



Boy Scouts of America Monmouth Council

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Announcements

- 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.
- Don't forget to sign up for your Unit's Facebook Page. On Facebook search for your Troop or Crew Number (ie: Troop B238, C440, D418, or Crew F302)

Calendar

April 27-28	Shakedown Weekend for all participants
July 14-24	Jambo, departs 7/14 at 6:00pm

Jamboree Committee



Jamboree Committee Chairman
Steven Buckley

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PHOTO ID PICTURES

All applicants must have a current photo uploaded to their Summit account. Jamboree credentials will use these photo ID's. The photo must be similar in nature to a passport photo or driver's license meaning a clear, straight-on head shot with only the applicant visible in the photo. These photos should **NOT** be cropped, candid family photos showing the participant or staff member.

UNIT MEETINGS

Individual unit meetings are ongoing and I have heard very good reports on them.

UNIT ASSIGNMENTS

Still some small shifts in participants are being made.

In our Venturing area we have official started to look for one additional Male adult to join with the three we currently have.

MEDICALS

Medical forms are now available on the Jamboree registration web site under the applicant's dash board. Each unit will collect all medical forms so they can be reviewed for completeness. We will make copies for unit leaders to have them available for unit purposes. Monmouth Council will then mail all forms, part C only, to National. We must mail them ahead of the required due at National which is April 15th.

A portion of the medical form, parts A & B, is filled out electronically and uploaded to National. Please provide copies of parts A, B & C to your unit.

After the Jamboree we will attempt to return Medical forms to the families. If for whatever reason this can't be done those medicals left over will be destroyed due to the nature of the private information they contain.

In all cases each family should also keep a copy of parts A, B & C.

SELECTING ACTIVITIES

All participants should by now completed all electronic applications. The Activity Selections are now live for a 90 day period and they must be completed by every participant.

Be careful to follow the instructions. If you determine latter before the 90 day closes that you wish to make a change you can go back and do that.

There will be times when the instructions ask you to rank your preferences of a large group of possible activities. Please rank everything in the list even if it's 20 or more choices long. While it's more probable that whatever you select in the most preferred actives will be assigned to you it can happen that a lower priority activity might be assign to you.

JAMBOREE LOGO ITEMS

All Jamboree logo items are now on order with our manufacturer. We should have these ready for distribution at the April Shake Down.

VISITORS TO THE JAMBOREE

I and everyone else are still waiting that a section will be added to the Summit National Jamboree web site outing all the details for people who wish to visit the Jamboree.

JAMBOREE CATALOG AVAILABLE

The Jamboree specific catalog is being mailed now to all participants registered as of February 8. Those registered after that will get them slightly later.

You do not have to wait for the printed catalog as you still need to go and use the on-line version to place an order. You will need to pieces of information to accomplish this you BSA Membership ID and your Jamboree ID number. These will be printed on your catalog or you can go to your dash board a copy them there.

Generally the catalog will sell most items to anyone most Jamboree items. Pages 45, 48, 49 & 51 are restricted to participants and staff only and page 9 to staff only. The login will enforce these options. Go to www.scoutstuff.org and in the green menu bar select Jamboree which will in turn ask you to select which catalog.

More items will be available at Jamboree itself than are listed in the catalog which has been the practice in the past.

JAMBOREE VIDEOS

If you never went to <http://www.youtube.com/officialscoutstuff> try it some good stuff. Look at the one how to pack your duffel bag.

JAMBOREE DUFFEL BAG

The duffel bags will be shipped for the troops and crews around March 5th. They will ship to our Scout office. We will distribute these at the Shake down training weekend. Note for staff members ours will ship to our home addresses.

JAMBOREE GIFT CARDS

If you wish Jamboree gift cards can be purchased through the catalog. They will be sent separately from a regular order. There is a \$1.00 handling fee only. These cards are the same as cash and can be used at any location at the Jamboree. If a balance is left on a card they can't be cashed out. It was noted that these cards can also be used at any local Scout Shop to make a purchase.

CREDIT CARDS

Along with the special Jamboree Discover card most major cards that are accepted at a local scout shop will work at a Jamboree, Discover, Master Card, Visa and Amex I think are the ones.

WEB BROWSERS

If you are having difficulty using IE version 9 it was mentioned that you need to be running it in the full mode and not compatibility mode.

MISSION

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."

**2013 JAMBOREE
AREA COMPARISONS**

Base Camps

- BASE CAMP B: 89 Acres
- BASE CAMP E: 92 Acres
- BASE CAMP A: 80 Acres
- BASE CAMP C: 89 Acres
- BASE CAMP D: 89 Acres
- BASE CAMP F: 34 Acres

Adventure Areas

- ADVENTURE VALLEY: 200 Acres
- THE CANOPY: 90 Acres
- MAYHEM MOUNTAIN: 27 Acres
- THE BARRELS: 50 Acres
- THE CLOUD: 12 Acres
- THE POOLS: 11 Acres

Lakes

- BASE CAMP E: 5 Acres
- ADVENTURE VALLEY: 15 Acres
- UPPER GOODRICH LAKE: 27 Acres
- LOWER GOODRICH LAKE: 30 Acres

Summit Center

- AT&T SUMMIT STADIUM: 18 Acres
- ACTION POINT: 25 Acres

Garden Ground

- GARDEN GROUND: 147 Acres

GO BIG. GET WILD. REGISTER TODAY AT BSAJAMBOREE.ORG.

DON'T MISS THE 2013 NATIONAL JAMBOREE AT ITS NEW PERMANENT HOME IN WEST VIRGINIA, THE SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE.

Troop B238



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Meeting Information

Every now and then we get a Spring-like day and thoughts of camping and fun fill my head. Ten degrees at Winterburg was a smidge less fun, but they had Tomahawk Throwing - SWEET! We are meeting on February 24th and March 24th – both Sundays and both at our same Jambo Troop meeting time (630PM to 8PM) and location at the Nerf Chapel behind the Old Tennant Presbyterian Church at 644 Craig Road, Manalapan, NJ. These two Troop meetings will cover questions about the Activity Registration, the Shakedown Planning, a couple more Jambo Videos, and a Classic Rock Scoutmaster Minute! Someone did submit a classical piece, but it's hard to seek existential learnings from something with no lyrics – maybe in March...

As with all Scouting, individual responsibility for being prepared is the key to success. A couple really important “to do” items for you:

- 1) Be sure to make selections for your Curriculum Activity via the Dashboard. See below “What Will Your Jambo Be?” for some details. Don't rush, do it thoroughly, since it isn't first come, first served like most of life where it might pay to be wired!
- 2) Is your online Medical Form completed and do you have your doctor's appointment? Medicals are due soon.
- 3) Is the Jambo Shakedown at QHSR on April 26th to 28th on your calendar?
- 4) Are you current with your payments? The last payment was due January 31st. I'm not, but I plan on fixing that this week!
- 5) Field uniform (i.e., full uniform) is the default for all meetings, and everyone is expected to attend the Monthly meetings, Shakedown, and to arrive in a timely manner displaying Scout-like behavior.

What Will Your Jambo Be?

This includes one SM's opinions on filling out your preferred Jambo Activities so National knows your interests from top to bottom.

- You should have gotten an email from “Boy Scouts of America - 2013 Jamboree <noreply@scouting.org>” with the Subject “2013 National Jamboree Program Plan for High Adventure Activities”. If you didn't, just log on to your Jambo dashboard and make sure your email address is correct in your profile. This email has a link to the 25 pages of directions, which is why I'm

summarizing here. Note: I didn't read it all either, but I did pay attention at the Jambo Committee Meeting for us and skimmed it!

- You have to do this in the next 90 days, it is NOT first come, first in so don't panic. In the spirit of the BSA, it's just a smidge more complex to keep us all on our toes. But just do it now. You can log back in and tweak but this way you don't miss out and get Birdwatching as your one scheduled Jambo activity (my apologies to any Ornithologists). I don't want our Scouts disappointed!
- There are Electives which are activities you can go to and wait in line for. You don't prioritize those, but you should start to think about which you want to do.
- There are Curriculum activities which are reserved for a limited number of Scouts. You get to pick ONE Curriculum item, and you may not get your top couple choices if everyone wants that. That seems logical so we have to plan ahead.
- If you have never been to a Jambo and wondered what on earth we would do for 10 days besides eat, sleep, and get dirty, this doc explains a lot of it. Much of it is new to this Jambo!
- Login to the National Jambo site and go to your Dashboard. That used to be harder but they even added a drop down menu item to go to the Dashboard directly – brilliant addition.
- Top of the screen has two big buttons: one for Medical form and another for this Activity Registration.
- It isn't a reservation, it's your order of preferences so that the National Jambo Team can get everyone a top preferred activity.
- We do NOT recommend only ordering your first few, put them ALL in order from top to bottom. This is for two reasons. If you only get your fifth choice, you don't want it being Archery because you only moved your top three choices to the top of the list, and left the rest in alphabetical order. If everyone votes Birdwatching last, they will likely ban Ornithologists from Scouting; ok, ban is strong, but they definitely will adjust programming accordingly.
- We really recommend doing them all from top to bottom – it only takes a couple minutes more.
- This will also allow you to sign up for the White Water Rafting and Technical Climbing, which are very limited in space and incur an additional cost of \$50.
- If it glitches on the load and you get a blank screen or your hourglass spins indefinitely, just hit ESCape and retry.
- When you are done, we suggest you print it out or save it.
- You are able to go back and adjust it if you suddenly realize you are afraid of heights, but made Aerial Sports your top choice!

Youth Leadership

At our January Troop meeting we announced our Youth Leadership Team. The four in our Senior Patrol are the SPL Robert Landi, the ASPL John Giordano, the Scribe Jacob

Meisken, and the Quartermaster Thomas Lavin. The makeup of the four Patrols will still have to evolve since we are not evenly balanced.

What Gear do You Get?

The current Council budget and plans are still being set, so this isn't a guarantee, but is our current plan. Here are the items you get for no additional charge:

- Jumbo Duffel Bag, so your bag will look exactly like 40,000 other Scouts; just saying!
- Two Shirts of the UV, wicking type, maybe even in your size if you completed that Council Form and set it in with (or without) your Patch orders. Forgot to order patches? I got your back – I ordered a couple hundred spare!
- One Council Jambo Hat
- Two Council Patch sets of 5 JSPs and one Center Patch
- One Council Day Pack
- One Mess Kit that will look just like everyone else's from your Troop!

Jamboree Duffel Bag



Troop D418



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Troop News

We have emailed everyone with the instructions for completing the Jamboree Activities signup and the medical forms. Please have your medical forms signed by your doctor and bring copies brought to the March 24th Troop Meeting. The Jamboree Activities signup is open so please sign in and rank your activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Mr. Sweetnam.

Youth Leadership

Senior Leadership:

- SPL - Andrew Jablonski
- ASPL - Andy Gao
- Scribe – Ethan Rice
- Quartermaster – Ronald Lamo

Patrol Leadership:

- Sporks:
 - PL - Ian Baum and APL - Michael Maier
- Monkeys:
 - PL – Tony Picciano and APL – Zach Johnson
- Llamas with Hats:
 - PL – Jake Nelson and APL – Joey Tyrie
- Spartans: PL –
 - Kevin Sweetnam and APL – Konnor Fahy

Troop Meetings

We will hold our next Troop Meeting on Sunday, February 24th. The meeting will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 136 Wemrock Road, Freehold. Future meeting dates are Mar 24th and May 19th. All meetings will be held at the LDS Church from 4pm – 5:30pm. Scouts must wear their Class A uniform and bring a notepad and pen to each meeting.

Communication

The Facebook page is up and running. If you wish to join the Facebook page you'll need to search for Troop D418 – National Scout Jamboree 2013 and send a request. The Scoutmaster is administrator of the site and will grant you access.

We'll see you all on February 24th!

Troop C440



Scoutmaster
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Calendar

March 4	– Troop Meeting
March 10	– Newsletter Deadline for Scribes
March 31	– Medicals Due!
April 10	– Newsletter Deadline for Scribes
April 27-28	– Shakedown at Quail Hill
May 1	– Curriculum Preferences Due
May 6	– Troop Meeting
May 10	– Newsletter Deadline for Scribes
July 14	– Board the bus for the Jamboree
July 15-24	– Jamboree!

Announcements

Five Scouts have joined our Troop. Two joined in January and three more joined us this month. Please join me in welcoming the following Scouts to Troop C440!

Matt DeHope	Troop 82	Cloud Nine Patrol
Devin Foran	Troop 331	Honey Badger Patrol
Jonathan Novins	Troop 180	Border Patrol
John Scharaldi	Troop 180	Border Patrol
Steven Scharaldi	Troop 180	Honey Badger Patrol

Troop News

A new version of the Activities Guide was published by National, a copy of which is available on the Troop Facebook page.



Uniform Patches are coming soon. That includes two JSP (Jamboree Shoulder patch), Troop numerals (see sample image), jamboree logo patch, and a set of leadership patches for youth leaders.

In addition the Jamboree Committee and National BSA plan on providing the following:

- National BSA is providing a Jambo Duffle Bag. This and your Daypack will contain all your clothing and gear.
- Two Council Jamboree T-Shirts of the UV, wicking type. Did you send in your completed Council order Form?
- One Council Jambo Hat
- Two Council Patch sets of 5 JSPs and one Center Patch
- One Council Day Pack

- One Mess Kit that will look just like everyone else's from your Troop!

Medicals

Medical Forms are due to Mr. Daniels by Sunday, March 31st. Please send one copy of Parts A, B, C and the medical card, and a second copy of Part C and the medical card. Contrary to the instructions on the forms, DO NOT SEND PART C and a copy of your medical form to BSA National in Texas. We will be checking all forms to make sure they are filled in correctly. Hopefully, this will ensure that we have a smooth check-in when we get to the Jamboree in July.

Once we have everyone's Part C and copy of medical card, we will send them on to BSA National in Texas. Jambo Troop C440 will hold onto Parts A, B, C & medical card for the Shakedown weekend in April, and for the trip to and from the Jamboree. After the Jamboree is finished, I can return the forms to you, or I can shred them for you, your choice.

Activities

It is time to start getting excited if you are not already!

It is imperative that everyone go out to their JAMBO dashboards. The much awaited activity priority section is now open. This will appear on your dashboard as an additional button, much like the medical forms. This has changed a bit from the original form, instead of selecting your top five(5) choices for what are referred to as curriculum activities, you must now rearrange the order of all curriculum activities (approx. 20). These should be ordered from most preferred to least preferred. This section will be open for 90 days, however; don't wait to the last minute, go out and get this done as soon as possible. For those of you who are new to the contingent or have not been keeping track the curriculum activity is the one activity you select which you are most interested in more in depth participation. An extensive automated selection process will determine which one each scout will receive based on a number of factors, however; your indication of your favorite interests will weigh heavily. For a complete description of the curriculum and elective activities, refer to the High Adventure Activities guide.

Version 2.0 of the High Adventure activities guide was released earlier this month. You should all have received a .pdf attachment via email. There are a few changes from the original 1.0 release which may pertain to you.

- AIRSOFT activities have been removed from Target Sports at THE BARRELS. They are currently evaluating other activities which may replace this, and some static AIRSOFT shooting may still be part of the Summit Center activities.
- For those of you considering the Technical Climbing offsite activity (\$50 additional charge), the previous capacity of 250 has been increased to 400. If you choose this option on your dashboard, it is of course subject to selection. The \$50 fee will be paid in advance and additional release forms will be necessary from your parents. It is recommended that you have at least 20 hours experience in both climbing gyms and natural rocks

to pursue this activity. If you select this and find it to difficult there will be no refunds.

As we have discussed one day at JAMBO will be devoted to the Summit Trek to Garden Ground. This is the highest point "The Summit of the Summit". This will be a 5-6 mile trek, there will be activities to participate in throughout your day at the top. You will return to your campsite by bus. Stay posted for more information as we get closer to the big event!

T-Shirt Design

Do you have artistic talent? Then help design our Troop T-Shirt! Our PLC has decided to approve a Troop T-shirt for the Jamboree. This T-shirt is separate from those logo items you will be receiving from the Council. This T-shirt would be designed by you and purchased through the Troop. Beside the Scouts designing the shirt we need the assistance of parents to organize the process. Any design ideas can be sent to C440_Leaders@monmouthbsa.org for review of the PLC and approval by the Scoutmaster. Any parents that can help can also let us know through this email address.

A blank design sheet was emailed to every family. Draw your design, scan it, and email it to our Troop Leaders. If you don't have a scanner you can mail it to the address included in the email sent with the design sheet.

We've included an example, what's your idea?



Scoutmaster Minute

The Jamboree is drawing closer. We only have two Troop meetings and an April Shakedown weekend left. There is no time to take our eye off of the ball. We still have lots of things to do! We have new Scouts that have not met their Patrols yet; medical forms that need to be collected; and a Shakedown to plan. I ask that *every* Scout, Parent, and Leader keep in mind that we have a great expedition in front of us but one that will only be successful with the full participation and enthusiasm of every individual.

Crew F512



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Upcoming Events

February 24	Crew Meeting
March 10	Officer's Meeting
March 17	Crew Meeting
March 31	Medicals Due
April 27-28	Shakedown Weekend
May 1	Activities Preference Due

Crew Officers

President – Jacob Thorpe
Vice-President – Cassie Mazza
Secretary – Colleen Nastro

Crew News

It's official...the last Venturer left in the Del-Mar-Va Crew has decided to go as Jamboree staff, so please welcome Ronald Lamo, who is coming to us from Jambo Troop D418. This now makes our Crew 26 Venturers strong - slightly more than the 8 we started with last summer. We will still be camping with the quarter-crew from Jersey Shore Council, and will be inviting them to join us for the Shakedown in April.

With the dissolution of the Del-Mar-Va crew, National has pulled a fast one on us. We are now Crew F512. While the old e-mail addresses will still work, please start using f512_leaders@monmouthbsa.org to get a hold of your Crew leaders.

And speaking of leaders...the search is on for another male Associate Advisor to head down to Jamboree with us. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact Mr. DeShong (bdeshong@verizon.net).

Check your mailbox for the Jamboree catalog, which should have arrived the week of February 18th. Place your order early – the closer we get to Jamboree, the greater the likelihood items may get sold out. Summit t-shirts, Summit patches, Summit hats, Summit leather belt and buckle – all will be popular Jamboree items.

Check that Dashboard

Make sure you check your dashboard on the Summit website – <http://summit.scouting.org>. There are several things you need to do to make sure you're set for Jamboree.

- Medical – make sure you Parts A, B and C are completed, but DO NOT send Part C to Texas (as the form instructs). They will be collected by your Crew leaders.
- Activities Selection – be sure to rank your preference for ALL activities (not just your favorites).

- Photograph – if you haven't already, you need to upload a photo to the dashboard. It will be used by National for recordkeeping purposes.

Banner Design Wanted

As discussed at our last meeting, if you have any ideas for a banner design, please bring them to the next meeting. Keep in mind...we will not be having a gateway, so the banner will be hung in our dining area. The banner should represent our Council, Monmouth County and our Crew, so get creative!

New Activity



Sporting arrows are not only new to archery in Scouting, but also to the archery world in general.

Similar to clay target shooting, sporting arrows are centered around automatic target launchers that throw 10-inch diameter foam targets into the air.

And once the targets take flight? It's on.

Here's why:

- Teams consist of five archers lined up in a row and spaced about 6 feet apart.
- Archers have 10 arrows each and can fire at their own will.
- Anytime a target is in the air, an archer can fire at it; they do not have to shoot at each one.

That's right. Each target is up for grabs.

You'll use special arrows—flu-flus!—that don't travel too far, making them easy to retrieve. Targets are thrown approximately 60–80 feet in the air.

Although five archers will be firing simultaneously, each archer has a different color arrow set so you'll know who hit the target.

With each game lasting about five minutes, you'll probably want to hit the sporting arrows more than once.

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More Activities



There is no shortage of two-wheeled fun at the Summit. The High Gear course is designed for mountain bikes, including a no-pedal-power-necessary pump track. The Low Gear course for mountain bikes features 27 miles of crosscountry trails and a downhill course to challenge the best riders.

The Summit will offer your favorites in aquatic activities, along with new water-based challenges. Get suited up for SCUBA. Get ready for kayaking. But save some energy for Dragon Boat racing, the Mariner Adventure and a water obstacle course.



Get ready to get your shred on at an X Games-quality skate park. Skateboarding at the Summit Bechtel Reserve offers something for every ability, from beginner to seasoned thrasher. Build up your skill in the bowl, reach new heights on the vert ramp, or grind out new combos street-style in the park. We've even got a foam pit for you to try tricks that really push your skill level.



If you like going fast and having a bird's eye view, clip in to the zip lines that will zig and zag over Adventure Valley at the Summit. We'll have miles and miles of aerial adventure, including Zip Zilla — five parallel zip lines over 3,000 feet long.



Reach speeds of up to 50 MPH as you soar over The Summit on one of the longest zip line courses in all of North America.

Taking to the trees at The Summit is more than just zip lines. The Canopy is a tree-to-tree adventure that gives Scouts and Venturers a new way to connect with their environment. The journey combines the geology, history and topography of the region to create an exciting encounter — all while suspended far above the earth.



The New River Gorge climbing scene offers climbs to match the skills of all comers. We've recreated that same experience at The Rocks, a combination of nature and ingenuity that brings the best of the gorge right on site at the Summit. This is man-made climbing, but you might not realize it if we didn't tell you. Built by the best in the business to blend in with the West Virginia terrain, get ready to boulder, climb and rappel at the Summit.



The best sporting clay course in the country? That's right. Right here at the Summit. Sixty acres is plenty of room for increased safety and well over 100 stations, all just for Scouts and Venturers. Shooting sports at the Summit will include shotguns, rifles and even pistols. If marksmanship is in your sights, head for



The Range.