



Dear International Commissioners,

Approximately every four years, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) conducts a national Scout jamboree. It is the largest Scouting activity in the United States of America with over 40,000 Scouts and leaders in attendance. The 2017 BSA National Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve (The Summit) in West Virginia, USA. The Summit will also be the location of the 2019 World Scout Jamboree hosted by Scouts Canada, Asociación de Scouts de México, and the BSA. This is not the “practice” for the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, as it would not be appropriate for only one of the three co-hosts to hold the “practice” event.

We are excited to extend an invitation to your national Scout organization (NSO) to join us at the BSA’s 2017 National Scout Jamboree from Wednesday, July 19, through Friday, July 28, 2017. The International Department of the BSA will serve as your “council” for this event. This jamboree experience will be one of the best Scouting events you have ever attended. The Summit is the permanent home of the BSA’s national Scout jamboree. With this in mind, the BSA has built the ultimate Scout playground. The programs include BMX biking, skateboard parks, mountain biking, hiking, challenge courses and so much more.

Age Groups and Cost

Age Groups	Cost:
Youth Participants 14-17 years old *	\$1,225.00 USD
Youth Participants 18-20 years old *	
Unit Leaders 21–25 years old *	\$750.00 USD
Unit Leaders 26 years old and older *	\$1,275.00 USD
Staff 18-25 years old *	\$575.00 USD
Staff 26 years old and older *	\$1,025.00 USD

* Must be this age by the first day of the jamboree.

What is included in the jamboree cost?

For Youth Participants and Unit Leaders, the following is included:

10-day national Scout jamboree fee including insurance detailed below, all food during the event, jamboree gear (tents with ground cover, cot, dining area/facilities in each site, tools to set up tents, picnic tables, cooking supplies and cookware – except personal mess kit) and most activities. Additionally provided by your “council” in the cost are troop numerals, name tag, patrol first aid kit, patrol lock box, patrol flag, troop flag, jamboree flag, and neckerchiefs. Your expenses will be transportation, personal equipment, uniforms, and spending money.

For Staff, the following is included:

10-day national Scout jamboree fee including insurance detailed below, all food during the event, four-person tent housing and a cot. Additionally provided by your “council” in the cost are event name tag and neckerchiefs. Your expenses will be transportation, personal equipment, uniforms, and spending money.

White-water Rafting

White-water Rafting is an additional fee to cover transport and guide services. The reservations for white-water rafting, as well as the additional charge, will be taken in July – September 2016. The deadline for these slots is November 30, 2016.

Patrol and Troop sizes

Patrols will consist of 10 people, and troops will consist of 40 people. Patrols may consist of eight youth and two unit leaders or nine youth and one unit leader as determined by the NSO. The footprint of our campsites is based on four unit leaders and 36 youth participants per troop. If you require two unit leaders per patrol of 10, unit leaders may be required to share a tent, by gender.

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Insurance

Accident and sickness insurance will be provided to all those attending the BSA's 2017 National Scout Jamboree. The cost of this insurance is included as part of the jamboree fee. The coverage will begin upon arrival to The Summit through departure from The Summit. The coverage will be effective while in attendance and participating in the BSA's 2017 National Scout Jamboree.

This insurance information may differ from some currently public guidebooks, but this is the correct information.

International contingents are encouraged to purchase travel insurance for the portions of their travel to the national Scout jamboree that are not covered by the jamboree fee. Your travel insurance should include travel from your home country to the U.S. and back, as well as travel from your port of entry to The Summit and back to your port of exit.

Transportation

It is important to know **the jamboree fee does not include transportation from your country of origin to/from the jamboree site**, or any lodging/touring before or after the jamboree.

It is the responsibility of the youth participants, unit leaders and staff to provide their own transportation to the The Summit. The two closest airports are Yeager Airport in Charleston, West Virginia, USA (CRW) and Charlotte-Douglas International Airport in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA (CLT).

Transportation information will be provided as soon as it becomes available. This information will include transportation options and contact information for transportation vendors.

Staff requirements

Staff members must be fluent in English, available to arrive at the jamboree site up to one week before the event begins, to receive training and assist in final preparations for participant arrival, and depart after the participants have left, to assist with clean up and closing their department. Finally, the staff will be required to camp in the staff Basecamp that is separate from their NSO's contingent Basecamp.

More Information and Next Steps

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at International@scouting.org. Also, feel free to visit our national Scout jamboree website at <http://www.bsajamboree.org> for more information about the event. Please note that some information on our national Scout jamboree website, including pricing, is specific to each "council" attending, and will not be the price communicated to you. For the International youth participants and unit leaders, and staff, the International Department of the BSA is your "council". Further event information on the national Scout jamboree website is more general and indeed will provide you with more information about the event.

We look forward to your response on the International Contingent Interest Form with your national Scout organization Registrar identified and emailed to International@scouting.org by May 31, 2016. The Registration System of non-BSA NSOs will only be active after we receive the Registrar information from those NSOs planning to attend.

Please note, the contingent interest form is for planning purposes only and does not guarantee your national Scout organization the number of spaces requested nor does it constitute a financial obligation by your national Scout organization. If we do not receive a contingent interest form back by the deadline, we will not be able to guarantee space for your contingent.

Sincerely,



Janine Halverson
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