



2023 National Jamboree OPERATION ARROW

Staff Bus Script and Instructions for Unit Arrival Day

2023 National Scout Jamboree -- Summit Bechtel Reserve

Wednesday, July 19th, 2023

Guide 1 (G1): _____

Guide 2 (G2): _____

Before the bus departs for the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) the guides need to board the bus with that unit's roster in hand and do the following with a cheerful spirit and attitude. Introduce themselves to the unit and welcome them to the jamboree:

- **Guide 1:** Welcome to the 2023 National Scout Jamboree! My name is **[your name]** and this is **[second guide's name]**, and we will be serving as your guides while traveling to the Summit Bechtel Reserve, otherwise known as the SBR. I know everyone is excited to arrive at the SBR for our first jamboree in over 6 years and engage in the awesome program planned for Scouts, Scouters, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and Explorers from across the country, and even some from around the world, but first we have a few details to quickly take care of. First, if any jamboree staff members are traveling on this bus, please disembark now with all your gear to check in and take the staff shuttle to the Staff Camp. Will your adult leader please raise their hand?

Guide 2 should give the unit leader both the unit public health and mental health questionnaire to quickly fill out on behalf of the unit. Upon arrival at the South Gate, one of the guides will disembark and hand the completed questionnaires to the Public Health Representative stationed at the South Gate. No member or leader from the unit will disembark at this time.

Once the bus is headed towards the SBR, try to engage in some lively conversation with the unit, making sure to speak about several items and procedures imperative to having a safe and memorable experience at jamboree.

Obviously, you can ad lib and tailor the items to be covered more towards the way you'd prefer to interact with the unit. Remember to look neat and presentable in your Operation Arrow polo Scout shorts and socks, and the Operation Arrow hat (set the example as a member of Scouting's Honor Society) and put a smile on your face, even if it is very early in the morning. Remember that you are setting the tone for the jamboree and you and your fellow guide are the first people these units meet at SBR so make this experience memorable!

- **Guide 2:** As mentioned before, my name is **[your name]**, and I will be serving as one of your guides while traveling to the SBR. I am a(n) **[Scout Rank and OA membership level]**





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from **[Council]** in **[state/area]**, and I am part of the Order of the Arrow's Operation Arrow Staff. To start things off, can we get a show of hands of who has been to a jamboree before? Whether or not you've been to a jamboree before, who here is excited for this jamboree? I want to hear some noise!

- **Guide 1:** Once again my name is **[your name]**. I am a(n) **[Scout Rank and OA membership level]** from **[council]** in **[state/area]**, and I am also part of the Order of the Arrow's Operation Arrow Staff. Currently, there are over 250 Arrowmen that will be providing service on behalf of nearly 12,000 participants in a variety of activities including service projects, recreational activities, and brand new at this Jamboree the Summit Apex program which all of you will get to experience.

If possible, mention your prior experience at jamboree(s), and if not, mention it is your first time and what you are most looking forward to!

Ask in general what this unit is most looking forward to at the SBR (what programs, merit badges, events, etc.) -- encourage conversation! If you are unsure what there is to offer, make sure that you've highlighted the OA's program. Additionally, mention the SBR's high adventure aspect (climbing, mountain biking, rappelling, canoeing, whitewater, etc.).

- **Guide 2:** For the 2023 National Jamboree, the OA seized the opportunity to create a new and exciting program for all participants - Summit Apex. Inspired by the words of Lord Robert Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting, the Operation Arrow's Summit Apex program is a game with a purpose. It is designed to challenge and engage Scouts in various physical and mental activities, all while highlighting the values and skills that all Scouts share. Scouts will work in teams to complete challenges and fun activities in a half-day, outpost-style program held at Basecamp Echo of the Summit Bechtel Reserve.
- **Guide 1:** The Summit Apex will also serve to inspire Scouts to return to their communities and share their love and passion for the program which brings us all together. Participants will get to share Scouting stories and grow in fellowship during the evening feast, which will be a one-of-a-kind meal only available at Summit Apex. Following the feast, participants will experience the Apex Rally, a thematic show unlike any other. Whether you are a seasoned Scout or just starting your own adventure, the Summit Apex program will be something you do not want to miss.
- **Guide 2:** Now, before all the fun starts, we have a few things to review to you're your experience an awesome one.





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First, we want to encourage you to download the 2023 National Jamboree mobile app, if you haven't already. Feel free to take a moment to do so; search for 2023 National Jamboree in your app store and you'll find it - it has the 2023 Forward logo as an icon.

Second, it's pretty hot here in West Virginia, as you may have noticed. Take a look at who your best friend is going to be during your time here [holds up a filled reusable water bottle]. Make sure to drink lots of water and keep hydrated! Keeping cool is, well....cool!

Third, as always in Scouting, make sure to use the buddy system. Don't leave your subcamp and unit alone, always be sure to have a buddy with you, and this doesn't mean just your water bottle!

Lastly, as we are staying outdoors, it is likely you will encounter wildlife at the SBR so please be respectful of them. Additionally, please do not feed the wildlife at any time. The SBR staff has asked us to remind you that food and beverages (other than water) are not allowed in your tent.

- **Guide 1:** At the core of the SBR is sustainability. Since the inception of the SBR, conserving resources and preserving the environment has been a fundamental goal. For example, the lumber used to build the bathrooms is reclaimed hemlock which came from this property, rather than using new wood from somewhere else; the gravel on the road was quarried from the property; and even solar panels have been installed on the roofs of the bathroom facilities to generate renewable energy.

Since the SBR has committed itself to sustainability, we ask that you too strive to reduce your footprint and make a positive impact on the environment. To ensure that you do so, the SBR has introduced an important pledge for each participant here in your unit registration packet. Do you remember the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace principles? Who can help us remember them?

*Pick a Scout to recite the Outdoor Code and ask for his name. If no one can recite it, then have a Scout read it off: **As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners, be careful with fire, be considerate in the outdoors, and be conservation-minded.** When they're done reading, thank them.*

- **Guide 2:** At the SBR, we have similar trash and recycling procedures to follow. I challenge you to "go green" and sign the pledge to recycle. Remember, a Scout is clean so don't litter and if you see someone littering, please pick it up and then report it to your subcamp commissioner.





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- **Guide 1:** One important objective for this jamboree regarding sustainability is that we want to make the Summit Bechtel Reserve a fully “green facility,” and we need your help in achieving this extremely important goal. So it is important that all of you and your adult leaders familiarize yourselves with the “2023 Jamboree Recycling Plan.” Here are a few tips on how you can help us meet this goal:

Firstly, one of your assistant Scoutmasters or crew advisors will receive training on trash management during jamboree, so you should follow their direction. Each campsite will have two (2) specific plastic bags, one for recycling and another for trash. Use them appropriately. They are taken to the sub-camp recycling center twice a day: after breakfast and after dinner. More information will be provided at your campsite.

- **Guide 2:** All dumpsters at the Summit Bechtel Reserve will be marked to designate what type of waste goes in it. Finally, be mindful of the recyclables in the right containers around SBR or bring them back to your campsite, and deposit them at your Unit Recycling Center.

If we all follow these guidelines, then we can all make a huge difference by making the Summit a “green facility.” So, we’d like to thank you in advance for your cooperation.

- **Guide 1: Q:** At this point, let’s have a quick check-in. What’s something you should make sure you are at all times?

A: hydrated, drinking water

- **Guide 2: Q:** At the Summit, we’re “going green.” What should you do?

A: recycle, sign the pledge, stay “clean”, and don’t litter

- **Guide 1: Q:** The wildlife is awesome; you may have a favorite squirrel or rabbit by the end of the jamboree, but what should we not do with them?

A: feed them!

- **Guide 2: Q:** What is the only food or beverage allowed in your tent?

A: water

- **Guide 1: Q:** What should you have at all times, especially when leaving your sub camp?

A: a buddy





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At this time talk about the history of the Summit Bechtel Reserve as you enter the property.

- **Guide 2:** We want to discuss the history of the property since you may not be aware of how it came to be. In 2007, the idea of establishing a permanent site for the national jamboree sparked a serious conversation within the leadership of the BSA, and soon a search committee formed called “Project Arrow.” After reviewing 80 proposals from over 25 states, the committee found 10,600 acres of land available here in West Virginia. The Bechtel Family Foundation generously donated \$50 million to develop the property, and soon two other donors, Walter Scott and the Goodridge Family, committed \$25 million each to assist in the development of both a permanent jamboree site and future high Adventure base. Additionally, Consol Energy donated \$10 million dollars to fund the bridge that would connect the Alpha and Bravo camp areas. In honor of the Bechtel Family donation, this property was named the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, or Summit Bechtel Reserve for short.
- **Guide 1:** In May 2013, before the start of the 2013 National Jamboree, the public was encouraged to drive through the SBR, and over 700 vehicles drove through, showcasing the Summit Bechtel Reserve. As we mentioned, the first jamboree hosted at the SBR was in 2013, and over 40,000 attended. This jamboree will be the third held here, and attendance is expected to be around 15,000. Additionally, this site played host to the 2019 World Scout Jamboree. Here is a fun fact about the SBR as well: during World War II, a bunker for the President and members of Congress was located in West Virginia. Once the construction of the SBR began, many residents became suspicious that a similar bunker was being built -- but we can't confirm if it's true or not!
- **Guide 2:** The theme for the 2023 National Jamboree is Forward - it has been 6 years since the last national jamboree, and as we all gather here over the next 10 days, Forward is our reminder that we are the future of Scouting and we can have a great impact on where Scouting goes next!
- **Guide 1:** Soon, we will get to the site, you will exit the bus, and then bring your gear to your campsite in one trip. A Scout is “helpful,” so be sure to work together and help the rest of your unit with unloading their gear. There is a bus arriving right behind you with their gear as well so we need to expedite the process. Once you've collected your gear and made sure it is yours, a commissioner will escort you to your site.
- **Guide 2:** While you are gathering your gear, your unit leader, [name of leader – be personable!] will be checking in at the subcamp headquarters to get your super official credentials. Make sure [name of unit leader] takes any outstanding paperwork with him





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to HQ. The subcamp staff, registration staff, and medical staff will be able to answer any questions!

- **Guide 1:** Certain bathrooms and shower houses are designated for adults or youth; youth are age 17 and under, while adults are 18 and over. Be sure to take notice of this as you arrive at your subcamp. Also, take notice of the medical tents in your sub camp. If you feel sick or are injured, make sure to inform one of your unit leaders immediately. Does anyone have any questions on anything we've gone over?

If you have extra time on the bus / van, then lead the participants in a fun game or song. If you need an idea for a quick song or game, you can ask during the training session. Keep in mind two potential songs or games in case the unit does not come up with anything. Examples include the Scouting Alphabet Game, Bazooka Bubble Gum Song, Scouting Charades, your favorite song from summer camp, etc.

As the van/bus reaches its stop, do the following:

1. *Make sure the leader reports to registration alone.*
 2. *Make sure everyone takes all of their gear, and help those Scouts that aren't able to carry all get their gear off the bus / van.*
 3. *Say something like what is below as a wrap up after your time. Remember that you are setting the tone for the jamboree and you and your fellow guide are the first people these units meet at SBR. Make this experience memorable!*
- **Guide 1:** The 2023 National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve has been developed as the ultimate outdoor recreational Scouting experience. Nobody can do it all here, but we still encourage you to do as much as you can! We promise that your experience here will be one of the highlights of your time in Scouting.
 - **Guide 2:** So to make sure you have a fantastic time, drink plenty of water, eat food to preserve your energy, look at your map to make sure your daily schedule is manageable, meet new friends *with* your buddy, and remember to follow the Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor codes at all times. If you do those, you will have the time of your life. While you're here, take every opportunity to Live Scouting's Adventure!

If possible, ask them for some unit pride as they depart the bus, with cheers, chants, or even a continuation of a song, to show some enthusiasm and excitement for the jamboree.

