

2026 National Scout Jamboree Three Harbors Council

Adult Leader Information and Application Process

Three Harbors Council expects to send up to 2 male Scouts BSA Troops and at least one female Scouts BSA Troop to the 2026 National Scout Jamboree. Adults interested in leading those units will have to apply at both the local and national levels. We recommend waiting to submit a national registration until one has been selected by the Council Jamboree Committee. The application process is described below.

General Leadership Qualifications

Each Troop is made up of 36 youth and 4 adults. The following are the very general description of roles and qualifications for each of the Jamboree Troop adult leaders:

- Scoutmaster – Overall leader of a Jamboree Troop of 40 individuals and key contact in the coordination between the multiple Troops in a council contingent. Required to be age 21 or older on July 21, 2026, and currently serving as a local unit Scoutmaster of a Scout Troop. Requires completion of Scout Leader basic training. Wood Badge training is highly desirable. Skill required in creating effective teams out of diverse groups of individuals.
- First Assistant Scoutmaster (Troop Activities) – Key backup of the Scoutmaster, and able to serve as Scoutmaster if needed. Required to be age 21 or older on July 21, 2026, and currently serving as a local unit Scoutmaster of a Boy Scout Troop. Requires completion of Scout Leader basic training. Wood Badge training is highly desirable.
- Second Assistant Scoutmaster (Physical Arrangements) – At least age 21 on July 21, 2026. Works with and through the Troop Quartermaster and Senior Patrol Leader regarding the issuance of equipment and supplies as well as the drawing and preparation of food. Significant experience as an Adult Leader in a Boy Scout Troop desirable. Prefer completion of Boy Scout Leader basic training. Wood Badge training is also desirable.
- Third Assistant Scoutmaster (Scheduling and Records) – At least age 21 on July 21, 2026 but not older than 21 on July 28, 2017. Responsible for Troop records, first aid and communication with Scouts regarding health and morale.

A Jamboree Venture Crew Patrol, which may be coed, has 8-9 youth and 1-2 adult Advisors. Each Advisor must be aged 21 or older and currently serve as a Crew Advisor or Associated Advisor. He or she must also have completed Venturing leader-specific training. Wood Badge training is highly desirable.

Application Process

The first step in the adult leader application process is to prepare a letter of interest including all of the information detailed below. The Jamboree Committee will review that information before deciding which applicants to interview.

Please provide all of the following information in the form of a letter of interest to the attention of Wally Smith.

1. Full name, home address, date of birth, phone numbers and email address.
2. What is your current position in Scouting? List all past positions and indicate how many total years have you been registered in Scouting.
3. List all Boy Scout and Venture leader training completed with dates. If Wood Badge is partially completed, when do you expect to finish?
4. List all Scouting awards received.
5. A brief employment resume describing your roles and responsibilities.
6. A summary of your Boy Scout and Venture experience, including all positions in which you've served and the camps you have attended. Describe the role(s) you fulfilled in camps.
7. Describe all other camping experience, in and out of Scouting, including roles where significant travel of the group was included.
8. Describe your current Boy Scout Troop and/or Venture Crew, including size, membership, camping frequency and youth leadership philosophy.
9. A summary of any other youth organization experience, including all positions in which you have served and your roles in outdoor programs or group travel.
10. A summary of other community organizations in which you are active and the roles in which you serve.
11. Please list your hobbies and personal interests.
12. Describe your abilities with constructing or repairing outdoor related equipment.
13. Describe your medical or first aid training and any relevant experience.
14. Do you have any language abilities other than English? Describe.
15. Identify the Jamboree leader position(s) you are interested in and explain why you think you are a good candidate. Identify any alternative positions you would accept.
16. Please provide names, relationships and phone numbers for the following who will be contacted as references of your capabilities to be a Jamboree adult leader.
 - a. your Troop or Crew Committee Chair;
 - b. if applying for a 3rd Assistant Scoutmaster, your Troop Scoutmaster;
 - c. a parent of a Scout in your Troop; and
 - d. someone in the top leadership position of any other youth group you have served as an adult leader.

Your letter of interest should be sent to Jim Reeder, Staff Advisor to the Council Jamboree Committee. His e-mail address is wally.smith@scouting.org, or mail can be addressed to him at Three Harbors Council BSA, 330 S. 84th St., Milwaukee, WI 53214-1468. If you have a question, he can be reached by phone at 414-443-2844.