2013 National Jamboree / Go BIG, Go WILD

Get ready! The 2013 National Scout Jamboree is coming and it ain't your father's jamboree. We're talking seriously high adventure, people! Whitewater rafting, zip-lining, rappelling, mountain biking, hiking, and more - with 50,000 of your closest friends at the brand new Summit Bechtel Reserve in the wilds of West Virginia.

When: July 15 -24, 2013
Where: The Summit Bechtel Family National Scouting Reserve, Beckley, West Virginia

For the latest information, pictures and videos check out the Summit websites:
Website: summit.scouting.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheBechtelSummit
YouTube: http://www.youtube.com/user/TheBechtelSummit

The National Council recently purchased and is currently developing a 10,600-acre site in West Virginia as a permanent location for National Jamborees, the 2019 World Jamboree, annual high-adventure treks, and a training center. Located adjacent to the acclaimed New River Gorge, the Summit will feature whitewater, climbing, mountain-biking, and a host of other terrific activities.

How do I register for the Jamboree?

Camper and staff registration are now open! Click this link for detailed information!

Before you attempt to register, you must first create a user account via the National Jamboree website. (This is unique for the Jamboree, and it is not related to your MyScouting account.) Once you have created this account, you may register for any of the available options (i.e. Leader, Scout, or Staff). Be prepared with your BSA Membership ID and have a recent digital photo to upload before you begin.

If under 18, the parent or guardian will also have to create their own National Jamboree account and link your child's BSA membership to the parent's account. From the parent's account you can review your child's application, approve and submit it to National. You MUST complete this step for your son's application to be submitted. Once each applicant has successfully submitted their application, their dashboard will show a status of "Pending Review."

After completing the online registration, please print a copy of the application, have your Scoutmaster or Venture Crew Advisor to sign.

Please submit the signed application and $150 non-refundable deposit to:

Chicago Area Council
Jamboree Scout
1218 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois 60607

Having problems registering? Check out these helpful instructions .

While many costs are unknown, the Jamboree fee is expected to be approximately $1,500 - $1,700 in 2013. Interested Scouts and families should begin saving now for a memorable trip. Check here often for details when they are known.

How to I register to be a leader for our council's contingent?

Adults are needed to serve in leadership roles for our Scouts. Interest Scouters should apply online (no deposit necessary) and submit a Scouting resume to:

Chicago Area Council
Jamboree Contingent Leader
1218 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois 60607

All interested adults will be interviewed by the Jamboree Selection Committee before final selections are made. Once you have been selected and accepted a leadership position, you will need to submit a $150 non-refundable deposit. Adults not selected will be able to apply for Jamboree staff-at-large positions.

Leaders are expected to be selected in late 2011 early 2012. Leader applicants will be placed on a 'waiting list" within the Jamboree registration system until final selections are made.

Tentative Timeline

Now

Interested Scouts, potential troop leaders, and youth and adult staff register online and pay $150 deposit. Scouts will go through local, regional, and national approval process. Troops will not form mid 2012.

Late 2011 / Early 2012

Troop leader candidate interviews conducted and leaders selected

Fall 2012 / Spring 2013

Jamboree troop meetings with Scouts and adult leadership
Jamboree Contingent Shakeout Campout

July 2013

Jamboree departure!