

Telescopium Frequently Asked Questions (November 2020)

What is The Telescopium Experience (TTE)?

TTE is a conference for registered BSA adults interested in contributing to the improvement of the National Jamboree. The conference will take place over 4 days in July of 2021 at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

Why is this activity called “The Telescopium Experience”?

Telescopium is the latinized version of the Greek word for telescope. It is a minor constellation. It is one of a few constellations named after a scientific device. A telescope is an optical instrument used for studying objects from a distance to better understand or inspect them. TTE is being organized so that dedicated jamboree advocates can assist and participate in bringing the next Jamboree closer to fruition by compiling observations, innovations, and suggested improvements. A final report of the input collected from TTE will be part of the National Jamboree Task Force Report provided to the BSA’s National Leadership.

Who is invited to TTE?

While Jamboree Service Team (JST) and prospective JST are the targeted audience for this conference any currently registered BSA member may attend that is interested in providing thoughts on ways to improve on future National Jamborees.

Where is TTE to be held?

TTE will be held at the Summit Bechtel Reserve.

When is TTE?

TTE will occur from the afternoon of Tuesday, July 13, 2021 through Saturday, July 17, 2021.

How much is Telescopium?

The base price of TTE is \$726. Packages are being offered while supplies last for housing and program upgrades. Program upgrades will be advertised in the spring of 2021.

What is the breakdown of costs/ what am I getting for my money?

The TTE budget is based on the following expenses: Tent/Cot \$100, Food \$190, Conference materials \$60, Meeting overhead expenses (rooms, electric, wifi) \$50, Recognition \$75, Activities & Entertainment \$90, Transportation \$35, Postage/Shipping/Printing \$15, Insurance \$15, BSA COVID Surcharge \$50, Contingency \$46. Increased package pricing covers incidentals such as room cleaning/ sanitizing and the amenities and comforts allocated within the facility itself.

What methodology will be used for information collection?

TTE will utilize digital surveys, polls, instructor led focus groups, and concept mapping to assist in prioritizing areas/functions that can be improved and identifying conference results.

How will I be informed of our conference results?

TTE staff will present outcomes daily (while on site) and through a final report that will be shared with all participants after the conference.

What kinds of strategic issues will we be discussing at TTE?

Examples of topics to be addressed at TTE include (but not limited to): Size, Guests, Recognition, Site Layout, Equipment Distribution, Food, Transportation, Expenses, Marketing, Registration, Media, Exhibitors, Sponsors, Medical care and Complementary Programming.

What are the program activity selections during this conference?

While the primary focus of the conference will be discussions centered around improving future Jamborees, we have built into the schedule a couple opportunities to enjoy SBR and area activities. These will be advertised in the early spring. Activities like zipline, shooting, Touring the new conference center and the Arnold Logistics Center are being planned onsite. Offsite activities such as Rafting, shopping and the bridge tour will be offered at an additional cost for those interested. Participants will be notified of the sign-up through the email provided in the registration packet.

Where will I be camping?

Tent camping will be near a dining facility.

How do I know if I am a participant or staff for TTE?

All registrations are as a participant unless you have an email invitation to be on staff.

What are staff costs for TTE?

Telescopium staff pay an additional \$100 for the extra expenses incurred from the preparation day.

If TTE is cancelled will I get my money back?

Please see the refund policy found on the Telescopium webpage regarding how cancellations will be resolved.

How will on site transportation work during TTE?

Transportation will be determined based on reservation commitments. TTE staff will communicate the transportation plans this spring.

Can I get a photo with a black bear or bigfoot when I am at TTE?

Photography opportunities will be available during the conference. Please don't go near the "real McCoy's".

Will the POTUS be at TTE?

Most likely no, but you never know who will show up at SBR.

How can we plan for TTE, but not have a 2021 Jamboree?

Unfortunately, numerous circumstances contributed to the postponement of the 2021 National Jamboree. TTE's environment is significantly different than a full-scale jamboree.

Is TTE just for Summit Adventure JST staff?

No. TTE has been developed to collect the thoughts and ideas on improving a jamboree from interested BSA registered adults.

If I can't attend TTE how do I provide ideas on changes regarding a jamboree to the BSA?

The National Jamboree Task Force is committed to providing ways and means to listen to our members regarding our premier activity. The BSA will communicate other opportunities in a similar fashion to the TTE announcement.