

STEM Quest Staff Newsletter 4

April, 2017

Jamboree Dates

July 19 to July 28, 2017

Staff Dates:

July 15 to July 28, 2017

Senior Staff

Lisa Balbes

Director

Lisa@balbes.com

Andrew Flowers

Vice Chair – Operations

Andrew.Flowers@att.com

Chris Jordan

Vice Chair Summit Center
Satellite

jordance@att.net

Bob Parker

Vice Chair of Staff

rmparker@gmail.com

Bruce Levitt

Staff Communications

BruceALevitt@gmail.com

Scott Medlock

Staff Recruitment

scottm@openrsm.com

Welcome to the fourth **STEM Quest** newsletter for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. We are going to have seven awesome full days of program across the Jamboree experience. As of April 1st, we are only 109 days away from welcoming scouts to **STEM Quest**.

We are working hard to provide Scouts with hands-on experiences involving applications of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in modern society. Independently, and with partner companies and institutions, our staff will assist Scouts in diverse activities involving chemistry, electronics, forensics, information technology, molecular biology, physics, and robotics just to mention a few. Our staff includes many youth, such as older Scouts and Venturers, who are focusing engineering or the sciences in high school or college.



What's New:

Critical Dates:

Medical Form Due:	April 19th
Tentmate Selection	May 5th
Staff Gear Orders to assure delivery in time for Jamboree, shipping is currently tracking at 4 to 6 weeks-	April 15th
All Staff Calls	Wednesday, April 12, 6pm Central Wednesday, May 31, 7pm Central Thursday, June 29th, 8pm Central
Optional - Additional Staff Patch Order Closes	April 30th
Optional Staff Nameplate	May 12th
Youth Protection	June 1st
Staff Arrival	July 19th

Teardown and Closing: **STEM Quest** will officially close at 4pm on Thursday, July 27, and we will start tearing down. There is a closing show Thursday night from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. We will need and expect everyone back at STEM Quest Friday morning to finish packing and cleaning, but as soon as we are done, you will be free to go (not before noon, but most likely by 4pm on Friday, July 28th.) No staff buses will leave for car storage until noon on the 28th, so you will have time to help close us out.

All material that is brought into the staff by our staff and partners will need to be taken away and off-site for reuse. In other words - **Pack It In, Pack It Out.**

All STEM Quest Staff Meeting: We will have our next all staff **STEM Quest** virtual meeting on Wednesday, April 12, 6pm Central. To attend, use www.uberconference.com/jessicajanscha or call in to 972-505-3842.

Questions can always be posted on the Facebook group at

www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=2017%20national%20jamboree%20stem%20quest%20staff



www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/

Optional Staff Nameplate: If you would like a personalized name plate representing your Jamboree position, see:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/6767-103518-2017-Jamboree-Nameplate-Order-FormsR7E.pdf>

Orders must be placed by May 12 to assure delivery by the Jamboree.

Forms: We recommend that you bring paper copies of all Jamboree paperwork that is specifically addressed to you with you. This includes;

Registration Form
Medical Insurance Card
Medical Form
Youth Protection Training Certificates - Boy Scout and Venturing
Tentmate Selection

We recommend that the medical form and insurance card copy be kept in a plastic bag in your personnel day pack at all times, making it available to medical personnel if needed.

Arrival and Departure Dates: The Jamboree cannot accept early arrivals or late departures from the site. Please make accommodations for travel within the dates provided.

Medical Knowledge is Safety: For your safety the **STEM Quest** management team would like to know if you have any medical conditions of which we should be aware when you are on-site, such as use of an inhaler, allergies, or specific medical conditions that may impact initial first aid service. If you wish to provide this information, please send to rmparker@gmail.com, and it will be shared only on a need-to-know basis.

Tent Mates: You can select your two besties as tent mates this summer. Have friends in your Council you want to "room" with? Great!, Have friends from previous Jamborees that you want to renew friendships with? Great! Make your request at:

<https://reservations.scouting.org/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x81283bcb1>

You will need their BSA ID#, Jamboree registration number and work area. Requests must be made by May 5.

STEM Quest Staff Survey: You should have received an email with a staff survey. Thanks to the over 100 staff who have replied. This survey will allow us to understand your unique capabilities and interests, so we can tailor your **STEM Quest** experience. If you have not completed the survey please do so ASAP at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/3Pn6pMqjJVPKp52H2>

On-Site Transportation

The Jamboree will be providing on-site transportation for staff to get to STEM Quest in the morning and home in the afternoon. The Red Line will take staff from Echo to STEM Quest and the Gold Line will take staff from Echo to Summit Center. The Gold Line will not stop at **STEM Quest** main site. The number of busses will be determined by for full occupancy, so if you want to take the bus you may need to leave well before your scheduled start time. Transportation is not planning on running partially filled busses for staff. Staff busses will switch to other routes at a predetermined time and those left at Echo will need to walk to their work site.

Communications - Remind

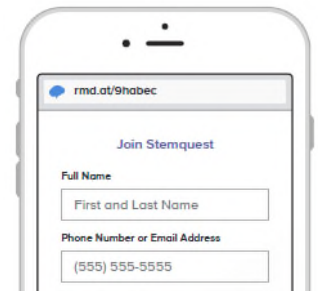
We will be using Remind as our communications system at Jamboree, please register for this app.

You can choose how you will receive messages for **STEM Quest**:

If you have a smart phone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link: rmd.at/9habec

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



If you don't have a smart phone, you can still get text notifications.

Text the message **@9habec** to the number **81010**.

If you're having trouble with **81010**, try texting **@9habec** to **(804) 457-6812**.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to rmd.at/9habec on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

We need all staff to register with this application. This will be our primary means of communication during the Jamboree.

Youth Protection

All staff **must** have current Youth Protection training to attend the Jamboree – taking both Boy Scout and Venturing versions is highly recommended. This will be checked at the off-site registration location, and without it *you will not be allowed on the Jamboree site, regardless of other considerations*. Please make sure to update your youth protection credentials prior to June 1st, to make sure that there is plenty of time for your credentials to work their way through the scouting system. We strongly recommend that you bring paper copies documenting completion with you to the Jamboree.

STEM Quest Patches

There will be a limited edition patch to each participant that visits **STEM Quest** at Jamboree. Stay tuned for a preview.

In addition, we will have a staff patch, and each staffer will receive 2 and be able to purchase as many as you want.

To order you should have received a personalized email from Robert Parker (rmparker65@gmail.com) your login and a second with the following:



- You will be asked to login during the purchase process.
- All patches will be delivered at the Jamboree on your first day.
- The patches are \$3 each and there is a \$1 charge for handling on each order (this covers the fees we have to pay to the company hosting the payment process)
- You will need to order with a credit card.
- Patch orders will close on April 30. We will order a limited number of additional patches that will be for sale first come first serve at the Jamboree. Patches purchased at the Jamboree will cost \$4
- All funds raised after we pay patch cost and fees will be used for staff appreciation activities.
- The patch is a pocket patch about the same size as a traditional circular pocket patch.

Jamboree Mobile App

Jamboree is very pleased to announce that the mobile app for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree is released and ready for download! Search for "Event Truly" in the iOS or Google app stores. Load it today and get the latest news from Jamboree.

On the Jamboree App you will find:

Activities	Maps	Scout Surveys
Documents	Notifications	Sponsors
Events	Record Visits	Twitter
Exhibits	Schedules	Vendors
Guide	Scout Stuff	Videos
		Websites

In each category there are multiple levels of additional information for you to explore.

Jamboree Gear:

Can't wait to get your hands on Jamboree stuff? Have your received you Jamboree Gear Catalog? If not here is the link:

www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/jamboree.html?ET_CID=ET_CID%3DJAM2_22_EB_02212017&SRC=AC

How about customized **STEM Quest** stuff? The staff store is now on-line at:

www.jamboree2017.sgtradingpost.online/shop/category/Summit-Center?c=1731042&ctype=0

Order today and it should be shipped to you in four to six weeks based on current tracking. Wear it at home before you go, to promote the Jamboree and **STEM Quest**.

STEM Quest Sites

Summit Center Location



STEM Quest Main Site



Uniforming:

When on duty at STEM Quest staff uniforming is scout pants or shorts, socks, belt, hat (optional) and either a field uniform shirt or a official grey Summit Center activity shirt. Activity shirts come in t-shirts (wicking or cotton), polo or fishing styles.

Wicking -

<http://www.jamboree2017.sgtradingpost.online/shop/category/Summit-Center?c=1731042&ctype=0>

or

Cotton -

http://www.jamboree2017.sgtradingpost.online/shop/view_product/J2017__Summit_Center__KP150__Emb__100__Cotton_Polo?c=1731042&ctype=0&n=8857257&o=0

or

Fishing

http://www.jamboree2017.sgtradingpost.online/shop/view_product/J2017__Summit_Center__FSSS__Emb__Field_Shirt?c=1731042&ctype=0&n=8860022&o=0

Please make sure to select "**STEM Quest**" from the drop down menu to have it added to your shirts (no additional charge). You may also add your name if you like (\$3/item)

Overall Program Schedule

Wednesday, July 19

Youth arrive, program runs 10 - 5, early hours may be light as youth are arriving and setting up.

Thursday

Standard Program 9 to 5
Council visitor day,

Friday

Standard Program 9 to 5
General Visitor Day

Saturday

Standard Program 9 to 5
Big Welcome Show in the evening

Sunday

Worship services
Program 1-5pm

Monday

Fellowship and Service show in PM

Tuesday / Wednesday

Standard Program 9 to 5

Thursday

Program ends at 4pm

Friday

8 to Noon **STEM Quest** close-out
No staff can leave until noon, at the earliest.

Get to Know Your Staff

Bob Parker is the Vice Chair of Staff for **STEM Quest**. He served on TechQuest staff at the 2013 Jamboree. Bob currently serves as Cubmaster of Pack 250 and Committee Chair of Troop 250 both located in Heathsville, Va. He serves as district advancement chair and as recording clerk on the National Friends Committee on Scouting. He has completed Woodbadge and will be serving as a Troop Guide this fall for the Heart of Va Woodbadge course. He has received the Vigil Honor and the Silver Beaver Award. Bob is the father of two Eagle Scouts.



In real life Bob is the Mathematics Discipline Lead at Rappahannock Community College in Warsaw Va. He is a member of Rich Square Monthly Meeting Religious Society of Friends in Woodland NC.

Corporate Partners

Here is the current list of our program partners:

West Virginia University 21st Century Forensics
University of Virginia School of Engineering and Applied Science
University of Charleston, School of Pharmacy
US Army Corps of Engineers
US Air Force STEM
US Army (Mobile) STEM Asset Experience
Goddard Space Flight Center's Robotics Alliance Project Mobile
Machine Shop
Lincoln Electric/AWS
IEEE Mobile Outreach Vehicle (MOVE)
FIRST
NASA
Clay Center "Power Your Future"

Know of another potential partner? Let Lisa know at lisa@balbes.com.

STEM Affiliated Merit Badges

At the jamboree here is a listing of **STEM** related merit badges bring offered and those incorporated into our site.

Robotics MB
Chemistry MB

Engineering MB
Electricity MB

Electronics MB
Welding MB

Other STEM Merit Badges offered at the Jamboree include:

Archaeology
Architecture
Astronomy
Aviation
Chess

Game Design
Geology
Insect Study
Mining in Society
Programming

Signs, Signals, and
Codes
Surveying
Sustainability

What you can do now:

Do you know of others in your unit, district or council that would be an asset to **STEM Quest**? We want to recruit them. ***Share this newsletter!*** Have them register at:

<http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/volunteers/>

Convince your friends to volunteer with you, and you can share a tent!

Our website is constantly updated with corporate and academic partners, FAQ answers, and leadership team info. Check it out at www.jambostem.org .