

What Loyal, Accomplished Scouts and Their Families Have To Say

- “As an Eagle Scout who attended the national jamboree I have witnessed the infrastructure necessary to run such an event. I am a cadet at the Virginia Military Institute near Goshen and I would hate to see the environmental consequences of hosting the Jamboree.”

- “I attended the National Jamboree as a scout and as an adult. I spent a number of years on staff at Goshen Scout Reservation. In every way imaginable, to hold a Jamboree at Goshen would have severe negative consequences on the environment, the county infrastructure, the Pass which I love and the Camp which holds a special place in my heart. No, no, no!”

- My son is an Eagle Scout..... I support the concepts of the BSA. The notion to install the Jamboree in Goshen goes AGAINST the concepts of conservation that my son learned as a scout. The area of Goshen has historically been a common place for people to visit and enjoy with minimal impact to the environment. There is simply no reason to go against what has been an acceptable visitation approach by the people of Rockbridge County. There are other ways to bring financial assistance to this community that will not impact the beauty of this county.
So my vote is to NOT ALLOW THIS DEVELOPMENT TO HAPPEN!

- I am an avid supporter of Scouting and am, in fact, an assistant scoutmaster in the Heart of Virginia Council. As an organization, BSA should be more concerned with the conservation of a truly beautiful and unique part of the country rather than focus on presenting such a monstrous production that will undoubtedly harm the natural resources of the area.

- I am the mother of two Eagle Scouts who have attended the Jamborees. I also value Goshen, as they attended summer camp there. It is appalling to think that this could be allowed in such a pristine and natural treasure in our Commonwealth.

- I am a former Life Scout who would like to say "Keep the Jamboree out of Goshen Pass and instead, keep it at Fort A.P. Hill!

- I am an EAGLE SCOUT, I have attended a National Jamboree, I have been a scout leader for many years in the past. With that knowledge, I believe the Goshen Scout Reservation is not an appropriate site for such an undertaking in my opinion.

- Knowing the logistic and infrastructure needs for hosting a BSA jamboree, I am amazed that this site was chosen. The water and sewage issue alone is reason for genuine concern. Any effluent emerging from the proposed facility would have significant and detrimental impacts on the historic Goshen Pass. The stream immediately below the proposed site is already designated as impaired by the state of Virginia in part because of poor management by the current BSA Council using the site..... I am an Eagle Scout As a youth and young adult, I held almost every position in a BSA troop, was on summer camp staffs for 7 years, went to Philmont Scout Ranch, was very active in the Order of the Arrow, received the adult Woodbadge training, and was Chairman of the Camping and Activities Committee for a Council..... This BSA proposal is an excellent example of the human carrying capacity far exceeding the capability of the land to support it. The results can be catastrophic.
