

# STEM Quest Staff Newsletter

## Jamboree Dates

July 19 to July 28, 2017

## Staff Dates:

July 15 to July 2, 2017

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Welcome this is the first **STEM Quest** newsletter for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve. We are going to have seven awesome days of program within the 10-day Jamboree experience.

As a part of STEM Quest we will offer high-tech, state-of-the-art exhibits where participants and staff will work together to explore the application of science and technology in our lives.



STEM Quest will 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 participants 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 Venture Crew members focusing on engineering or the sciences in high school or college.

In 2017, the new **STEM Quest** program area will be expanded and located adjacent to The Pools at the intersection of Jack Furst Dr. and Upper Ridge Road. As in 2013, each Jamboree troop and crew will be assigned to visit **STEM Quest** on a specific half-day, and will be able to return in their free time. There will also be a sampler of STEM-related exhibits in the Walter Scott Summit Center and a "Science Behind the Sport" program at selected adventure areas.

## STEM Quest Basics:

- The **STEM Quest** site will be about 350 vertical feet lower and 1 mile closer to the Staff Village than the 2013 Tech Quest location. Check out the site at <https://goo.gl/maps/K5coFMCF9L72>
- There will be a transportation system to help move staff around the site.
- All staff members will have at least 1 day off to explore the Jamboree.



## Check out our website:

We have our own website that is constantly updated with corporate and academic partners, FAQ answers and leadership team info. Check us out at [www.jambostem.org](http://www.jambostem.org).

## 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/> (And did you know that this time you can even choose to tent with your friends?)
- Are there STEM contacts in your council we can contact to help recruit more staff? Email their information to Bob Parker [rmparker65@gmail.com](mailto:rmparker65@gmail.com)
- Give us your ideas - Do you have an idea for an interactive exhibit or fun STEM demo that we can facilitate?
- Do you know of a educational or corporate partner who should be working with us?
- Is there a world record activity that we could set?



[www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/](http://www.summitbsa.org/events/jamboree/overview/)



There are many reasons to join our staff at **STEM Quest** including:

- Directly interacting with thousands of Scouts
- Enlightening Scouts to new avenues of STEM in a fun and interactive environment
- Work with a team of like-minded professionals.
- Have opportunity to fully appreciate the entire Jamboree experience
- Work with current and future STEM professionals
- Participate in unique staff appreciation events

**Recruitment:** We want our staff to have energy and to engage one-on-one with youth interested in STEM activities. Anyone interested in STEM is welcome, especially STEM instructors and technical professionals. We need them to support our all volunteer staff of over 200 staff members. Our general marketing has been successful, but we could use more help. Do you know anyone who would be a good staff member? Let us know. If you need help recruiting the individual, let us know. We can send them information and make a personnel phone call to invite them.



Lisa Balbes and Miles

### Know your staff?

**Dr. Lisa Balbes - STEM Quest Director** - Lisa is a member of the national BSA STEM Committee; Boy Scout STEM Chair for the Greater St. Louis Area Council, and Advancement Chair for the New Horizons District. She has been ASM-Advancement for Troop 352 for 14 years. She served on the Chemistry Merit Badge staff for the 2010 and 2013 Jamborees. She is a Brotherhood member of the OA, and was honored with the Silver Beaver in 2014. She is the proud mother of two Eagle Scouts.

In real life, Lisa has a PhD in Chemistry and has been a freelance technical writer/editor with Balbes Consultants LLC for almost 25 years.

**Corporate Partners** - We have been busy recruiting and establishing contacts in the professional and academic communities:

Our current partners include:



Know of another partner let us know at: [lisa@balbes.com](mailto:lisa@balbes.com)