



# 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 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, JST (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 JST (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 two adult leaders not to exceed a total of 20.  
OR
- Up to 36 youth and four adult leaders, not to exceed a total of 40.

The council will choose unit type and the number of units to meet the needs of the council. All youth protection 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
- 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 JST (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 JST (Staff).
- **September 5 @ 7 PM Central Time** Webinar – ELEVATE your Service – Become a JST (Staff) – Jamboree Service Team member – Register at [https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_5w7f6sPDTP-Z-M2EgSTJvQ](https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5w7f6sPDTP-Z-M2EgSTJvQ).
- **October 10 @ 7 PM Central Time** – Webinar – ELEVATE your Council Contingent – What you need to know – Register at [https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_4WmHmyntQ0ucxdOjYFgw0A#/registration](https://scouting-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4WmHmyntQ0ucxdOjYFgw0A#/registration)

- 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 JST (Staff).
- Fee Collection for Council Contingent members based on council schedule.
- **December 12 @ 7 PM Central time** Webinar – ELEVATE your travel – Getting to and from the National Jamboree – Cool experiences to check out – Register at <https://scouting-org.zoom.us/j/89235142534?pwd=6FNb2K5kFy0RZAV1Gp430rHPvh8ISr.1>

## **2025**

### **January – March**

- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and JST (Staff).
- Select Unit Adult Leadership.
- River rafting commitment process communicated to local councils from the National Service Center.
- First payment to the National Service Center due February 28, 2025. Councils will be billed in January.

### **April – June**

- Implement camporee youth participant promotion.
- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and JST (Staff).
- Camp Promotion (including potential National Jamboree Scout Skills Challenge).

### **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 JST (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 JST (Staff).

## **2026**

### **January**

- Begin verification of all Youth Protection 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 JST (Staff).

### **February**

- Recruit youth participants, adult leaders, and JST (Staff).
- Continue to verify Youth Protection 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 JST (Staff).
- Continue to verify Youth Protection 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 Youth Protection 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.

## **Unit Configuration**

Each unit consists of up to 18 or up to 36 Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts 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 Youth Protection 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 Youth Protection Training through the last day of the National Jamboree.
- Must complete "Understanding and Preventing Youth on Youth Abuse for Camp staff and NYLT staff" prior to arrival at the National Jamboree.

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.

## **JST (Staff) Opportunities**

JST (Staff) members will have the opportunity to serve in numerous assignments at the National Jamboree. JST (Staff) members will be needed in many of the National Jamboree groups and services listed on the service team 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, JST (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.

## **Youth Protection**

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

In addition, all adult leaders must complete “Understanding and Preventing Youth on Youth Abuse for Camp staff and NYLT staff” prior to arrival at the National Jamboree.

Youth Protection Training and documentation are available at your local council or online at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) or [www.my.scouting.org](http://www.my.scouting.org). “Understanding and Preventing Youth on Youth Abuse for Camp staff and NYLT staff” is a course taught in person at the council level.

## 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 Service Team members.
- I understand that hazing has no place in Scouting; nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, and similar acts of physical punishment.
- I understand that participants may only bring items specified on the equipment list provided.
- I understand that I can be sent home for bullying, horseplay, fighting, stealing, off-color jokes, remarks or conduct, harassment of any kind-sexual, religious, race, cultural, national origin, disability, etc., being a “peeping tom”, being in an off-limits area and/or repeated failure to follow instructions.

Violation of this Code of Conduct, or any other conduct deemed to be inconsistent with the values of Scouting, may result in expulsion from The Summit at the participant’s own expense and could result in revocation of Scouting America membership.

## **Commitment to Safety**

The safety and health of our youth, volunteers, service team, and employees is a key component of the 2026 National Jamboree experience. Youth develop traits of citizenship, character, fitness, and leadership during age-appropriate events when challenged to move beyond their normal comfort level and discover new abilities. In doing so, it is essential that risks are identified and mitigated.

The 2026 National Jamboree program, activities, and events integrate many safety features. However, no policy or procedure will replace the review and vigilance of trusted adults and youth leaders at the point of program, activities, and event execution.

In order to promote and secure a safe and healthy 2026 National Jamboree environment, all 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 JST (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 JST (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 JST (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 JST (Staff) positions.

### Health and Safety Team

- Ensure each council unit meets all Youth Protection 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 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 the BSA by leading the recycling effort within the campsite.

### **Assistant Scoutmaster for Health and Safety (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 Safety. For each Unit , a minimum of one (1) ASM must be designated the Health & Safety ASM (H&S ASM).

Health & Safety ASM qualifications – One of the following levels of training and a copy of the current license or certification must be shared with the National Jamboree during the registration process:

- 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.

### **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.
- 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 Subcamp Operations

- There will be up to four participant base camps each operated by a specific staff member.
- Each base camp will be further divided into Subcamps with specific staff members to assist the units within the subcamp.

- The subcamps will be divided into five neighborhoods per subcamp (10 Scouting units per neighborhood).
- Each unit will be responsible for providing their own tents (size up to 10X10 footprint).
- Two youth participants will be rooming 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 arrangements for best practices in use of space.
- All individual Scouting units will be preparing their meals in their assigned living area.
- There will be one headquarters area within each subcamp for assistance.
- There will be accessible medical facilities near each base camp

## 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 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 JST (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 JST (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 youth protection 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: \$250 per unit required at the time of registration. Registration will open late Fall 2024.	
Feb 2025	\$7,000 per unit
Dec 2025	\$11,975 per unit
Mar 2026	\$11,975 per unit

<b>40 Person Unit Payment Schedule: \$62,400</b>	
Deposit: \$250 per unit required at the time of registration. Registration will open late Fall 2024.	
Feb 2025	\$14,000 per unit
Dec 2025	\$23,250 per unit
Mar 2026	\$24,900 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 the Fall 2024.

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 Dispersement**

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.

## **JST (Staff) Payment Schedule**

JST (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>		<b>Staff Fee and Payment Schedule 30 Years of Age and Older Session 3 - \$1,060</b>	
Deposit: \$100 at the time of registration.		Deposit: \$100 at the time of registration.	
Due Sept 30, 2025	\$300	Due Sept 30, 2025	\$480
Due Jan 30, 2026	\$300	Due Jan 30, 2026	\$480



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

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.

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

## **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. At the time of this writing, the 2026 issue has not yet been determined.

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. For example, if the 2026 issue were to be food insecurity, a unit could volunteer at a food bank or conduct a canned food drive (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.

More information on the 2026 issue will be available by August 2025 so that units can plan their service project prior to leaving for the National Jamboree.

## **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 (to be provided by May 2025)
- Share National Jamboree – themed Scoutmaster / Advisor / Skipper Minutes (to be provided by May 2025).

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

## **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 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, 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 one day on the Hometown Celebration, a morning of reflection with optional religious and spiritual services, a half day of program at Service & Impact, 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 ability to provide the program described in this section is contingent on being able to recruit sufficient JST (Staff), external partners and financial support. We will monitor this throughout the National Jamboree planning process and provide an update to councils in February 2026 on whether any adjustments to the below are required due to staff or funding constraints.

The National Jamboree planning team requests that each council promote JST (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, the Summit Center is full of experiences that Scouts and visitors will remember for a lifetime. From stadium shows to challenging games, outdoor skill-building experiences, perspective-changing programs, merit badge exploration, 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.

Summit Center programs are offered by Scouting organizations, corporate and nonprofit partners, professional and hobby organizations, conservation groups, government agencies, the military, and educational groups – all experts in their field.

### **Leadership Heights**

Scouts attending the National Jamboree are encouraged to embark on a journey of self-discovery at Leadership Heights. The program includes a Crisis Simulation and a Speaker Series and provides more opportunities for Scouts to participate in experiences tailored to their unique leadership skill set.

### **Challenge Base Camp**

Challenge Base Camp is a hands-on experience of challenges, knives, regalia, cultures, sports and history through four programs in Basecamp A/B (specific location TBD).

**Acme Pioneering** uses wood, ropes and spars to make mallets and build merry-go-rounds, swings and Ferris wheels. **Buckskin Village** has blackpowder rifles, knife and tomahawk throwing, blacksmith forge, ropemaking, branding and other parts of traditional pioneer life.

The **Titan Challenge** will have you stay low, crawl fast, climb, swing, carry and flip over obstacles and inverted walls to collect the special National Jamboree Titan patch.

We are in discussions with external partners on additional programs, which we will announce as they are confirmed.

### **Be the Change**

Leading a life of purpose and impact involves understanding the world’s greatest needs. The Be the Change program lets Scouts explore major challenges facing our nation and the world.

Delivered by a combination of volunteer experts and outside groups, the Be the Change program will focus on non-partisan issues (e.g., Sustainable Development Goals) that are significant in preventing humans from reaching their full potential or living in harmony with the Earth.

Scouts will also learn how others have inspired people to join them as they work to resolve the need they are most passionate about.

### **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.

Units will be assigned a specific half-day time to perform their part of the service project.

### **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 JST (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.

**Adventure Valley** is home to The Rocks (rock climbing), Low Gear (cross-country mountain biking), Alexander Eagle Flight (formerly known as Big Zip), and lake kayaking.



**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, canopy tour, challenge course, 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 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.

**Aquatics** activities will be located at the Summit’s man-made lakes. Goodrich Lake will be home to fishing, basic kayaking, paddle boarding, and an expanded Water Reality obstacle course. Tri Dave Lake will be home to advanced kayaking.

**Summit Center adventure** venues feature climbing, rappelling, mountain biking, skateboarding, canopy tour, and BMX activities.

### **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 gathering of Scouting from across the nation is a reason to celebrate. The National Jamboree has four different show experiences for Scouts to enjoy:

**Primary Stadium Shows:** During the National Jamboree, there will be amazing, professional shows in the Summit Stadium that will entertain and enlighten with the theme of “Elevate” for all the 20,000 anticipated National Jamboree participants and visitors.

**Base Camp Gatherings:** On evenings during the National Jamboree, optional Base Camp gatherings will occur at a stage in one of the Basecamps, giving Scouts an opportunity to meet other Scouts from across the nation and even the world.

Headliners for each of the shows, along with special events taking place as part of the shows, will be teased as the National Jamboree approaches.

## Hometown Celebration

Hometown Celebration is a special time at the National Jamboree (Thursday, July 23) when units, groups, and individuals will share and show off special elements of their hometown (or home area) cultures, heritages, histories, and more. There are no limits to the creativity Scouts will see as they visit different unit campsites: units will be telling stories, performing skits, sharing favorite hometown foods, clothing, or other items, teaching people how to make a hometown craft, playing games that highlight their community, and more! This event is a way to share with others what we each hold special and to help Scouts practice curiosity, inclusion, and belonging.

In addition to the programs hosted by each unit in their campsite, there will be fun games in each Subcamp designed for buddy pairs, groups, and possibly even large teams. We know that Scouts come to the National Jamboree to meet people from all over the country – the Hometown Celebration is an opportunity for Scouts to make friends and learn about the breadth of cultures in our nation.

Units are encouraged to plan their Hometown Celebration program well before the National Jamboree with leadership from their youth leaders or officers, to give them time to procure supplies. If food is part of your plan, the National Jamboree will provide food storage between the time the unit arrives at the Subcamp on July 22nd and the Hometown Celebration day.

## Americana Extravaganza

Happy Birthday, U.S.A.! The Americana Extravaganza is our celebration of the United States of America's 250th birthday. Held the afternoon of July 26th (Sunday), the Americana Extravaganza will be one-part inspiring stage performances, one part lawn games, and one part engaging with civic leaders. Combine those three things together, and it is all parts fun!

**Stage performances** will include military bands and demonstrations and other performers on the Summit Stadium main stage.

**Lawn games** include classics like horseshoes, washer toss, cornhole, and more, in the Summit Stadium.

**Opportunities for civic engagement** allows Scouts to engage with one of America's longest traditions, that of democracy and self-governance. Plans are still being developed, but we anticipate that Scouts will be able to engage with those making a difference in their local communities, such as mayors and non-profit leaders, to learn how they can make a difference in their neighborhood and beyond. The Americana Extravaganza will end at 5pm, giving time for units to return to their campsites to cook and eat dinner before the evening's 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.

## **Young Adult Program**

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

## **Visitor Experience**

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

## **Elevate Your Well-Being**

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

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

## **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 JST (Staff) who have special dietary requirements in the following ways:

During online registration, each youth, leader, and JST (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 JST (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 on the official Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record. Maintenance of good health in a National Jamboree camp is of utmost importance, and it is with this objective in mind that the following must be enforced:

- Participants must get a complete examination by a licensed health-care practitioner.
- It is required that the examination take place not fewer than 30 days before the first day or more than 12 months before the last day of the National Jamboree.
- Participants will go through a medical screening prior to arrival. It is imperative that all medical forms are submitted by the published deadline of April 21, 2026, so that prior approval for participation occurs before you leave for the National Jamboree. In the event an attendee is found to be medically unfit for National Jamboree participation upon arrival at the Summit, they cannot serve on JST (Staff) or stay as a participant. In this situation, the attendee must return home at their own expense. No refund will be awarded for JST (Staff) or participants who are asked to leave once on site.

## **Immunizations**

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

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

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

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

## **Physical Fitness – 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 requires substantial walking as part of everyone's daily schedule – do not underestimate the miles you will walk at incline on a daily basis, on gravel paths. A number of activities require more stamina and fitness too—like climbing, rappelling, rafting, mountain biking, and skateboarding. It is essential that all participants and JST (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 as decisions are made about an individual’s ability to attend the National Jamboree. Individuals with a history of any of the conditions listed below should consult their healthcare provider to see 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:**

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

## **Tobacco, Alcohol, and Drugs**

The current *Guide to Safe Scouting* states:

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

This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

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

Reference: *Guide to Safe Scouting*, [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](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 JST (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 medical service location nearest your assigned camping location. While you are traveling to and from the National Jamboree, you will need to keep these medicines at their required temperatures by using a small cooler, etc., if needed.

## **Insurance**

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

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

National Jamboree coverage for registered members of Scouting America will be effective during their stay at the National Jamboree. 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. JST (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 JST (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 JST (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 as available. Transportation schedules and pre-planned routes will be shared with participants who qualify for these special 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. We can't wait to welcome all Scouts to the 2026 Scouting America National Jamboree

## 2026 National Jamboree Webinar Schedule

The 2026 National Jamboree Webinar Schedule will be available late fall/early winter. The three Webinars scheduled for 2024 are as follows:

### September 2024

- September 5 @ 7 PM Central Time. Webinar – ELEVATE your Service – Become a JST (Staff) – Jamboree Service Team member – Register at [https://scouting.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_5w7f6sPDTP-Z-M2EgSTJvQ](https://scouting.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_5w7f6sPDTP-Z-M2EgSTJvQ).

### October 2024

- October 10 @ 7 PM Central Time. Webinar – ELEVATE your Council Contingent – What you need to know – Register at [https://scouting.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_4WmHmyntQ0ucxdOjYFgw0A#/registration](https://scouting.org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4WmHmyntQ0ucxdOjYFgw0A#/registration)

### December 2024

- December 12 @ 7 PM Central time Webinar – ELEVATE your travel – Getting to and from the National Jamboree – Cool experiences to check out – Register at <https://scouting.org.zoom.us/j/89235142534pwd=6FNb2K5kFy0RZAV1Gp430rHPvh8ISr.1>

For information about the webinars and to register visit [www.jamboree.scouting.org](http://www.jamboree.scouting.org)

## 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](http://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 tables	4	Lighters	2
5-gallon buckets	6	Mitt, oven (utensil set)	4
50-gallon totes	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 lids	6	Picnic tables	5
Canopy dining fly	2	Pitcher, plastic (1 gallon)	2
Carrier for water	2	Plastic mallets	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 pads	2
Cooler, water, 5 gallon (Blue)	2	Set of mixing bowls	2
Cot, participant	40	Spatula (utensil set)	4
Dining fly frames	2	Splitter, propane	2
Dining flyhardware sets (ropes/spikes)	2	Spoon, slotted (utensil set)	2
Dish rags, 12 pack	1	Spoon, solid (utensil set)	2
Dish soap	1	Stock pot lids	6
Disinfecting Wipes, Container	1	Strainers	3
Duct tape	1	Tablespoons	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		

## Notes

