

Hello Scouts and Families,

It's summer camp registration time!

We've been hard at work gathering all the important details and setting up our troop's camp enrollment for the Summer of 2021. Needless to say, this has been an unusual year, and the cost is more than usual since the Camp is adding a \$50 surcharge per individual for cleaning supplies based on their experience last year and there are additional spacing restrictions for transportation. Below you will find everything you and your scout need to know about this year's summer camp and how to go about reserving your spot. Please be sure to share this information with your scout so they can be involved in helping to plan their summer adventure. In particular, the Scouts will likely enjoy seeing the merit badge schedule and the camp informational links below.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION & ACTION ITEMS

WHEN: Depart 20 June 2021 and Return 26 June 2021

TRANSPORTATION: The Troop will finalize transportation plans for summer camp later in the year to minimize the risk from COVID-19 so the cost below does not include transportation costs. The Troop is investigating having parents drive their scouts or a group of scouts to / from summer camp, rent an adequate number of 15-passenger vans, or charter 1-2 buses based on COVID-19 restrictions at the time. More details will follow as we monitor the situation and develop the most cost effective and troop friendly solution. As a planning number subject to change, please expect to pay between \$100 and \$200 additional per scout for transportation depending on the selected transportation option.

A. Review Camp Cost & Payment

INCLUDES:

CAMP FEES

CAMP \$50 SURCHARGE FOR ADDITIONAL CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR COVID-19

TROOP 893 SUMMER T-SHIRT

| Payment Options & Deadline | Scout Check | Scout Charge | Adult Check | Adult Charge |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| A. Full Payment (Feb 9) | \$485 | \$500 | \$485 | \$500 |
| B. Split payment | | | | |
| 1) February 9 | \$242.50 | \$250 | \$242.50 | \$250 |
| 2) March 9 | \$242.50 | \$250 | \$242.50 | \$250 |

DOES NOT INCLUDE TRANSPORTATION COSTS

B. Registration – Review Program Options, attend Troop Presentation, then register

All Scouts will use the easy online form to register program choices for summer camp using the appropriate link below. If you have more than one scout or adult attending camp, please submit the form separately for each individual attending camp. **No summer camp registration will be considered complete until a complete online registration form and 1st payment/installment.**

Scout: [Online SCOUT Registration Form](#)

Adult: [Online ADULT Registration Form](#)

C. Medical Forms – Must be updated no later than **June 1, 2020**

Get ahead for summer camp, schedule your doctor's visit today! **All Scouts and adults** attending summer camp are required to complete a current [BSA Medical Form](#) (parts A, B, and C attached to email). Part C is required to attend summer camp and must be signed by your doctor. These forms will be due at the Summer Camp Shakedown, **NO LATER THAN June 1, 2020**.

All attendees must also complete the [Summit Wavier](#).

D. Swim Checks – All those attending must participate Troop Swim Test (date TBD)

E. Program Offerings – Please see the Camp Web site listed below

Justice Scout Camp Overview

This summer the troop is going to try again to go to Summer Camp at the National Scout Reservation in wild and wonderful West Virginia. This camp includes:

- One Week (6 Nights) Camping in the Justice Scout Camp
 - Arrive Sunday, Depart Saturday
- Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner in the SBR Dining Hall
 - Sunday Dinner through Saturday Breakfast
- All Campsite Equipment
 - Tents w/ Bug Screens
 - Fold-out Cots
 - Dining Fly/Shade Shelter
 - Picnic Tables
 - Above Ground Fire Ring
- "Ambient Temperate" Showerhouse adjacent to campsite
 - Flush Toilets
 - Sinks w/ Mirrors
 - Electrical Outlets
- Access to All Programs Listed in Program Details & Prerequisites Page
- All Program & Personal Protective Equipment (bikes, skateboards, life jackets, helmets, harnesses, etc)

We will be attending Justice Scout Camp at Bechtel Reserve a summer camp located in Glen Jean, West Virginia. The Justice Scout Camp is part of the National Scout Reservation for the United States. We will be attending camp from **Sunday, June 20** through **Saturday, June 26, 2021**.

Address: [2550 Jack Furst Drive Glen Jean, WV 25846](#)

Google Map: [2550 Jack Furst Drive, Glen Jean, WV 25846](#)

Website: [Summit Bechtel Reserve Website](#)

Camp Office: [\(304\)-465-2800](#)

A. CAMP COST & PAYMENT OPTIONS

To reserve your spot at camp, a minimum of a first installment must be made by the Tuesday, February 11, 2020. If possible, full payment at time of registration is greatly appreciated.

NOTE: Payments made by either Check or Cash will receive a cash discount of approximately 3% of total price. For example, a Scout paying by cash/check would pay \$485, instead of \$500. This amounts to a \$15 savings. Be aware that these savings will only be applied to on-time payments.

This year you have the option to Pay Online (PayPal) or In-person at a Troop meeting.

Online: Online credit card payments may be made on our Troop website <https://troop893.com/payment/>. Visit the "**Summer Camp Online Payment**" link in the main menu. Then simply follow the instructions on the page. Be sure to also submit an online registration as detailed below.

Mail: Mail your check and send an e-mail to sbarnett1066@gmail.com so I am aware that you have sent a check

Steve Barnett
15467 Waters Creek Dr.
Centreville, VA
20120

In-person: For those that prefer to pay for camp in person, drop your Summer Camp check off with

Steve Barnett
15467 Waters Creek Dr.
Centreville, VA
20120

Paul Taylor at
Centreville Dance Academy
6031 Centreville Crest Lane
Centreville, VA
20121

Or bring your check to a MBU class and give it to Steve Barnett or Paul Taylor

If we restart in person meetings, you can bring your check to the meetings and give it to Steve Barnett or Paul Taylor.

Please bring exact change if paying by cash. Checks should be made out to "Troop 893"; be sure to include your Scouts name on your check. It is okay to submit all your family's payment as one check.

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D. SWIM CHECKS

As we did last year, the Troop will be performing the summer camp swim test "in-house". This means Scouts who pass our Troop swim check, will not need to be re-checked once we get to summer camp. Scouts who do not pass will be offered an opportunity to do another swim check at camp. Swim test will happen later this spring, all those attending camp must participate.

E. PROGRAM OFFERINGS

Camp Summit at Bechtel Reserve offers a base camp with 32 Merit Badges and other programs (listed). The camp is planning to finalize their merit badge offerings by the end of Feb 2020, but please review the 2019 offerings as they will closely match 2020 offerings. Bolded items are merit badges, the remainder are program activities that are not specifically link to rank advancement. [Program details and prerequisites](#) should be reviewed since there are age and/or rank requirements for certain activities. Age and rank requirements are as of arrival at camp, not registration.

Program Schedule: [2019 Merit Badge/Activity Schedule](#)

Map: [Full Camp Map](#)

Map: [Camp Map and Activities Areas](#)

Information about signing up/selecting merit badges will be coming out very shortly. Registration is early this year (scheduled for February 11th, 2020). This will give everyone plenty of time to study and complete the badge prerequisites.

| <u>Aquatics</u> | <u>Climbing</u> | <u>Ecology & Sustainability</u> |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Kayaking MB | Climb On Safely | Archaeology MB |
| Lifesaving MB | Climbing Instructor | Astronomy MB |
| Mile Swim | Climbing Instructor in Training | Bird Study MB |
| Paddlecraft Safety | Climbing MB | Ecology Elective |
| Safe Swim Defense | High COPE (Challenge Course) | Environmental Science MB |
| Safety Afloat | Low COPE | Fish & Wildlife MB |
| Stand Up Paddleboard Award | Mountaineering Elective | Fishing Elective |
| Swimming & Water Rescue | Open Bouldering | Fishing MB |
| Swimming MB | Open Climbing | Fly Fishing MB |
| Water Reality | Open Rappelling | Geology MB |
| Watercraft Elective | Project COPE Elective | Leave No Trace Awareness |
| Whitewater MB | Unit/Patrol COPE | Leave No Trace Trainer |
| Whitewater Rafting | | Mammal Study MB |
| Whitewater Rafting Award | | Nature MB |
| | | Open Exhibit |
| | | Plants & Wildlife Elective |
| | | Pulp & Paper MB |
| | | Reptile & Amphibian |

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| | | Study MB Soil & Water Conservation MB Sustainability MB Weather MB |
| <u>Outdoor Skills</u> Camping MB Fingerprinting MB Firem'n Chit First Aid MB Geocaching MB Leatherwork MB Orienteering MB Pioneering MB Summit Survival Challenge Totin' Chip Wilderness Survival Core Req Wilderness Survival MB | <u>Media & Arts</u> Bugling MB Moviemaking MB Music MB Photography MB | <u>Shooting Sports</u> Archery MB Field Archery LaPorte Rifle Shooting Rifle Shooting Merit Badge Elective: Archery Elective: Rifle Elective: Shotgun Shooting Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge Slingshot Shooting Static Archery Tomahawk Throw Hunter Education |
| <u>Wheeled Sports</u> BMX BMX Instruction Cycling MB Elective: Cycling/Mtn Bike Guided Mountain Biking Biking Instruction Skate Instruction | <u>Zips</u> Big Zip Ride Canopy Tour Summit Center Zip Ride | <u>Other</u> Creek Walk Duty to God Award Scoutmaster Merit Badge Summit Sustainability Award |

HIGH ADVENTURE OPTIONS

The High Adventure Program is designed for older Scouts looking for a challenge outside of earning Merit Badges. Keep in mind that this does not include every program venue at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Many of the "Adventure Zone" venues are reserved for participants taking part in the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base. Here are those venues organized by department:

COPE & Climbing Boulder

Cove Boulder Cove is the National Scout Camp's climbing rappelling and bouldering venue. This artificial climbing area sports 24 climbing belay stations, multiple rappelling stations, and three giant boulders with routes ranging in difficulty from 5.4 to 5.11. This venue is also the home climbing merit badge, the Ranger Mountaineering Elective, BSA Climbing Instructor Training. You are always welcome to stop by for open climb and be sure to keep posted for various competitions! All participants and observers must be wearing a climbing helmet when within the fall zone of the climbing/rappelling

wall. This venue will operate in the rain, but safety protocols require it to close during high winds and lightning. Participants must weigh between 50 and 250 pounds.

Low COPE

The Justice Scout Camp is the home to a 16-element low COPE course located near Goodrich Lake. To get the full experience, we recommend the full COPE Program (both Low and High COPE). COPE stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. At the Justice Scout Camp COPE consists of a half day of puzzles, games, and low challenge elements which require intense teamwork, trust, planning, communication, decision making, problem solving, self-esteem and leadership (the eight goals of COPE!).

High COPE

There are two high COPE courses (sometimes referred to as challenge courses) located in Action Point. These high courses are a selection of obstacles to navigate while tethered from a cable high above the ground. Each element presents a unique challenge that requires problem-solving, dexterity and determination. These physical challenges combined with the added element of height develop self-confidence and accomplishment. We recommend working through the Low Course with a group of friends prior to taking on the High Course. Manufacturer's guidelines require that all participants on the Challenge Course (high course only) must weigh at least 50lbs and no more than 250lbs. Participants must also be able to properly wear all safety gear and respond promptly to staff instructions on the course. The venue will operate in the rain, but safety protocols require this venue to be closed and/or evacuated during high wind and/or lightning.

Cushman Fish Camp

The Cushman Family Fish Camp, located on Goodrich Lake – East is the home to spin fishing, bait cast fishing, fly-fishing, and wildlife conservation programs. Stop in here for instruction or to check out a fishing rod to test out your luck angling on the Summit's lakes. Goodrich Lake – East has been stocked with catfish, bluegill, largemouth bass, stiped bass, perch, grass carp, and crappie.

Hunter's Education

Crafton Sportsman's Complex Crafton Sportsman's Complex near Action Point contains the Hunter's Hall which hosts exhibits on hunting and conservation as well as the Crafton Skills Center with a state-of-the-art virtual shooting range. Participants can experience the half day hands on portion of the Hunter's Education course in Hunter's Hall or a shorter orientation, which then wraps up with a chance to participate in Laser Shot in the Crafton Skills Center. This is a virtual shooting range, with a variety of skills challenges allowing participants to practice their pistol, rifle, and shotgun shooting form before heading out to the real range. Additionally, participants who have taken the online Hunter Education course prior to arrival, will have the opportunity to receive a Hunter Education certificate which will allow them to obtain a hunting license in their home state. See more details below in the advancement section under Hunter's Education.

BMX Tracks

Action Point is the home of four BMX tracks. BMX is an abbreviation of bicycle motocross and evolved from a bicycle alternative for motorcycle dirt track racing. Each track varies in size. During open program time, any participant is welcome to try their hand at BMX under the supervision of our qualified instructors. Instruction begins on a flat ground course and through learning the basics of cornering, pumping, and balance on the beginner course. Depending on participant ability and interest they may move to either the larger BMX racetrack or the dirt jump course, where they can get significant air! Jared Harvey Mountain Bike Trails Weaving in and out of the woods surrounding Action Point is the Jared Harvey Mountain Bike Trail system. These trails offer a variety of difficulty ratings including Green Circle (Easy), Blue Square (More Difficult) and Black Diamond (Very Difficult). Qualified IMBA certified instructors will work with riders of all abilities to improve their riding skills and roll through the cycling merit badge or ranger elective. All BMX & mountain bike participants will be required to wear helmets (provided). It is also strongly recommended that participants wear skate or tennis shoes rather than hiking boots in order to improve handling and reduce injury. Participants should already know how to ride a bike.

Skate Park

The Action Point Skate Park is a great facility to hone skateboarding skills or to even start from scratch. The park includes transitions, ramps, quarter pipes, stair sets, boxes, rails, and a mini-ramp. The staff at Action Point have taken many first-time skaters and developed them into safe and confident shredders. Proper footwear, awareness of ability, and focus are essential to success in this program. All skateboard participants will be required to wear helmets and pads (provided). It is also strongly recommended that participants wear skate or tennis shoes rather than hiking boots in order to improve handling and reduce injury. Participants should be sufficiently flexible and prepared to fall safely.

Zip Lines Canopy Tours

A Canopy Tour consists of a series of zip lines and platforms (and the occasional rope bridge or rappel element) that takes participants on a treetop tour of the area around action point. In addition to the excitement of zipping through the treetops, participants get the chance to look at the forest in a new way, developing a greater understanding of its importance. Participants should meet in the north end of Action Point to gear up for canopy tours. Each group will be taken through a "ground school" before zipping on the course. Summit Center Zips Scott Summit Center has two sets of zip lines that depart from a shared platform above the AT&T Summit Stadium – The Gateway Zip and The Legacy Zip. Participants can follow signage and trails to the launch platform during evening program for gear up and orientation. After their thrilling 1100-1300' zip they can leave their gear at the landing and go back up for another ride or move on to the next exciting activity. The "Big" Zip The Big Zip is a mainstay of the Summit Bechtel Reserve and a thrilling ride. Meet at the base (landing) of the Big Zip to get an orientation from staff and make the 45-minute hike up to the top for a thrilling 3,100 foot zip across Tridave Lake at speeds up to 60 miles per hour! Manufacturer's guidelines require that all participants on all Zip Lines & Canopy Tours must weigh at least 50lbs and no more than 250lbs. Participants must also be able to properly wear all safety gear, pass a ground school, and respond promptly to staff instructions on the course. The venue will operate in the rain, but safety protocols require this venue to be closed and/or evacuated during high wind and/or lightning.

TROOP EXPECTATIONS

Scouts are expected to follow the Scout Oath and Law and exhibit Scout Spirit while at camp. The Troop also expects that all Scouts signing up for Summer Camp will attend the FULL WEEK of camp and will arrive / depart with the Troop. We will leave CUMC around on 5 July 2020 and return on the 11 July 2020.

More information will be coming out as we get closer to camp. We are looking forward to a great week at camp.

Yours in Scouting,

Steve

IT'S ALL FOR THE SCOUTS!

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