



**2026 National Jamboree
Unit Leader Position Information
15 January 2025**

Unit Leader Positions

The only recognized unit leader positions for the 2026 National Jamboree are the Scoutmaster, first Assistant Scoutmaster, second Assistant Scoutmaster, and third Assistant Scoutmaster for Scouts BSA units.

Unit Configuration

Each unit consists of up to 18 or up to 36 Scouts BSA Scouts and two-to- four-unit leaders as appropriate to the unit size, not to exceed a total of 20 or 40 people. Councils who choose to use the 20-person unit size will be paired with another 20-person unit to form National Jamboree units of 40. Each 20-person unit must meet the Youth Protection policies for that unit including two-deep leadership. The 40-person unit is ideal for housing in multiples of two Scouts per tent, and for most tour buses that are 40 passengers in size. Each campsite in a Subcamp is designed to house a group of 40.

Adult Leader Qualifications

All National Jamboree Scoutmasters and first-, second-, and third- Assistant Scoutmasters must meet the following requirements:

- Possess a current Scouting America membership with a Scouts BSA Troop
- Be at least 21 years old by the first day the contingent departs for the National Jamboree.
- Scoutmaster applicants must be currently serving as a Scoutmaster in a Scouts BSA troop and must have completed leader-specific training.
- All Assistant leaders must be currently serving in a unit in an adult leadership position.
- All Adult leaders must file a National Jamboree personal health and medical record.
- All adult leaders must be approved by the local council.

In addition, all leaders must:

- Submit all registration fees per their local council's payment schedule.
- Be current in Scouting America Youth Protection Training through the last day of the National Jamboree.
- Be current in Scouting America Hazardous Weather Training through the last day of the National Jamboree.
- Must complete "Understanding and Preventing Youth on Youth Abuse for Camp staff and NYLT staff" prior to arrival at the National Jamboree.

Scoutmaster

The personal leadership of the Scoutmaster is one of the most important factors in effective administration of the National Jamboree. Good judgment and sensible controls will help make many camp regulations unnecessary.

- Serves as the executive officer of the Troop.
- Maintains policies and coordinates efforts of Assistant Scoutmasters.
- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual Scouts to attend the National Jamboree.
- Leads participants in pre-Jamboree training.
- Works through the Troop's Assistant Scoutmasters, Senior Patrol Leader, and Patrol Leaders to ensure fulfillment of their duties.
- Accompanies the Troop to and from the National Jamboree.
- Is personally responsible for the health, safety, and morale of the troop.
- By their example, serves as a role model for others to follow.
- Is responsible for the proper behavior and conduct of the members of the Troop.
- Receives a report from the Senior Patrol Leader on bed check each evening after taps and reports those present, accounted for, or missing to the designated Subcamp staff member.
- Cooperates with Subcamp leadership at all times.

First Assistant Scoutmaster (Troop Activities)

- Serves as the Troop leader in the absence of the Scoutmaster.
- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual Scouts to attend the National Jamboree.
- Participates in pre-Jamboree training.
- Works with the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader in administering Troop operations.
- Is responsible to the Scoutmaster for the program and activities of the Troop.

Second Assistant Scoutmaster (Physical Arrangements)

- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual Scouts to attend the National Jamboree.
- Participates in pre-Jamboree training.
- Responsible to the Scoutmaster for the Troop's physical arrangements. Works with the Troop quartermaster in the issuance of supplies.
- Arranges directly with the Subcamp repairs and maintenance officer for supplies. Working through and with the Quartermaster and Senior Patrol Leader, trains and oversees the Troop's tasks of drawing food and food supplies, preparation and serving of food, and cleaning up.
- Consults regularly with Troop cooks on the most effective ways to prepare daily food selections. Meets daily with the Troop cooks, giving briefings on food preparation and safety precautions.
- Oversees cleanup operations after each meal.
- Is responsible for the care and neat appearance of all equipment.
- Is responsible for transportation of personal baggage to and from the National Jamboree.

Third Assistant Scoutmaster (Scheduling and Records)

- Assists in conducting National Jamboree promotion rallies and in recruiting individual Scouts to attend the National Jamboree.
- Participates in pre-Jamboree training.
- Works with the Troop Scribe in the handling of Troop records and the scheduling of Troop participation in National Jamboree activities.
- Encourages Scout news correspondents to send news to their hometowns.
- Responsible for Troop first aid and contacts the Subcamp medical officer on serious cases.
- Maintains the general morale of the Troop, including the distribution of mail and other communications.
- Responsible for training and providing oversight for sustainability, recycling, and trash management within the unit.
- Works with the unit Quartermasters to continue the sustainability effort of Scouting America by leading the recycling effort within the campsite.

Assistant Scoutmaster for Health and Safety

This is an additional duty requirement for Contingent/Unit Adult Leadership. One of the Assistant Scoutmasters must also take on the role for Health and Safety. For each Unit, a minimum of one (1) ASM must be designated the Health & Safety ASM (H&S ASM). This is not an additional position but add on responsibilities for Unit Adult Leaders.

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Health & Safety ASM Qualifications

One of the following levels of training and a copy of the current license or certification must be shared with the National Jamboree during the registration process:

- Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder Outdoor Emergency Care/Ski Patrol
- EMT-Basic, EMT-Advanced, or Paramedic
- Military Corpsman, Medic, or Equivalent Medical Training
- Registered Nurse
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
- Licensed Nurse Practitioner
- Licensed Physician's Assistant
- Licensed Physician, MD, or DO