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Jamboree Flash Update

Footwear

Few things on your Jamboree packing list are more important than SHOES!

Sturdy shoes are a firm requirement for the Jamboree site. Not only will you be engaged in lots of fun physical activities, but you will also need to get between locations within the Jamboree site. Shoes should have laces, be closed-toe, and be well broken-in (tested and frequently worn before next summer).

So what type of shoe is best?

Hiking boots are great for mountains, but the Jamboree site has lots of gravel roads and grassy fields. Heavy boots may be bulky, tiring, and cumbersome during activities. Biking, climbing, and skateboarding would not be as fun in heavy hiking boots.

Tennis/Track/Athletic shoes (sometimes called sneakers in the USA) will be good for most activities but may not offer you the all-day support that your feet need. In rain or during trail activities, will your shoes hold up? Most slip-on shoes or fashion lace-ups will not keep up with all the fun you will want to have!

The best of both worlds might be called a TRAIL SHOE. These shoes are designed for trail walking and running, offering you grip, support, and comfort during activities. The shoes you already wear to most campouts in the woods are likely "trail shoes" -- neither white soled athletic shoes nor full mountain hiking boots. This middle ground is perfect for the 24th World Scout Jamboree.

Based on the terrain found at the Summit Bechtel Reserve open-toe sandals are not recommended for Jamboree activities outside of the troop campsites. Some programs may require a closed-toe shoe for safety precautions.

So, pack light and bring two pairs of "trail shoes". Alternatively, perhaps you can pack "trail shoes" along with a set of "athletic shoes" for perfecting your kick-flip at the skateboard park. However, be sure to test them out, and be ready to walk, run, play, and challenge yourself!