



# PATRIOTS' PATH COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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**JAMBOREE HISTORY:** Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of the Boy Scouts, envisioned the idea of holding a large encampment of Boy Scouts and their leaders to celebrate Scouting in England. He called it a Jamboree. Since 1937, the Boy Scouts of America has held 17 National Scout Jamborees for Scouts and their leaders throughout the United States. More than 700,000 Scouts and leaders have attended the National Jamboree, beginning with the first one held at the base of the Washington Monument on the Mall in our nation's capital.

The next National Scout Jamboree will be held during July of 2013, and for the first time at the Boy Scouts of America's newest high adventure facility, the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Now is the time to start making plans to attend the 2013 National Boy Scout Jamboree.

**LOCATION:** The 2013 National Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, the Boy Scouts of America newest high adventure facility. Located in the rolling hills of West Virginia, this 1,000-acre facility will be subdivided into 20 subcamps, including one subcamp dedicated just to Venturers. There will be permanent campsites with bathrooms, underground electricity and fiber optic cable throughout the site. The Summit Bechtel Reserve will utilize technology at every possible level so that all participants can enjoy the jamboree "magic". More than 40,000 Scouts, Ventures and adults will enjoy the highest level of the Scouting experience possible.

## **BOY SCOUT QUALIFICATIONS:**

Scouts and team members must have a current BSA membership with a Boy Scout troop

- Must be at least First Class Scouts by June 1, 2013.
- Must be at least 12 years of age by the first day of the jamboree or an 11 year old that has graduated the 6th grade, but has not reached their 18th birthday by the last day of the jamboree.
- Be approved by the unit leader and local council.
- Participate in a pre-jamboree training experience.
- Have filed a Jamboree Personal Health and Medical record with the council jamboree committee before the pre-jamboree training.
- Submit all registration fees per the local council's payment schedule.

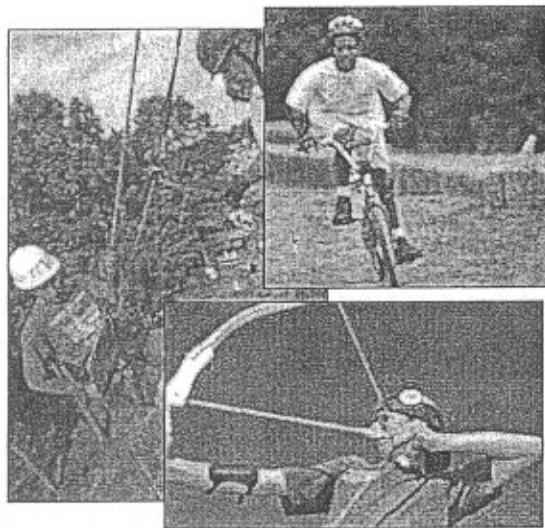
## **VENTURER QUALIFICATIONS:**

Crew members must have a current BSA membership with a Venturing crew.

- Must have graduated the 8th grade or be at least 14 years of age by the first day of the jamboree, but have not reached their 21st birthday by the last day of the jamboree.
- Participate in a pre-jamboree training experience.
- Be approved by the unit leader and local council.
- Have filed a Jamboree Personal Health and Medical record with the council jamboree committee before the pre-jamboree training.
- Submit all registration fees per the local council's payment schedule.

**REGISTRATION PROCESS:** All registrations must be done online through the National Jamboree Website and registration system. The website is [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org) or <http://summit.scouting.org/en/Jamboree2013/Pages/default.aspx>

**ADULT LEADERS:** The Council Jamboree Committee is responsible for selecting the best qualified adults to assume leadership positions in our council contingent troops attending the jamboree. Your completion of the registration process through the National website does not guarantee you a slot with the contingent.



The initial step in applying for a contingent leader position is to complete the online registration process through the National website. All candidates will be interviewed by the council jamboree committee between December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 and January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Selection decisions will be made by the end of January 2012 and all applicants shall be advised of their standing. Troop leaders that have been selected will then join the council jamboree committee and attend monthly meetings beginning in February 2012.

**JAMBOREE PROGRAM:** The 2013 National Scout Jamboree program reflects the skills of Scouting, our national heritage, physical fitness, environmental conservation, religious beliefs, and the true spirit of Scouting. Daily activities include archery, shotgun shooting, a bikathlon, white water rafting, running

obstacle courses, rappelling, buckskin games, confidence courses, conservation programs, scuba, kayaking, small boat sailing, the Merit Badge Midway, an arts and science fair, a Native American Indian village, and many other activities. There are magnificent opening and closing arena shows as well as daily stage shows. Religious services will provide a time for reflection. Of course there is plenty of patch trading too. *It's Scouting at its very best!!!*

**LIMITED PARTICIPATION:** The Patriots' Path Council is sending five, 40-person troops, each consisting of 36 Scouts and four adult leaders, and two 10-person Venture Crews, each consisting of 8 Venturers and two Crew Advisors. Therefore, only 220 lucky participants from the entire Patriots' Path Council will be attending the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.

**ANTICIPATED FEES:** Patriot's Path Council has not yet finalized the budget for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, but the current anticipated cost is \$1,600 per Scout, which will include almost everything except the cost of uniforms and personal equipment. After a Scout submits his \$250.00 deposit, a reasonable payment schedule will be set up. However, no Scout will be denied attending the 2013 National Jamboree for financial reasons. Jamboree scholarships are available to offset portions of the cost for qualifying participants.

**QUESTIONS:** If you have questions or need additional information, visit the Council's website, [www.ppbsa.org](http://www.ppbsa.org), click on Council Activities, National Jamboree, or contact either Robert Morris or Debbie Wickham at (973) 765-9322 extensions 223 or 239 respectively, or send an e-mail to either [romorris@bsamail.org](mailto:romorris@bsamail.org) or [dwickham@bsamail.org](mailto:dwickham@bsamail.org).

A jamboree at the Summit will truly be that once-in-a-lifetime experience for all who attend.