Leaders’ Guide
For the Justice Scout Camp and the Council Adventure Partnership

The James C. Justice National Scout Camp
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Dear Unit Leaders,

Thank you for selecting The Summit Bechtel Family National Reserve’s James C. Justice National Scout Camp as your camping destination for 2020! We are excited to host you this upcoming summer and hope you are excited to experience the adventure that The Summit has to offer!

Our camp experience is designed to be an extension of the program that you provide to your unit year-round with the added value of the staff and facilities only available at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Our state-of-the-art facility was designed, literally from the ground up to be the outdoor classroom, learning environment and Scouting destination that every Scout deserves. That being said, the following are the Summit Bechtel Reserve’s Core Values and are guiding principles of the staff at the Justice Scout Camp:

- **Adventure** – We encourage Scouts to challenge themselves through exciting adventure sports and outdoor exploration.
- **Service** – Through camp responsibilities and meaningful projects, we teach Scouts the fulfillment that comes with helping others.
- **Sustainability** – With experiential learning, we develop Scouts into stewards of the world we live in and teach them to be mindful of their economic, social, and environmental impacts.
- **Leadership** – Through training, challenges, and empowerment, we help Scouts excel at taking command of their lives and setting an example for others.

These Core Values mean a lot to us and are reinforced every opportunity we get as a part of staff training and throughout the year. They can also be great tools to help you mold the leaders of tomorrow, please keep them in mind while planning and participating in your experience at the Justice National Scout Camp. These core values along with the Aims and Methods of Scouting are our tools to deliver the Mission and communicate the Vision of The Boy Scouts of America, and develop the character of today’s youth.

Our staff is preparing for this coming summer and is incredibly excited to share what they’ve learned with you and your youth. They are willing to do whatever they can to ensure your stay here is an amazing experience. Here are a few things to keep in mind to help us make your week the best it can be:

- Please read this guide carefully as you will find many answers to your questions. If you have further questions that you don’t see the answers to, please e-mail us at: summit.program@scouting.org.
- This program takes place in the Scott Summit Center (the 100 acres of venues in the center of the Summit Bechtel Reserve). It is not a National High Adventure Program and therefore does not guarantee access to the high adventure activities offered at the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. However, we hope that you take the opportunity
to speak with High Adventure participants while you’re here to dream about summers in the future. If you are interested in those programs, please look for more information at Summitbsa.org.

- Make sure your unit is prepared both physically and mentally for their experience. Physical fitness and proper planning are essential to an enjoyable time here at the James C. Justice National Scout Camp.

- Remember to share this guide with your youth leaders (Crew President, Senior Patrol Leader, etc.) and get them involved in the planning process as much as possible. Our staff will try to make them the point of contact, rather than the adult leaders.

- We provide tents, cots, and most other equipment you might need, but we do want you to bring the fun stuff that makes your campsite a home.

- Do your best to minimize your impact when here by practicing the principles of Leave No Trace, and by always thinking about the bigger picture when it comes to using resources like water, energy, and disposables (i.e. Do you really need to print this guide?).

- Feedback is a gift! Feel free to give us your thoughts and ideas before, during, and after your stay. We can’t solve your problems if we don’t know about them. Please let us know of any issues and be patient with us as we do our best to resolve them.

Working together, we can make a significant and profound impact in the young people that we serve. For this reason, we couldn’t be more excited to meet you and your unit. Remember that this is your facility and we are here to serve you! Make yourselves at home at the Justice Scout Camp and Be Prepared to have the experience of a lifetime. If there is anything at all we can do to help you be successful, do not hesitate to contact me.

In Service to Youth,

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Registration & Preparing for Camp

The Summit Website

At [Summitbsa.org](http://Summitbsa.org) you can find more information on the James C. Justice National Scout Camp programs or other opportunities in training or high adventure available at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. The link below will take you to the James C. Justice National Scout Camp landing page where you can download additional resources or make a reservation for camp!

[www.summitbsa.org/scoutcamp](http://www.summitbsa.org/scoutcamp)

James C. Justice National Scout Camp at a Glance

The James C. Justice National Scout Camp is one of three “camps” at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (the other two being the Christen National High Adventure Base and the Monson Leadership Complex). The National Scout Camp’s focus is on advancement, Scouting traditions, and the exploration of different activities/interests through merit badges, ranger electives, awards, and open program. This all takes place in the Scott Summit Center, the roughly 100 acres of program venues in the central part of the Summit Bechtel Reserve. For a full listing of these venues please see the Program Areas section of this guide.

The James C. Justice National Scout camp is not a National High Adventure Base and therefore does not guarantee access to programs and venues offered as a part of the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base at The Summit Bechtel Reserve (The Rocks, The Park, The Barrels etc.).

Justice Scout Resident Camp

The Justice Scout Camp is the flagship week-long resident camp targeting Venturers and Scouts, BSA who are looking for advancement opportunities, activity exploration, and Scouting traditions within the setting of the Summit Bechtel Reserve. This experience includes merit badge/ranger award courses, trainings, and camp-wide events. We also offer a program for Scouts who have not yet attained 1st class rank called Brownsea Island.

Council Adventure Partnership (Partnership with local camps)

The Council Adventure program is a partnership with a local BSA council’s resident camp within a day’s driving distance of the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Registered Scouts and Venturers go to the local resident camp with their unit. On Monday morning after opening programs the participants are transported to the National Scout Camp for a program very similar to the weeklong Justice Scout Camp, however they return to the council camp Friday morning to reunite with their unit for closing program.
Participant Eligibility

Experience Requirements

Justice Scout Camp
To attend the Justice Scout Camp participants must meet one of the following criteria:

- Be a youth registered in Scouts, BSA; Venturing; Sea Scouts or Exploring (any age or rank), or
- Be a registered adult leader in a Scout Troop, Venture Crew, Sea Scout Ship, or Exploring Post.

Council Adventure Partnership
To take part in the Council Adventure Partnership, participants must go to a council resident camp partnered with the James C. Justice National Scout Camp and meet the following criteria:

- Be a youth registered in Scouts, BSA; Venturing; Sea Scouts or Exploring (any age or rank) of at least 13 years of age by arrival at the Justice Scout Camp or
- Be a registered adult leader in a Scout Troop, Venture Crew, or Exploring Post

Fitness Level
In addition to the experience requirements, participants must be in good physical shape. Though the National Scout Camp uses venues located within Scott Summit Center (an area relatively compact compared to the rest of the Summit Bechtel Reserve), Scouts and leaders should still expect to hike several miles per day. Additionally, many activities in the Scott Summit Center require exertion well above that which a typical person might experience during a normal day back home. This includes periods of intense effort, reaching, bending, stretching, twisting, and other exertions consistent with adventure sports. For this reason, each participant (including adult leaders) should be cleared by their physician for participation in these adventure activities. Some activities may have specific physical restrictions. The medical staff at the Summit Bechtel Reserve may place activity restrictions on participants if medical conditions warrant it.

Youth and adult participants will be expected to move between areas on their own. Transportation will only be provided during emergencies or off-site excursions. Personal vehicles are expected to remain in designated parking areas and are not permitted in program areas without the express permission of the camp director.

Activity Restrictions

Aerial sports
Aerial sports activities require participants to weigh between 50 and 250 lbs. (zip-lines, canopy tours, challenge courses, etc.). This is due to safety restrictions put in place by the course builders and engineers. Absolutely no exceptions will be made.

Aquatics
All participants taking part in aquatics activities will need to complete a BSA Swimmer’s test prior to arrival at the James C. Justice National Scout Camp. Unit leaders will be responsible for tracking evidence of completion using this form.

Non-swimmers and beginners will have limited access to aquatic activities.
Making a Reservation

A reservation is easily made using the Summit Website. Visit the James C. Justice National Scout Camp page, and click on the orange “REGISTER” button that links to our registration page. Clicking the registration button for the program you plan to attend will take you to our registration form. This form will ask for the contact information of the unit leader, number of youth attending, and choice of available dates. To reserve a place at the National Scout Camp, a unit (or council contingent) must have a minimum of five eligible youth and two eligible adults. All reservations must be made on a unit basis. Individual reservations are not accepted. Those below the unit minimum are encouraged to pair up with other units to meet the minimum. At this point your unit will be required to make a nonrefundable deposit of $500 for the weeklong Justice Scout Camp.

Upon completion of the form you should receive a confirmation email. Within 1-2 business days your application and deposit will be reviewed by our reservation staff. Upon receipt of deposit, your space will be reserved, and you will receive a registration code and link to your online unit roster. Please note this registration code to fill out and keep your unit roster updated!

If the person registering the unit is not the same person who will be attending in camp, please note this on the reservation and ensure that all information is forwarded to the adult leader attending.

If you are interested in more information or have questions about the reservation process, feel free to call (304.465.2800) or email us (summit.program@scouting.org)!

Council Adventure Partnership reservations are made directly to the Summit Bechtel Reserve through email by their Camp or Council Representative.

Payment Information

Justice Scout Camp

Payments may be made through the online registration system using a credit card or by mailing a check. The final fee per participant is $425. Payments will be due in the following timeline:

- $500 non-refundable deposit due upon reservation
- ½ balance due by February 28th
- Final balance due by April 30th (or within 30 days of a late reservation)

Council Adventure Partnership

All fees and payments will be handled by the Camp or Council that is partnered with the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Please contact the camp you are attending for information on reservations, pricing, and deadlines.
Planning for Camp

In order to have the best possible experience while at camp, your leaders, Scouts, and parents will need to appropriately prepare for their time at the Justice Scout Camp. As the leader, you will be responsible for distributing information in a timely manner. At different points during the planning process it is recommended that your unit do the following:

Upon Registration (12-15 Months Before Camp)

- Inform all Scouts, leaders, and parents of the date when the unit will be attending camp
- Become familiar with this Leaders’ Guide and share this information with youth and adult leaders
- Begin youth promotion and recruitment
- Recruit the appropriate number of adult leaders for the group you will bring to camp (see Unit Leadership section for more information)
- Have a parent’s meeting to discuss the planning process and share the following information/media:
  - This Leaders’ Guide
  - Unit and Participant Packing List
  - Program Schedule
  - Events Schedule
  - Program Details & Prerequisites Spreadsheet
- Participate in the first Leaders’ Meeting Webinar - Notification will be sent to the email used during registration (with recording available afterward)
- Begin exploring transportation options

3 Months Prior to Camp

- Finalize transportation plans – See Transportation Section below for more information
- Submit final unit roster and pre-registrations (by April 30th) including:
  - Program pre-registrations (whitewater rafting & whitewater merit badge)
  - Dietary restrictions & special needs
- Fill out unit online Arrival Card
- Make any necessary final changes to group roster
- Participate in second pre-camp Leaders’ Meeting Webinar
- Hold a camp planning meeting with participants to lay out program options, packing list, etc.
- Work with youth leader to assign responsibilities to each camper
- Encourage participants to schedule medical exams
- Schedule BSA Swim Check opportunity

3-4 Weeks Prior to Camp

- Verify Youth Protection training for all 18+ participants
- Double check roster submissions
- Submit any special needs or late additions to summit.program@scouting.org
- Hold a “shake down” meeting of participants
  - Review Unit and Participant Packing List
  - Procure, inspect, and/or prepare any unit equipment needed
  - Review updated Events Schedule
  - Review updated Program Schedule
  - Collect, review, and make required copies of all participant Annual Health and Medical Records (Parts A, B&C and copy of insurance card) and Summit Waivers
  - Review transportation plans
1 Week Prior to Camp

- Inventory and pack up unit equipment
- Make sure all required paperwork has been collected by unit leader and copies are made (some forms will not be returned)
- Review transportation plans and departure times with drivers and participants
- Review participants' program plans

2-4 Weeks After Camp

- Conduct a post-camp meeting to evaluate your experience, collect photos/videos, and review youth advancement
- Ensure post-camp evaluations have been filled out and submitted
- Use testimonials, photos and videos to share stories with parents, potential members, chartered organizations, etc. at an open house, court of honor, or other unit event
- Start planning your next visit to the Summit Bechtel Reserve!

Transportation and Travel

The Summit Bechtel Reserve was strategically located in an area that is within a day’s drive of 75% of the United States population. Below you will see a listing of various transportation options used by units to get to the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Keep in mind that the roads in West Virginia are seldom straight and travel times may be longer than expected. **Note: If you cannot arrive to the Ruby Welcome Center before 2:30pm on your arrival day we suggest arriving the day before (see early arrivals section).**

**Air Transportation**

- **Yeager Airport (CRW), Charleston, WV**
  75-minute drive
  Service from American Eagle, Delta, Spirit, and United Express

- **Beckley Raleigh County (BKW), Beckley, WV**
  30-minute drive
  Contour Airlines via CLT

**Bus/Charter/Tour Companies**

- **Blue Sky Adventures - blueskyadventures.net**
  Tour packages from Charlotte to SBR, as well as Pittsburgh to SBR

- **Chandler Limo Service - chandlerslimo.com**
  15 passenger vans – CRW & Prince Amtrak
  1-800-779-5434

- **Greyhound Bus Lines - greyhound.com**
  Beckley, WV Station
  Spring Valley Charter - springvalleycharter.com
  (304) 733-4074
  springvalleybus@aol.com

**Personal Vehicles**

This method of transportation should be used only with full assurance that the vehicles are safe, and the drivers are reliable. Make sure there is adequate insurance coverage for each vehicle. Drivers must adhere rigidly to requirements in the Guide to Safe Scouting. See Driving Directions section below **The Summit is not responsible for vehicles parked in parking areas.**

**Vehicle Rental**
Avis - avis.com
(CRW, BKW, LWB, CLT, PIT)
Enterprise - enterprise.com
(CRW, BKW, LWB, PIT)
Enterprise seasonally operates a vehicle drop-off at the Ruby Welcome Center at SBR. For details contact their Beckley office at 304-929-2445.

Train
Amtrak Prince Station (PRC), Prince, WV – 30 minute drive
The Prince Station is a stop on Amtrak’s Cardinal Line. This line runs 3 days a week between New York City/Washington, D.C. and Chicago stopping at Prince each way. You can find the schedule here or at Amtrak.com. Due to the Cardinal Line’s limited schedule, units will need to arrive one day early and/or depart one day late to take advantage of the train. See more information in the early arrivals section.

Driving Directions
Units participating in program at the Summit Bechtel Reserve will check-in at the J.W. and Hazel Ruby Welcome Center in Mt. Hope, West Virginia. From there units will be directed the most appropriate route onto the property.

When making transportation plans and choosing an arrival time, keep in mind that it is approximately 5 miles from the Ruby Welcome Center to the James C. Justice National Scout Camp (15-20 minutes driving time on gravel roads at 20 mph). If you do not think you will arrive at the Welcome Center prior to 2:30pm on your scheduled arrival day, we suggest planning an early arrival the day before (additional $35 per person fee) or spending the night somewhere closer to the Summit Bechtel Reserve like at a campground, motel, or another BSA council operated camp.

Ruby Welcome Center Address & GPS Coordinates
J.W. & Hazel Ruby West Virginia Welcome Center
55 Hazel Ruby Lane
Mt. Hope, WV 25880
37.907°N 81.171°W

Traveling South from Charleston, WV
Start by merging on to I-64 E/I-77 S. Continue I-64 E/I-77 S onto a partial toll road. Take exit 60 for WV-612 toward Mossy/Oak Hill. Turn left onto WV-612 E continue for 7.8 miles then turn left to stay on WV-612 E. In .5 mile turn right onto US-19 S. Continue for 3.7 miles. The Ruby Welcome Center will be on your right.

Traveling South from WV/PA Border (Pittsburgh, PA)
Start by continuing to I-79 S for 103 miles. Take exit 57 for US-19 S. Continue on US-19 S for 63 miles. The Ruby Welcome Center will be on your right.

Traveling North from WV/VA Border (Charlotte, NC)
Check-In & Required Paperwork

Check-In Procedures

Arrival Day Schedule

Arrival day is busy, but it doesn’t have to be stressful. We advise a plan to arrive at the beginning of our arrival window (11am-3pm) to make for a smooth and stress-free check-in day. Below is a schedule of all the events that will be taking place.

11:00am-3:00pm .................... Check-In & Campsite Set Up ........................................ Justice Scout Camp (C & D Camps)
1:00pm-4:30pm ...................... Group Photos ............................................................... Harold Hook Flag Plaza
1:00pm-4:30pm ...................... Orientation Tours (every 30 mins as needed) ...................... Harold Hook Flag Plaza
4:30pm .................................... Leader Orientation/Q&A ...................................................... Pigott Admin Building
5:30pm .................................... Dinner (First Meal Served w/o early arrival fee) ..................... SBR Dining Hall
7:30pm .................................... Worship Services .............................................................. Various Locations*
8:30pm .................................... Opening Flag Ceremony ..................................................... Harold Hook Flag Plaza
8:45pm .................................... Opening Campfire ............................................................. TBD
10:00pm .................................. Taps ............................................................................. Justice Scout Camp

*Service Locations (weather dependent): Protestant – Brownsea Island; Catholic Mass – BB&T Point; Interfaith Service – TBD; Unit services in campsite

Check-In

Upon arrival at the Ruby Welcome Center your unit will have a chance to stretch their legs, get oriented with the Summit Bechtel Reserve and begin the check-in process. Please plan to be at the Ruby Welcome Center between 11am and 3pm. Your unit will be greeted by a Summit Mountain Rover who will lead the unit leader to the check-in area and work with youth leaders to organize the group and familiarize them with the schedule for the day. Be sure to have all required paperwork (below) ready to be turned in. At check-in, your unit will be provided with one of the following for every participant:

- A durable, waterproof map of the Justice Scout Camp
- A copy of the most up to date program schedule and events schedule
- A participant wristband (required for participation in all meals and programs)

Required Paperwork

The following paperwork will be collected during registration. Please organize them by document in roster order. **DO NOT staple different documents together** as each type of document has a different destination.

- Verification of youth protection for all participants 18+
- 3 Copies of an up to date Unit Roster*
- Complete Annual Health & Medical Record for each youth and adult (in roster order)
  - Including parts A, B, C & copy of insurance card
- Complete Original Summit Waiver (in roster order) *
- Copy of Unit Swim Classification Record *

*Will not be returned (make extra copies if needed)
Medical Re-Checks
Each participant’s medical form (both youth and adult) will be reviewed by a member of the Medical Staff. In this review, they will briefly look over the health form and identify any medical issues of concern and discuss those concerns with either the adult leader or that participant themselves. **Note: Medical staff may place restrictions on the activities a participant may partake in if a medical condition warrants it.**

To the Campsite
From the Ruby Welcome Center your unit will be given parking passes, campsite assignment and directed to the Justice Scout Camp through the appropriate gate. Once at the Justice Scout Camp, another camp commissioner or Base Camp staff member will give you an orientation of your campsite area (and base camp box), answer any questions, and assist with campsite set up. Be prepared to set up tents, dining flies, tables, and any other campsite equipment brought with you. Don’t worry about making your campsite perfect and laying out everything just yet. There will be plenty of time through the week for that. If you’re the type of unit that likes to spend lots of time getting the campsite just right, think about coming in early on Saturday. See the Early Arrivals/Late Departures section.

Camp Tours
Once the campsite is set up, we encourage your unit to proceed to the Harold Hook Flag Plaza (near the Pigott HQ building) for your unit photo and camp tour. Please bring your map, comfortable hiking shoes, sunscreen, rain jacket and a water bottle. The tour will cover the following areas as time allows:

- Pigott Administration Building & Hook Flag Plaza
- Shootings Sports Ranges (Orientation at Pigott HQ)
- Goodrich Lake
- Brownsea Island/Boulder Cove
- 12 Points Plaza/Legacy Village (noting Zip-line Locations)
- Cushman Fish Camp & Nature Center
- Sustainability Treehouse
- Crafton Sportsman’s Complex
- Harvey Mountain Bike Shop & Action Point
- Scott Visitor Center (including Scouting exhibit and Trading Post
- Dining Hall Orientation (typically ending at dinner depending on time)

Leader Orientation – Sunday @ 4:30pm
Following (or possibly during) the camp tour, the Justice Scout Camp leadership will hold a Leaders’ Orientation meeting at the Pigott Administration Building. At this meeting we will review program offerings, Mountain Rover/Base Camp logistics, address any concerns and answer questions. This is also a great time for you to meet the other adult and youth leaders in camp.

Early Arrivals & Late Departures
Some units find it more convenient to arrive on Saturday (a day early) rather than Sunday for various reasons. If the unit’s planned arrival day is Sunday and they wish to do this, they will need to note it on their arrival card. The unit will then be charged an additional $35 per person, per day. The same can be done for late departures. Please note that the unit will be responsible for all program from arrival through Sunday afternoon as the program venues will not be available to Justice Scout Camp participants on these days. Units arriving later than 11:30am should be prepared to provide their own lunch. Units arriving later than 5:00pm should be prepared to provide their own dinner.
Check-Out Procedures

The morning of your departure (or night before if departing before 8am) please do the following:

1. During the week sign up for a check-out time in Pigott Administration Building
2. Pick up Annual Health & Medical Records from the Health Lodge
3. Check out of campsite with camp commissioner:
   a. Clean all shower houses
   b. Clean out tents and break down any extra tents/cots as directed by staff
   c. Police campsite for trash and dispose of all recycling/trash in appropriate dumpsters
4. Check out with Clerk/Base Camp staff & Camp Director at Pigott building:
   a. Return any checked-out equipment and base camp box
   b. Collect any leftover mail and/or merit badge paperwork
   c. Check lost & found for missing items
   d. Turn in one Adult and one Youth Evaluation Form
   e. Collect participant patches
5. Travel safe back home!

Any Annual Health & Medical Records will be shredded if not picked up prior to departure. Be sure to provide copies.
Camp Life

Campsite Amenities

All units will be camping in the James C. Justice National Scout Camp on the north side of Goodrich Lake. Though all participants will be camping in base camps Charlie and Delta. Each unit will have their own designated campsite with the following amenities provided by the Summit Bechtel Reserve:

- Tents w/ screens (2 participants to a tent)
- Cots
- Ambient temperature showers
- Flush toilets (which reuse shower gray water)
- Sinks with mirrors
- AT&T Wi-Fi
- An above-ground fire ring
- Dining flies
- Picnic tables

Units are strongly encouraged to bring any other amenities which will make their camp “feel like home.” Things like unit flags, signs, awards, pioneering projects, woods tools, patrol boxes, lawn games, etc. (within reason) are more than welcome at camp, but not required. **Note: Please follow Leave No Trace: nothing should leave a permanent mark on the facility.**

Units will be responsible for keeping their tent, campsite, and adjacent shower houses clean. A “Base Camp Box” will be left in the campsite including keys to access janitor closets, a fireguard chart, and other helpful documents/materiais. A duty roster of campsite responsibilities is recommended. Units should be prepared to police their campsite area for all trash before departing.

Camp Staff

The National Scout Camp and Summit Bechtel Reserve staff is composed of highly dedicated men and women who are committed to creating an exemplary Scouting experience for your unit. These quality adult instructors are passionate about their area of expertise and have dedicated themselves to safely sharing this passion with the participants who come through their areas. Additionally, the Administrative Staff is comprised of individuals with significant professional Scouting, outdoor industry, and/or camp administration experience. Rest assured, your youth are in good hands!

If you or anyone in your unit is interested in becoming a part of this elite team, please contact any member of administrative team (Camp Director, Head Commissioner, etc.), or look for the online application at www.summitbsa.org/jobs.

Mountain Rovers, Quartermaster and Base Camp Staff

The Mountain Rover staff are your liaisons to the rest of the camp staff and administration. They should be able to answer most questions or promptly find someone who can. The Mountain Rovers are your resource for Scouting
principles, training, or material goods. A small cache of woods tools, Dutch ovens, board games, field games, rope and other supplies will be available to check out. In addition to providing quality customer service, this staff will be responsible for check-in, check-out, and the overall cleanliness, health & safety of the campsites.

If your unit is interested in obtaining the Justice Scout Camp Honor Award talk to your Mountain Rovers to get the requirements. This award encourages quality unit function, program participation, proper uniforming and includes a campsite inspection. This inspection will look for evidence of good patrol method, use of camp gadgets, and proper waste disposal/recycling among other things.

**Pigott Administration Building (Pigott Base Camp HQ)**

Pigott Base Camp Headquarters is where the main office of the Justice Scout Camp is located. Here you can find a lounge area for adult leaders and the offices of the clerk, base camp staff, and camp director. This is also where the check-in process begins.

Aside from daily commissioner visits, the Pigott Building is a good place to start with questions, concerns, or equipment needs during your stay. Depending on availability, it also has multipurpose classrooms which may be available for unit programs, meetings, or presentations. Talk with the camp clerk at the front desk about questions/concerns, schedule a meeting with the Camp Director, or to see about reserving spaces.

**Food Service**

Food at the Justice National Scout Camp is provided in the Pigott Dining Hall by an outside vendor. This dining hall is located in Base Camp Delta. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be served in the dining hall. Breakfast and lunch are typically eaten alongside participants in the National High Adventure Base and National Training Center (a great opportunity to socialize with Scouts from all over the country!).

**Special Dietary Needs**

The dining hall has the capability to provide meals that meet various special dietary needs throughout your stay at the Summit, including but not limited to vegetarian, vegan, religious diets, food allergies (gluten, peanuts, tree nuts, etc.), and many more. You will be able to indicate on your roster in the registration system any special dietary needs for your unit members. Please be sure to indicate this by the due date. **If there are changes or questions please contact summit.program@scouting.org. (Be sure to include the participants’ name, unit number, program, arrival/departure dates, and a description of the dietary restriction)**

In addition, please note any special diet needs on your medical forms and identify yourself with dining hall management upon arrival and they will be happy to assist and review ingredients in the different items and review items that are available to you. Sometimes it is best for people with severe allergies or very strict diets to bring their own supplemental food to be stored in the dining hall (a walk-in cooler is provided for this purpose). If you have questions about a special dietary need e-mail Summit.Program@Scouting.org well ahead of your arrival date.

Due to bears and other scavenging animals, all food must be stored in the dining hall, vehicles or other lockable storage away from camping areas. Absolutely no food is to be stored in or around tents.
Policies & Procedures

Unit Leader Responsibilities

It should be the primary responsibility of all Adult Unit Leaders and assistants to provide a positive example for youth participants and instill in them the values of the Boy Scouts of America: **Character Development**, **Citizenship/Leadership training**, and **Physical, Mental, and Emotional Fitness**. Additionally, primary Adult Leadership who are present in camp must meet the following:

1. Have no other duties which would detract from the responsibility of serving as a unit leader
2. Be responsible to the Camp Director or assigned designee
3. Be responsible for the safety and well-being of all members of his/her unit
4. Have up to date training in Youth Protection
5. Have up to date Hazardous Weather Training
6. File all paperwork required by the Summit Bechtel Reserve, Boy Scouts of America, and federal/state government including Health and Medical Records for every participant
7. Ensure that all Youth Protection policies are followed by both adult and youth participants (for more details see below)
8. Promote and enforce the Buddy System at all times
9. Be responsible for all financial obligations incurred by the unit while at camp
10. Be responsible for the discipline of all members of his/her unit in accordance with Youth Protection Policies

Youth Protection

All registered adults must have current BSA Youth Protection Training (within the past two years) for participation in any national event/activity. This means all participants 18 years of age or older must have current Youth Protection Training. This includes Venturers and Explorers who are 18 years of age or older. Verification of Youth Protection Training for each adult in a unit is required upon check in at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Barriers to Abuse

1. Minimum two-deep leadership on all outings required
2. One-on-one contact between adult and youth members prohibited
3. Separate accommodations for adults and Scouts required
4. Privacy of youth respected
5. Inappropriate use of cameras, imaging, or digital devices prohibited
6. No secret organizations
7. No hazing
8. No bullying
9. Youth leadership monitored by adult leaders
10. Appropriate attire for all activities required
11. Members are responsible to act according to the Scout Oath and Law
12. Units are responsible to enforce Youth Protection Policies
13. Mandatory reporting of child abuse
14. Social media guidelines in place

The Summit Bechtel Reserve will strictly enforce Youth Protection policies. Violations will be reported to the participant’s Scout Executive and/or the National Service Center.

The Buddy System

The buddy system has long been an effective safety net within the Boy Scouts of America and is a standing policy of the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Except in extenuating circumstances no Scout should be without companions while in
between program areas or back at camp. This policy is enforced within reason and Scouts are more than welcome to use members of other troops, staff, or adult leaders as “buddies” as long as all Youth Protection guidelines are being followed.

Campfires & Fire Prevention Policies
Each unit will have a fire prevention plan and a fire guard responsible for ensuring the unit fire guard plan is carried out. The fire guard, consisting of the senior youth leader as chief (in consultation with unit adult leadership) and a fire guard from each patrol, will adhere to the following:

1. All campfires or open flames aside from cooking stoves must remain inside designated fire rings.
2. Only wood provided by SBR staff is to be burned in campfire rings (nothing is to be cut from conservation areas surrounding base camps)
3. Ensure Scouts and leaders understand they are not to fight or suppress fires in the campsite. In the event of a fire, immediately evacuate the area and report the emergency to the S.O.C. or 911.
4. Conduct at least one fire drill on the day of arrival to ensure all unit members know what to do in case of fire. This drill should familiarize participants with the Designated Assembly Areas and how to report an emergency.
5. Keep combustible materials away from all open flames, stoves, and lanterns.
6. Regularly check stoves to ensure that they are turned off when not in use.
7. Store propane cylinders out of direct sunlight in a safe manner and away from tents used for sleeping.
8. Ensure those in and around campfire and cooking areas understand a lack of attention or horseplay is dangerous and is often a precursor to serious injury. Instruct all unit members to be aware of their surroundings and manage risk appropriately.
9. Under no circumstances are stoves powered by liquid fuels permitted. Also, no liquid or compressed-fuel lanterns are permitted in the campsite.
10. No open flames of any kind are permitted in tents. Only battery-operated lanterns are permitted.
11. Ensure the tent spacing plan approved by the State Fire Marshal is observed at all time. Staff will be briefed on the requirements established by the Fire Marshal and will inspect to ensure compliance as unit and other areas are erected.
12. Ensure campfire rings in unit sites are at least 25 feet from any tent or dining fly.
13. Ensure cooking stoves and propane tanks in unit sites (when authorized) shall be used at least ten (10) feet from any tent or dining fly. Scouts are to be instructed on the safe operation of stoves and tanks before being allowed to operate them.

Emergencies
Inherent risk is inevitable when seeking adventure in the outdoors. Policies and procedures are put in place to mitigate this risk, but sometimes emergencies do happen. Please familiarize yourself with some of these emergency procedures so that you and your unit are best prepared if any of them arise.

This is just a brief outline of our procedures as it applies to Unit Leaders. For more information or a copy of the full emergency action plan, please contact SBR administration.

Communications
The Summit Operations Center (S.O.C.)
Anytime participants are on site, the Summit Operations Center (SOC) is staffed 24-hours a day. The SOC monitors weather, safety concerns, security, phone/radio emergency calls and issues during severe weather and other emergencies. Due to the size of the site and varying access to communications equipment, the Summit Operations Center uses a variety of methods to communicate to participants and staff:

- Public Address System (The “Big Voice”) – The Summit Bechtel Reserve has a PA system which covers most of the Scott Summit Center. This system broadcasts any weather or emergency alerts given out by the Summit Operations Center (SOC) in addition to occasional program announcements, reveille, and taps. Depending on
location, it can be difficult to understand so all announcements are accompanied with another means of communication.

- **Text messages** – Using an online text message database, the Summit Operations Center (SOC) can quickly broadcast messages to unit leaders’ cell phones. Upon arrival, unit leadership will be given the details needed to enroll and encouraged to do so.
- **Radios** – All camp administration, managers, and program area directors will be issued a UHF radio which may be used to relay messages from the Summit Operations Center (SOC) to participants and staff.
- **Satellite phones** – Off-site treks check-in regularly using satellite phones
- **Heat Index Flags** – A series of colored flags are posted outside the administration building, Summit Health Lodge and other buildings to note the current heat advisory. See below for more details.
- **Broadcast Screens** – A set of screens are set up in high-traffic areas which communicate general information like the days food menu, special programs, weather, and safety concerns.

Each of these methods will be laid out during the Justice Scout Camp Opening Leaders’ Orientation on arrival day along with a test of the PA system.

**Reporting an Emergency**

Contact the Summit Operations Center at 304-465-2900 to notify them of missing participants/staff, suspicious people or activities, violence/abuse, fires, or any other emergency. Please remain calm, relay as much information as possible (location, # of people, injuries, ages, etc.) and follow the directions of the staff member.

**For any emergencies (24 hours a day, seven days a week) contact the Summit Operations Center (SOC) at 304-465-2900**

**Assembly Areas**

During or directly following certain emergencies, SBR staff may need to account for all participants on site. In this situation, participants will be asked to move to the closest assembly area when safe:

- Harold Hook Flag Plaza at Pigott Base Camp Headquarters (Charlie & Delta Base Camps)
- Scott Visitor Center front lawn (Summit Center)
- Bravo Headquarters (Alpha & Bravo Base Camps)

If you are in a remote area of the site or cannot reach these areas, please contact the Summit Operations Center at 304-465-2900 so you can be accounted for.

**Evacuation**

If during extreme circumstances SBR administration decide participants need to be relocated to a safer area, remain calm, take account of all unit members and follow the directions of staff and the Summit Operations Center who will coordinate the evacuation procedures.

**Hazardous Weather**

The mountains of Southern West Virginia on occasion receive severe and hazardous weather. This typically is in the form of intense thunderstorms with high winds, heavy rain, or hail. Lightning, high winds and many other factors may require staff to close specific program venues, bridges, or trails. These procedures however, do not replace the responsibility of unit leaders to ensure the safety of the youth in their care. SBR is an open-air facility and there are no storm shelters. When in doubt, follow staff direction, use common sense, and remember the BSA’s Hazardous Weather Training available [here](#) or at [My.scouting.org/](#).

**High Wind Alert**

A high wind alert will be announced when sustained winds are in excess of 20 miles per hour. In this situation, all aerial sports activities (zip lines, challenge courses, climbing) will be discontinued and the wings of the CONSOL Energy Bridge
and observation deck of the Sustainability Treehouse will be closed. Other program venues may also close based on safety concerns specific to that area. If you are caught outside in a hail or wind storm, seek shelter, protect your body (especially your head), avoid culverts and low areas that can fill with water, and stay alert to any potential falling objects or branches.

Lightning Advisory

When lightning is detected within 12 miles of the Summit Bechtel Reserve, a lightning advisory will be announced. When this happens, no new participants will be taken on aerial sports activities (participants already on a course may be permitted to finish at director’s discretion). The wings of the CONSOL Energy Bridge and observation deck of the Sustainability Treehouse will be closed.

Lightning Alert

When lightning is detected within 8 miles of the Summit Bechtel Reserve, a lightning alert will be announced. When this happens, all aerial sports activities will immediately cease, and participants will be escorted to shelter. All other outdoor program areas will cease operations and seek shelter (aquatics, wheeled sports, and shooting sports). All walkways on the CONSOL Energy Bridge will be closed. An “All clear” will be issued when lightning moves outside a 12-mile perimeter of SBR or at the discretion of the Summit Group Director or Operations Director. In the event of a lightning storm stay away from water, wet items, metal objects, tall isolated trees, open fields or ridge tops. If you are caught outside, spread out if you are in a group and seek a low-lying area or low stand of trees. Assume a low-profile position (crouch or sit cross-legged).

Severe Heat

The Summit Bechtel Reserve uses a system of flags to denote the various heat advisories:

- **GREEN FLAG**: Temperature Range: 82 – 85 degrees. ¼ to ½ quart per hour
- **YELLOW FLAG**: Temperature Range: 85 – 88 degrees. ½ to ¾ quart per hour
- **RED FLAG**: Temperature Range: 88 to 90 degrees ¾ to 1 quart per hour.
- **BLACK FLAG**: Temperature Range: Greater than 90 degrees 1 to 1 ¼ quart/hr.

Announcements will be made when Red or Black flag temperatures have been reached and program will typically be limited or adjusted accordingly.

Lost/Missing Scout, Leader, or Staff Member

Proper use of the buddy system helps prevent lost Scouts, but if a Scout, leader, or staff member is missing, remain calm, identify the last known location of the individual(s), and notify the Summit Operations Center. Do not go looking or send others, unless instructed to do so. A hasty search of the last known area will first be performed followed by a search of the person’s campsite/tent and then a page over the PA system. If they are then not located, the staff will organize a formal search. If the person has not been located after two hours since the initial report, the local search and rescue team will be notified to assist and take over the search.

Medical Emergencies

In case of a severe medical emergency; do not move the injured person. Immediately contact the Summit Operations Center (SOC) in one of the following ways:

- Alert a staff member who can call over the radio (typically area directors)
- Call 304-465-2900
- Send a runner to the nearest staff member or the health lodge itself

The Summit Operations Center will give further instruction and dispatch EMS, if necessary.

If any participant is taken to the health lodge with a significant injury their unit leader will be notified. If a youth participant cannot be treated on-site, and needs to be taken to the hospital, it will most likely be necessary for an adult leader to accompany them. **Unit leaders are responsible for parental notification of minor injuries.**
First Aid treatment will be administered by the Summit Health Lodge provided by Raleigh General Hospital. This on-site facility is a 24-hour clinic with a full-time doctor, multiple treatment rooms, holding facilities, a full stock of medical supplies, up to date equipment, and a team of EMT first responders.

**Entering/Exiting Camp**

**Visitor Policy**

If your unit expects visitors throughout the week, please inform staff during check in. With the exception of the public visitor days, visitors are only allowed in Gateway village near the Scott Visitor Center (Dining hall, back porch, trading post, etc.) and must be accompanied by a staff member or the adult leader of the unit the entire time they are on the property. Upon check-in, they will be issued a visitor wristband or badge which they must wear at all time while on the site. All visitors MUST check in at Summit Bechtel Reserve Guest Services or with the Justice Scout Camp Clerk immediately upon entering the property and be escorted by an adult leader who is a registered member of the BSA and youth protection trained. No Exceptions!

**Unauthorized Persons**

To ensure the safety of all our participants and staff it is important that we ensure every person on the site is supposed to be here. Any person without a staff name badge, participant wristband, or visitor badge is an unauthorized person on the camp and needs to be reported to the Summit Operations Center immediately (304-465-2900). It is very important that all participants keep their wristband on during the duration of their stay and do not provide it to anyone outside seeking access to the site.

**Leaving Camp**

If you or your unit plan to leave camp before your scheduled departure time, please see the appropriate procedures below. These policies are important to ensure that the staff can account for all participant in case of emergency and make sure that youth are leaving the site with adults who are authorized to transport them. Participants departing/arriving at the site outside their arrival/departure day will need to use the North Gate in Glen Jean, WV. For directions contact your commissioner or Guest Services.

**Unit Excursions**

If a unit elects to leave camp during the week for a program this must be communicated with Justice National Scout Camp Leadership and/or SBR Administration during check-in and the unit must sign out when departing with the Camp Clerk or the Summit Operations Center.

**Individuals**

If adults need to leave camp for any reason, we ask that they notify the Camp Commissioner on duty at the time of their departure and return. In the event of an emergency Justice Scout Camp Staff need to be able to account for every person on the site.

**Early Departures**

If a unit elects to depart camp early, they will need to check out with the Camp Clerk, Summit Operations Center, Head Mountain Rover, and/or the Camp Director. They will also need to check out with the Health Lodge to retrieve their medical records. We would still ask that they turn in any evaluations, return all equipment, and leave the campsite clean or cleaner than they found it.
Health & Safety

The Summit Health Lodge

The Summit Health Lodge is supported by Raleigh General Hospital in Beckley, West Virginia. It is located in Gateway Village near the Scott Visitor Center. Stop by the Summit Health Lodge if you have a non-emergency medical issues or question. It is open for non-emergencies during business hours. For emergencies, please contact the SOC at 304-465-2900.

Hazardous Wildlife

Southern West Virginia is home to a variety of hazardous plants & animals. All participants and staff need to be alert to these hazards and know what to do in the event of a wildlife situation. Never feed any wild animals and keep a safe distance from even seemingly harmless animals.

**WARNING:** There is to be no food, snacks, soft drinks etc. stored in any tent overnight. All food MUST be consumed or placed in a trash container. Any campsite or shower house trash cans need to be emptied in the evenings before bedtime and in the morning before leaving the campsite.

Snakes

Avoid tall grassy areas, areas with surface rock, and wet areas. Stay on trails. Do not approach any snake and treat all snakes as poisonous. If bitten, have the victim lay prone and rest quietly to reduce the spread of venom and immediately summon medical assistance through a staff member or the Summit Operation Center at 304-465-2900.

![Copperhead](image1.png) ![Eastern Timber Rattlesnake](image2.png)

Snakes:

- **Copperhead**
- **Eastern Timber Rattlesnake**

Bears

In the event a bear is encountered, attempt to leave the area. Do not under any circumstances approach a bear or go between a bear and bear cubs. Do not attempt to feed bears. If a bear approaches, make noise and wave your arms to scare it off. If the bear charges it may be necessary to fight back to avoid serious injury. **All bears sighted in program/camping areas should be reported immediately to the Summit Operations Center (304-465-2900) and all personnel removed from the immediate area of the sighting.**

Rabies Carrying Animals

Raccoons and other commonly observed small animals are known to carry rabies. Never attempt to approach any animal and report any animal acting in a strange manner, especially if the animal is unnaturally aggressive, to the Summit Operations Center.

Deer Ticks

Deer ticks are known to carry Lyme disease. They can be found in grassy as well as wooded areas. While ticks are often hard to detect in the woods, they can be located by carefully checking clothes, skin and hair. A tick check should be
performed several times a day and whenever leaving tick habit. Remove ticks from clothing but seek medical assistance in removing ticks embedded in the skin or hair.

Deer Tick

Venomous Spiders

Southern West Virginia is home to two venomous spiders: The Black Widow (Latrodectus mactans) and the Brown Recluse (Loxosceles reclusa). Both spiders are fairly timid but will bite to defend their web or in self-defense. If you suspect you may have been bitten by one of these spiders, contact the Summit Operations Center or Health Lodge immediately.

A Black Widow can be identified by its shiny black body and signature red or dark orange “hourglass” shape on the abdomen. Its bite causes a burning pain, swelling and redness typically followed by cramps, nausea, and/or tremors.

A Brown Recluse’s bite is very different from a Black Widow’s bite. The reaction often occurs over the course of a few hours from an initial stinging sensation typically followed by intense pain. A small blister may form, and the tissue may eventually fall off exposing the tissue below. The spider can usually be identified by a mark resembling a fiddle on the abdomen.

Medications

Each participant at the Summit Bechtel Reserve who has a condition requiring medication must bring an appropriate supply. The pharmacy at the Health Lodge is very limited and the identical medications may not be available. In many instances, the medical staff will have to use pharmacies in the near-by communities to address these needs. In certain circumstances duplicate or even triplicate supplies of vital medications are appropriate. Participants will be charged for maintenance medications or medications that should have been brought to SBR and end up being dispensed by The Summit Health Lodge.

It is required that leaders bring a lockable storage device to store all medications while at and traveling to/from the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Medications that are required to be kept cooler than room temperature should be transported accordingly. While at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, refrigerator space will be provided through the health lodge to store such medications. Keep in mind that access to these refrigerators may be limited to business hours.

Persons who have had an anaphylactic reaction from any cause will need to note this during medical recheck and on their health form. If you are allowed to participate, you will be required to have appropriate treatment with you. Any person who has needed treatment for asthma in the past three years must carry a rescue inhaler. If you do not bring a rescue inhaler, you must buy one before you will be allowed to participate.
Insurance

The program participation fees include insurance coverage for health, accident and sickness en route to and from home and while participating in Summit Bechtel Reserve programs. This policy is an *Excess Insurance Plan* meaning that the plan will pay eligible expenses incurred from a covered accident or sickness not paid by any other collectable insurance or pre-paid health plan in force. If no other collectable insurance or pre-paid health plans are in effect at the time of the loss, this plan will pay eligible covered expenses up to the plan limits. There is no deductible under this plan. Please e-mail Summit.Program@Scouting.org for the brochure that covers the details of this plan.

Restricted Access

Justice Scout Camp Participants are welcome to explore the 10,600 acres of the Summit Bechtel Reserve. However, as an adventure sports facility, the Summit Bechtel Reserve has several venues which can be dangerous without proper supervision. Therefore, no program venues are to be used without the presence of a qualified SBR Area Director overseeing activities. **If there is no staff present DO NOT enter, climb, or play on any program venues!**

Personal Clothing & Program Equipment

Uniforming and Participant Clothing

Uniforming is one of the time-tested methods to deliver the Aims of Scouting and therefore has a prominent place at the Justice National Scout Camp. Field (“class A”) uniforms will be strongly encouraged for travel, opening/closing flag ceremonies, religious services, and opening/closing campfires. During the week, field uniforms will not be required at flag raising or lowering due to the nature of the activities Scouts will be taking part in during the day. Units however, are more than welcome to wear a uniform unit activity shirt throughout the week if they desire. Additionally, any unit wishing to serve as color guard will need to be in full field or activity uniform during flag ceremonies.

Clothing worn during the week should be comfortable and flexible for an array of activities from skateboarding to rock climbing, to rifle shooting. Comfortable shoes for hiking on gravel trails are essential. In addition, campers planning to participate in mountain biking, BMX, or skateboarding should bring skate shoes, or at the very least, tennis shoes, as hiking boots are inappropriate for those activities and can lead to injuries. See the Personal Equipment section for more information. **Clothing worn by Scouts/leaders should not deter from the Scouting ideals.**

The Summit Bechtel Reserve typically offers custom unit shirts. Check the website or email summit.program@scouting.org for more information.

Specialized Activity Clothing & Footwear

Bring clothes that are appropriate for hiking and action sports. If you have a lot of experience in one of the activities that we provide at SBR, such as mountain biking and you have specialized clothing for that activity, feel free to bring those clothing items with you. If the activities are new to you, there is not a need to spend extra money on specialized clothing for the activities at SBR.

**Skateboarding, Mountain Biking and BMX** - The ideal shoe for these activities is a biking shoe, skateboard shoe or low-rise tennis shoe with a thinner sole. These types of footwear also help reduce injury in these activities. Stiff and bulky hiking boots can make control more difficult on a skateboard.

**Safety equipment** - SBR provides all required program and safety equipment such as helmets, pads, PFDs, ear protection, harnesses, etc. Do not bring your own safety equipment... SBR knows the history of the equipment being used.

**Closed toe shoes** - Most Summit activities require closed-toe shoes for participation.

**Aquatics activities** – Closed-toe shoes are required for off-site aquatics activities as well. Bring footwear that will be dedicated to being soaked for the week. There are types of sport sandals that are closed like a shoe in the front and open in the back like a sandal. These work very well. An old pair of tennis shoes will work great also. Moisture wicking shirts that dry quickly are recommended for our aquatics activities, which also provide
protection from the sun while out on the water. **Swimsuits must be appropriate for Scouting: shorts for boys, modest one-piece or tankini for girls (no swim briefs or bikinis).**

**Specialized Equipment**

The Summit Bechtel Reserve has all the program equipment you need to participate in our programs. If you elect to use your own equipment for activities at the Justice Scout Camp this section outlines what can be allowed subject to inspection by trained and qualified SBR staff.

Some equipment used for Summit programs can be very costly. When deciding whether to bring your own equipment, please take into consideration that the Summit Bechtel Reserve does not provide secure storage for your personal equipment and does not replace or repair lost, stolen or damaged personal equipment.

**Climbing Shoes**

The Summit provides climbing shoes for those participating in climbing activities. We do not consider climbing shoes as required safety equipment, so if you have a personal pair you would like to bring, please feel free to do so.

**Skateboards**

Personal skateboards are allowed for all participants as they are small, portable and easy to inspect. A skateboarding Area Director or designee must inspect your board each time you bring it to one of the skate parks.

Participants are NOT ALLOWED to bring any personal firearms, ammunition or archery equipment.

**Technology**

Technology use is not discouraged at the James C. Justice National Scout Camp. Scouts are encouraged to appropriately document and share their experiences during their stay. The site offers full wireless and cell phone connectivity. AT&T Wi-Fi Hotspots are available throughout the Scott Summit Center and base camps. Outlets and charging stations are available in select locations in base camp and/or the Scott Summit Center, however a battery back-up or solar charger is strongly recommended. **Adult leaders should review appropriate technology use with their unit.** Please feel free to use the following tags on posts before, during, and after your stay!

Facebook: The Summit Bechtel Reserve
Instagram, Snapchat & Twitter: @BechtelSummit @SBRDirector
Hashtags: #NationalScoutCamp, #JusticeScoutCamp, #SummitBSA

Charging stations are not lockable. No electronics should be left unattended. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

**Tobacco, Alcohol & Drug Use**

The following sections lay out the Boy Scouts of America’s and the National Scout Camp’s policies on Tobacco, Alcohol, and drugs. These policies are meant to be taken very seriously. **Violation of these policies may result in dismissal from camp, membership revocation, and/or police action.**

**Tobacco**

Adult leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youth, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants. **Use of all tobacco products (including E-cigarettes and chewing tobacco) must be**
done out of sight of all youth participants in designated areas within camp. Contact the program Area Director or camp Commissioner if you have any questions about where these areas are.

Alcohol

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

Drugs

Illegal drugs, including the misuse of prescription drugs have absolutely no place at any Scouting function. The misuse of drugs happens in all levels of our society. We may be confronted with the problem at any time; therefore, we need to understand the misuse of drugs and what can be done about the situation. See the Drug Enforcement Administration website (www.dea.gov/) for detailed information on controlled substances and their effects.

Medical Marijuana

It is unacceptable for anyone to use or be under the influence of medical marijuana at or during any Scouting activity, including the Justice National Scout Camp. Any marijuana possession is illegal in the State of West Virginia.

Vehicles & Trailers

Personal vehicles and trailers can be parked in designated parking areas within the base camps. This is typically 50-250 yards from the campsites. Carts are provided to transport personal and unit equipment from vehicles to the camping areas. Personal golf carts, UTVs, etc. will not be allowed on-site except to assist with certain medical conditions. In this case designated drivers with proper training and prior permission from the Camp Director and Health & Safety Director will be required. For aesthetic, grounds maintenance, and safety reasons, no personal vehicles or trailers are to be parked in camping areas, program venues, or used as transportation around the site without the express written permission of the Camp Director, Outdoor Adventures Director, or SBR Director.

Waste Management & Recycling

The Summit Bechtel Reserve strives to be as sustainable in its practices as possible. For us to continue this effort, we will need your unit’s help. Please take advantage of the recycling that is available in rural West Virginia by separating #1 and #2 plastic bottles, aluminum, and paper/cardboard so that it may be repurposed in the future. Throughout the property you will find trash cans and recycling bins. Please ensure that all waste makes it into the appropriate bin and lead by example by picking up any trash you may find around the site.

Recyclable Items

- #1 & #2 plastic bottles & jugs
- plastic bags
- aluminum cans
- tin/steel cans
- paper (white, colored, printed or stapled)
- cardboard
Program

The Justice National Scout Camp offers a wide variety of activities in the format of camp-wide events, advancement courses, open program, off-site excursions, and trainings. The following sections go into detail on what opportunities are available in these different formats.

Camp-Wide Events

The Justice Scout Camp has a few large events where the entire camp gathers together. Some take place within the Justice Scout Camp and others are open to the Christen High Adventure Base and Thomas S. Monson Leadership Complex as well. Appalachian Adventure and Council Adventure timeframes may only include a couple of these events.

Religious Services (Sunday night)

Religious services will be held Sunday evening following dinner and leaders’ meetings. There will be a formal Protestant Service, Catholic Mass and interfaith Service every Sunday. Locations may vary due to weather and will be announced at check-in. Units are also welcomed to hold their own Scouts’ Own Service if they desire. Contact staff ahead of time if any facilities or equipment is desired.

Opening Flag Ceremony and Campfire (Sunday night)

The first camp-wide gathering of the week calls all the units of the James C. Justice National Scout Camp together for a flag lowering performed by the National Camp Staff. This is a required event for those on-site. Units should wear their full BSA Field Uniform and line up in formation at the Harold Hook Flag Plaza in front of the Pigott Base Camp Headquarters (Weather permitting). Do not forget to bring enthusiastic Scout spirit through unit/patrol reports, cheers, and celebrations!

From the flag ceremony, units will head up to Justice Heights (weather permitting) for the opening campfire: the exciting kick-off to the week. This will be an evening of entertainment put on by the National Camp Staff. Here Scouts can let loose, get excited for the week, and join in this traditional form of entertainment.

“Appalachian Celebrachian” (Wednesday night)

The Appalachian Celebrachian (Yes, that is spelled correctly) is a festival of live music, games, and good food! Activities include a live folk/bluegrass music, lawn games, presenters, demonstrations, refreshments/snacks, and the Coal Country Cook-off/Cast-Iron Chef Dutch oven competitions. Units are encouraged to bring one or more dishes to compete and a field game to share with other groups. (Dutch Ovens and charcoal can be provided on a first come, first serve basis).

Closing Flag Ceremony and Campfire (Friday night)

At the closing of the week staff and participants will gather at the Harold Hook Flag Plaza for not only the lowering of the colors, but presentations of awards, recognition of accomplishments, and sharing of stories from both staff and participants. If you have a presentation to make, be sure to contact the Program Director or your Mountain Rover.

Upon being dismissed from the flag ceremony it is time for the Closing Campfire. This campfire will be hosted by the National Camp Staff, with much of the entertainment being provided by the units. Groups are encouraged to perform a unique ceremony, skits, song, story, or joke. Just remember to keep it original and Scout appropriate; this is the National Scout Camp After all. Campfires are typically closed with a solemn ceremony or performance that highlights the four core values of the Summit: Adventure, Leadership, Sustainability & Service; truly a night to remember! All unit performances will need to be reviewed by the Program Director or designee prior to performance.
Program Areas

The Justice National Scout Camp offers programs in many venues throughout the Summit Bechtel Reserve. 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:

Aquatics

Goodrich Lake West

Goodrich Lake – West is the home to the Justice Scout Camp’s aquatics activities: paddleboarding, kayaking, swimming, and water reality (water obstacle course). Goodrich Lake is a manmade lake separated into two sections by a dam: Goodrich Lake East and Goodrich Lake West. You will find that most aquatics activities take place on Goodrich Lake – West, while the fishing programs take place on Goodrich Lake - East.

All participants must have passed the BSA Swimmers test to participate in any swimming, water reality, or paddling activity. Properly fitted PFDs must always be worn for paddling activities. PFD and helmet for water reality.

C.O.P.E. & 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 C.O.P.E.

The Justice Scout Camp is the home to a 16-element low C.O.P.E. course located near Goodrich Lake. To get the full experience, we recommend the full C.O.P.E. Program (both Low and High C.O.P.E.). C.O.P.E. stands for Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. At the Justice Scout Camp C.O.P.E. 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 C.O.P.E.).

High C.O.P.E.

There are two high C.O.P.E. 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.

Ecology & Sustainability

Nature Center

Meet here for Ecology, Conservation, Sustainability and Environmental Science based badges/electives.

Sustainability Treehouse

The Sustainability Treehouse is the showpiece of the Boy Scouts of America’s commitment to sustainable policies. This award-winning building is not only an exhibit, but a living, interactive classroom where Scouts can learn everything from recycling practices to urban gardening, to photosynthesis and adaptation. Our Ecology & Sustainability staff will be available to assist with demonstrations and experiments to engage youth and help them evaluate their impact on our planet. Sustainability is not just about the environment though. Scouts who visit the treehouse will learn about the importance of balancing a dedication to our environment with both social and economic impacts.

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 Complex in Action Point contains Hunter’s Hall which has exhibits on hunting and conservation as well as the Crafton Skills Center which is 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 which includes a “Certificate” and a Hunter Education “Patch” and they will also be given the opportunity to shoot Laser Shot in the Crafton Skills Center. This is a virtual shooting range with a variety of challenges allowing participants to practice their pistol, rifle and shotgun skills before heading out to the real range.

In addition, participants who take the online Hunter Education course prior to their arrival will have the opportunity to receive a Hunter Education Card which will allow them to obtain a Hunting License in their home state.

Contact Chris Perkins, Hunter’s Education Program Manager at 304-465-2856 or Chris.Perkins@scouting.org for further information.
Outdoor Skills

Brownsea Island Camper Program

Brownsea Island sits in the center of Goodrich Lake – East. It is named after the island in England where Baden Powell first experimented with the concept of Scouting in 1907. For this reason, it should seem fitting that this is the location for our Brownsea Island Beginner Camper Program. Here Scouts will work on rank advancement through first class, visit many of the exciting program areas, and work on a merit badge. The focus of this program is for 1st and 2nd year Scouts to have fun while being introduced to Scout skills, camping, and advancement so they are excited about returning to camp and staying involved in their unit.

Scoutcraft & Survival School

Brownsea Island is also home to the Scoutcraft area, where Scouts can learn exciting woodcraft, camping, and navigation skills or just drop by to check out a GPS for a geocaching course. The staff here are skilled in the outdoors and enthusiastic about sharing their skills with others. If a Scout needs help sharpening an axe, making a rope, or just wants to check out some awesome pioneering projects, this is the place to go. Those looking for the ultimate test of outdoor skill, they should visit the Summit Survival School at Outdoor Skills. It was created to educate participants in effective methods of wilderness survival, foraging, and search & rescue. Programs offered include Wilderness Survival Merit Badge, Wilderness Survival Ranger Core and the Summit Survival Challenge. These overnight programs are designed to test a Scout’s willpower, outdoor skills, and physical ability.

Shooting Sports

Archery Range

The Justice Scout Camp has a wide variety of shooting sports activities split between three ranges. Our Archery Range located at the corner of Foxtrot Road and Echo Pass and includes static archery, LaPorte (or sporting arrows), and primitive projectiles (tomahawk, slingshots, and more).

Rifle Range

At our new rifle range, which is just up the road from our archery range, we shoot .22 rifles on both paper and steel targets at a variety of distances. During select blocks we also offer shotgun shooting instruction. All programs are run under guidance of our highly-trained NRA shooting instructors.
Wheeled Sports

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.

Other Venues & Points of Interest

CONSOL Energy Bridge

The CONSOL Energy Bridge serves as an efficient route between the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base and Action Point. It is an engineering and architectural showpiece and a great place to walk and relax. Its wing-tip design is intended to resemble the outstretched wings of a flying eagle. Take a look and tell us what you think!

Gottschalk Boardwalk & Causeway

Gottschalk Boardwalk is a wonderful place to quietly connect with nature and explore the wetland ecosystem. The Causeway encircles Goodrich Lake-West and serves as a wonderful classroom for Ecology, Environmental Science, and the study of Nature. If you’re lucky you might catch a glimpse of a white-tail deer taking a drink or a bald eagle looking for its next fish dinner.

The Scott Visitor Center

The Scott Visitor Center has a Scouting Heritage room with displays of Scouting memorabilia form past jamborees and other events. It is also the home to the Summit Bechtel Reserve’s Guest Services office, S.O.C. (Summit Operations Center), and most of the administrative offices. The back porch is a popular location to hang out, take a break, have a meeting, or trade some patches.

Pigott Dining Hall

New in 2020: The Pigott Dining Hall is a state-of-the-art facility designed to provide your unit with tasty and nutritious meals during your stay at camp. Feel free to utilize the patio to meet, swap stories and patches or just relax and grab a cup of joe!
Advancement Opportunities

It wouldn’t be Scout Camp without advancement opportunities. Scouts & Venturers come to camp to learn valuable skills that will become essential to their careers or transform into lifelong hobbies. We offer a number of merit badges, ranger electives, training courses, and awards that are tailored to varied interests. These courses are offered in half-day program blocks.

For example, the first session of the climbing merit badge program may take place Monday morning and then meet back up again on Tuesday morning. To complete the course, a participant would need to attend both sessions with the possibility of some homework in camp or during open program time. Some courses may take more or less time depending on weather, participant ability, or many other variables. With a couple exceptions, all a Scout needs to do to begin one of these programs is show up to the beginning of the first session. Be sure to check the most up to date program schedule for the course listing and session times. Each year’s latest program schedule is typically published in the spring in time for the online Leaders’ Meeting Webinar with a hard copy provided at check-in.

STEM NOVA Requirements

Many of the courses listed below meet requirements for STEM/Nova and Supernova awards. For more information on these programs and a full list of requirements for these awards please visit the Nova Awards page here: http://www.scouting.org/stem/Awards.aspx

Venturing Ranger Core and Elective Courses

Venturing Advancement depends on the motivation of the participant and is not scheduled like Merit Badges and other courses. Venturers will need to meet with the area director of the relevant area for the requirements they aim to complete. To find a list of electives and core requirements our staff can provide, please consult the Program Details & Prerequisites webpage.

Merit Badge Courses

At the Justice National Scout Camp, we believe in quality rather than quantity when it comes to merit badge instruction. The badges we offer have a place at camp and have plenty of opportunities for experiential learning. Keep in mind that most merit badge courses are blocked into two or more sessions. Scouts will need to attend all sessions to complete the badge unless otherwise directed by their counselor. More details in Camp Schedules Section below.

Other Youth Awards

Hunter’s Education (Nation -wide Certification)

Participant’s may complete the hands-on portion of their Hunter’s Education course with the help of the Justice National Scout Camp Hunter’s Education staff. To take advantage of this opportunity, participants must take the online portion of the course through BeASafeHunter.org or www.NRAHE.org ($10 fee required upon passing online portion).

Bring the completed online course certificate to take the hands-on portion of the course and be administered the test. Once successfully completed, participants will receive a certificate which they can then use at their home natural resources agency to obtain a hunting license.

Aquatics Swim Trunk Emblems

In addition to Venturing advancement and merit badges in aquatics, participants can earn aquatics awards which can be placed on their swim trunks. These include the following:

- Mile Swim BSA
- Kayaking BSA
- BSA Stand Up Paddleboard
- Whitewater Rafting BSA
Summit Survival Challenge

In the Survival Challenge, participants will push their limits and be tested through mentally and physically uncomfortable situations in an outdoor natural environment. They will be given additional training beyond wilderness survival merit badge and be expected to use this training and the rest of their Scout skills to survive a difficult survival scenario in the wilderness. While this program may be difficult and demanding, any participant can walk away with a new confidence and set of skills which they can apply to the rest of their lives. If you are interested in taking this challenge touch base with the Outdoor Skills/Survival School staff and make sure you already have your wilderness survival merit badge or equivalent experience.

Summit Sustainability Award

This award recognizes participants who have taken the initiative to educate themselves in the principles of Sustainability: society, environment, and economy. They must then document their commitment live a more sustainable life. If you are interested in this award, please obtain a requirements sheet from a staff member upon arrival. Turn in this completed sheet to purchase patches from Trading Post.

Requirements:

1. Your Unit’s Outdoor Ethics Guide must attend the Outdoor Ethics meeting held on arrival day. There they will pick up a small guidebook on Leave No Trace and hang tags for each member of your unit. (Only the unit Ethics guide needs to complete this requirement.)
2. Tour the Sustainability Treehouse and document at least five things you learned. Make a commitment and sign a pledge to that commitment on top of the Sustainability Treehouse
3. Throughout your stay at the Summit Bechtel Reserve, practice the seven principles of Leave No Trace
4. Share the things you have documented with your unit and ask them to share what efforts they’ve made to be sustainable either at the Summit Bechtel Reserve or at home
5. Complete a service project of at least three hours under the guidance of a Summit Bechtel Reserve staff member during your stay

Duty to God Award

This award recognizes units or individual participants who make a concerted effort to demonstrate their commitment to the twelfth point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Reverent. If you are interested in this award, please obtain a requirements sheet from a staff member upon arrival. Turn in this completed sheet to purchase patches from 37° North Outfitters (Trading Post).

Requirements:

1. Your unit’s Chaplain’s Aide, must attend the Chaplain’s Aid meeting on arrival day
2. Attend a camp-wide service or conduct a unit-lead service while at the Summit Bechtel Reserve
3. Participate in a daily devotional lead by the Chaplain’s Aide. A devotional guide will be provided at the Chaplain’s Aide meeting
4. Participate in a daily Roses, Buds & Thorns session

The Chaplain’s Aide, youth leader and adult leader must approve the completion of the award
Open Program

Many program areas offer “open program” during their evening blocks or select morning/afternoon blocks. This is an opportunity for participants to wrap-up unfinished courses, practice their skills, or just enjoy themselves by exploring a new activity. During open program times, a participant can show up at any time and move from area to area as they please. During many evening blocks, participants from the Paul R. Christen High Adventure Base and Monson Leadership Complex will join the Justice Scout Camp in Summit Center to experience program at all the venues.

Whitewater on the New River

The New River Gorge is a world-class destination for whitewater rafting and an excellent adventure to add to a week at camp. Participants in the Justice Scout Camp have two avenues for enjoying the New River: the full-day Whitewater Merit Badge trip on the Upper New River or a half-day whitewater rafting trip down the Lower New River. The Whitewater merit badge takes place in inflatable kayaks called duckies (river conditions dependent) and teaches skills in self-rescue, hazard identification and paddling skills in rapids typically from class I to class III (Adults are encouraged to join). The Lower New Whitewater Rafting trip features rapids typically class I through class V which are taken on a 6-8-person raft (and makes participants eligible for the BSA Whitewater Rafting Award Emblem). Current pricing for these programs can be found on the Scout Camp online registration system as program electives on your unit roster.

Both whitewater merit badge and whitewater rafting trips require advance sign-up and an additional fee at least two weeks prior to arrival. Minimum of 6 people per trip must be met.

Adult Leader Programs

Adult Leaders are more than welcome to participate in any of the programs available to youth at the Justice Scout Camp. However, adults are encouraged to evaluate their flexibility and physical limitations. If jumping on a skateboard or BMX isn’t your style, we encourage leaders to take part in training opportunities, assist in program area instruction, or just take a load off back at camp. Relax, we’ve got this! Our goal is that everyone has an awesome experience while visiting the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Training Courses

The National Scout Camp offers several training courses for adults and older youth. Many of these require previous experience in the subject area and will take a significant amount of the week to complete. For this reason, Council Adventure Participants may not be able to complete them during their stay. For a list of various training and program opportunities check the Program Schedule.

Scoutmaster Merit Badge

Touch base with your commissioner for a full list of requirements to complete this well sought-after adult advancement opportunity. This badge is open to any adult leader and will require participation in a wide variety of activities from taking a nap in an interesting location, preparing a delicious Dutch-oven delicacy, or stirring the compost in the treehouse.

Camp Schedules & Prerequisites

With so much program happening at the Justice Scout Camp and even more at the Summit Bechtel Reserve overall, it can be difficult to decide what to take part in and what camp-wide programs are happening next. The following documents (which are updated often and published separate from this guide) should help explain all the opportunities available to you during your stay.
Program Events Schedule

The Program Events Schedule is the big picture schedule laying out the time and location for things like meal times, activity sessions, camp-wide events, SPL/Presidents’ meetings and more. A copy of this document will be provided to each participant at check-in.

Program Schedule

The program schedule gets lays out when and where specific classes and activities can be found. It is color-coded by area in three distinct blocks for the morning session (9am-12pm), afternoon session (1pm-4pm) and evening session (6pm-8pm).

Each year the Camp Director, Program Director and various Area Directors will review the last seasons program offerings and update the program schedule to introduce new programs, phase out less popular ones, and rearrange time slots to improve the overall camp experience. This is typically published via the website and email over the winter and a hard copy is provided to each participant during check-in. To see the latest published version of the schedule for your program please visit www.summitbsa.org/scoutcamp and click on the page for your relevant program. Please note: Specific times and offerings may be updated leading up to or during the season.

Program Details & Prerequisites Webpage

There is a wide variety of programs at the Justice Scout Camp for participants of different ages and varying interests. A complete list of all open programs, advancement requirements, class prerequisites, minimum ages/ranks, locations, and many other details can be found on the Justice Scout Camp Program Details & Prerequisites Webpage, which is regularly updated as requirements and offerings change.

We recommend leaders share this resource with parents and participants themselves so that they can have the full details of each program prior to attending camp and are aware of any prerequisites or age/rank requirements.
Feedback & Contact Information

We look forward to seeing you at The James C. Justice National Scout Camp. If you have any further questions do not hesitate to call or email. The appropriate contact for various issues can be found below.

Feedback & Requests

Feedback is a gift! We always appreciate constructive criticism and/or positive feedback on our program and operations at the James C. Justice National Scout Camp. Remember that we can’t fix a problem if we don’t know about it. It is our sole mission that your Scouts or Venturers have an amazing life-changing experience while they are here.

During your stay, be sure to take part in Leaders’ Meetings & SPL/President Meetings. These events are a great time to ask questions, provide feedback, or make requests. See your program event schedule for more details.

In the event that a significant problem does arise during your stay at camp please use the following steps to resolve it:

1. Talk directly to the staff member involved. In many cases, the problem isn’t known and can be resolved once it is addressed to the staff member or area director.
2. If the problem is not solved, please address it directly to the camp commissioner, camp clerk, or program director at the Pigott Base Camp Headquarters.
3. If you are still not satisfied contact the Camp Director, Phillip Ferrier to discuss the issue (office located in Pigott HQ).

Finally, as part of the check-out process, the staff will collect one feedback form from all youth and one feedback form from all adults. Please make sure that your entire unit has a chance to contribute to this feedback. Please do not wait until the filling out the feedback forms to raise a complaint.

General Contact Information

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is staffed year-round. If you need any assistance do not hesitate to contact us through phone or email. For general non-emergency inquiries please use the information below:

SBR Switchboard Phone Number: 304-465-2800
Justice Scout Camp Office Number: 304-465-2807 (or ext. 40098)
General Contact/Registration Email Address: Summit.program@scouting.org

Emergencies – Summit Operations Center (SOC)

For emergencies only, the SOC can be contacted 24 hours a day at the following number during the summer season. For more information see the Summit Operations Center section above.

Emergency Phone Number: 304-465-2900

Mailing Address

To send a Scout a package please mail to the following address. Keep in mind the Summit Bechtel Reserve is in a rural area. Mail takes a significant amount of time to not only arrive on site but be sorted and put in the hands of the Scout. Outgoing mail can be taken to Camp Clerk or Summit Guest Services for drop off to the postal service.

Scout Name, Unit/Expedition Number
James C. Justice National Scout Camp
2550 Jack Furst Drive
Glen Jean, WV 25846
Additional Information & Resources

Links

BSA Links
The Summit Bechtel Reserve
James C. Justice National Scout Camp
Boy Scouts of America
Philmont Scout Ranch
Northern Tier
Florida Sea Base
Buckskin Council, Boy Scouts of America

Local Outfitters & Organizations
New River Gorge National River (National Park Service)
Adventures On The Gorge
Ace Adventure Resort
Rivers Expeditions

Social Media
Summit Facebook
Summit Instagram
Summit Flickr
Summit Twitter
Summit Youtube

Other Opportunities at the Summit Bechtel Reserve

Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base
The Paul R. Christen High Adventure Base offers programming in two different areas or levels. The Summit Experience, and Treks. The Summit Experience is an introduction to on-site high adventure at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Trek programs delve deep into the area of specialty for a full week-long experience in or around the New River Gorge National River. For more information visit www.summitbsa.org!

Thomas S. Monson Leadership Excellence Complex
The Thomas S. Monson Leadership Excellence Complex offers a variety of week long and weekend conferences targeted towards Scouters, experienced Scouts, and outside groups. These courses include Professional Development, Youth Development, Program Instructor Certifications, STEM, NAYLE, Leave No Trace, and much more. Facilities include the Rex W. Tillerson Leadership Center, J.W. Marriott Leadership Center, and John D. Tickle National Training & Leadership Center. For more information visit www.summitbsa.org!
Promotional Videos

- Justice Scout Camp
- Join Us at The Summit
- Summit Bechtel Reserve Overview

Informational Videos

- Leave No Trace Principles
- Sustainability in Two Minutes
- Story of the New River Gorge: Part 1
- Story of the New River Gorge: Part 2