



THE 2026 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

Gulf Coast Council Contingent Troops

July 17, 2026 – August 2, 2026

Washington, DC

Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE?

Every four years or so, the National Council of Scouting America organizes the ultimate Scout experience, the National Scout Jamboree! The next Jamboree is scheduled in July 2026 where over 20,000 Scouts and Scouters will be attending. The experience of the past Jamborees will return with new themes and all-camp stadium shows!

CONTINGENT MAKE-UP AND TENTATIVE ITINERARY

The Gulf Coast Council is preparing to take one full troop of males (36 youth and 4 adults), and a half troop of females (18 youth and 2 adults).

All participants will be required to travel with the contingent to and from the Jamboree, with an expected departure date of July 17th. On the trip to the Jamboree, the contingent will tour Washington, DC and the surrounding area and attend the National Jamboree July 22-31. The morning of the 31th they will leave the Jamboree and go whitewater rafting on the 1st, and return to the Gulf Coast Council on August 2nd.

YOUTH QUALIFICATIONS:

Each Scout must be at least 12 years of age by July 22, 2026 and have not reached his or her 18th birthday before Aug 1, 2026. Scouts must also be currently registered with a Troop, Pack, Crew, or Ship, be a First Class Scout before departure, file a Jamboree physical form, meet BMI index requirements, participate in the pre-jamboree training, and be approved by his/her Scoutmaster and the Gulf Coast Council Jamboree Committee.

ADULT QUALIFICATIONS:

Unit Contingent leadership positions are chosen through a selection process conducted by the Gulf Coast Council Jamboree Committee. Two Scoutmasters and four Asst. Scoutmasters will be selected:

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Qualifications – Must be currently registered with a troop or team, be at least 21 years old by July 22, 2026. Must currently be serving as Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. Must have completed Leader Specific Training, serve as role model for physical fitness, file a Jamboree physical form, meet the BMI index, participate in pre-jamboree training and meetings, and be approved by the Gulf Coast Council Jamboree Committee

Adult leadership positions are limited and highly competitive. Selections for Contingent leaders are expected to be completed by April 4, 2025.

DEADLINE FOR ADULTS TO APPLY IS APRIL 1, 2025

COST:

We project that the 2026 fee will be \$3600. Please understand that this fee is an estimate and vary slightly as we approach the July 2026 event. ***Every effort will be made to keep this fee as low as possible, while preserving the quality of the Jamboree experience.*** This fee will covers the National Jamboree fee, travel and tour expenses, meals, lodging, unit and patrol equipment, personal equipment, accident and sickness insurance, the cost of pre-jamboree training camping weekends, as well as a set of patches, t-shirts, duffle bag, and other Troop gear. The only additional expenses will be for your uniforms (x2, full field uniforms), spending money, and any extra patches or souvenirs you want to purchase.

Fee Schedule for 2026 Jamboree

\$350 deposit due at registration - reserve your spot!
\$550 April 15th, 2025
\$550 July 15th, 2025
\$550 October 15th, 2025
\$550 January 15th, 2026
\$550 April 15th, 2026
\$500 June 15th, 2026

REFUND POLICY:

The Council contracts for services on behalf of the contingent's participants. Refunds are based on monies already committed for the services. If for some reason you are not able to go, there is another way to get a refund. You will get a full refund, if you recruit another participant to go in your place and if the contingent is full when it departs for the Jamboree.

Sometimes there are special circumstances that preclude a participant from attending. If you fall into that category, then a written refund request will be reviewed by the Council Jamboree Committee. All refund requests must be submitted in writing and sent to the Council Jamboree Committee for processing.

HOW TO APPLY:

The 2026 National Scout Jamboree will use an online application process for all Scouts and leaders desiring to attend the jamboree. We are expecting the Registration Website will be activated in early 2025.



Adult Apply

Anyone interested in applying for an adult leadership position in the Gulf Coast Council contingent troops, must complete the on-line application by March 27, 2025. Selections for the six contingent leaders plus back-ups will be made ~ Apr 1, 2025. Apply here: [Adult questionnaire.](#)

Any youth that are interested can reserve their slot at the Gulf Coast Council contingent troops and pay their \$350 deposit at <https://scoutingevent.com/773-jamboree26#> Once the National registration system is activated, you will be notified and you will need to register there as well.



Youth Apply

All items on this sheet are subject to change

If you have any questions, please contact Michael Lawhorne, at Michael.Lawhorne@scouting.org