WELCOME TO THE SUMMIT BECHTEL FAMILY NATIONAL SCOUT RESERVE

The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve -- THE SUMMIT -- is the permanent site of the National Scout Jamboree and home to the Boy Scouts of America's newest national high adventure base. THE SUMMIT occupies 10,600 acres in West Virginia's New River Gorge region – a world renowned adventure sports destination, especially known for its world class climbing rock and monster whitewater.

SUMMIT HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM

The inaugural SUMMIT HIGH ADVENTURE BASE programs will open in June 2014. Activities will revolve around four program tracks. In addition to the unique focus provided by each program track, participants will experience activities centered on our core mission areas – adventure, sustainability, leadership and service.

Each adventure lasts 7 days with crews arriving each day beginning June 8, 2014 with the final crew arrival date set for August 16, 2014. Each program track includes time at the CHRISTEN HIGH ADVENTURE BASE located at THE SUMMIT as well as one to three nights at outpost camps at THE SUMMIT or in the New River Gorge area.

THE SUMMIT will provide all food, tents, cots and program equipment. Crew will provide sleeping bags and other personal gear.

THE PROGRAMS

For the 2014 summer season, THE SUMMIT will offer four crew-based programs. Crews consist of 7 to 12 people with the majority of youth participants.

1. **THE RIVER.** Following your arrival at the SUMMIT, you will spend a few days at CHRISTEN HIGH ADVENTURE BASE while our staff assesses your kayaking skills and prepares you to meet the challenges of the NEW RIVER. Then, you will head to the NEW RIVER GORGE for three days of river paddling on one of the oldest rivers in the world. During your first two days in kayaks, you will have periods of quiet water interspersed with Class I to III rapids. You will spend each night at one of our river camps. Then, you will conclude your river trip with a heart-pounding raft run on the Lower New that includes Class III to V rapids. Participants must be good swimmers as evidenced by passing the BSA Swim Test.

2. **HELMETS & HARNESSES** leverages the unique capabilities of the SUMMIT together with the natural splendor of the NEW RIVER GORGE region. Participants will test their mettle on our six outstanding challenges courses. You will soar through the trees on the SUMMIT canopy tours. Of course, you cannot come to a world class climbing region without climbing a few rocks, too. The program includes climbing skill building and an overnight climbing experience in the NEW RIVER GORGE area (site depending on crew skill level). Participants should be comfortable with heights. All participants must weigh a minimum of 50 lbs. and maximum of 250 lbs. Participants under 50 lbs. or over 250 lbs. cannot participate <u>regardless of height</u>.

3. **THE MARKSMAN** brings together diverse shooting resources to offer shooters the chance to both improve their skills in traditional shooting disciplines as well as try some new sports. Pistol shooting, rifle shooting (.22, .223 and .308 depending on demonstrated skill levels), sporting clays and trap are part of our shooting programs. In addition to traditional target archery, the SUMMIT offers participants the chance to experience our 18-station 3D target course as well learn the sport of Sporting Arrows. Participants will spend several nights camped at the Outpost Camp near MAYHEM MOUNTAIN.

4. **WHEELS** takes advantage of 37 miles of top-notch downhill and cross country mountain biking trails at THE SUMMIT as well as the loop trails built by the Order of the Arrow at the Arrowhead Trails in the NEW RIVER GORGE. This program helps youth develop mountain biking skills on THE SUMMIT cross-country tracks at LOW GEAR and the ARROWHEAD TRAILS in preparation for the heart-pounding downhill from HIGH GEAR. During this program, participants will also have the opportunity to test their skills at MAYHEM MOUNTAIN on our world-class BMX tracks, skateboard parks and mountain boarding courses.

THE SUMMIT CORE

Regardless of the program track selected, each crew will have the opportunity to participate in core activities focused on adventure, service, leadership and sustainability.

ACTION POINT located in WALTER SCOTT JR. SCOUTING VALLEY is home to the CHRISTEN HIGH ADVENTURE BASE and ACTION POINT where you will experience mini-versions of THE SUMMIT's **ADVENTURE** sports venues. This includes challenge courses, canopy tours, BMX tracks, mountain bike trails and skate park. During your stay, each crew will have access to one evening at the ACTION POINT venues.

SERVICE is a key element of Scouting and THE SUMMIT. Each crew will spend ½ day engaged in a service project at THE SUMMIT, the New River Gorge National River or its surrounding area. In most cases, the project will focus on areas impacted by your selected program track and may include river clean-up, bike trail maintenance, or similar projects.

SUSTAINABILITY describes a way of planning and operating that balances environmental stewardship, economics and people to make sure that what you do today can be sustained into the future. The Summit has been built with sustainability in mind. The SUMMIT SUSTAINABILITY PLEDGE program includes the SUSTAINABILITY TREEHOUSE located near ACTION POINT – a self-contained structure demonstrating sustainable practices -- and REACHING THE SUMMIT, a guided hike focused on Leave No Trace principles that ends at the top of ADVENTURE VALLEY. Travel back to basecamp courtesy of, our 3500+ ft. Big Zip Line.

LEADERSHIP development is a common theme running through the entire Summit program. Each crew will operate under the direction of a youth crew leader assisted by the quartermaster, chaplain's aide and outdoor ethics guide. However, leadership is more than a simple position or title. THE SUMMIT program activities are designed to foster the development of important leadership characteristics in all participants -- self-confidence, sound decision-making skills and a commitment to living the ideals of Scouting.

ELIGIBILITY

To participate in the Summit High Adventure Program, each participant must:

- Be a registered Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturer or registered adult leader.
- Be at least 14 years old (or 13 years old and have completed the 8th grade prior to participation).
- Have a current BSA Medical Form signed by a physician* authorizing participation in high adventure activities.
- Meet the BSA Height/Weight Guidelines as indicated on the BSA Medical Form.

CREW LEADERSHIP

Crews must provide adult leadership that meets the Boy Scouts of America leadership requirements as outlined in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*. This includes age and gender requirements for Venturing crews.

FEE SCHEDULE

The SUMMIT fee(s) for the 2014 season are:

- THE RIVER $595.00 per person
- HELMETS & HARNESSES $525.00 per person
- THE MARKSMAN $665.00 per person
- WHEELS $560.00 per person

A $100 per person deposit is due on or before May 31, 2013. Fifty percent of the balance will be due by October 31, 2013. The remaining balance is due March 31, 2014. Please note that your reservation is not confirmed until we have received your deposit.

All fee payments are non-refundable and non-transferrable to the balance of your account. We suggest that you be conservative in making reservations to avoid forfeiting fees due to cancellations. Remember that additional participants can be added after your reservation is confirmed up to a total of 12 participants per crew.

RESERVATIONS

Councils may request council contingents by submitting the Council Contingent Request Form beginning November 1, 2012. All requests must be received by January 15, 2013. Councils will be notified of their allotted crews by February 15, 2013.

Units may request a reservation at THE SUMMIT beginning January 15, 2013 by completing the Unit Registration Request form. For the 2014 season, crews will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis. Units will be notified of their selection status by March 15, 2013.

Registration request forms can be mailed, faxed or scanned/emailed to:

2014 High Adventure Registration Request
Summit Bechtel Reserve
68 Crossroads Mall
Mount Hope, WV 25880

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Information updates will be available at summit.scouting.org as well as The Summit Blog and our Facebook page.