

# High Adventure News October 2019

## VenturingFest 2020

The third national gathering of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve – a Scouting experience unlike any other before – is coming your way again from June 28 to July 3!

VenturingFest is a special Scouting event at SBR that's **open to registered Venturers, Sea Scouts, Scouts BSA (age 14+) and adult leaders across the U.S.** This six-day high-adventure festival invites participants to explore the best the SBR has to offer. We're talking rock climbing, skateboarding, BMX biking, water sports, shooting sports, zip lines, challenge courses, Venturing activities and so much more! Festival-goers will also get to jam out to concerts and meet new friends at the event.

**Sign up as a participant or staff member**

**now:** <https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm...>

## Philmont 2021 Lottery

The 2021 Philmont Trek Lottery will be open **October 29th through December 3rd**. The Lottery is your unit's chance to select your preferred dates for your Philmont Adventure. Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's largest National High Adventure Base in the mountains of New Mexico.

In addition to providing an unforgettable adventure backpacking across miles of rugged, rocky trails, Philmont Scout Ranch offers programs that feature the best of the Old West—horseback riding, burro packing, gold panning, chuck wagon dinners, and interpretive history—with exciting challenges for today such as rock climbing, mountain biking, and sport shooting. It's an unbeatable recipe for fast-paced fun in the outdoors. In addition to the classic 12-day and 7-day treks they will introduce a 9-day option in 2021. More information is available

at <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/registersection/>

For assistance in planning your unit trek in 2020 or 2021, you can also contact Mike Kramer at [MKLeader2@gmail.com](mailto:MKLeader2@gmail.com)

## Northern Tier 2020 & 2021

The flagship base of Northern Tier, the Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base which has hosted Scout canoe expeditions on the shores of Moose Lake since 1941. The Sommers Base outfits Scouts on wilderness canoe trips in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) in Minnesota and the Quetico Provincial Park in Ontario.

Aside from summer adventures, The Sommers Canoe Base hosts the Okpik Cold Weather Camping Program, the premier winter camping program in the Boy Scouts of America. All trips are fully outfitted and provisioned, including almost all of the personal gear necessary to stay warm in the winter. A highly trained staff member, called an Interpreter, accompanies all crews on their trek. 2020 reservations are available now, 2021 will open up sometime after the beginning of the year. <https://www.ntier.org/reservations/>

## **Seabase 2020 & 2021**

Seabase is a unique Scouting program that offers aquatics programs found nowhere else. Whether your interests lie in sailing, scuba diving, rustic camping on an undeveloped barrier island, fishing or a combination of all, this is the place for your Troop, Team, Crew, Sea Ship or Explorer Post. There are still spaces available for 2020 treks. The 2021 lottery opens in a few months. <http://www.bsaseabase.org/reservations/>

## **The Bechtel Summit 2020**

The Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base at the Bechtel Summit has unit trek options available throughout the summer of 2020. It's the best way to take advantage of the facilities and instructors at The Summit without the hustle and bustle of a

Jamboree. <https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/national-high-adventure-base/high-adventure-registration/>

## **2021 Jamboree Staff Registration is OPEN!**

Staff (*adult and youth*) information for the 2021 National Jamboree is now available! You'll work hard & play hard as you experience a unique opportunity to work and play alongside 35,000 Scouts & Scouters from around the world. It will be held at The Summit again with staff dates from 7/17/21 - 7/31/21 & there are three session options. This is a unique event for both participants and staff because of the size of the event and the incredible action centers where we play/work. Discount available for young adult staff (16-25). **Participant registration is expected to open in November.**

To get a lot more information check out the Jambo Staff FAQs at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/resource-library/> or contact Mike Kramer at [MKLeader2@gmail.com](mailto:MKLeader2@gmail.com)

*Young people can achieve more than they believe is possible. Scouting uniquely prepares its members to redefine their boundaries, push past them and emerge from the experience with the confidence that no matter the challenge, they can meet it. Nothing is impossible for the prepared young person — no future is out of reach for a group of committed people who care.*