



THE 2017 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

July 19 – July 28, 2017

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE?

Every four years or so, the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America organizes the ultimate Boy Scout experience, the National Jamboree! The next National Jamboree is scheduled in 2017, at the Bechtel Scout Summit. Over 30,000 Scouts and Scouters attended the last Jamboree in 2013. All the excitement of past Jamborees will be incorporated into the 2017 National Jamboree with new themes, shows, and activities.

YOUTH QUALIFICATIONS:

For Boy Scouts:

Each Scout must be at least 12 years of age by July 19, 2017 or be 11 years old and has graduated from the 6th grade, and have not reached his 18th birthday by July 28, 2017. Be currently registered with a troop or team, be a First Class Scout, file a Jamboree physical form, meet BMI index requirements, participate in the pre-jamboree training, and be approved by his Scoutmaster and the Gulf Coast Council Jamboree Committee.

For Venturers:

Must have graduated the 8th grade or be at least 14 years old by July 15th, 2013, but not have reached their 21st birthday by July 24th, 2013. Be currently registered with a crew or a ship, file a Jamboree physical form, participate in the pre-jamboree training, and be approved by their unit leader and the Gulf Coast Council Jamboree Committee.

NOTE: Due to the number of Venturers in the Gulf Coast Council, we are currently not planning on sending a Gulf Coast Council Venturing crew to national jamboree, but we will be working with surrounding councils to do a combined venturing crew.

ADULT QUALIFICATIONS:

Unit Contingent leadership positions are selected through an interview process. Selection process will be scheduled initially to begin in November 2015. All The requirements are:

Scoutmaster and First Assistant Scoutmaster Qualifications – Must be currently registered with a troop or team, be at least 21 years old by July 19, 2017. Must currently be serving as Scoutmaster or Varsity Coach. Must have completed Leader Specific Training, serve as role model for physical fitness, file a Jamboree physical form, meet the BMI index, participate in pre-jamboree training and meetings, and be approved by the Gulf Coast Council Jamboree Committee

Second Assistant Scoutmaster Qualifications - At least 18 years of age by July 19, 2017, and have served actively in an adult troop leadership position. Participate in pre-jamboree training and meetings, serve as a role model for physical fitness, file a Jamboree physical form, meet BMI index, and be approved by the Gulf Coast Council Jamboree Committee.

Third Assistant Scoutmaster Qualifications - At least 18 years of age by July 19, 2017 and not reached their 21st birthday by July 28, 2017. Participate in a pre-jamboree training and meetings, serve as a role model for physical fitness, file a Jamboree physical, meet BMI index, and be approved by the Gulf Coast Council Jamboree Committee.

PRE-JAMBOREE TRAINING:

The participants will meet as members of a troop about four times before attending the Jamboree. At least one of these meetings is a weekend campout at Spanish Trail Scout Reservation to give the Scouts experience working together as patrols and troops. It is very important that the Scouts commit to attend each of these meetings, as vital information will be given out at these times. The dates of these meetings will be announced by January 2016. **ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS MUST ATTEND ALL PRE-JAMBOREE TRAININGS.**

TRANSPORTATION, FOOD, AND EQUIPMENT:

Our Jamboree contingent is planning on will touring Washington DC and surrounding historic sites in addition to the Jamboree itself. During the tour, we plan to stay in an area hotel. The food costs, plus patrol and troop equipment, are included in the Jamboree fee. Personal equipment and two complete uniforms are the responsibility of the individual Scouts.

ORGANIZATION:

The participants will be placed in Gulf Coast Council troops, consisting of 36 Scouts and 4 qualified and trained adult leaders each. Each troop will be a member of the Council's official contingent. Once the troops are formed and leaders selected, you will receive information through your Jamboree troop Scoutmaster. In 2017 we are planning on having two troops (72 youth and 8 adults)

COST:

We project that the 2017 fee will be approximately \$2400. Please understand that this fee is an estimate only and could increase. ***Every effort will be made to keep this fee as low as possible, while preserving the quality of the Jamboree experience.*** This fee will cover the National Jamboree fee, travel and tour expenses, meals, lodging, unit and patrol equipment, accident and sickness insurance, the cost of pre-jamboree training, as well as some patches, cap and t-shirt. The only additional expense will be your personal equipment, uniforms, and spending money.

HOW TO APPLY:

All registration will be done on-line for all Scouts, leaders, and Jamboree staff applicants desiring to attend the Jamboree. The Registration Website is active currently.

Interested youth, unit contingent leaders, and prospective staff members can complete an online application. It is accessed through the summit website at <http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/participants/> . You may obtain your Personal ID number most readily from your Membership Card.

If you are applying for a youth position, you will be directed to print a confirmation, get the proper signatures and send it to the council with a \$300 deposit. **The confirmation will state that their application must be accepted by the council and does not guarantee participation.** You will be notified if you have been accepted for the council contingent by January 1, 2016.

For those applying for adult leadership positions, once the council receives your application (no deposit required) you will receive a questionnaire by e-mail that will help the committee find the most qualified leaders to lead the jamboree contingent. Please have your application to the council by November 1st, 2015. The Jamboree Committee plans to announce the adult leaders by January of 2016.

Upon receipt of the confirmation and \$300 deposit, contingent members will be directed to review the following estimated fee payment schedule:

PAYMENT SCHEDULE based on a \$2400 fee (subject to change):

		<u>SCOUT FEE</u>	<u>LEADER FEE</u>
WITH APPLICATION		\$300	\$0
SECOND PAYMENT	February 1, 2016	\$300	\$250
THIRD PAYMENT	July 1, 2016	\$300	\$250
FOURTH PAYMENT	September 1, 2016	\$300	\$250
FIFTH PAYMENT	November 1, 2016	\$300	\$250
SIXTH PAYMENT	February 1, 2017	\$300	\$250
SEVENTH PAYMENT	May 1, 2017	\$300	\$250

REFUND POLICY:

The Council contracts for services on behalf of the contingent's participants. Refunds are based on monies already committed for the services. If for some reason you are not able to go, there is another way to get a refund. You will get a full refund, less \$500, if you recruit another participant to go in your place and if, the contingent is full when it departs for the Jamboree.

Sometimes there are special circumstances that preclude a participant from attending. If you fall into that category, then a written refund request will be reviewed by the Council Jamboree Committee. All refund requests must be submitted in writing and sent to the Council Jamboree Committee for processing.

All items on this sheet are subject to change based upon future cost clarifications.