



Scouting America 2026 National Jamboree

PATCH TRADING POLICY



Patch trading has long been an honored Scouting activity which builds comradery and extends Scouting beyond a Scout's home unit and community. At the core of appropriate patch trading in Scouting is that the trades always reflect the ideals of the Scout Oath & Law.

At the 2026 National Jamboree, Patch Trading is an official program activity monitored by the Crossroads Program Committee and assisted by International Scouting Collectors Association (ISCA) members.

To promote safe and appropriate patch trading, it is the policy that:

- Patch trading is an open activity and may be conducted anywhere at the National Jamboree that is safe and as authorized so long as displays and persons trading and/or viewing do not interfere with program activities and the safe movement of pedestrians and vehicles.
- Trades may be youth/youth, youth/adult, or adult/adult so long as such interactions conform to the Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Guidelines and Barriers to Abuse policies and such trades adhere to the ideals of the Scout Oath & Law.
 - An adult is anyone 18 years of age or older.
 - Use the buddy system. Always have a friend or group with you, to make sure you're safe, especially in large and confusing crowds.
- If trading a non-Scouting item or patch (one not issued by a Scouting organization), the trader will disclose the fact prior to the trade.

An area designated as the "Official Patch Trading Area" during program hours will be on the porch and adjacent lawn area of the Summit Visitor Center. Additional areas may also be established. Trading Staff and resource materials will be present at the official patch trading area and at other designated areas as needed for crowd control and for questions and/or guidance in trades if requested.