

2023 National Jamboree General FAQ's

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What are the dates of the 2023 National Jamboree?

July 19-28, 2023

When can I register for the 2023 National Jamboree?

The registration site for all attendees launched on March 9, 2022.

The registration link will be located on the website at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>

When will the National Jamboree registration system close for the 2023 National Jamboree?

The registration system *will close at midnight Eastern time on April 30, 2023*, to allow adequate time for various orders to be placed / received and the implementation of processes that are specific to the number of attendees, such as credential ordering, registration packet assembly, etc.

Can JST (staff) come for part of the time?

Yes. There are three sessions to choose from for JST only.

- Session 1 (July 16-23, 2023)
- Session 2 (July 24-29, 2023)
- Session 3 (July 16-29, 2023)

Can participants or leaders come for part of the time?

No. Contingents (units) can only register for the full duration of the Jamboree.

When do I arrive/depart?

Unit arrivals are on July 19th with departure on July 28th.

JST (staff) will arrive at the appointed time the lead for the area they are working on assigns to them.

What are the JST (staff) registration fees?

Applicants 34 years of age and older:

- Session 1 (July 16-23, 2023) - \$700
- Session 2 (July 24-29, 2023) - \$700
- Session 3 (July 16-29, 2023) - \$1200

Applicants 16-33 years of age:

- Session 1 YAJ (July 16-23, 2023) - \$400
- Session 2 YAJ (July 24-29, 2023) - \$400
- Session 3 YAJ (July 16-29, 2023) - \$675
 - These fees are intentionally lower to entice young adults to consider serving on JST.

How much do I have to pay at the time of registration?

JST (staff) are required to submit a \$100 deposit at the time they register, plus a one-time \$20 electronic processing fee.

Participants and Leaders will submit all required fees directly to their local council.

How old do you have to be to serve as a JST member?

Minimum of 16 years of age on or before the first day of the Jamboree.

Are tents provided for JST?

If you are selected to serve as a JST member in the basecamps/subcamps, or are a member of the Jamboree Medical staff, a tent will be provided. All other JST members are required to bring their own tent.

As a member of JST, is there a recommended size for the tent I need to bring?

No larger than 10x12.

As a member of JST, can I rent a tent from the Summit?

No. The tents owned by the Summit are being reserved for any emergency weather events.

As a member of JST, is there a tent I can purchase and pick up upon arrival instead of packing one in my checked luggage?

No. You will need to purchase your tent prior to arrival at the Jamboree.

What is the participant (youth and leader) fees?

Councils set their contingent participant fees based on their budget considerations. Councils incur expenses such as the National Jamboree fee, travel, pre-jamboree training, recruitment, tents, and material costs. BSA National collects \$1,285 for every Leader and Youth attending as a contingent participant. The local council collects all contingent participant fees and submits the portion due to National Jamboree in accordance with the National Contingent Fee Schedule.

When are Contingent fees due to be paid by Councils to National for each Scout and Leader in our Contingent?

- 1st Payment \$485 in July 2022.
- 2nd Payment \$500 in December 2022.
- 3rd Payment \$300 in March 2023

How old do you have to be to attend the Jamboree as a participant?

Minimum of 12 years of age on or before the first day of the Jamboree.

My child is currently 11 years old. Can he/she still register for the Jamboree even though they are not quite 12 years old?

Yes. The registration system validates age against the first date of the Jamboree. As long as your 11-year-old will be 12 on or before July 19, 2023 they can register now.

Can I register now?

JST (staff) registration and council contingent registrations will be open for all attendees March 9th. Watch the website for updates and the registration link when it is available. Councils can begin to accept registrations and funds as desired.

My Scout has turned 18 since the last Jamboree. Due to the 2021 Jamboree getting cancelled he/she/they did not get to attend. Can he/she/they sign up for 2023 as a participant?

Yes. There is an accommodation for young adult participation up to 21 years of age to attend within a Council Contingent or JST.

I applied and was approved to attend the 2021 Jamboree. Do I need to re-register for the 2023 Jamboree?

Yes. The 2021 Jamboree was effectively cancelled, and all paid fees were refunded. Therefore, there is nothing to carry over from 2021 Jamboree to 2023 Jamboree. Everyone must go online to <https://jamboree.scouting.org/> and submit a new application specific to the 2023 Jamboree.

What does the National Jamboree provide to each participant attending the Jamboree for the \$1,285?

Onsite Jamboree programming, Food, Cot, Troop Dining Fly's, Tables, Propane, Stoves, Troop Cook Kits, Participant recognition package (ex. 2 uniform patches, neckerchief).

What is a council responsible for providing to a Jamboree contingent?

Appropriate leadership (BSA approved leaders that meet eligibility requirements). Each unit must have a minimum of 4 registered BSA members 21 or older.

The Unit Care Provider must be one of the Unit Leaders (SM or ASM) and is required to hold either current Wilderness First Aid and CPR certificates or a current healthcare license (MD, DO, APRN, RN, PA, Paramedic, EMT). This unit leader's responsibilities include providing for the safety and well-being of each unit member by a) reviewing their AHMR and maintaining a binder/file containing all of the Unit's AHMRs, b) maintaining the Unit First Aid Kit and providing first aid treatment within the unit and c) overseeing administration of required medications.

Proper tenting (each contingent of 40 is restricted to 22 tents; each tent cannot exceed 9'x9.5' base).

Can we ship our contingent tents or other supplies to the Summit ahead of the Jamboree?

The ALC (Arnold Logistics Center), will not be able to accommodate contingent tents or other supplies being shipped ahead to the ALC for distribution. The deployment cost in equipment and labor would exceed the budget which we have been strictly advised to manage with no variance. A tent is the only additional item needed that is different than past jamborees. These can be the second bag in regard to air, bus or rail travel. (Some carriers may waive any surcharge as part of the package when making group travel arrangements.)

What is the size of the cot?

Cots are 76.75" L x 33.25"W x 18.25H

Is rafting included in the \$1,285 jamboree fee?

No. This is a cost activity that will be lower than public rates and more information will be sent this Spring regarding rafting reservation options.

My Scout has a dietary restriction; what provisions will be made to account for this?

Food restrictions such as Kosher, Halal, Celiac and Nut allergies will be honored.

In addition, there are many Gluten free and vegetarian choices in our menu's. The information included in our menu documents address ingredients and notifications to assist all Jamboree participants in avoiding items that may cause allergic reactions or discomfort. Note the Menus and ingredients will be included in contingent menu information. You may also opt to bring additional shelf stable supplements.

How will Scouts BSA female groups be camped during the Jamboree in correlation to their Scouts BSA male counterparts?

Scouts BSA units will be camped in areas based on gender specified portables (showers/restrooms). Camp areas will be separated by barriers such as roads or swells so that campsites are defined. Council contingents (multiple units/partial units) can travel to the jamboree together as long as BSA policy is followed.

Partial units will be grouped with other like units for camping purposes prior to the jamboree to ensure minimum BSA requirements/policies are met.

Ex. a Scouts BSA female group of 2 adults and 8 youth can travel to and from the jamboree with Scouts BSA male counterparts but when they arrive at Jamboree they will be camping in male/female specific sites.

How will Venturing groups be camped during the Jamboree?

Venturing units will be camped in areas based on gender specified portables (showers/restrooms). Camp areas will be separated by barriers such as roads or swells so that campsites are defined. Council contingents (multiple units/partial units) can travel to the jamboree together as long as BSA policy is followed.

Partial units will be grouped with other like units for camping purposes prior to the jamboree to ensure minimum BSA requirements/policies are met.

Ex. a co-ed Venturing group can travel to and from the jamboree together but when they arrive at Jamboree they will be camping in male/female specific sites.

When trying to register for the Jamboree, I am receiving a message “You do not qualify for this event”.

Confirm the following:

- That your BSA membership is current. This includes contacting your local council to confirm that it has been processed and entered into the National database.
- Your current BSA membership is linked in the profile of the registrant’s My.Scouting account.

What is the mailing address for someone attending the Jamboree to receive mail?

First and last name of the Scout/Scouter + Troop/Crew No. (i.e., A213)
2023 National Jamboree
92 SBR 2
Mount Hope, WV 25888

Is a packing list available?

The Packing list can be found at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/councils/council-guide/>

I have questions that are not answered in the FAQ or on the website, who can I contact?

Additional questions should be sent to: National.jamboree@scouting.org

BSA Older Youth Program FAQ's

Why is there a designated Subcamp for the BSA's Older Youth Programs at the 2023 National Jamboree?

The Older Youth Program Subcamp will be the home for Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers at the 2023 National Jamboree and will offer a variety of special programs designed especially for our three Older Youth Programs. The special programs will include evening activities (*hint*: plan to bring your Cowboy Hat and gaudy luau shirt) and a special celebration for Venturing's 25th Birthday. Most of all, you'll experience the fun and fellowship of more than a thousand Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers from around the country.

How do I register to attend with a Venturing Crew, Sea Scout Ship or Explorer Post?

Registration for the 2023 National Jamboree is easy through the online registration portal found at jamboree.scouting.org. Each Participant must register individually. Once you enter the site, you will be asked the following question:

While at the Jamboree, do you prefer to camp in the designated Subcamp for Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers?

Simply answer "Yes" to this question and once you are approved by your local council, you will be assigned to the Subcamp for the Older Youth Programs.

Do I have to attend as part of a Council Contingent or can I attend with my Crew, Ship or Post?

If you are a registered Venturer or Sea Scout, you may attend the Jamboree in one of two ways. First, you may attend the Jamboree with your Crew or Ship so long as your local council approves your Crew or Ship attending the Jamboree and so long as your Crew or Ship has the required and qualified adult leadership also attending with the unit. Second, you may attend the Jamboree as part of a Council Contingent Crew or Ship if your Council has formed a Contingent Crew or Ship.

If you are a registered Explorer, you may attend the with your Explorer Post so long as your Council Scout Executive approves your Post attending the Jamboree and so long as the required adult leadership with current Youth Protection Training are also attending.

If my Crew, Ship or Post is not going to the Jamboree, can I attend with another Crew, Ship or Post?

Yes, if you are a registered Sea Scout or Venturer, you may attend the Jamboree with another Crew or Ship so long as that Crew or Ship approves you to dual register with that Crew or Ship and again, so long as your local council approves you attending the National Jamboree.

Is there a minimum number from my Crew, Ship or Post that must attend the National Jamboree in order for any of us to attend?

No, there is no minimum number from your Crew, Ship or Post that must attend the Jamboree; however, each Crew, Ship or Post must have the required qualified Adult Leadership to satisfy the requirements of the BSA's Youth Protection protocols.

How much do I have to pay when I register and who do I pay?

If you are registering as a Jamboree Participant, there is no deposit required when you register.

How much does it cost to attend the National Jamboree?

The National Jamboree early bird fee is \$1,285.00. This fee is good through October 31, 2022. November 1, 2022, the full fee of \$1500 will take effect. (Check with your local council to see how this may effect their fee structure.) All contingent fees are paid directly to your local council. In addition to the Jamboree fee, each Participant will also likely incur costs for Jamboree preparation and for travel to and from the Jamboree. If your Council has a Contingent Crew or Ship, then the Contingent Crew or Ship will likely determine the amount of these additional costs. If you are attending with your Crew, Ship or Post, then your Crew, Ship or Post will be responsible for determining and paying these additional costs.

How much does it cost my adult leaders to attend the National Jamboree?

The Cost for unit leaders to attend the National Jamboree as part of the Older Youth Program subcamp is the regular Jamboree fee of \$1,285.00 through October 31, 2022, \$1,500 effective November 1 plus any contingent fees or fees determined by your Crew, Ship or Post.

What does each Jamboree Participant receive for the National Jamboree fee?

Each Participant will receive onsite Jamboree programming, food, a cot, and the use of dining flies, tables and benches, propane, stoves, and Crew cook kits. Participants also receive a National Jamboree recognition package (ex. 2 uniform patches, neckerchief).

Is there an additional cost to camp in the Subcamp for the Older Youth Programs?

Even though the Subcamp for Venturing, Sea Scouting and Exploring will host enhanced programs and activities, there is no extra cost or fee.

The OYP Subcamp will, however, offer special souvenirs and merchandise exclusive to Venturing, Sea Scouting and Exploring; these optional items are not included in the Jamboree fee and will be an extra cost.

Where will my Crew, Ship or Post be camping while at the Jamboree?

If you answer the following question “Yes” during your online registration,

While at the Jamboree, do you prefer to camp in the designated Subcamp for Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers?

then you will camp in Subcamp D3, the home of the BSA’s Older Youth Programs at the 2023 National Jamboree. Subcamp D3 is designed for 53 campsites.

Will my Crew/Ship/Post have its own campsite?

Probably not, because each campsite is designed to support up to 40 individuals. If your Crew, Ship or Post has less than 40 Participants, and we expect that most will, you will likely share a campsite with one or more Crews, Ships and/or Posts. In addition, your Crew, Ship or Post may also host members of the Subcamp D3 Service Team during meals.

Will the Jamboree provides tents?

No, the National Jamboree will not provide tents. Based on our previous experience, we recommend a tent that is **no larger than 9½ feet by 9½ feet**. The National Jamboree will provide a cot and the Jamboree cots will fit in tents of this size.

Tents larger than 10ft x 10ft are prohibited since they cannot be accommodated given spacing limitations and requirements.

Does the Jamboree fee include uniforms?

No, the Jamboree fee does not include uniforms. The Jamboree fee includes a National Jamboree recognition package (ex. 2 uniform patches, neckerchief). Each participant will be responsible for providing his or her own uniform.

Is a packing list available?

The Packing list can be found at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/councils/council-guide/>

Can a Participant register to attend half the Jamboree?

No, Participants can only register for the full duration of the Jamboree.

What do I need to do to start the registration process so I can attend the Jamboree and camp in Subcamp D3?

It is easy. Go to <https://jamboree.scouting.org>. You will need to use your MyScouting.org Account to log in to register. Remember, when you get to the question,

While at the Jamboree, do you prefer to camp in the designated Subcamp for Venturers, Sea Scouts and Explorers?

Make certain you answer **“Yes”** so you will be assigned to camp in Subcamp D3, the home of the BSA’s Older Youth Programs at the 2023 National Jamboree.

More information can be found at the National Jamboree Website: <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>

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Subsequent modifications and additions can be made as Jamboree planning is implemented.*