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Location for New High Adventure Base Announced

The West Virginia site, in the New River Gorge Area, was chosen from 80 proposals in 28 states during a more than 18 month long process. The new site will be home to the 2013 National Scout Jamboree, future jamborees, a national high-adventure base, and other innovative programs. The location borders more than 70,000 acres of National Park Service property, meaning Boy Scouts will have more trails to hike, more rocks to climb and more whitewater to paddle.

"Because of its proximity to the population centers of the United States and because of the things that we're going to be able to do there, we're going to be *the* most attended, the busiest of the four bases in a very, very short period of time," said Bob Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America.

The three existing high adventure bases for the Boy Scouts are located in New Mexico, Minnesota and Florida. Together, they draw 50,000 young people every year with some 20,000 others on a wait list.

The development of the site is possible because of a \$50 million gift from the S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation. It is the largest gift *ever* in the history of the Boy Scouts.

Stephen Bechtel, whose company is an engineering and construction company, is an Eagle Scout and says he traces a lot of the skills he's used in his adult life back to his time in the Boy Scouts.

The new site will officially be named "The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve."

The Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve will be located off of Route 19 at Glen Jean and Mount Hope, between Route 19 and the New River.

Some of the land is reclaimed mine property.

Detailed plans for the site are still being finalized. The goal is to finish work there in time for the 2013 National Scout Jamboree.



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