

SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE SUMMER CAMP FAQ



The James C. Justice National Scout Camp at Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR) is one of BSA's high adventure and national scouting bases located in the Appalachian Mountains near New River Gorge in West Virginia. In addition to high adventure, conservation and leadership, SBR offers week-long resident camp sessions aka summer camp. SBR spans over 10,000 acres and offers merit badge sessions, elective activities, trainings, and camp-wide activities during summer camp.

General Information

Address:

2550 Jack Furst Drive

Glen Jean, WV 25846

(4.5-hour drive) Dates:

Sunday, June 22, 2025 – Saturday, June 28, 2025

Registration and Fees

- \$450 – Includes meals beginning with Sunday dinner through Saturday breakfast
- Campership applications are accepted starting in the fall. Eligibility is based on financial need and covers up to 50% of the cost.

Deadlines

9/13/2024 - RSVP is locked in ***Please indicate in the comments on Scoutbook if your scout is interested in the Summit Experience. Go to <https://www.summitbsa.org/programs/national-highadventure-base/summit-experience/> to learn more about this high adventure option***

9/14/2024 - Troop registers for summer camp 2025

10/01/2024 - 10% and \$250 registration fee (\$50 due)

10/15/2024 - 50% of payment (\$200 due)

03/01/2025 – 100% of payment (\$200 due)

Programming and Schedule

SBR uses a block schedule, in which merit badges are instructed in three-hour blocks in the mornings and afternoons. Many merit badges are conducted fully in a single morning or afternoon session. Several merit badges, including all target sports merit badges, occupy full, single-day sessions.

The First Year Program runs Monday through Friday and includes advancement for Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First-Class ranks, as well as instruction for the First Aid and Swimming merit badges.

In total, 97 activities are offered as well as Buy-up Programs that offer a taste of high adventure.

Sample Scout Schedule

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
A.M.	ARRIVAL	CHEMISTRY MERIT BADGE	GEOLOGY MERIT BADGE	CLIMBING MERIT BADGE (1/2)	AERIAL SPORTS BUY-UP PROGRAM	WHITewater RAFTING BUY-UP TRIP, NEW RIVER	DEPARTURE BY 10:00 A.M.
P.M.	ARRIVAL	SWIMMING MERIT BADGE (1/2)	SWIMMING MERIT BADGE (2/2)	CLIMBING MERIT BADGE (2/2)	AERIAL SPORTS BUY-UP PROGRAM	FISHING DERBY	
Eve.	OPENING CAMPFIRE	SUMMIT CENTER OPEN ACTIVITIES (CAMP-WIDE) AND SCOUT CAMP-SPECIFIC OPEN PROGRAMS				CLOSING CAMPFIRE	

BUY-UP PROGRAMS: A TASTE OF HIGH ADVENTURE

High-adventure buy-up programs offer Scouts and adult leaders opportunities to engage in amazing adventure activities at the Summit and on the New River. The available programs are detailed, by area, in the following pages, and a reference table is included here. Registration for these buy-up programs can be placed and paid through the Black Pug registration platform, on which they will be listed as available programs next to regular merit badge sessions, by unit leaders or parent(s)/guardian(s). Spots for buy-up programs are limited and vary by session. Available spots will be open on Black Pug when the registration opens, but, because of limited space, registration onsite may not be possible.



Buy-up Program	Cost
Whitewater trip (half-day)	\$85.00
Whitewater merit badge (full-day)	\$120.00
Wheels (Park & Trax, full-day)	\$60.00
Bows and Barrels (full-day)	\$75.00
Shotgun merit badge (full-day)	\$75.00
Aerial sports (full-day)	\$80.00
Alexander's Eagle Flight (Big Zip)	\$20.00