



# Information Packet for JEWISH SCOUTS & SCOUTERS on the 2023 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE



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## THE CONSTITUENCY SERVED:

Jamboree Troops and Venturing Crews are now forming for Jewish Scouts (**BOTH BOYS and GIRLS**), from throughout the United States and other countries, wishing to attend the 2023 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, in Glen Jean, West Virginia.

These Troops and Crews will eliminate all barriers to entry, and will allow full access to the spectacular Jamboree experience, for Scouts whose observance of the Boy Scouts of America's 12<sup>th</sup> point of the Scout Law ...*"A Scout is Reverent"*... includes observing the five requirements of:

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- ⑤ Opportunities for ongoing religious learning (*Limudei Kodesh*).

## A CHALLENGE AND A SOLUTION:

The National Jamboree, typically held every four years, brings together about 40,000 Scouts from throughout the United States and many other countries. For young men and women, this is one of the premiere events in a Scouting career. Scouts participate in a Jamboree only as a member of a Jamboree Troop or Crew within an official Council Contingent. In any Scout Council, there are only a small number of individuals with the requirements listed above, thus making it very difficult to respond to these needs: while preparing for the Jamboree (e.g. Troop meetings and the mandatory weekend-long Pre-Jamboree Training session), while traveling to and from the Jamboree (e.g. travel & touring schedules, and food), and while at the Jamboree (e.g. program schedules). If these requirements are not met, then these Scouts cannot attend the Jamboree.

In 1989, this challenge was addressed by Dr. Howard Spielman, as he created **The Shomer Shabbat Contingent**, and he has been the Contingent Coordinator for the past eight Jamborees. For 2023, he continues with strong support from Mr. Sheldon Freidenreich, Mr. Yehuda Katz, Rabbi Avraham A. Witty, and others. We are pleased that the National BSA has graciously agreed to host us for 2023, with a direct liaison to the Jamboree Director. Since 2015, these programs have been run by 'Friends of Shomer Shabbat Scouting,' a 501(c)(3) organization.

## PROGRAM SUMMARY:

This Contingent will gather at the **Forestburg Scout Reservation, Forestburg, NY on Sunday, July 9, 2023**. Over the week at Forestburg, Scouts will participate in BSA Scout Summer Camp, and complete pre-Jamboree training experiences, as they build teamwork, effective patrols, and earn Merit Badges. From July 16–18, the Contingent will travel to West Virginia with touring stops along the way through Washington, DC. The Jamboree runs for 10 days at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia —**Wednesday, July 19 through Friday, July 28, 2023**. We will stay through *Shabbat* with special activities arranged for us in consideration of *Tisha B'Av* occurring during the Jamboree. **Sunday, July 30, 2023**, we will travel to Silver Spring, MD, after which Scouts will be brought up the East Coast, with drop-offs and connections made for their return home.

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**TO APPLY: ① Go to [SHOMERSHABBATSCOUTING.ORG](https://shomerShabbatScouting.org) ② Click on 2023 NATIONAL JAMBOREE ③ Click on 'APPLY TO JOIN THE CONTINGENT,' FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS, AND YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY!**

# The Shomer Shabbat Contingent to the 2023 National Scout Jamboree

Hosted by BSA National Council

## The 22-Day Schedule of Activities from July 9, 2023 through July 30, 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Arrive at Forestburg at Noon</b> <b>Form Jamboree Troops</b> <b>Medical Re-Check,</b> <b>Dock Tests</b> <b>Set up Campsite</b> <b>Opening Campfire</b> <b>9</b>	<b>Camp Program in AM</b> <b>Pre-Jambo Training in PM</b> <b>Troop/Patrol Organization</b> <b>Patrol Meetings &amp; Teambuilding</b> <b>10</b>	<b>Camp Program in AM</b> <b>Pre-Jambo Training in PM</b> <b>Uniform Insignia Check</b> <b>Patrol Activities</b> <b>11</b>	<b>Camp Program in AM</b> <b>Pre-Jambo Training in PM</b> <b>Jamboree Shakedown Experience</b> <b>12</b>	<b>Camp Program in AM</b> <b>Pre-Jambo Training in PM</b> <b>Jamboree Shakedown Experience</b> <b>13</b>	<b>Camp Program in AM</b> <b>Pre-Jambo Training in PM</b> <b>Pack Jambo Gear</b> <b>Separate from Camp Gear</b> <b>Prepare for Shabbat</b> <b>14</b>	<b>Shabbat in Forestburg Scout Reservation</b> <b>15</b>
<b>Travel to Silver Spring, MD area</b> <b>Visit Fort McHenry in Baltimore</b> <b>16</b>	<b>Touring in Washington, DC</b> <b>Historic Sites and Museums</b> <b>17</b>	<b>Travel to get close to The Summit in Glen Jean, WV</b> <b>Historic Sites as we stage ourselves to arrive at The Summit early Wednesday morning</b> <b>18</b>	<b>Arrive early at The Summit</b> <b>Quickly set up camp and start having Jamboree FUN!</b> <b>19</b>	<b>2023 NATIONAL</b> <b>20</b>		
<b>SCOUT JAMBOREE</b> <b>23</b>					<b>Early AM Break Tent-Camp to Shabbat facility nearby</b> <b>AM/PM Special Activities for our Contingent Only</b> <b>28</b>	<b>Shabbat at The Summit, with Special Activities.</b> <b>29</b>
<b>Travel Home from Maryland</b> <b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>August 1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>

Housing Accommodations	
	Camping in tents at Forestburg Scout Reservation, Forestburgh, NY (7 nights)
	Touring/Travel to Jamboree sleep on pads/sleeping bag in school/synagogue rooms – (3 nights)
	Camping in Jamboree tents at The Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia (9 nights)
	Stay in special accommodations at The Summit (2 nights)

# Information Sheet for The Shomer Shabbat Contingent

- HOST COUNCIL:** • The National Council of the BSA is hosting the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent to the 2023 Jamboree.
- DATES AND TRAVEL PLANS:** • All Scouts and adults in the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent need to arrive at the Forestburg Scout Reservation, in Forestburg, NY (10-miles south of Monticello, NY) by Noon on Sunday, July 9, 2023.
- FORESTBURG: SCOUT RESERVATION** • Forestburg Scout Reservation is the only Scout Camp in the U.S. with *kosher* ovens in the kitchen and a Synagogue Tent seating over 100 for daily *minyanim* and learning. This 1,200 acre Scout Reservation is southeast of New York's Catskill Mountains and north of Pennsylvania's Pocono Mountains.
- ARRIVAL TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS** • If traveling from a distance, transportation could be arranged with leaders coming from Boston, the NY/NJ area, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, D.C. A Scout from outside the East Coast could fly into one of these cities and have arrangements made to get picked up and brought to camp. The Contingent leaders will arrange this in the months before the Jamboree.
- THE 22-DAYS:** **THE SHOMER SHABBAT CONTINGENT JAMBOREE SCHEDULE COVERS 22 DAYS!**
- Sunday, July 9, 2023, all should arrive by NOON, when we move into our Jamboree Troop Campsites at the Forestburg Scout Reservation and the program will begin.
  - Monday, July 10, 2023 through Friday, July 14, 2023:
    - AM** Each morning will be available for taking up to three different Merit Badge classes. Jamboree participants will schedule their Merit Badge program in the early spring of 2023, selecting from a wide variety of over 60 different Summer Camp merit badges that are available.
    - PM** Each afternoon will be used for Jamboree troop and patrol meetings and activities, including: team building programs, cooperative games, waterfront activities, the 'Jamboree Shakedown Experience,' and an Historic Trail Hike (where a medal may be earned).
  - Saturday, July 15, 2023: Experience *Shabbat* in Forestburg.
  - Leave for MD by coach bus Sunday, July 16, 2023 with a stop at Ft. McHenry in Baltimore and touring historic sites on Monday, July 17 in Washington, DC. Details TBA. Sleep and eat at Melvin J. Berman Hebrew Academy in Rockville, MD.
  - Tuesday, July 18, 2023: Travel to get close to The Summit in Glen Jean, WV, with stops at historic sites. Stay overnight a short drive from the Jamboree, to arrive early on Wednesday.
  - Wednesday, July 19 through Wednesday, July 26, 2023 will be filled with spectacular Jamboree activities. See "*What goes on at a National Scout Jamboree?*" in this packet—for a hint of the fun!
  - Thursday, July 27 is *Tisha B'Av* and we will observe it. This has occurred a number of times in the past 34 years of *Shomer Shabbat* Contingents. Years after attending a Jamboree, many Scouts (now adults) have recalled that their Jamboree *Tisha B'Av* was one of their most meaningful experiences!
  - Friday, July 28. While all other Jamboree participants will leave, we will stay. Early Friday we plan to break camp from our tents and move nearby for *Shabbat*. From mid-morning through late afternoon, we are arranging Special Activities in consideration of *Tisha B'Av* occurring during the Jamboree
  - Sunday, July 30: Depart by coach bus with pre-arranged drop-offs, to meet connections for travel home, as we move through Silver Spring, MD and north through NY and NJ to end in Boston, MA.
- ORGANIZATION:** • The Jamboree is open to all who are qualified on a "first come – first serve" basis. We anticipate **BOYS' Patrols** and **GIRLS' Patrols** of **ScoutsBSA** (age 12–17) and **BOYS' and GIRLS' Crews** of **Venturers** (age 18–20). **After each Patrol/Crew of eight youth is filled, a wait-list will be formed, until we complete the next patrol. As we reach capacity of a full bus, we will start a wait-list until we fill enough of the next bus to make it economically viable.** There is no rank requirement for the 2023 Jamboree, but youth must be age 12 by July 18, 2023 and under age 21 by July 28, 2023.

**TOTAL COST: For 22-DAY PROGRAM (US\$): Scouts & Venturers (age 12–20): \$2,850 Adult Leaders (age 21+): \$2,450**

**Note:** ♦ **AFTER December 28, 2022, the fee for youth and adults goes up by \$250.**

- ♦ Pricing is based on current transportation costs and registration prior to December 28, 2022.
- ♦ Price may increase because of fuel costs or other factors.
- ♦ Payments need to be current with the schedule below.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

	DATE DUE	YOUTH (18–20)	21+ ADULTS
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Payment</b>	<b>Upon Registration</b>	\$600.	\$600.
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Payment Due On:</b>	November 28, 2022	600.*	600.*
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Payment Due On:</b>	December 28, 2022	600.*	600.*
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Payment Due On:</b>	January 28, 2023	600.*	600.*
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Payment Due On:</b>	February 28, 2023	450.*	50.*

Note: Some youth 'Camperships' may be available. Apply while registering on the National Jamboree website.

\* **Note:** Progress payments received after the Date Due incur a \$50 late fee.

**FEE INCLUDES:** The 22 day/21 night program. A week of Summer Camp, all transportation (from Forestburg on July 16 to East Coast drop-off locations on July 30), meals, lodging, insurance, Jamboree patches, and T-shirts, and a Contingent day pack. The only additional expense is personal equipment, two Scout uniforms, spending money, and, an optional whitewater rafting trip of ~\$50.

**REFUND POLICY:** Should a Scout or adult need to cancel, send written notice to us. One hundred dollars of the initial payment is non-refundable. The refund amount will be determined based upon whether an alternate can be found to take the place and any expenses incurred at the time of Jamboree withdrawal. If a replacement cannot be found, there may be NO Refund. We reserve the right to process refunds after completion of the Jamboree in August 2023.

**TRAINING:** Scout Councils will hold a "Mandatory Pre-Jamboree Training Session" for **their** Jamboree Troops in the spring of 2023. It would be good if the U.S. based Adult Leaders, and top Junior Leaders, in the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent could attend such a program near them, to experience what they will lead in July. We will discuss this in more detail in the early spring of 2023.

- \* **ALL** participants will be required to attend the Pre-Jamboree Training sessions on July 9–16, 2023, and the full itinerary from July 16 through arrival at the Jamboree on July 19, 2023.
- \* **ALL** of these Pre-Jamboree Training activities are critical to build the teamwork, cohesion, spirit, and cooperation that are required to have a smoothly functioning Troop and a most enjoyable experience for all Troop participants at the Jamboree.

**LEADERSHIP:** *Shomer Shabbat* Troop leaders meet at least the same requirements as leaders of any other Jamboree Troop. Since Scouts will be applying who may not know the leaders of this program, a biographical sketch follows of some of the key individuals involved in organizing this Contingent. Others, with similar qualifications, will be selected to complete the leadership team for this Contingent.

**Dr. Howard Spielman, Contingent Leader**, a resident of Sharon, MA for 50 years, was a founder of the Young Israel of Sharon (President for 2 terms) and a founder of Congregation Etz Chaim in Sharon. As a youth, in a *Shomer Shabbat* Scout Troop in Far Rockaway, NY, he earned Eagle Scout with four Palms, and the *Ner Tamid*. A Scout and Scouter for over 65 years, he has served as Scoutmaster of his *Shomer Shabbat* Troop 54 for over 35 years and has led his Troop for 36 summers to Scout camps with a *kosher* dining hall. He was Wood Badge trained in 1987 and has staffed two 'Sabbath Observant' Wood Badge Courses. He has been to Philmont three times. His previous Jamboree experience includes:

- **1960 National Scout Jamboree** in Colorado Springs with a *Shomer Shabbat* Troop from New York City.
- **1989 National Scout Jamboree** Leader of the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent and on NE Region Staff.
- **1993 National Scout Jamboree** Leader of the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent & Jamboree Troop 1205 Scoutmaster.
- **1997 National Scout Jamboree**, Leader of the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent & Jamboree Troop 406 Scoutmaster.
- **2001 National Scout Jamboree**, Leader of the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent & Jamboree Troop 510 Scoutmaster.
- **2005 National Scout Jamboree**, Leader of the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent.
- **2010 National Scout Jamboree**, Leader of the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent.
- **2013 National Scout Jamboree**, Leader of the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent & Venture Crew Advisor
- **2017 National Scout Jamboree**, Leader of the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent & Venture Crew Advisor

Dr. Spielman has been awarded the Silver Beaver, Shofar Award, and the Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow and has been a member of the National Jewish Committee on Scouting. He holds BS, MA, MBA, & Ph.D. degrees, and is a retired Management Consultant. He is married with two Eagle Scout sons, both graduates of Yeshiva University. Very proud of his wife for serving on Wood Badge Staff (and also two Jamborees!!), he and his wife have been honored by *Yeshivat Sha'alvim*.

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**Mr. Sheldon Freidenreich, Lead Scoutmaster**, a life-long resident of the Highland Park, NJ area, has been on the Board of Rabbi Pesach Raymon Yeshiva, is a Past President, and President-Elect of the Highland Park Conservative Temple/Congregation Anshe Emeth, as well as a past Board Member of the Jewish Federation of Greater Middlesex County. A Life Scout as a youth, he is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and has earned the *Ner Tamid*. In Scouting for over 50 years, he has served as the Scoutmaster of *Shomer Shabbat* Troop 55 for over 45 years. Wood Badge trained in the 'First Sabbath Observant Wood Badge Course' in 1992, he has attended Scout Summer Camp with his Troop for 36 years. In 2000, he participated in a *Shomer Shabbat* Philmont trek.

His previous Jamboree experience includes:

- **1964 National Scout Jamboree** in Valley Forge, PA with a Troop from Highland Park, NJ.
- **1997 National Scout Jamboree**, Scoutmaster of *Shomer Shabbat* Jamboree Troop 446.
- **2001 National Scout Jamboree**, Scoutmaster of *Shomer Shabbat* Jamboree Troop 511.
- **2005 National Scout Jamboree**, Scoutmaster of *Shomer Shabbat* Jamboree Troop 540.
- **2010 National Scout Jamboree**, Scoutmaster of *Shomer Shabbat* Jamboree Troop 531.
- **2013 National Scout Jamboree**, Scoutmaster of *Shomer Shabbat* Jamboree Troop A352.
- **2017 National Scout Jamboree**, Scoutmaster of *Shomer Shabbat* Jamboree Troop 1304.

Mr. Freidenreich has been awarded the Silver Beaver and Shofar Award, and is a member of the New Jersey State Jewish Committee on Scouting. He holds BS & MA degrees in Mathematics & Computer Science and has worked in the Telephone Network Applications industry. He is married, with two daughters and one son, Avi, an Eagle Scout. He and his wife have been honored as 'Parents of the Year' by the Moshe Aron Yeshiva High School.

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**Rabbi Avraham Aryaih Witty, Rabbinic Advisor**, a resident of Toronto, Canada, he is a member of the Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto (BAYT) Congregation, where he gives daily *shiurim* (classes) in *Halacha* (Jewish Law). He is also one of a select group of members privileged to serve as a *Shliach Tzibbur/Chazzan* (Cantor) for the High Holidays at BAYT. The summer of 2023 marks the 25<sup>th</sup> year of Rabbi Witty's BSA Scouting career. In that time he has served as:

- Jewish Chaplain at Ten Mile River Scout Reservation, Greater New York Councils.
- Camp Director, Camp Kunatah, Ten Mile River Scout Reservation, Greater NY Councils.
- Rabbinic Advisor, Sabbath Observant Wood Badge Course NE II-126 in 2002

His previous Jamboree experience includes:

- **2001 National Scout Jamboree**, Rabbinic Advisor to the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent
- **2005 National Scout Jamboree**, Rabbinic Advisor to the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent
- **2010 National Scout Jamboree**, Northeast Region Jewish Chaplain & Rabbinic Advisor to the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent
- **2013 National Scout Jamboree**, Rabbinic Advisor to the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent
- **2017 National Scout Jamboree**, Rabbinic Advisor to the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent

Rabbi Witty is a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and is also Wood Badge trained. He is a First Aid Instructor, certified by the Canadian Red Cross, and enjoys teaching First Aid Merit Badge classes. He holds a B.Sc. in Accounting from Yeshiva University and received his *Semicha* (ordination) from the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary, an affiliate of Yeshiva University. Involved in Jewish Education for over 30 years, Rabbi Witty has taught Jewish Studies at the middle school and high school levels and has also served as an administrator. He is very proud of his Shofar Award-recipient wife and all of his children. His three oldest sons are all Eagle Scouts.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT ANY ONE OF THE ABOVE LEADERS.**





## Addendum to the “Code of Conduct” for Participants in The *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent

The announcement of this special *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent, as a resource to Jewish Scouts from throughout the United States and other countries, was introduced with the following statement.

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- ⑤ Opportunities for ongoing religious learning (*Limudei Kodesh*).

Scouts invariably attend a National Jamboree with their local council, or country, Contingent. In the eyes of Scouters and Scouting professionals across the U.S., there is only one reason why a Jewish Scout would not attend the Jamboree with their regular local Contingent: Because the program of the regular local Contingent would be a barrier to this Scout’s observance of the 12<sup>th</sup> point of the Scout Law ... “*A Scout is Reverent*”... which, for this Scout, includes observing the five requirements of *Kashrut*, *Shabbat*, *Tefila*, *Tzniut*, and *Limudei Kodesh*. There is thus the clear expectation that all Scouts in these Jamboree Troops will be observing these five requirements.

**Expectations:** We are privileged to be able to form this special program. Any participant not living up to the expectations for this *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent may cause difficulty and embarrassment for others in the Contingent. We want to make the expectations for all participants in this Contingent explicitly clear.

1. **Behavior:** While all Jamboree Troops are on public display, our *Shomer Shabbat* Troops will attract special public attention. We must live by the Scout Oath & Law, and work to create a *Kiddush Hashem* in all we do.
2. **Kashrut:** Scouts will have three full *kosher* meals daily. Scouts will not eat non-*kosher* food at any places such as, stops in transit to the Jamboree, the Jamboree Trading Post, or other Jamboree Troop campsites.
3. **Shabbat:** Our experience includes one *Shabbat* at Forestburg and two at The Summit. Scouts will observe *Shabbat* in accord with the tone set by their Jamboree Troop Scoutmaster.
4. **Tefila:** Our Jamboree Troops will pause for ‘Grace’ before and after meals and for morning, afternoon, and evening services (*Shacharit*, *Minchah*, and *Maariv*). While individual boys and adult leaders in our Troops may have many different personal perspectives on prayer, as a community our Troops will gather as one. Scouts will arrive on time. Boys will wear a Scout hat or *kipah* at meals and services. During services Scouts may follow the *davening*, practice reading some of the prayers in Hebrew, read the English translation or commentary in the *siddur* or *Chumash*, or meditate — as they stand and sit with the congregation.
5. **Limudei Kodesh:** Scouts will have the opportunity to set up a *chevrusa* or participate in other learning activities. There will be *limudei kodesh* programs scheduled for the whole Contingent, especially on *Shabbat*.
6. **Tzniut:** Meaning much more than just “modesty,” *Tzniut* in dress, behavior, speech, and thought, especially with regard to the interaction between males and females, guided by religious law, will be observed by all participants.
7. **Tisha B’Av & ‘the nine days’:** Our participants observe these in accord with the tone set by their Jamboree Troop Scoutmaster. As at previous Jamborees, this can be a meaningful personal experience, and a *Kiddush HaShem*.
8. **Attire:** For the duration of the Jamboree experience (July 9-July 30), we will be in Scout uniform — ‘Class-A’ or ‘Class-B’ at appropriate times. At camp (July 9-16), the regular ‘Class-A’ Scout uniform is worn for dinner and *Shabbat*. There is no need to bring any other clothes.\* (Note: Registrants will get more detailed information.)

\*A “black hat” and a jacket (preferably the Scout Jamboree jacket, to be described later) may be worn during *davening*.

**Do NOT bring clothes such as: military fatigues, sports team caps/jackets, or ‘civilian’ clothes to the Jamboree. They will not be worn at any time.**

Details of ‘Class A’, ‘Class B’, attire will be described later along with precise instructions for the footwear to bring (and to leave behind). These instructions are to be followed. Footwear should be a muted color such as brown, tan, black, or dark green. Headgear will be an official Scout hat or, at times, a *kipah*.

9. **Duration:** Participants in The *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent will be engaged in the program from noon on Sunday, July 9, 2023 through their drop off point on Sunday, July 30, 2023.
10. **Scoutmaster & Local Scout Council Approval:** The Scoutmaster & local Scout Council of each applicant must approve their participation in the 2023 National Scout Jamboree.

# WHAT GOES ON AT A NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE?

In the wilds of West Virginia, "The Summit" is the permanent home for the National Scout Jamboree. The Summit Bechtel Reserve's 10,600 acres owned by the B.S.A, is surrounded by over 70,000 acres of the **New River Gorge National Park**. The area is renowned for world-class whitewater rafting, mountain biking, rock climbing/rappelling, and caving. **Check out [Summit.Scouting.org](https://www.summit.scouting.org) for exciting updates!!**

**Get a Jamboree preview at:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QW10XmEBj9M> **OR**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7x1b1zaszcc>

In the coming months, Scout Life Magazine's articles will give more details on the 2023 Jamboree, but the following highlights just a bit of what is planned.

The 2023 Jamboree program will include, but is not limited to, eight major Adventure Areas: —

## The Zips

**15** different Zip Lines totaling over 28,750 ft.!!!  
Hit speeds up to 50 MPH as you soar on one of the longest zip line courses in North America.

**Adventure Valley** is home to:

**The Rocks** (rock climbing),

**Low Gear** (cross-country mountain biking),

**High Gear** (downhill mountain biking),

**The Ropes** (challenge courses).

**The Canopy** is home to the Summit's canopy tours. Soar through the trees on a series of zip lines 50 to 80 feet in the air.

**Thrasher Mountain** is home to:

**The Park** — first-rate skateboarding facilities.

**The Trax** — thrilling BMX and mountain board courses, as well as disc golf.

**Bows and Barrels** shooting sports offers the widest variety of shooting sports ever. Shotguns, rifles, pistols, 3-D archery, and sporting arrows.

**Aquatics** activities includes fishing, fly fishing, basic and advanced kayaking, paddleboarding, and an expanded Water Reality obstacle course.

**The STEM Quest** area offers high-tech, state-of-the-art exhibits.

Among many other activities, you'll also find:

Brownsea Island	Buckskin Games
Challenge Courses	Climbing
Conservation Trail	Dragon Boat Racing
Geocaching	Pistol Shooting
Hiking	Kayaking
Merit Badges	Military Experience
Orienteering	Photography
Rappelling	Stage Shows
Whitewater Rafting (NO MINIMUM AGE REQUIREMENT)	

**There will be High Adventure  
... All the Time!**

**SUMMIT BECHTEL FAMILY NATIONAL SCOUT RESERVE**  
**Summit** BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
BECHTEL RESERVE [summit.scouting.org](https://www.summit.scouting.org)

More adventure, more action and more fun. That is what you can expect at the BSA's new jamboree home and high adventure base.

**2023 — even better than past Jamboree!!!**

age of  
**460 MILLION**  
YEARS OLD

**ELEVATION**  
difference  
**1,300 FEET**  
from lowest to  
highest point

**NEW RIVER GORGE**  
NATIONAL RIVER  
ACRES  
70,000

**10,600**  
of **LAND**  
but  
**ONLY a**  
**1,270 ACRE**  
Footprint

**25 miles**  
of backcountry trails

**100** feet tall at its highest point  
CONSOL Energy Wing Tip Bridge

**Day of SERVICE**  
5 → Days  
40,000 → Scouts  
300,000 →  
Hours of **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**6 HIGH-ADVENTURE BASES**

- Aquatics
- Climbing
- Mountain Biking
- Skateboarding & BMX
- Shooting sports
  - 13 acres of shooting sports
  - 150+ stations
- Zip line (6 miles) & canopy tours

**Camping Villages**  
5 for scouts & venturers, 1 for staff  
Each Village consists of 4 SUBCAMPS  
that house up to 2,000 campers =  
40,000 SCOUTS & 6,800 STAFF

**2.32 million** gallons  
**RECYCLED water**  
expected at  
2013 JAMBOREE

**TO APPLY: ① GO TO [SHOMERSHABBATSCOUTING.ORG](https://www.shomerShabbatScouting.org) ② CLICK ON 2023 NATIONAL JAMBOREE**  
**③ CLICK ON 'APPLY TO JOIN THE CONTINGENT,' FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS, AND YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY!**

# HOW TO PARTICIPATE in the *SHOMER SHABBAT* CONTINGENT

## AGE 12–17 — SCOUTSBSA PARTICIPANTS

**If** you are a **BOY or GIRL** who will be 12, by July 18, 2023 (i.e. you were born before July 18, 2011),

**And** you will not reach 18 by July 28, 2023 (i.e. you were born after July 28, 2005),

**Then**, you can participate in the Jamboree as a ScoutsBSA youth in the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent.

**Follow the process on page 8.**

**Note: If you are not registered in ScoutsBSA, contact Dr. Spielman at 781 439-5250. He can help you join, and get a BSA Member ID#.**

## AGE 18–20 — VENTURING PARTICIPANTS

**If** you are a **BOY or GIRL** who will be 18 by July 18, 2023 but will not have reached 21 by July 28, 2023,

**Then**, you can participate in the Jamboree as a Venturing youth in the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent.

**Follow the process on page 8.**

**Note: If you are not registered in Venturing, contact Dr. Spielman at 781 439-5250. He can help you join, and get a BSA Member ID#.**

## AGE 21+ — ADULT PARTICIPANTS

**If** you will be 21 by July 28, 2023 (male or female),

**Then**, apply to be an Adult Participant! Serve in one of four different adult roles.

1. As an Adult Leader in a Boys' or Girls' Troop.
2. As a Venturing Advisor in a Boys' or Girls' Venturing Crew.
3. As a member of the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent Support Team.
4. As a 'Unit [Health] Care Provider' — if you hold current Wilderness First Aid and CPR certificates, or a current healthcare license (MD, DO, APRN, RN, PA, Paramedic, EMT).

This provides for the safety and well-being of each unit member by (a) reviewing their Annual Health & Medical Record (AHMR) and maintaining a binder/file containing all of the Unit's AHMRs, (b) maintaining the Unit First Aid Kit and providing first aid treatment in the unit and (c) overseeing administration of required medications.

**Read the next page and follow the application process described on page 8.**

## INFORMATION FOR ADULT PARTICIPANTS APPLYING TO THE *SHOMER SHABBAT* CONTINGENT

### Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters:

Any adult leader in The *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent must meet the same National BSA standards as a leader in any other Jamboree Troop. For details, see: [Adult Leader Participant Qualifications](#). As Jamboree Troops operate solely under the auspices of a Scout Council, the Jamboree Adult Participants in the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent will be recommended by the Troop Scoutmaster and Contingent Leader, and approved by the BSA National Council liaison to the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent to the Jamboree.

### Additional Qualifications for Adult Leaders of 'The *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent':

Since Scouters invariably attend a National Jamboree with their local Council Contingent, in the eyes of Scouting professionals and other Scouters across the U.S., there is only one reason why a Jewish Scouter would not attend the Jamboree with his local Council Contingent: Because the program of the regular Troop would be a barrier to this Scouter's observance of the 12<sup>th</sup> Point of the Scout Law ... "A Scout is Reverent"... which, for this individual, includes observing the five requirements of *Kashrut, Shabbat, Tefila, Tzniut, and Limudei Kodesh*. Thus, there is the clear expectation that all Scouters in The *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent will have:

- A history of observing these five requirements in their public engagement with Scouting.
- Demonstrated ability to serve as a role model in the implementation of these five Jewish requirements.

Since local Council Jamboree Troops have frequent leader's meetings, pre-Jamboree Troop meetings, and Junior Leader Development sessions, the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent must do this remotely (e.g. Phone, WhatsApp, Email, Zoom). There is thus an expectation that these leaders will:

- Be in Phone, WhatsApp, Email, or Zoom contact with other leaders in the months before the Jamboree.
- Commit to arrive at the Forestburg Scout Reservation, Forestburg, NY, by Noon on **Sunday, July 9, 2023** and participate fully with The *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent in all its activities through **Sunday, July 30, 2023**.

Youth and parents reading this will realize the amazingly impressive commitment being made by our volunteer adult leaders on behalf of our Scouts.

**A SCOUT JAMBOREE IS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE! — SIGN UP NOW, TO EXPERIENCE IT YOURSELF.**

# YOUTH & ADULT APPLICATION PROCESS FOR THE *SHOMER SHABBAT* CONTINGENT

## 1. Start the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent Application Process:

- Carefully read the information on the above pages of this 'Information Packet.'
- Go to: [ShomerShabbatScouting.org](https://ShomerShabbatScouting.org)
- Click the "Learn More" button at lower left of the home screen and scroll down.
- Watch the Jamboree videos we have there, and get set for loads of Jamboree FUN!
- If under 18, have a parent/guardian also read these pages, and explore those videos too!
- Click the "Register" button on the home screen to join the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent to the 2023 National Jamboree'
- Submit the information requested.

## 2. Register on the Official National Jamboree Website:

The ONLY way to attend the Jamboree is to register on the National BSA website. That gives you a Jamboree Reservation #, and also puts you into your home Council Contingent — BUT you want to go with the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent. We will fix that in Step 3. First, do Step 2 — to register on the National BSA website.

- Go to <https://jamboree.scouting.org/> and click on 'Register' at the top of the page.
- Be sure to use the same BSA Member ID number used for the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent Application.
- When you complete that process, you will receive a Jamboree Reservation #.
- Do NOT send any payments to your local Scout Council!  
After you finish Step 3 (below), you will send your payments to the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent.

## 3. Complete the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent Application Process by adding your Jamboree Reservation #:

- Return to [ShomerShabbatScouting.org](https://ShomerShabbatScouting.org)
- At the bottom of the Home Screen, click the 'Add Jambo Res#' button.
- When you tell us your Jamboree Reservation #, we inform the Jamboree Registrar that you wish to move. They will find you in the National database, and move you into the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent.  
**Voilà!** From then on, you deal with the *Shomer Shabbat* Contingent for all Jamboree issues.

**Sign up for the Jamboree NOW! Don't miss out on this amazing experience!**

