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From: Inland Northwest Council

To: All youth and Adults interested in attending the 2021 National Scout Jamboree as part of the Inland Northwest Council Contingents.

Subject: Selection, Payment and Refund Policy

Welcome! As a potential member of the Inland Northwest Council’s 2021 National Scout Jamboree (NSJ) Contingent you are about to embark on an adventure that you will remember for a lifetime. **The council has been awarded one 40-person Scouts BSA Male Contingent (36 youth, 4 adults) and one 10-person, Scouts BSA Female partial Contingent (8 Youth, 2 Adults).** The female contingent will combine with other councils to form a 40-person full contingent.Registering your interest for either contingent must be done by visiting the NSJ registration site at <https://jamboree.scouting.org/>.

Contingent Selection Process for Youth.

This National Scout Jamboree only occurs every four years so most youth only get one opportunity to attend. To ensure fairness to the maximum extent possible, the council will use the below Tier System when selecting and approving youth for the contingent until the first payment deadline. Any remaining slots after the first payment due date will be first come. First serve pending approval.   
  
Tier 1: Youth who have not attended NSJ and will be too old to attend as a youth in 2025.  
  
Tier 2: Youth who have not attended NSJ before.  
  
Tier 3: Youth who have previously attended an NSJ.

Contingent Selection Process for Youth.

Adult Leadership will follow a similar process as outlined below but may be adjusted by the Scout Executive to meet YPT requirements or is in the best interest of the contingent and council. This does not apply to the contingency leader who will be approved by the Scout Executive.   
  
Tier 1: Registered adult who has a youth approved for the contingent.  
  
Tier 2: Adults who have not attended NSJ.

Tier 3: Adults who have previously attended NSJ. Adults in this category should also consider applying for staff if a position on the contingent is not available.

Payment and Refunds.

The fee for attending the NSJ as a participant in 2021 is $1,175. The cost of the INWC Contingent travel schedule and plans as well as contingent gear (jacket, hat, patches, backpack & duffel) is approximately $2,925 (cost may be subject to change with changes in air travel and hotel costs) for a total trip cost of $4,100. Fundraising will be likely be necessary by all participants both youth and adult and multiple opportunities will be available through the council Camp Card and Popcorn Fundraisers.

Payment Schedule:

**1st payment = $175 per person – due June 1, 2020**

**2nd payment = $625 per person – due Aug 31, 2020**

**3rd payment = $1250 per person – due November 30, 2020**

**4th payment = $1250 per person – due February 28, 2021**

**Final payment = $800 per person – due May 31, 2021**

Refund Policy:

The NSJ Refund Policy states all fees are non-refundable, nor may they be applied to the balance of fees if the size of the Contingent is reduced. If an individual has signed up to attend and then finds he or she cannot attend, a refund may be processed by the local council only if they have a replacement Contingent member to take their place. Individual refund requests should be submitted to the council staff advisor.

The Council started the planning process in 2019 by signing a legal agreement that requires non-refundable installment payments to the Summit by specific dates. Once a person commits to the council Contingent, they have locked out that position to other potential applicants. No refunds will be given unless a replacement for that specific position is found. New applicants are not considered replacements until the Contingent is full.

The council and Contingent leaders will attempt to remind Contingent members when payments are coming due; but it is the responsibility of the individual to ensure payments are made by the due dates unless other arrangements are made with the council coordinator. Failure to make scheduled payments could result in the slot be forfeited.

Your Contingent Leader will be identified in the near future and will be your first point of contact for questions. Again, welcome to the Inland Northwest Council 2021 National Scout Jamboree Contingent! You are in for an adventure of a lifetime!

Sincerely

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