Introduction to The Summit Bechtel Reserve

National High Adventure Base and Scout Reserve
Welcome to The Summit Bechtel Reserve National Boy Scout High Adventure Base in the Heart of the New River Gorge area of Southern West Virginia. Strategically located close to major highways, it is within 500 miles of 63% of the US Population and easily reached by all of our surrounding States.

- The Summit includes 14,000 acres of property bordering 70,000 acres National Park Service land of the New River Gorge National Park, and is famous for its world class Whitewater Rafting, Rock Climbing and Mountain Biking. The BSA underwent a national search for a location strategic to a capable high adventure area, and accessible to the East Coast population base. The result is one of the highest rated facilities in the country.

- The Summit was built to house the National Scout Jamboree every 4 years the next being July 2017 and will be the host of the World Scout Jamboree in 2019. The Summit also is home to some of the best high adventure programming and activities in the country, and has an ongoing summer youth program for Scouts and for other Community Youth Organizations. It is also the prefect place for large youth group gatherings and camping events.

- The Summit High Adventure elements were designed and built by some of the top companies in the world, such as Spohn Ranch Skate Parks, Gravity Logic, Eldorado Climbing Walls, Bonsai Zip lines and Canopy tours. We have some of the largest and most unique adventure Elements in the country and is all waiting for you and your youth to experience.

- There are two basic areas of program at the Summit and both offer different levels of experience for your youth, both are guaranteed to leave your kids with a life experience that they take with them. First the Scott Summit Center is our area close to our camps, all elements are easily accessible and only require a minimum of fitness to enjoy. A short walk to most areas and each of these areas are a smaller version of what we have in our more expansive Adventure Zone. The Scott Summit Center is the main centralized location of the property and is where all programming starts and finishes.
- **Scott Summit Center** Starting at the East end of Summit Center is Action Point, an area that includes smaller versions of our action elements, a multi skill level BMX and Skate Park, 3 miles of Mountain Bike trails that include a pump track, 4 Canopy Tours with an average trek time of 1 hour, 4 High Ropes courses, a Tomahawk Throw, a Static and Sporting Arrows Archery range round off the activities. The amazing Consol Energy Bridge accents this area and connects the Summit Center with Base Camps A and B.

- Moving south to the center focal point of the property we have the Scott Visitors Center, where you will find a display of the history of Scouting and our central offices. Right next to our Dinning Hall, Trading Post, and on site Medical Facility, this area is the social center point of the facility. A short walk is the Sustainability Treehouse, one of the most unique structures you will see, and has learning elements that teach youth about self sustainability, our Eco Systems, energy consumption and even has a self composting restroom facility.

- Further down the trail is the first of two lakes located in Summit Center, Goodrich East and is home to the Cushman Family Fish Camp, as well as a Kayaking and Paddle Board program, two event areas, BB&T Point, and Brownsea Island, and is also the backdrop of the ATT Amphitheater, which is capable of holding 80,000 people for a live event. Bordering each side of the amphitheater are Legacy and Gateway 5 line Zip Lines. Goodrich East also has a Nature Trail that follows the lake and gives your youth a nature and wetlands experience as they travel to our next event area, Boulder Cove. Boulder Cove boasts 66 Element Stations that include multi level Climbing Routes, Rappelling, and Bouldering. A great introduction to climbing awaits your participants. As you leave this area you pass 2 Ga Ga Ball Pits as you cross the dam separating the Good Rich East and West Lakes. The first thing you see is the Water Reality "in" water obstacle course where there are four courses that include log climb, teeter totter, Iceberg climb, and other exciting and challenging elements. Off to the left is a freestyle Standup Paddle Board and Kayak station and further up the lake is a wetlands trail cut into the marsh that you will be able to explore on your watercraft of choice.
Water stations are always nearby and we have a medical facility staffed with a doctor and 2 paramedics 24 hours a day. Base Camps C and D are on the north side of Goodrich East, and are the normal camping areas for our Scout Camp and Summit Center Programming. Each Base Camp is capable of camping up to 6500 youth and staff, and has Bathroom and Shower facilities with the ability to be configured in any way to accommodate your needs. Camp areas can be designed to create an individual camping experience, or the group experience with our scouting programs. The Base Camp Camping areas are a short distance from the Summit Center and easily configured to allow a segregated location for individual groups and co-ed crews.

The Adventure Zone Located on the ridge surrounding the Summit Center is a whole different level of High Adventure. Participants have to be age 13 by September of the attending year and meet the Minimum Physical Standards. Most of these element areas are a 45 min hike from the dining hall, up carved trails to some of the most exciting elements you can find anywhere. It is suggested that you prepare your youth prior to coming to be in good shape to enjoy these areas. The Adventure Zone consists of Thrasher Mountain, The Ridge, Adventure Valley, and the Canopy.

East end just past our Alpha and Bravo Base Camps is the Canopy. The Summit has more Zip Line distance than anyone in the world, and most of that can be found right here in the 8 canopy tours. Located above a small creek/tributary of the New River, you will zig zag back and forth across this picturesque canyon, choose treetops or down low, all experiences are breathtaking and average trek takes about 3 hours.

Adventure Valley consist of multiple Adventure Zone high adventure elements, The Rocks, High Gear, Low Gear, The Ropes, Bravo Lake, and everyone’s favorite, The Big Zip. The Rocks is touted as the one of the best man-made outdoor facilities in the world, with over 90 climbing stations, 75 bouldering Stations, 30 rappelling stations, and 6 leap of faith positions, it is truly an area that is sure to take your youth to a new level of skills.
Next we have our High & Low gear area's that accommodate all levels of mountain biking skill sets. From the beginner to the advance cyclist, there is something for everyone here. It is one of the top purpose built facilities in the world and one of the top in the world for total mileage. With 36 miles of trails, 3 jump courses, 3 pump courses, 2 skills courses, and over 40 trails, it truly is an area that will make the most avid Mountain Biker stand up and take notice.

Next to low gear is our Ropes challenge course area and it is reminiscent of a scene from Avatar. There are 4 areas of challenge with different types of obstacles and elements to challenge your youth. Built in the trees of Adventure Valley, you will truly feel you in are in another world, climb in, rappel out, they will all leave with the confidence and ability to tackle any obstacle in their lives.

Bravo Lake is one of our beautiful lakes on site and hosts our focused White Water Program. As we are located in one of the best white water locations in the country with the New and Gauley Rivers nearby, we expand on this and have a focused program that includes kayak training and on river kayak and rafting program, that starts right here on Bravo Lake and ends with a rafting and camping experience on the New River. The New River is one of the most popular day rafting locations in the country, day rafting adventures are available thru our experience team, and can be added to any event or package as well.

Nestled high on The Ridge in the middle of the Adventure Zone area, is our shooting sports areas. In Barrels, we are one of the largest in the world for total shooting opportunities. With 79 Sporting Clay stations, 50 Trap stations, 20 5 Stand, 60 rifle, 20 pistol, I4 Steel Challenge, and multiple Airsoft Target opportunities, it truly is a world class shooting facility. As with all of our activities, our staff takes your youth thru start to finish safety instructions and procedures, and then teach techniques that get your youth up and going quickly. There isn’t another facility that gives you more shooting opportunities.

Farther down The Ridge is the Bows, also one of the tops in the world for total shooting opportunities and boasts 60 Static archery Stations, 36 La Port Sporting Arrows stations, 3D Archery Trails, and a new crossbow program. Featuring multiple disciplines of static and moving target opportunities, again your youth will walk away with the experience of a lifetime, and real skills.

Thrasher Mountain has a Skate Park and BMX area built by Spohn Ranch, one of the premier designers in the country. They have designed the X Games and most of the world class skate parks in the country. Our Skate park boasts being the #2 in the world for square footage at 103,993 and has beginner to advanced areas and all the elements you would want in a skate park. Also #2 in the World for Square footage of facilities is the BMX park. From beginner evaluation to advanced racing techniques, there is something for all levels of skill in both of these areas.

Rounding off the adventure, All Adventure Zone packages include an exclusive trip down the Big Zip. ¾ of a mile long and soaring high above Bravo Lake your youth can reach speeds of 60mph as they soar thru the trees and out at over 80 feet above the lake. Guaranteed to satisfy the most avid thrill seeker and make believers out your youth, they can do anything!!

As you can see Summit Bechtel Reserve is home to some of the most advanced adventure activities in the nation. Whether on a small scale or large scale, there is something for all youth. The Programs at the Summit range from focused BSA Scouting programs, to custom Community Youth Organization programming that caters to your goals, budget, and timeline. The Summit Center focuses on an affordable “taste of experience” and the Adventure Zone activities are more advanced and focused.
Programs

- The **Scott Summit Center** has a focused Scout Camp program and a Community Youth Organization walk up experience model for larger groups, and there are available Day Visits, and Multi Day experiences. All programs include all that you need to enjoy each area as well as to be comfortable on your stay. Our multi day programs include, all meals, safety and equipment to participate in all areas on site, and Tents and Cots are available upon request.

**CYO Summit Visitors Day Pass** 1 Day Pass
Based Upon Availability
Community Youth Organization Group Day Pass
9:30am to 5:30pm Monday thru Friday Starting June
Minimum Participant Number may apply
$25 Per Supervising Adult - $55 Per Participating Adult,
Kids 11 and over $25 Under 11 (limited Use)

**Summit Visitors Day Pass** 1 Day Pass
Public Visitor /Available thru one of our Local Partner Outfitters
12pm to 8pm Limited Availability Starting June
Call 304 465-2822 for more information

**Summit Center Appalachian Adventure** 4 Day 3 Night
4 Day 3 Night $220.00 Separate Designated Camping Area
Wednesday Day One - Evening Check In,
all Camping Gear Accessories Included,
(Optional Offsite Activity for Additional Price Prior to Check in)
Thursday Day 2 - Breakfast, Trail Lunch, Dinner,
Summit Center Activities, 9am until 8pm.
(Optional Morning Offsite Activity for additional price)
Friday Day 3 – Breakfast, Trail Lunch, Dinner,
Summit Center Activities 9am until 8pm.
Saturday Day 4 - Breakfast, Checkout, No Activities
Also Available in a Sunday Check-in and Wednesday Check-out Package

**Summit Center Experience** 7 Day 6 Night
7 Day 6 Night, ages 9 and over. $399.00
Separate Designated Camping Area
Sunday Day One –Afternoon Check In, all Camping Gear Accessories Included, Tour, Adult and Youth Leader Meetings,
Religious Services, Opening Program.
Monday Day 2 - Breakfast, Introduction to Summit Center, Trail Lunch, Dinner, Summit Center Activities, till 8pm
Tuesday Day 3 – Breakfast, Trail Lunch, Dinner, Morning Wetlands Walk, Sustainability Treehouse Tour,
Summit Center Activities till 8pm
Wednesday Day 4 - Breakfast, Trail Lunch, Dinner, Summit Center Activities till 8pm.
*(Optional Offsite Activity for Additional Price)
Thursday Day 5 - Breakfast, Trail Lunch, Dinner, Summit Center Activities till 8pm.
*(Optional Offsite Activity for Additional Price)
Friday Day 6 - Breakfast, Trail Lunch, Dinner, Summit Center Activities till 8pm, Closing Ceremony.
Saturday Day 7 - Breakfast, Summit Center Activities till Departure.
The Adventure Zone programs include an experience package where you get a half day in each of the described locations. Also available is a much more extensive focused program in a specific discipline. Most are week long programs and are all inclusive, call for pricing and info.

**Summit Experience High Adventure Week** 7 Day 6 Night

Must be Age 13 as of Sept 1st, year attending. $759

**Designated CYO High Adventure Week**

- Spring Event June 5th to June 11th
- Fall Event July 31st to August 6th

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**Saturday Day 7** - Breakfast, Summit Center Activities till Departure.

**Call for Custom Programming on Alternative Dates**

For more information on The Summit Bechtel Reserve visit our website at summitBSA.org for a list of Scouting Programs, and if you are a Community Youth Group interested in holding an event at the Summit, click on the Special Events tab, or for more information call: Jim Campbell Special Events Manager 304 465-2822

**Your Adventure is Waiting...at the Summit Bechtel Reserve!!**