



# 2017 National Jamboree

## Staff Bulletin

### 2017 JAMBOREE STAFF BULLETIN #5 — March 2016

Progress continues on planning for the 2017 National Jamboree. Since our last bulletin, the Executive Committee has met three times and met the following milestones:

- Issued scholarship guidance
- Finalized all bills of materials (BOMs)
- Selected contractors for three major contracts: food, shows, and transportation
- Commenced a major marketing initiative to support ongoing recruiting efforts

More important, we've been listening to your requests, and we have some exciting news: **HEATED SHOWERS ARE COMING TO THE STAFF AREA!**

That's right, **HEATED SHOWERS ARE COMING TO THE STAFF AREA** — read #7 below to find out more. What else is in store? You've asked, and we've answered ... changes are underway across the Summit for 2017:

1. **Expanded Staff Transportation:** Staff members will not be required to walk longer than 30 minutes between their tent and their work area. An outline of the new bus routes will be included in the next staff bulletin.
2. **More Time Off:** Staff members will receive the equivalent of **one full day off** (at least) during the jamboree. Also, work hours will allow staff members an opportunity to visit and enjoy other areas of the jamboree outside their work area, plus, provisions will be made for those desiring to explore the local community during their day off.
3. **Better Communications:** A robust communications strategy is being executed to keep staff members informed from the date they register as a staff member through the last day of the jamboree.
4. **Lunch Options:** We are enhancing both the number and variety of lunch choices, while still meeting the need for a shelf-stable lunch menu. We also will provide supplemental items for our staff members in more active program areas to ensure they have plenty to eat each day.
5. **Lodging Choice:** While we simply don't have enough space to offer two-person tent accommodations, staff members will be able to pre-select their tent-mates up to one month prior to the jamboree.
6. **Enhanced Staff Village:** The staff village(s) will be designed to provide for an area in which staff members can relax, play, and refresh themselves in the



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company of other staff members. Retail food/beverage stands will be incorporated into this design, as well as an area for athletic competition.

7. **Heated Showers: Solar water heaters are being installed in Base Camp E** to support both jamboree staff housing and the new site of the John D. Tickle National Training and Leadership Center (which occupies that site in non-jamboree years). The solar system will raise the water temperature to 80°F and with reasonable water usage will maintain that temperature. Installation work is expected to be completed this year to ensure readiness for the 2017 National Jamboree. *This installation will only affect the staff camp for the jamboree.*
8. **Laundry Service:** Laundry service will continue to be available for staff members desiring it.
9. **Staff Photos:** Official staff photos of individual teams will be taken and staff members will have the opportunity to purchase photos of their choosing.

Two other important changes we are often asked about:

- Two bus shuttles will be in place for participants, one that runs between the Oasis (the 2013 TECHQUEST location) and The Barrels and one that circles Adventure Valley (connecting The Ropes, Low Gear and The Rocks). These shuttles will operate during program hours at these adventure areas.
- The program schedule for participants has been simplified and rather than assigning participants curriculum and elective times as in 2013, they will have much more freedom to move between adventure areas as they desire during program times. Only rafting and aerial sports will be separately managed (more on that later).

And this is just the start of exciting developments regarding the 2017 National Jamboree! To stay abreast of the changes, we'll be keeping a running list of how we're addressing our commitment to you at: [www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers).

### Staff Registration

If you have not yet submitted your online staff application, please do so now! Here's what to expect after you've filled out the form and hit the "submit" button:

1. Your application is routed to your council for approval.
2. Once your council approves the application, you will receive a confirmation email.



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3. Your application then rolls through your three selected job preferences, remaining in each queue for 15 days. If no offer is made during those 15 days, your application will move to your second preference and then to your third. An application that cycles through all three job preferences without a job offer will go to the free agent list for all staff directors to review and consider.
4. All job offers are transmitted through email alerts (check your junk/spam folders regularly while your application is being processed). The offer email will have a link where you can accept or decline the offer. It is important to accept or decline an offer within 15 days of the date it was made or the offer will expire.
5. Once you accept a job offer, you should make payments in accordance with the jamboree payment schedules at the following link:  
[www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers/#staff\\_fees](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers/#staff_fees)

You can check your application status and make additional payments via our website using this link: [www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-registration)

Staff applicants receive a jamboree patch in the mail a few weeks after they have submitted their application and initial deposit. The patch is not a job offer but is recognition of your willingness to volunteer your time and talents as a potential staff member. It is also a way for you to promote the jamboree and show your support of the jamboree. We ask that you wear it proudly on your BSA uniform.

A second patch is mailed once you have accepted a position and paid the account in full. *If you have not yet completed your application, please do so now!* You're not guaranteed a spot unless you have an approved application.

### Staff Guide Released

The 2017 Jamboree Staff Guide has been released. It is available for download at [www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers).

The Staff Guide provides guidance to staff members on everything from payment processing to transportation and meals. It's an important resource in your jamboree planning process.



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### Jamboree Webinars Underway

Our jamboree webinars are continuing. While they are intended primarily for council contingent leaders, if you are interested in reviewing the content or the questions and answers that were generated during the webinars, you can do so at:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/jamboree-webinars/>

The next scheduled webinar will be held April 20 at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. EST. The primary topic of discussion will be Day of Service.

### Upcoming Key Dates

Below is a listing of key dates to assist with planning for the 2017 Jamboree:

#### 2016

##### ▪ **September:**

Second payments due for council contingents (note: this is a change from the previously published date to give councils additional time to collect fees from contingent members)

Second payments due for staff applicants who have received and accepted a staff assignment.

#### 2017

▪ **January:** Final payments due for both council contingents and staff

▪ **April:** Medical forms due

▪ **June:** Early staff arrival begins

▪ **July 14-16:** Main staff arrival period

▪ **July 19:** Participant arrival

### One Final Note

As staff members, we are all Jamboree ambassadors. Make a point of talking about the jamboree to your Scouting friends and ensure it is a topic of discussion at every Scouting event. Most of us have staffed jamborees in the past. We know the impact these events have on the lives of Scouts — focus on that impact when you talk about the jamboree experience. Most Scouts will only get one chance to experience a jamboree as a youth. Let's ensure every eligible Scout has that chance in 2017!



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*Additional staff bulletins will be published periodically to keep you informed of jamboree developments. You can also monitor [bsajamboree.org](http://bsajamboree.org) for up-to-the-minute status on the jamboree. For answers to specific questions, contact us at [2017jamboree@scouting.org](mailto:2017jamboree@scouting.org).*

