The 2017 Jamboree event will be the second ever at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. This is Scouting’s newest high adventure base and the permanent home to the National Scout Jamboree. Ask any Scout who has attended the last Jamboree and he will tell you it is a true experience of a lifetime.

In an effort to keep you informed and updated on the latest information, the Samoset Jamboree Committee will be sending out these bulletins periodically as new information becomes available. These will not replace parent meetings but are intended to share details before and in-between meetings.

March Participant Meeting: The second jamboree meeting for parents and participants will take on Sunday March 5th from 3:00 – 5:00 PM. This meeting will take place at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Wausau (3200 N Mountain Rd, Wausau, 54401).

Medical forms: All participants will be required to complete the National Jamboree Medical form signed by a licensed physician and indicating compliance with specified immunizations. Submission of the medical forms for the 2017 Jamboree will be an online, multi-step process. Medical forms should be submitted on or prior to April 15, 2017. A participant will need to:

1. Download and print a hard copy of the Summit-specific BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR) form.
2. Complete the medical history on the hard copy form (Parts A & B).
3. Obtain a physical exam from your medical provider – Take the entire form (Parts A, B and C along with the High Adventure Risk Advisory) to your appointment.
4. Have the physician review the entire form and complete, sign and date Part C.
5. Sign the form yourself.
6. Scan this form and other documentation & save as PDF copies to your personal computer.
7. Access the participant’s “On-line AHMR” record.
8. Enter the requested data into the online record using the data from the hard copy AHMR form.
9. Upload the required scanned image of your hard copy AHMR form.
10. Upload a copy of your insurance card.
11. Upload a copy of your BSA Immunization Exemption form IF you claim Immunization Exemption.
12. Upload any Supplemental Medical Information (optional).
13. Submit for medical review.

Further details about this process can be found using the link below.
https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x50465ed42
Physical Fitness: The jamboree is a physically demanding experience. While much of the site is level, there are regular changes in grade as part of everyone’s daily schedule. A number of our activities require more stamina and fitness—climbing, rappelling, rafting, mountain biking, and skateboarding. It is essential that all participants are prepared for their Summit jamboree experience.

Being overweight has been shown to increase the likelihood of certain diseases and other health problems: hypertension, heart attack, hyperlipidemia, and stroke. Anyone who is obese and has multiple risk factors for cardiovascular/ cardiopulmonary disease would be at much greater risk of an acute cardiovascular/ cardiopulmonary event imposed on them by the environmental stresses of the Summit. The BSA’s goal is to prevent any serious health-related event from occurring, and ensuring that all of the participants and staff are “physically strong.”

Remaining Spots: We still have about 15 spots left for anyone that is still interested in attending the Jamboree. Please continue to help us recruit Scouts to fill these spots.

Payments: The final payment ($350) is due March 1. Invoices will be mailed to all families this month.

Fundraising: All participants were mailed details regarding the fruit sale and upcoming trash bag sale. Participation in either sale is voluntary. However, Scouts participating in these fundraisers must email support@samoset.org their interest to participate.

Touring: The Samoset Jamboree committee is working on the details for tour events on the way to the jamboree. A current list of planned events is listed below.

- Sunday, July 16, 2017 depart at 5:30 AM for Greenfield Village (Dearborn, MI). Stay overnight in Romulus, MI.
- Monday, July 17, 2017 depart at 6:30 AM for Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum. Drive to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, OH for a 3-hour tour of National Air Force Museum and depart by 5:00 PM to stay overnight in Springfield, OH.
- Tuesday, July 18, 2017 depart 8:00 AM for arrival 1:00 PM for choice of 2.5 hour zip-lining or 2 hour white water rafting. Drive to Charleston, WV for overnight stay.
- Wednesday, July 19, 2017 drive to Summit Bechtel Reserve (60 miles).
- Friday, July 28th, 2017 return from Summit Bechtel Reserve to Weston, WI (about 12 Hours)

Shakedown - June 2-4 2017: Prior to the Jamboree, the council will hold a shakedown event at Akela’s World in Rhinelander. This event will help the youth get to know one another and ensure they are properly prepared for the Jamboree event. This event is required for each participant.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

What specific uniforms will we be wearing at the jamboree? Scouts will be required to wear their official field uniform during touring activities, upon arrival, departure and closing show. The Scouts will be required to wear appropriate activity wear during the rest of the jamboree.

Which type of Transport bag will participants receive and when will it be sent out? The duffel bag is 130 liters. It is approximately 33”x22”x14”. The bag will be distributed to participants at the March participant meeting.

What type of personal gear should I bring: A list of what to bring is attached. Many of these items are available through the Samoset Scout Shop.

What is the weather like at the Jamboree: Weather conditions at the jamboree can range from being hot (70-85 degrees Fahrenheit) and humid during the day to mild temperatures in the evenings (50-65 degrees Fahrenheit). Rain is more common at the Summit due to its location in the Appalachian Mountains.

Code of Conduct: All participants (youth and leaders) are selected by Samoset council to represent the council based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all adult and youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to read the Code of Conduct (attached) as a condition of participation. It is with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participant’s own expense, from the Jamboree or during the Jamboree tour. Each participant is responsible for his or her own behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from the Jamboree.

Questions: Any questions about the jamboree can be emailed to jamboree@samoset.org or call the Samoset Council office at 715-355-1450.
2017 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREEE CODE OF CONDUCT

1. The units’ adult leaders are responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and the Jamboree Code of Conduct.

2. Leaders will be guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and will obey all U.S., local and state laws.

3. Participants will set a good example by being neatly dressed and presentable. (The official BSA uniform and/or Jamboree identifying items are the only acceptable apparel as deemed appropriate for the activity.)

4. Participants will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other unit members and leaders.

5. In consideration of other unit participants, participants agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the unit, unless otherwise directed by the Jamboree program.

6. Participants will be responsible for keeping their tent and personal gear clean and neat. All personal gear will be labeled with appropriate name and unit information. Participants will adhere to all Jamboree recycling policies and regulations. All participants will do their best to prevent littering of the Jamboree grounds.

7. Participants understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited on BSA/Summit property.

8. Serious and or repetitive behavior violations including cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing may result in expulsion from the Jamboree or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. The Jamboree headquarters must be contacted for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. There are no exceptions.

9. Participants understand that gambling of any for is prohibited.

10. Participants understand that possession of lasers of any type, and possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Boys Scouts of America.

11. Participants will demonstrate respect for unit, Jamboree, and Summit property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of their actions.

12. Neither the unit leaders nor the BSA will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.

13. Participants will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.

14. In accordance with U.S., local, and state laws, firearms and weapons are prohibited in the possession of all Jamboree participants unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Boy Scouts of America.

15. All leaders must complete Youth Protection training and follow the guidelines therein.

16. Hazing has no place in Scouting; nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment.

17. Patch and souvenir trading should occur only between your peers except when otherwise permitted.

18. Participants and staff members may only bring items specified on the equipment list.

19. Violation of this Code of Conduct, or any conduct deemed to be inconsistent with the values of Scouting, may result in expulsion from the Jamboree at the participant’s own expense; and could result in revocation of BSA membership.

20. All participants (with the exception of minor children accompanied by a parent or guardian) will have a current photo ID in their possession.
### WHAT TO BRING

Everything you bring must fit in the jamboree duffel bag that will be provided and your personal day pack. It is important that participants pack the right items. Arrival day, Sunday and departure day are uniform days. Other days are Scout/Jamboree T-shirts or activity shirts with uniform shorts/pants, socks.

#### Clothing:
- 2 Scout shirts, with patches
  - 2 Council contingent shoulder patch* 
  - 2 Troop shoulder number patch*
  - 2 Jamboree patch* (above right pocket)
  - 2 Patrol shoulder patch*
  - 2 Leader shoulder patch* (if applicable)
  - 2 Green shoulder loop sets
  - 2 Troop color Jamboree shirt*
- 1 or 2 BSA related T-shirt (class B)
- 1 (or 2) Scout pants (or zip on legs)
- 2 Scout shorts
- 1 Scout belt
- 1 Troop hat*
- 1 Long pants (jeans or similar, for day of service)
- 8 Underwear
- 6 Scout socks
- 1 Swimsuit
- 1 Light jacket or pull over
- 1 Poncho or rain coat/suit – get good quality
- 2 Sleepwear – (sweats, T-shirt, sports shorts, etc.)
- 2 Pair shoes, boots and/or athletic (worn in)
- 1 Pair of shower sandals

#### Gear:
- Jamboree Travel Daypack* (tour clothing & items)
- Jamboree Duffle bag* (camp gear and clothes)
- Sleeping bag or blanket & sheets – light
- Sleeping pad/mattress – optional (cots provided)
- Name tags for duffle & Back Pack
- Small pillow with case
- Flashlight/headlamp with extra batteries & bulb
- Bath towel, swim towel and washcloth
- 2 Water bottles or hydration packs
- Mess kit cup, bowl, plate, knife, fork, spoon
- Plastic bags – 3 or so to keep things dry
- Work gloves (for day of service)
- Repair kit – thread, needles, buttons, etc.,
- Small plastic ground cloth, or tarp for sitting on
- Carabineers
- Pocket knife (optional)
- Several clothes hangers (optional)
- Personal First Aid Kit

#### Other items:
- Religious items for personal devotion
- Shoelaces (extra pair)
- Dirty clothes bag
- Watch
- Camera, memory card, batteries (or cell phone)
- Cell phone (optional)
- Journal notebook, pen
- Reading material, puzzles – for travel
- Money / Pre paid Debit Card
- Patches for trading, trading blanket (optional)
- Letter writing items, stamps (optional)
- Tent Fan (optional)

**Things Not to Bring:** Sling Shots, firearms or anything similar; Game systems of any kind; Bladed or sheath knives; laser pointers; Axes, hatchets, saws; matches, lighters, fireworks.