

2017 BSA Jamboree Day of Service

Opportunities to clear trails, clean parks or paint structures are planned as part of Messengers of Peace – Day of Service at the 2017 National BSA Scout Jamboree.

Jamboree participants including the contingent from the PA Dutch Council will volunteer for a day in 9 counties nearest the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

After breakfast and the chance to pack lunch items in camp, contingent members will board buses between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. Each contingent will arrive at a work site and remain there for 5 hours, including a break for lunch. Contingent members will return to the Summit by 5:30 p.m. for dinner.

Participants are advised to wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes. The clothing could get heavily soiled or stained. Participants should bring 2 quarts of water, rain gear, medication, the unit first aid kit and their favorite work gloves. Tools and personal protective gear will be provided at the work site.

Dates for the day of service are July 20-21 and July 24-26. Care will be taken to avoid scheduling conflicts for units in line for rafting on the New River and hiking to Garden Ground Mountain.

Arrangements by BSA organizers are being coordinated with the Citizens Conservation Corps of West Virginia. In 2013, this effort resulted in Jamboree participants recording 148,000 hours as part of the Day of Service.

In 2017, participating groups will include the National Park Service, American Red Cross, West Virginia Army National Guard and, for the first time, West Virginia University.

The involvement of WVU will allow out-of-state Scout units the chance to perform the day of service in the Morgantown area prior to and after the Jamboree.

For more information and to register for the 2017 Jamboree as a Boy Scout or Venture Scout, visit Padutchbsa.org. The keyword is *jamboree*. Also visit 2017jamboree@scouting.org