36TH ANNUAL

ARCH CANYON

DATES	LOCATION	TRAIL RATING	STYLE
APR 29 – MAY 1, 2027	BLANDING, UTAH 37.6096823, -109.4844933	3 – 7	A Select Jeep Jamboree. Friday and Saturday dinners included. You are responsible for breakfast and lunch.

FOLLOW THE FLOW WHEN YOU ARRIVE

STEP 01
VEHICLE EVALUATION
Clean undercarriage required

STEP 02
REGISTRATION
Photo ID and signed waiver

STEP 03
TRAIL SIGN-UP
First come, first served

Evaluation and registration are mandatory before sign-up. Trails fill first come, first served — your guides will match you to a trail based on your Jeep and your comfort level. Registration may open early to suit local conditions; there is no late registration Friday morning. Bring your signed waiver: link.jeepjam.com/waiver — and don't worry, there are extras at the event if needed.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS Utah requires all off-highway vehicle operators to complete the once-in-a-lifetime Utah OHV Education Course (Utah Code 41-22-31(1)(B)). Complete it before you arrive: link.jeepjam.com/utahohv

THURSDAY APR 29

3:00 p.m.	Vehicle evaluation, registration and trail sign-ups at the Blanding Arts & Events Center, until 5:00 p.m. No late registration Friday. Be sure to fill your tank for tomorrow!

FRIDAY APR 30

8:00 a.m.	Mandatory General Attendance meeting at the Blanding Arts & Events Center. Pack a lunch!
8:30 a.m.	Depart with your trail group. Trail ride 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., with lunch along the trail. Lunch time varies based on trail progress.
5:30 p.m.	Special guest, then dinner 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Be sure to fill your tank for tomorrow!

SATURDAY MAY 1

8:00 a.m.	Mandatory General Attendance meeting at the Blanding Arts & Events Center. Pack a lunch!
8:30 a.m.	Depart with your trail group. Trail ride 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., with lunch along the trail.
6:00 p.m.	Dinner at the Blanding Arts & Events Center, until 7:30 p.m. Prize drawings following dinner.

WHERE TO GO

BLANDING ARTS & EVENTS CENTER — HEADQUARTERS

Utah State University – Blanding Campus · 715 W 200 S, Blanding, UT 84511

link.jeepjam.com/archbaec

WHAT HAPPENS HERE

Vehicle evaluation, registration and trail sign-ups Thursday; the mandatory 8:00 a.m. meetings and dinner Friday and Saturday.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ARCH CANYON COORDINATOR

Set in the heart of Utah's remote canyon country in the scenic high red-rock desert, this Jamboree, which was one of Mark's Smith's favorites, takes you through the area of cliffs the Anasazi Indians called home. Participants can view ancient inscriptions and dwellings up close. With the granting of our 10-year permit in 2021, we have been able to expand our trail offerings. We have the traditional Hotel Rock trail as well as River House Ruins, Cameo Cliffs, and Jax Trax.

We regret to mention that the Arch Canyon trail, this Jamboree's namesake, is not available to us on the Jamboree. For several years, and continuing in 2027, no permitted off-roading groups are allowed to drive this trail during a sponsored event. The trail has historically been open to the public, but that is always subject to change. If you want to drive this trail before or after the Jamboree, there are plenty of apps and books to guide you on this trail.

Limited to a lower number of Jeeps, this Jamboree offers a more intimate setting than most. Vehicle evaluations, registration, and meals will be at the Blanding Arts & Events Center.

Due to the extreme environmental sensitivity of Arch Canyon, please do a high-pressure undercarriage wash of your Jeep before coming to the Jamboree. During vehicle evaluation, if it is found to be dirty to the point where it may drip oil or grease into the canyon stream (home to an endangered species), you will be asked to wash your Jeep's undercarriage at the local car wash before you can complete registration. We appreciate your support in this delicate matter, which helps us keep these very special trails open. Thank you!

INTERESTING FACTS

This is one of the most beautiful places in all of Utah's Canyon Lands, home of the "Ancient Ones." For thousands of years the Anasazi Indians flourished throughout the Four Corners area. It is estimated that over 250,000 Anasazi lived here in San Juan County alone. Remnants of their past can be seen in almost every canyon in southern Utah. Some of the largest concentrations of their past can be found here. Even today it is easy to understand why this culture consisting of hunter-gatherers chose this area in which to live. It is protected from harsh winters and searing summers. There is plentiful game, wild berries, roots and a year-round stream for water. Surely the scenic splendor of this place had something to do with their decision to settle here.

Their fingerprints can still be seen in the mud used to seal the inside walls of their dwellings. The prints look fresh, like they were made yesterday. This is a place where time has stood still. As you travel the Jamboree trails you will contemplate why a civilization numbering into the millions that prospered for thousands of years suddenly and mysteriously disappeared over 800 years ago. Was it war, drought, famine, or disease? No two authorities will agree on this issue.

HOTEL ROCK NORTH HARDEST

5–7

Begins at the bottom of Comb Ridge on what was, until the mid-1970s, Utah State Highway 95. After an air-down stop and driver's meeting, the trail climbs to Hotel Rock from the south: steep sections up and down, sharp dips and a few off-camber spots. Views reach 150 miles, to the San Juan Mountains of Colorado and the Lukachukais of Arizona and New Mexico. Lunch is at Hotel Rock, named for the ruins built into its walls by the "Ancient Ones," then the trail returns through the same obstacles. Time permitting, the day ends on the original Highway 95 shelf road above Comb Wash.

JAX TRAX

3–6

Mostly a 3, covering an area known as Hook and Ladder. Named by a local 4WD club for the late Jack Bickers, a pioneer backcountry explorer and guidebook author. Wanders across valleys and ridges with beautiful views and fun challenges like Top Notch and El Diablo.

L&L LOOP

3–5

Scouted by our guide team over several years. Shelf roads, dramatic overlooks, climbs and descents through sand, rock, slick rock and open valleys, with portions running alongside tribal lands. Wildlife sightings are common. Narrow areas may add some Utah pinstriping.

CAMEO CLIFFS

3–5

Old mineral exploration routes and settlers' trails: sandy desert roads, ledges and slick rock, including one steep downhill ledge that is borderline difficult. Views of Wilson Arch, Cameo Mesa, Dragon Rock, Yak Rock and the Four Fins Overlook, with the La Sal and Abajo Mountains behind.

RIVER HOUSE RUINS

3–4

A historic journey through the times of the Anasazi and the Mormon pioneers, with visits to River House Ruins, Newspaper Rock, petroglyphs, Bluff Fort and the San Juan Dugway. Not very challenging, but an educational, incredible sightseeing trail.

BEFORE YOU GO

REQUIRED

Missing any of these means you are turned away at registration, without a refund.

- THIS EVENT This event requires Double Occupancy. While you may attend alone, two spots must be purchased.
- THIS EVENT A high-pressure undercarriage wash before you arrive.
- Tow points: frame-mounted tow hooks with grade 6 or 8 bolts, draw bars and receiver hitches, or aftermarket bumpers with a manufacturer-installed clevis or D-ring.
- A working GMRS-compatible radio. Guides call out upcoming obstacles, plus local history and wildlife.
- A full-size spare tire.
- Seat belts for all occupants, worn on the trail.
- Street legal, registered and insured, with a license plate.
- STRICTLY ENFORCED Tires no larger than 40". Suspension lift no more than 6". No exceptions.
- Roll bars on all open-topped vehicles, including CJs, Scramblers and Willys.
- A rated tree saver and soft shackle if you run a winch.
- No buggy-style Jeeps and no snowplow frames.

Recommended: a tow strap with looped ends (metal hooks are not allowed), a fire extinguisher and first aid kit. Consider removing running boards and steps for higher-rated trails. Questions about your Jeep? Contact your Adventure Consultant before the event.

PACK LIST

Bring these with you — for registration, and for the trail.

- Signed waiver for every occupant; a parent or legal guardian signs for passengers under 18.
- Photo ID for the driver of record — the name must match the registration.
- Name badge, worn all weekend. It is your admission to trails and meals.
- Basic tool kit, first aid kit, tire gauge, rain jacket, clothing for all conditions.
- An ice chest of non-alcoholic drinks. Stay hydrated.
- Trail snacks and a chair or blanket for the lunch stop.
- Insect repellent, sun block, medications, hand sanitizer, flashlight, camera, binoculars.
- Toilet paper and zip-lock bags for tissue disposal.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Registrations, and adding, deleting or changing passengers, close 14 days before the event.
- Check a 10-day forecast for every location listed here; conditions differ sharply between them.
- Drones require permission from your trail guides, and many landowners and agencies prohibit them outright.
- Alcohol and non-prescription drugs on the trail mean immediate expulsion without a refund.
- Pets are strongly discouraged; a pet waiver is required at registration.
- Trail access may be granted to guided Jamboree groups only — returning on your own violates our land use agreements.

TRAIL RATING SYSTEM

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Relatively easy terrain. In optimum conditions some trails may not require continual use of 4WD.

3–5

Moderately demanding; a challenge for novice drivers. Mud holes, boulders, streams. Requires 4-LO.

6–7

Demanding at most skill levels. Deeper mud, larger boulders, steeper climbs. Requires 4-LO.

8–9

Very demanding. Getting stuck is likely and rock climbing is arduous. Lifts and lockers help.

Ratings describe the overall trail, not one or two tough spots. Rain, even from days prior, can raise a rating one or two points, especially on street tires. All vehicles are subject to a check before trail departure, and higher-rated trails are more likely to result in vehicle damage. When in doubt, ask a guide.

LODGING & CONTACTS

MOTELS

Arch Canyon Inn	435.678.3880
Monticello Inn (Pet Friendly)	800.952.6212
Four Corners Inn (Pet Friendly)	435.678.3257

CAMPING & RV PARKING

Blue Mountain RV Park	435.678.2570
Kamp Park	435.678.2770

QUESTIONS

Trip or Jeep questions: Shawn Gulling, shawn@jeepjam.com

Registration: registration@jeepjam.com

Passengers, changes and cancellations: jeepjamboreeusa.com/my-account

Radios and gear: link.jeepjam.com/radios

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