

Gateways

Jamborees are full of color and excitement, and troop gateways have always played a big part in this. Showing Scouts from other parts of the country what's unique or interesting about a troop's home area is a time-honored jamboree tradition, and gateways are one of the most visible ways to do that. Troops usually design their gateways to reflect the most notable aspects of their home area—history, geography, industry, etc. This is often done in very creative and novel ways.

Designing and building the troop gateway is just one more area where it is extremely important to plan ahead. To ensure that all the materials, tools, and equipment for a gateway will be available when and where they are wanted, it is vital that plans be made early to transport everything that's needed with the council contingent. The jamboree site is rural and relatively remote, and once there, obtaining even the simplest of tools or materials could be a real headache.

Due to the lack of facilities or personnel to receive them, separate shipment of materials or equipment to the jamboree is not an option. Everything must be transported with the council contingent. Troop gateways must not exceed 10 feet in height and must be of non-conductive material.

No Holes

Federal authorities have prohibited the digging of holes of any kind, for any purpose, anywhere on the jamboree site without prior written permit. This includes holes for flagpoles, gateways, fire pits and/or stakes driven into the ground a depth greater than eight (8) inches. This rule will be strictly enforced. Applications for permits to dig holes for gateways will not be considered. All gateways must be designed to support themselves on the ground surface and be secured by means of weights, staked guy lines, or other means not requiring holes in the ground. Storms are common at jamborees, and gateways should be designed to accommodate winds of up to 70 miles per hour. It is highly recommended that troops design, fabricate, erect, and test gateways prior to transporting them to the jamboree site. (See appendix G for a suggested gateway superstructure that meets these criteria.)

The height of gateways will be limited to a maximum of 10 feet. No electrical components are permitted. The 10' height restriction includes flagpoles which must be of non-conductive material (wood, PVC, etc). There will be NO climbing allowed in the erection of unit gateways. No tents or other unit components will be allowed within the "fall zone" (the height of the gateway itself) of the gateways. Gateways may only be secured by rope.

Subcamp and regional gateways may not exceed 16' in height (including attached flagpoles or other amenities) and 20' in width. This corresponds to the existing design of the jamboree installed wooden gateway structures. These are to be decorated as located on the site plans. Each subcamp and region must develop a detailed construction and demolition plan for decorating the provided gateway.

- **No** climbing will be allowed on the gateway as part of the plan.
- **No** modification to the structure is allowed.
- **No** electrical components are permitted.
- Gateways may **only** be secured by rope.

If a subcamp or region intends to bring a custom gateway, a licensed engineer must sign off on the design, construction, and demolition plan. The custom gateway location must be included on the site plan and permitted by FAPH as clear fall zone is required, which includes overhead utilities. Metal poles for Troop tents are permissible; however, no troop tents may exceed 10' in height.

Safety concerns relative to underground utilities, utility line easements and right of ways dictate that the only tents allowed to be erected in subcamps, other than those put up under the supervision of Physical Arrangements (PA), will be in the assigned troop sites. These tents should be non-commercial tents with stakes no longer than eight (8) inches. Any modification to the layouts of the troop sites or relocation of troops must be approved by BSA Physical Arrangements.

Each subcamp and region (as well as national venues) will be provided with central flagpoles greater than 10' in height. Any other flag poles are limited to 10' in height, and may not have "in ground" support (i.e. no holes dug). The provided flagpoles must be identified on the jamboree site plans and installed by Physical Arrangements.