



CONSERVATION AT THE SUMMIT

Planning Guide

WELCOMETO CONSERVATION AT THE SUMMIT!

Conservation at the Summit (CatS) is a weeklong experience designed to help you grow as a leader while making a real impact in conservation. Through high-quality instruction and hands-on application, you'll build practical skills in trail building, conservation, and outdoor ethics skills that you can take home to strengthen your community! CatS is more than training; it's an opportunity to create lasting memories through project work, education, and an added bonus with Summit activities!

You'll learn from some of Scouting America's most experienced conservation leaders, gaining knowledge that supports progress toward Scouting America's highest conservation and outdoor ethics awards such as the Distinguished Conservation Service Award and the Outdoor Ethics Action Award.

We encourage you to review the planning guide carefully so you're fully prepared. This is a unique opportunity, offered to only a select group of participants, and we're committed to making it a truly special experience. We can't wait to welcome you to Conservation at the Summit and see the impact you'll make!

The Summit Bechel Reserve

For questions, contact:

summit.program@scouting.org

304-465-2800

CHECKLIST

1. Read this guide entirely.
2. Pay all course fees no later than 30 days before the course begins.
3. Complete your Annual Health & Medical Record (AHMR) available at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>.
 - Select the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) specific AHMR
 - Parts A/B/C must be completed.
 - A medical re-check will happen during your check-in. If you have questions about whether a medical condition will preclude your course participation, please contact SBR.
 - Remember to bring and continue to take prescription medication during your course. This must be in an original container with dosage information. Guests are responsible for safely storing and using their own medication.
4. Signed your Summit waiver.
 - An online version is completed during registration
5. Inform SBR of any dietary restrictions at least two weeks before the beginning of your course. (Completed during registration).

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

Onsite Check-in / Registration

Please arrive at the North Gate between 1-4pm on the first day of the course (Sunday). This timing considers the check-in time along with travel to your site. A map will be provided with instructions and directions for check-in. Course starts at dinner at 5pm.

Please have your Medical Form in hand and ready for check-in.

The address below is recommended for GPS. Go past the post office and cross the train tracks.

*Glen Jean Post Office
102 Co Rte 25/9
Glen Jean WV – 25846*

Early Arrival

Your arrival day is Sunday. However, you can arrive one day early on Saturday. Please select this option in registration or contact SBR for updates or questions.

- Early arrival fee = \$50
- Includes Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast
- Arrival window 1:00pm – 5:00pm Summit North Gate
- Dinner stops serving at 6pm
- You are not permitted to arrive earlier than 1:00pm on Saturday
- Faculty will provide instructions for housing and help with check-in on Sunday

Families can use Family Adventure Camp accommodations in place of early arrival or if they wish to arrive earlier than Saturday. This is a separate arrangement made with SBR. Visit our link here:

familyadventurewv.com

Departure

You may depart on the final day (Saturday) before 11am. Guests with Summit shuttles must be ready to leave 2.5 hours before your plane/train departure.

Families can use Family Adventure Camp accommodations if they wish to stay after Saturday.

familyadventurewv.com

Shuttles

Please visit the shuttle link for more information if you need a shuttle to the Summit. This is separate from early arrival. [SHUTTLE LINK](#).

Please inform us of any delays for our awareness and accommodate any changes.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Summit Operations Center (SOC)

Emergency 24-hour Hotline

(304) 465-2900

Camp Living

This is a **bring-your-own tent** program; a **2-person tent** is recommended. You are not required to share a tent, though you may arrange tent-sharing with another guest in advance. A limited number of tents are available to rent from SBR for a small fee during registration; contact SBR to make changes. All camping arrangements follow Safeguarding Youth guidelines and are managed by the faculty.

Showers are **ambient temperature**; if warm showers are important to you, consider bringing a solar shower bag. Be prepared for **changing weather**, as activities take place mostly outdoors.

Uniform

Field uniforms are required for meals and classroom times. You may wear work clothing during projects and are not required to wear Scouting American uniforms. All clothing must be Scouting America appropriate.

Dietary Accommodations

The Summit is a **nut-free facility** and can accommodate some dietary needs. These needs are captured during registration. Dining hall meals can typically support most dietary restrictions, including religious diets. Cooler lunches are more limited and can usually accommodate vegetarian and gluten-free needs only. Please visit our website for a full list of supported dietary accommodations.

If your needs cannot be met, please bring **shelf-stable food** that works for you. Contact us with any questions or if you're unsure.

Family Adventure Camp

Your family is welcome to enjoy their time with us as well! We offer vacation experiences for everyone to make memories!

Find out more with our website!

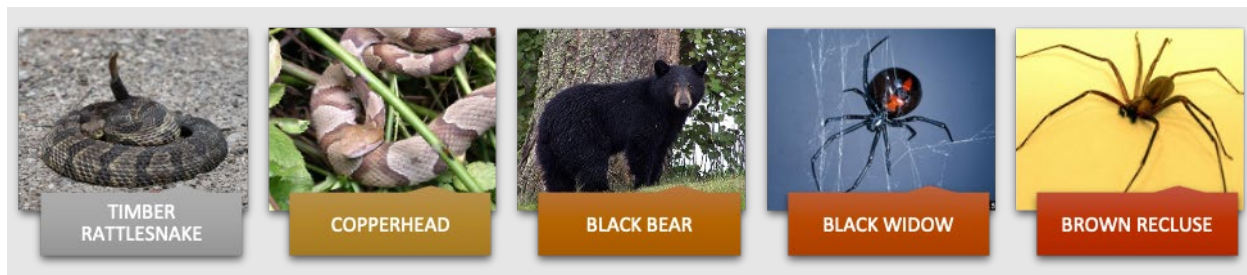
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WILDLIFE HAZARDS

Please respect and reduce the risk of animal encounters by making yourself and our base less approachable to them. Contact the SOC if wildlife encroaches in your area and if they pose a threat to you or others. The following wildlife are dangerous and should **ALWAYS BE AVOIDED**. Reduce the risk of encounters by staying on designated trails and **NEVER** approach.

Food & Waste: No food or waste should be stored in any outdoor housing. All food **MUST** be consumed or placed in a trash container each evening. **NEVER** feed any wild animals and maintain a safe distance, even from seemingly harmless animals. **NEVER** cook near outdoor housing, keep **200 feet distance** between cooking area and housing.

Ticks: Periodically check yourself for ticks, especially in heavily wooded areas. If you find a tick, remove it carefully and take care to fully remove the head from your skin. Place tick inside airtight bag that is dated and timestamped when it was removed. Immediately take the bag to the Health Lodge to process. If you feel uncomfortable or cannot remove the tick, seek medical attention.



Snakes: Unless completely known, treat all snakes as venomous. Avoid tall grassy areas and be careful lifting items that have stayed in place for a long time. If bitten, have victim lay prone, cool body, and rest quietly to reduce the spread of venom. Keep the bite area on the same level as the heart. Seek medical attention. If possible, attempt to identify the type of snake.

Bears: Upon encounter, attempt to leave the area. Never get in between mothers and their cubs. If the bear approaches, make loud noises and group up together waving your arms to scare the bear off. If the bear charges, it may be necessary to fight back to avoid severe injury. Running from a black bear will likely increase its instinct to attack you. Please report all bear encounters that pose an immediate threat to the Summit Operations Center (SOC).

Spiders: Most spider bites are not felt at the time the bite happens. If you suspect you have been bitten, immediately draw a circle around the swollen or red area. Seek medical attention. Try to identify the spider. Continue to draw a circle around the area every 30 minutes to track progression (if any).

Rabid Animals: Raccoons and other common small animals are known to carry rabies. Try to flee the area as rabid animals will likely not be deterred by fighting back. If bit, reduce your heart rate as much as possible, cool yourself to prevent shock, and seek medical attention immediately.

WEATHER HAZARDS

Lightning Advisory

- Lightning advisories are announced when lightning is detected within **12 miles** of The Summit.
- **All Aquatics and Aerial Sports activities are suspended:** Everyone must exit the water or descend from their aerial sports activity and move to a safe location.
- **Consol Energy Bridge:** The wingtip walkways are CLOSED. The main wooden walkway is open.

Lightning Alert

- Lightning alerts are announced when lightning is detected within **8 miles** of The Summit.
- **All outdoor activities suspended.** Everyone must move to a safe location.
- The entire Consol Energy Bridge is closed under a lightning alert.

Wait until **ALL CLEAR** is announced before resuming activity.



Emergency Locations

We continually monitor the weather and will announce hazardous weather over our camp wide PA system. Please follow staff instructions in case of hazardous weather. If the severity of the storm warrants, SOC will coordinate movement of all personnel to more secure locations. Transportation services will be utilized in extended periods of severe weather. If an emergency weather alert is announced, please seek appropriate weather shelters.

- Any permanent structure with supported roofing
- Shower houses
- Emergency Procedure Shelters
- Note: Unless directed by staff, the main living area of Glamping Tents are weather safe.

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(304) 465-2900

COMMUNICATION & MAP

Contact Us:

Mailing Address

Your Name -- NCS
Summit Bechtel Reserve
2550 Jack Furst Drive
Glen Jean, WV 25846



Main Phone Number: (304) 465-2800

Emergency Number: (304) 465-2900

Website: www.Summitbsa.org

VIRTUAL MAP

[CLICK HERE](#)

Stay Connected

SBR has excellent cell phone and Wi-Fi service, with connectivity available in most areas.



PACKING LIST

Items	Qty	Notes
Sleeping		
Tent	1	Recommend 2-person tent
Sleeping bag	1	(45-degree rating)
Waterproof sleeping bag stuff sack	1	
Sleeping pad	1	
Sleeping clothes set	1	
Pillow	1	
Clothing		
Camp shoes	1	Closed toed
Hiking Shoes	1	Closed toed
Pair hiking socks	5	
Pair regular socks	2	
Pair underwear	7	
Sports Bra (F)	4	
Pair shorts	1	
Pair long pants	2	For project work
Performance T-shirt	4	
Sweater or jacket	1	For cool mornings and evenings
Rain jacket and pants	1	
Work gloves	1	For project work
Sunglasses	1	
Hat	1	
Personal Equipment		
Daypack	1	10-30 liters is recommended
Backpack cover	1	For rain
Plastic bags to pack clothes		
Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner	1	
Deodorant	1	
1-Liter water bottle or CamelBak	1	
Mess kit	1	(cup, bowl/plate, fork, knife, spoon)
Flashlight or headlight	1	(with extra batteries)
Bandana or neckerchief	1	
Chapstick	1	
Bath towel and washcloth	1	
Sunscreen	1	
Toothbrush / toothpaste	1	
Personal first aid kit	1	
Notepad and Pen	1	
Required medications		(sealed in waterproof bags)
Tampons / Pads (F)		
Optional		
Camera		
Money for trading post		
Items for branding		Branding session offered
Insect repellent		Non-Aerosol
Hiking or trekking poles		
Camp Chair		
Hand sanitizer		