



2026 National Jamboree Contingent Guide

Golden Spread, South Plains, Buffalo Trail, and Northwest Texas Councils

WELCOME

Join Scouts and Scouters of the Golden Spread, South Plains, and Northwest Texas Councils as part of the official Jamboree Contingent Troops and experience Scouting's largest national event – [The National Scout Jamboree](#).

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DATES AND LOCATION

The 2026 National Jamboree will be held Wednesday, July 22, through Friday, July 31, 2026, at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve (The Summit) in Glen Jean, West Virginia. Contingents will arrive on July 22nd and depart Friday, July 31.

On the way to the Jamboree, the contingent will be doing a 3-day tour of Washington DC.

COST

\$4100 per attendee (youth and adults)

The cost includes the following:

- Event attendance fee
- 3-day Washington DC tour
- Travel (bus and meals)
- Personal gear (duffel bag, backpack, luggage tags)

- Uniform (Class B shirts, neckerchiefs, hats, slides, name tags, unit numerals, etc.)
- Patches (uniform and trader sets)
- Troop Gear (tents, shakedown campout, etc.)

Please note that the cost of the trip assumes a full contingent and a full bus. The committee has made every effort to plan a detailed budget with historical and currently available information. In the event that there are changes to the cost, they will be communicated to the contingent in late October 2025 prior to the contingent early registration deadlines and the payment schedule will be adjusted accordingly.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Normal Registration Deadline - October 17, 2025

Late Registration Deadline - February 28, 2026 (Add \$150 late fee)

1. Due by 8/31/25...\$500
2. Due by 9/30/25...\$500 (\$1,000 total)
3. Due by 10/31/25...\$500 (\$1,500 total)
4. Due by 11/30/25...\$500 (\$2,000 total)
5. Due by 1/31/26...\$500 (\$2,500 total)
6. Due by 2/28/26...\$500 (\$3,000 total)
7. Due by 3/31/26...\$500 (\$3,500 total)
8. Balance Due 4/30/26...\$600 (\$4,100 total)

Registration after 8/31/25 will require a deposit equal to the current total due on the date the application is submitted to ensure everyone remains on the same payment schedule. To discuss possible alternate payment schedules, please contact the National Jamboree Committee Chair, Jonathan Burkhard.

Payments for the contingent will be collected by the Golden Spread Council office. Credit / debit card payments will include a transaction processing fee. Cash or check payments may be paid in person or by mail with no processing fee.

REFUND POLICY

Please note that by registering for the event and placing your deposit, you are committing to the **FULL ATTENDANCE FEE**. Because the bulk costs (unit registration and bus) are paid for as a group fee, the cost per person would actually increase if we don't fill every seat.

No refunds will be given unless you have someone take over your spot.

*Note - The only exception will be the waiting list as described below.

HOW TO REGISTER

Register with the contingent and pay your deposit on the Golden Spread Council Jamboree Page (<https://goldenspread.org/2026-jamboree/>) and click the registration button.

SCHOLARSHIP

The National Jamboree has a [scholarship program](#) that provides up to \$780 (50% of the event attendance fee). Applications must be completed online via the National Jamboree website by one of the two deadlines. A committee will review the applications and determine scholarship amounts for each applicant. Recipients and their councils will be notified of the results of their application: either approved for a certain amount, not approved, or waitlisted to be considered in the second round.

The first round deadline to apply is **July 31, 2025**, with those applicants being notified of their results in early Fall. The second (final) round deadline is **November 30, 2025**, with those applicants being notified by mid-Winter.

CONTINGENT SIZE AND MAKEUP

Jamboree units consist of 18 youth and 2 adult leaders for a total of 20 OR 36 youth and 4 adult leaders for a total of 40. Units are organized as one of the following:

- Scouts BSA Boy Troop
- Scouts BSA Girl Troop
- Venturing Crew

YOUTH ELIGIBILITY

Scouts BSA Troops - Be a currently registered member of Scouts BSA Troop. Be at least 12 by the first day of the Jamboree but have not reached age 18 by the last day of the Jamboree.

Venturing Crew - Be a currently registered member of a Venturing Crew. Have not yet reached the age of 21 by the last day of the Jamboree.

ADULT ELIGIBILITY

Be a currently registered member of Scouting America. Current Safeguarding Youth Training. Must be approved by the local council. No less than 21 years of age on the date the contingent departs.

As described above, the adult leader positions are extremely limited for this event to maximize the number of youth that are able to attend. Our preliminary plans are to rent one 56 passenger bus and register 3 units of 20 (1 Boy Troop, 1 Girl Troop, and 1 Venture Crew). Consequently, there will only be 6 adult leader positions within the full contingent. To take a girl troop and coed Venture Crew, a minimum of one female leader will be required for each unit.

Jamboree contingent leadership will be selected by the Jamboree Committee in conjunction with the Council Executives. Preference will be given to first time attendees.

The good news is that there is another option for adults to attend as part of the Jamboree Service Team (JST). See additional information about staffing below.

WAITING LIST

Registrants will be placed in each unit on a first come, first served basis. In the event that one unit fills up, we will use the Venture Crew to help balance out the roster before starting a waiting list. Contingent units will be finalized in late October 2025 prior to the national deadlines.

If you are on the waiting list, payments will be due according to the published schedule. In the event a spot is not available, you will be refunded 100% of the fees. Payment processing fees are non-refundable.

STAFF

Staff members register and pay through the National Jamboree Registration System separate from the council contingent. National Jamboree has staff positions in a wide variety of areas to run a small city in addition to the program areas. The list of positions is published on the National Jamboree website.

Staff positions may serve for the entire event, week 1, or week 2. The staff has planned days off so that you can visit with your Scout or Council Contingent.

For more information on positions, fees, and resources, check out the [staff page](#) on the National Jamboree website.

TRAVEL

The following is the expected itinerary based on the current 2026 planning efforts and the 2023 travel schedule. Details will be confirmed and updated as plans are finalized closer to the event.

Friday, July 17

- Arrive at Camp Don Harrington no later than 7 PM CST.
- The bus will depart camp at 9:00 PM CST.

Saturday, July 18

- In route to Arlington, VA
- The bus will arrive in Arlington, VA at approximately 9:00 PM EST.

Sunday, July 19 to Tuesday, July 21

- Tour various monuments, historical sites, and more in the Washington DC area.

Wednesday, July 22

- Depart Arlington, VA for The Summit
- The bus will arrive at The Summit at 11:00 AM EST on July 22.

Friday, July 31

- Depart The Summit at 10:00 AM EST.
- In route to Amarillo, TX

Saturday, August 1

- The bus is expected to arrive at Camp Don Harrington at 10:30 AM CST.

Camp Don Harrington is located just south of Amarillo. The bus will stop periodically for bathroom, food, and/or driver changes. Here is the 2023 schedule for reference (Note: there was no DC tour).

2023 TRAVEL ITINERARY

Drive Time	Arrival (CST)	Stop Time	Departure (CST)	Location	Description	
0:00	10:00	0:30	10:30	Camp Don	Depart	
3:38	14:08	1:00	15:08	OKC	Driver Relay	
4:05	19:13	0:45	19:58	Springfield, MO	Food/snacks	Dinner
4:18	0:16	1:00	1:16	Mt Vernon, IL	Driver Relay	
2:35	3:51	0:45	4:36	Louisville, KY	Food/snacks	
3:28	8:04	0:45	8:49	Charleston, WV	Pick up Danielle	Breakfast
1:14	10:03	0:00	10:03	Summit	Arrive	
Drive Time	Time (CST)	Stop Time	Departure (CST)	Location	Description	
0:00	9:00	1:00	10:00	Summit	Depart	
1:14	11:14	1:00	12:14	Charleston, WV	Drop off Danielle	Lunch
3:28	15:42	1:00	16:42	Louisville, KY	Food/snacks	
2:35	19:17	1:00	20:17	Mt Vernon, IL	Driver Relay	Dinner
4:18	0:35	1:00	1:35	Springfield, MO	Food/snacks	
4:05	5:40	1:00	6:40	OKC	Driver Relay	Breakfast
3:38	10:18	0:00	10:18	Camp Don	Arrive	

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

All participants (youth and leaders) are selected to represent their local councils based on qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all adult and youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to read and agree to the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition of participation.

It is with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion (at the participant's own expense) from the National Jamboree or during the National Jamboree tour. Each participant is responsible for their own behavior, and the procedure to send a participant home from the National Jamboree will only be Invoked when necessary.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The unit's adult leaders are responsible for the supervision of its membership, maintaining discipline, security, and upholding the National Jamboree Code of Conduct.

Leaders will be guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and will obey all U.S., local, and state laws.

- I promise to obey the Scout Oath and Law.
- I will be Scout-like in how we act and treat others.
- I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable.
- I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other unit members and leaders.
- In consideration of other unit participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the unit.
- I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear clean and neat and labeling all personal gear.
- I will adhere to all recycling policies and regulations. I will not litter.
- I understand that the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited at The Summit.
- I understand that serious and/or repetitive behavior violations, including cheating, stealing, dishonesty, fighting, and cursing, may result in expulsion from The Summit or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges.
- I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
- I understand that possession of lasers of any type and possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
- I will demonstrate respect for The Summit and unit property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
- Neither the unit leaders nor Scouting America will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items and check items of value at the direction of unit leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
- I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and Staff members.
- I understand that hazing has no place in Scouting; nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, and similar acts of physical punishment.
- I understand that participants may only bring items specified on the equipment list provided.
- I understand that I can be sent home for bullying, horseplay, fighting, stealing, off-color jokes, remarks or conduct, harassment of any kind-sexual, religious,

race, cultural, national origin, disability, etc., being a “peeping tom”, being in an off-limits area and/or repeated failure to follow instructions.

Violation of this Code of Conduct, or any other conduct deemed to be inconsistent with the values of Scouting, may result in expulsion from The Summit at the participant’s own expense and could result in revocation of Scouting America membership.