



# COUNCIL CONTINGENT GUIDE

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# Welcome to the 2026 National Jamboree!

As you begin your planning, we hope you are filled with the same excitement and enthusiasm that we have as we prepare for the 2026 National Jamboree. Our goal is to elevate your council contingent leadership by providing the tools needed to create an outstanding National Jamboree experience for your council. In these pages you will find the first things you need to know to begin the planning process. This guide will continue to expand as the plan continues to unfold.

On a personal note, we want to say thank you for your support and commitment to the life-changing event that is the National Jamboree. Your dedication to organizing and leading your council's contingent is vital to the success of the National Jamboree. Thanks to your hard work, your Scouts will join others from around the country and will have the opportunity to experience the adventure, growth, and fellowship that only the National Jamboree can offer.

The 2026 National Jamboree theme "ELEVATE" perfectly captures the spirit of this National Jamboree. It's about rising to new challenges, reaching new heights, and helping our Scouts discover their potential in ways they've never imagined. Together, we will elevate the Scouting experience, creating memories and lessons that will last a lifetime. Paired with our program goal to "prepare Scouts for a life of purpose and impact" the 2026 National Jamboree theme allows us to help Scouts push their boundaries and challenge themselves to reach their highest potential.

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 any questions you might have, we are committed to ensuring that your council's experience at the National Jamboree is nothing short of extraordinary. Reach out to us anytime at [national.jamboree@scouting.org](mailto:national.jamboree@scouting.org).

Thank you again for your support and for being an integral part of this journey. We are excited to work alongside you and your council as we ELEVATE Scouting at the 2026 National Jamboree!

Yours in Scouting,



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## Introduction

**This guide is the February 2026 update. A list of updates are located near the end of the guide.**

This guide is designed to assist council contingents in planning a successful National Jamboree experience. Your journey has already begun, and proper preparation now will result in a smoother, more enjoyable National Jamboree experience for you and your Scouts.

It is important that each adult contingent leader become familiar with every aspect of the trip. Equally important is sharing information with participants and their parents. Please read this guide carefully. Both experienced and new National Jamboree contingent adult leaders will find the answers to many of their questions regarding the National Jamboree within these following pages. Good luck as you continue to prepare for the 2026 National Jamboree!

## Dates and Location

The 2026 National Jamboree will be held Wednesday, July 22, through Friday, July 31, 2026, at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve (The Summit) in Glen Jean, West Virginia. Contingents will arrive on July 22nd and depart Friday, July 31.

## Attendance

The 2026 National Jamboree will host approximately 20,000 Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers\*, unit leaders, Staff, and visitors.

To attend the National Jamboree, a Scout must:

- Be a currently registered member of Scouting America in a Scouts BSA troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship:
  - If attending as a member of Scouts BSA, a Scout must be at least 12 years of age and no older than 17 years of age.
  - If attending as a member of a Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship, a Scout must be at least 13 years old and have completed the eighth grade or is age 14 and not yet 21 years of age.

To attend the National Jamboree as a contingent adult leader, an adult must:

- Be a currently registered member of Scouting America
- No less than 21 years of age
  - Note: Assistant Scoutmasters aged 18-20 are encouraged to register for Staff or register and participate as a member of a Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship.

## Contingent Size and Unit Options

Councils will organize a contingent of Scouts and leaders to attend the National Jamboree and will organize Scouts and leaders into units within the council contingent. There are two size options for units within your National Jamboree contingent:

- Council units may consist of up to 18 youth and Council Contingent Staff and two adult leaders not to exceed a total of 20.  
OR
- Up to 36 youth and Council Contingent Staff and four adult leaders, not to exceed a total of 40.  
OR
- 10-Person Council Unit comprised of 8 youth and two adult leaders. Please refer to the end of this guide for more information. **Deadline to register a 10-Person Council Unit is March 31, 2026**

The council will choose unit type and the number of units to meet the needs of the council. All Safeguarding policies must be followed when determining unit makeup. This includes meeting all of Scouting's Barriers to Abuse, including travel to and from the National Jamboree.

Units will select one of the following options:

- Scouts BSA Boy Troop
- Scouts BSA Girl Troop
- Family Troop: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/2025/12/13/family-troop-option-for-the-2026-national-jamboree/>
- Venturing Crew
- Sea Scouting Ship

\*Exploring participants may attend the National Jamboree as a unit under the supervision of their unit leadership as a part of the Staff and with approval of the National Jamboree Area Leadership staff.

## National Jamboree Planning Calendar

Planning and preparing for a successful National Jamboree Council Contingent requires careful consideration of several different aspects of trip planning and execution. Each council should develop a work schedule for local participation in the National Jamboree.

The following sample work schedule will help with this process.

### **2024**

#### **Fall**

- Begin recruitment of youth participants, adult leaders and Staff.
- Register your council units for the National Jamboree

- *Note: Deposits are due to the National Service Center during the National Jamboree Contingent reservation process. Councils will be billed for National Jamboree fees, including the initial deposit.*
- Develop council backdating of National Jamboree to include council specific items (Contingent recognition item orders, patches, unit numerals, troop flags, airline tickets, touring tickets, etc.)

## **Winter**

- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and Staff.
- Fee Collection for Council Contingent members based on council schedule.

## **2025**

### **January – March**

- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and Staff.
- Select Unit Adult Leadership.

### **April – June**

- Implement camporee youth participant promotion.
- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and Staff.
- Camp Promotion (including potential National Jamboree Scout Skills Challenge).
- First payment to the National Service Center due May 31, 2025. Councils will be billed in April.

### **July – September**

- Finalize collection of second fee payment from contingent members.
- Continue promotion and recruitment during summer camp programs (Scouts BSA and Webelos), including potential National Jamboree Scout Skills Challenge for Scouts BSA camps.
- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders and Staff.
- Assign rafting slots to contingent members.

### **October – December**

- Host monthly committee meetings.
- Remind contingent members that National Jamboree medicals must be obtained within one year of the National Jamboree.
- Submit any changes to council commitments, including river rafting slots to the National Service Center.
- Submit second payment to the National Service Center by December 31, 2025. Councils will be billed in November.
- Conduct first meeting of National Jamboree contingent.
- Early Bird registration ends November 3, 2025.
- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders and Staff.

## **2026**

### **January**

- Begin verification of all Safeguarding Youth Training for leaders through the National Jamboree registration system.
- Begin collection of annual health and medical records through the registration system.
- Check status of all transportation plans.
- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders and Staff.

### **February**

- River rafting commitment process communicated to local councils from the National Service Center
- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and Staff.
- Continue to verify Safeguarding Youth Training through the National Jamboree registration system.
- Continue to verify medical forms have been submitted.
- Conduct second meeting of National Jamboree contingent.

### **March - April**

- Finalize collection of final fee payment.
- Make payment to the National Service Center by March 31, 2026. Councils will be billed in February.
- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders and Staff.
- Continue to verify Safeguarding Youth Training through the National Jamboree registration system.
- Deadline for medical to be submitted is April 21.

### **May**

- Conduct third meeting of National Jamboree contingent.
- Continue to verify Safeguarding Youth Training.

### **June**

- Conduct pre-Jamboree training weekend.

### **July**

- Pre-Jamboree tour, if applicable
- Attend National Jamboree!

### **August**

- Post-Jamboree tour, if applicable

### **September**

- Final Jamboree committee meeting

## November

- National Jamboree reunion.

## Unit Leader Positions

The only recognized unit leader positions for the 2026 National Jamboree are the Scoutmaster, first Assistant Scoutmaster, second Assistant Scoutmaster, and third Assistant Scoutmaster for Scouts BSA units and Advisor, Associate Advisor or Ship Skipper, Mate for the Venturing/Sea Scouts.

## Council Contingent Staff

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."

Refund & Recognition:

- **Refund:** Upon successful completion of service, 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!

## Unit Configuration

Each unit consists of up to 18 or up to 36 Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, Council Contingent Staff, and two-to-four-unit leaders as appropriate to the unit size, not to exceed a total of 20 or 40 people. Councils who choose to use the 20-person unit size will be paired with another 20-person unit to form National Jamboree units of 40. Each 20-person unit must meet the Safeguarding policies for that unit including two-deep leadership. The 40-person unit is ideal for housing in multiples of two Scouts per tent, and for most tour buses that are 40 passengers in size. Each campsite in a subcamp is designed to house a group of 40.

## Registration Requirements

### Scout Leader Qualifications

All National Jamboree Scoutmasters / Advisors / Skippers and first-, second-, and third-assistant leaders must meet the following requirements:

- Possess a current Scouting America membership with a Scouts BSA Troop, Venturing Crew, or Sea Scout Ship.
- Be at least 21 years old by the first day the contingent departs for the National Jamboree.
- Scoutmaster / Advisor / Skipper applicants must be currently serving as a Scoutmaster / Advisor / Skipper.
- All Assistant leaders must be currently serving in a unit in an adult leadership position.
- Scoutmaster / Advisor / Skipper applicants must have completed leader-specific training.
- All Adult leaders must file a National Jamboree personal health and medical record.
- All adult leaders must be approved by the local council.

In addition, all leaders must:

- Submit all registration fees per their local council's payment schedule.
- Be current in Scouting America Safeguarding Youth Training through the last day of the National Jamboree.
- Must complete "Peer-On-Peer Abuse" training prior to arrival at the National Jamboree. This training supersedes "Understanding and Preventing Youth on Youth Abuse for Camp staff and NYLT staff" and is available through [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

Youth and Adult program participant council contingent registration requirements.

- Be at least 12 years old by the first day and not yet 21 years old by the last day of the National Jamboree.
- Be currently registered as a youth or adult program participant in a Scouts BSA, Venturing, or Sea Scouting unit.
- Submit an annual health and medical form.
- Meet the minimum health requirements for high adventure participation
- Agree to follow the Jamboree Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding.

### Staff Opportunities

Staff members will have the opportunity to serve in numerous assignments at the National Jamboree. Staff members will be needed in many of the National Jamboree groups and services listed on the Staff application. The list of positions is published on the National Jamboree website.

## National Jamboree Applications

All Councils are responsible for registration of council contingents. Councils will submit requests for the number of units and unit types to meet the needs of the council. These requests will be done through the National Jamboree Registration System.

A detailed fee discussion is included in a later section; however, Staff members pay individually with their application; youth and adult leader participants 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.

## Safeguarding

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 Safeguarding 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, all adult leaders must complete “Peer-On-Peer Abuse” training prior to arrival at the National Jamboree.

Safeguarding Youth Training and documentation are available at your local council or online at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) or [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org). “Peer-On-Peer Abuse” training supersedes “Understanding and Preventing Youth on Youth Abuse for Camp staff and NYLT staff” and is available through [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org).

## Statement of Understanding

All participants (youth and leaders) 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 and agree to 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 the procedure to send a participant home from the National Jamboree will only be Invoked when necessary.

## Code of Conduct

The unit’s adult leaders are responsible for the supervision of its membership, maintaining discipline, security, and upholding the National Jamboree Code of Conduct.

Leaders 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 Staff 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 Scouting America membership.

## **Commitment to Safety**

The safety and health of our youth, volunteers, staff, 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 leaders are asked to:

- Know and execute the Scouting program as contained in appropriate National Jamboree publications and the Guide to Safe Scouting.
- Properly plan pre/post National Jamboree tours, activities, and events using Scouting's SAFE checklist as a guide.
- 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.
- Ensure that all participants understand basic first aid and carry a personal first aid kit.
- 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.

## Organization

### Promoting the National Jamboree

- Appointment of the council National Jamboree committee should be a top priority, followed by the selection of your unit leaders.
- National Jamboree unit leaders and council National Jamboree committee members should then be organized into recruiting teams to visit each troop, crew, and ship to promote National Jamboree attendance, including as Staff. The committees should set up unit rallies and invite parents.
- A council marketing toolkit is provided at <https://jamboree.scouting.org>. Use the promotional videos and brochures in all your communications.
- Each National Jamboree troop/crew/ship leader should be asked to participate in the recruiting of Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Staff for the National Jamboree.
- When promoting the National Jamboree, each unit leader should have instructions on where and how to submit a National Jamboree application, the council payment schedule and refund policy, contact information on where to send questions, and any council-specific information.
- Conduct an active publicity campaign about the National Jamboree, particularly among youth members, parents, leaders, and chartered organizations.

- Use the council news bulletin, council website, executive board meetings, roundtables, committee meetings, and unit meetings for a presentation or a short talk on the National Jamboree.
- Provide material to your local newspapers, radio and television stations, and other media outlets in your area.
- Start a news and feature story campaign – appointment of chair and committee, selection of leaders, approval of participants – to local news media.
- Have a National Jamboree reunion for the adults and youth who have attended previous National Jamborees, providing a reserve of enthusiastic salespeople.
- Tie in a National Jamboree promotion with your summer camp with posters, displays, and fliers, including someone who can electrify the crowd about the National Jamboree, especially at all gatherings where there is a significant Scouting presence. Show the National Jamboree videos each week so that every Scout, Venturer, and leader in camp knows about the National Jamboree.
- Include the National Jamboree in council shows, camporees, and all other council and district events.

## **Council National Jamboree Committee**

Through the careful selection of its council National Jamboree committee, the council can do a great deal to ensure its youth and leaders have a beneficial National Jamboree experience. All the following positions must be filled to allow for effective administration of National Jamboree operations. Large councils will need to fill all the positions and consider additional depth to meet their needs. Smaller councils may choose to combine the duties of multiple positions into a single position, if necessary, provided all duties are assigned.

## **Council Committee Positions**

### **National Jamboree Committee Chair**

Appointed by the council president, the National Jamboree chair is responsible for selecting, recruiting, and appointing all National Jamboree committee chairs, and assigning duties to the following positions:

- Ambassador/Promotion chair
- Transportation chair
- Personnel chair
- Health and Safety chair
- Training chair
- Public Relations chair
- Budget

The chair coordinates and facilitates regular meetings for all National Jamboree committee chairs, works closely with the appointed council staff advisor, frequently reviews assigned tasks and responsibilities of all National Jamboree committee chairs, and assists all National Jamboree committee chairs in recruiting key personnel.

## Council National Jamboree Staff Advisor

This position is appointed by the Scout Executive, works closely with the National Jamboree committee chair, and assists in the coordination of National Jamboree unit promotion and preparation.

## Council Committee Teams

### National Jamboree Ambassador/Promotion Chair

Appointed by the council National Jamboree committee chair, this person is responsible for selecting, recruiting, and assigning duties to council National Jamboree ambassadors/promotions team volunteers. The responsibilities of the ambassadors are as follows:

- Ensure the promotion of and recruit Staff and youth participants for the National Jamboree at all council events – council meetings and workshops, camporees, merit badge events, commissioner colleges, long-term camp, University of Scouting programs, and all other similar opportunities.
- Become familiar with all National Jamboree promotional resources.
- Organize and conduct National Jamboree promotion rallies for each district in the council, both in spring and fall.
- Work with selected National Jamboree unit leaders to promote the National Jamboree.
- Assist the National Jamboree public relations committee in creating and implementing a council National Jamboree public relations plan.

### Transportation Team

- Develop complete transportation plans for the council contingent.
- Develop tours before and/or after the National Jamboree for the council National Jamboree contingent.
- Advise National Jamboree transportation service on arrival and departure date and time on proper form.

### Personnel Team

- Select the National Jamboree troop leaders needed for the council's National Jamboree troops.
- Responsible for screening and qualifying all National Jamboree participants, including applicants for Staff positions.

### Health and Safety Team

- Ensure each council unit meets all Safeguarding guidelines and barriers to abuse.
- Ensure one adult leader fulfills the requirements for the Health and Safety position below and confirms the credentials for that role.
- Ensure Annual Health and Medical Record is submitted online for each participant. Information will be published when available on our website:  
<https://jamboree.scouting.org>.

- Note: Physical fitness must be a consideration when approving National Jamboree leaders and service team members as it relates to the BMI requirements.

### Training Team

- Develops plans and conducts the pre-Jamboree training with other members of this subcommittee using the pre-Jamboree training/shakedown outline.
- Coordinates with the council National Jamboree chair to ensure plans are complete.
- Coordinate with summer camp staff, if needed, to arrange opportunities for unit leaders to get specialized training in order to assist in program areas requiring certifications. Additional details will be provided by May 2025.

### Public Relations Team

- Works with the promotion subcommittee chairman to design and implement a council National Jamboree public relations plan.
- Recruits and trains youth National Jamboree news correspondents.

## Unit Organization

### Scouts BSA Organization

Unit leadership responsibilities and duties will be assigned by the Scoutmaster. Unit leaders may be asked to assist in program areas and be provided opportunities to improve the National Jamboree experience. This will be established in each Base Camp. Leaders that serve in these areas will receive a special memento. Some program areas may require specialized certifications; if unit leaders are interested in supporting these areas, they may be able, in coordination with their council's National Jamboree Training Team and camp staff, to obtain these certifications. Additional information on certifications will be provided by May 2025.

### Scoutmaster

The personal leadership of the Scoutmaster is one of the most important factors in effective administration of the National Jamboree. Good judgment and sensible controls will help make many camp regulations unnecessary.

- Serves as the executive officer of the troop.
- Maintains policies and coordinates efforts of assistant Scoutmasters.
- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual Scouts to attend the National Jamboree.
- Leads participants in pre-Jamboree training.
- Works through assistant Scoutmasters, senior patrol leader, and patrol leaders to ensure fulfillment of their duties.
- Accompanies troop to and from the National Jamboree.
- Is personally responsible for the health, safety, and morale of the troop.
- By their example, serves as a role model for others to follow.
- Is responsible for the proper behavior and conduct of the members of troop.

- Receives a report from the senior patrol leader on bed check each evening after taps and reports those present, accounted for, or missing to the designated subcamp staff member.
- Cooperates with subcamp leadership at all times.

### First Assistant Scoutmaster (Troop Activities)

- Serves as the troop leader in the absence of the Scoutmaster.
- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual Scouts to attend the National Jamboree.
- Participates in pre-Jamboree training.
- Works with the assistant senior patrol leader in administering troop operations.
- Is responsible to the Scoutmaster for program and activities of the troop.

### Second Assistant Scoutmaster (Physical Arrangements)

- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual Scouts to attend the National Jamboree.
- Participates in pre-Jamboree training.
- Responsible to the Scoutmaster for the troop's physical arrangements.
- Works with the troop quartermaster in the issuance of supplies.
- Arranges directly with the subcamp repairs and maintenance officer for supplies.
- Working through and with the quartermaster and senior patrol leader, trains and oversees the troop's tasks of drawing food and food supplies, preparation and serving of food, and cleaning up.
- Consults regularly with troop cooks on the most effective ways to prepare daily food selections. Meets daily with the troop 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.
- Is responsible for transportation of personal baggage to and from the National Jamboree.

### Third Assistant Scoutmaster (Scheduling and Records)

- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual Scouts to attend the National Jamboree.
- Participates in pre-Jamboree training.
- Works with the troop scribe in the handling of troop records and the scheduling of troop participation in National Jamboree activities.
- Encourages Scout news correspondents to send news to their hometowns.
- Responsible for troop first aid and contacts the subcamp medical officer on serious cases.
- Maintains the general morale of the troop, including the distribution of mail and other communications.
- Responsible for training and providing oversight for sustainability, recycling, and trash management within the unit.

- Works with the quartermaster to continue the sustainability effort of Scouting America by leading the recycling effort within the campsite.

### Assistant Scoutmaster for Health and Wellness (Not an additional position but add on responsibilities)

Requirement for Contingent/Unit Leadership. One of the Assistant Scoutmasters must also take on the role for Health and Wellness. For each Unit, a minimum of one (1) ASM must be designated the Health & Wellness ASM (H&W ASM).

Health & Wellness ASM qualifications – Must hold at least one of the following levels of training. A copy of the current license or certification must be reviewed and confirmed to be valid through the end of the Jamboree (including travel, if applicable) by your council.

- Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder
- Outdoor Emergency Care/Ski Patrol
- EMT-Basic, EMT-Advanced, or Paramedic
- Military Corpsman, Medic, or Equivalent Medical Training
- Registered Nurse
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- Licensed Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Physician’s Assistant
- Licensed Physician, MD or DO.

Health & Wellness ASM Responsibilities:

- Collection and maintenance of the Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR)
- Oversight of online AHMR submission in a timely manner during Jamboree registration
- Oversight of contingent members’ medications and medication storage as necessary
- Awareness of special medical needs of contingent members
- Awareness of behavior/emotional conditions of contingent members
- Awareness of Psychiatric First Aid
- Triage of contingent members for care within the contingent vs Jamboree medical clinic
- Serves as the liaison for Jamboree Health & Wellness
- Oversight of First Aid Kit(s)



All ASMs for Health & Wellness (and Advisor/Skippers with Crews and Ships who are responsible for first aid and medication management) should bookmark the ASM H&W Portal, accessed via the QR code or at <http://jamboree.scouting.org/health-and-wellness-leader-portal/> for helpful information. The portal will be updated frequently in 2026 and will contain pre-arrival public health screening processes with a new online arrival form, among other updates.

### Senior Patrol Leader

- Serves as the top youth leader of their troop.

- Maintains information on the whereabouts of troop members.
- Works directly with the Scoutmaster in administering troop operations.
- Through the patrol leaders, is responsible for the appearance of Scouts regarding cleanliness and proper uniform.
- Maintains schedules within the troop camp covering reveille, meal hours, and other special assignments received from subcamp staff.
- Organizes all formations of the troop.
- Makes bed checks at taps each evening and reports and accounts for all members of the troop to the Scoutmaster.

### Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

- Acts in the absence of the senior patrol leader and assists the senior patrol leader as directed.
- Works with the first assistant Scoutmaster in administering troop activities.

### Quartermaster

- Is responsible for troop equipment and supplies.
- Works with the second assistant Scoutmaster for storage and issuance of all equipment and supplies belonging to the troop or issued to it at the National Jamboree.
- Leads the recycling effort within the campsite to continue Scouting America's sustainability efforts.
- Maintains an inventory of all equipment and supplies and is responsible through the second assistant Scoutmaster for the return in good repair of all equipment to the assigned subcamp staff member.

### Scribe

- Is the custodian of all troop records.
- Works directly with the third assistant Scoutmaster in handling registration procedures and in keeping such records as required.
- Keeps the log of the troop and carries out other duties as may be assigned by the Scoutmaster.
- Assists the third assistant Scoutmaster in registering and helping Scout news correspondents.

### Chaplain Aide

- Helps with troop program planning, considering religious holidays and including religious observances during troop activities and traveling to and from the National Jamboree.
- Assists in planning and carrying out troop religious activities.
- Informs troop members about the religious emblem program of their faith and how it is earned.
- Encourages troop members to live up to the ideals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## Historian

- Keeps a logbook about the troop's meetings and activities.
- Keeps a scrapbook of newspaper clippings and digital media about the troop's activities.
- Collects images from other troop members to take a photo album of the troop's activities.

## Patrol Leader

- Receives assignments for patrol members from troop leaders.
- Informs members of the patrol of assignments and sees that they are carried out.
- Sees that patrol tents, equipment, and the area around the tents are kept neat, clean, and orderly.
- Knows the whereabouts of every member of the patrol.
- Manages the dynamics of the patrol to the point where, when called upon by the senior patrol leader, they can report and account for full membership.

## Assistant Patrol Leader

- Acts in the absence of the patrol leader.
- Assists the patrol leader as directed.

## Venturing / Sea Scout Organization

### Advisor / Skipper

- Participates in pre-Jamboree training.
- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual contingent members to attend the National Jamboree.
- Accompanies unit to and from the National Jamboree.
- Maintains policies and coordinates efforts of associate Advisor and the unit president.
- Is personally responsible for the health, safety, and morale of their unit.
- Responsible for unit first aid and contacts the subcamp medical officer on serious cases.
  - Please reference the Scouts BSA Assistant Scoutmaster for Health and Wellness in this guide for helpful information about unit first aid expectations at the Jamboree.
- By example, serves as a role model for others to follow.
- Is always responsible for the proper behavior and conduct of the members of their unit.
- Receives a report from the unit 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 unit 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 unit, including distribution of mail and other communications.
- Cooperates with subcamp leadership at all times.

#### Associate Advisor / Mate (same responsibilities as Assistant Scoutmasters listed above)

- Serves as the unit adult leadership in the absence of the Advisor.
- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual contingent members to attend the National Jamboree.
- Participates in pre-Jamboree training.
- 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 youth officers.
- Works through and with the youth officers to train and oversee the unit's tasks of food supplies, preparation and serving of food, and cleaning up.
- Advises the youth officers on transportation of personal baggage to and from the National Jamboree.
- Works with the youth officers in handling the scheduling of unit participation in National Jamboree activities.
- Along with the secretary/scribe, encourages unit news correspondents to send news to their hometowns.

#### President / Boatswain

- Serves as the primary youth leader of the unit.
- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual contingent members to attend the National Jamboree.
- Plans and implements unit program in cooperation with other officers, members and adult leaders.
- Leads their fellow contingent members in pre-Jamboree training.
- Assists the adult leaders in conducting the officers' seminar (training and planning) or quarterdeck.
- Appoints youth chairs for unit activities and special unit officers.
- Maintains information on the whereabouts of contingent members.
- Is responsible for the appearance of contingent members regarding cleanliness and proper uniform.
- Maintains schedules within the unit camp covering reveille, meal hours, and other special assignments received from subcamp staff.
- Organizes all formations of the unit.
- Makes bed checks at taps each evening and reports and accounts for all members of the unit to the unit leaders.
- Assesses on an ongoing basis whether the responsibilities of the officers are being considered and carried out effectively.

#### Vice President of Administration / Boatswain's Mate – Administration

- Serves as the administrative officer of the unit.

- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual contingent members to attend the National Jamboree.
- Assumes responsibilities of the president/boatswain in their absence.
- Works directly with the adult leaders in administering unit operations.
- Coordinates directly with the unit leaders on unit supplies, maintenance, and repair issues.
- Organizes and recognizes the achievements of unit members.
- Conducts opening and closing ceremonies for meetings and special occasions.

### Vice President of Program / Boatswain's Mate – Program

- Arranges the program planning process for the contingent.
- Handles the scheduling of unit participation in National Jamboree activities
- Is responsible to the adult leaders on program and activities of the unit.
- Is responsible to the adult leaders for the unit's physical arrangements.
- Consults regularly with the unit cooks, giving briefings on food preparation and safety precautions.
- Oversees the cleanup operations after each meal.
- Is responsible for the care and neat appearance of all equipment.
- Is responsible for transportation of personal baggage to and from the National Jamboree.

### Secretary / Yeoman

- Manages all communications and publicity of the contingent.
- Coordinates contingent publicity and communication.
- Works with the support of the adult leaders in handling registration procedures and in keeping such records as required.

## Base Camp and Sub Camp Operations

- There will be two participant base camps (Charlie and Delta) each operated by a specific base camp staff team.
  - Note that the other two base camps at SBR (Alpha and Bravo) will be used as program areas for the Jamboree
- Each base camp will be further divided into three sub camps with a specific sub camp staff team to assist the units within the sub camp.
- Each council contingent unit will be assigned a unit commissioner from their respective sub camp staff. The assigned commissioner will contact the unit scoutmaster prior to the Jamboree to coordinate information, arrival plans, and any special needs that the unit may have.
- Unit campsite assignments and the corresponding Jamboree unit numbers are expected to be assigned and communicated in late March or April 2026. If a council has multiple units registered for the Jamboree, we will attempt to assign adjacent or nearby campsites. If a council contingent unit has a special request, including a desire to be placed near another specific council, please send this request to

[national.jamboree@scouting.org](mailto:national.jamboree@scouting.org). Requests will be considered if possible but are not guaranteed.

- The sub camps will be divided into three to five neighborhoods per sub camp with up to 10 Scouting units (40 person) per neighborhood.
- Each neighborhood will have a three-building shower house facility “polygon” to accommodate youth and adults by male and female gender. To provide for the four categories for shower house/restroom assignments, the sub camp will coordinate the necessary requirements using two nearby shower house facilities “polygons”.
- Each unit will be scheduled for one day during the Jamboree to clean their respective shower house facility “polygon”.
- Each unit will be responsible for providing their own tents (size up to 10X10 footprint). Each unit should be prepared to make any necessary tent repairs or replacements during the Jamboree. Two dining flies per campsite will be provided as part of the issued equipment.
- Two youth participants will be tenting together in one tent. Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age per Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse.
- Adult program participants 18-20 years of age are considered adults and will not be housed with anyone under 18.
- Adult leaders may have individual tents based on 4 leaders per unit or two leaders for a 20-person unit.
- The National Jamboree will make available suggested campsite layouts for best practices in use of space. The normal space allocation per campsite is approximately 180’ x 36’. The normal campsite configuration allows for a total of 22 tents (10’x10’ footprint). Any unique unit layout issues can be worked out with the assigned sub camp unit commissioner.
- All individual Scouting units will be preparing their meals in their assigned living area.
- There will be one headquarters area within each sub camp for assistance. These headquarters areas consist of an administration tent and a gathering tent/pavilion.
- There will be accessible medical facilities near each base camp (Charlie Medical at the Charlie Base Camp Tower pad & Delta Medical at the Delta 1 HQ pad).

## Money

### Financial Assistance

Councils are urged to include in their planning the importance of having representative National Jamboree units. These units should consider all race, ethnic, religious, and economic conditions present in the population groups in the territory served by the council. Local support is frequently available to provide camperships for youth who might not otherwise be able to attend the National Jamboree. An orderly plan should be developed and should include:

- A goal for representative participation
- Requirements for scholarship aid

- Degrees of aid from partial to full scholarship (including uniform and equipment needs)
- Scholarship fundraising plan
- List of selective prospects for funding
- Clearing and coordinating prospects with finance committee
- National Jamboree campership fundraising team (must follow guidelines of Scouting America fundraising)

Prospective sources of funds may be found in service clubs, civic clubs, chartered organizations, corporations, foundations, and selected major contributors. Information to assist your committee may be found in:

Guidelines on Product Sales and Policy Issues, No. 35-373 Foundation Resource Manual, No. 35-530

Project Sales Manual, No. 35-603

Some National Jamboree campership funds are available. For more information, visit <https://jamboree.scouting.org>.

## **Fees**

### **National Jamboree Council Contingent Information**

Individual fees for council contingent members, as well as deposit requirements and fee payment schedules are set by local councils. The following information is provided to help local councils set contingent fees and payment schedules that work best for their specific contingent.

- The National Jamboree fee covers the expense of program materials, food, insurance, as well as the use of dining shelters, cot, stoves, fuel, and cooking utensils.
- The National Jamboree fee also includes a “participant recognition kit,” which includes two participant patches, a neckerchief, and a custom 2026 National Jamboree daypack. Patches and daypacks will be sent directly to each local council for distribution. Neckerchiefs will be picked up at check-in upon arrival at the National Jamboree.
- Each council will set its own National Jamboree fee, including the deposit and payment schedule, based on travel and tour expenses and the national payment due dates.

All questions/concerns regarding the fees of an individual member of a council contingent should be addressed by the local council.

### **Fees:**

The following fees are for the 2026 National Jamboree. Councils will select unit make up and size to meet their needs. Councils will be charged for each unit they have registered on October 31, 2025. Councils who wish to change or add units after this date will be subject to the late registration fees (see exceptions below).

The per-person fee for participants at the 2026 National Jamboree is \$1,560. However, councils are responsible for covering the cost of an entire unit, regardless of the number of individuals registered within that unit. Councils may choose from one of six-unit options:

- **40 Person Boy Troop** (36 youth, 4 adults)– Total fee for unit **\$62,400**
- **20 Person Boy Troop** (18 youth, 2 adults) – Total fee for unit **\$31,200**
- **40 Person Girl Troop** (36 youth, 4 adults)– Total fee for unit **\$62,400**
- **20 Person Girl Troop** (18 youth, 2 adults) – Total fee for unit **\$31,200**
- **40 Person Family Troop** (36 youth, 4 adults)– Total fee for unit **\$62,400**
- **20 Person Family Troop** (18 youth, 2 adults) – Total fee for unit **\$31,200**
- **40 Person Venturing/Sea Scout Crew/Ship** (36 youth or adult program participants, 4 adults)– Total fee for unit **\$62,400**
- **20 Person Venturing/Sea Scout Crew/Ship** (18 youth or adult program participants, 2 adults)– Total fee for unit **\$31,200**

\*Exploring Participation- Exploring members may participate with their Explorer post as part of the National Staff. They may participate as a post under the leadership of the post advisors. No Explorer may attend as an individual, and each Explorer must be at least 16 years of age or older by the start of the National Jamboree. Posts interested in this option will register through the Staff process and should reach out to [national.jamboree@scouting.org](mailto:national.jamboree@scouting.org) for assistance.

*National Jamboree Unit Adult leadership:*

- For a 40-person unit the council will be allocated 4 adult leaders and for a 20-person unit the council will be allocated 2 adult leaders.
- **All adult leaders** in a unit must be **21 years old or older**. Councils are responsible for meeting all safeguarding guidelines in assigning units including ensuring female adult leadership for units serving female youth.

## Council Contingent Payment Schedule

<b>20 Person Unit Payment Schedule: \$31,200</b>	
Deposit: No Deposit at this time. Registration opened December 2024	
May 2025	\$7,000 per unit
Dec 2025	\$11,975 per unit
Mar 2026	\$12,225 per unit

<b>40 Person Unit Payment Schedule: \$62,400</b>	
Deposit: No Deposit at this time. Registration opened December 2024	
May 2025	\$14,000 per unit
Dec 2025	\$23,250 per unit
Mar 2026	\$25,150 per unit

### Late Registration Fees

Effective **November 3, 2025**, the price for a council National Jamboree unit will increase due to economic conditions such as fuel, food, and supply issues. It is strongly recommended that councils modify their advertised pricing to reflect this change in the event a council adds a unit after this date. The payment plan is revised below to reflect this additional fee increase.

### **LATE unit registration\*\***

The “late” per-person fee for participants at the 2026 National Jamboree is \$1,800. Units that are registered on or after **November 3, 2025**, will be billed based on the late registration fee as follows:

<b>20 Person Unit Payment Schedule: \$36,000</b>	
Deposit: \$2,000 per unit required at the time of registration.	
Feb 2026	\$17,000 per unit
Mar 2026	\$17,000 per unit

<b>40 Person Unit Payment Schedule: \$72,000</b>	
Deposit: \$2,000 per unit required at the time of registration.	
Feb 2026	\$35,000 per unit
Mar 2026	\$35,000 per unit

\*\*Councils who wish to move from a 20-person to a 40-person unit will not be charged the late fee for this change if the change is made by March 31, 2026. Councils may not move from a 40-

person to a 20-person unit after November 3, 2025. No changes to units will be made after April 15, 2026.

The final council invoice will also incorporate the river rafting fee for those who elect to participate. This is an additional charge and applies only to the number of rafting slots allocated to the council. The river rafting fee will be announced in early 2026.

The final council invoice will also incorporate any scholarships allocated to participants in the contingent as a credit(s). These scholarships will be verified against the council roster submitted in the National Jamboree registration system prior to credit being applied.

Councils are invoiced by National Jamboree administration through the national accounting system. Invoices are generated no later than the last day of the month prior to the payment due date. Copies of the invoices will also be mailed to the council.

### **National Jamboree Scholarship Disbursement**

Each scholarship is awarded to a specific participant. If that participant withdraws from the council contingent, your local council will not be awarded those scholarship funds. Those scholarship funds will be redistributed to another scholarship applicant who has applied, which may not be in your local council. If this occurs, your council will be responsible for paying the full cost for that new registration. You can substitute a different person for this slot; however, the scholarship funding will not transfer to that individual. The scholarship application process closes on November 3, 2025.

### **National Jamboree 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 are the responsibility of the local council and will not be considered by the National Jamboree office.

This refund policy relates to the payment of funds between local councils and the National Jamboree office. Requests for refunds resulting from a change in the overall size of a council contingent, will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis through April 30, 2026. No fees are refundable after April 30, 2026.

Refund requests received after the National Jamboree concludes will not be considered.

### **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.

<b>Staff Fee and Payment Schedule 30 Years of Age and Older Session 1 or 2 - \$700</b>	
Deposit: \$100 at the time of registration.	
Due Sep 30, 2025	\$300
Due Jan 30, 2026	\$300

<b>Staff Fee and Payment Schedule 30 Years of Age and Older Session 3 - \$1,060</b>	
Deposit: \$100 at the time of registration.	
Due Sep 30, 2025	\$480
Due Jan 30, 2026	\$480

<b>Staff Fee and Payment Schedule 16 to 29 Years of Age Session 1 or 2 - \$400</b>	
Deposit: \$100 at the time of registration.	
Due Sep 30, 2025	\$150
Due Jan 30, 2026	\$150

<b>Staff Fee and Payment Schedule 16 to 29 Years of Age Session 3 - \$650</b>	
Deposit: \$100 at the time of registration.	
Due Sep 30, 2025	\$275
Due Jan 30, 2026	\$275

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.

**Staff Refund Policy**

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. All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing to [national.jamboree@scouting.org](mailto:national.jamboree@scouting.org).

Note the following decisions regarding refund requests:

- In cases where the applicant has shifted from Staff to council participant (e.g., a registered 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 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.

## Before the National Jamboree

Before the National Jamboree, contingents are encouraged to take part in the following activities:

### Pre-Jamboree Unit Meetings

It is recommended that each National Jamboree unit (20 or 40 person) meet at least 3 times (not including the “Shakedown” campout or service project) prior to the National Jamboree. The purpose of these meetings include:

- Help the youth get to know one another and start becoming a team
- Help select youth leadership for the unit.
- Review National Jamboree plans including transportation and program choices
- Develop plans for participation in the Hometown Celebration
- Emphasize the place of the Scout Oath and Scout Law at the National Jamboree.
- Share National Jamboree-themed Scoutmaster / Advisor / Skipper Minutes (to be provided by May 2025).

### Pre-Jamboree Service Project

The National Jamboree’s Service & Impact program is designed to help Scouts understand a critical issue facing our nation and how they can take action at an individual, local, and national scale to address that issue. In 2023, that issue was flooding. For the 2026 National Jamboree, the issue is disaster preparedness and response.

Units are encouraged to participate in a service project in their local area related to the 2026 issue, prior to leaving for the National Jamboree. Examples include, but are not limited to, food and clothing drives, assembling hygiene or first aid kits, and building awareness around family emergency plans. Your options are limited only by the creativity of the unit and local circumstances.

The Pre-Jamboree Service Project is an opportunity for unit team building, as well as to reinforce Scouting's focus on service.

## **Pre-Jamboree Training / Council National Jamboree Shakedown**

It is recommended that pre-Jamboree training for contingent members be conducted by the council National Jamboree committee and National Jamboree unit leaders under the direction of the council National Jamboree training chairman. When there is a multi-council unit, each council's National Jamboree coordinators will assist in the training program.

It is recommended that the training be held in May or June 2026. The purpose and objective of this shakedown training is to help identify and select the leadership for the National Jamboree unit contingent. Here are some other recommendations to ensure a successful shakedown to prepare your unit for the National Jamboree:

- Help the youth get to know one another.
- Create team-building games and activities for the youth which, in turn, help youth leadership begin leading the unit activities.
- Gives youth the opportunity to set up the campsite and contingent tents and to familiarize themselves with their usage.
- Give Scouts an opportunity to test out their personal equipment for a National Jamboree – type event, select tent mates and decide who is bringing what.
- Emphasize the place of the Scout Oath and Scout Law the National Jamboree.
- Practice National Jamboree-style camping and cooking skills.
- Perform swim checks, unless the National Jamboree unit has made arrangements to perform the swim checks at another time prior to arrival at the National Jamboree
- Practice the National Jamboree Scout Skills Challenge (available on the Jamboree Website: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2026/01/Scout-Skills-Challenge.pdf>)
- Share National Jamboree – themed Scoutmaster / Advisor / Skipper Minutes (to be provided on the Jamboree Website by February 2026).

\*\*All the troop equipment, including dining flies, cooking materials, etc., will be provided upon your arrival at the Summit.

## **Elevate Hunger Relief: Jamboree Food Drive**

The focus issue leading up to the 2026 National Jamboree is food insecurity. All jamboree attendees will have an opportunity to amplify Scouting's values, character development, and participatory citizenship by participating in a food drive that will supply over 20,000 food items to food banks in the 4-6 county areas adjacent to the Summit Bechtel Reserve. This initiative is a continuation of the commitment Scouting America made in its agreement to develop SBR and provide service to the local West Virginia community.

### How can contingents participate?

- Every Scout and Scouter attending jamboree is encouraged to bring at least two non-perishable food items and/or a financial contribution from the council contingent.
- Prior to, and following the jamboree, contingents are encouraged to identify how to support, promote, and elevate their local council's Scouting For Food efforts.

### What items are accepted?

- For those traveling by air, boxed items such as macaroni and cheese or boxed pastas/rice are encouraged.
- For those traveling by car, bus, and/or train, canned vegetables, canned beans, canned pasta sauces, or a plastic jar of peanut butter are encouraged.

### When will items and/or contributions be collected?

- Items and financial contributions will be collected from visitors, staff, and participants at either check-in or their basecamp after check-in.
- Specifics on collection and financial contribution will be released at a later date.

### What impact will contingents make?

- Food will be distributed to food banks throughout the jamboree.
- Financial contributions will be distributed at the end of jamboree to preestablished non-profit organizations addressing food insecurity.

### How will contingents be recognized for their service?

- Recognition details will be released prior to the jamboree.
- There will be several levels to recognize each contingent's commitment to the food drive.
- Contingent leaders are encouraged to set an internal goal. A suggestion is that each unit set a goal of at least two items, or the financial contribution of \$5, per attendee.

## Pre-Jamboree Tour (Optional)

With 2026 being the 250th Anniversary of the United States, you have the opportunity to check out some of our Nation's historical sites before arriving at the National Jamboree. Many council contingents add on a tour of East Coast cities and landmarks as part of their National Jamboree experience, either before or after the event. Whether it is visiting the Statue of Liberty in New York City, Independence Hall in Philadelphia, Fort McHenry in Baltimore, our Nation's Capital, Colonial Williamsburg, or any other of America's wealth of historic and cultural landmarks, the Pre-Jamboree Tour can be a memorable part of each Scout's National Jamboree experience.

As Scouts travel the country, they will come across countless examples of Americans who led lives of purpose and impact. Each unit on a tour is encouraged to build reflection and discussion time into their tour day to consider these questions:

- Which notable Americans were involved in the historic sites and landmarks we visited or passed today?
- What would these Americans say their life's purpose was? How did they arrive at that purpose?
- What impact did these Americans have?
- How is their impact related to their purpose?

To assist units in these reflections, the National Jamboree will provide a set of reflections linked to selected notable Americans associated with New York City, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and Colonial Williamsburg. These reflections will be available on the Jamboree Website by May 2026.

These reflections, and the Pre-Jamboree Tour, are optional elements of the National Jamboree experience. No Scout will be at a disadvantage if their unit does not go on a Pre-Jamboree Tour.

## At the National Jamboree

The 2026 National Jamboree at the Summit will be filled with programs that will excite Scouts from across the country. We will be delivering the National Jamboree program at participant subcamps and basecamps, the adventure activity areas on-site, the Summit Center, Basecamps A and B, and offsite at the New River Gorge National River Area.

A few programs at the 2026 National Jamboree will be scheduled (e.g., Rafting), but there will be plenty of time for participants to choose those activities that they most enjoy. Over the 10 days of the National Jamboree, participants will spend two evenings in the Hometown Celebration, a morning of reflection with optional religious and spiritual services, two Arena Shows and at least one Elevation Celebration, and an Americana Extravaganza afternoon. Additionally, a half day of rafting will be scheduled for those who purchase it through their council in advance. The rest of the time, they will be able to participate in the adventure programs or visit the Summit Center and the programs in Basecamps A and B.

## Program

The 2026 National Jamboree will feature amazing experiences for everyone at the National Jamboree. The program begins long before the National Jamboree and the memories will remain long after we leave the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The National Jamboree activities will inspire your Scouts to plan, train, and prepare as they form in their units before the National Jamboree. Afterwards, Scouts will have experiences to reflect on and learn from for days, months, and years after the last bus departs. All of this is part of the 2026 National Jamboree theme, "Elevate", which will challenge our Scouts to grow and excel in ways they never thought possible, push them past the limits of what they thought they could achieve, and build character throughout the experience.

The 2026 National Jamboree program is designed to prepare Scouts for a life of purpose and impact.

This vision is the difference between sending a Scout to the Summit Bechtel Reserve and sending a Scout to the National Jamboree. It is the difference between sending a Scout to two weeks of summer camp and sending a Scout to the National Jamboree. 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

Our planning has matured, and we have a clearer view of staff sign-ups, so we are excited to confirm the programs below will be offered at the 2026 National Jamboree. The list below is at times different from what was described in the March 2025 Contingent Guide, so please use this updated description in promoting the Jamboree.

The National Jamboree planning team requests that each council promote Staff opportunities so that, collectively, we can deliver the program that each Scout deserves.

## **The Summit Center and Basecamps A and B**

The beating heart of the National Jamboree, this area is jam-packed with exciting, interactive experiences that Scouts and visitors will remember for a lifetime. From stadium shows to challenging games, outdoor skill-building experiences, career- and hobby-related investigations, and “preview versions” of adventure activities at Action Point and Boulder Cove, Scouts and visitors will experience challenges across topics both familiar and new, finding hobbies and pursuits that bring them joy. These programs will be offered by Scouting organizations, corporate and nonprofit partners, professional and hobby organizations, conservation groups, government agencies, military, and educational groups – all passionate experts on their subject materials. Some of the “Only at the National Jamboree” program areas include:

- BizHive
- Congressional Medal of Honor Society
- Conservation Trail
- Duty to God and Country
- K2BSA (Amateur Radio)

- Mission-Ready Medicine
- Merit Badges
- Mining Rocks
- Military Exhibits
- National Eagle Scout Association
- Outdoor Recreation
- Patch Trading
- Public Service Academy
- Scouting Alumni
- Sea Scouts
- Sharing Scouting
- Skilled Trades
- Special Needs and Disabilities
- STEM Quest
- World of Creativity
- World Scouting

## Jamboree Scout Skills Challenge

Arrival day is not just for setting up camp, it's for demonstrating your expertise! Consistent feedback from Scouts has told us they want more chances to demonstrate their Scout Skills in a meaningful way at the National Jamboree. And so, we give you the Scout Skills Challenge, a fast-paced, high-energy competition designed to test patrols around some of Scouting's core skills: knots and pioneering, first aid, fire making, and the patrol method.

Units are encouraged to practice the Scout Skills Challenge at their shakedown event (details on the Challenge can be found on the Jamboree Website: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2026/01/Scout-Skills-Challenge.pdf>) and arrive at the Jamboree ready to show their skills (after setting up the unit campsite, of course!). The Jamboree Scout Skills Challenge will be offered on Wednesday, July 22 and Thursday, July 23. Location details will be in the Jamboree App.

## Leadership Heights

Scouts attending the National Jamboree are encouraged to embark on a journey of self-discovery at Leadership Heights. The updated program takes place in the heart of the Summit, with programs located in the Rex W. Tillerson Leadership Center, Summit Stadium, and Basecamps A and B. Leadership Heights provides opportunities for Scouts to participate in activities and games tailored to their unique leadership skill-set. The 2026 Leadership Heights program includes:

- **Escape Rooms:** Step into exciting and immersive Escape Rooms where you and your friends are the heroes of the story. Whether you're gathering necessary survival supplies or solving a scientific breakthrough, your mission will require sharp thinking, strong collaboration, and smart decisions—all under a ticking clock. Scouts will test their problem-solving, communication, and time management skills as you attempt to beat the clock.

- **Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library Exhibit:** Leadership Heights' collaboration with the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library engages Scouts with information about the United States' only Eagle Scout president, Gerald R. Ford, and connects Scouts to topical questions and personal insight.
- **Guest Speaker Keynote Series:** In a world that calls upon Scouts to lead, Jamboree participants will benefit from seeing exemplary leadership live and in action. The Guest Speaker Keynote Series delivers opportunities for Scouts and Scouters to sit face-to-face with world-class generational talents as they draw from their experience, teaching lessons in leadership that broaden horizons and define new visions for the future.
- **Jamboree-Wide Role-Playing Game:** Leadership Heights does not end when you leave our program areas. Several time-displaced persons are running loose in the Jamboree, and we need all the help we can get to assist them and bring them home. If Scouts see someone who looks a little ~vintage~, say hi and see what sort of Jamboree Side Quest they might have in store!
- **ScoutChat:** ScoutChat is a high-energy, youth-led experience where Scouts take the stage and the spotlight. Designed like a live talk show, ScoutChat flips the script: the hosts are Scouts, the audience is Scouts, and the VIP guests are national leaders, adventurers, and changemakers who often were once Scouts or currently are Scouts themselves. In each session, Scouts interview inspiring figures about how Scouting shaped their character, leadership, and sense of adventure.

## Challenge Base Camp

Challenge Base Camp is a hands-on experience of challenges, knives, regalia, cultures, sports, and history through seven programs at **Basecamp B** and one program at The Barrels. **Acme Pioneering** uses wood, ropes, and spars to make mallets and build merry-go-rounds, swings, and Ferris wheels. **Buckskin Village** (located at The Barrels) has black powder rifles, knife and tomahawk throwing, a blacksmith forge, ropemaking, branding, and other challenges of traditional 1800's pioneer life. **Color Run Alley** provides multiple paintball ranges with a wide range of markers. **Disc Golf** offers courses and competition for the first-time player all the way to super-experienced players, with advice from professional disc golf players. **Jambo Warrior** provides inflatables and obstacles to test your fitness and speed. The **Titan Challenge** will have you stay low, crawl fast, climb, swing, carry, and flip over obstacles and inverted walls on one-mile or two-mile courses for individuals or teams. **Allegheny Station** offers the best of West Virginia.

## Operation Arrow

Operation Arrow continues the Order of the Arrow's rich legacy of providing cheerful service in support of the 2026 National Jamboree.

Since 1950, the OA Service Corps provides critical manpower support to the jamboree program. Arrowmen work to accomplish projects, big and small, and exemplify the OA's tradition of providing 'cheerful service'.

In addition, the Order of the Arrow will host a number of new program elements for units to participate in:

The **OA Summit Circle Experience** will bring our national ceremony site to life for the benefit of Jamboree participants and staff. Learn about the OA's ceremonial history, find your lodge rock, all at the Summit Circle.

The **OA Legacy Experience** at the Summit Center is not just an OA exhibition and activation station but includes daily live multi-media events that will showcase our new permanent Order of the Arrow display at the Summit.

Bring your sash and join thousands of your fellow Arrowmen and other interested Scouts at the **OA Rendezvous** on Sunday evening of the jamboree! Meet the national officers of the Order of the Arrow, see old friends and make new ones as we gather to celebrate over 110 years of cheerful service!

## Be the Change

Learn through hands-on opportunities about being the change you wish to see in our world through:

- Water that sustains life,
- Food that nourishes communities,
- Infrastructure that connects us,
- Education that unlocks potential, and
- Mental health that ensures well-being

Come be entertained, educated, and inspired to bring home ways to unite us locally, nationally and globally as you pursue a life of purpose and impact.

## Service and Impact

Scouts pledge to be "Helpful" and to do their best "to help other people at all times". The National Jamboree's Service and Impact program brings this to life. This program is designed to help Scouts learn more deeply about an issue facing our nation and how they can act at an individual, local, and national scale to address that issue. At the National Jamboree, Scouts will participate in a service project with national scale focused on supporting the people of West Virginia: building flood buckets and hygiene kits for those impacted by natural disasters.

Each unit is asked to participate in the project and should budget approximately one hour for this activity. We are not assigning units a specific time to participate – the project is available during program hours.

## Adventure Areas

The National Jamboree showcases the broad range of activities available within Scouting! Those activities are conducted at many adventure venues found at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. While youth attending the National Jamboree will have the chance to experience some of these 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 youth and parents understand that the National Jamboree is primarily a social event that celebrates Scouting, not a high-adventure experience.

In addition, our ability to open adventure venues depends on the staff we are able to recruit. We request that each council help recruit Staff members so that we are able to open as many venues as possible. We will provide an update no later than February 2026 on our ability to run these venues.

The adventure areas will offer activity experiences to get the participants' blood pumping. Most activities will be available on a first come, first served basis and will be designed for maximum throughput.

**Aerial Sports and Climbing:** Legacy Zip, Gateway Zip, Alexander Eagle Flight (formerly known as Big Zip), and Boulder Cove will be open at the 2026 National Jamboree. Spots on Alexander Eagle Flight will be allocated through an online lottery system, accessible through the Jamboree App.

**Aerial Sports Activity Weight Guidelines** – The engineering and safety systems used by the Summit's aerial sports activities required participants to meet certain weight guidelines in order to safely participate in climbing, rappelling, bouldering, and zip-line activities. Participants in these activities must weigh between 50 pounds and 250 pounds, regardless of their height.

**Thrasher Mountain** is 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 Course. The **Summit Center's Action Point** will be the Jamboree's mountain biking headquarters, with miles of trails available for thrilling riding. Action Point will also offer skateboarding and BMX activities.

**The Bows and Barrels** at the 2026 National Jamboree will offer the widest variety of range and target activities ever; shotguns, rifles, pistols (age and program restrictions apply), 3-D archery, and sporting arrows. Additionally, visit the Joe Crafton Hunter's Hall and Laser Shot facility on **Action Point**.

**Aquatics** activities will be located at the Summit's man-made Goodrich Lake (fishing, kayaking, paddle boarding, and an expanded Water Reality obstacle course) and at the West End (SCUBA Experience). Additionally, the Jamboree offers an off-site Rafting adventure (contingents must sign up for this in advance).

## **Swim Classifications for Aquatics Program**

For 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 National Jamboree. These classifications are non-swimmer, beginner, and swimmer. National Jamboree Scoutmasters, Advisors, and Skippers are responsible for swim classification checks prior to the National Jamboree and for reporting the abilities of each participant through the registration system.

## Shows

A National Jamboree is a once-in-a-lifetime gathering — and a reason to celebrate together. The Jamboree's shows bring every participant together to laugh, cheer, reflect, and be inspired.

### **Opening Show (Thursday, July 23):**

The Jamboree kicks off with a high-energy Opening Show that unites Scouts from across the nation in music, inspiration, and the excitement of beginning an unforgettable adventure together.

### **Fireworks Show (Sunday, July 26):**

On Sunday night, a spectacular fireworks display set to streamed music will light up the sky above the Jamboree, celebrating the spirit of Scouting with color, energy, and awe.

### **Elevation Celebration (July 27, 28, and 29):**

On select evenings, each unit is invited to a lively celebration filled with music, entertainment, and social activities — the perfect way to unwind and end a day of adventure at the Jamboree. Units are invited to attend on whatever evening works best for them, though we encourage the Units camped in Basecamp C to attend on Monday, July 27 and the Units camped in Basecamp D to attend on Tuesday, July 28.

### **Closing Show (Thursday, July 30):**

The Closing Show brings the Jamboree to a powerful finale with music, inspiration, and high-energy moments that "Elevate" your Scouting spirit long after the tents come down.

## Hometown Celebration

Friday and Saturday night at the 2026 National Jamboree features the Hometown Celebration, an opportunity to see what's important to other Scouts across the country, and a chance to reflect on and show off what makes you proud of where you live. Our goal is to highlight both what makes us unique and what binds us together.

Hometown Celebration will take place over two nights. On one night, your unit – and all the other units in your Basecamp – will host a display that celebrates your hometown, for an audience of Scouts from across the Jamboree. The other night, the other Basecamp will host displays celebrating their hometowns that you can visit.

To help you decide on the content of your display, we have 3 guiding questions for you to consider what makes your home uniquely yours:

- How does where we live shape how we live?
  - Is there a local industry, architectural style, landmark, or kind of food that is unique because of your hometown's geography?
  - Is there anything similar, yet distinct from other places?
- How do the stories told about us define us?
  - Are there stories told in your community about local legends or famous figures?

- What stories are told about your community, and do you think these stories accurately represent what it's like to live in your hometown
- What do people in your hometown do together?
  - What festivals, traditions, or local customs bring people together?
  - Would learning about these be surprising to someone not from your hometown?

Good hometown displays should help visitors find answers to these questions, but great content can always be enhanced by great presentation! Consider the following types of displays, as approaches to make your display more engaging:

- Passive - low maintenance experiences that Scouts can do at their own pace.
  - Photobooths or dioramas with text and images
  - Takeaway items, like stickers, nick-nacks, or a taste of local food
  - Pre-recorded music, photos, or videos
- Interactive - activities or games that give other scouts a chance to experience some small part of being from your hometown.
  - Lead visitors in playing a local sport or game
  - Guide a hands-on experience related to a local industry
  - Provide a "Build-your-own" station
- Performative - talks, demonstrations, or performances that bring your hometown to life with music, costumes, stories, or props.
  - Demonstrate how to prepare a local dish or use tools from a local industry
  - Use storytelling, skits, or reenactments to recount a local legend
  - Dress up as a locally famous figure and interact with visitors

Additionally, consider the number of people required to staff your displays – the fewer people required, the more time Scouts in your unit will have to explore on the night that your unit hosts.

This will be one of the earlier events at the Jamboree, taking place on July 24 and 25 between 7pm and 10pm – just two days after Scouts arrive at the Jamboree. While you're planning your hometown displays, remember that they don't need to be expensive or exorbitant to be engaging and informative! The goal is to share a bit about your hometown with Scouts who are interested in learning more about where you come from.

## **Americana Extravaganza: Celebrating the U.S.A.'s Semiquincentennial**

Happy Birthday, U.S.A.! The Americana Extravaganza is Scouting America's official celebration of the United States of America's Semiquincentennial, marking the nation's 250th birthday. This special event will take place on Sunday, July 26th, from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, offering a relaxing and enjoyable outdoor experience for all participants.

The Americana Extravaganza brings together three exciting elements: a relaxing and fun musical festival, classic lawn games, and inspiring opportunities to engage with civic leaders.

These components come together to create a fun-filled afternoon designed to honor America's milestone anniversary.

**Stage performances:** Throughout the afternoon, the Summit Stadium main stage will feature a variety of performances. Attendees can look forward to a wide range of American music, engaging demonstrations, and appearances by other talented performers, all contributing to the festive atmosphere of the event.

**Lawn games:** Classic lawn games will be set up at Summit Stadium for everyone to enjoy. Activities include horseshoes, cornhole, Kan Jam, Giant Jenga, Badminton, Spike Ball, Nine Square In the Air, Giant Chess, and many more. These games provide a chance for friendly competition and relaxation in the great outdoors.

**Engagement with civic leaders:** Scouts will have the unique opportunity to meet and participate in small-group discussions with current and former mayors, legislators, school board members, council members, and other community leaders from across the country. These exciting and inspiring chats with distinguished leaders will offer Scouts valuable insights into how they can make a positive impact in their neighborhoods and beyond, shaping the future of our country.

The Americana Extravaganza will conclude at 5pm, allowing units ample time to return to their campsites to prepare and enjoy dinner before the evening's grand fireworks display.

## Primary Reflection and Worship Services

A Scout is reverent, and we are setting aside the morning of Sunday, July 26th, for reflection and worship. The National Jamboree chaplains, working with their faith groups, will coordinate worship services for that morning, with a schedule to be released by the start of the National Jamboree in the National Jamboree App. Faith groups whose primary worship day is not Sunday may have their primary service on another day. Scouts who are not part of a faith group that has a worship service at the National Jamboree have the option of attending any one of the worship services or engaging in silent reflection. Sample reflection questions will be in the National Jamboree App.

## 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 camping areas or activity areas outside of the Summit Center and Basecamps A and B. 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 an interactive, evidence-informed program that strengthens mental fitness and emotional literacy for every Scout. Through guided reflection, coping tools, and self-leadership practices, participants explore who they are, what they value, and how to navigate stress and digital overwhelm. Scouts leave with practical skills—and a growth-mindset roadmap—they can carry into high school, college, career, and life after Jamboree. Additionally, "Altitude Adjustment" areas, located at each of the mental health clinics and listening ear tents, will offer a tranquility space and digital detox zone 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 wellness.

## **After the National Jamboree**

### **Post-Jamboree Tour (Optional)**

Some units tour significant sites and historic landmarks on their way home. Please see the "Pre-Jamboree Tour" section for information on how to link this activity with the National Jamboree program vision and the resources the National Jamboree will provide to assist units. Scouts may appreciate venues even more after having experienced the National Jamboree.

### **Reunions and Reflections**

Scouts are encouraged to continue to reflect on the National Jamboree experience long after they depart the Summit Bechtel Reserve! Units are encouraged to host National Jamboree reunions and reflections on the National Jamboree Experience and how each Scout will share the message of what they learned at the National Jamboree with their fellow Scouts, friends and families. Recognition for awards earned at the National Jamboree can be celebrated at this time.

## **Support Services**

### **Telephone Communications**

There are multiple cell phone towers on the Summit 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 councils before the National Jamboree.

Messages will then be delivered to the person's subcamp headquarters. If needed, 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 council service center during the National Jamboree.

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

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

## Postal Service

Mail will be delivered to the subcamp headquarters in the early afternoon for pickup by the designated unit leader for each subcamp unit.

The National Jamboree mailing address is:

**First and last name of the Scout/Scouter Troop/Crew No. (i.e., 3213)**  
**2026 National Jamboree**  
**92 SBR 2**  
**Mount Hope, WV 25888**

- The National Jamboree post office outlets will be located throughout the National Jamboree site.
- All outgoing mail, including parcels, will be handled at this facility.
- 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.

**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, apple pay, google pay.

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.

## Cooking and Eating

Food issued to participants will be of top quality and there will be lots of it! All units will be cooking as a troop/crew for breakfast and dinner, not as individual patrols. Trail lunch supplies will be distributed with breakfast for participants to pack lunch and carry it with them as they leave their camping area for the day.

Proper training in food preparation techniques prior to the National 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.

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 picking up food and food supplies, 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.

### Menu Book

The menus will be posted by November 2025 on the National Jamboree website at [jamboree.scouting.org](http://jamboree.scouting.org).

### Cooking Equipment

The unit equipment package furnished by the National 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 National Jamboree Food Team is committed to ensuring all Scouts have enough of the right food to have a great experience.

Youth and leaders attending the National Jamboree will be issued meals supplies from a pre-published menu.

The National Jamboree Food Team will aid youth, leaders, and Staff who have special dietary requirements in the following ways:

During online registration, each youth, leader, and Staff member will be asked specifically to indicate a need for vegetarian, Kosher or Halal diet. The National Jamboree Food Team will then use this information to develop meal kits for these diets. These special dietary needs may be subject to additional fees.

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). Individuals will need to consider this and avoid such items in the campsite or their buffet choices in the Staff dining halls.

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.

All participants must submit certification of physical fitness via CampDoc, which is accessed through the Jamboree Registration platform, using 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 90 days before the first day or more than 12 months before the last day of the National Jamboree.
- Participants' CampDoc AHMR records will be screened for any concerning health conditions as part of the required pre-arrival medical review. All medical forms must be submitted by the April 21, 2026 deadline so that our medical leadership can fully evaluate and approve participation before you depart for the National Jamboree. If an attendee is determined to be medically unfit upon arrival at the Summit, they cannot remain on Staff or as a participant and will need to return home at their own expense. Refunds are not available for anyone 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. The statement must be uploaded in CampDoc within the immunization section of the online AHMR. The immunization exemption request form can be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-451.pdf>.

### **Physical Fitness – Be Prepared!**

Fitness is an aim of Scouting. Participation in the National Jamboree is a physically demanding experience. The layout, grade, and elevation of the site require substantial walking as part of everyone’s daily schedule – do not underestimate the miles you will walk on an incline daily, on gravel paths. Several activities require more stamina and fitness—like climbing, rappelling, rafting, mountain biking, and skateboarding. It is essential that all participants and Staff are prepared for the physical demands of the Summit prior to arrival. Participation at the National Jamboree will require one to be physically fit!

Obesity and being overweight have been shown to increase the likelihood of certain diseases and other health problems, including hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, hyperlipidemia, and stroke. Anyone who is obese and has multiple risk factors for heart and lung disease would be at much greater risk of an acute health event imposed on them by the physical and environmental stresses 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 that may impact 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 whether participating in the National Jamboree could exacerbate their condition.

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

- 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:**

- Review the *Jamboree High-Adventure Risk Advisory to Health-Care Providers and Parents* with their healthcare provider.
- Upload Scouting America AHMR's Part C, signed by their healthcare provider, via the CampDoc online AHMR.

## **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 Scouting America 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](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)

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

- The use of tobacco products, including smoking, smokeless tobacco, or electronic nicotine delivery systems (including vaping), is prohibited in all National Jamboree buildings, tents, and vehicles.
- While in 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 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](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)

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

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**

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 National Jamboree, as well as while traveling to and from the Summit. It is required that the unit bring a small lock box to store these medications.

Medications needing refrigeration while at the National Jamboree can be stored at the subcamp HQ or medical service location nearest to 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. Council insurance policies cover travel periods between their home and the National Jamboree site. Youth and adult leaders who are registered for official pre- or post-Jamboree tourist trips will be covered during that period as well as part of their council’s insurance coverage. There is no coverage for any unofficial pre- or post-Jamboree tourist trips.

Youth and adult leaders are also covered under this accident and sickness insurance program during the time of their pre-Jamboree training.

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. Participants and 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.

## **Visitors**

The National Jamboree will be open to visitors on certain days. As soon as the schedule and fees are available, they will be published on <https://jamboree.scouting.org>.

## **Early Departures**

Parents or guardians who have youth participants needing to depart early should arrange the details with the contingent's unit leaders.

Two adult leaders would then need to escort the participant and their belongings to meet the parent or guardian at the arranged meeting time. The adult leaders and the participant will be able to take a shuttle to the visitor reception area at the Ruby Welcome Center to meet the parent or guardian. The adult leaders will be able to return to the National Jamboree via the visitor shuttle. (It is important that adult leaders wear their National Jamboree-provided credentials to access the shuttle.) Once the adult leaders have returned to their base camps, they will need to turn in the appropriate form for early departure to the subcamp headquarters staff.

When making arrangements, adult leaders should keep in mind that shuttle availability will coincide with the visitor hours posted on our website when it becomes available.

## **Supporting Scouts with Special Needs and Disabilities at the National Jamboree**

For Scouts with physical disabilities, we will have designated pathways, ramps, and accessible facilities in many areas of the Summit Bechtel grounds. We will also have members from the

National Special Needs and Disabilities Committee available to assist/discuss any specific needs.

For Scouts with sensory sensitivities or other hidden disabilities, we will have quiet spaces available for relaxation and a sensory-friendly environment in certain areas of the National Jamboree. Staff members will be trained to understand and accommodate these needs. Additionally, we encourage Scouts with special needs to communicate their requirements and preferences with their council contingent leader so that we can provide the best possible experience for them at the National Jamboree.

All reasonable accommodations will be made by the National Jamboree to meet the needs of each Scout who wishes to participate in the National Jamboree. It is critical that Scouts and Scouters identify their special need to the National Jamboree during the registration process. Scouts and Scouters who pre-inform the National Jamboree about their disability will receive priority for specialized transportation, housing, and food as available. Transportation schedules and pre-planned routes will be shared with participants who qualify for these accommodations.

We believe that every Scout should have the opportunity to participate in Scouting activities, and we are committed to making the National Jamboree inclusive and accessible for all. Check out the Jamboree website for more detailed information on accommodations. If you have any further questions, please contact [national.jamboree@scouting.org](mailto:national.jamboree@scouting.org).

## 2026 National Jamboree Webinar Schedule

The 2026 National Jamboree Webinar Schedule is listed below. The webinars are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7pm Central Time. To register for the webinars and the most up to date schedule please click here: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/updates/jamboree-informational-webinars/>

**January 8, 2026**

**February 12, 2026**

**March 12, 2026**

**April 9, 2026**

**May 14, 2026**

**June 11, 2026**

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## 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](https://jamboree.scouting.org) for the most up-to-date information.

## National Jamboree Unit Kit Contents

Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity
30 gallon tote	1	Lid, half pan	4
4 foot table	4	Lighters	2
5 gallon bucket	6	Mitt, oven (utensil set)	4
50 gallon tote	2	Opener, can (utensil set)	2
50 foot rope	1	Pan, dish bus	6
Aluminum foil	1	Pan, frying (12")	2
Batteries (D) 4 pack	5	Pan, half steam	4
Board, cutting (11"x15")	2	Pan, spillage	2
Bus pan lid	6	Picnic table	5
Canopy dining fly	2	Pitcher, plastic, 1 gallon	2
Carrier for water	2	Plastic mallet	2
Cart, garden	2	Pot, stock, 24 quart	4
Cook, stoves	4	Pot, stock w/ spigot	2
Cooler, 100 quart	1	Sanitizing tablets, package	1
Cooler, sports, 5 gallon (Orange)	2	Scour pad	2
Cooler, water, 5 gallon (Blue)	2	Set of mixing bowls	2
Cot, participant	40	Spatula (utensil set)	4
Dining fly frame	2	Splitter, propane	2
Dining fly hardware (rope/spikes)	2	Spoon, slotted (utensil set)	2
Dish rags, 12 pack	1	Spoon, solid (utensil set)	2
Dish soap	1	Stock pot lid	6
Disinfecting wipes, container	1	Strainer	3
Duct tape	1	Tablespoon	2
Flag pole set, 2 poles	1	Ties, cable (11"), 100 pack	1
Frame trash bag holder	4	Tong, hot pot (utensil set)	2
Hammer claw, 20 ounce	1	Tong (utensil set)	4
Knife, butcher (utensil set)	1	Trivet (utensil set)	4
Knife, paring (utensil set)	1	Water carrier	2
Ladle (utensil set)	2	Whisk broom	1
Lantern, LED	2		

## 10-Person Council Unit Option

Add an additional council contingent option for 2026: Unit of 10 = 8 youth + 2 adults (both 21+)

**Deadline to register a 10-Person Council Unit is March 31, 2026.**

### Why this change

We are hearing from councils that they have interested Scouts on a waiting list, but not enough to reach the threshold to add another 20-person unit. This option is intended to:

- Lower the barrier for councils that cannot get to 20 but can reach 10.
- Increase council ownership and follow-through by keeping participants in a home-council unit (reducing drop-off risk associated with cross-council placement).
- Provide another practical lever to increase overall attendance.

### What this is NOT

To be clear, this option is:

- Not a way to modify existing reservations/commitments. This is an add-on option only for councils adding participants beyond their current commitment.
- Not a way to exit or replace existing council partnerships. Councils that have already made partnership commitments are expected to honor those commitments. This option is intended for councils with additional demand (e.g., waitlists), not for reconfiguring existing plans.

### How it will work

- Units of 10 will be grouped into 40-person campsite configurations to maintain the current campsite model (e.g., four 10-person units, or one 20-person unit + two 10-person units).
- Contingent Operations will manage campsite assignments to ensure consistency and minimize impact to food service and other operations.
- Our intent is to avoid standalone 10-person campsite situations; we anticipate very few exceptions.
- New Units will be charged \$1560 per person.

### Who this is for

This option is intended for councils that:

- Have an established contingent plan and want to add participants, and
- Have a waitlist or additional interest

# Updates Made to This Guide

## March 2025

- Update from term JST to Staff
- Update to Council Contingent Payment Schedule
- Update to Program (Challenge Base Camp)

## January 2026

- Update National Jamboree Director to Bill Beaumont
- Update Youth Protection Training to Safeguarding Youth Training
- Update to unit types by adding Family Troop
- Addition of Council Contingent Staff member registration
- Updates and additions to Base Camp and Sub Camp Operations section
- Moved River Rafting Commitment Process
- Addition of Elevate Hunger Relief: 2026 National Jamboree Food Drive
- Updates and additions to Program section
- Addition of Health & Wellness Assistant Scoutmaster requirement for Scouts BSA units
- Update Annual Health and Medical Record process to reflect CampDoc
- Changed BSA to Scouting America where appropriate
- Changed requirement for “Understanding and Preventing Youth on Youth Abuse for Camp staff and NYLT staff” training to “Peer-On-Peer Abuse” training which has superseded it
- Addition of 10-Person Council Unit Option

## Notes

