



2ND BIG BEAR CHALLENGE

Requires 35" tires and at least one locker, or any Rubicon model Jeep

LOCATION

Big Bear Lake, California
34.2409501,-116.9166498

DATE

October 19 – 21, 2023

DIFFICULTY

Trail Rating 3 – 9

STYLE

A Select Jeep Jamboree. Your dinners are included on Friday and Saturday. You are responsible for breakfast and lunch each day.

KEY EVENTS

REGISTRATION

Thursday @ 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

MANDATORY PRE-RIDE MEETING

Friday @ 8:30 a.m.

DINNER

Friday @ 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

MANDATORY PRE-RIDE MEETING

Saturday @ 8:30 a.m.

DINNER & PRIZES

Saturday @ 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

POLICIES & REMINDERS FOR ALL 2023 JEEP JAMBOREES

EVENT WAIVER

You are required to complete a [Release of Liability Waiver](#) for all occupants of your Jeep 4x4. You must bring it with you to on-site registration. All passengers in your Jeep 4x4 must sign a [Release of Liability Waiver](#). A parent or the minor's legal guardian must sign and date a waiver for participants under the age of 18 years old. If you forget your signed [Release of Liability Waiver](#), all occupants of your vehicle must be present at registration to sign a new waiver before you can receive your event credentials.

NEW ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS & CHANGES ARE NOT ACCEPTED

All new registrations of vehicles as well as adding, deleting, or changing passengers must be completed (14) fourteen days prior to the Jamboree date. Please refer to the refund and transfer policy on the last page of this itinerary or www.JeepJamboreeUSA.com

MAXIMUM TIRE SIZE

Participant Jeep tire size is not to exceed 40". If you exceed the tire limitations you will be turned away at registration and will not be allowed to attend the Jamboree or receive a refund.

VEHICLE MODIFICATIONS

- Seat belts are required in all vehicles for all occupants.
- Maximum suspension lift allowed is 6".
- Your Jeep must be street legal with valid registration and insurance.
- Buggy-style Jeeps are not allowed.

If you have questions as to whether or not your vehicle is acceptable, please contact your Adventure Consultant. If you exceed the lift limitations or do not meet original frame and body requirements, you will be turned away at registration and will not be allowed to attend the Jamboree or receive a refund. Admission of highly modified Jeeps without prior approval is subject to the discretion of the Jeep Jamboree Event Staff.

GMRS RADIOS ARE REQUIRED

A working GMRS radio is mandatory for all Jeep Jamboree events. Please see the last page of this itinerary or visit <https://link.jeepjam.com/radios> for more information.

FOLLOW THE FLOW

When you arrive at a Jeep Jamboree, you must complete these steps in this order:

Vehicle Evaluation → Registration → Trail Sign-Up

You will not be permitted to sign-up for trails until you have completed Vehicle Evaluation and Registration.

NAME BADGE

Each participant must wear their name badge throughout the entire Jamboree.

TRAIL STICKERS

Trail stickers provided at trail sign-ups must be displayed on your windshield prior to departing for any off-road trail ride.

TRAIL CONDITIONS

Trail conditions can vary widely between trails and even on the same trail on different days. Factors such as weather, other Jeepers, and the line you choose all have an effect on the trail and how your Jeep will traverse it. Rainfall, even from days prior, may increase trail ratings 1 or 2 points. When in doubt, ask a Jeep Jamboree Trail Guide for guidance. While we trim back as much brush as possible, we are limited by Federal, Tribal and Private landowners to the amount acceptable by each entity.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Weather conditions can be dynamic at a Jeep Jamboree. We recommend you look at a 10-day forecast of weather conditions. Be sure to check the weather for all areas listed in the itinerary as different locations may have very different temperatures.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Jeep Jamboree USA Off-Road Driving Tips booklet is the ultimate guide to safe, common sense off-road driving. View the guide at <https://link.jeepjam.com/drivingtips>

GET THE GEAR YOU NEED FOR YOUR ADVENTURE!

GMRS Radios, Tow Straps, Soft Shackles, Shirts, Hats, and more at www.JeepJamboreeUSA.com

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2ND BIG BEAR CHALLENGE ITINERARY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Please follow the flow when you arrive on Thursday: Vehicle Evaluation → Registration → Trail Selection/Sign-up

- No late registration on Friday morning.
- Vehicle Evaluation & Registration are mandatory prior to trail sign-ups.
- Bring your completed waiver to registration. Waiver is available at <https://link.jeeppjam.com/waiver>.
- Trail sign-up will take place after you register, on a first come, first served basis. Space is limited on each trail.
- Your guides will help you select trails based on your Jeep and your comfort level.
- Make sure you have a full tank of gas prior to the General Attendance Meeting on Friday.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Vehicle Evaluation, registration, and trail sign-ups will take place at Big Bear Lake Elks Lodge #1787 (Elks Lodge). Refer to *Key Locations & Links* on the next page for address and map link.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

8:30 a.m. **Mandatory** General Attendance meeting in the parking lot of the Elks Lodge.

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Trail ride with lunch along the trail around noon. Lunch time varies based on trail progress.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner served at the Elks Lodge. Make sure you have a full tank of gas for tomorrow.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2023

8:30 a.m. **Mandatory** General Attendance meeting in the parking lot of the Elks Lodge.

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Trail ride with lunch along the trail around noon. Lunch time varies based on trail progress.

5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dinner served at the Elks Lodge. Awards and prize drawings following dinner.

KEY LOCATIONS & LINKS

BIG BEAR LAKE ELKS LODGE #1787 (ELKS LODGE)

40611 Village Drive
Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
909.866.6190
Map Link: <https://link.jeeppjam.com/bigbear>

SPECIAL THANKS

Randy & Roxann Stockberger – Coordinators

Big Bear Trail Guides

USDA Forest Service

Big Bear Lake Elks Lodge

LODGING INFORMATION

HOTELS / MOTELS / RESORTS / CABINS

Golden Bear Cottages www.goldenbear.net	800.461.1025	Marina Resort www.marinaresort.com	800.600.6000
Best Western Big Bear Chateau http://www.bestwestern.com/bigbearchateau	909.866.6666	Northwoods Resort www.northwoodsresort.com	909.866.3121
Big Bear Lakefront Lodge	909.866.8271	Robinhood Inn www.robinhoodinn.com	909.866.4643
Lagonita Lodge www.lagonitalodge.com	909.866.6531		

CAMPING & RV PARKING

Big Bear Discovery Center	909.382.2791	Big Bear Shores & Yacht Club	909.866.4151
Holloway's	909.866.5706	<i>Many campsites are also available through the U. S. Forest Service. Please call 877.444.6777 for locations and reservations.</i>	
Lighthouse Trailer Resort	909.866.9464		
Serrano Campground	909.866.3437		

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BIG BEAR CHALLENGE COORDINATOR...

Welcome to Big Bear Lake and the Big Bear Challenge Jeep Jamboree. My trail guides and I are excited to lead you over old mining & logging trails scattered throughout the mountain which can only be traversed in a 4X4 Jeep!

The San Bernardino Mountains form the highest range in Southern California with San Gorgonio Peak at 11,000'. It's also a transverse range meaning it runs West/East, unlike most mountain ranges in the U.S. Our mountain is full of rich history going back before statehood with stories of the "Wild, Wild West"! Places like Starvation Flats, Holcomb Valley, Gold Mountain and Doble where miners worked day and night to the thunderous pounding of a 40 Stamp Mill, all the while keeping an eye out for the great Grizzly Bears that inhabited the mountain.

We have trails ranging from 3 to 9 with enough terrain to challenge even the most hard-core wheeler. If you are a novice or first time wheeler you will definitely learn what your Jeep is capable of under the professional leadership of the Big Bear trail guides. These trail guides have been handpicked for their knowledge of the mountain, the trails, mechanical ability and as at all Jamborees, a friendly and helpful nature!

At day's end enjoy a fabulous dinner prepared by the Elks Lodge. Relax with new friends or go shopping in the Big Bear Village right up the street from the Lodge. Plan to spend an extra day or two to go fishing, hiking, zip lining or any of the many water sports available at this mountain top retreat.

Happy trails,
Randy Stockberger - Local Coordinator

TRAIL DESCRIPTIONS

Stock: Orange Group & White Group

- Stock Wranglers, Rubicons, Unlimited with sway bars attached, stock Cherokees, Grand Cherokees, Liberty's and CJs
- Tow points mandatory
- All-terrain tires recommended
- Terrain will be mild to semi-moderate. Risk of damaging vehicle is minimal.

Modified: Green Group & Yellow Group

- Mild lift or modified clearance on Wranglers (Pre-TJ) and Liberty's is required
- Not recommended for Stock Cherokees and Grand Cherokees. Rubicons, Unlimited and CJs ok; modified clearance recommended
- One locker required
- Skid plates recommended
- Tow points mandatory
- Rock rails recommended (it's very likely that your rocker panels will come in contact with rocks)
- All-terrain tires recommended
- Disconnected sway bars on Wranglers
- Terrain will be moderate to semi-rough. Risk of damaging vehicle is possible but not probable.

Super-Modified: Blue Group & Red Group

- Modified clearance on Wranglers
- Rubicons, Unlimited, CJs and Cherokees, OK.
- Locker(s) or limited slip differential(s) required
- 3" – 6" lift on Wranglers, Rubicons, Unlimited / 1" lift on Cherokees
- Skid plates and tow points mandatory
- Rock rails recommended
- Aggressive all-terrain tires
- Disconnected sway bars on Wranglers, Rubicons, Unlimited
- Terrain will be rough. Risk of damaging vehicle is possible. Skid plates, axles, and rocker panels will be in contact with rocks and boulders on the trail.

PLEASE NOTE

Mechanics from Don-A-Vee Jeep will be on-hand to assist with mechanical support at no charge to disconnect/reconnect sway bars, running board removal and advice. For a fee, which will be determined on-site, they will install accessories and aftermarket parts. If you "air down" during the event, please be sure to air up on either Saturday night or Sunday morning. Air facilities are limited in Big Bear.

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TRAIL RATING SYSTEM

Every Jamboree trail is rated from 1 (easiest) to 10 (the most difficult). These ratings are based on the overall trail, not just on one or two tough spots. Rain can increase ratings by one or two points. Please remember, all vehicles are subject to vehicle check prior to trail departure. Numerically higher rated Jamborees are more likely to result in vehicular damage.

- 1-2** Obstacles and terrain are relatively easy to navigate. In optimum weather conditions, some trails may not require continual use of four-wheel drive (4WD).
- 3-5** Moderately demanding. Challenge for novice drivers. Obstacles may include: mud holes, boulders, and streams. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.
- 6-7** Demanding. Challenge for most skill levels. Mud holes get deeper, boulders get larger, and climbs get steeper. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.
- 8-9** Very demanding. Likelihood of getting stuck is high. Mud holes may be deep and rock climbing is more arduous. Lifts and lockers are helpful. Requires 4WD with 4-LO.
- 10** Extremely demanding. Reserved for the toughest off-road trip in the U.S.A. – the Rubicon Trail.

Requires 4WD with 4-LO, front and rear lockers, skid plates, rock rails and an aftermarket rear differential cover.

Rubicon Trail Jeep Jamboree is limited to TJ, JK, JL and JT models only without prior approval. Jeep Renegade, Patriot, Compass, Liberty, Cherokee, Grand Cherokee, Commanders, and Wagoneers are not allowed.

During registration you will have the opportunity to discuss the trails, your driving experience, and Jeep capabilities with the trail guides. The guides will work with you to select appropriate trails. Rain may increase trail ratings 1 or 2 points, especially with street tires.

PLEASE TREAD LIGHTLY!

Travel responsibly on designated roads and trails or in permitted areas.

Respect the rights of others including private property owners and all recreational trail users, campers and others to allow them to enjoy their recreational activities undisturbed.

Educate yourself by obtaining travel maps and regulations from public agencies, planning for your trip, taking recreation skills classes, and knowing how to use and operate your equipment safely.

Avoid sensitive areas such as meadows, lakeshores, wetlands and streams, unless on designated routes. This protects wildlife habitat and sensitive soils from damage.

Do your part by leaving the area better than you found it, properly disposing of waste, minimizing the use of fire, avoiding the spread of invasive species, restoring degraded areas, and joining a local enthusiast organization.

A NOTE ON LAND USAGE

Many Jeep Jamboree USA events are held on private lands with the consent of landowners, or on public lands through special use permits. In some cases, Jamboree trail groups are granted access to trail areas which are closed to all other vehicular access during the year.

Please be aware that access to these trail areas is allowed only by guided Jeep Jamboree USA groups during the scheduled Jeep Jamboree trail rides. Individual Jamboree guests returning later to drive in these areas on their own do so in violation of Jeep Jamboree USA's land use agreements and endanger future Jamboree usage of these restricted trails as well as being removed from the Jamboree without a refund.

Thank you for your cooperation in assuring Jamboree access to some of America's most spectacular backcountry.

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WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR MY JEEP?

- **Tow points are *MANDATORY!*** Tow points may include:
 - Tow hooks properly mounted to the frame with grade six or grade eight bolts according to official Mopar installation procedures.
 - Draw bars and receiver hitches
 - Aftermarket bumpers with manufacturer installed clevis or D-ring anchor.

If you do not have tow points, you may be turned away at registration without a refund.

- **A GMRS radio is *REQUIRED!*** There are many safety issues regarding upcoming obstacles transmitted over the radio by your trail guides. You will also learn interesting facts about the area - history, local plant and wildlife, as well as exciting stories.
- Your Jeep must be street legal including a license plate and proof of insurance.

- Participant Jeep tire size shall not exceed 40". If your tires exceed 40 inches, you will be turned away at registration, will not be allowed to attend the Jamboree, or receive a refund!
- Seat belts are required in all vehicles for all occupants.
- Snowplow frames are not allowed.
- We recommend removing running boards and steps (both factory and aftermarket) if you are planning to participate in higher rated trails.
- All open-topped vehicles, including older models (CJs, Scramblers and Willy's), are required to have roll bars.
- A tow strap with looped ends is recommended. **Straps with metal hooks are not allowed.**
- A full-size spare tire is mandatory!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ARE JEEP JAMBOREES SAFE?

Our trail guides are trained to put your safety first. If they ask you to refrain from any activity or to avoid specific trails or areas, you must follow their directions. Jeep Jamboree USA does not authorize or promote any night runs. You must wear your seat and shoulder belts. If a Trail Guide asks you to wear your seat belt and you do not comply, you will be removed from the Jeep Jamboree without a refund and banned from Jeep Jamborees.

WILL MY JEEP BE GOING THROUGH WATER?

Some Jamborees may have water crossings and mud holes. Many of these crossings and holes offer a bypass. It is very important to watch and listen to your trail guide. When driving in deep water, **go very slowly!** If your engine gets wet and stalls, **do not** try to start it as you may cause serious engine damage. For additional tips on water crossings and many other off-road situations, please refer to your copy of *Jeep Jamboree USA Off-Road Driving Tips*, available at <https://link.jeeppjam.com/drivingtips>

YOU MUST WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

When you register on-site, you will be given one name badge per participant. Please wear your name badge while at the event as it is verification of your registration, your admission to the trails and meals, and helps everyone get to know each other.

GET CONNECTED WITH OUR FACEBOOK GROUPS

Join one or more of the Jeep Jamboree discussion groups on Facebook. Ask questions, share information and photos before, during and after your great adventure.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- A basic tool kit, first aid kit, tire gauge, rain jacket, and clothing for all weather conditions are highly recommended.
- An ice chest full of your favorite non-alcoholic beverages. It is important to stay hydrated!
- A full tank of gas prior to General Attendance Meeting as you will not have time to fuel up after the meeting.
- Trail snacks and a chair/blanket for the lunch stop.
- Insect repellent, Sun Block, Medications, Hand Sanitizer, Flashlight, Camera, Binoculars
- Toilet paper and Zip-lock bags for tissue disposal

MAY I BRING MY PET?

Bringing pets is strongly discouraged. If your pet must attend, you must submit a pet waiver during registration.

WHAT IS THE POLICY ON ALCOHOL, DRUGS, ETC.?

No occupants of the vehicle will possess or consume alcohol, non-prescription drugs, or be under the influence of any substance while on the trails. Doing so means immediate expulsion without a refund and those involved will be banned from all future Jeep Jamborees.

COULD MY VEHICLE BE DAMAGED ON A JAMBOREE?

Every effort is made by Jeep Jamboree USA to make the trails as safe as possible. You are advised to closely follow instructions given by Jeep Jamboree Trail Guides. Jamborees with higher difficulty ratings are more likely to encounter rough and challenging terrain that may contribute to vehicular damage. Any damage is the owner's responsibility.

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GMRS RADIO, CHANNEL, AND FREQUENCY INFO

IF YOU DON'T HAVE A GMRS RADIO YET

- Your easiest and best option is to purchase one of the recommended Midland radios. These quality radios are easy to use and are available at <https://link.jeepjam.com/radios> and in limited supply at a Jeep Jamboree

RADIO DIFFERENCES AND FREQUENCIES

- In late 2017, the FCC set standards for FRS/GMRS channel numbers and frequencies. Any FCC approved radio manufactured after October of 2017 should match the channels in the chart and work for your Jeep Jamboree.

FREQUENCIES AND POWER

- FRS and GMRS use the same channels/frequencies. FRS (Family Radio Service) runs at lower power. GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) runs at higher power.

LICENSING

- Before operating a GMRS radio, you must have a valid license. Any radio using the shared FRS/GMRS frequencies that is able to transmit above 2 Watts of power is considered a GMRS radio and requires a license.

WHY GMRS OVER FRS OR CB?

- With FRS handhelds you may hear others on the trail, but they may not hear you. GMRS has more power, meaning you can transmit farther. GMRS offers more reliability, usability, and quality over a CB radio.

Frequency	FRS/GMRS Channel	FRS Power	FRS Bandwidth	GMRS Power	GMRS Bandwidth
462.5625 MHz	1	2 W	12.5 kHz	5 W	20 kHz
462.5875 MHz	2	2 W	12.5 kHz	5 W	20 kHz
462.6125 MHz	3	2 W	12.5 kHz	5 W	20 kHz
462.6375 MHz	4	2 W	12.5 kHz	5 W	20 kHz
462.6625 MHz	5	2 W	12.5 kHz	5 W	20 kHz
462.6875 MHz	6	2 W	12.5 kHz	5 W	20 kHz
462.7125 MHz	7	2 W	12.5 kHz	5 W	20 kHz
Channels 8-14 are low power (.5 watt) channels and are not used by Jeep Jamboree					
462.5500 MHz	15	2 W	12.5 kHz	50 W	20 kHz
462.5750 MHz	16	2 W	12.5 kHz	50 W	20 kHz
462.6000 MHz	17	2 W	12.5 kHz	50 W	20 kHz
462.6250 MHz	18	2 W	12.5 kHz	50 W	20 kHz
462.6500 MHz	19	2 W	12.5 kHz	50 W	20 kHz
462.6750 MHz	20	2 W	12.5 kHz	50 W	20 kHz
462.7000 MHz	21	2 W	12.5 kHz	50 W	20 kHz
462.7250 MHz	22	2 W	12.5 kHz	50 W	20 kHz

REFUNDS, TRANSFERS, AND CANCELLATIONS

NEW REFUND POLICY FOR 2023!

For 2023 we are waiving all transfer fees. If you would like to switch to another trip, dependent on availability, you can. We're also giving you up to 30 days before any trip (previously 45) to cancel and still receive a full refund, minus the cancellation fee.

- **No Transfer fees in 2023**
- **Reservation to 30 days**
 - \$125 for Classic Jamborees
 - \$100 for Select Jamborees
 - \$350 for Signature, Adventure, and Expedition Jamborees
- **29 days to 15 days – 50%**
- **14 days to trip date – 100% (no refund)**

WHAT IS A TRANSFER?

A transfer allows the **original purchaser** to transfer their registration from one trip to another, dependent on availability. Transfers must take place in the same calendar year and at least 14 days prior to the event. **You may not transfer or sell your registration to another person.** If you are unable to attend, you should cancel your registration. Your spot will be offered to the next person on the waiting list.

HOW DO I CANCEL MY REGISTRATION?

Canceling your registration is quick and easy via your online account at <https://jeepjamboreeusa.com/my-account/> Sign-in with the email address you used to register and then cancel the trip you are unable to attend. You may also email the registration team at registration@jeepjam.com. This method is typically slower than the online method.

HOW DO I ADD OR CHANGE PASSENGERS?

Adding or changing passengers is easy via your online account at <https://jeepjamboreeusa.com/my-account/> Sign-in with the email address you used to register and make the changes you desire. You may also email the registration team at registration@jeepjam.com. This method is slower than the online method. All changes must be made 14 days prior to your trip.

WHAT IF A SPECIFIC JEEP JAMBOREE IS CANCELED?

Though rare, from time to time, a Jeep Jamboree may have to be canceled. For **most** of our events, you will be given the option to receive a full refund or transfer to another event that has openings. For **some** Jeep Jamborees, we may deduct up to a 15% fee from your refund to offset unrecoverable expenses.