

2026 National Scout Jamboree: Parent Information Briefing

Welcome to the orientation for the **2026 National Scout Jamboree**. We are excited to have your Scouts join us for this "ELEVATE" themed experience at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

The following information outlines the logistics, daily life, and expectations for the upcoming trip.

Phase 1: Logistics and Getting There

The Jamboree is a massive operation involving over 20,000 participants. For our Dan Beard Council (DBC) contingent, we have streamlined the process to ensure a smooth transition from home to camp.

- **Key Dates:** The Jamboree runs from **Wednesday, July 22, through Friday, July 31, 2026**.
 - **Transportation:** We will leave from Cub World approx. 6 AM and travel together via **professional charter bus**. Participants can camp on Tuesday, July 21st. This 5-hour trip serves as the official start of the experience, allowing for patrol bonding and safety briefings. We will arrive back at Cub World on July 31st approx. 6 PM
 - **Arrival Uniform:** Scouts must wear their **full Field Uniform (Class A)** on departure day for the check-in process at the Summit.
 - **What's Included:** The **\$2,300 participant fee** is all-inclusive, covering round-trip transportation, all meals, insurance, and a gear kit.
 - **Required Paperwork:** Every participant must have a physical exam within 12 months of the Jamboree's end date. These records must be uploaded to **CampDoc by April 21, 2026**.
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Phase 2: Gear and Equipment

To simplify packing and ensure uniformity, the council and the Jamboree provide the majority of the heavy equipment.

- **Provided Gear:** The Jamboree provides cots, dining flies, and all cooking equipment. Each participant will receive a coordinated set of gear and patches to represent the council and the "ELEVATE" theme:
- **Duffel Bag:** One large **130L** duffel bag for all primary gear.
- **Day Pack:** A custom **22L** daypack for carrying daily essentials (water, lunch, rain gear) while at activity areas.
- **Hydration:** One **DBC National Jamboree Nalgene bottle**.
- **Apparel:** Two Unit T-shirts and two Contingent T-shirts (4 total).
- **Identification:** A DBC National Jamboree name tag and luggage tag.
- **Recognition Kit:** Includes a National Jamboree participant patch.
- **Insignia Set:** A complete set of patches including the DBC Council Strip (CSP) set, the National Jamboree Unit CSP, and the DBC Unit Number patch.
- **Tents:** Our contingent fee includes the use of a tent that may be purchased at the end of Jamboree from the council.
- **Food Drive:** We are participating in a national goal to donate **20,000 items** to local food banks. We ask Scouts to pack one or **two lightweight, non-perishable items (like peanut butter or canned tuna) in their duffel for drop-off at check-in.**

Personal Gear:

The most important rule for the Jamboree is that **everything must fit inside the provided 130L DBC duffel bag.**

1. Sleeping Gear

While the Jamboree provides the cot and DBC provides the tent, the Scout is responsible for what goes on top of it:

- **Sleeping Bag:** A lightweight, "3-season" bag is recommended. It can get surprisingly chilly at night in the West Virginia mountains.
- **Sleeping Pad:** Optional, but many Scouts prefer a thin foam or inflatable pad on top of the cot for added comfort.
- **Pillow:** A small travel pillow or a "stuff sack" pillow (using clothes) to save space.

2. Clothing & Uniforms

The "Official Uniform" is the standard for formal events, while the "Activity Uniform" is for high-adventure.

- **Field Uniform (Class A):** One complete sets (tan shirt, green shorts/pants, belt). One must be worn on the bus for arrival and departure.
- **Activity Uniform (Class B):** 5–7 moisture-wicking t-shirts. (Remember: You are already receiving **4 shirts** from the DBC package).
- **Underwear & Socks:** Pack enough for 10–12 days. **Synthetic or wool-blend socks** are mandatory to prevent blisters; avoid 100% cotton.
- **Hometown Celebration Gear:** One jersey or shirt representing a local sports team.
- **Rain Gear:** A high-quality, lightweight rain jacket or poncho. Afternoon thunderstorms are common at the Summit.
- **Sleepwear:** Lightweight shorts and a T-shirt.

3. Footwear

Footwear can make or break the Jamboree experience.

- **Hiking Boots/Shoes:** Must be **broken in** before the May Shakedown. They should have good ankle support and grip.
- **Camp Shoes:** Lightweight sneakers or "cros" for use around the campsite and in the shower house.
- **Water Shoes:** Necessary if the Scout plans to do the "Water Reality" course or paddleboarding.

4. Personal Hygiene & Health

- **Toiletries:** Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, and biodegradable soap/shampoo.
- **Towels:** One quick-dry microfiber camp towel and one washcloth.
- **Sun & Bug Protection:** Non-aerosol sunscreen and insect repellent.
- **Personal First Aid Kit:** Small kit with adhesive bandages, moleskin (for blisters), and any personal medications (which must be listed on the medical form).
- **Buff/Bandana:** Two are recommended to manage dust and sweat.

5. Tools & Electronics

- **Flashlight/Headlamp:** A headlamp is highly recommended for hands-free use at night. Bring extra batteries.
- **Pocket Knife:** Must be a folding knife (no fixed blades) and the Scout must have their Totin' Chip.
- **Power Bank:** A 10,000–20,000 mAh portable charger for their phone.
- **Watch:** Essential for keeping track of activity times and the 10:00 PM curfew.
- **Solar Shower:** Optional but encouraged
- **Camp Chair:** Optional but encouraged.

6. Patch Trading Supplies

- **Trading Binder or Blanket:** To display and organize "traders."
- **DBC Patch Sets:** Any extra sets purchased for trading.

Ten days in West Virginia humidity is no joke.

- **Laundry:** We recommend every patrol bring a small, travel-sized bottle of biodegradable laundry detergent.
- **Drying Time:** Things do not dry quickly in the woods. We'll practice the "tarp-line" method at the Shakedown—hanging clothes inside the tent or under the fly to keep them from getting soaked by afternoon thunderstorms.

What NOT to Bring

- **Aerosol Cans:** No spray sunscreens or deodorants (they can damage tent fabrics).
- **Fixed-Blade Knives:** These are strictly prohibited by the Code of Conduct.
- **Valuables:** Leave expensive jewelry or high-end electronics at home.
- **Excessive Snacks:** The commissary provides plenty of food, and extra snacks in tents can attract "critters."

We will be doing a "Gear Validation" at the **May 15–17 Shakedown**,

Phase 3: The Daily Experience

The Jamboree follows a structured daily cycle designed to balance high-energy adventure with necessary rest.

Time Block	Activity	Description
6:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Wake Up & Breakfast	Patrols cook breakfast (pancakes, burritos) at the campsite.
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Program Time	Scouts engage in aerial sports, shooting, aquatics, or merit badges.

Time Block	Activity	Description
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch	A "Jambo-to-Go" packed lunch is eaten at activity areas.
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Patrol Dinner	Main social time. Themed nights include Burger Night and "Walking Tacos".
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Evening Fun	Arena shows, "Base Camp Bashes," or patch trading.

"Shower House Duty"? Each unit will be scheduled for one full day during the Jamboree to clean their respective neighborhood shower house facility.

Cooking at the National Jamboree is a unique blend of high-tech logistics and traditional backcountry teamwork. Unlike a standard summer camp where Scouts might eat in a dining hall, the Jamboree uses a **centralized commissary system** designed to feed 20,000 people simultaneously in their own campsites.

The Logistics: How Food Reaches the Pot

- **The Rations:** Every morning and evening, a designated "Food Runner" patrol from walks with a garden cart provided to a nearby **Base Camp Hub** (a massive, refrigerated shipping container) to pick up their unit's ingredients.
- **Ingredients:** You aren't just getting boxes of cereal. You receive fresh meats, vegetables, and dairy tailored to that night's theme.
- **The "Jambo-to-Go":** During the breakfast pickup, patrols also receive their pre-packed lunches (sandwiches, fruit, and snacks) to carry into the adventure areas, so they don't have to return to camp at midday.

The Equipment: The "Unit Kit"

As part of the contingent fee, the following heavy gear is provided on-site so Scouts don't have to haul it from home:

- **High-Output Propane Stoves:** Professional-grade multi-burner stoves.
 - **Industrial Cookware:** Oversized pots, pans, and utensils designed for 10-person patrols.
 - **The "Three-Basin" Method:** To maintain health standards, every unit is issued a sanitization kit (Wash, Rinse, Sanitize) to ensure all gear is medical-grade clean after every meal.
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The Menu: High-Energy Fuel

The 2026 menu is designed to provide the high caloric intake needed for 10+ miles of hiking a day:

- **Breakfast Favorites:** Burritos, pancakes, and French toast.
 - **Themed Dinners:** To keep morale high, dinners often follow a theme, such as "Walking Tacos," Burger Night, BBQ Pork, and Meatballs.
 - **Dietary Accommodations:** Vegetarian, Kosher, and Halal options are fully supported if indicated in the Scout's registration.
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The Experience: The "Patrol Method" in Action

Cooking is one of the primary ways Scouts build "Troop Spirit" during the 10 days:

- **Rotating Duties:** Each day, different Scouts are assigned to be the "Cooks" or the "Clean-up Crew."
- **Leadership:** The Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader manages the timing to ensure the unit eats and cleans up fast enough to make it to the **8:30 AM "Rush Hour"** for activities.
- **Social Connection:** Dinner (6:00 PM – 7:30 PM) is the most important social window of the day. It's when the patrol recaps their highlights from the zip lines or shooting sports while preparing a hot meal together.

Every patrol receives a **printed recipe guide** (often referred to as the "Subcamp Menu & Prep Guide") that stays in the unit's kitchen box.

- **Step-by-Step Instructions:** The recipes do not assume the Scouts are gourmet chefs. They provide specific instructions such as: *"Brown the ground beef for 8 minutes,"* or *"Add 2 cups of water to the dehydrated beans."*
- **Portion Control:** The recipes are pre-scaled to the exact amount of ingredients provided for a 40-person unit, minimizing food waste.

Support from Leadership

While the Scouts do the cooking, they aren't left entirely on their own:

- **Adult Oversight:** Contingent leaders (like the Scoutmasters) supervise the kitchen area to ensure the stoves are operated safely and the recipes are followed.
 - **The Shakedown Practice:** During the **May 15–17 Shakedown at Camp Michaels**, the Scouts will practice cooking at least two of these Jamboree-style meals using the same equipment and similar recipe formats.
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Phase 4: Program Highlights

Beyond individual activities, there are several cornerstone events that define the Jamboree experience.

- **Arena Shows:** Two massive stadium productions—an **Opening Show on July 23** and a **Closing Show on July 30**—feature musical acts and fireworks.
- **Service Project:** All Scouts participate in a 30–60-minute shift at the Summit Center to assemble "Flood Buckets" (disaster relief kits) for families in Appalachia.
- **USA 250 Celebration:** As 2026 is the 250th anniversary of the U.S., the "Americana Extravaganza" on the afternoon and evening of July 26th will feature special tributes and civic leaders.
 - **Special Programming:** There will be unique "America250" historical exhibits and likely a massive stadium show focused on this milestone.
 - **Limited Edition Gear:** Expect there to be 250th-themed patches and SWAG that will be highly collectible. If your Scout is into "rare" finds, this is the year for it.
- **Duty to God:** Sunday, July 26th, is a "Morning of Reflection" where the schedule is cleared for various religious and spiritual services.
- **Leadership Heights:** This immersive program helps Scouts assess their strengths through interactive surveys and curriculum-based self-discovery.

- **The Sunday OA Rendezvous:** On Sunday, July 26, all Arrowmen—including staff and participants—gather for a massive event featuring fellowship, music, and inspiration.
 - **Uniforming:** It is essential that all OA members remember to pack and wear their **OA sash** for the Sunday Rendezvous.
- **Hometown Celebration** is a dedicated program at the National Jamboree designed to celebrate the diverse geographic and cultural backgrounds of all 20,000+ participants. It is a day where the "Summit City" transforms into a showcase of local pride, allowing Scouts to share what makes their home region unique.
 - The goal of the event is to foster fellowship and "Scout-to-Scout" interaction. Instead of the usual high-adventure schedule, the focus shifts to:
 - **Cultural Exchange:** Units set up displays or host small activities at their campsites that represent their home city or state.
 - **Regional Pride:** It is a day for Scouts to act as "ambassadors" for their local councils.
 - **Community Building:** Scouts are encouraged to visit other subcamps to learn about the traditions, food, and history of Scouts from across the country.
 - **DBC Contingent Participation & Dress Code**
 - To represent the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky area, we want our contingent to stand out and show our local spirit.
 - **All Dan Beard Council contingent members are encouraged to wear a jersey, T-shirt, or other athletic wear that celebrates a professional, college, or amateur sports team local to their city.** Whether it represents the Reds, Bengals, FC Cincinnati, Columbus Clippers, Columbus Crew, Blue Jackets, Cyclones or your favorite local college or high school team, this is the time to trade your Field Uniform for your hometown colors.
 - **What to Expect During the Event**
 - **The "Street Fair" Atmosphere:** The main walkways of the subcamps become a festival environment with music, regional games, and patch trading.

Phase 5: Health, Safety, and Fitness

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is a rugged, physically demanding environment.

- **Physical Standards:** The site requires significant walking on inclines in heat and humidity. Scouts should prepare by being "physically strong" before arrival.
- **Dietary Needs:** We can accommodate **Vegetarian, Kosher, or Halal** meals if indicated during registration.
- **Supervision:** All adult leaders are required to complete specialized "Peer-On-Peer Abuse" training in addition to standard Youth Protection.

Aquatics and High-Adventure Water Sports

The Summit Bechtel Reserve offers a variety of water-based activities ranging from casual recreation to high-intensity adventure:

- **Water Reality:** This is a massive, expanded inflatable obstacle course located on Goodrich Lake designed to test balance and agility.
- **SCUBA Experience:** A specialized underwater activity where Scouts can experience diving in a controlled environment.
- **General Aquatics:** Additional lake activities include kayaking and paddleboarding.
- **White-Water Rafting:** This is an **optional half-day adventure** on the New River.
 - **Important Note:** Unlike other activities, rafting is not included in the general program; it must be purchased through the council in advance.
 - We received the information about Whitewater Rafting. The cost is \$125. Here are the directions to sign your participant up for whitewater rafting:
 1. Log into your Black Pug account: <https://scoutingevent.com/438/Login/>
 2. Click on your name in the upper right-hand corner of the page and select View Activity
 3. Click on the DBC National Jamboree Contingent Registration and then click on View Registration
 4. Click on Update information under the participant's name.
 - a. While you are here, please complete any information that is missing from the registration.

5. About 3/4 of the way down the page is the WW Rafting question. Click the drop-down arrow and select 1. This will add \$125 to your registration fees for the Whitewater Rafting Adventure.

**The deadline to sign up for whitewater rafting is April 1, 2026.
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The Swim Test Requirement

Because these activities take place in and on the water, safety protocols are strictly enforced:

- **Mandatory Classification:** Any Scout or leader wishing to participate in aquatics (including the inflatable course, SCUBA, or rafting) **must complete a swim test.**
- **Pre-Jamboree Testing:** swim tests can be completed at the Wake the Blob activity on a walk in basis.
 - **Date:** Saturday, **May 30, 2026**
 - **Time:** 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM ET
 - **Location:** Lake Friedlander (581 Ibold Rd, Loveland, OH)
 - **Cost:** \$5.00 per person
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- **Standard Levels:** High-adventure activities like rafting and SCUBA typically require a "Swimmer" classification.

The shakedown

our Jamboree contingent is scheduled for the following weekend:

- **Dates:** Friday, May 15 7 PM – Sunday, May 17, 2026 10 AM.
- **Location:** Camp Michaels (Union, KY), specifically utilizing the Eagles Lodge and surrounding fields.

Purpose of the Shakedown

This overnight event is a critical milestone for all participants to ensure they are prepared for the 10-day experience in West Virginia:

- **Patrol Bonding:** Scouts will work together in their assigned patrols to practice the "patrol method" they will use daily at the Summit.
- **Skills Assessment:** We will review essential outdoor skills, which may include practice for the **Scout Skills Challenge**, such as stretcher rescues, pioneering knots, and fire building.

- **Gear Review:** This is the time to ensure all personal gear fits within the provided 130L duffel and to identify any missing items before the July departure.
- **Logistics Briefing:** We will discuss final travel arrangements and expectations for the charter bus departure on July 22.

If your Scout has an unavoidable conflict (such as a graduation or a once-in-a-lifetime family event), you must contact the **Contingent Leader** as soon as possible:

Contingent Leader: Ron Bacu (rlbacu@yahoo.com)

Phase 6: Connectivity and Communication

One of the most frequent questions from parents involves how to stay in touch without disrupting the Scout's independence.

- **Cell Phone Policy:** Scouts are permitted to bring smartphones, but they must follow the "Code of Conduct." This means only viewing "PG" rated content and putting devices away during ceremonies, meals, and activities.
- **Charging:** While limited, charging stations are available in subcamps. We recommend Scouts bring a **portable power bank** to ensure they can contact home if needed.
- **Emergency Contact:** In the event of a true family emergency, parents should use the **Scouts First Helpline at (844) 726-8871**. For non-emergencies, please contact the Contingent Leaders directly rather than the National Jamboree office.
- **Wi-Fi:** Basic Wi-Fi is often available in the Summit Center (the main hub), but service can be spotty in the remote subcamp living areas.

Phase 7: Financial Planning at Camp

While the \$2,300 fee covers the essentials, Scouts will likely want some independence with personal spending.

- **How much money is needed?** Most leaders recommend **\$150–\$250**. This covers snacks at the "Jamboree Trading Posts," specialized memorabilia (like the "Gnorm the Gnome" collector's pins), and any extra meals during the bus travel days.
- **Payment Methods:** The Summit is increasingly moving toward a "cashless" environment. We recommend a **pre-paid debit card** or a digital wallet (like Apple Pay/Google Pay) for ease of use and security.
- **Patch Trading:** This is a major cultural part of the Jamboree. Encourage your Scout to bring their home council patches or any Scouting collections they are willing to trade.

Phase 8: Personal Wellness and Hygiene

Living in a tent for 10 days in the West Virginia humidity requires a proactive approach to hygiene.

- **Laundry:** There are **no public laundry facilities** for Scouts at the Jamboree. Scouts should pack enough undergarments and socks for the full 10 days. "Sink washing" small items is possible if necessary.
- **Shower House Etiquette:** Subcamps feature individual shower stalls to ensure privacy. Scouts should bring a "shower caddy" or small bag to keep their toiletries organized. A small solar shower is recommended for each scout.
- **Hydration & Electrolytes:** The heat index can be high. In addition to the provided Nalgene, that Jamboree will provide **electrolyte powder packets** (like Liquid I.V. or Gatorade) to mix into their water daily.

Phase 9: Mail and Care Packages

Getting mail at the Jamboree is a huge morale booster, but it requires careful timing.

- **Mailing Address:** A specific subcamp address will be provided in June 2026.
- **Timing:** Because of the massive volume of mail, letters should be sent **at least 5 days before** the Jamboree begins to ensure they arrive while the Scout is still on-site.
- **Care Packages:** Keep them small. Remember, everything you send must fit in the Scout's already-full duffel bag for the trip home! Avoid sending melting chocolates or heavy items.

For parents or family members who aren't part of the official contingent but want to experience the Jamboree, the "Day Visitor" program is the best option. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is open to the public on specific days, though the experience is very different from that of a full-time participant.

Phase 10 Visitor Pass Logistics

- **Visitor Dates:** Friday (7/24), Saturday (7/25), Monday (7/27), Tuesday (7/28), and Wednesday (7/29). No visitors on Sundays.
- **Availability:** Visitor passes are typically sold for specific dates (usually excluding arrival and departure days).
- **Cost:** While 2026 pricing has not been finalized, historical rates are approximately **\$50–\$75 per person, per day**. Children under a certain age often receive a discount.
- **Where to Buy:** Passes must be purchased through the official **National Scout Jamboree website** (not the local council). They often sell out, so early booking is recommended once the portal opens in early 2026.

- **The "Meeting Point":** You cannot just walk into our DBC campsite. You must meet your Scout at the **Scott Visitor Center** or a designated landmark in the Summit Center. We recommend setting a "backup time and place" now, just in case cell service is spotty.

What Visitors Can (and Cannot) Do

The Visitor experience is designed to give a "taste" of the Jamboree without disrupting the Scouts' programs.

- **Access Areas:** Visitors have access to the **Summit Center**, which is the heart of the Jamboree. This includes the military displays, the Sustainability Treehouse, the Merit Badge Midway, and the main trading posts.
- **Program Participation:** Visitors generally **cannot** participate in high-adventure activities (like the Big Zip, whitewater rafting, or specialized shooting sports) as these are reserved for full-time participants who have cleared medical and safety requirements.
- **Visiting the Campsite: Visitors are **strictly prohibited** from entering the Subcamps (living areas).** This is a youth protection and security measure. If you wish to see your Scout, you must coordinate a meeting time for them to walk down to the Summit Center to meet you.
- **Transportation:** Visitors must park in a remote lot and take a **mandatory shuttle bus** into the Reserve. There is no private vehicle traffic allowed inside the Summit gates.

Parent Strategy: Should You Visit?

Many parents choose to visit for one or two days if they are already vacationing in the New River Gorge area. It is a great way to see the scale of the event, but keep in mind:

1. **Walking:** Even as a visitor, you will do a significant amount of walking on gravel paths and hills. Wear comfortable hiking shoes.
2. **Connectivity:** Do not rely on "meeting up" by chance. Coordinate a specific time and landmark (like the AT&T Summit Center Stage) before your Scout leaves for the day, as cell service can be unreliable during peak visitor hours.

Patch trading

Patch trading is practically the "unofficial sport" of the National Jamboree. Trading happens everywhere—from the bus ride to the shower houses and everywhere in between.

The "JSP" (Jamboree Shoulder Patch)

Every council designs a special set of shoulder patches specifically for the Jamboree.

- **Standard Sets:** These are the patches you wear on your uniform.

- Trader Sets: These are the "currency" of the Jamboree. Many Scouts bring multiple sets specifically to trade for patches from Hawaii, Alaska, or international contingents.
- The "DBC" Look: Since you'll be wearing your Cincinnati sports gear for the Hometown Celebration, having a local sports-themed patch set is a major advantage for trading!



the DBC patch set theme is “Elevate the Magic”, and it continues the magic and magical creatures’ theme that has been popular at the last two jamborees. Your jamboree package **includes one shoulder patch** that is specific to your Jamboree Troop/Crew for your field uniform, **plus a complete set of eight full-color patches with a black border** for collecting or trading. The patches with the black border are only available to the Dan Beard Contingent and the Miami Valley/Tecumseh contingents that we are collaborating with to purchase.

Patch trading is extremely popular as a social event with the youth at the jamboree. Many scouts display and trade patches every evening in the camp areas. Purchasing additional patches is NOT required and is strictly optional. **If you do wish to order additional patches** for collecting or trading, online stores are now open so you can pre-order additional patches. There are two different online stores:

- There is a public fundraiser store at <https://councilstuff.com/438-2026DBCNJ>. This store is open to anyone and sells patch sets as a fundraiser to support the contingent. Feel free to forward that link to anyone.
- The private, CONTINGENT ONLY store is at: <https://councilstuff.com/438-2026DBCNJContingentOnly> This store has discounted pricing that is only available to the contingent, leaders and staff from Dan Beard Council. The password required for access is: **M1chelleR0cks!**

Please DO NOT SHARE this link and password. All orders will be validated against registration data and cancelled if not from contingent members.

The store will be open until March 31st. All items will be delivered with the other merchandise included in your jamboree package (Time and Date to be announced) @ Camp Friedlander or SAC. We only order what is pre-purchased and this will be the only opportunity to buy these items.

The **May 15–17 Shakedown at Camp Michaels** is the perfect "spring training" for patch trading. Since the National Jamboree can be overwhelming, we use Shakedown to make sure everyone knows how to trade fairly, protect their collection, and represent the Dan Beard Council (DBC) with class.

1. The "Trial Run" Trading Session

We will set aside a specific block of time for a mock trading session.

- **Bring Your "Traders":** Scouts should bring any extra patches they already have (from summer camps, camporees, or past events) to practice with.
- **No High Stakes:** This is a low-pressure environment to learn the "etiquette" before the thousands of Scouts arrive at the Summit.

Annual Health & Medical Record Submission Open!

All participants, leaders, and staff must log in to jamboreg.scouting.org to complete their **Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR)** using **CampDoc**.

If the participant does not already have an account in my.scouting.org, please create that account. This account needs to be specific to the participant and cannot be the parents' account. You will use the username and password for the participant's my.scouting.org account to log into jamboreg.scouting.org. This is the system that you will be using to upload the medical forms and complete the disclaimers for National. Please log into this system and complete the information at your earliest convenience.

Key Deadline: April 21, 2026 – Please **Do Your Best** to submit your full AHMR (all parts A–C and the Summit Risk Advisory) by **April 21, 2026**. This gives our medical team time to review and support anyone with high-risk conditions, ensuring a safe and unforgettable Jamboree experience for all.

Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct is part of the online registration portal. Both the Scout and the parent/guardian must digitally sign it.

Deadline: This should be completed alongside your medical forms in CampDoc by **April 21, 2026**.

Review at Shakedown: We will physically review the highlights of the Code of Conduct during our May 15–17 Shakedown at Camp Michaels to ensure every Scout understands the expectations before we board the bus.

Medication Management (The "Gold Standard")

Per National Jamboree policy, all medications must be handled with strict accountability to ensure no Scout misses a dose in the excitement of the Summit.

- **Original Containers Only:** All medications (prescription and OTC) **must** be in their original pharmacy containers with the Scout's name and dosage instructions clearly visible. Do not use pill organizers.
- **Sufficient Supply:** Pack enough for **12 days** (the 10-day Jamboree plus 2 travel days).
- **The "Double-Up" Rule:** For critical medications (Inhalers, EpiPens, Insulin), the Scout should carry one on their person in their daypack, and a **second back-up** must be given to the Contingent Health & Wellness Leader.
- **Maintenance Meds:** National policy is clear—**do not stop** taking any maintenance medications (for ADHD, anxiety, etc.) during the Jamboree unless explicitly directed by a doctor. The "Elevate" program is physically and mentally intense; consistency is key.

2. CPAP & Electronic Medical Devices

If your Scout uses a CPAP machine, the Summit presents a unique challenge: **Power is extremely limited in the campsites.**

- **Battery Power is Mandatory:** Do not count on an outlet. You must bring a dedicated CPAP battery (like a Medistrom or similar) that can last at least 2–3 nights.
- **Charging Strategy:** While there are limited "charging corrals" at the subcamp headquarters, they are often crowded. We recommend a "Swap Strategy": Have two batteries—one charging at HQ during the day while you use the other at night.
- **Distilled Water:** The Jamboree commissary does not typically provide distilled water. Most participants find that using a "heat moisture exchanger" (HME) filter or simply using bottled water for the week is the most practical solution.

- **Shakedown Test:** Bring your full CPAP setup to the Shakedown! We need to verify where it will sit in the tent and ensure your battery lasts through the night in outdoor temperatures.

3. Medical Forms & CampDoc Final Call

The national deadline for the **Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR)** via CampDoc is **April 21, 2026**.

- **Part C (The Physical):** This must be signed by a licensed healthcare provider and dated within one year of the Jamboree (after July 31, 2025).
- **The Summit Risk Advisory:** This is a specific addition to the standard BSA medical form that acknowledges the high-altitude and physically demanding nature of the Summit. Ensure your doctor has reviewed and signed this page.
- **Paper Backups:** Even though it's digital, **bring two paper copies of the full AHMR (Parts A, B, and C) to the Shakedown in a waterproof folder.**

4. Dietary "Hidden" Needs

While you've likely noted allergies on the medical forms, the Shakedown is the time to speak with the contingent's Grubmaster.

- **Cross-Contamination:** If a Scout has a severe contact allergy (like peanuts), we need to establish patrol "kitchen rules" during the Shakedown to keep them safe.
- **Personal Supplement Bag:** If a Scout has a highly restrictive diet, they are permitted to bring a small "personal snack bin" (must be critter-proof) with supplemental non-perishables.

1. The Three-Tiered Medical System

The Jamboree does not rely on a single "nurse's office." Instead, it uses a sophisticated network of facilities:

- **Tier 1: Base Camp Clinics (The "Front Line")**

Every base camp has its own medical clinic staffed 24/7. These are your "neighborhood" urgent care centers. They handle minor illnesses, sick calls, and initial triage.

- **Tier 2: Program Area First Aid Stations**

High-adventure areas (like the Big Zip, the Rocks, or Water Reality) have dedicated aid stations. These are staffed during program hours specifically to handle acute injuries sustained during activities.

- **Tier 3: The Jamboree Health Center (JHC)**

Located near Base Camp D, this is a full-service diagnostic and treatment center. It includes:

- X-ray and imaging capabilities.
- Specialty clinics (Orthopedics, Dental, Mental Health, and Ophthalmology).
- 23-hour observation beds.

2. Emergency Response & Transport

In the event of a serious, time-sensitive emergency:

- **On-Site EMS:** The Summit operates a fleet of all-terrain and off-road emergency vehicles to reach Scouts in rugged areas quickly.
- **The 911 System:** The Jamboree has a dedicated on-site emergency line (**304-465-2900**) and integrates with local 911 dispatch.
- **Aero-Medical Evacuation:** For life-threatening emergencies, military and civilian helicopters (Medevac) are stationed on-site. The response time to the nearest trauma center is significantly reduced by these air assets.

3. "Listening Ear" (Mental Health Support)

Medical emergencies aren't always physical. The Jamboree provides "Listening Ear" stations in every base camp. These are staffed by professionals trained to help Scouts struggling with severe homesickness, anxiety, or social conflicts, providing a safe space to decompress.

4. Protocol for Parents

If your Scout experiences a medical emergency:

- **Notification:** For minor issues (scrapes, hydration), leaders usually handle it and notify you later. For any **major care** or transport to the Jamboree Health Center/off-site hospital, contingent management will contact the parents as soon as the Scout is stabilized.

- **The "Buddy System":** No Scout ever goes to a medical facility alone. They are always accompanied by their buddy and/or an adult leader.

5. Practice at Shakedown

At the **May 15–17 Shakedown**, we will practice the "Medical Triage" drill:

- We will ensure every Scout knows where their **Personal First Aid Kit** is and how to treat basic "hot spots" (blisters) and scrapes before they become "emergencies."
- We will verify that every Scout has a **ICE (In Case of Emergency) card** or digital equivalent.

Internal Note: Most "emergencies" at the Jamboree are actually preventable cases of **Dehydration** and **Heat Exhaustion**. This is why we are so strict about the "two 1-liter water bottles" and "clear and copious" rule!

Last thoughts

The "Token" and Digital Economy

While we talked about spending money, the 2026 Jamboree is heavily integrated with the **National Jamboree App**.

- **The App is Your Lifeline:** Scouts will use the official app to track their schedules, view wait times for high-adventure activities (like the Big Zip) and even participate in digital "quests."

The "Big Zip" and ATV Lottery

The high-demand activities (like the **Big Zip** and **ATV experience**) often use a lottery or reservation system through the Jamboree app. **Action:** Ensure your Scout's phone has the app installed and their profile is linked *before* we arrive.

The "Buddy System" on a Massive Scale

In a local troop, the buddy system is simple. At the Jamboree, it is an absolute requirement for safety and logistics.

- **Buddy Selection:** Scouts shouldn't just pick their best friend; they should pick a buddy with **similar interests**. If one Scout wants to spend all day patch trading and the other wants to mountain bike, they will both be miserable.

1. The "Jamboree Lung" (Dust & Hydration)

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is beautiful, but it is incredibly dusty.

- **The Reality:** Thousands of Scouts walking on gravel paths create a fine white dust. "Jamboree Lung" is a real thing—a nagging cough from breathing it in.
- **The Fix:** Every Scout should bring **two buffs or bandanas**. One to keep neck-cool, and one to pull over their face when walking the main transit "highways."
- **Hydration is a Job:** You don't just drink when you're thirsty; you drink on a schedule. We will be monitoring "clear and copious" output at Shakedown!

2. Technology & Power Management

The 2026 Jamboree is highly digital, with schedules and maps on the app, but charging outlets are rarer than a 1950s patch.

- **Portable Power:** Every Scout needs a **high-capacity power bank** (20,000 mAh is the sweet spot).
- **Solar is Slow:** Don't rely solely on small solar chargers; the West Virginia tree canopy and potential rain make them unreliable.
- **Label Everything:** Chargers and cables all look the same. At Shakedown, we'll be checking that every cord has a piece of tape with the Scout's name on it.

The "Summit Shake" (Physical Fitness)

The Summit is **huge**. You will likely walk 8 to 12 miles a day, often uphill.

- **The Footwear Rule:** Shakedown is the absolute **last chance** to break in boots. If a Scout shows up to the Jamboree with brand-new boots in the box, they will have blisters by lunch on Day 2.
- **Conditioning:** Encourage your Scout to start walking a mile or two a day now. The "Big Zip" and "The Ropes" are a lot less fun if you're too exhausted to climb the stairs to get to them.

Important Dates Recap:

- **April 17, 2026:** Final deadline for any add-on activities (like Whitewater Rafting).
- **April 21, 2026:** CampDoc medical forms must be 100% complete.
- **May 15–17, 2026: DBC Contingent Shakedown at Camp Michaels.** (Arrival Friday evening, Departure Sunday morning).

Remember to pay your registration fees in full by **March 31, 2026**

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