



2017 National Jamboree July 19-28, 2017

Dear Scoutmasters, Venturing Crew Leaders and Scouters,

The Tidewater Council is in the planning process for the **2017 National Jamboree**. This Jamboree and future Jamborees will be held at Summit Bechtel Family Reserve in West Virginia. Even though this event is still more than eighteen months away, it is critical for us to establish the adult leadership to lead our troops and crews to this once in a lifetime event. The arrival date for Jamboree will be Wednesday, July 19, 2017 and the departure date will be Friday, July 28, 2017. We are projecting the total cost per participant to be approximately **\$1,020** for the third Asst Scoutmaster (if under 26 yrs of age) and **\$1,500** for youth and other adult leaders, as many associated costs for transportation, pre-Jamboree activities and other program support materials cannot be determined this far in advance.

We are asking that any Scout leaders interested in becoming a troop or crew leader for the National Jamboree, submit an application with your personal and scouting information as soon as possible. Our goal for the Jamboree is to fill at least **two Troops** and at least **two Venturing Teams**. Each troop will each have 36 Scouts, three adults over the age of 21, and one adult between the ages of 18 and 21 years old at the time of Jamboree. The 18-21 year old will serve as the third Assistant Scoutmaster. Venturing teams typically consist of 8-9 Venturers and 1-2 adults, for a total of 10. We expect to have co-ed Venturing Teams and will require co-ed leadership between all three of the teams. Please note, all leaders will be expected to recruit Scouts to fill our troops and crews.

A Council Leader Selection Committee will convene in the near future to obtain the commitment of four individuals to serve as Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors. Shortly thereafter, the committee will meet with the selected Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors to select the Assistant Scoutmaster and Associate Advisors for each of the council's National Jamboree troops and crews. The Council Jamboree Committee will select the third Assistant Scoutmasters by September 2016.

The Boy Scouts of America requires each person applying for a Jamboree position to meet certain requirements. These requirements are at <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/participants/>.

To be considered for a position, adult leader applications must be submitted to the Council Office **no later than Saturday, January 16, 2016**. Mail to:

2017 Jamboree Adult Leader Application
ATTN: John Crowder, Jamboree 2017 Committee Chair
1032 Heatherwood Drive
Virginia Beach, VA 23455

Thank you for your support of Scouting and we hope you will consider taking advantage of this great leadership opportunity. Please inform the youth in your unit about this once in a lifetime opportunity and have them register at www.bsajamboree.org as soon as possible as, the slots will fill up fast. More Jamboree information will be posted on the council's Jamboree 2017 web page at <http://tidewaterbsa.com/jamboree2017>.

Yours in Service,

John Crowder