



2026
NATIONAL
JAMBOREE
SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE
JULY 22-31



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GSMC – 2026 National Jamboree Contingent

The Great Smoky Mountain Council is currently recruiting youth and adult participants for the 2026 National Jamboree. Here are some information highlights:

The council has a goal of recruiting 4 Troops for the Jamboree.

- Each Troop will have 36 youth and 4 adults.
- We are looking to recruit 2 male Troops, 1 female Troop, and 1 coed Venture Troop, but this can be flexible moving forward.
- Youth participants must be between 12 and 20 years old at the time of the jamboree. Reserving a youth slot is first come along with council and Scoutmaster/Advisor approval. Most current 5th grade Webelos will be old enough to participate in this event.
- Adult Contingent participants will be chosen by the Jamboree Committee by the summer of 2025.
- Adults and youth may also serve on National Staff. You will work hard but it is one of the most rewarding/memorable experiences you can have in life.

The current cost projection for the Jamboree is between \$2000 and \$2100 per participant. It is the mission of the Troop Committee to make this affordable to every Scout who wants to go. Among other fundraising opportunities, we are working with Kroger and Food City so families can raise funds for each Scout and also so that the council can provide scholarships of various amounts to those who qualify based on funds available and individual needs. Please check out the Fundraising link on the Council Jamboree website for fundraising/scholarship opportunities.

Please feel free to contact any of the following with any questions:

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