

# Council Adventure Partnership

## Frequently Asked Questions

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### What is it?

The partnership allows a local council to extend opportunities available to Scouts and Venturers attending the local council's summer camp by partnering with the Summit to offer adventure sports programs.

The program serves older youth (at least 13 year olds) and is primarily designed to target those who otherwise might not attend summer camp with their troop.

### How does it work?

The troop, team or crew makes a reservation to attend the local council's summer camp. Qualifying youth and adults from the unit select this program option from among those offered by the local camp.

Participating youth and adults arrive at the local council camp on Sunday, check-in with their troop and participate in Sunday activities and programs as a member of the troop.

On Monday, program participants depart the local council camp as part of a provisional crew and travel to the Summit under provisional leadership arranged by the local council.

The Summit provides program from Monday evening through Friday morning in the James C. Justice National Scout Camp. On Friday morning, the provisional unit returns to the local council camp and the participants enjoy the final evening programs with their home troop.

### What does the summit provide?

The Summit provides meals beginning with Monday dinner and ending with Friday breakfast; tents and cots for each participant (double occupancy); all program equipment necessary to enjoy the Summit programs; and of course, great adventure sports programs.

### What is the local council's responsibility?

1. Set the participant fee and collects all fees.
2. Advertise the program as part of the local camp program.
3. Provide two-deep (minimum) leadership for the provisional crew.
4. Provide round-trip transportation between the local camp and The Summit.
5. Communicate participant numbers with the Summit registrar.
6. Ensure that participants meet eligibility requirements and have the required paperwork.
7. Communicate and share leaders' guide and other documentation with local units, participant and families.

### What venues are part of the program?

The Summit Council Adventure Partnership uses venues in the **Scott Summit Center**. Summit Center houses activities venues which are smaller versions of those found in the Summit's Adventure Zone. Please note that the Summit Center venues are smaller in size, but still maintain the full range of challenge and difficulty of the larger Adventure Zone Venues.

Please note: This program **does not grant participants access to all Adventure Zone activities** (ie –The Rocks, The Park, The Trax, etc), but rather gives them access to all of Summit Center (ie – Boulder Cove, Harvey Mountain Bike Trails, Shooting Sports Annex, etc) and the Big Zip.

## **Where will our participants camp?**

Participants camp in the James C. Justice National Scout Camp on the north bank of Goodrich Lake. A large tent with two cots, dining flies, picnic tables, and an above ground fire ring will be provided. Age and gender specific restrooms are available. WIFI is available in all camping areas. There is also a leaders lounge area.

## **Can local units sign up for this program directly with the summit?**

No. This program was designed to help local councils address the needs of older youth at the local council camp. The Summit does not offer this program independent of a local council partner.

## **Are there advancement opportunities for youth participants?**

Scott Summer Center programs provide adventure sports experience as well as the advancement opportunities that apply to those activities. We have various courses which include many or all of the requirements for related merit badges or Venturing awards. This may include climbing, kayaking, sustainability, archery, mountain biking and others. Our staff will gladly assist with advancement or recognition awards that are part of our program, if participants are interested in that. We have found that many of our Council Adventure participants are interested solely in the experience or instruction in adventure sports. However, those that are interested in advancement should look over our program schedule at the beginning of the summer to determine which courses they would like to take. Be participants bring Scoutmaster approved merit badge applications ("blue cards") with them.

## **What are the leadership requirements?**

The local council provides two-deep leadership for the provisional crew as defined in the Guide to Safe Scouting. If the crew consists totally of Scouts BSA, then Scouts BSA leadership requirements apply. If the crew contains Venturing participants, then Venturing requirements apply with special care for providing gender specific leadership as required. The first two leaders will not be charged. Whitewater fees will apply to any leaders who participate.

## **Can adults participate in the program?**

Yes, although the local council may establish restrictions if desired. From the Summit perspective, adults can participate in all of the program experiences available to youth. The number of adults in the provisional crew should not exceed the number of youth. After the first two free adult leaders, additional adults will be charged the same fee as youth.

## **What is the cost?**

In 2019 the cost to the council is \$249 per participant (\$265 in 2020). Add an additional \$75 per person for a half-day whitewater rafting trip (All participating in rafting must be a BSA Swimmer). The council determines its additional transportation, food, staff and overhead costs to determine the participant fee. The Summit does not mandate a specific participant fee as local council costs will vary by distance and local economic conditions.

## **Who do we contact to sign up or for more information?**

Contact the National Scout Camp Director, Phillip Ferrier @ (304) 465-2807 or [Phillip.ferrier@scouting.org](mailto:Phillip.ferrier@scouting.org)