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Jamboree Countdown

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- ◆ Spring/Summer 2013 :
Shakedown Campout
- ◆ July 11, 2013 : Load buses
for departure
- ◆ July 15, 2013 : Jamboree
Begins
- ◆ July 28, 2013 : Return to
Tulsa

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Planning Has Begun



Next year's Jamboree is sure to be one of the most exciting ever. It will be the first Jamboree at the new Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

Troop 26 has already begun planning for this event. A committee of Assistant Scoutmasters and youth leaders has been formed to undertake the planning of this event.

Planning for an event of this size is a monumental task. Troop 26 is fortunate that it has attended several National Jamborees in the past 3 decades and several of the adults and boys on the planning committee are Jamboree Alumni.

However, this will be the first National Jamboree to be held at the new Summit facility in

West Virginia, which will present some unique challenges. The Jamboree Committee is currently evaluating the travel routes, activities, housing, and transportation necessary to make a large trip like this run smoothly.

As for past Jamborees, the Troop intends to leave a few days before the Jamboree to do some sightseeing on the route to the Jamboree. Afterwards, the Troop will tour the Washington DC area before heading back to Tulsa.

In past years the boys have been treated to some rare experiences during Jamboree trips, including tours of some of our Nation's most historic sites and battlegrounds, behind-the-scenes tours of our military bases and facilities, and diversions like the Baltimore Aquarium and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Each trip is unique, and this one is sure to be as well. Over the next several weeks, the Committee will be soliciting input from the boys and beginning to finalize the itinerary so that transportation, housing, and touring arrangements can be made.

The Summit Promises a Unique Experience

This is the first National Jamboree to be held at the Boy Scouts of America's new Summit Bechtel Reserve facility.

The acquisition of the land and the construction of this facility was the result of a large donation by the Ste-

phen Bechtel Foundation.

The Summit is located in southern West Virginia adjacent to the New River Gorge National River Area. This picturesque location brings exciting new possibilities for activities, including rafting, mountain bik-

ing, rock climbing, and more.

The Summit also offers much cooler weather than Fort A.P. Hill, the previous National Jamboree location. This is sure to be a welcome change next July.

Keeping Current on Payments Important

Troop 26 will collect and spend over \$150,000 during the course of the next year on Jamboree-related expenses. Many of these expenses will come due long before the first buses pull out of the church parking lot.

Likewise, each scout will be expected to pay approximately \$1900 to cover Jamboree, transportation, food, lodging, and activities costs. If you are like most people, this is a large amount of money and is easiest paid in small increments over a peri-

od of time.

In order to keep its obligations and make the necessary payments, the Troop has established a payment schedule that will keep you and the Troop on-track for the Jamboree.

Payments should be made to the Troop Treasurer, Randy McGuire, at regular Troop meetings. Checks should be made to Troop 26.

When making a payment, you should indicate that it is intended for the Scout's Jam-

boree account and not for other expenses that the Scout may be responsible for. Randy can also provide up-to-date information on the balance of your Jamboree account.

The payment schedule for the next three months is provided in the box below.



Rock Climbing at The Summit

Jamboree Payment Schedule

September : \$950

October : \$1100

November : \$1250

Amounts reflect cumulative total to-date that should be paid

Jambo FAQ

The following is an excerpt from the National Jamboree Website FAQ.

Could you please describe a typical day at the jamboree for a typical Scout—from rising to bedtime?

- There is no "typical day," but the jamboree will

contain the following elements over the course of the 10 days for all troops and Scouts.

- Scouts will arrive on Monday.
- Tuesday morning will be the opening show, and in the afternoon the activity base camps and Summit Center programs will be open for business.
- During the jamboree, Scouts will take part in these scheduled activities:
 - One full day in Day of Service by troop.
 - One full day in the Jamboree Trek—By troop, hike to the highest point on the Summit and participate in activities like buckskin games, pioneering, and other historical programming.
- Two half-days in curriculum programming in one of the high-adventure base camp areas.
- Other times, Scouts will be free to fill their time with elective activities in the base camp areas or the Summit Center. Also in the Summit Center will be many exhibits and displays as well as activities in the arena every day, not just the opening and closing shows.
- Sunday of the jamboree will consist in the morning of a pancake breakfast and religious services. The afternoon will be a festival-like atmosphere around the Summit Center. Sunday night will be the BIG arena show.



C.O.P.E. Ropes Course at The Summit