



Northern Star Scouting

National Jamboree 2026 Contingent

Participant Code of Conduct & Behavioral Agreement

Participant Name: _____ Unit: _____

Parent/Guardian Name(s): _____

This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations for all youth and adult participants representing Northern Star Scouting during the 2026 National Jamboree contingent trip, from registration to return. Our goal is to ensure a safe, respectful, and enriching experience for everyone. By signing this agreement, you agree to adhere to these standards. Failure to comply may result in consequences, up to and including early dismissal from the trip at the parent/guardian's expense.

I. General Expectations & Core Values (Applicable At All Times)

1. **Live the Scout Oath and Law:** All actions and decisions must reflect the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.
2. **Respect Authority:** Promptly and respectfully follow all instructions from adult leaders, chaperones, and event staff (e.g., airline personnel, museum guides, Jamboree staff).
3. **Safety First:** Prioritize your safety and the safety of others. Report any unsafe conditions or concerns immediately to a leader.
4. **Respect for Others:** Treat all individuals (fellow Scouts, leaders, staff, public) with courtesy, respect, and kindness, regardless of their background, beliefs, or appearance. Bullying, harassment, hazing, discrimination, or any form of disrespectful behavior will not be tolerated.
5. **Respect for Property:** Care for all personal, Scouting, and public property. Vandalism, theft, or misuse of property is strictly prohibited. Theft will be grounds for early dismissal.
6. **Appropriate Language:** Use respectful, clean, and appropriate language at all times. Swearing, offensive jokes, or derogatory remarks are not permitted.
7. **Personal Responsibility:** Be accountable for your actions, possessions, and punctuality. Lost or stolen items are not the responsibility of anyone but your own.
8. **Uniform and Appropriate Attire:** Will wear the uniform or travel attire as instructed by leader, this includes all Troop / Crew meetings and activities. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed, presentable and will wear my jamboree credentials at all times. Only approved headgear is allowed.
9. **Uniform and Appropriate Attire Continued:** Participants are expected to bring at least 2 complete official uniforms with correct patches and insignia. The Field Uniform is the official uniform shirt (Khaki for Boy Scouts, Dark Green for Venturing), uniform pants or shorts, and uniform socks. A uniform hat and nametag are provided as part of the council equipment and will be worn with the uniform. The Activity Uniform is official uniform shorts, uniform socks, and Council contingent provided activity t-shirts.
10. **Uniform and Appropriate Attire Continued:** I understand that all participants and staff members may only bring items specified and will use only the Jamboree Duffle and Jamboree Backpack

provided by the Council Contingent. Additional luggage will not be allowed (other than pre-approved medical equipment).

11. **Attendance:** Participants are expected to attend all Jamboree Troop/Crew meetings and activities including any Contingent Jamboree Shakedowns.
12. **Physically fit:** A National Jamboree is a rewarding and lifetime experience that takes place in the outdoors. It includes walking/hiking many miles a day with activities in the humid summer climate of West Virginia. Participants must be in good physical health and pass a BSA physical with doctor's recommendation. You must be within the Body Mass Index requirements by Scouting America.
13. **Payment:** Attending a National Jamboree includes a family commitment to meet the fee payment schedule. Due to applicant demand, participants not current with the payment schedule may lose their position in the troop/crew to others on the waiting list.
14. **Positive Attitude:** Maintain a positive and cooperative attitude. Challenges may arise; approach them with resilience and a willingness to help.
15. **Buddy System:** Adhere strictly to the buddy system as instructed by leaders. You must always be with your assigned buddy(ies).
16. **Prohibited Items:** Firearms, drones, weapons, knives (of any length), tobacco products (including e-cigarettes/vapes), alcohol, illegal drugs, and fireworks are not allowed at any time.
17. **Medical & Emergencies:** Report any illness, injury, or emergency immediately to a leader. Do not self-diagnose or attempt to treat any illness or injury.
18. **Phones/Electronics:** I will only watch, or share "PG" rated content, and I will not use electronic devices when directed by an adult leader, chaperone, or event staff.

II. Travel Specific Expectations (Planes, Buses, & Washington D.C.)

1. **Punctuality:** Be on time for all scheduled departures. Delays impact everyone.
2. **Seating:** Remain seated with seatbelts fastened when instructed. A Scout is safe.
3. **Noise Level:** Keep conversations and activities at a respectful volume. Be mindful of other passengers.
4. **Luggage:** Manage your own personal luggage. Follow all airline and bus company rules regarding carry-on and checked baggage.
5. **Cleanliness:** Keep your seating area clean and dispose of trash properly.
6. **Electronics:** Use headphones for any audio. Be aware of battery life and charging opportunities. Do not use electronic devices when directed by an adult leader, chaperone, or event staff.

III. Jamboree Camp Specific Expectations (Summit Bechtel Reserve)

1. **Tent/Campsite Rules:**
 - Keep your tent and personal gear organized and clean.
 - Do not enter tents without permission. Follow all BSA youth protection guidelines.
 - Respect quiet hours as designated by Jamboree or contingent leadership.
 - Follow all fire safety rules and instructions for cooking.
2. **Jamboree Programs:**
 - Participate actively and positively in scheduled activities.

- Adhere to all safety guidelines for activities (e.g., helmets for climbing, proper use of equipment).
 - Be respectful of all Jamboree staff, volunteers, and other participants.
3. **Dining & Hygiene:**
- Follow all instructions for mealtimes and waste disposal.
 - Maintain personal hygiene: shower regularly, utilize designated latrine/shower facilities, use deodorant, and keep personal items clean.
4. **Foot Traffic:** Stay on designated paths and trails. Do not cut through campsites.
5. **Trash & Recycling:** Pack out what you pack in. Use designated bins for trash and recycling. Leave no trace.
6. **Curfew:** Observe all designated curfews and lights-out times. Remain in your assigned tent after curfew.

IV. Consequences for Behavioral Violations

Violations of this Code of Conduct and Behavior Agreement will be addressed seriously and may result in the following actions, depending on the severity and frequency of the offense:

1. **Verbal Warning:** A discussion with the Scout(s) by a leader.
2. **Temporary Restriction:** Removal from an activity, loss of privileges (e.g., electronic device use), or specific duties within the contingent.
3. **Parental Notification:** Parents/guardians will be informed of significant or repeated behavioral issues.
4. **Formal Counseling:** A formal meeting with contingent leadership, the Scout, and potentially their parent/guardian via phone. A written record of the incident may be maintained.
5. **Early Dismissal:** For severe or repeated violations, the Scout may be sent home early from the Jamboree at the parent/guardian's expense. No refunds for the trip will be issued.
6. **Reporting to Scouting:** Certain serious violations (e.g., drug/alcohol use, violence) will be reported to Scouting officials and local authorities as required.

V. Cancellation policy: Cancellations made between August 29, 2025 and February 2, 2026 will have payments refunded, with the deposit retained. Cancellations after February 2, 2026 will be at the discretion of Northern Star Scouting's 2026 National Scout Jamboree Contingent.

VI. Parent/Guardian Acknowledgement & Responsibility

I/We, the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) of _____, acknowledge that I/we have read, understood, and discussed this Code of Conduct with my/our child. I/We agree to support the contingent leadership in upholding these standards. I/We understand that if my/our child is dismissed from the trip due to a violation of this Code of Conduct, I/We will be responsible for all costs associated with their early return home, and no refund for the trip will be provided.

Req: Youth Participant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Req: Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Opt: Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ **Date:** _____