

SUMMIT CORE VALUES

The Summit Bechtel Reserve is home to the Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base, The James C. Justice National Scout Camp, and the Thomas S. Monson Leadership Excellence Complex. These are three distinct operations but throughout these various programs, participants will be exposed to a set of core values important to The Summit, Scouting and Life.

ADVENTURE

Adventure lies in the new, the unknown and the challenging. The wide variety of activities available at The Summit in our adventure areas, Action Point and the neighboring New River Gorge will provide the chance for all participants to do something they have never done before or reach new heights in an activity they already enjoy. The facilities at The Summit were designed to meet many different ability and experience levels.

SERVICE

“A Scout is Helpful.” As with all the BSA National High Adventure Bases each unit may spend part of one of their days at The Summit in cheerful service on a conservation/service project on The Summit site, the New River Gorge or a nearby community. Review the Service project section in the Planning Guide for more details on the service project program. Remember, with recreation comes responsibility.

SUSTAINABILITY

Sustainability describes a way of planning and operating that balances environmental stewardship, economics and educates people to ensure that what you do today can be sustained into the future. The Summit Sustainability Award program includes the Sustainability Treehouse, a self-contained structure demonstrating sustainable practices located near Action Point. The Award program also involves discussion topics and other requirements for the unit to complete. Those that complete the program will be able to purchase an award patch at The Summit’s Trading Post. (See appendix for details on The Summit Sustainability Award.)

LEADERSHIP

Each unit will operate under the direction of a Youth Crew Leader or Senior Patrol Leader assisted by the Chaplain’s Aid and Outdoor Ethics Guide. Adult advisors and Scoutmasters are here to guide and help but not to lead the group. Keep in mind that leadership is more than just having a specific position or title. All participants will get the chance to improve their leadership skills. Summit programs and activities are designed to foster the development of important leadership characteristics for all participants: self-confidence, sound decision-making skills, and a commitment to living the ideals of Scouting.