



2021 National Scout Jamboree Registration is Open!

The 2021 National Scout Jamboree will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia July 21-30, 2021. Theme for the Jamboree is: "Face The Challenge".

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE? It is a one-of-a-kind Scouting event. It's a gathering of approximately 40,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff that showcases everything that is great about the BSA and its members. Held every four years, the Jamboree is an amazing opportunity for participants, volunteers, and visitors to experience the best of Scouting, all in

one place. Features include; one of the longest zip line courses in North America, a world-class skate park, ATV offerings, treetop canopy tours, rock climbing, patch trading, stadium shows, and much more!

WHO'S GOING? Tidewater Council will be sending: One all-boy Scouts BSA troop of 36 Scouts and up to 8 adult leaders, one-half all-girl Scouts BSA troop of 18 Scouts and 2 adult leaders, one-quarter Venturing Crew of 8 Scouts and 2 adult leaders, and one-quarter Sea Scout Ship of 8 Scouts and 2 adult leaders. We will be combining with nearby councils to fill a full all-girl Troop, Crew and Ship.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Scouts BSA Youth:

- Must be at least a First Class Scout and at least 12 years of age by July 21, 2021 or an 11 year old that has graduated the 6th grade, but have not turned 18 by July 30, 2021.
- Participate in pre-Jamboree training experiences in our council, file a BSA Health and Medical Record by deadline and submit all fees by the council payment schedule

Venturing or Sea Scouting Youth:

- Must be registered with a Venturing Crew or Sea Scouts Ship and be at least 14 by July 21, 2021 or 13 and have completed 8th grade but have not turned 21 by July 30, 2021
- Participate in pre-Jamboree training experiences in our council, file a BSA Health and Medical Record by deadline and submit all fees by the council payment schedule

COST: A final budget is being developed by the committee, but the total cost of this premier event will be about \$1700, similar to past national jamborees. The council Jamboree Committee will try to keep costs and fees as low as possible, but not sacrifice safety or the ability of participants to fully enjoy the unique Jamboree experience. While the National fee is \$1175, the total fee is an all-inclusive fee that includes transportation, participant and jamboree troop equipment such as NSJ 2021 backpack and duffle bag, patches, neckerchief, insurance, council support and other program items that will be provided to each of the participants and contingent leaders. Payments are due periodically, every 2-3 months, on a schedule spread over the next 18 months.

HOW TO APPLY TO ATTEND AS A YOUTH PARTICIPANT:

- Fill the application at [2021 NSJ Youth Application](#).
- Attach \$200 deposit with the application to hold your spot.
- Send application to the council office at the address on the application
- Once your application is reviewed and approved by the council, apply on the National Jamboree site at jamboree.scouting.org.

HOW TO BECOME A CONTINGENT LEADER: Being a contingent leader is another way to enjoy this once in a lifetime event. Leader positions available are: Scoutmaster, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Assistant Scoutmaster(3rd Asst SM is age 18-20), Crew Advisor, Sea Scout Ship Skipper or Mate.

- Fill out the adult leader application found here: [Adult Leader Application](#).
- Save and send the completed form to Dale Ward at dale@daleward.com.
- You will receive a note to arrange to attend a Contingent leaders interview.
- Final leaders will be selected from a pool of all applicants by the council Jamboree committee and you will be notified of your selection.

HAVE A NSJ 2021 REPRESENTATIVE VISIT YOUR MEETING: Representatives of the council NSJ 2021 committee are available to visit your unit and give you more information about what a National Jamboree is all about so your Scouts can start marking their calendars to attend. Contact [Dale Ward](#) who can get you in contact with one of the leaders who attended the last national jamboree.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE JAMBOREE SERVICE TEAM: Service Team members (formerly called "staff") may sign up line by session:

ADULTS (AGE 18 OR OLDER):

- Staff Session 1 – 7/17 – 7/31 – \$895
- Staff Session 2 – 7/17 – 7/24 – \$500
- Staff Session 3 – 7/24 – 7/31 – \$500.

YOUNG ADULTS (AGE 16- 25):

- Young Adult Jamboree Service Team (age 16-25) 7/17-7/24 – \$450
- Young Adult Jamboree Service Team- 7/24-7/31- \$450
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All Service Team registrations and fee payment are done online at the Jamboree site: <https://jamboree.scouting.org> and all Service Team members must be approved by the Scout Executive.

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE:

Attend one of two council information meetings:

- Wednesday, January 29th at 7 PM at the council office, 1032 Heatherwood Drive, Virginia Beach, VA. 23455
- Thursday, February 20th at 7 PM at Deep Creek United Methodist Church, 141 George Washington Highway North, Chesapeake, VA 23323

General information is also available online at <https://jamboree.scouting.org>.

Who to contact for more local council information: Dale Ward, dale@daleward.com