

# Jamboree Rally Q&A

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Q: Does the fee include a bus from this area?

A: Yes. In the past, the bus has left from the Central Valley area. Details for 2017 are TBD.

Q: How many Scouts are expected at the Jamboree?

A: About 40,000.

Q: With 40,000 Scouts there, how is security?

A: Security has multiple layers. It's in a secluded area of West Virginia. The National Guard, WV State and local police are aware of the event.

Q: How are the medical facilities?

A: There is a hospital on site and staff includes many health professionals including doctors.

Q: Based on 2013, did Scouts walk away feeling like they got it all or were the lines too long?

A: Some issues encountered in 2013 were due to thunderstorms. Many activities had to be shut down while storms were going. This time they have increased staff to address any waiting issues.

Q: How many spaces are available?

A: At the time the question was asked, there were about 30 vacancies in the 2 boy scout troops and 4-5 vacancies in the ¼ venturing crew. If the demand is there, the council has a chance to add more units.

Q: Is there transportation to get to activities?

A: Yes. They've added a shuttle system to get from Summit Center to the farthest activities (notably the aquatics).

Q: Do scouts just walk around & do what they want?

A: You'll decide in advance what activities to focus on. We leave these types of matters up to the units and leadership to make those decisions.

Q: What's the staff/scout ratio?

A: We don't know this for sure. We estimate there will be 15,000 - 25,000 staff members and 40,000 scouts in attendance.

Q: Do they bring mobile phones?

A: Yes. Scouts are encouraged to bring mobile phones. Charging stations will be available.

Q: Youth will take Youth Protection Training?

A: Yes. There is a youth version they will take.

Q: Will scouts in the same home troop be in the same jamboree troop?

A: This is a complex question. Generally the committee strives to keep scouts together from the same home troop. However if there are numerous scouts from the same troop, it may be necessary to split them up.

Q: What is the tenting for the boys?

A: 90% of the tents will be brand new. The rest will be "like new." Cots for everyone. 2 scouts per tent. Will also have a battery powered lantern for each tent.

Q: Will you be able to pick who you tent with?

A: This will be left up to the units to decide.

Q: How much money should you send with your scout?

A: The committee will not make a formal recommendation on this as everyone's situation and usage will be different. Consider these factors when making a decision:

- No activities will cost additional money \*at\* the Jamboree. Any additional costs (i.e. whitewater rafting) will have been paid for in advance.
- All meals are included
- There are concessions (donuts, ice cream, snacks, etc) available for purchase
- There are souvenir markets available

Q: Where do you hold the scout meetings?

A: Troops will handle this. Troop leaders will be guided to locate the scout meetings in a central location to the troop membership.

Q: Are we still selecting adult leaders?

A: Yes. The committee is still working on this.

Q: Will leaders receive additional training before meeting with the boys?

A: Not particularly. They'll be attending meetings with the committee before the first interaction with the scouts. Generally the leader applicants are already quite qualified.

Q: How do they handle allergies & EPI pens?

A: There is medical staff in every subcamp. A hospital is on site.

Q: Do they have a curfew?

A: Likely, but we didn't have that information off hand. Frankly, getting back to the campsite for dinner serves as a pretty good curfew. Any programs after dinner are generally as a full unit. Lights out may be set by the troop or the subcamp.