

Boy Scout's of America

National Jamboree - 2013

World Jamboree – 2019

A Boy Scouts of America camp under construction in southern West Virginia will host the 2019 World Scout Jamboree.

The selection was announced following a vote by the World Scout Conference in Curitiba, Brazil. The conference comprises 160 national scouting associations representing 220 countries and territories. Each association is able to send Scouts to represent their country at a world jamboree every four years. The world jamboree is being held this year in Sweden and in 2015 in Japan.

At the West Virginia event, attendees at a world jamboree for the first time will be able to participate in whitewater rafting, rock climbing and mountain biking, said James Turley, the Scouts' international commissioner.

"We are very pleased that the conference saw the wealth of new and exciting activities that will be available at this site and will make it available to young people in the program," Turley said in a news release.

It's the latest coup for the 10,600-acre project in Fayette County near the New River Gorge National River.

In 2009, the Scouts unveiled plans for its fourth high-adventure camp and the permanent home of the group's national jamboree, replacing Fort A.P. Hill, Va. The project is expected to be completed in time to host the national jamboree in July 2013.

The West Virginia project received a \$50 million gift from retired engineering and construction magnate Stephen Bechtel Jr. a year ago.

The world jamboree will be the first held in the United States in more than 40 years.

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