

# Scouting America



## Pacific Harbors Council

### 2026 National Scout Jamboree July 22 through July 31, 2026 (Updated 9/15/2025)

Greetings Everyone!

Our council contingent is well on its way in preparing for the 2026 National Scout Jamboree. We currently have two registered contingents; a 20-person male contingent and a 20-person female contingent. These two groups have been working together in planning, fundraising, and team-building activities to ensure a memorable and successful Jamboree experience for all involved.

As momentum builds, the council is actively considering the addition of a third 20-person contingent. The makeup of this potential group, whether male, female, or co-ed, will depend on the interest and registrations received. However, the financial commitment for an additional contingent is significant, therefore the council has set a firm deadline of October 28, 2025, for registrations and commitments to the third troop. We will only proceed with forming this unit if at least fifteen additional participants (youth and adults) are registered and paid the due amount by that date.

If you or someone you know is interested in attending the 2026 National Scout Jamboree and has not yet registered, we encourage you to act quickly. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Scouts, and we want to offer it to as many youths as possible.

#### **Council National Jamboree Committee:**

Parents are expected to take an active role in the committee. These are adults supporting the contingent but not attending (unless registered as staff). Positions include but not limited to:

- Council Committee Chair – filled by Jessica Torres.
- Ambassador/Promotion Chair (promotions, presentations to units and at events. May help with finding sponsors and donors).
- Transportation Team (booking flights, hotels, transportation, rentals)
- Personnel Team (gathering and processing any gathered paperwork, etc.)
- Health and Safety Team (Assisting with medical forms, risk analysis, safety moments)
- Training Team (set up required training and team building sessions)
- Public Relations Team (work with council on social media, internal and external)
- Finance and Budget Team (Work on fundraising, budgeting and spending, ensuring funds are available to cover expenses. Reminds contingent of upcoming payments due).
- Program Support Team (Patch designs, equipment, uniforms, etc.).

#### **Fees (updated):**

In addition to the 2026 NSJ attendance fee, there will be other significant fees for contingent members for travel, hotels, incidentals, patches, uniforms, and other NSJ related costs. While the final payment for the National fee is not due until March 31, 2026, the contingent will need significant funds to reserve transportation and lodging, and to purchase NSJ related materials.

With a pre-tour event the estimated cost will be between \$4,800 - \$5,000. **Note that this is not an increase.** The original fee of \$4,000 assumed that \$32,000 (or \$800 per person) would be acquired through fundraising efforts.

Per person breakdown:

- Jamboree Registration: \$1,560
- Flight: \$700
- Pre-Tour event: \$1,800
- Other Travel: \$200
- Required Patches and uniform items ordered by council: \$140
- Other Equipment: \$200
- Miscellaneous Expenses \$200-\$400

Due to lower-than-anticipated fundraising participation and outcomes to date, we must adjust the fee back to \$5,000 to ensure the council and contingent can meet financial obligations. This reflects real expenses associated with travel, lodging, registration, and equipment that are not being sufficiently offset by fundraising at this time.

To ensure transparency and accurate planning, we will be adjusting each participant's balance to reflect this revised estimate. Updated statements will be distributed at upcoming meetings or as needed. The remaining scheduled fees will be adjusted with a final balance determined in late May or early June 2026. Assuming you have made the required payments to date, the remaining payment schedule is below.

- September 2025: \$700 payment due (Total \$2,200).
- November 2025: \$700 payment due (Total \$2,900).
- February 2026: \$800 payment due (Total \$3,700).
- April 2026: \$800 payment due (Total \$4,500).
- Late May to early June 2026: any remaining balance (estimated at \$500, final cost TBD)

There is still time to reduce your individual cost back down to approximately \$4,000 by actively participating in upcoming fundraising activities. Jessica Torres will collaborate with individuals on payment adjustments as fundraising efforts continue. We will also continue to track contributions and participation, and appropriate credits will be applied to participant balances based on individual and family involvement.

If you have not yet participated in fundraising efforts, now is a great time to engage. Your help will make a direct impact not just on your own costs, but also on our ability to deliver a successful, well-supported experience for the entire contingent.

We remain committed to making this adventure as accessible as possible for all Scouts and families. If financial concerns are a barrier, please also inquire about campership opportunities.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and we look forward to working together to ensure an amazing 2026 Jamboree experience!

  
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