

Welcome *to the* Summit Bechtel Reserve!

*The Summit Experience
Webinar will begin at 7:03 p.m.*



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Wednesday, 25 February 2026

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Notes about Notes

- This information in this Webinar is not exhaustive; please feel free to ask questions, throughout and at the end of the Webinar
- Please do not worry about feverishly taking notes for each slide!
- The presentation and supporting documents will be sent to the unit leader e-mail list within a few days of the end of the Webinar
- Unit leaders and call participants are encouraged to share the recordings and the information from the meeting with other unit stakeholders



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When contacting Summit staff for assistance, it is helpful to reference the unit expedition number, formatted **SE060726-Z** (to include program, date of arrival, and registration order).

Please do not hesitate to reach out; the Summit team is always happy to help!

Giveaway #1



Who will win some Summit swag?

The Summit Experience Program



What is the Summit Experience?

The Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base



- Using adventure sports and mountaintop experiences to build:
 - Competence
 - Confidence
 - Connections
 - Caring
 - Character

Structure: Program Patrols/Crews

- Registered units/council contingents (any group participating in the Summit Experience) are assigned to program patrols
- Program patrols are crews of Scouts and leaders, almost always from several different units/contingents, who participate in the Summit Experience together
- Each program patrol will consist of fifty to sixty members



Staff Support: The Mountain Rovers

- Mountain Rovers are Summit staff members who help program patrols (crews) maximize their time at the Summit
- Mountain Rovers work with program patrols (crews) to make the check-in and acclimation process go smoothly
- The Mountain Rover will stay with the program patrol for most of the Summit Experience
- Mountain Rovers will work with youth and adult leadership to ensure that program patrol members take advantage of all program and extra opportunities
- Mountain Rovers are not crew leaders, and they are not substitutes for youth or adult leadership

2026 S.E. **Sample** Schedule

Summit Experience Sample Schedule

- Half day or full day at high-adventure program venues
- Schedules for individual units will vary (activities will not always be in this sequence); but all activities are scheduled for all units



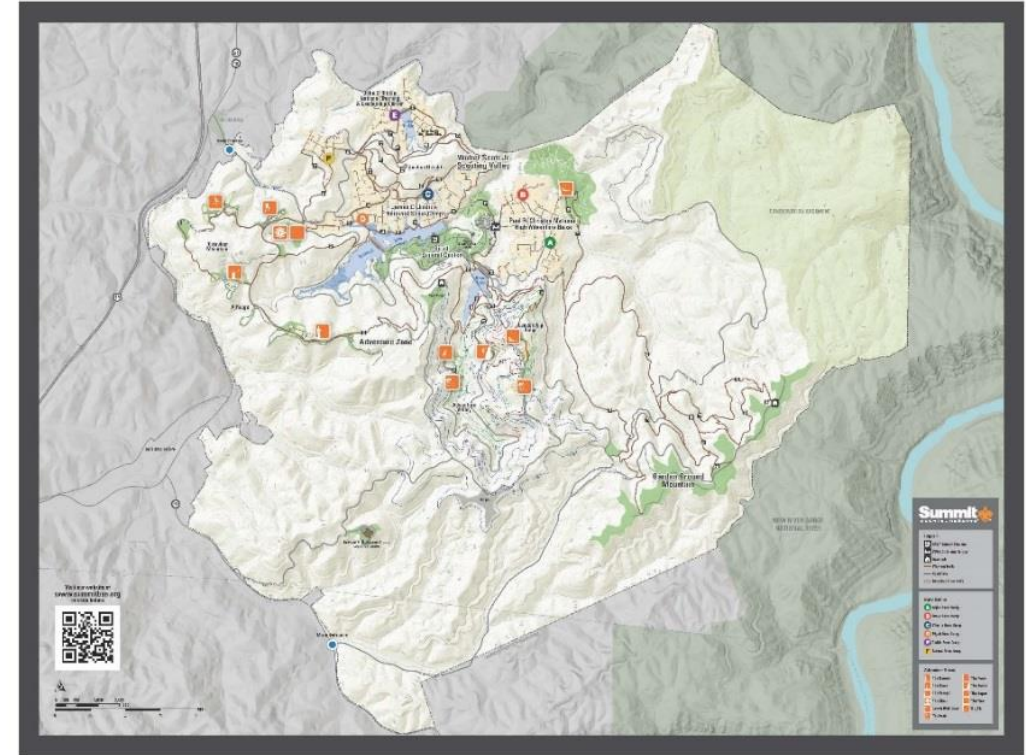
	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	A.M. ARRIVAL	THE ROCKS AND CANOPY ZIP	HUNTER ED. AND SKILLS CENTER	THE BOWS (ARCHERY)	THE PARK (SKATE- BOARDING)	WHITewater RAFTING ON THE NEW RIVER	DEPARTURE
1:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m.	P.M. ARRIVAL	ALEXANDER'S EAGLE FLIGHT (BIG ZIP)	LOW GEAR (MOUNTAIN BIKING)	THE BARRELS (SHOOTING SPORTS)	THE TRAX (BMX)	WHITewater RAFTING ON THE NEW RIVER	
6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.	EVE. ORIENTATION	SUMMIT CENTER OPEN ACTIVITIES (CAMP-WIDE)				CLOSING PROGRAM	

Program Facilities

High-adventure venues at the Summit

- The Rocks – rock climbing, rappelling, leap of faith
- Alexander's Eagle Flight – 3,100-foot zipline
- The Canopy – tree-to-tree zipline tours
- Low Gear (Harvey) – mountain biking
- Hunter's Hall – hunter education and laser shot
- The Barrels – shooting sports and archery
- The Park (Thrasher Mountain) – skateboarding
- The Trax (Thrasher Mountain) – BMX
- New River Gorge – whitewater rafting
- Goodrich Lake – aquatics activities

Information about downloading the Summit map mobile application can be found in the program supplement.









Program Note: Hunter Education



- All Summit Experience participants will visit the Crafton Sportsman's Complex for hunter education instruction and laser shot
- For participants who want to earn the hunter education card, which is exchangeable for a hunting license in all fifty states, there are specific steps, outlined in the program supplement, that must be followed
 - An online hunter education course must be completed
 - A course must be completed, and the participant must bring the printed Field Day/Practical Voucher with them
 - The hunter education class will be offered on Wednesday evening
- Check out the specific instructions, available in the program supplement or online, to be prepared to earn the hunter education card, if you would like!

Summit Center Activities (Evenings)

- Action Point
 - Skate park
 - Harkey X-Zone
 - Mountain bikes
 - BMX bikes
- Sustainability Treehouse
- Aquatics activities
- Boulder Cove
- Legacy and Gateway Ziplines
- Appalachian Celebration (camp-wide)



Award Opportunities

- Stand Up Paddleboarding Award
- Whitewater Rafting Award
- Hunter education participation memorabilia
- Hunter education certification course
 - Card can be exchanged for license in all fifty states
- Summit Duty to God Award
- Summit Sustainability Award
- Triple Crown or Grand Slam of High Adventure Award



Rain/Weather Challenges

- Sometimes weather may postpone or cancel scheduled programs
 - We follow Scouting and Summit standard operating procedure guidelines
- When rain or weather cancel an activity, we *try* to reschedule that program for another time during the week
- For rain/weather cancellations for skateboarding and BMX, we offer a planned trip to the New River Gorge National Park Canyon Rim Visitors Center and/or to the Longpoint Trail

Do we have to participate in everything?

- The Summit operates on a challenge-by-choice model, and Scouts, Scouters, and units are welcome to participate or not in the offered activities
- We typically cannot rearrange schedules or accommodate alternative activities at the Summit if an individual (or a unit) opts not to participate in an activity for some reason
 - One small example where we may be able to help with alternative program is for cases in which someone in a unit is a *non-swimmer* and cannot participate in the whitewater rafting day
- We strongly encourage everyone to try everything!

Giveaway #2



Who will win some Summit swag?

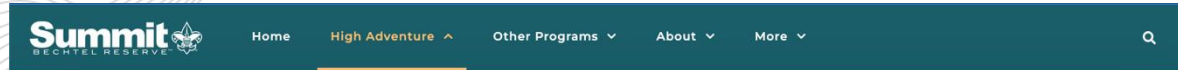
Administration and Paperwork



What things will crews need to prepare for a successful visit?

Navigating the Web Site

Visit summitbsa.org!



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Register for 2025

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About High Adventure Experiences



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The Summit Experience

Opens 18 months prior to trek

Introductory level experiences at each of the nine Summit high adventure venues!

Minimum 5 participants

2 registered adult leaders required

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Planning Guide for the Summit Experience

- The 2026 general *Summit Program Guide* and the *Summit Experience Program Supplement* are available online, at www.summitbsa.org/guides



*Scan here to visit the Leaders Guides
Web page on the Summit Web site.*



Registration and Payment

Fee Schedule

- Summit Experience fee is \$1,225.00 per participant
- Deposit of \$250.00 due at time of reservation
- First payment due within thirty days of reservation
 - 10% of remaining fees due
- Second payment due by November 1, 2025 (or within thirty days of reservation)
 - 50% of remaining fees due
- Final payment due ninety days before arrival at the Summit
 - Balance of remaining fees due
- For questions about registration and payment, e-mail summit.program@scouting.org



Required Forms and Waivers (Individuals)

- There are several forms required of individuals to visit the Summit Bechtel Reserve
 - Scouting America *Annual Health and Medical Record*, parts A, B, C (Summit-specific or general BSA form) (copies, on paper) **These forms can be mailed before camp!**
 - *Immunization Exemptions* should be attached to an individual's copy of the *Annual Health and Medical Record*
 - Summit-specific waiver (e-mailed to all named participants in the registration system) (completed electronically)
 - Whitewater waiver (completed electronically)
 - All adult participants (over the age of 18) *must* show physical proof of Safeguarding Youth Training completion (printed or on a mobile device; a group report showing all unit leaders is fine)
- Please contact the Summit Health and Safety Team, at summithealthlodge@scouting.org, with any health, safety, or medical questions or considerations needed



Forms and Returning Them

- Forms should be returned alphabetically (by last name) by type (all forms of one kind together)
- All paperwork should be completed entirely before arrival at camp (a unit leader at home should check that all information has been filled and that all signatures and acknowledgements are present where needed)
- Scouting America *Annual Health and Medical Records* are good for one year and to the end of the month one year from the time the original exam was conducted
 - A form completed on July 1, 2025, is good through July 31, 2026
 - A form completed on June 30, 2025, is good through June 30, 2026

Copies of the *Annual Health and Medical Records* can be mailed before camp (as a unit)!

Note on Arriving to the Summit

- Check-in will occur at the Pigott Headquarters building, onsite (not at the Ruby Welcome Center, as it has in other years)
- Parking will be in a nearby lot, and Scouts and other leaders will be able to use the restrooms, get water in the dining hall, or visit the trading post (the Bunker)
- Unit leaders will be informed that the official arrival window is between 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. (arrival before, during, or after this window is acceptable)

Units are encouraged to arrive earlier rather than later to allow time for all aspects of the arrival and check-in process!

Program Note: Swim Checks

To participate in any aquatics activity at the Summit (including whitewater rafting), participants (youth and adult) must provide proof of designation as a **swimmer** after completing the Scouting America swim classification test; it is the responsibility of the unit to validate swimming ability

- **Scouting America Swim Classification Test:** Crew must bring **two copies** of the completed **swim classification test**; each member of the crew (youth and adult) should be listed in the appropriate area, according to their classification.
- **Buddy Tags:** The Summit will provide you with buddy tags and appropriate (red and blue) markers at check-in. You will need to fill out the buddy tags, designating participants as nonswimmers, beginners, or swimmers, based on your *Swim Test Master Form*. All buddy tags will need to be turned in by the unit to the aquatics area once complete (unit leaders should complete this process). Even if an aquatic activity is not part of a participant's program schedule during the daytime, there will be opportunities to do activities in evening free times.

Buddy tags are not needed for whitewater rafting, though all participants must be classified as swimmers to participate.

Theme Days—Prepare Now!

- Monday
 - West Virginia, Best Virginia Day – Wear your best West Virginia gear or gear from your favorite state!
- Wednesday
 - Hawaiian Shirt Day – Wear your sharpest Hawaiian shirt all day long!



Camp Life

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Camping Accommodations

- Dome tents (provided)
 - Participants may bring their own tents
- Cots (two per tent)
 - 77" long x 33" wide x 18" tall
- Dining canopies
- Picnic tables
- Hot/cold shower houses
- Wi-Fi in many areas
- What to bring?
 - See the program supplement for a detailed packing list for Summit Experience participants; list will be e-mailed in follow-up e-mail, too



Suggestions/Notes for Camping Areas

- Two ten-foot-by-twenty-foot dining canopies are provided to all units; additional canopies or pop-up (ten-foot-by-ten-foot or larger) tents are highly recommended
- All camping areas are relatively close to a source of power, so any participants who need to use a C.P.A.P. or other device will have easy access; extension cords are available for medical need on request
- One vehicle (attached to the trailer or not) can be parked in the campsite
- Parking is accessible to all camping areas (within a walk of a couple minutes)
- Crocs or sandals are great for the showers/restroom facilities, but not really anywhere else
 - Whatever you do, do not wear Crocs on the range!



Foodservice at the Summit

- The first meal served to units is dinner on Sunday (arrival day); the last meal served is breakfast on Saturday (departure day)
- Summit Experience guests eat breakfast and dinner in the Fork in the Road Diner
 - On three days, pack-out lunches (backpacking-style meals) will be provided
 - The rafting company will provide lunch on the rafting day
 - One lunch will be eaten at the Fork in the Road Diner
- Meals are self-served, so individuals can select what and how much they want
- A breakfast bar is offered each morning, with supplemental options, including cereal, oatmeal/grits, fruit, etc.
- A salad bar is offered at each lunch and dinner service (with soup offered at lunch)

Specific Dietary Needs/Accommodations

- The Summit foodservice staff can accommodate many specific dietary needs
 - Dairy, egg, fish, shellfish, sesame, soy, gluten/wheat allergies and intolerances/sensitivities
 - Halal, Kosher, vegan, vegetarian diets
 - We are a peanut-free and tree-nut free facility!
- Specific dietary needs should be noted in the registrations system for each individual
- Individuals with needs beyond these (or with severe allergies) should plan to bring their own food items to ensure dietary needs are fully met
- Please contact David Tiberio, Foodservice Director, at David.Tiberio@scouting.org, for assistance (or, alternatively, Johnny Tracy, at Johnny.Tracy@scouting.org)

Giveaway #3



Who will win some Summit swag?

Physical Preparations and Other Notes



How can my crew physically prepare for the Summit Experience?

What to Expect: Physical Preparation

- The programs at the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base are physically-demanding, and there will be many challenging aspects:
 - Participants, youth and adult, can expect to hike eight to ten miles per day
 - Some activities will be strenuous
- How can participants be prepared?
 - Start preparing now (if you haven't already)!
 - Practice hiking, individually and/or as a group (on hilly terrain, if possible)
 - Carry a daypack, with about fifteen pounds of weight
 - If possible, hike on hilly terrain
 - Running, biking, and other aerobic exercise is recommended
- **NOTE:** Participants who do not currently meet the B.M.I. standard (height-weight recommendations), outlined on the *Annual Health and Medical Record*, should consult with a health-care provider to develop a safe weight-loss plan



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Scouting America Height-Weight Guidelines

Height (inches)	Max. Weight
60	166
61	172
62	178
63	183
64	189
65	195
66	201
67	207
68	214
69	220

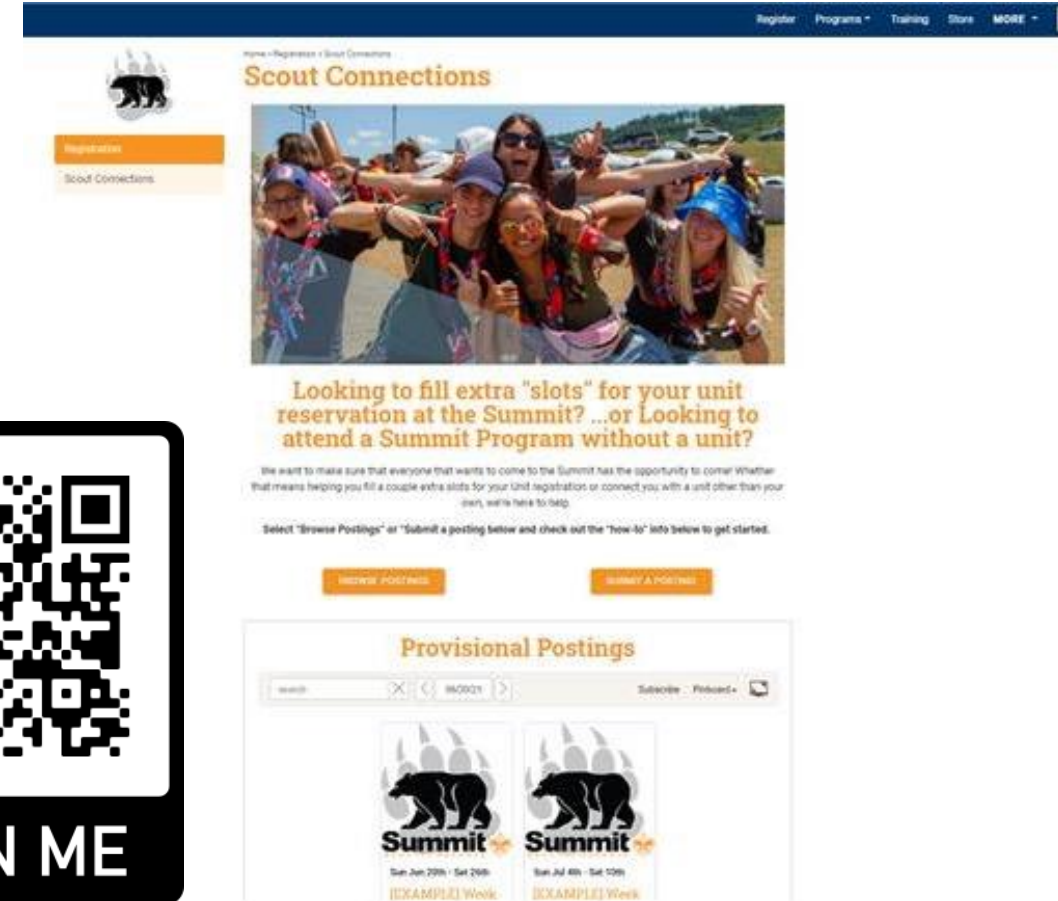
Height (inches)	Max. Weight
70	226
71	233
72	239
73	246
74	252
75	260
76	267
77	274
78	281
79 and over	295

E-mail summithealthlodge@scouting.org if you have questions or concerns about height/weight requirements!

Individuals who fall outside of these guidelines should e-mail the Summit health and safety team to discuss arrangements and considerations.

Scout Connections

- Have extra room for provisional Scouts?
- Have a Scout who can't attend with your unit, but wants to go to camp?
- Post your unit's willingness to host or have a parent post their desire to attend a different week of camp!
- You can also e-mail Johnny, at johnny.tracy@scouting.org!



www.summitbsa.org/scoutconnections

Seasonal Staff Opportunities & Employment Information

Now accepting applications for 2026 seasonal staff!

The Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) is currently seeking seasonal staff (18+) to operate and support its 2026 summer programs. Positions are varied and include roles in Scout Camp program areas; high-adventure programs (whitewater guides, aerial sports facilitators, range and target instructors, wheeled sports specialists, and more); hospitality and foodservice support staff; and others!

Be a part of something big – we need your help to give our guests the best experience of their lives! Don't delay, apply today!

<https://www.summitbsa.org/jobs/>



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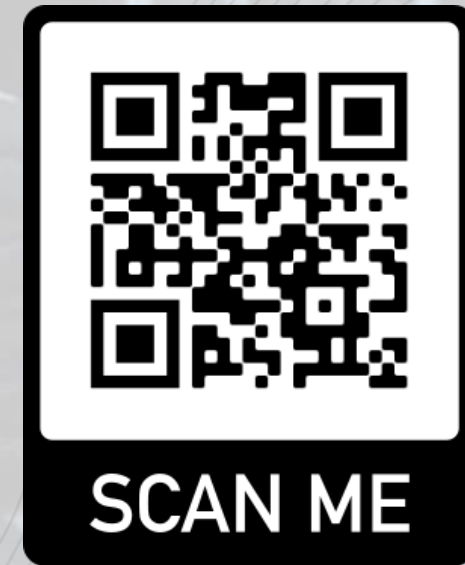
Custom Crew T-shirts

Create a special Summit memory with a custom T-shirt!

1. Visit www.store.summitbsa.org
2. Click on *Custom T-shirt Order* link
 - The order form will open at beginning of March
 - No deadline, but order early to get on time for camp
 - 8-week lead time
3. E-mail Liz Graham, at elizabeth.graham@scouting.org with any questions



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and other Summit swag!**



gardengroundoutfitters.com

store.summitbsa.org

Questions + Answers

- Any travel recommendations from Charleston Yeager (CRW) airport to the Summit?
A. Yes, review page 15 of the *Leader Guide*. Reach out with any questions!
- Can we add an extra day before or after our experience begins?
A. Yes, units must call Cristi Richardson, the Summit registrar, at 304-465-2817, to make these arrangements. The cost for early arrivals or late departures is \$75.00 per person per day.
- Can we bring our own tents and cots?
A. Absolutely!

Questions + Answers

- I am an adult leader, and I may not pass the swim classification test. Can my Scouts still participate in whitewater activities?
 - A. Yes! (Adults are full participants in the Summit Experience program, but participation in any adventure activity is by choice/ability!)
- Do Summit Experience units need to have members who are trained in wilderness first aid?
 - A. No. Summit Experience participants have access to on-site health and safety services. More training is never a bad thing!

Webinar Dates

- Summit Experience Webinar #2
 - Wednesday, April 29, 2026, 7:00 p.m. (E.T.)
- Meeting reminder will be sent in advance of the meeting
 - Please feel free to share the meeting information with other stakeholders in your unit, but please do not post the meeting information in any public online
 - Additionally, please do not hesitate to reach out if the Summit team can assist with anything!
- Meetings will be recorded; recordings and meeting materials will be e-mailed to all primary registration contacts within a few days of the meeting conclusion



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