



# 2017 National Jamboree

July 17 to July 26, 2017

(not including travel and touring)

## WHAT IS THE NATIONAL JAMBOREE?

The National Jamboree is the premier event put on every four years by the Boy Scouts of America at the Summit Bechtel National Scout Reserve, Beckley West Virginia, [www.summitbsa.org](http://www.summitbsa.org). Over 40,000 Scouts and Scouters attended the last Jamboree, and all the excitement of past Jamborees will be incorporated with new themes and shows. What goes on at a Jamboree? Everything that the combined resources of the National Council plus hundreds of the best volunteers from every local council can provide! For examples: zip lines, mountain biking, ropes courses, climbing, rifle shooting, archery, Action Alley, Buckskin Games, Scottish Highland Games, confidence courses, bicycle motocross, pioneering, rappelling towers, trapshooting, fishing, canoe slalom, scuba diving, kayaking, daily stage shows, and the OA American Indian Village.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR BOY SCOUTS AND VENTURERS:

Although the materials for the 2017 Jamboree have not yet been published, no change is expected in the previous qualifications to attend. So then it is expected that a Boy Scout must be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree or be 11 years old and a graduate of 6th grade (but not have reached his 18th birthday by the last day of the Jamboree), attain the rank of First Class, participate in the pre-jamboree training, and be approved by his Scoutmaster and the Council Jamboree Committee.

Venturers must have graduated the 8th grade or be at least 13 years of age by the first day of the Jamboree, but not have reached their 21st birthday by the last day of the Jamboree. They must also participate in the pre-jamboree training and be approved by their Advisor and the Council Jamboree Committee.

## PRE-JAMBOREE TRAINING:

The participants will meet as members of a unit at least four times before attending the Jamboree. One of these is the Shakedown Weekend campout to give the Scouts experience working together as a unit. It is VITAL that the Scouts commit to attend each of these meetings.

#### ORGANIZATION:

The participants will be placed in Longs Peak Council units, consisting of 36 Scouts and 4 adult leaders each. Once the units are formed and leaders selected, you will receive information through your Jamboree unit leadership. Venturers will be in a similar type of crew organization. It is expected that we will have 2 troops and 1 crew, or 80 Boy Scouts and 10 Venturers.

#### TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, AND EQUIPMENT:

Our Jamboree units will tour surrounding historic sites in Washington DC in addition to the Jamboree itself. The costs of transportation, touring, food are included in the Jamboree fee. Personal equipment and two complete uniforms are the responsibility of the individual Scouts.

#### COST:

Every effort will be made to bring the fee in at or below the 2013 price of \$3,450.00, while preserving the quality of the Jamboree experience. The fee will cover the National Jamboree fee, travel and tour expenses, meals, lodging, accident and sickness insurance, unit numbers, patrol medallions, and the cost of pre-jamboree training. ***You will be informed as soon as the 2017 price is set.***

#### REFUND POLICY

Fees paid are refundable until the Longs Peak Council begins making payments towards the participants Jamboree experience. A refund is then equal to the total fees paid by the participant minus expenses related to contractual agreements made on the participants' behalf. If another Scout is available from the alternate list to take a dropouts' place, a full refund will be made upon the alternate paying up to date with his fees. Fees paid by alternates who do not make it onto the contingent roster are 100% refundable. Refund requests must be made in writing.

#### QUESTIONS:

If you have questions, email the Jamboree Committee at [jamboree@longspeakbsa.org](mailto:jamboree@longspeakbsa.org)