



2026 National Jamboree

July 22-31, 2026

**Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve,
Glen Jean, West Virginia**

Youth Contingent Member Information and Application

The National Jamboree is Scouting America's biggest event attracting nearly 40,000 Scouts and Scouters from around the world. The Pine Tree Council is able to send a limited number of participants.

Contingent Capacity:

- One Scouts BSA Boy Troop made up of 18 youth male Scouts and 2 adult male leaders, 9 youth from Katahdin Area Council and 9 youth from Pine Tree Council. One adult leader position per council is available. The Scoutmaster for the unit has been chosen and is from the Katahdin Area Council.

Once space is filled, a waiting list will be started. If space opens in the contingent, those on the waiting list will be contacted in the order of their application.

Participant Eligibility Requirements

Scouts BSA

- Be a currently registered in Scouting America at the time of the Jamboree.
- Be at least age 12 by the first day of the Jamboree but have not reached age 18 by the last day of the Jamboree.
- Be approved by the unit leader and local council.
- Meet all Jamboree medical screening and requirements.

Jamboree Cost

The current estimated Jamboree contingent member cost is \$3400. The Council Jamboree committee does their best to deliver value when planning for the Jamboree, however, there are costs that are beyond the control of the Katahdin Council. For example, transportation contracts cannot be signed until much closer to the actual Jamboree departure date and prices may change.

Costs may also be affected if the Jamboree contingent is less than full. **(This is our best guess at present for an estimated cost of the entire Jamboree experience.)**

Participants will be provided a payment schedule. It is important that this schedule be followed so that the Council can meet its financial commitments related to the Jamboree. Jamboree scholarships may become available and information will be provided at a later date.

Refunds

Planning the Jamboree is very detailed. Payments for the Jamboree, transportation and related costs are made months before the actual trip and are often non-refundable. Due to this, if for some reason you find that you are no longer able to attend the Jamboree, notice must be made in writing to the Council Service Center. **Fees you have paid will not be refundable unless we have a replacement.** It is not your responsibility to find a replacement and spaces cannot be promised to others. Replacements will be found from an established waiting list if one exists. Deposits are non-refundable under any circumstance with the exception of those placed on a waiting list for whom Jamboree space cannot be secured. We appreciate your understanding.

Jamboree Unit Meetings and Shakedown

Once formed, each Jamboree Troop will schedule regular meetings to plan for various aspects of the Jamboree and to keep Scouts and parents informed.

Prior to the Jamboree the council require the contingent to conduct a get acquainted meeting and at least two shakedown camp outs, one of which will include a hike of at least one (1) mile. This event is to provide Jamboree units with required pre-Jamboree training and to prepare participants for the Jamboree experience. The exact date, times, and location will be provided at a later time. **Attendance at these meetings is mandatory.**

Jamboree Codes of Conduct

Both a 2026 Jamboree and a Council Code of Conduct will be provided outlining participant expectations and requirements. Above all else, the Scout Oath and Law guide Jamboree participation. **Failure to follow the rules outlined in each Code of Conduct may result in a participant being dismissed from the Jamboree contingent and the Jamboree at their own expense under parent/guardian supervision.** Dismissal is not grounds for a refund.