

## Youth Scouts Represent Catalina Council in 2023 National Jamboree



Tucson Scouts pictured in front of the camping tents at the 2023 National Jamboree in West Virginia.

**TUCSON, ARIZ** (August 9, 2023) – The 2023 National Jamboree is the “adventure of a lifetime.” Held every four years, this year’s event took place at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia at the end of July. This was the first National Jamboree to include females after Scouts BSA opened the Scouting program to female participants in 2019. Seven Scouts and two adults from Catalina Council traveled for eleven days of character building, rigorous outdoor activities, and team bonding exercises. Each Scout earned a set of patches for learning about the science behind sports with West Virginia University.

Jamboree participation is open to all 1st class rank Scouts 12 years of age or older. Scouts were able to participate in Whitewater rafting, rock climbing, pistol and shotgun shooting, extreme mountain biking, zip lines, fly fishing, hiking, scavenger hunts, and various inflatable obstacle courses.

“My favorite memory was my daughter Vaida and her buddy Callie—who joined Scouting together—dancing and rocking out to the marching band playing Sweet Caroline. We then hiked back to camp while patch trading and sharing slices of cake,” said Liz Knepp, Scout leader and Committee Chair of Catalina Council, BSA.

Knepp hopes to bring more exciting events similar to the Jamboree to Tucson introducing a variety of high adventure activities to older youth in the Scouting program.

**About Catalina Council, BSA**

*The Catalina Council, BSA, is a nonprofit organization that has been serving youth in Southern Arizona for over 100 years and offers development programs for young people from Kindergarten to age 21. For additional information, visit [catalinacouncil.org](http://catalinacouncil.org).*

###

**Media Contact:**

Marielle Babb

Email: [mbabb@nupointmarketing.com](mailto:mbabb@nupointmarketing.com)