



# PROGRAM PACKAGE

**A Guide for Participants & Parents**

**DAN BEARD COUNCIL CONTINGENT**

**2026 National Jamboree  
at the Summit Bechtel Reserve  
July 22-31, 2026**



We designed this program package as an overview to guide participants and parents through the initial stages of preparation for the 2026 National Jamboree. We do not aim to provide all the necessary information a participant might require. We have designed this package to include information we believe is not likely to change. We will communicate more details as we prepare for this adventure.

# Participation Requirements

- Be currently registered as a youth participant in Scouting America: Scouts BSA Troop, Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship
- Be at least 12 years old by the first day and not yet 21 years old by the last day of the national jamboree.
- Submit an annual health and medical form (AB&C)
- Complete a Scouting America Swim Qualification (non-swimmer, beginner, or swimmer).
- Meet the minimum health requirements for high adventure participation.
- Agree to follow the National Jamboree Code of Conduct and statement of understanding.
- Submit all registration fees per the council payment schedule.
- Participate in the Contingent Shakedown campout.

## 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.

The 2026 National Jamboree will host approximately 20,000 Scouts BSA, Venturers, Sea Scouts, unit leaders, JST (Staff), and visitors.

## 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.

Units may consist of up to 36 youth and four adult leaders, not to exceed a total of 40.

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

# Communication & Updates

The national staff for the jamboree is continually providing updates to council contingents as they work. **Please be patient. We have planned communication releases to keep you informed as the event approaches. The following are places where you can learn more information:**

**Preparation Events** Each unit in the contingent will have several meetings that intend to give participants and parents the opportunity to become acquainted with the unit leaders. We have carefully planned the program, to equip participants for this experience. *Attendance at these events is critical for a participant to be part of a group that is working through the stages of team development.*

**Like us on Facebook** at “DBC National Jamboree” and follow along as we post communication details about upcoming activities. Our Facebook page will also be a place for parents to watch as we post photos from during the jamboree.

<https://www.facebook.com/DBCJambo>

**Email Updates** Please be aware that we will continue to update participants using the "preferred email address" that you provided during the Dan Beard Council registration.



**Contingent Unit Leaders** We carefully selected well-qualified unit leaders for each unit to ensure the best possible experience for participants at the 2026 National Jamboree. The unit leaders may not know the answer to every question, but they are eager to provide the most up-to-date and accurate information available.

**Helpful and Friendly:** *Michelle Byrne* works on staff for the Dan Beard Council, and she has responsibility for maintaining our contingent's connection with the national staff of the 2026 National Jamboree.

## Cost & Payments

Financial affordability and being thrifty were important values we shared as we planned our contingent's experience for the 2026 National Jamboree. We believe the jamboree is the magic of this experience. As a result, we have minimized the cost of preparation, transportation, and gear. **Optional participation in planned Contingent Jamboree unit fundraisers including camp cards and popcorn sales can help offset the cost of participation.**

The cost for Dan Beard Council participants is **\$2,300.00**.

### Fee includes:

- All preparation events
- Transportation to and from the Jamboree site
- Use of Tent, Cot & Unit Gear

- Food
- Spirit Wear & Memorabilia
  - o 2026 National Jamboree Participant Patch
  - o 2026 DBC National Jamboree Council Strip Patch set
  - o 2026 National Jamboree Unit CSP
  - o 2026 DBC Unit Number Patch
  - o 2026 DBC National Jamboree Name Tag & Luggage Tag
  - o 2026 DBC National Jamboree 2 Unit and 2 Contingent T-Shirts
  - o 2026 DBC National Jamboree Nalgene Bottle
  - o 2026 National Jamboree Day Pack
  - o 2026 DBC National Jamboree Duffel Bag

**NOT Included:**

- o White Water Rafting – requires a separate registration and charge TBD.

**Payment Schedule** A nonrefundable deposit is due upon registration. Full Payment is due by March 31, 2026. Should you have any outstanding payment questions or need to setup a personal payment plan, please contact Michelle Byrne.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE  
2026 NATIONAL JAMBOREE**

Online registration incurs a 2% credit card fee. If you pay online using a bank account, or if you bring a check payment to the front desk of the Scout Achievement Center, there is no fee.

*Late fee begins November 1, 2025. Participants must be paid in full by March 31, 2026.*

Please contact Michelle Byrne at [michelle.byrne@scouting.org](mailto:michelle.byrne@scouting.org) with any questions or concerns.



MONTH OF PAYMENT	REGISTER BY 3/31/2025	REGISTER BY 4/30/2025	REGISTER BY 5/31/2025	REGISTER BY 6/30/2025	REGISTER BY 7/31/2025	REGISTER BY 8/31/2025	REGISTER BY 9/30/2025	REGISTER BY 10/31/2025	REGISTER BY 11/30/2025	REGISTER BY 12/31/2025	REGISTER BY 1/31/2026	REGISTER BY 2/28/2026	REGISTER BY 3/31/2026
MARCH 2025	\$300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
APRIL 2025	\$200	\$300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
MAY 2025	\$200	\$225	\$300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
JUNE 2025	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
JULY 2025	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$300	\$300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
AUGUST 2025	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$300	\$250	\$300	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
SEPTEMBER 2025	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$300	\$250	\$300	\$400	—	—	—	—	—	—
OCTOBER 2025	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$300	\$250	\$300	\$400	\$400	—	—	—	—	—
NOVEMBER 2025	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$300	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$400	\$550	—	—	—	—
DECEMBER 2025	—	—	—	—	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$400	\$550	\$700	—	—	—
JANUARY 2026	—	—	—	—	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$400	\$550	\$700	\$1,000	—	—
FEBRUARY 2026	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$300	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$400	\$550	\$700	\$1,000	\$1,375	—
MARCH 2026	\$200	\$200	\$250	\$200	\$250	\$200	\$300	\$300	\$550	\$650	\$750	\$1,375	\$2,750
<b>TOTAL PAID</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>	<b>\$2,750</b>							

**Refund Policy** A refund will be made only if: (a) Dan Beard Council is notified in writing that you are withdrawing from the jamboree and a refund is requested; (b) you identify a replacement scout; (c) who is accepted by Dan Beard Council; and (d) who has made the required payments according to the payment schedule. The replacement scout may not have previously applied with Dan Beard Council to attend the 2026 National Jamboree. If there is a waiting list, Dan Beard Council will select your replacement from the waiting list in accordance with its waitlist procedure. **We will make qualified refunds to the original payer.**

**Refund Timing:** Refund timing: We will review, and process requested refunds in line with this policy quarterly (e.g., in January, April, July, and October).

## Key Dates & Planning Calendar

Please mark your calendar for the following events and key dates leading up to the 2026 National Jamboree:

### 2025

- Unit Participant Recruiting
- Jamboree Contingent Meeting:
  - **October 25, 2025, 10 A.M -12 P.M**
    - Scout Achievement Center – Baker Room
- Unit Meetings [Fundraiser] and Teambuilding | **Time & Location TBD**

### 2026

- Unit Meetings [Fundraiser] and Teambuilding | **Time & Location TBD**
- Unit Meetings [Fundraiser] and Teambuilding | **Time & Location TBD**
- Jamboree Contingent Fundraiser | **Time & Location TBD**
- Jamboree Contingent Overnight:
  - **May 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> Camp Michaels Union KY Eagles Lodge & Fields**
- Jamboree Contingent Gear Handout Event | **Time & Location TBD**
- **July 22** Depart for the Jamboree. | **Time & Location TBD**
- **July 31** Return from the Jamboree | **Time & Location TBD**

## Program at the 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.

### **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 firsthand 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 round, swings and Ferris wheels. **Buckskin Village** has black powder 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.

## 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 enthusiastic 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 highlights 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. Understand that the National Jamboree is primarily a social event that celebrates Scouting, not a high-adventure experience. 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.

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

**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.

#### 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## **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 18-21), 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.

## 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.

# Base Camp, Subcamp & Unit Operations

Following is a basic overview of how the 2026 National Jamboree will be organized and supported:

- 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).
- Dan Beard Council will provide each unit with their 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.

## Transportation

All participants (youth and adult) are required to travel to and from the jamboree with the Dan Beard Council contingent. The logistics of the jamboree site are incredibly well designed.



In fact, the jamboree site becomes one of the largest populated “cities” in the state of West Virginia in 24 hours as 20,000 people enter the high adventure base and set up camp. The committee is currently working on the logistics of transportation and *exact times will be announced at the Contingent Meeting in May 2026*.

The contingent will travel in commercial busses with Wi-Fi and bathrooms

available. All contingent and participant gear will be transported with the contingent to Jamboree under the bus.

## Participant Gear & Equipment

All personal gear will be carried by the participant from the Jamboree bus stop to the sub camp campsite. This could be a distance up to one (1) mile. Please pack accordingly. Gear will be limited to what can be packed in the **contingent duffel bag with contingent luggage tag**. Following is a preliminary list of items each participant should bring:

### Personal Gear

- Contingent Day Bag
- Sleeping bag (lightweight in stuff sack with 30-degree rating is good)
- Eating kit (plate, bowl, and spork are adequate)
- Reusable lunch bag (Disposable plastic bags will not be provided.)
- Two Wide Mouth Nalgene water bottles
- Toiletry kit (keep it small)
- Two bath towels / Two hand towels / Two washcloths

### Clothing

- One complete field uniform (See note below) with Jamboree Unit Number patch & Unit CSP patch

- Contingent Name Tag
- Good, broken-in hiking boots
- Lace-up shoes (lightweight sports)
- Rain gear (simple, lightweight)
- Scout headgear
- One jacket or sweatshirt (synthetic is good)
- Two sets of sleep clothes
- Seven pairs of underwear
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen
- Non-aerosol insect repellent
- Females: feminine hygiene products
- 4 or 5 Scout/jamboree T-shirts/ activity shirts (antimicrobial synthetic is ideal)
- 5 or 6 pairs of hiking socks: 3 pairs of other socks

Note: Arrival day, stadium show, Sunday religious observances, and departure day are uniform days; other times may be determined by your unit leader. Other days are Scout/ jamboree T-shirts or activity shirts with uniform shorts/longs.

#### **Optional**

- Money for Trading Post and Snacks
- Air or travel pillow
- Swimsuit
- Water shoes
- Sunglasses
- Solar camp shower
- Extra patches for trading

All personal gear should be labeled with participants name and contingent unit number.

**Sustainability** The Summit has a network of tanks, pipes, and filters that serves as our greywater system. As a result of the greywater system and the ambient-temperature showers. It is encouraging that Scouts and Scouters are finding inexpensive, renewable ways to heat the water for showers. Considering a solar camp shower.

## **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.

## **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 managed 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.



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

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). 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 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

## **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 Scouting America 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 Scouting America activity involving youth participants.

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

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

Reference: Guide to Safe Scouting, [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss)

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

The use of tobacco products, including smoking, smokeless tobacco, or electronic nicotine delivery systems (including vaping), is prohibited in all National Jamboree buildings, tents, and vehicles.

While in uniform and/or on duty, smoking or the use of smokeless tobacco is not permitted.

The use of tobacco by visitors or off-duty non-uniformed 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.

## 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

## **Staff a.k.a Jamboree Service Team**

Please spread the word to adult leaders you admire in Scouting – the jamboree needs as many volunteer staff members as possible. This is a great way for adults, both new and experienced, to enjoy the fun of the jamboree. Jamboree Service Team members will have the opportunity to serve in numerous assignments at the Jamboree. Jamboree Service Team members will be needed in many of the jamboree groups and services listed on the service team application. The list of positions and volunteer information is published on the national jamboree website: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/jamboree-service-team/>.

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