Scout BSA Jamboree Photo Contest (on-site) Rules & Categories

Purpose

The Scout BSA Jamboree Photo Contest is designed to encourage Scouts and Scouters to capture and share the spirit, adventure, leadership, and fun of the jamboree while promoting positive Scouting values.

Eligibility

1. Contest is open to all registered:
    - Scout BSA youth participants
    - Cub Scout youth participants
    - Venturers/Sea Scouts attending
    - Adult leaders and staff
2. Photos must be taken during the current jamboree event. Noon Friday-6:00pm Sunday
3. The photographer must be the person submitting the photo.

General Rules

1. Photo Requirements

- Photos must be original work taken by the entrant.
- Photos must be taken during the jamboree dates and location.
- Minor editing is allowed (cropping, brightness, color correction).
- **AI-generated or heavily digitally altered images are NOT allowed**.
- Photos must follow all BSA Youth Protection and Safety guidelines.
- Subjects must be properly uniformed when required and demonstrating safe Scouting practices.

2. Submission Guidelines

- Maximum of 5 photos per participant.
- Digital submissions only.
- Acceptable formats: JPG or PNG.
- Minimum resolution: 300 dpi.
- Each photo must include:
    - Photographer's name
    - Unit number / District
    - Photo title
    - Category entered
    - Short description (optional but recommended)

3. Deadline

All entries must be submitted by:
Date: November 13, 2026
Time: 11:59 p.m.

mtcphotocontest2026@gmail.com

Judging Criteria

Photos will be judged on:

- Creativity and originality
- Composition and lighting
- Storytelling and emotion
- Representation of Scout values
- Overall impact

Awards (Example)

- Best Overall Photo
- Best Youth Photographer
- Best Adult Photographer
- Category winners
- People's Choice Award (optional)

Usage Permission

By submitting photos, participants grant permission for the council/event to use photos for promotional,

educational, and historical purposes with credit given to the photographer.

Photo Categories

1. Scouting in Action

Photos capturing Scouts actively participating in activities at the Council Jamboree:

- Camping
- Hiking
- Skills demonstrations
- Competitions
- Program events

---

2. Patrol / Team Spirit

Photos that show:

- Patrol teamwork
- Unit pride
- Group cooperation
- Scout camaraderie

---

3. Outdoor Adventure & Nature

Photos highlighting:

- Landscapes
- Wildlife
- Campsite scenery
- Environmental appreciation

---

4. Leadership in Action

Photos showing:

- Youth leadership
- Teaching skills
- Mentoring younger Scouts
- Leading activities

---

5. Scout Life / Candid Moments

Fun, natural, unscripted moments that show:

- Fellowship
- Daily camp life
- Humor and personality

---

6. Service & Good Turn

Photos showing Scouts performing:

- Service projects
- Helping others
- Community or conservation efforts

---

7. Scout Skills Close-Up

Photos featuring detailed shots of:

- Knots and lashings
- Cooking
- Fire building
- First aid
- Craftsmanship

---

8. Campfire & Night Photography

Photos capturing:

- Campfires
- Evening programs
- Night sky
- Lantern or firelight scenes

Safety & Conduct Clause

Any photo showing unsafe behavior, Youth Protection violations, or actions inconsistent with Scout Oath and Law will be disqualified.