

## **Coastal Georgia Council 2026 National Jamboree Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: Will the Coastal Georgia Council (CGC) be participating in the 2026 National Jamboree?

A: Yes. The CGC is teaming with the Atlanta Area Council (AAC) to provide a cost effective and robust experience for local Scouts to participate in the 2026 National Jamboree

Q: Why is the Coastal Georgia Council teaming with the Atlanta Area Council instead of forming our own contingent?

A: Council contingents are constructed in groups of 40 or 20 Scouts and leaders. These contingents are either all male, all female, or, if all participants meet the requirements, a mixed group like a Venture Crew. National requires that all slots have paid participants. Based on CGS 2023 Jamboree attendance and local surveys conducted in 2025, the CGC could not guarantee a full contingent without significant cost impact to those attending. By teaming with the Atlanta Area Council, we can provide this experience at a price point that will allow more CGC youth to participate.

Q: How many Coastal Georgia Council Youth can participate?

A: There is no limit to the number of CGC Scouts that can participate in the 2026 National Jamboree. Registration will be through the Atlanta Area Council portal. Participants will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. A waiting list will start once the current contingents are full (3 male units and 1 female unit, each with 36 youth slots). As the waiting list meets the requirement for an additional unit, we expect to add additional units.

Q: Will all Coastal Georgia Council youth be in the same contingent?

A: The contingents will be divided between male and female. Within contingents, efforts will be made to keep CGC participants together.

Q: Can Coastal Georgia Council adults participate as leaders?

A: CGC adults will be needed to support the combined council unit. National has implemented a strict 10:1 youth to leader policy, so the number of local leaders we will be able to approve will be dependent on number of CGC youth that participate. Adults interested in leadership roles can apply at the Atlanta Area Council registration page. The AAC will work with the CGC to select the appropriate leaders.

Q: Will Coastal Georgia Council adults be responsible for CGC youth?

A: CGC adults will be needed to support the combined council unit and are expected to be placed in units that have CGC youth participants. CGC youth headcount and gender will impact the number and role of CGC adults in the contingent

Q: Can Coastal Georgia Council adults be Jamboree Scoutmasters?

A: Based on expected youth participation, we expect all contingent Scoutmasters to come from the Atlanta Area Council

Q: Will we have dedicated Coastal Georgia Council 2026 National Jamboree patches?

A: The current fee covers patches from the combined Atlanta Area Council contingent. The CGC is considering local patches that may be available for an additional fee.

Q: Will there be contingent meetings before the Jamboree?

A: Yes. Participants should expect a combination of virtual and in-person meetings related to the Jamboree. Details will be developed as the contingents mature. There will be mandatory participation required in a Shakedown campout at Bert Adams Scout Camp in April/May 2026, the specific date has not been set.

Q: Will Scouts get a chance to meet other contingent members prior to the Jamboree?

A: There will be a mandatory participation required in a Shakedown campout at Bert Adams Scout Camp in April/May 2026, the specific date has not been set.

Q: Where will the contingent depart from for the Jamboree?

A: The exact location may vary depending on which contingent you are assigned. Departure for the Jamboree will be from the Atlanta area. Historically, departure has been in the afternoon with the bus traveling overnight to the Jamboree.

Q: How will Coastal Georgia Council participants travel to the Jamboree departure area?

A: Transportation plans will vary based on the number of CGC youth and adults that participate in the Jamboree and where they are located within the Council. The CGC is considering transportation plans that may be available for an additional fee and will finalize those once contingent membership is defined.