



# Boy Scouts of America Monmouth Council

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## Announcements

- All three Troops are Full!
  - Scouts can still get on the waiting list
- Monmouth Council has expanded the number of Venturers attending
- Please be certain to maintain your Summit Dashboard! Be sure your E-mail and contact information is correct and update your rank and leadership experience if necessary.

## Calendar

September 23	Jamboree Kickoff at Monmouth Regional HS, 4:00pm
December 15	NYC Geocaching Hike for all participants
April 26-28	Shakedown Weekend for all participants
July 14-24	Jambo, departs 7/14 at 6:00pm

## Payment Schedule

Youth (Scout/Crew): \$1,360 per person

Payment	Due	Due Date
Registration (National)	10.00	Date of Registration
Registration (Monmouth Council)	100.00	Date of Registration
1st Payment	450.00	January 31, 2012
2nd Payment	450.00	July 31, 2012
3rd Payment	350.00	January 31, 2013

Note: Youth fees are estimated costs. The final amount is subject to a final budget which won't be determined until January 2013.

*(All checks payable to "Monmouth Council, BSA")*

**Refund Policy:** If an adult or youth registers for the 2013 Jamboree and finds that he/she can't participate, the refund amount will be determined based upon whether an alternate can be found to take that person's place. If Monmouth Council can't find a replacement there will be NO Refund. The actual refund amount will be calculated based upon the payments made and deducting any expenses incurred for Pre-Jamboree activities at the time he/she withdraws from the 2013 Jamboree. Monmouth Council reserves the right to process refunds after completion of the Jamboree in July 2013.

## Welcome



Jamboree Committee Chairman  
**Steven Buckley**  
[sbuckley@monmouth.com](mailto:sbuckley@monmouth.com)

I cannot be more excited about the upcoming 2013 National Scout Jamboree at our new national camp called the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve or SBR for short. This camp is the most recent addition to the National High Adventure BSA camps; Philmont, Northern Tier and Sea Base. SBR is located in the New Hope, West Virginia area, one day drive from Monmouth Council.

Let me tell you something about our new site in West Virginia. Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr. ran the largest engineering company in the United States for 30 years. The S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation and the Stephen Bechtel Fund, both family foundations, provide support to, among other groups, select non-profit organizations that address challenges to the economic welfare of the United States. One of those organizations is the BSA. Stephen credits the BSA, more than anything else, with building the strength of character that would allow him to lead others throughout his life. The Bechtel Foundation donated \$50 million to the BSA to help purchase and develop the land that is now The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve. It was the largest charitable donation ever made to the Boy Scouts of America. This site will not only be the home of all future National Jamborees but in the coming years, as funds are acquired, it will be a high adventure camp, like the other three, open year round for various events and will be a national training facility.

Our mission for this our 2013 National Jamboree is "to enrich the lives of youth participants, showcase Scouting as we start our second century, reinforce Scout skills, offer innovative programming, provide experience in leadership and teamwork, and offer a diverse, healthy, safe environment where everyone lives the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

I would like to introduce myself to all of the families and Scouts that will participate in the upcoming 2013 National Scout Jamboree. At age 8 I joined Cub Scout Pack 52 in 1956 in Eatontown and earned the Arrow of Light award. In 1959 I joined Scout Troop 52 and I earned my Eagle Scout Award in 1965 followed by three Palms. I'm a Vigil Honor member of NaTsiHi Lodge. I received my God and Country Award as a youth. I attended Philmont as a youth in 1966 and served on

the planning committee for the 1994 and 1996 trips. I'm Wood Badge trained. I received the Thunderbird District Award of Merit in 1977. I received my Silver Beaver Award in 2008. In 1965, I spent a week at the New York World's Fair as a member of the Boy Scout Service troop. I first attended Forestburg Scout Reservation in 1961 and went every summer as a boy. Currently I serve on the Monmouth Council Executive Board since 2005 and I chair our Jamboree committee.

I attended my first National Jamboree in 1964 as a boy from Monmouth Council and I was the troop Senior Patrol Leader. I have continued to attend National jamborees serving on Staff at the 1973, 1977, 1981, 1985, 1989, 2001, 2005 and 2010 National Jamborees. In 1993 and 1997 I served as Assistant Scoutmaster for a Council contingent troop when each of my two sons went. I will be serving on staff at the 2013 Jamboree in the Postal Mail Service and this will be my 12th Jamboree. I married in 1976 to Jean who registered as a Scouter three months before we were married so she could apply for a staff position at the then upcoming 1977 National Jamboree.

My two sons Andrew and Daniel are both Eagle Scouts. My daughter Elisabeth is a Girl Scout Gold Award recipient. Jean also received the Girl Scout Curved Bar Award.

As of last November 2012 I have dedicated 55 years to the Scouting program and I cannot imagine stopping. I wanted to share all of this with you, not to embellish myself, but so that you know that not only I, but the entire Buckley family are a Scouting family.

In this first edition of the MC Jamboree Newsletter you will find Biographies and pictures of all the Leaders that will be taking our youth to the Jamboree. I think after you read them you will feel confident that our Committee choose very suitable leadership with a vast array of skills to ensure that your youth will have a wonderful, once in a life time opportunity. Each of their backgrounds mirrors mine as dedicated volunteers to the Scouting program. I also wanted to impart to all of you a sense of confidence in all the adults, many of which you have never met, that you are entrusting your sons and daughters well being too.

Monmouth Council has been allocated three Jamboree Troops of 36 each for a total of 108 and one Crew of sixteen. For these units we have 12 adults assigned to the Troops and three for the Crew. We have both returning and new adult leadership for the Troops and Crew.

I wanted all of you to know that I thank each and every adult who has been accepted to take our youth to this upcoming Jamboree. All of these volunteers have agreed to add this to their already busy Scouting responsibilities and to their family schedules. Monmouth Council is also very blessed to have a great Jamboree Committee of another ten folks supporting the participants and leaders going to this Jamboree. As the chair of the committee I'm very grateful to all their hard work. I also want to acknowledge the committees professional staff adviser and past Jamboree

participant, Chris Quakenbush, for all he does at the office to support such a large organization.

Before I close I also wanted to mention another group of great Scouters here in Monmouth Council. We will have between ten and twenty adults serving at the SBR on Staff in various capacities. They will be performing jobs such as: Public Relations, Postal, Commissioner Staff, Scuba and so much more. Without adults serving on staff the Jamboree would not be possible, so I say thanks to all our adults who will be there waiting for our group and 40,000 other Scouts and Leaders to arrive to serve them and to ensure they have a wonderful experience.

## Jamboree Kickoff

The purpose of this meeting is to kick off your Jamboree experience. Every Scout that has been selected to represent Monmouth Council will have the opportunity to meet each other as well as the Jamboree Committee and Adult Unit Leaders. At this Kickoff you will receive information about the Troop or Crew you have been assigned to. Following the general session the individual Monmouth Contingent Troops and Crew will meet in breakout sessions.

It is important that every Scout as well as their Parent or Guardian attend this meeting. In fact, it is important that you attend all of your Troop or Crew meetings. Every Scout needs to be in Field Uniform (Class A) at the Rally and all meetings unless told otherwise. See the article titled "Uniforms at the Jamboree" in this issue of the newsletter for more details about the Official Boy Scout uniform. Scouts should always be prepared, so bring a pad of paper and something to write with.

Prior to the Kickoff, Scouts should have been given their Unit assignments. Patrol Assignments will be determined at your Troop or Crew meetings. At the Kickoff, information will be provided concerning junior leadership positions. Troops and Crews are comprised of four Patrols of eight Scouts. The Troop Youth Leadership or "Senior Patrol" is comprised of four Scouts; the Senior Patrol Leader, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, the Scribe, and the Quartermaster. Crews also have similar senior leadership. It is these positions that will be discussed at the Kickoff. If you are interested in one of these positions be prepared to speak to your Jamboree Scoutmaster or Advisor.

During the Kickoff you will receive information about the Jamboree experience. You'll also receive information about payments; as well as meeting dates, times and locations. You'll receive a brief overview about what uniform and equipment you'll need for the Jambo and what items, such as patches and t-shirts, will be provided. The monthly meetings will go into greater depth on all the issues discussed at the Kickoff.

# Troop B238



**Scoutmaster**  
**John Guaragno**

Mr. John Guaragno is currently the Scoutmaster of Troop 331 and Cubmaster of Pack 131 of Holmdel. Mr. Guaragno was awarded the Twin Lights Silver Scout Award in 2012 and recently earned his Wood Badge beads. As an FOS Chair for three units, he led all three to exceed their 2012 FOS Goals. Over the last three years, Mr. Guaragno served as Scoutmaster for four weeks of summer camp - three at Forestburg and one at Camp Rodney. He earned a Distinguished Leader Award at FSR in 2011 and 2012. John was a Scout in his youth in Pittsburgh, PA and has been an Adult Scouter for over seven years.



**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster**  
**Frank Nastro**

Frank J Nastro Sr. has been active in Scouting for 38 years and is an Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) in Troop 66 in Matawan. He started as a Cub Scout in Brooklyn, went through the Webelos program and earned his Eagle Scout from Troop 628. Frank worked on staff at Ten Mile River Scout Reservation Camp Aquehonga, for 8 years as Handicraft Director and then Program Director. Frank served as ASM in Troop 628 while in college. After college he moved to Jersey and re-started Troop 23 in Brigantine NJ where he served as Scoutmaster for 11 years. After moving to Aberdeen Frank joined Troop 66. Frank is an expert in all the Scout crafts and is known in his troop as "Master Yoda!"



**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster**  
**Terri Ostovich**

Mrs. Ostovich, or Mrs. O has been involved with Boy Scouts for over 10 years plus 5 years as a girl Scout. She is extremely well trained as a leader including completing IOLS, Wood Badge and numerous First Aid and CPR trainings. Mrs. O currently serves as an ASM in her home troop with her specialties being working with boys on advancement and organizing and running two summer camps each year. In 2010 Jambo, she served as a Second ASM and helped organize the contingent equipment.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster**  
**Tom Kraeutler**

Tom Kraeutler is an Eagle Scout from Troop 71, Oakhurst. He has 12 years of Scouting experience between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. Tom attended the 2010 National Jamboree as a Patrol Leader for the Monmouth Council contingent. Currently, he is an ASM with Troop 71, as well as a full time student at Boston College.

## Welcome

You are in for one of your greatest Scouting experiences! As with all Scouting, individual responsibility for being prepared is the key to success.

One of the first orders of business will be to establish our Scout Leadership Team, including the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and the Patrol Leader's Council (PLC). It will be this Scout Leadership Team that plans each of our Troop meetings and leads us throughout the Jamboree experience.

Each month the PLC will plan your next Troop meeting, with the goal of introducing you to a different aspect of the Jamboree. We will learn about all of the Jamboree activities and what you need to do to plan your adventure. In less than a year, all 36 Scouts and 4 Scouters will take our new Troop to a great expedition that you will always remember.

We will be asking all of you to meet your Troop and make 35 new friends. I ask each of you to be open and understand that some decisions may seem odd at first, like Patrol assignments, but are proven in the long term to ensure all have a fantastic journey together. Everyone will be in new Patrols, in a new Troop, with new friends!

## Meeting Information

Everyone is expected to attend the Monthly meetings and to arrive in a timely manner so that the meeting can start promptly at 7:30pm. The meeting will last until 9:00pm. Each monthly Troop meeting will include time for Patrol meetings to discuss specific issues. While the Patrols meet, the Troop Committee will also meet to discuss support items. The Scoutmasters will also present Jamboree related topics.

All Scouts are expected to be in their Field Uniform for all Troop functions unless advised otherwise.

## Youth Leadership

As a new Troop, we first need to select our Youth Leadership Team. Our Troop is comprised of four Patrols of eight Scouts each. The Senior Patrol is comprised of four Scouts; the SPL, the ASPL, the Scribe, and the Quartermaster. If you are interested in one of these four positions, please state your interest when registering at the above Troop Registration site. Interviews will be conducted for these positions prior to our first Troop meeting.

Patrol Leaders will be elected at the November Troop meeting by members of their Patrols. Assistant Patrol Leaders, Patrol Scribes, and Patrol Quartermasters will be selected by their Patrol Leaders, based on interest in each position.

# Troop C440



**Scoutmaster  
Peter Grasso**

Mr. Grasso has over twenty years of experience in the Scouting program including over 10 years as an adult leader. In his non-Scouting life he is a Federal Law Enforcement Officer. He is a trained leader and has served as a Wood Badge Instructor, Cubmaster and Venture Crew Advisor. Mr. Grasso is currently the Scoutmaster of Troop 101 in Morganville. He has also represented Monmouth Council as a Contingent Leader for the 2010 National Jamboree and has represented the Northeast Region as a Contingent Leader for the 2011 World Scout Jamboree that was held in Sweden. Mr. Grasso also attended the 2001 and 2005 National Jamborees and the 2010 World Scout Jamboree in England.



**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster  
John Marincas**

Mr. Marincas has been a Scout leader for over 12 years. While part of Jersey Shore Council he served as a den leader and Cubmaster for 8 years, and an Assistant Scoutmaster in Jersey Shore and Monmouth Troops for the past 4 years. Mr Marincas has completed Scout Leadership training for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venture including Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS), and has accompanied his troop to summer camps at Citta Scout Reservation, Forestburg Scout Reservation and last year's high adventure trip to Canada. He is currently Assistant Scoutmaster, Webmaster, Activities Chairperson and merit badge counselor for Troop 82.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster  
Brad Daniels**

Mr. Daniels has twelve years of Scouting experience, with two years as an adult leader. In the earlier part of his Scouting career, Mr. Daniels attended the 1973 National Jamboree near Pittsburgh, PA, hiked Philmont in July 1976, and earned the rank of Eagle in 1979. As a member of Troop 290 in Colts Neck, he oversees the fundraising activities, and has recently completed IOLS and his Wood Badge training.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster  
Ryan Grasso**

Ryan Grasso is an Eagle Scout with 11 years of Scouting experience. He has been a Cub Scout, Boy Scout and Venturer. Ryan attended the 2010 National Jamboree as a Patrol Leader and was the Troop Scribe for the 2011 World Scout Jamboree in Sweden. Ryan also visited the 2001 and 2005 National Jamborees and the 2010 World Scout Jamboree in England. Ryan is currently an Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 101 in Morganville.

## Welcome

The Adult Leadership would like to welcome all of the members of Troop C440. We are looking forward to working together to make this a fantastic experience for everyone involved. Each month the PLC will plan your Troop meeting with the goal of introducing you to a different aspect of the Jamboree. We will learn about all of the Jamboree activities and what you need to do to plan your stay. In a few short months we will take 36 Scouts and 4 Adult Scouters and build a new Troop ready to go on a great expedition that I promise you will remember for the rest of your lives.

Some of you may be coming with some friends from your home Troop. You all will be meeting many new friends. I ask each of you to walk in the door with an open mind and the understanding that you all are about to depart on a fantastic journey together. You all will be in new Patrols, in a new Troop, with new friends!

## Meeting Information

The Troop will meet once a month at The Monmouth Council Service Center, 705 Ginesi Drive, Morganville, NJ. We are scheduled to meet on the first Monday of each month: Oct 8, Nov 5, Jan 7, Feb 4, Mar 4, and May 6. There are no meetings planned for December or April.

Everyone is expected to attend the Monthly meetings and to arrive in a timely manner so that the meeting can start promptly at 7:30pm. The meeting will last until 9:00pm. The standard meeting each month will include time for Patrols to meet and discuss Patrol specific issues. While the Patrols meet, the Troop Committee will also meet and discuss items that specifically support the Troop. The Scoutmaster Staff will then present information specific to Jamboree related topics.

All Scouts are expected to be in their Field Uniform for all Troop functions unless told otherwise by the Troop leadership.

## Youth Leadership

As a new Troop we need to select our Junior Leadership ASAP. Interviews will be conducted for Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe, and Quartermaster prior to our first Troop meeting. To qualify for one of these positions please complete the Youth Resource Form which will be provided at the Jamboree Kickoff. To complete the Form you will need your Scoutmasters name, phone number and email address so please come prepared.

Patrol Leaders will be elected at the November Troop meeting by members of their Patrols. Assistant Patrol Leaders, Patrol Scribes, and Patrol Quartermasters will then be selected by their Patrol Leaders.

# Troop D418



**Scoutmaster**  
**Kevin Sweetnam**

Mr. Sweetnam has over 30 years of experience in Scouting. He has been the Scoutmaster of Troop 155 Freehold for the past 3 years. Prior adult leadership experience included Den Leader in Pack 155, Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 358, and advisor to the Elongomat Committee in the Order of the Arrow. Mr. Sweetnam served as the leader of a Sea Base crew in 2012 and was an Assistant Scoutmaster at the 1989 National Scout Jamboree. He is an Eagle Scout and a Vigil Honor member of NaTsiHi lodge 71. He is highly trained, completing his Wood Badge, earning the Boy Scout Leaders Training Award and Scoutmaster's Key. Mr. Sweetnam is married and has 3 sons and a daughter.



**1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster**  
**Peter Placek**

Mr Placek has over 3 years of experience in Scouting. He is the Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 155. He has been a leader at Forestburg summer camp the past 4 years with more than 30 Scouts attending camp each year. Mr Placek also served as a leader of a Sea Base crew of 18 Scouts in August 2012. He is highly trained for his position completing Boy Scout Leader Specific Training, IOLS, and is currently working on completing his Wood Badge training. He recently received the Boy Scout Leaders Training Award. He has also served as a Troop Leader for the Patrol Leadership Skills training course. Mr Placek is also a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow.



**2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster**  
**Tim Thompson**

Mr. Thompson has eleven years of adult Scouting experience, having been a Cubmaster, Assistant Scout Master, and currently serving as the Chaplain for Troop 59 Manasquan. He is trained in IOLS and BSLST and actively serves as a Merit Badge Counselor and overseer of the various Religious Knots programs for the Troop. He recently was the on-site Scoutmaster for 24 Scouts of Troop 59 as they attended Forestburg Scout Reservation.



**3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Scoutmaster**  
**Kevin Vroman**

Kevin Vroman is an Eagle Scout with 6 years of Scouting experience. Kevin has been to Forestburg Scout Reservation 3 times. Kevin was also the SPL for one trip to Forestburg. Kevin has held numerous leadership positions in his troop and on campouts. Kevin is currently working on his Eagle Palms and has plans to become an ASM in his troop when he turns 18.

## Welcome

Welcome to Troop D418. The adult leaders are looking forward to meeting everyone and working together to make the trip to the National Jamboree one of the most memorable experiences in Scouting. Our Troop is made up of 36 Scouts and 4 leaders from several Troops within Monmouth Council. We will meet on a monthly basis to get to know each other and form a strong team before we get to West Virginia.

## Troop Meetings

We will hold a monthly Troop Meeting at a location to be determined. The meetings will start at 7:30pm and end at 9:00pm. Dates will be set after the Jamboree Kickoff.

The meetings will operate like a typical Troop Meeting and we'll cover many things such as equipment, jamboree activities, and preparation for the April Campout.

Everyone is expected to attend the Troop meetings and full uniforms (Class A) are required.

## Youth Leadership

The Troop will select a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe and Quartermaster. The responsibilities of these positions are similar to those in your home troop. Please see one of the adult leaders if you are interested in being considered for any of these positions. We will also elect Patrol Leaders at one of our Troop Meetings.



# Venturing Crew F302



**Advisor**  
**Brian DeShong**

Mr. DeShong has been a Scout leader for the past 10 years. For the past 4 years, he has been the Scoutmaster of Troop 32 in River Plaza, and Assistant Scoutmaster for 2 years prior. He was also a Tiger Cub Leader, Den Leader and Cubmaster of Pack 32, also in River Plaza. Earlier this year, Mr. DeShong became an Associate Advisor of Crew 32. Mr. DeShong is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, and is currently the Advisor for the Quartermaster Committee of NaTsiHi Lodge 71. In 2010, he was privileged to be Scoutmaster for Troop 222 at the 2010 National Jamboree. He is fully trained, having completed his Wood Badge, earning the Boy Scout Leaders Training Award and Scoutmaster's Key. He has also served as staff for Patrol Leadership Skills, Klondike Derby and Twin Lights Winterburg. Outside of Scouting, Mr. DeShong is a Communications Manager at Con Edison Co. of NY, Inc., and is married with a daughter and son - a Life Scout working toward Eagle.



**Associate Advisor**  
**Karen Bond**

Ms. Bond has been involved in scouting for approximately 10 years. She has been an active member of Pack 86 in Marlboro for 8 years and she has been active in Troop 331 over the past 6 years. Last year, she assisted in helping to establish Crew 85, the shooting sports crew. Additionally, she is active as a Brotherhood Honor member of NaTsiHi lodge 71 and as a member attended SummitCorp. Ms. Bond has been a Girl Scout Leader in Troop 1944 for her 9th year. Ms. Bond is married and has two sons and a daughter.



**Associate Advisor**  
**Jan Sweeney-Rybnicky**

Mrs. Rybnicky had been working with youth in Scouting for the past 11 years. She led Girl Scout Troop 925 in Marlboro for 9 years and was a Den leader in Marlboro Packs 83 and 86 for Tiger through the Webelos years. She continued to volunteer as a trained adult in Troop 331 where she served as Committee Chair, aided youth in organizing and running many outings and activities. She also attended Northern Tier High Adventure Base as an Adult Crew member in 2008. Mrs. Rybnicky is a member of NaTsiHi lodge 71 and continues her involvement in scouting as an Adult Committee Member of Venture Crew 85 and advises the Youth Fundraising Chair. Mrs. Rybnicky is married and has a son and a daughter.

## Crew Continues to Grow

The interest in Venturers attending the 2013 Jamboree continues to grow. Originally, Monmouth Council was sending only one Venture Patrol to the Jamboree, but based on recent interest in this once-in-a-lifetime experience, we have been fortunate enough to be granted a second Venture Patrol, providing the opportunity for more Venturers, and adult leaders, to enjoy everything the Summit has to offer.

## Welcome

Welcome to 2013 Jamboree Venture Crew F302! This Jamboree will be a unique experience for us all – the first one at the Summit in West Virginia, and the first with Venturers in attendance. We will be sending half a Venture Crew, consisting of at least 3 adult leaders, and 16-17 Venturers. The rest of Crew F302 will be made up by Venturers from Jersey Shore Council, just south of us, and Del-Mar-Va Council, which serves the three states that make up that peninsula. Our neighbors in Foxtrot Village will be other Venturers from around the country, as well as International Scouts - truly an opportunity for one of the most memorable experiences in scouting. We will meet on a regular basis to get to know each other (some of us may be meeting remotely, since we will have some college-bound Venturers in our crew), and begin to develop bonds that will hopefully last a lifetime. We will also be contacting the other two Council to coordinate our planning.

## Crew Meetings

Crew meetings will be held monthly at a location to be determined. Dates and times will be determined after the Jamboree Rally, based on everyone's availability.

Uniform for the first meeting will be Class A, but as in every Crew, we will determine what the uniform will be for future meetings.

## Youth Leadership

Since we are in a unique position of being Venture Patrols, not a Venture Crew, we may have to deviate from traditional Crew leadership positions for the time being. We will discuss how we would like the leadership of the Crew Patrols to look at our first meeting.



# Uniforms at the Jamboree

The Boy Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. Its uniforms help to create a sense of belonging. They symbolize character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Wearing a uniform gives youth and adult members a sense of identification and commitment.

## History

Early Boy Scout uniforms were copies of the U.S. Army uniforms of the time. Scouts generally wore knickers with Military leggings, a button-down choke-collar coat and the campaign hat. Adults wore a Norfolk jacket with knickers or trousers. In 1916, Congress banned civilians from wearing uniforms that were similar in appearance to those of the armed forces with the exception of the BSA. The uniform was redesigned in 1923—the coat and leggings were dropped and the neckerchief standardized. In the 1930s, shorts replaced knickers and their wear was encouraged by the BSA. The garrison (flat) cap was introduced in 1943. In 1965, the uniform's material was changed from wool and cotton to permanent press cloth. The Improved Scouting Program in 1972 included a major overhaul of badges and other insignia, replacing many two color patches with multicolor versions. Also introduced was a red beret and a dark green shirt for "Leadership Corps" members (ages 14–15) in a Scout troop. The Boy Scout uniform during the 1950s–1970s continued to have a monochrome light green color for both shirts and shorts or trousers.

In 1980, a major change was made when a two-color uniform having a tan shirt with olive green shorts or trousers was introduced. Designed by Oscar de la Renta, it continued to be the uniform until August 2008, when the "Centennial Scout Uniform" was unveiled. The Oscar de la Renta-designed tan buttoned-front uniform shirt had shoulder epaulets and buttoned-down pocket flaps, worn with an olive green webbed belt with a brass buckle or a tan or brown-leather belt. The olive green cap had a bright red front panel and gold fleur-de-lis. In 2006, olive-green "Switchback" zip-off trousers were introduced in place of the traditional trousers, having an integral belt assembly with provisions for either the olive green webbed or brown-leather belt. Socks were olive green with a red band at the top and came in crew or ankle lengths, or knee length for wear with shorts. Female leaders were provided a choice of slacks, shorts, culottes, or a skirt.

Explorers in the 1950s–1970s had a uniform of spruce green shirt and trousers, but by the 1970s many posts were developing their own uniform. Eventually only the shirt was available, leading many to wear the shirt with olive green Boy Scout pants or shorts. When Exploring was moved to Learning for Life in 1998, the new Venturing division used the spruce green shirt with charcoal gray pants.

There are two types of uniforms worn at the Jamboree.

## Field Uniform

The field uniform (sometimes referred to as the Class "A") is the official uniform of the Boy Scouts of America as defined in the Boy Scout Handbook. It includes pants or shorts, shirt (with patches properly sewn as described in the Uniform Inspection Sheet), belt, socks, and neckwear. The Class "A" uniform is required for all Jamboree Troop meetings and for travel to/from the Jamboree as well as certain functions at the Jamboree.

## Activity Uniform

The Activity uniform (sometimes referred to as the Class "B") is the everyday uniform of the Jamboree. Scouts will be expected to be dressed in this uniform unless they are in the Field Uniform. One exception is during the "Day of Service" when we will be wearing work clothes. The Activity Uniform is the same as the Field Uniform except for the shirt and no neckwear is worn.

## Field and Activity Uniforms



Below are worn with both types of uniforms



# National Scout Jamboree

The National Scout Jamboree is a gathering, or jamboree of thousands of members of the Boy Scouts of America, usually held every four years and organized by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Referred to as "the Jamboree", "Jambo", or NSJ, Scouts from all over the nation and world have the opportunity to attend. The first Jamboree was scheduled to be held in 1935 in Washington, D.C. to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Scouting, but was delayed two years. The 1937 Jamboree in the Nation's Capital attracted 25,000 Scouts, who camped around the Washington Monument and Tidal Basin. The event was covered extensively by national media and attended by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Following the disruption of World War II, the next Jamboree was not held until 1950 in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Subsequent Jamborees have been held around the country as a means to promoting Scouting nationally. From 1981 to 2010, the Jamboree had been located at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. All future Jamborees will be held at The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia.

A Jamboree is held for several consecutive days and offers many activities for youth participants and the 300,000 members of the general public who visit it. Some consider it to be Scouting at its best.

## Organization

Like the Boy Scouts of America's national organization, the Jamboree is divided into regions — Central, Western, Northeast, and Southern. In previous Jamborees each region was made up of five to six subcamps, with twenty in all. Each subcamp had its own latrines, shower facilities, food commissaries, with one action center per region. Each subcamp contained a number of troops, identified by a three or four digit number depending on the location of the subcamp within the encampment. The 2005 National Scout Jamboree had 20 subcamps, identified by number and named after famous explorers (e.g. Robert Ballard, Steve Fossett, Joe Kittinger, and Will Steger.)

## Troops and contingents

Attending the Jamboree is an intensive and expensive process. Considering the logistics of having thousands of youth and their leaders concentrated in one area at one time, the Jamboree Division of the National Council coordinates the entire Jamboree process. A normal Boy Scout troop cannot petition to attend the jamboree as participants, instead, the local council establishes a Jamboree committee which is charged with promoting and facilitating the experience to their members. Local council committees typically have volunteer members responsible for finance, fundraising, training, recruitment, transportation, touring while en route to the jamboree site, and other functions where appropriate.

Youth members sign up for the jamboree through an application process to the local council, who then place each boy into the jamboree troop. Large councils are granted multiple jamboree troops. Each troop comprises four adults (a Scoutmaster, and three assistant Scoutmasters) and 36 youth in four traditional patrols of eight boys each, plus a leadership corps of four older boys (senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, quartermaster, and scribe). Scouts must be at least 12 years old on the first day of the Jamboree and at least First Class Scouts. After being assigned a jamboree troop, members are given their troop numbers, a participant's patch for wear on the Scout's field uniform, and a jamboree council shoulder patch. Training and preparation for the jamboree often begins more than a year before the actual jamboree begins. Most troops require the adult leaders to obtain Basic Scoutmaster training and Wood Badge, an intensive management training course offered by the BSA.

## Staff

Youth and adult volunteer and professional Scouters, plus members of the military and government provide a number of services to the Jamboree by being on staff. Jamboree staff is given a special hat and neckerchief as tokens of their service, plus many of the different staff groups have special patches or pins that are sought after by youth and adult participants. In addition to the regional staff that provide services in subcamps and at the regional activity centers, many other staff members work in areas that serve the entire jamboree. Staff members arrive a number of days before the jamboree begins and usually depart on the same day or several days after participants leave, depending on their assignments.

## First National Jamboree

The first national jamboree was held in Washington, D.C. for ten days in July 1937, attended by 25,000 Scouts, most of whom arrived by train. Region campsites were set up around the Washington Monument and Tidal Basin. The event was covered extensively by radio and newspapers. A press tent accommodated 626 news media reporters, photographers, and broadcasters. Sixty-four news releases were issued and the BSA assisted in the making of 11 newsreels and 53 magazine articles. The three major U.S. radio networks of the time, NBC, CBS and Mutual, had broadcasting studios near the jamboree headquarters to produce almost 19 hours of live, on-site jamboree coverage broadcast coast-to-coast. Celebrities also visited the jamboree, including well-known broadcaster Lowell Thomas and U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. While at the jamboree, Scouts also attended a three-game baseball series between the Washington Senators and the Boston Red Sox at Griffith Stadium, as well as touring nearby Mount Vernon.

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