

The 2001 BSA National Jamboree



Every four years, the Boy Scouts of America holds a National Jamboree. This is a chance for 30,000 Scouts and their leaders to spend a week camping together and enjoying fun activities, learning Scout skills, making new friends, enjoying huge shows and experiencing the Brotherhood of Scouting. The 15th National Jamboree will be held from July 23 to August 1, 2001 at Fort A. P. Hill, just South of Washington, DC, near Fredericksburg, VA. Scouts will attend from every state and many foreign countries.

Literally, in the space of a few days, the 76,000 acres of Fort A. P. Hill evolves from a placid wilderness to a bustling city of 35,000 when the National Scout Jamboree contingent arrives. Counting the total visitor population, the site becomes Virginia's sixth largest city with its own zip code.

The Jamboree is no small undertaking. A bus system, telephone/communication system, hospital facilities, first aid stations, trading posts, postal services, food warehouses, radio station and daily newspaper have to be ready when the Scouts and their leaders arrive.

Participants bunk in one of the 16,000 tents, which make a colorful sea of cloth in the Virginia wilderness. In addition, Scouts use the following:

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| ♣ 30,000 mess kits | ♣ 450 pay phones |
| ♣ 35,000 sleeping bags | ♣ 150 scuba tanks |
| ♣ 7,500 propane stoves | ♣ 500 rods and reels |
| ♣ 1,300 latrines | ♣ 50,000 fishing hooks |
| ♣ 900 showers | ♣ 75 kayaks |
| ♣ 300 canoes and rafts | ♣ 500 bicycles |
| ♣ 4,000 wool blankets | ♣ 4,500 cots |
| ♣ 5,000 folding chairs | ♣ 4,000 field desks |

Scouts and leaders can attend as part of the Council's contingent or help staff the event. The jamboree requires 5,000 youth and adult to make it happen. As a bonus, youth staff attends at a reduced price.

There are so many things to do and experience, that you can't do it all. Pick and choose carefully as you join the members of the Mecklenburg County Council's Troop contingent to the 2001 National Scout Jamboree.

Future National Jamborees

July 25 - August 3, 2005, 16th BSA, Fort A.P. Hill, Va., U.S.A.

July 26 - August 4, 2010, 17th BSA, Fort A.P. Hill, Va., U.S.A. (100th Anniversary of Scouting in the U.S.A.)

Previous Jamborees

<u>Year</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
1 1937	Washington, D.C.	27,232
2 1950	Valley Forge, Pa.	47,163
3 1953	Irvine Ranch, Ca.	45,401
4 1957	Valley Forge, Pa.	50,100
5 1960	Colorado Springs, Co.*	53,378
6 1964	Valley Forge, Pa.	52,000
7 1969	Farragut State Park, Idaho	35,000
8 1973	Farragut State Park, Idaho and Moraine State Park, Pa	64,000
9 1977	Moraine State Park, Pa.	28,637
10 1981	Fort A. P. Hill, Va.	29,765
11 1985	Fort A. P. Hill, Va.**	32,615
12 1989	Fort A. P. Hill, Va.	32,717
13 - 1993	Fort A. P. Hill, Va.	34,449
14 - 1997	Fort A. P. Hill, Va.	36,015

*Golden Jubilee Jamboree commemorating the 50th anniversary of the BSA.

** Diamond Jubilee commemorating the 75th anniversary of the BSA.

The 1997 National Scout Jamboree represented the sixtieth year since the first jamboree in 1937.