GENERAL INFORMATION

High Adventure programs at the Bechtel Summit will originate from the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base. To address the varied high adventure interests of Scouts and Venturers, the Summit offers a wide array of high adventure opportunities with a range of depth and difficulty.

AGE REQUIREMENTS - High adventure participants must be at least 13 years old by September 1, 2016.

CREW SIZE - A minimum of seven participants per crew. There is no maximum crew size. For large crews, we may break your crew into multiple groups during specific program experiences. For example, a crew of twenty-four participants would be broken into three groups of eight for a canopy tour since this is the optimum group size for that activity.

CAMPING -- Tents and cots are provided at the Christen High Adventure Base. Two people per tent. Tent assignments are determined by the crew.

TRAVEL -- The Bechtel Summit is convenient to Yeager Airport in Charleston, WV (1 hour), Prince Amtrak Station (20 min) and I64/I77 near Beckley, WV.

SCHEDULE -- All Summit programs begin on Sunday and end on Saturday. Where travel requires, early arrival or late departure can be arranged.

FOCUSED PROGRAMS

Each focused program gives you three days of core programming to delve into a particular activity focus. The two days not spent in your core programing are divided into four half day activity periods. Two periods will be elective activities in one of our adventure areas and the remaining periods will be a service/conservation project and your ride on the 3100 foot BIG ZIP!

THE RIVER -- $939 per participant
Provides three days of focused kayaking and rafting program. Choose one of these options:

OPTION 1: One day kayaking at the Summit, one day kayaking the Upper New River (Class I to III), and one day rafting the Lower New River (Class II to V). Camping on the river two nights, other nights at base camp.

OPTION 2: One day kayaking at the Summit, one day kayaking the Upper New River (Class I to III), and one day rafting the Lower New River (Class II to V). Return to base camp every night to participate in evening programs.

HELMETS & HARNESS -- $769 per participant
Core program includes one day climbing at The Rocks, one day climbing offsite in the New River Gorge, one day consisting of ACCT events – canopy tours and challenge courses.

THE MARKSMAN -- $939 per participant
Core program includes three days engaged in multiple archery and shooting disciplines, including static archery (multiple distances), sporting arrows, 3D archery trail, trap shooting, five-stand, sporting clays, pistol shooting (.22 and 9MM) and large bore rifles (.223 and .308).

2016 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

SUMMIT EXPERIENCE -- $759 per participant
This is a broad interest high adventure program for participants that want to try everything. Spend a half day at each of the Summit’s adventure sports venues – The Canopy, The Rocks, Low and High Gear, The Park, The Trax, The Bows, The Barrels, Bravo Lake and The Ropes. Summit Experience groups will also get a thrilling ride down the 3100 foot BIG ZIP!
TIRES & TRAILS -- $829 per participant
Our mountain biking program gives participants the chance to ride 36 miles of the best purpose built trails in the country. Your focused program includes one day of cross-country rides, one day of shuttles to ride only downhill and one long extended ride day. You will have the opportunity to learn more basic to more advanced MTB maneuvers including, cornering, braking, descending position and maneuvering over or around rocks and logs. You will also learn what it takes to maintain and do basic repairs on your bike.

BERMS & BARS -- $779 per participant
Your Berms & Bars program takes you into the world of BMX. Depending on your current skill level, you will be introduced to basic to advanced BMX skills and try one day of each of these three different styles of BMX -- dirt jumping, racing and freestyle.

RAMPS & RAILS -- $779 per participant
THE PARK at the Summit’s Thrasher Mountain is a giant playground for skateboarders...and those who want to be skateboarders. Almost five acres have been dedicated to creating an amazing skate park that includes transition, street, bowls and two foam pits. If you are brave or just crazy, you can drop in on our 13 ft vert ramp. The program is designed to be self-paced. You will start on the first day with an assessment. This means you show us what you know (even if it is nothing). Then, we will help you take your skateboarding skills to the next level. You will be surprised how much you can improve in a few days with the right coaching.

SUMMIT TRAIL CORPS -- $570 per participant
Spend your three day core program building and maintaining Summit trails. Participants will also learn about trail surveying, tool maintenance and GIS mapping technology. Then, get a ride on the Big Zip and your choice of three other electives to fill out your week. Participants for this program must be 15 years old by September 1, 2016.

FOCUSED PROGRAM ELECTIVES
The Summit provides you a unique opportunity to experience other action and adventure sports during your stay. In addition to the three days of core programming, focused program participants get to:

- Ride the 3200’ Big Zip in Adventure Valley
- Complete a half-day service or conservation project
- Participate in two additional elective activities.*

Crew members can select from among the following elective experiences. Please note that they can choose these individually.

1. The Canopy (Canopy Tour)
2. The Rocks (Climbing, Rappelling, Leap of Faith)
3. The Ropes (Challenge Courses)
4. The Bows (Archery)
5. The Barrels (Shotgun)(Pistol)(Rifle)
6. Low Gear (Cross Country Mountain Biking)
7. The Park (Skateboarding)
8. The Trax (BMX Racing)
9. Bravo Lake (Lake Kayaking)
10. Lower New River Whitewater Rafting**

*Trail Corps participants choose three electives.
** Additional cost

ADVANCED PROGRAMS
The Christen National High Adventure Base also offers advanced programs in kayaking, climbing, mountain biking, trail corps and adventure photography. Because of the depth of these programs, they lend themselves more to individual participants rather than crews. However, if you would like to bring a crew for an advanced program or have a member of your contingent who would like to participate individually in an advanced program, we would be happy to make arrangements with you. Please see the website for program information and costs.
HOW DO I MAKE A RESERVATION

1. Select up to three program sessions for your council contingent.

2. Complete the registration form and return to the Summit. Please note that online unit reservations open in January. At that time, you can also use the online reservation process.

3. The Summit reservation office will send you an invoice with your confirmed dates.

4. Submit your $100 per participant deposit by May 31, 2015.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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AVAILABLE DATES

High adventure programs at the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base operate on a Sunday to Saturday schedule. Early arrivals and late departures can be arranged to accommodate travel constraints.

- June 12, 2016 – June 18, 2016
- July 31, 2016 – August 6, 2016

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Deposit: May 31, 2015
50% Payment: October 31, 2015
Balance Due: March 31, 2016

For reservations made after May 31, 2015, participants will have 45 days to make payments to bring their account up to date.