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VenturingFest 2018

FAQs

Q: What is VenturingFest?

A: VenturingFest 2018 is the largest national gathering of Venturers at the Summit Bechtel Reserve (SBR). This six-day high-adventure experience invites participants to explore the best activities and programs that the SBR has to offer, all while meeting and interacting with Venturers from across the country and making memories that will last a lifetime.

Q: When is VenturingFest?

A: VenturingFest is July 1-6, 2018. Did you know that 2018 is the 20th Anniversary of Venturing? Get ready for the ultimate birthday bash at the Summit!

Q: Who can attend?

A: Any registered Venturer, Sea Scout, Explorer, or Boy Scout over the age of 14 (or 13 and completed 8th grade) is eligible to attend. All registered adults in the BSA are invited as well (Advisors, Scoutmasters, Skippers, etc). We are also inviting the international Scouting community, and non-Scouting youth organizations to attend.

Q: How much does it cost?

A: The registration fee is \$500 per youth participant, and \$400 per adult advisor. A non-refundable deposit is required during registration (\$500 for unit reservation, \$100 for individual registration), One-half of the balance is due by February 28th, 2018, and registration must be paid in full by April 30th, 2018. After this late deadline, both the youth and adult fees increase by \$100. Registration closes May 31st, 2018.

Q: What does the price include?

A: The fee includes meals (Sunday dinner through Friday breakfast), campsites (w/ tents, showers, dining flies, tables, and Wi-Fi), and all program equipment. The optional half-day whitewater rafting trip is an additional \$75 per person.

Q: How do we register as a group? Can our council/area register as a contingent?

A: The minimum group size is 7 and must include at least 5 youth and 2 adults. There is no maximum group size. If registering as a council contingent, simply enter "CNCL" when asked for your unit number. Area contingents must choose a "home" council to register under.

Q: Can I register as an individual?

A: Yes! Provisional registration is available for youth. Register yourself and you will be assigned with a provisional crew from your Region or Area.

Q: Can I staff VenturingFest?

A: Yes, we are actively recruiting VenturingFest staff! We are looking for staff for all areas of VenturingFest, from high adventure program areas to operations and Venturing-specific activities.

Q: What activities will be available?

A: Participants will schedule three of the following half-day activities:

The Paul R. Christen National High Adventure Base: shooting sports, rock climbing/rappelling, challenge course, skateboarding, BMX biking, mountain biking, rafting on the lower New River (additional cost for rafting).

There is also open program (no scheduling needed) at:

The James C. Justice National Scout Camp (Summit Center): paddleboarding, kayaking, water obstacle course, climbing, rappelling, bouldering, project COPE, Scoutcraft (pioneering, orienteering, geocaching), wilderness survival, Brownsea Island (basic Scout skills & advancement opportunities), shooting sports, .22 rifles, static archery, Laporte (sporting arrows), primitive range (tomahawks, atlatl, knives, spears, slingshots, etc), sustainability & ecology, Leave No Trace training/awareness, nature & ecology, conservation & sustainability, mountain biking, BMX, skateboarding. The Big Zip and The Canopy will also hold open program.

In addition, there will many more exciting Venturing specific activities and opportunities to take part in during the evening and throughout the day. Participants will also take part in a half-day of service.

Q: Will there be training opportunities available?

A: Yes, there will be some very unique training opportunities available for both youth and adults at VenturingFest. Stay tuned for more information!

Q: What standards are there for participation?

A: All participants must complete parts A, B, C of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, which includes a physician's examination and approval for high-adventure activities. All participants must complete SBR Risk Acknowledgement (and Whitewater Waiver if applicable). To participate in aerial sports, participants must weigh between 50 and 250 lbs. They must pass a standard BSA swimmer test if participating in any aquatic activities.

Q: What activities can adults participate in?

A: Adults who register can participate in all activity offerings at VenturingFest.

Q: Will there be night shows, similar to Jamboree?

A: Yes, there are evening shows and activities planned for VenturingFest!

Q: Can I arrive a day early, if my transportation schedule requires me to?

A: Yes, you may arrive a day early at a fee of \$35 per participant.

Q: Are there going to be busses at the Summit for participants to utilize to get between various program areas?

A: No, there is no bus transportation available during VenturingFest.

Q: Will we be cooking our own food, similar to the Jamboree style of meals?

A: No, all meals will be provided.

Q: Are there scholarships available?

A: There is a limited amount of scholarship money available for partial-registration fees only. Scholarships will be granted on need, and an application will be included in the Leader/Participant Guide.

Q: Is VenturingFest a [Qualifying Program](#) for the Triple Crown & Grand Slam awards?

A: No, VenturingFest is not currently considered a “Qualifying Program” for these awards.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: Stay tuned to Venturing’s Facebook page (facebook.com/BSAVenturing/), Twitter (@VenturingBSA), and summitbsa.org/venturingfest/ for any event updates. If you have any specific questions, email venturingfest@scouting.org.

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