mental health and well-being of our Scouts, which has been increasingly challenged by the rise of handheld devices, social media habits, and the changes brought by the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal is to build resilience and promote healthy habits to help Scouts manage stress in a supportive environment, all while staying true to Scouting's core values.

At the "Peak Wellness" area in the AT&T Arena, Scouts will take part in various activities designed to boost their mental, emotional, and physical well-being. These activities may include mindfulness and meditation sessions, resilience education workshops, yoga, mental health awareness discussions, and social media literacy. Additionally, "Altitude Adjustment" areas, located at each of the medical clinics, will offer digital detox zones where Scouts can unplug from devices and engage in face-to-face interactions through conversation starters, card and board games, and collaborative art projects. These offerings aim to improve focus, emotional regulation, adaptability, social skills, and overall health.

Support Services

Telephone Communications

There are multiple cell phone towers on the Summit property, plus back-up capabilities in case of emergencies.

Postal Service

Mail will be delivered to the subcamp headquarters in the early afternoon for pickup.

The National Jamboree mailing address for staff is:

First and last name of staff member & Sub Camp Name or Housing Location
2026 National Jamboree
92 SBR 2
Mount Hope, WV 25888

- The main Jamboree Post Office is in the Gateway Village at Summit Center, with a mobile unit located in Echo Base Camp.
- The sale of souvenir Jamboree envelopes in limited quantities will start July 22. Postage stamps can be purchased at the Jamboree Post Office.
- All outgoing mail, including parcels, will be handled at these facilities.
- Use your home address as the return address on the envelope or parcel.

Trading Posts

There will be trading posts operating in convenient locations throughout the National Jamboree.

The following services and types of items will be available in the trading post:

Souvenirs. An attractive line of National Jamboree souvenirs and other materials will be available to send or take back home. Staff will be able to buy exclusive, staff only souvenirs as well!

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 and credit card, nfc payments.

Food. Staff have opportunity to enjoy alternate meals or late night snacks at the staff-only Chat N' Chew. Payment options available.

Prices charged for all merchandise and services at National Jamboree trading posts will be like the prevailing prices of comparable merchandise in cities and towns in the area.

Trading Post Hours

Before Participants Arrive		
Sunday	July 19	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Monday	July 20	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
Tuesday	July 21	1:00 pm - 6:00 pm & 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
During the Jamboree		
Wednesday	July 22	10:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday	July 23	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Friday	July 24	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Saturday	July 25	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Sunday	July 26	11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Monday	July 27	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Tuesday	July 28	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday	July 29	8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Thursday	July 30	8:00 am - 3:00 pm

Trading post location is at Summit Center. No trading post is located in Staff Subcamp/basecamp for Jamboree 2026. *Extended hours are available for staff on July 20th and 21st, as well as Sunday, July 26th, in the morning to allow staff opportunities to shop.*

The trading post is implementing 3 limited release days, which allows staff members arriving for the second half of Jamboree the ability to stock up on the hottest Jamboree merchandise. This release will occur on the 26th

Staff Dining

Staff members will be assigned to dine at the Pigott or Echo Dining Halls. Staff can only eat in the dining hall in which they are assigned to. **The Staff Dining Halls will be open during the Jamboree daily for breakfast service from 5:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and for dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** Staff will find that all meals are buffet-style and self-service. Specifically, you don't have to ask a server for a little more of this or not to give you that. Please be careful to use the intended serving spoon so as not to cross food from one serving dish into another. You will be welcome to take all you want from the various buffet lines.

Lunch will be pre-packaged for each staff member from a buffet of non-perishable items. Staff will retrieve their lunch bag at the Summit2Go pickup area, which is part of the Pigott and Echo Staff Dining Halls, after breakfast.

Before the Jamboree begins and after the Jamboree ends, any staff whose job requires them to be on site will be fed at one of the Staff dining halls as well. Meal service before and after the Jamboree will be limited and on a published schedule.

Special Diets

During online registration, each staff member will be asked specifically to indicate a need for vegetarian, Kosher or Halal diet.

As part of the Jamboree's ongoing commitment to help those whose diets are influenced by religious, medical, or other personal beliefs and desires, the Staff Dining hall will offer a serving line with products that accommodate Halal, gluten-free, vegetarian, and vegan diets. There will be signs indicating which dishes meet the various dietary ways, and in addition, staff will find items that fit their diet and are naturally part of the regular meal options and the salad bar offerings. The Food Team will answer questions about any food item if necessary.

All staff members who indicate a Kosher preference may pick up at the Staff Dining Hall serving area a sealed box meal that meets their dietary restrictions. There also will be dedicated microwave ovens for Kosher staff to warm meal components. Look for the separate serving line and the signs indicating where the microwave ovens are located.

The National 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 gluten, citrus fruit, dairy, eggs, fish, nuts/ peanuts, and shellfish). Staff members will need to avoid such items in their buffet choices.

In addition, remember that the Food Team cannot feasibly plan for all specific dietary needs of all persons attending the National Jamboree. Therefore, anyone with special food requirements for medical reasons, or personal dietary beliefs, may be required to make their own arrangements to meet those needs by bringing nonperishable food with them – just as they would bring their own medications.

Medical Requirements

Weather conditions at the National 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. National Jamboree activities are very strenuous, so it is crucial that everyone arrives fit and prepared for the event. Dehydration is the most common diagnosis in our medical clinics. Participants must drink plenty of water while at the National Jamboree.

Physical Examination

All participants must submit certification of physical fitness on the official Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record. Maintenance of good health in a National Jamboree camp is of utmost importance, and it is with this objective in mind that the following must be enforced:

- Participants must get a complete examination by a licensed health-care practitioner.
- It is required that the examination take place not fewer than 30 days before the first day or more than 12 months before the last day of the National Jamboree.
- Participants will go through a medical screening prior to arrival. It is imperative that all medical forms are submitted by the published deadline of April 21, 2026, so that prior approval for participation occurs before you leave for the National Jamboree. In the event an attendee is found to be medically unfit for National Jamboree participation upon arrival at the Summit, they cannot serve on staff or stay as a participant. In this situation, the attendee must return home at their own expense.

No refund will be awarded for staff who are asked to leave once on site.

Immunizations

When attending Scouting 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 recommended:

- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Diphtheria, pertussis (typically included with tetanus)
- Meningococcal
- Prevnar (pediatric pneumococcal)
- Polio
- Measles, mumps, and rubella
- Varicella
- Influenza
- COVID-19
- Pneumovax (adult pneumococcal, age 65 and older)

Exceptions to Immunization on Medical or Religious Grounds

If there is a medical or religious reason an attendee cannot comply with vaccination requirements, the attendee must obtain a statement from a physician or physician extender for a medical exemption. If the attendee is not immunized due to religious reasons, the attendee must provide a statement to that effect that includes specific reasons for full consideration for the exemption to be given by the National Jamboree Health and Wellness staff. These statements need to be submitted with the medical form. The immunization exemption request form can be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-451.pdf>.

Physical Fitness - Medical History Considerations

Fitness is an aim of Scouting. Participation in the National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve is a physically demanding experience. The layout, grade, and elevation of the site requires substantial walking as part of everyone's daily schedule – do not underestimate the miles you will walk at incline on a daily basis, on gravel paths. A number of activities require more stamina and fitness too. It is essential that all staff are prepared for the physical demands of the Summit.

Our goal is to prevent any serious health-related event from occurring by ensuring that all our participants and staff are “physically strong.” There are multiple disease comorbidities which must be considered as decisions are made about an individual's ability to attend the National Jamboree. Individuals with a history of any of the conditions listed below should consult their healthcare provider to see if participating in the National Jamboree could exacerbate their condition. Staff may also be requested to provide further supporting documentation, including cardiac testing, pulmonary testing, or further information from their physician.

- Obesity
- Tobacco Use
- Hypertension/High Blood Pressure
- Diabetes mellitus
- Hyperlipidemia
- Heart disease: family history of premature or known coronary artery disease, prior heart attack, coronary angioplasty/stent, coronary bypass surgery, congestive heart failure. Moderate to severe persistent asthma or COPD (chronic bronchitis or emphysema)
- Sleep apnea requiring CPAP or BiPAP
- Prior stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA)

Accordingly, it is the policy of the 2026 National Jamboree that all individuals:

- **Provide their healthcare provider with the *Summit High-Adventure Risk Advisory to Health-Care Providers and Parents*.**
- **Submit a completed BSA AHMR signed by their healthcare provider.**

Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drugs

The current *Guide to Safe Scouting* states:

“An important way adult leaders can model healthy living is by following the policies on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youth, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.”

Reference: *Guide to Safe Scouting*, www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss

Accordingly, it is the policy of the 2026 National Jamboree that:

- 1. The use of tobacco products, including smoking, smokeless tobacco, or electronic nicotine delivery systems (including vaping), is prohibited in all Jamboree buildings, tents, and vehicles.**
- 2. While in uniform and/or on duty, smoking or the use of smokeless tobacco is not permitted.**
- 3. The use of tobacco by visitors or off-duty non-uniformed Staff or leaders 18 years of age and older will be restricted to designated areas.**

“As outlined in the Scouter Code of Conduct,

Scouting activities are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies: alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana.

In addition, the Code of Conduct specifies that if you are taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing any functioning or judgment, you will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.”

Reference: Scouter Code of Conduct

Reference: *Guide to Safe Scouting*, www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss

Accordingly, it is the policy of the 2026 National Jamboree that:

- 1. The use, possession or distribution of alcoholic beverages, controlled substances (other than medications, by the person to whom, prescribed by a physician), Marijuana and other illegal substances are strictly prohibited at the National Jamboree.**

Medications

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

Insurance

Accident and sickness insurance will be provided to all those attending the 2026 National Jamboree.

The cost of this insurance is included in the National Jamboree fee.

National Jamboree coverage for registered members of Scouting America will be effective during their stay at the National Jamboree.

Youth and adult leaders attending the National Jamboree as representatives of international Scout associations will be covered only during their stay at the National Jamboree. Staff members are also covered on the same basis. Coverage is not applicable to employees of Scouting America (national and local councils) while they are covered by any statutory workers' compensation policy.

Religious Observances

Chaplains representing many faiths will be at the National Jamboree to conduct services and provide personal counseling. Staff also are encouraged to visit the chartered partner tents in the Summit Center, including those operated by faith-based chartered partners.

Religious observances and chaplain services for youth, leaders, and staff of all faiths will be coordinated by a chaplain for each faith.

A devotional guide and schedule for religious services will be available upon arrival and in the National Jamboree app.

Restroom and Shower Facilities

A variety of facility types will be available for participants and staff. They are located around the Jamboree site. Careful calculations have been made to provide the proper number of toilets in each Sub Camp for youth and adults based on the demographics of their subcamps.

Electric Power

The primary power lines feeding the Jamboree site have limited capacity. There is no power provided to staff tents. The electrical system cannot handle the potential load. Please plan to bring solar chargers and batteries. There are no exceptions.

2026 NSJ CPAP/BiPAP Machines Policy

A battery powered CPAP/BiPAP machine is acceptable at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. If a health care provider has prescribed a CPAP/BiPAP machine for you, it should be used at the Jamboree.

From a health standpoint, those individuals in which a CPAP/BiPAP machine is prescribed, and/or the combination of doing without your machine, plus the stressors related to the Jamboree and the environment of the SBR increases an individual's risk for a major medical event significantly, it is inadvisable to do without your CPAP/BiPAP machine.

The Summit Bechtel Reserve does not have a power supply in the housing areas where you will be tenting. If you do not have a battery-powered machine, you will need to secure a battery for the Jamboree. Batteries that are made specifically for and are OEM (Official Equipment from the Manufacture) of the CPAP/BiPAP machine are acceptable.

In accordance with the West Virginia Fire Marshal's requirements, using a 12-volt marine battery is also acceptable with a simple power converter for operating a CPAP/BiPAP machine. In addition, a marine battery must be placed within a case to contain any possible leaking fluids.

All other types of batteries, for example, a car battery, are prohibited. Using an extension cord from an orange power panel or shower house to your tent to charge or power any device is also prohibited.

Each Base/Sub Camp will designate a central charging location in which CPAP/BiPAP machine users will be able to recharge their batteries. Users must bring their own charger and should coordinate charging with the Sub Camp staff.

2026 NSJ, Scouting America, and the Summit are not responsible for the misuse of a CPAP/BiPAP machine.

Quiet Hours in Camp

Quiet hours at camp are anticipated to begin at 10:30 p.m., though times may vary and your subcamp will have the most current information. Staffing a national event like this is a marathon, not a sprint — and your fellow staff members will grab sleep whenever they can. Once evening hours set in, please be mindful of noise levels, even before quiet hours officially begin. Remember that tent areas are close quarters, and sound carries easily. Conversations, music, and general activity that seem low-key in an open space can feel much louder to someone trying to sleep a few feet away. Look out for each other — a well-rested teammate is a better teammate.

Visiting the National Jamboree

The 2026 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve will welcome day visitors on select dates throughout the event. Visitors will have the chance to meet Scouts and Scouters from across the country and see firsthand what makes the National Jamboree such a landmark event in Scouting.

Day visitor hours run from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on the following dates:

- Friday, July 24
- Saturday, July 25
- Monday, July 27
- Tuesday, July 28
- Wednesday, July 29

Tickets are \$100 per person for ages 14 and older, \$75 for ages 6–13, and free for children ages 5 and under.

Two ticketed shows will open and close the Jamboree:

- Opening Show: Thursday, July 23 – 8:30 PM
- Closing Show: Thursday, July 30 – 8:00 PM

Tickets for both shows will be available soon.



As you assist visitors on-site, please remind them that for the safety and security of all participants, day visitors are not permitted to enter the subcamps or basecamps at any time. Direct visitors to designated public areas and be ready to answer questions about what is accessible during their visit.

[Find more information and FAQ](#)



Jamboree Staff Packing List

Camping Essentials:

- Tent (*Required for most staff*)
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Camping pillow

Clothing:

- Field Uniform (*2 Recommended*)
- Hiking shorts
- Polo/t-shirts (*activity uniform*)
- Casual clothes for evening, including pants
- Belt
- Hat
- Raingear
- Socks and Underwear
- Jacket or sweatshirt
- Sleep clothes
- Hiking boots (*Broken in*)
- Tennis Shoes

Personal Gear:

- Water Bottle
- Towel
- Washcloth/Loofah
- Daypack with water bladder
- Flashlight or headlamp
- Insect Repellent
- Sunscreen
- Toiletry kit (*toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bodywash, hairbrush, lip balm*)
- Shower Shoes



Optional Items:

- Swimsuit
- Water shoes
- Fan (*battery operated*)
- CPAP (*with rechargeable batteries, limited power*)
- Camp chair
- First aid kit
- Sunglasses
- Portable Charger (*must be able to charge without regular access to power*)
- Solar charger/panels
- Permanent marker (*label everything*)
- Extra patches to trade
- Extra stakes for tents
- A tarp
- Laundry detergent for mobile laundry (*ie 5 gallon buckets*)

Marketing & Webinars

Marketing Resources

We will regularly be updating the National Jamboree website with additional resources for your Council to marketing the 2026 National Jamboree. Please refer to jamboree.scouting.org for the most up-to-date information.

Find staff promotional resources including employer letters on Scouting America Brand Center <https://scouting.webdamdb.com/bp/#/folder/13980015/>

2026 National Jamboree Webinars

Join us for Jambo Staff Rally! Staff webinars take place on the first Thursday of the month beginning at 7pm Central Time. Catch future sessions and past recordings:

<https://jamboree.scouting.org/updates/jamboree-informational-webinars/>