



Jamboree Journal



2023 W. D. Boyce Council Contingent

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National Jamboree Website

<https://jamboree.scouting.org>

W. D. Boyce Jamboree site:

[2023 Jamboree - W. D. Boyce Council, BSA \(wdboyce.org\)](https://2023jamboree-wdboyce.org)

Did you Know?

Shooting Sports at the 2013 Jamboree fired over a MILLION rounds of ammunition!



Where has all the time gone? We have less than 30 DAYS before the 2023 National Jamboree starts!! Are you excited?? Your leaders are! This edition of the **Jamboree Journal** will be chock full of little tidbits you need to know, reminders, schedule information and more, so read it carefully. We've also included some suggestions to help you get all your gear ready. It's almost time to **go FORWARD!**

***This will be the LAST Jamboree Journal you receive before we leave for the Summit!
All further communication will be via email—watch your inboxes closely for last minute information!***

Shakedown Success!



Thanks to some excellent planning and support from the W. D. Boyce Jamboree Committee, our shakedown campout was a huge success. We hope you got a small taste of how Jamboree will be, and the logistics and skills needed to have a great time on this adventure. A special thanks to our quartermaster staff, Scott Fishel, Eric Hoadley and newbie Steve Kraus for their hard work on meal prep and logistics.

Phones and Apps for the 2023 National Jamboree

This year's Jamboree has integrated technology in many ways. In the past, mobile apps have provided maps, schedule information, food selection, grocery shopping at camp, emergency communication, drink water reminders and more. While these apps may improve a scout's experience at the Jamboree, a phone or device is NOT REQUIRED EQUIPMENT to attend.

If you DO bring a device, here are some reminders:

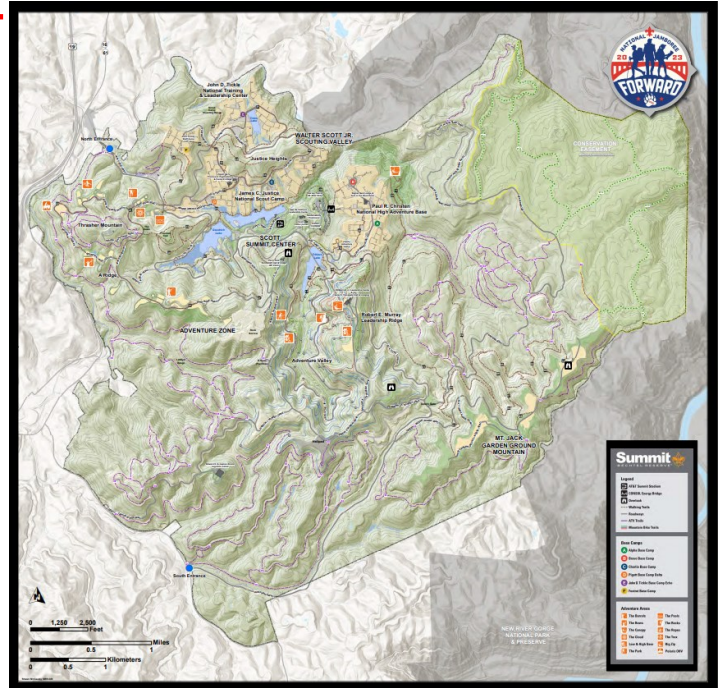
- Please remember that the device is YOUR responsibility.
- Consider a waterproof pouch for your device.
- Label your stuff
- You will receive an email invite to download and install the app over the next few weeks. (The app is on the app stores now, but requires you to have an invite to log in.)
- Take some time to learn the app when you get it— it has several cool features we'll be taking advantage of at camp. Look for the documents and FAQ section for tips on how to use the app.
- Scouts are asked to change their device screen saver to include NAME and JAMBOREE TROOP NUMBER in the event a device is lost. Once your credentials are received at the Jamboree, you could also take a picture of it and make that your screen saver background.
- Charging your device may be challenging. Consider a solar charging unit and a portable power supply that will charge your device several times. ***It is NOT recommended to plug phones DIRECTLY into Solar chargers, phones can be damaged.***
- Bring a multi-plug to help with capacity at charging stations.
- **Did we mention label your stuff?** Laser printed waterproof labels are a good idea for camp gear (and electronics).



To the MAP! For a look at where things are at the National Jamboree, check out the latest online map at <https://www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Full-Site-Map.pdf> Be sure to check back often since they're updating it all the time with new info!



Hint: Look for the orange symbols above on the interactive map to see where all the activities are located!



Patch Updates

Good news! Our Contingent Patch sets arrived late 6/23!!

We understand there are Scouts that have shirts at the Bloomington Scout Shop waiting on patches, and all the rest of you Scouts are anxiously waiting needle-in-hand to sew yours on.

If you have a uniform awaiting sewing thru the Scout Shop, your patches will be with your uniform. Otherwise, you will receive your patches in the mail.

BSA National Supply has advised that our Unit Numerals should arrive the first week of July and these will be distributed in the same manner.

Patch Placement

We often get questions about uniform patch placement. As we've mentioned before, some scouts prefer to sew their patches on a new uniform shirt for Jamboree and keep their regular Troop uniform intact with its existing insignia. Regardless of your choice, here is some guidance on where to place Jamboree insignia:

Round 2023 National Jamboree Emblem— *from BSA Guide to Awards and Insignia—* "Jamboree emblems for Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, or Venturers are worn only by registered jamboree participants and staff and are centered above the Boy Scouts of America strip, the Venturing strip, or the Sea Scout strip. No more than two jamboree patches may be worn on the shirt—one current national jamboree patch above the right pocket and one current world jamboree patch on the right pocket. If the wearer has an interpreter strip above the pocket, merely move the jamboree emblem upward sufficiently to accommodate it."

Order of the Arrow Pocket Flap/Chevron— *for OA Members only—* OA pocket flaps are attached to the right shirt pocket flap. The lower part of the chevron, is optional and sewn below the flap on the pocket.

Council Shoulder Patch (CSP) - The CSP for your Jamboree Unit should be worn in place of the standard W. D. Boyce CSP on the left shoulder. "Temporary CSP's" should be worn for no longer than a year after the event.

Jamboree Unit Numerals- Your Jamboree unit number patch is worn centered below the CSP on the left shoulder. Again, no specific rules regarding how long you can wear these troop/crew numbers, but they don't really apply when you're back in your home unit.

Positioning of all other applicable patches (rank, unit position, temporary awards, knots, etc.) would follow the rules in the [BSA Guide to Awards and Insignia](#).



Visitor Passes Available

If you're not registered to go to Jamboree, but you're going to be near the Summit Bechtel Reserve during that time, you can at least see a portion of the activities with a Day Visitor Pass.

The Summit Center provides visitors with an exciting sampling of what the National Jamboree has to offer. From a sampling of high adventure activities to engaging Scout programs, visitors can see program such as:

- Rock climbing
 - An autonomous vehicle race
 - Pioneering and buckskin games
 - Skateboarding
 - The BSA's Sustainability Treehouse
 - The Summit's interpretive history trail
 - The equipment and vehicles of disaster response services
 - The imagination and thrill of STEM
 - BMX bikes
 - Maker areas to race in the world's longest derby race
 - National Jamboree Trading Post
- ... and so much more!

Visitor access to activities is based on availability. Activities may be closed at times due to adverse weather conditions. Day visitors do not have access to the base camps or activity areas.

You may purchase Day Passes online. For more information on Day Passes, including restrictions and prices visit [Visitor Ticket Dates and Pricing - National Jamboree \(scouting.org\)](https://www.scouting.org/jamboree/visitor-tickets)

WWW.JAMBOREE.Scouting.org

Swim Test Information Needed

If you have completed the BSA swim test, please get a copy of your test results to the Peoria council office or bring a copy with you at departure.

Patch Trading Reminder...

From the Special Regulations section of the Guide to Awards and Insignia:

Scouts, Sea Scouts, and Venturers attending jamborees may trade among themselves articles and novelties of a local nature. **The trading of such items as badges of office, rank, distinguished service, training, performance, achievement, and distinction, however, is a violation of Article X of the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, forbidding the holding of these badges by any but the members who have complied with the requirements for them.**

If you aren't sure whether you should trade a certain patch at Jamboree, talk to your leader.



Purchase a JAMBO Tent!

There will be an opportunity for contingent participants to purchase one of the tents we are taking to Jamboree after the event for \$50.00 each. There will be a limited number offered on a first-come first-serve basis thru the council website prior to our departure. Watch your email for the announcement!



Unit Leaders are reviewing Medical forms for completeness. Be aware they will reach out to you by phone or email if they notice anything missing or concerns that would delay check-in at the Summit!



Where are we picking you up?

You will receive an EMAIL confirmation with your bus pickup location. In most cases, this will be the closest location to your home town—Normal or East Peoria.

We have a limited number of spots available to board in East Peoria. If you have a critical need to change your departure location, please EMAIL Josh Saunders and CC your Scoutmaster.

Jamboree Bus Info

DEPARTURES:

Tuesday July 18, 2023

Target—East Peoria

Scouts Arrive 7:30 AM

BUS LEAVES 8:15 AM

Schnucks—North Normal

Scouts Arrive 9:15 AM

BUSES LEAVE 10 AM

RETURN:

Friday July 28, 2023

Approx. 5:30 PM (Normal)

Arrival time based on 6 AM departure queue time from the Summit. You will be expected to get off the bus at the same location you boarded unless otherwise arranged.

Personal First Aid Kits

One of the things you should have at Jamboree in your day pack is a personal first aid kit. While you can buy one from about any pharmacy or your local scout shop, you can often put one together from items you have around the house, with only minimal expense. For details on what to include in your personal First Aid kit, check out <http://boyslife.org/video-audio/4937/first-aid-kit-buying-guide/>

What to Expect at Departure

When you arrive at your designated departure location, you should get in line at the check-in table:

- Dressed in full uniform (as a representative of our council ALL Scouts should be in full uniform).
- With your packed Jamboree Duffle and Daypack. No additional luggage items, all your gear should be in these two bags.
- At least ONE copy of your full medical form and insurance cards (we have this, but you should always carry a copy).

A Jamboree Committee member will verify your name, medical forms and check you in.

You will receive 2 luggage tags. Place one on your duffle and one on your daypack. Youth Quartermasters and Youth Leadership will be there to assist.

Place your duffle in the pack line and wait with your family until all scouts arrive and the bus is loaded (daypacks can be carried on).

Kiss Mom and Dad goodbye for 10 days and board the bus!

We are anticipating some local media coverage from Peoria and Bloomington for this event... smile pretty for the cameras while you wait to board the bus!

Scoutmaster/Leader Contact Information

If you have an emergency and need to reach a leader during Jamboree, PLEASE TEXT IF POSSIBLE BEFORE CALLING. Also, remember, if you are communicating with a youth you MUST cc another adult at all times (2 deep leadership):

Boy Troop:

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| Graham Mullett (SM) | 309-339-3942 | scoutmaster86@yahoo.com |
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| Grant Wolland (ASM) | 309-645-8849 | GrantWolland@hotmail.com |

Girl Troop:

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|--------------------|--------------|------------------------|
| Gwyn Krause (SM) | 309-397-0698 | gwyndlyn1368@gmail.com |
| Tim DeFrees (ASM) | 309-826-2374 | tkdefrees@gmail.com |
| Kevin Thomas (ASM) | 309-826-7625 | Ktadviser@gmail.com |

Crew:

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|--------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| Doug Schwalm (ADV) | 225-802-9500 | dschwalm@gmail.com |
| Tom Goehl (A-ADV) | 815-207-1763 | razor8n@gmail.com |
| Rebecca Saunders (A-ADV) | 309-635-4418 | whataretiddlywinks@gmail.com |



Everything But the Kitchen Sink, And...

We've talked in previous **Jamboree Journals** about what to bring to camp (See the previous editions on the W. D. Boyce website for details.) But what about stuff you shouldn't bring? Here's a list of items that Scouts should NOT bring to camp (list is not all-inclusive):

- Aerosol propellant (deodorant, insect repellent and sunscreen must be non-aerosol—pump type propellant is allowed)
- Fireworks
- Knives worn on the belt (acceptable knives must be the folding type with a blade length of less than three inches and must be carried in a pocket or pack),
- Food or drink in tents
- Flame in tents
- Bullwhips, Water guns, Slingshots, Martial arts devices
- Laser pointers of any type

"What if I forget and pack something I shouldn't have?" Don't worry— your leaders will secure your item and return it to you when we get back from camp. Well, except for the kitchen sink...

For more information on what to pack and how to pack it, refer to articles in previous **Jamboree Journal** newsletters on the W. D. Boyce 2023 Jamboree website [HERE](#).

Duffels and Daypacks For Sale!

The W. D. Boyce Council Contingent has a small number of extra Duffle bags and daypacks available for sale. These are the same packs you'll be taking to the Jamboree, so if you have a Scout friend or leader that is interested in purchasing one please visit <https://councilstuff.com/138?category=3812> You do NOT have to be going to Jamboree to purchase these packs. Sales of these items helps offset the overall contingent costs.

And The Numbers Are...

For those of you that are working on labeling things for Jamboree, here are our OFFICIAL unit numbers:

Boy Troop: 3424

Girl Troop: 3252

Crew: 4427

Attention Scribes/Secretaries!

At this point, Scribes/Secretaries should have a communication plan in place and have posted their Shakedown activity reports and/or summaries/photos.

Check out the Council web page for the blogs from 2017. Let's continue the excellent work!

2017 W. D. Boyce Council Jamboree Contingent Blogs:

- <http://troop2311.blogspot.com/>
- <http://troop2310a.blogspot.com/>
- <http://crew5242.blogspot.com/>

Patch Sales Still OPEN

A limited number of our Collectors patch are still available, along with our Illinois Contingent patches. Watch for other items here as well: <https://councilstuff.com/138?category=3812>