

2026 National Jamboree
Great Trail Council Contingent
Frequently Asked Questions



What is a National Jamboree?

The **National Scout jamboree** is a gathering, or [jamboree](#), of thousands of members of [Scouting America](#), usually held every four years and organized by the National Council of Scouting America. Referred to as "the Jamboree", "Jambo", or NSJ, Scouts from all over the nation and world have the opportunity to attend. [National Scout jamboree \(Scouting America\) - Wikipedia](#)

How many National Jamboree's have been held?

2026 will be the 22nd National Jamboree. 1937 was the first held in Washington DC. Jamborees have been postponed under three circumstances; the 1935 Polio Epidemic, World War 2, and the Covid-19 pandemic.

Where is it held?

The Summit Bechtel Reserve near Fayetteville, WV and bordering the New River National Park and Preserve. [Summit Bechtel Reserve - Wikipedia](#)

When is it? *July 22-31, 2026*

What's there to see and do?

Rock Climbing, Zip-Lining, Mountain Biking, Rifle and Shotgun Shooting, BMX Biking, Kayaking, Standup Paddleboarding, Swimming, Hiking & so much more

Why else would I want to go?

It's more than just the activities you can do. It's about the friends you make. It's the people you meet from all over the country and the world. It's about the new things you learn and experience. It's the electric atmosphere as you join with thousands of scouts in one place for a brief time to celebrate scouting and be amazed!

What does it cost?

The Great Trail Councils fee is **\$2500** which includes the Jamboree fee, bus transportation, equipment, and swag (t-shirts, GTC patch set....). Payment can be lump sum or partial payments on a set schedule.

There are 7 payments totaling \$2500.00.

Deposit - \$350.00.00 Due by 5-29-2025

Payment 1 - \$150.00 Due by 6-30-2025

Payment 2 - \$400.00 Due by 8-1-2025

Payment 3 - \$400.00 Due by 10-1-2025

Payment 4 - \$400.00 Due by 12-1-2025

Payment 5 - \$400.00 Due by 2-1-2026

Payment 6 - \$400.00 Due by 4-1-2026

What are the requirements to go?

The Jamboree is open to all qualified youth on a first-come, first-served basis.

- Youth must be at least 12 years old to attend and be registered under a Scout Troop. .
- Youth must be at least 14 years old to attend and be registered under a Venture Crew.

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