



2021 National Jamboree

Parent and Participant Guide



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JAMBOREE FACT SHEET

2021 National Scout Jamboree

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What is the 2021 Scout National Jamboree? In a sentence, it is “the ultimate Scouting experience.” 32,000+ Scouts and Venturers from all over the nation are expected to come together to do Scouting activities like never seen before at any Jamboree or summer camp. Typically, they are held only once every four years, so this is a once in a lifetime experience.

Over the course of 10 summer days, once every four years, the Boy Scouts of America gathers together. Scouts and Scouters who attend will explore all kinds of adventures—stadium shows, pioneer village, Mount Jack hikes, adventure sports and more—in the heart of one of nature’s greatest playgrounds. With 10,000 acres at the Summit to explore, there’s no shortage of opportunities to build Scouting memories.

The National Jamboree is the best of Scouting rolled into 10 days of friends, fun and adventure! You won’t want to miss out, get ready to Face the Challenge and sign up to attend the Jamboree!

Heart of New England Council is planning to send one Troop of Scouts and Adult Leaders from across the council to the 2021 Scout National Jamboree. |

Where will the 2021 National Scout Jamboree be held? This will be the second Jamboree at the brand new Summit Bechtel Family National Scouting Reserve in West Virginia. This is the permanent home of the National Jamboree.

What are the dates for the 2021 National Scout Jamboree? The actual Jamboree runs from July 21, 2021 through July 30, 2021. The 2021 Heart of New England Jamboree Troop will depart from the Lancaster, MA Scout Services Center the morning of Sunday, July 18, 2021 and arrive back at the Lancaster, MA Scout Service Center the evening of Saturday, July 31, 2021. On the way to and back from the Summit Bechtel Family National Scouting Reserve, Scouts will tour the historic sites of Philadelphia, Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello residence, enjoy a morning white water rafting and have fun at the Hershey Park.

What can Scouts/Venturers do at 2021 National Scout Jamboree? The list of opportunities is very long and 2021 National Scout Jamboree will be like no other before it. There will be more opportunities for merit badges, high adventure, outdoor activities, camping, and “Scouting” then at any other one place at one time, EVER!

What are the qualifications for the 2021 National Scout Jamboree? In addition to being a registered member of a Troop or Crew in Heart of New England Council:

Scouts must be 12 years of age before July 21, 2021 and not have reached 18 years of age by the July 30, 2021.

In addition participants must amongst other matters:

- Be approved by the Council’s and the Contingent’s Leadership
- Participate in pre-Jamboree Troop meetings and shake-down training
- Submit a completed BSA Annual Health & Medical Record using the on-line Jamboree submission process. The Annual Health & Medical Record must be dated on or after August 1, 2020.
- MUST have appropriate parent/guardian to complete the online parental consent.
- Participate in pre-Jamboree training experience with local council and unit leader.
- Submitted BSA Annual Health & Medical Record using the on-line Jamboree submission process. The AHMR must be dated on or after July 1, 2020.
- Submit all registrations fees per the local council’s payment schedule and remain a member in good standing of the Heart of New England Council 2021 National Jamboree Contingent

Adults:

- Scoutmasters and First Assistant Scoutmasters MUST be at least 21 years of age by July 20, 2021 and the Scoutmaster applicants must be currently serving as a primary unit leader and have completed appropriate leader specific training.
- Second Assistant Scoutmasters MUST be at least 18 years of age by July 20, 2021.

- Third Assistant Scoutmasters MUST be at least 18 years of age before July 20, 2021 but not yet 21 years of age by July 30, 2021.
- First, Second or Third Assistant Scoutmasters MUST currently be serving in any unit leadership position.
- Be approved by the local council.
- All adult leaders MUST current with Youth Protection Training.
- Participate and assist in planning the pre-Jamboree training experience with local council.
- Submit a completed BSA Annual Health & Medical Record using the on-line Jamboree submission process. The Annual Health & Medical Record must be dated on or after August 1, 2020.
- Submit all registrations & fees per the local council's payment schedule and remain a member in good standing of the Heart of New England Council 2021 National Jamboree Contingent

Submit application via <https://forms.gle/AaeVgHBkNaRCYoot9>

Is Youth Protection Training Required? All participants 18 and older must have a current Youth Protection Training.

Can a CURRENT Cub Scout or Webelos register the 2021 National Scout Jamboree? YES!! As long as they will meet the age requirement before July 20, 2021, they can register.

Does the 2021 National Scout Jamboree replace summer camp? No. Summer Camp is an activity done with the Scouts' home troop. The Jamboree is done with troops formed with Scouts from across Heart of New England Council. Scouts are free enjoy both the 2021 National Scout Jamboree and summer camp if they so choose.

What pre-Jamboree activities will be required? We know Scouts are busy, so we will keep it to a minimum. There will be monthly troop meetings beginning in September 2020 and a "shakedown" campout in the spring of 2021, where we will learn to work as a troop, and to get to know each other.

What does it cost? The anticipated cost is \$2,350 per Scout. We realize that this is a lot of money, so we have established a payment plan to spread that cost out. We will make every effort to keep the costs low as planning progresses.

Scouts must please adhere to the payment schedule to ensure you do not fall behind on payments. Payment will be accepted via mail or in person at the Council Service Center during normal business hours. Regular payments are necessary to ensure funds are available for the booking of transportation, lodging and activities.

| Installment Payment Due Date | Installment Amount |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Not later than March 1, 2020* | \$500.00 |
| June 1, 2020 | \$500.00 |
| September 1 2020 | \$500.00 |
| December 1, 2021 | \$500.00 |
| March 1, 2021 | \$350.00 |
| | \$2,350.00 |

* Initial Payment is due by check or credit card to Heart of New England Council immediately after completing the online registration. A Scout's Registration is NOT complete and your spot is not held UNTIL Heart of New England Council has received the \$500.00 initial payment.

What is included? A lot! All activities in advance of the 2021 National Scout Jamboree, transportation, insurance, lodging, food, activities on the way to and from the 2021 National Scout Jamboree, the Jamboree registration fees, special commemorative patches as well as a contingent t-shirt and a contingent neckerchief are just some of the items covered.

What is NOT included? The fee DOES NOT include individual spending money for snacks, trading post purchases and souvenirs, personal equipment and official uniforms amongst other items. Scouts will need to bring their own personal gear, two Class A uniforms, Class B t-shirts, and a sleeping bag. They will also want spending money and patches to trade. Most Scouts already own most of what they will need.

Is financial aid available? Many units allow Scouts to use a portion of the money raised through popcorn and other fundraisers for summer camp or special activities, including the Jamboree. In addition many charter organizations are willing to provide financial assistance for special activities.

Medical Forms: Jamboree participants will receive a special bar-coded medical form. Participants must have a physical examination within 12 months of the Jamboree. The medical form must be completed and signed by the parents and the

physician. Please notify the Jamboree troop leaders of any illness or injury between the time of the physical exam and the Jamboree.

Immunizations: The immunization portion of the medical form must be completed. Exceptions on religious grounds must be submitted in writing. Exceptions on medical grounds must be noted, by the physician, on the medical form.

Physical Fitness: The Jamboree is a strenuous activity. All participants must meet the height and weight guidelines noted on the medical form in order to participate.

Food Allergies & Dietary Restrictions: The menus and ingredient lists for Jamboree meals will be posted in early 2021. If your son has specific allergies or dietary restrictions it may be necessary to supply your own food. The troop leadership will work with you to make those arrangements.

Where and how do I register? You register online at <https://events.scouting.org/login>. You will need your membership ID number from your membership card, or your Scoutmaster, to complete the registration. A Scout's Registration is NOT complete and your spot is not held UNTIL Heart of New England Council has (1) received the \$500.00 initial payment

AND...

(2) A copy of the confirmation page(s) from your online registration WITH your Scoutmaster's signature of approval for participation in the 2021 National Jamboree.

CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS

1. If you sign up for the Jamboree and then find that you cannot attend, you will receive a refund of fees from Heart of New England Council **ONLY IF** there is a qualified alternate to take your place, first from the established Heart of New England Jamboree standby waitlist, then from outside the list, only if necessary.
2. Because most expenses occur many months prior to the start of the trip, the Heart of New England Council reserves the right to withhold an administrative fee of \$50.00 from any refund, whether or not a qualified alternate takes your place.
3. In the event there is not an alternate to take you place, a partial refund *MAY OR MAY NOT* be possible, depending on individual circumstances surrounding the cancellation and the timing of the cancellation in relation to the trip date. This partial refund would be for fees you have paid to Heart of New England to date, less the \$50 administrative fee AND less any expenses related to contractual agreements that have already been made on your behalf.
4. All requests for refunds must be made in writing at the earliest possible date and sent to the Mohegan Council Service Center.
5. Any last minute refunds will only be considered for extenuating circumstances (i.e. death in the family, major illness). Refunds will not be given for a change of mind, vacation plans, summer school or no shows, etc.
6. NO refunds will be given once the Jamboree Contingent has begun their expedition.
7. Fees already paid may be transferred from one Scout to another Scout taking that Scout's place, with the approval of the Scouts, the parents involved, and **ONLY** with prior notification in writing to the Heart of New England Council Service Center. The Heart of New England Council must approve any such substitution or transfer.



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The Summit Center will be the hub of Jamboree activity set between the villages and the activity areas, and the only area open for day visitors. On specific days, visitors may pay a fee and visit the Summit Center to experience all it has to offer. The Center will be open to regular Jamboree participants, but day visitors may not visit the base camps or activity areas. Visitors, however, will have an opportunity to Face the Challenge in their own way that connects their visitor experience to that of every Jamboree participant, whether visiting for one day or more.

What will visitors have access to? *Visitors to the Jamboree will have access to all of the activities and exhibits located in the Summit Center. The activities include zip lines, canopy tours, rock climbing, challenge courses, skateboarding, BMX and mountain biking. The summit center also includes all of the exhibits, and the AT&T Arena, retail and food vendors. Visitors will NOT have access to troop sites, or the participant activity areas.*

What are the visiting hours? *Visitors will be welcome at the Jamboree during the following hours:*

Yet to be announced / publicized

What are the admission fees? *Visitors to the Jamboree will have to pay an admission fee to cover the cost of the activities.*

| <u>Age</u> | <u>Fee/Day</u> | <u>Fee for Sunday July 21st</u> |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| Under 6 years old | <i>Yet to be announced / publicized</i> | |
| Ages 6-10 | <i>Yet to be announced / publicized</i> | |
| Over 10 years old | <i>Yet to be announced / publicized</i> | |

What are the parking arrangements? *Vehicles are not allowed on the Jamboree site. All visitors will park in the central parking area and be bussed onto the Jamboree site.*

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| Cars | 1-9 Passenger | <i>Yet to be announced / publicized</i> |
| Van | 9-15 Passenger | <i>Yet to be announced / publicized</i> |
| Bus/Motorcoach | > 15 Passenger | <i>Yet to be announced / publicized</i> |

How do I get tickets? *Tickets will be available online in early 2021.*

What should I bring? *Dress appropriately for the weather. Bring a water bottle and a small day pack. DO NOT BRING large backpacks, picnic baskets, or coolers.*



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The Jamboree committee recognizes that attending the National Jamboree is a significant financial commitment. Every effort has been made to develop a budget that anticipates all costs associated with attending the Jamboree.

JAMBOREE CONTINGENT FEE: \$2,350

EXPENSES:

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| National Jamboree Fee | \$1,175 |
| Transportation | \$325 |
| Lodging, Activities & Meals | \$255 |
| Troop Identity (Duffle bag, Day Pack, Patches, T-shirts...) | \$250 |
| Troop meetings & Shakedown | \$300 |