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A Guide for Participants & Parents

MECKLENBURG COUNTY COUNCIL CONTINGENT

2023 Scouts BSA National Jamboree
Summit Bechtel Reserve
July 19-28, 2023



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This overview will guide youth participants, parents, and adult Jamboree unit leaders through the early stages of the Council's preparation for the 2023 Scouts BSA National Jamboree. It is NOT intended to be all the information that a participant will need. The guide includes information that is not likely to change. As the Council and contingent units prepare for the Jamboree adventure, additional details will be provided.

Communication and Updates

The national staff for the Jamboree provides on-going updates to council contingents as they work toward attending the Jamboree. **Please be patient. As we get closer to the Jamboree, we have planned communication releases to keep you informed of developments.** There are also periodic webinars for unit leaders and participants. You can also gather more information here:

Preparation Events – Each unit will have independent meetings so Scouts/Venturers and parents can become better acquainted with the unit leaders and each other. The program has been carefully planned to prepare participants for the Jamboree experience and is detailed in the contingent schedule. Attendance at these meetings is crucial to each participant becoming part of his/her unit as it works through the natural stages of team development.

Like us on Facebook – Check the Council Facebook page at [Facebook.com/MeckBSA](https://www.facebook.com/MeckBSA) and follow along as we post fun facts and interesting details about upcoming activities. Our Facebook page will also be a place for parents to watch as participants post photos from the Jamboree site in 2023.



Email Updates - We will continue to update participants using the preferred email address which you provided on the Council registration page. This guide will be posted on the Jamboree page at www.mccscouting.org. If the guide is revised, a summary of revisions will be listed in the revised document.

Council Contingent Unit Leaders - Each unit from the Council will have well qualified unit leaders who will be carefully selected to give participants the best possible experience at the Jamboree. The unit leaders may not know the answer to every question, but they will be eager to provide the most up-to-date and accurate information available.

Helpful and Friendly - Questions regarding the Jamboree may be directed to:

Courtenay Miller – Council Jamboree Steering Committee Chair at cmiller@cplanning.com

Jim Sander – Council Jamboree Registrar at jameswatsonsander@gmail.com

Checks for Jamboree participant fees should be made payable to MCC BSA. Please mark “2023 Jamboree” on the check memo line. Payments may be hand delivered or mailed to

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Cost and Payments

Financial affordability was an important consideration in planning for our contingent's experience for the 2023 National Jamboree. We believe the magic of this experience is the Jamboree itself. The Scouts BSA Jamboree base fee is \$1,285. The Council Jamboree planning committee has worked hard to arrive at the lowest total fee possible for the event. The additional costs cover all of the items below starting with the duffle bag.

The cost for the Jamboree for the Mecklenburg County Council contingent is

- **\$1,995 for youth participants, and**
- **\$1,495 for adult leaders**

Fee includes

- 10 days of attendance and activities at Jamboree including all meals and activities
- Tent, cot, and unit gear used at Jamboree
- Duffle bag for gear (participants will keep this bag)
- Jamboree memorabilia including
 - Two Official 2023 Jamboree uniform patches
 - Two Council shoulder patches
 - Two troop numerals
 - Jamboree uniform nameplate
- One set of MCC Jamboree patches for trading (additional available for purchase)
- Unit Jamboree T-shirt and hat (or other SWAG at unit discretion)
- Pre-Jamboree shakedown campout at Belk Scout Camp (April 2023) inclusive of meals
 - Attendance is mandatory for this weekend
- Transportation to and from Jamboree

NOT included White Water Rafting – This event is space-limited and will require a separate registration. The rafting cost will be provided when it is known.

Payment Schedule Payments are due at registration as shown below. Full payment is due by February 1, 2023. Should you have any outstanding payment questions or need to setup a personal payment plan, please contact our local Jamboree Registrar Jim Sander.

Payment Schedule (Registration Before 11/1/22)

<u>YOUTH FEES – Due on following dates</u>		<u>ADULT LEADER FEES – Due on following dates</u>	
With registration	\$350.00	With registration	\$275.00
June 1, 2022	\$400.00	June 1, 2022	\$275.00
August 1, 2022	\$400.00	August 1, 2022	\$275.00
November 1, 2022	\$400.00	November 1, 2022	\$300.00
February 1, 2023	<u>\$445.00</u>	February 1, 2023	<u>\$370.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,995.00	TOTAL FEE	\$1,495.00

Notes:

- While not expected, fees may be adjusted for unforeseen cost increases such as fuel surcharges
- Individual units may choose to collect funds for unit-specific items such as patches, neckerchiefs, etc.
- After registering on-line, participants will be contacted by the Council Jamboree Registrar with fee payment details
- Youth and adults registering after June 1 will be contacted to establish a payment schedule

Payment Schedule (Registration After 10/31/22)

YOUTH FEES – Due on following dates

With registration	\$550.00
November 1, 2022	\$830.00
February 1, 2023	<u>\$830.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,210.00

ADULT LEADER FEES – Due on following dates

With registration	\$450.00
November 1, 2022	\$630.00
February 1, 2023	<u>\$630.00</u>
TOTAL FEE	\$1,710.00

Refund/Withdrawal Policy - Consistent with prior MCC Jamboree policy and Scouts BSA guidelines, any participant who desires to withdraw from a Jamboree unit and receive a fee refund must:

- Notify Jamboree unit leader and Council Jamboree registrar Jim Sander in writing
- Return all items provided by the Council (i.e., Jamboree patches, duffle, troop numerals, etc.)
- **Any fee refunds will be made ONLY after a qualified replacement participant has COMPLETED registration AND is current on fees**

Key Dates & Planning Calendar

Please mark your calendar for the following events and key dates leading up to the 2023 National Jamboree:

2022

September 18 All Hands kick-off meeting | Location TBD

TBD by Units Unit Meetings and Teambuilding | Time & Location TBD, Typically monthly

2023

TBD by Units Unit Meetings and Teambuilding | Time & Location TBD, Typically monthly

TBD Jamboree Contingent Service Project | Time & Location TBD

April 28-30 Jamboree Contingent Shakedown Campout | Belk Scout Camp
Attendance is mandatory

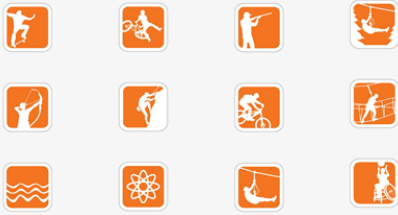
July 19 Depart for the Jamboree | Time & Location TBD

July 28 Return from the Jamboree | Time & Location TBD

NOTE: Jamboree youth and adult participants are expected to attend all Jamboree-related unit meetings and and Council events leading up to the Jamboree. These events are important for building unit cohesion.

The Council contingent will travel to and from the Jamboree as a group. No individual independent transportation, or meeting up with the contingent on-site, is allowed.

Program at the Jamboree



Overview The 2023 National Jamboree at the Summit will be filled with programs that will excite Scouts from all across the country. The Jamboree program will be delivered at the adventure activity areas on site, the Scott Summit Center, and the New River Gorge National River Area.

Adventure Areas The adventure areas offer several different activity experiences to get the Scouts' and Venturers' blood pumping. Most activities will be available on a first come, first served basis and will be designed for maximum throughput. Certain activities that have very limited throughput capacity may be scheduled by a lottery system. More details on this system will be provided to unit leaders in Spring 2023.

Adventure Valley - Home to The Rocks (rock climbing), Low Gear/High Gear (cross-country mountain biking), The Ropes (challenge courses), The Zip, and kayaking on Tri-Dave Lake.

The Canopy - Site of the Summit's canopy tours. Soar through the trees on a series of zip lines 50 to 80 feet in the air.

Thrasher Mountain – Location of The Park and The Trax. The Park is a first-rate skateboarding facility where Scouts can reach new heights on the vert ramp or grind out new street-style combos. The Trax is the Summit's thrilling BMX course.

The Bows and Barrels – The shooting sports program for the 2023 Jamboree will offer the widest variety of shooting sports activities ever. Shotguns, rifles, pistols, 3-D archery, and sporting arrows are all offered on state-of-the-art ranges.

Aquatic activities - The Summit has two man-made lakes for all-day water fun. Goodrich Lake will be home to fishing, basic kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, and an expanded Water Reality obstacle course. Tri-Dave Lake will be home to advanced kayaking.

The Scott Summit Center - The Scott Summit Center is the hub of Jamboree activity and the Jamboree's "Main Street." The Summit Center is surrounded by the base camps and the activity areas and it is the only area open to Jamboree day visitors. Day visitors can enjoy the Scott Summit Center and experience a sampling of the Jamboree activities. The Center is also a convenient meeting place for visitors and Jamboree participants.

Day visitors are not allowed outside the Scott Summit Center. They cannot enter the participant base camps or activity areas outside of the Summit Center.

The Scott Summit Center is home to the stadium shows, the military exhibits, conservation trail, the Disabilities Awareness Area, the Sustainability Treehouse, merit badge offerings, Boulder Cove, Legacy Village, and a wide variety of other live music shows, exhibits, and displays.

Action Point – This is a section of the Scott Summit Center where both day visitors and participants can enjoy smaller preview versions of the activities offered in the adventure areas of the wider Jamboree site.

The Conservation Trail - is located within Scott Summit Center near Boulder Cove along Goodrich Lake. This trail features activities and exhibits from conservation agencies and organizations. The Conservation Trail provides hands-on education about the natural world and how we interact with it.

Stadium Shows - The main stadium in Scott Summit Center hosts exciting stadium shows for all participants twice during the Jamboree. These up-beat shows feature well know entertainers and are always a Jamboree highlight. The closing show will showcase the biggest and best fireworks display you have ever seen!

Mount Jack Program - For 2023, the Mount Jack activities are being conducted in base camp C. Participants can take part in pioneering, buckskin games, Highland Games, Native American and other historical activities and challenges.

Aquatic Program and Swim Classifications To participate in the unique aquatic activities at the Jamboree, including those who choose the off-site New River rafting adventure, Scouts and Venturers will need to be classified for swimming prior to arrival at the Jamboree. We will use the BSA classification system of non-swimmer, beginner, and swimmer.

Unit leaders are responsible for swim classification checks and issuing buddy tags to their units during the scheduled Jamboree shakedown campout or pre-Jamboree training. Each tag will be marked with the participant's name and swim classification. Correct certification by Scoutmasters is a serious trust, since the life of a Scout could depend on it. A single buddy tag will be issued to the participant for the supervised aquatics activities at the Jamboree and must be presented by the participant when he or she arrives at the specific adventure areas. Participants without tags will be treated as non-swimmers.

Hometown Culture Day – Sunday, July 23

Adventure areas will be closed for the day. Units will be encouraged to mix and mingle and share some of the unique foods, dress, and activities of their hometown.

Religious Observances

Chaplains representing many faiths will be at the Jamboree to conduct services and provide personal counseling. Participants and staff also are encouraged to visit the various religious relationships tents in the Scott Summit Center. Religious observances and chaplain services for Scouts, leaders, and staff of all faiths will be coordinated by a chaplain for each faith. There will be a daily devotional guide available for individual use. Also, Jamboree-wide worship services for each faith will be held on Sunday, July 23 in the morning.

Service Projects

Jamboree units will perform a service project in advance of the Jamboree to support needs in their home community. More information about the Council service projects will be provided as it is developed.



Visitors

The Jamboree will be open to visitors on certain days. As soon as the schedule and fees are available, they will be published on www.jamboree.scouting.org. Participants are encouraged to have family or other Scouting friends (even whole units) come for a visit to catch the Jamboree excitement.

The Scott Summit Center is the only Jamboree area that is open to visitors. Visitors are not allowed in the base camps or activity areas. Participants will be able to meet their visitors in the Scott Summit Center to enjoy the activities, such as patch trading, dining, souvenir shopping, Scouting fellowship, exhibits, and small-scale versions of the Jamboree adventure activity areas.

Base Camp, Subcamp, & Unit Operations

Following is a broad overview of 2023 National Jamboree organization:

- The Summit has 4 large basecamps A-B-C-D for participants. Each basecamp will be operated by a specific Scouts BSA region.
- Scouts BSA units will be camped in areas based on gender-specific showers and restrooms.
- Camp areas will be separated by barriers such as roads or swells so that campsites are well defined.
- Male and female participants in council contingents (multiple units/partial units) can travel to the Jamboree together as long as all Scouts BSA polices are followed enroute.
- Each basecamp is divided into subcamps. These, in turn are divided into five neighborhoods per subcamp. There will be ten Scouting units (36 Scouts + 4 adult leaders per unit) per neighborhood.
- Two youth participants will be rooming together in one tent. Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age per BSA Barriers to Abuse.
- Youth participants 18-20 years of age are considered adults and they will not tent with anyone under 18
- Adult leaders will have individual tents based on 4 leaders per unit. For units with additional leaders, double occupancy will be required
- Both the youth participant and leader tents will be dome-style tents with cots provided.
- All individual Scouting units will be preparing their meals in their campsites.
- There will be one headquarters area within each subcamp for assistance.
- There will be accessible medical facilities near each base camp.



Transportation

All Council youth and adult participants are required to travel to and from the Jamboree with the Council contingent. The Council is currently working on the transportation plan. Exact departure and return times and locations will be announced as they are available.

Gear and Equipment

The Jamboree is providing all unit gear (cots, cook gear, stoves, etc.). The Council will provide 2-person tents for Scouts and leaders. The tents will be spacious at 9' x 9' 6". Adult leaders will have individual tents.

Scouts only need to provide personal gear. Tents and all personal gear will be carried from the bus stop to the unit campsite. This could be a distance up to 1 mile. Please pack accordingly. Gear will be limited to the 130 liter capacity of the contingent-provided duffel bag. The following is a preliminary list of personal gear and clothing:

Personal Gear

- Sleeping bag (lightweight w/ 30-degree rating is good)
- Eating kit (plate, bowl, and spork are adequate)
- Reusable lunch bag (disposable plastic bags will not be provided)
- Daypack / bookbag / string pack
- **Two** 1-liter water bottles
- Toiletry kit (keep it small)
- **Two** bath towels
- **One** washcloth
- Swimsuit / water shoes
- Optional - Solar camp shower (3 gallon)
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen
- Non-aerosol insect repellent
- Air or travel pillow
- Sunglasses
- Cell phone and charger
- **Females:** feminine hygiene products

Clothing

- One complete Scouts BSA Class A uniform (see note below)
- Good, broken in trail shoes or hiking boots
- Rain gear
- Scout headgear
- One jacket or sweatshirt
- Two sets of sleep clothes
- Seven pairs of underwear
- 4-5 Scout/Jamboree T-shirts/polo/activity shirts
- 5-6 pairs of hiking socks

Note: Arrival/departure days, stadium shows, and Sunday religious observances will be Class A uniform days. Other Class A times may be determined by unit leaders. All other days require Scout-related/Jamboree T-shirts or activity shirts with uniform short or long pants. Any clothing such as hats, T-shirts, etc. with non-Scouting themes, inappropriate language or graphics, etc. are not acceptable.

Sustainability - The Summit has a network of tanks, pipes, and filters that serves as a graywater system. As a result of this system and the ambient-temperature showers daily water use per person has been reduced by nearly two-thirds.

If you are considering a solar camp shower, please limit it to three gallons or less in size. Considerate water conservation practices will go a long way in making sure the Summit's systems are not overstressed.

Cooking and Eating

Jamboree food will be top quality and there will be lots of it! All units will cook as a troop/crew for breakfast and dinner, not as individual patrols. A trail lunch will be distributed with breakfast for participants to pack and carry with them as they leave their camp for the day's activities.

Training in proper food preparation techniques prior to the Jamboree will help ensure an enjoyable experience for all unit members. It is the responsibility of the assistant Scoutmaster or adviser in charge of physical arrangements to oversee the preparation and serving of meals within the unit during the Jamboree.

Duties for this adult leader are:

- Ensuring safe practices are followed in the handling and preparation of food
- Working through and with the youth leadership to train and oversee the tasks of picking up food and food supplies, food preparation, serving, and cleanup
- Consulting with youth cooks regularly on the most effective ways to prepare daily food selections
- Meeting with the youth cooks and giving briefings on food preparation and safety precautions
- Overseeing cleanup operations after each meal

Menu Youth and leaders attending the Jamboree will be issued meals supplies from a pre-published menu.

Cooking Equipment The Jamboree unit equipment package will include propane stoves with the fittings necessary to use the provided tanks and fuel for all meal preparation. Under no circumstances should participants bring cooking appliances, fuel tanks, or fuel. Cooking and serving utensils will also be provided.

Special Diets The Jamboree Food Team will aid Scouts, leaders, and staff who have special dietary requirements in the following ways:

- Religious restrictions such as, Kosher, Halal, and health restrictions such as celiac disease and nut allergies will be accommodated
- Gluten free and vegetarian diets are “lifestyle” choices they are not included but our menus will address ingredients and notifications to help participants who choose to avoid certain menu items.
- There are many gluten free and vegetarian choices in the Jamboree menus. There will be information in the menu documents that detail food ingredients to assist all participants in avoiding items that may cause allergic reactions or discomfort. The menus and ingredients will be included in contingent menu information. Units may also opt to bring additional shelf stable supplements.

The Jamboree food team recognizes that there are many potential dietary restrictions as well as common diets (e.g., low-calorie and low carbohydrate) and common food allergies (e.g., to gluten, citrus fruit, dairy, eggs, fish, nuts/ peanuts, and shellfish). Individuals will need to consider this and use the published information avoid such items in the campsite or their buffet choices in the staff dining halls.

In addition, please understand that the food team cannot feasibly plan for all specific dietary needs of all persons attending the Jamboree. Any participant with special food requirements for medical reasons (after medical permission to attend Jamboree is granted), or personal dietary beliefs, must make their own arrangements to meet those needs by bringing nonperishable food with them—just as they would bring their own medications.

Medical Requirements

Weather conditions at the Jamboree can range from hot and humid during the day to chilly temperatures in the evenings. Rain is quite common at the Summit. Jamboree activities are very strenuous with a lot of hiking between activity sites across the Jamboree. It will be crucial for all participants to arrive fit and prepared and that they drink plenty of water while at the Jamboree.

Physical Examination All participants must submit certification of physical fitness on the official BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR). Maintenance of good health in a Jamboree camp is of utmost importance, and it is with this objective in mind that the following must be enforced:

- Participants will have a complete examination by a licensed health-care practitioner.
- A complete and current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, & C) must be hand signed by the physician and parent. This medical form, with copy of a health care insurance card (if applicable) should be provided to your unit leader and uploaded to the BSA national site when directed by the unit leader. The examination must take place not fewer than 30 days or more than 12 months before departure to the Jamboree.
- Participants will go through a medical screening prior to arrival. It is imperative that all medical forms are submitted by the published deadlines so that prior approval for participation occurs before you leave for the Jamboree.
- If a participant is found medically unfit upon arrival at the Jamboree, he or she must return home at his or her own expense.

Immunizations When attending any Scouts BSA programs or activities that require an AHMR or specialty physical exam a current tetanus immunization is required. The following immunizations are strongly recommended:

- COVID-19
- Hepatitis A
- Hepatitis B
- Diphtheria, pertussis
- Meningococcal disease
- Polio
- Measles, mumps, and rubella
- Varicella
- Influenza

Immunization Exceptions on Medical or Religious Grounds There may be medical or religious reason why a participant cannot comply with vaccination requirements. For medical exemptions, obtain a statement to that effect from a physician. For religious exemptions, participants must also provide a statement to that effect that includes specific reasons, so the request can be given full consideration by the Jamboree medical staff.

All exemption statements need to be submitted with the medical form. The BSA immunization exemption request form can be found at <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-451.pdf>

Physical Fitness – Be Prepared!

GO FORWARD WITH PHYSICAL FITNESS

Participation in the 2023 Scouts BSA National Jamboree is a physically demanding experience. The layout, grade and elevation of the site require substantial walking as part of everyone's daily schedule. A number of activities require more stamina and fitness, too—think climbing, rappelling, rafting, mountain biking, and skateboarding. The weather will be hot and humid.

It is essential that all participants and staff are prepared for the physical demands of the Summit prior to arrival. Obesity and being overweight have been shown to increase the likelihood of certain diseases and other health problems such as hypertension, heart attack, dyslipidemia, and stroke. Anyone who is obese and has multiple risk factors for heart and lung disease would be at much greater risk of an acute health event imposed on them by the vigorous activities of the Jamboree. Our goal is to prevent any serious health-related event from occurring and ensuring that all our participants and staff are “physically strong.”

There are multiple co-morbidities which should be taken into account as decisions are made about an individual's participation in the Jamboree. Individuals with a history of any of the conditions listed below should consult their healthcare provider to see whether participating in the Jamboree could exacerbate their condition. These applicants may also be requested to provide further documentation, including cardiac testing, pulmonary testing, or further information from their physician to ensure the applicant's ability to participate.

- Obesity
- Tobacco Use
- High Blood Pressure
- Diabetes mellitus
- Dyslipidemia
- Prior heart attack
- Coronary angioplasty/stent
- Coronary artery surgery
- Family history of premature (before age 55) heart disease
- COPD
- Sleep apnea requiring CPAP or BiPAP
- Prior stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA)

Accordingly, it is the policy of the 2023 National Jamboree that all individuals:

- 1. Provide their healthcare provider with the Summit High-Adventure Risk Advisory to Health Care Providers and Parents, and***
- 2. Submit a completed BSA AHMR signed by their healthcare provider***

Medications Leaders need to treat youth medications as they would on any unit campout or when attending summer camp. Medications are to be secured and dispensed by the unit's leaders throughout the Jamboree, as well as while traveling to and from the event.

Units must bring a small lock box to secure these medications. Medications needing refrigeration can be stored at the medical service location nearest your assigned camp site.

Staff or Jamboree Service Team (JST)

The Jamboree needs as many volunteer staff members as possible. Please spread the word to adult and youth leaders you admire in Scouting. Serving on the JST is a great way for adults and older youth (age 16 and up) to enjoy the fun of the Jamboree. Prior Jamboree experience is NOT required to serve on JST.

There is an infinite variety of JST jobs that need to be performed, so there is a job for everyone, no matter what their talents and interests are.

There are several adults from the Council serving on the JST for the 2023 Jamboree. Before registering for JST on the national website, contact Courtenay Miller (cmiller@cplanning.com) to find an assignment with fellow Scouters from the Council.

JST members can choose to participate in either the full Jamboree or just a portion. Also, the JST fee for persons under age 34 is reduced to encourage participation.

- JST can register for one of three sessions
 - Session 1 – first half - July 17-23, 2023
 - Session 2 - second half - July 24-29, 2023
 - Session 3 – full Jamboree - July 16-29, 2023

- JST registration fees for 34 years of age and older:
 - Session 1 - \$700
 - Session 2 - \$700
 - Session 3 - \$1,200

- JST registration fees for ages 16-33:
 - Session 1 - \$400
 - Session 2 - \$400
 - Session 3 - \$675

A detailed list of positions and volunteer information is available on the national Jamboree website:
<https://Jamboree.scouting.org/Jamboree-service-team/>