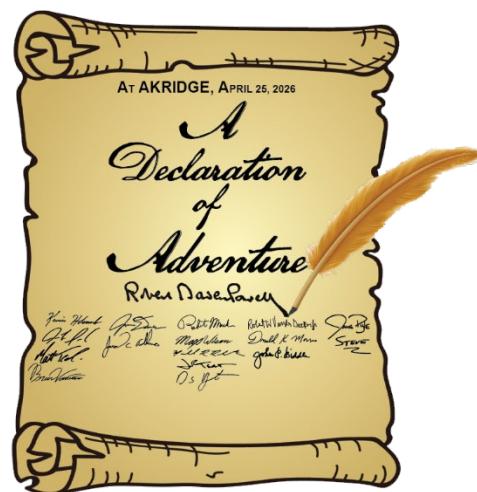


# 2026 DEL-MAR-Va Council Jamboree

## **“A Declaration of Adventure”**

April 24-26, 2026

# LEADER'S GUIDE



Akridge Scout Reservation  
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## I. Welcome

Dear Scouts, Scout Leaders, Family and Friends,

Get ready for an extraordinary adventure! We are thrilled to invite you to join us for the 2026 Del-Mar-Va Council Jamboree, **"A Declaration of Adventure,"** held April 24-26, 2026, at Akridge Scout Reservation in Dover, Delaware.

This isn't just another Scouting event—it's a once-in-a-lifetime celebration that combines the excitement of a traditional jamboree with the historic significance of America's 250th anniversary. Imagine 1,500 Scouts and their families, along with hundreds of community members, coming together for a weekend filled with adventure, living history, and unforgettable experiences that will inspire the next generation of leaders.

From the moment the 1st Delaware Regiment Fife and Drum Corps opens our ceremony, you will be transported back in time. You'll interact with Revolutionary War re-enactors in authentic period encampments, experience hands-on colonial-era activities, and discover how the Delmarva Peninsula shaped American history. Our specially designed Patriotic Pathways program will guide youth ages 5 through 20 on an engaging journey from colonial times to the present day, with age-appropriate activities that bring history to life.

But this jamboree goes beyond history lessons. You will participate in traditional Scouting activities, and skill-building challenges—all set against the backdrop of America's semiquincentennial celebration. You'll make new friends from across Delaware, Maryland's Eastern Shore, and Virginia's Eastern Shore, strengthening the bonds that unite our tri-state Scouting community.

America's 250th anniversary will be celebrated across the nation, but nowhere will it be more meaningful than here on the Delmarva Peninsula, where our three states played such vital roles in our nation's founding. This is your chance to give your Scouts an experience they'll remember forever—one that connects them to their heritage, their community, and the timeless values of Scouting.

We've worked hard to make this event accessible, affordable, and achievable for every unit in our council. Whether you're a member of a small den of Cub Scouts or a large Troop, Crew, or Ship, we want you there. We can't wait to see you at Akridge Scout Reservation on April 24-26, 2026.

Yours in Scouting,



Kevin Holcomb  
Council Jamboree Committee Chair

**Questions? We're Here to Help!** Contact me at 757-894-5867 or [kevinsholcomb@gmail.com](mailto:kevinsholcomb@gmail.com)

## II. Registration

All attendees must register: <https://scoutingevent.com/081-DMVCJamboree>

Cost for the Jamboree weekend (tent camping and day-tripping):

**Registered with Scouting America (including tent camping and day-tripping):**

- **Youth (under 21): \$35 Early Bird Price** - if paid in full by 3/31/2026 - \$45 Regular Price - if paid on or after 4/1/2026
- **Adult (21 and older): \$20 Early Bird Price** - if paid in full by 3/31/2026 - \$30 Regular Price - if paid on or after 4/1/2026
- **Jamboree Staff Youth (under 21): no charge** when working assigned areas for 8 hours (with scheduled breaks).
- **Jamboree Staff Adult (21 and older): \$10** when working assigned areas for 8 hours (with scheduled breaks).

**NOT registered with Scouting America (including day-tripping only):**

- ❖ **General Public - Adults (21 and older): \$20 Early Bird Price** - if paid in full by 3/31/2026 - \$30 Regular Price - if paid on or after 4/1/2026
- ❖ **General Public - Youth (under 21): no charge.** Be-A-Scout - Recruitment opportunity!

**Note:** We are requesting at least 1 adult volunteer from each unit be part of the event's core staff (assignments determined by 4/10/2026).

This is a RAIN OR SHINE EVENT - no refunds or cancellations within 2 weeks of the event except for medical reasons.

For registration questions, please contact Donna Bruzzese, Outdoor Programs Administrator, at 302.622.3300 ext. 127 or email [dbruzzese@dmvc.org](mailto:dbruzzese@dmvc.org).

## III. Pre-Jamboree Leader's Meeting and Questionnaire Form

Unit leaders are invited to a pre-event virtual meeting on **Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 pm**. The planning committee will provide an overview of the Jamboree program, camping logistics, and check-in/out procedures. This meeting will also allow time for us to answer any questions prior to arrival. At least one adult leader from each unit is strongly encouraged to attend.

We will also send a questionnaire to all registered units prior to the Jamboree. The questionnaire will help us plan for the unit's arrival, parking logistics, and medical needs.

## IV. Arrival and Check-in

**To expedite check-in procedures, all units are encouraged to arrive together and check-in together.**

Check-in procedures begin 4:30 PM on Friday, April 24th. Since camping assignments may change, units are NOT allowed to set up campsites before check-in.

Prior to check-in, units may drop off one (1) equipment trailer\* **beginning 4:00 PM Thursday (4/23) to 4:00 PM Friday (4/24)** in the designated area (TBD). Units choosing to bring a trailer must plan to have one driver arrive early and depart later than the rest of the unit. Vehicles must unhitch from the trailer and then park in the main parking lot (bring wheel chocks for trailer). One (1) equipment trailer per unit will be moved to the designated site by Jamboree Staff.

If arriving after 4:00 PM on Friday, ALL VEHICLES (with or without trailers) must park and unload in the parking area and transport equipment by carrying or using a small cart or wagon, personally provided. BE PREPARED.

## V. Camping

All units will be assigned space based on the number of registered campers. Tent camping sites will either be in the wooded area or in the fields east of the activity lodge. We will attempt to place associated Cub Scout Packs and Scout Troops in adjacent spaces. If units desire adjacent spaces, please be sure unit numbers correspond and are indicated on their pre-arrival questionnaire, prior to arrival.

Space is limited. Please stay within your designated campsite, and do not encroach on the neighboring unit. Scouts are encouraged to “buddy-up” and share tents. **Setup tents as close as possible to maximize your space.**

Each site will have designated space for your unit trailer\* (if dropped off before 4:00 PM on Friday) and appropriately sized common/cooking area (based on unit registration).

Vehicles (with or without trailers) are NOT allowed to park in the campsite area.

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\* If a unit does not have an equipment trailer, a box truck/van style vehicle may be used in place of a trailer (following ALL trailer rules). This vehicle (i.e., trailer) must be used as an equipment trailer (container) and must NOT be started, run, or moved while parked on site. This vehicle must NOT be used as sleeping or living quarters. No recreational vehicles (RVs) allowed.

## VI. Food Vendors

Are you looking to maximize program time and minimize unit meal prep/cooking? If so, the following food truck vendors will be on site Saturday afternoon/evening for those who would like to purchase lunch and dinner for a nominal fee.

- Pete's Peteza: pizza, wings, wraps, finger food, etc.
- Carl's Gourmet Hots: hot dogs, sandwiches, mac and cheese, etc.
- Falling off the Bone BBQ and Fish Fry
- Kona Ice
- Hopkins Farm Creamery

No Food Delivery services to Akridge Scout Reservation.

## VII. Cooking and Campfires

For other meals (Friday evening, and Saturday/Sunday breakfasts), units should plan to cook using propane stoves.

- Small elevated or off ground camp stove/grills with heat shields can be used in field sites.  
NO OPEN FLAME CAMPFIRES in FIELD CAMPSITES.
- Units assigned to wooded campsites may use the established fire rings. **Remember, charcoal/embers/ash must be cold to touch anytime fire ring is unattended.**

## VIII. Safety and Security

Scouting Safely – 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, concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives, pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values.

Use of tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, pipes, etc.) and vape products (e-cigarettes, etc.) must be out of sight and smell of all youth (<21). Please use the far side of the parking area #1, when youth are not present.

Youth Protection Training (YPT) or Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) - Any adult staying overnight must complete this training prior to their stay in camp. The training is available online through [my.scouting.org](#). Unit leaders are required to verify all their associated adults comply.

Annual Health and Medical Record (AB form) - Unit leaders are required to retain a copy of this form for all their associated youth and adults attending the Jamboree.

**Vehicles and Parking** – Upon entry, please follow parking attendants' instructions. Space is limited. Please park in the designated areas occupying the appropriate amount of space (individual parking spaces may not be marked). Parking areas are adequately designed to accommodate trucks and trailers.

**Youth should not be travelling to/from vehicles or trailers in parking lots after Friday evening.**

**No vehicles are allowed in the camping areas after 4:00 PM on Friday and before 11:00 AM Sunday.**

**Communication** - A text alert system for notifications and emergencies while at the Jamboree. Information will be provided at the leader's meeting.

**Wristbands** – Everyone attending this event must wear a color-coded wristband (provided at check-in). **Please contact staff and/or security personnel if you see anyone without a Jamboree wristband.**

- Scouting America Participants (registered with Scouting America)
- Jamboree Staff (including agency/organization partners)
- Public (not registered with Scouting America, including special guests)

**Medical Response** - Each unit should be prepared to self-treat minor non-emergency cuts and abrasions. A medical professional will be available 24/7 to provide first aid and refrigerate medication, if necessary. More information will be provided at the leader's meeting. **In an Emergency, call 911.**

## **IX. Program Activities**

The **Program Guide** supplements this **Leader's Guide** and provides an overview of program activities that will occur on Saturday, April 25, 2026. **Please be sure to review both documents.**

Scouts will have opportunity to visit the focus areas (history stops, crafts, activities, skill challenges) in each of the four historical timeframes:

1. The Colonial Period (pre-1812)
2. The Antebellum-Civil War Period (1812-1865)
3. The Reconstruction-WWII Period (1865-1945)
4. The Cold War-Future Period (1945-Future)

In addition, traditional scouting activities (range and target activities, climbing, pioneering, orienteering, etc.) and much more are available at the Midway and beyond!

We are excited to partner with a wide variety of professionals working in Federal, State, County, and Local agencies who will provide activities and demonstrations. Please visit them all!

## X. Trading Post and Patches

The Trading Post will be open Friday (6-9 pm) and Saturday (10 am – 5 pm). In addition to the regular trading post supplies, we'll have an additional area for snacks and drinks.

Great opportunity to purchase your Scouting America/semiquincentennial swag!



Check out the commemorative Council Jamboree Patch Set! More information...coming soon!



Promotional Patch + Preorder



Preorder Only



Participation Only



Older Scouts + Preorder



Cub Scouts + Preorder

## XI. Agency/Organization Participation



*More organizations to come!*

## XII. Saturday Morning Opening Ceremony

Saturday morning opening ceremony and morning colors (9:00 – 9:30 am) will be held in the amphitheater. We recommend wearing scout field uniforms. Photo opportunities!

## XIII. Saturday Evening Program

Saturday evening program (7:30 – 9:30 pm) will be held in the amphitheater. Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

## XIV. Sunday Morning Program

Sunday morning Interfaith Service (9:00 – 9:30 am) and closing ceremony (9:30 – 10:00 am) will be held in the amphitheater. We recommend wearing scout field uniforms. More photo opportunities!

## XV. Check-out and Departure

After Sunday morning's Interfaith Service and Closing Ceremony, units must check out at campsite pavilion prior to departing. Please ensure that you are leaving Akridge Scout Reservation as good or better than you found it.

**No vehicles are allowed in the camping areas after 4:00 PM on Friday and before 11:00 AM Sunday.**

If departing BEFORE 10:00 AM on Sunday,

- **Units with trailer at campsite:** units pack trailer at site and carry remaining gear to vehicles in parking lot. Driver will be able to access trailer after 11:00 AM.
- **Units without trailer at campsite:** units must transport equipment by carrying or using a small cart or wagon back to their vehicle/trailer in the parking lot. BE PREPARED.

When departing AFTER 10:00 AM on Sunday,

- **Units with trailer at campsite:** units pack trailer at site and carry remaining gear to vehicles in parking lot. Driver will be able to access trailer after 11:00 AM.
- **Units without trailer at campsite:** units must transport equipment by carrying or using a small cart or wagon back to their vehicle/trailer in the parking lot. BE PREPARED.

REMEMBER: **ONLY the VEHICLE TOWING THE TRAILER** IS ALLOWED IN THE CAMPSITE AREA after 11:00 AM on Sunday. *Other vehicles are NOT allowed into the campsite area to pack or shuttle.*

Please **PACK IT IN - PACK IT OUT.**



This document will likely be revised by the time of the actual event. Revised Leader's Guides will be posted on the Council Jamboree Registration Page. We appreciate your patience and understanding if changes and/or substitutions are made due to weather, emergencies or other unforeseeable conditions.

## XVI. 2026 Council Jamboree Schedule of Events (Tentative)

### Friday, April 24

7:00 AM	4:00 PM	Trailer Drop-off Only (all equipment/supplies must be carried in/out after 4:00 PM Friday through 11:00 AM Sunday)
4:30 PM	9:00 PM	Unit arrival, check-in, and campsite setup (Sunset 7:48 PM)
6:00 PM	9:00 PM	Trading Post open
9:00 PM		Leader's Meeting and SPL – Amphitheater
10:00 PM	6:00 AM	Lights Out/Quiet Hours

### Saturday, April 25

6:30 AM		Reveille (Sunrise 6:11 AM)
7:00 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast in campsites (Leader's hospitality tent opens)
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Units Gather in Amphitheater
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Opening Ceremony & Morning Colors in Amphitheater
9:30 AM	5:30 PM	Program Activities Open
10:00 AM	5:00 PM	Trading Post Open
12:00 PM	7:00 PM	Food Truck Vendors Open
7:00 PM	7:30 PM	Units Gather in Amphitheater
7:30 PM	9:30 PM	Retreat and Evening Show (Sunset 7:49 PM)
10:00 PM	6:00 AM	Lights Out/Quiet Hours

### Sunday, April 26

6:30 AM		Reveille (Sunrise 6:10 am)
7:00 AM	8:30 AM	Breakfast in campsites (Leader's hospitality tent opens)
8:30 AM	9:00 AM	Units Gather in Amphitheater
9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Interfaith Service
9:30 AM	10:00 AM	Closing Ceremony and Awards
10:00 AM	11:00 AM	Check-out and Unit Departure
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	Unit Trailer Pick-up (REMEMBER: ONLY the VEHICLE TOWING THE TRAILER IS ALLOWED IN THE CAMPsite AREA after 11:00 AM on Sunday.)

## XVII. Maps

Additional parking, camping, and program maps will be uploaded to the Council Jamboree Registration page.



# 2026 Council Jamboree Akridge Scout Reservation



## XVIII. 2026 Council Jamboree Feedback – PARTICIPANTS

Units are strongly encouraged to provide feedback to the Jamboree Planning Committee.  
Don't forget to ask your SPL and the youth for their feedback!

	NA	Unsatisfactory	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Jamboree Theme	0	1	2	3	4	5
Marketing	0	1	2	3	4	5
Registration Process	0	1	2	3	4	5
Cost (Value)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Location (Akridge SR)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Trailer Drop-off Procedures	0	1	2	3	4	5
Check-in Procedures	0	1	2	3	4	5
Campsite Arrangements	0	1	2	3	4	5
Accommodations	0	1	2	3	4	5
Hospitality Tent	0	1	2	3	4	5
Transportation (if used)	0	1	2	3	4	5
Opening Ceremony	0	1	2	3	4	5
Program Activities	0	1	2	3	4	5
Program Schedule	0	1	2	3	4	5
Food Truck Vendors	0	1	2	3	4	5
Trading Post	0	1	2	3	4	5
Partner Organizations	0	1	2	3	4	5
Flag Ceremonies	0	1	2	3	4	5
Show/Entertainment	0	1	2	3	4	5
Interfaith Service	0	1	2	3	4	5
Closing Ceremony - Awards	0	1	2	3	4	5
Check-out Procedures	0	1	2	3	4	5
Staff	0	1	2	3	4	5
Safety	0	1	2	3	4	5
Sanitation	0	1	2	3	4	5
Parking	0	1	2	3	4	5

If you selected 1, 2, 3, or 4... Please suggest ways to improve (please use back, if needed):

Suggestions for future Council Jamboree (theme):

**Would you like to be contacted about this feedback?**

Name/Position:

Unit #:

Telephone and/or email:

**Would you like to help plan a future Council Jamboree?**

Name:

Unit #:

Telephone and/or email:

Please leave form in the Feedback Box at Jamboree or email to [kevinsholcomb@gmail.com](mailto:kevinsholcomb@gmail.com) THANK YOU!