



Youth Contingent Information

Just around the corner is the biggest scouting event at the National level. The National Jamboree is held every four years at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia. 15,000 scouts will descend on this high adventure camp where they get a chance to experience whitewater rafting, shooting sports, zip lines, mountain biking, rappelling and much more. This event lasts 10 days!

To attend the Jamboree, a youth or adult must be a part of a council contingent. This is a youth focused event, so few adults are allowed attend. This document provides information for the youth attendee.

Contingent Composition

The council contingent is made up of patrols. Each patrol contains 8 scouts and 2 adults. The Mobile contingent will be made up of 4 patrols. These patrols will either be a Scouts BSA patrol or a Venturing patrol.

Once the patrols are filled, new scouts will be added to a waiting list. Scouts on the waiting list are expected to keep their payments up to date. If the waiting list is large enough for another patrol, the council will attempt to sign-up another patrol. If space opens in the contingent for other reasons, then a scout will be moved from the waiting list into the contingent.

Youth Requirements

Due to the size and scope of the Jamboree, both National and the Mobile Area Council have base requirements for a scout to attend as a part of the contingent.

- Must be a registered member of the BSA.
- Must be at least age 12 by the first day of the Jamboree, but not over age 20 by the last day.
- If a member of Scouts BSA, must have obtained at least the rank of First Class.
- Before the first day of the Jamboree, must have attended a long-term camp.
- Must be approved by their unit leader and local council

Expense

Estimated overall cost: \$2,300

This cost estimate includes entrance into the Jamboree as well as transportation, food in transit, and some base gear amongst other things. The cost of some items like transportation can only be estimated at this time until the final contract can be signed. Furthermore, the transportation estimate was based on a full contingent. At this time, however, it is our expectation that this cost will not increase before the Jamboree.

All participants are expected to keep up to date on their payment schedule. Any participant that falls behind on payments will be moved to the waiting list. Once moved to the waiting list, that participant will not be able to move back into the contingent until a new spot opens in the contingent.

If a participant is on the waiting list, they are expected to abide by the payment schedule. This will allow them to easily move into a contingent spot if one should open. Participants on the waiting list that are not up to date with their payment schedule cannot be moved into the contingent.

Outside the overall cost due to the council, there will be additional expenses that may be incurred by the participant. For example, each participant will be required to have a field uniform that includes BSA shirt and pants. The shirt must only have contingent specified patches. This may be a new shirt, or their current shirt with unit patches removed.

Scholarship

National BSA will be providing scholarships. For a participant to receive a scholarship, they must apply through National. If the participant succeeds in receiving a scholarship, it will only cover a part of the overall cost. Scholarship awards are typically announced just before the Jamboree is held and are typically paid directly to the participant. If a participant has applied for a scholarship, they must still stay up to date on their payment schedule.

As soon as scholarship information is provided by National, it will be passed along to the participants.

Refund

If a participant becomes a part of the contingent and is no longer able to attend the Jamboree for any reason, they must find a replacement for their position before a refund can be made. If there is an active waiting list, the replacement participant will be pulled from this list.

If a participant is on the waiting list and is not responsible for a spot in the contingent, a 100% refund will be provided if they do not attend the Jamboree.

Code of Conduct

The National Jamboree provides a very clear set of expectations when it comes to the behavior of the participants. It is the responsibility of the contingent leadership to supervise the youth when at the Jamboree and to verify they are obeying these rules. If a scout is found to break any of these rules before reaching the Jamboree, the behavior will be reviewed by the contingent leadership and may result in expulsion from the contingent. From the 2021 National Jamboree guide:

“Violation of this Code of Conduct, or any other conduct deemed to be inconsistent with the values of Scouting, may result in expulsion from The Summit at the participant’s own expense and could result in revocation of BSA membership.”

Contingent Meetings and Shakedown

Before attending the Jamboree, the youth comprising the Mobile Area Council’s contingent will meet multiple times as a single unit. At the Jamboree, our youth will be among 15,000 scouts. They must understand the rules, be aware of all the exciting events to attend, and learn to work together and trust each other. There will be a series of unit meetings as well as one or two shakedowns to help reach this goal.

** Meeting attendance is highly recommended, and as the event approaches, some will be mandatory. Shakedowns are mandatory.

Unit meetings will occur on Sundays, from 3-4:30 pm. These meetings will occur every 3 months on the following dates. The location for each meeting will be communicated at a later time.

- May 22, 2022
- August 14, 2022
- November 6, 2022
- February 26, 2023
- May 21, 2023

* If necessary, additional meetings will be scheduled

There is one shakedown that is scheduled for the contingent. A second shakedown will be scheduled if deemed necessary.

- Feb 24-26, 2023

Payment Schedule

When signing up for the Jamboree, the total payment must be made based upon the sign-up date.

| Date | Payment | Total Payment |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Initial Deposit | \$250 | \$250 |
| May 13, 2022 | \$175 | \$425 |
| June 15, 2022 | \$175 | \$600 |
| July 15, 2022 | \$175 | \$775 |
| August 15, 2022 | \$175 | \$950 |
| September 15, 2022 | \$175 | \$1,125 |
| October 14, 2022 | \$175 | \$1,300 |
| November 15, 2022 | \$175 | \$1,475 |
| December 15, 2022 | \$175 | \$1,650 |
| January 13, 2023 | \$175 | \$1,825 |
| February 15, 2023 | \$175 | \$2,000 |
| March 15, 2023 | \$175 | \$2,175 |
| April 14, 2023 | \$125 | \$2,300 |