

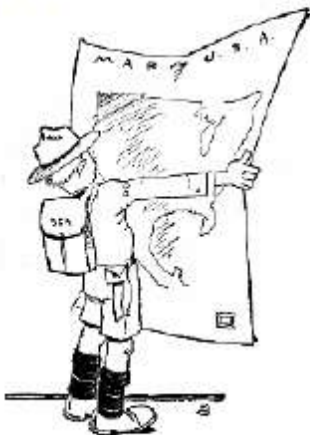
Where To Go Camping



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Order of the Arrow
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Dear Scout Leader:

The Ta Tanka Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America, San Gabriel Valley Council has prepared this *Where to go Camping Guide* as a service to units in our council. This guide will give you a multitude of options for local places to go camping.

The main purpose of this guide is to provide you a consolidated listing of information regarding local camping opportunities. These include areas suitable for short and long term camping, hiking, canoeing, cycling, horseback riding, boating, and many others. In addition to local camping opportunities, high adventure information is also included in this guide. We hope you use these resources and remember "Scouting is three-quarters *outing*."

Each year this guide will be updated and distributed to all Scoutmasters and Cubmasters in the council. WE hope to make an electronic form of the guide available on our Lodge Web Site in the near future.

This guide is constantly a work-in-progress and we need your help. If there is any place your unit or you go camping and you think should be added to the guide, then just fill out the form provided and mail it in, or email the information directly to through our Lodge website, at www.tatankalodge.org. The only way we make the guide better in later editions is with your help.

Yours in Cheerful Service,

Josiah Deveau

2012 Lodge Chief
Ta Tanka Lodge



A Special Thank You

I would like to thank my staff as well as all of the agencies that helped me compile this *Where To Go Camping Guide* . If it weren't for the dedication of all those who helped me this publication would not be what it is today. Once Again, Thank You!

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Forward

This *Where to go Camping Guide* has been made to help and give opportunities to the Scoutmasters of the San Gabriel Valley Council on ideas on where to go camping. This Guide is a compilation of information from many different agencies.

Suggestions are welcomed from those who want to give them. If by any chance we missed your favorite camp site or area, please let us know so that we can add it in. This like many books and guides is not perfect, so any feedback we get will be addressed .

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Contacts

If you would like more information or if you would like a Lodge Camp Promotions Team to visit your Unit , please contact your Lodge Vice Chief of Camp Promotions.

HAPPY CAMPING!



Order of the Arrow Fact Sheet

O A F A C T S H E E T

Purpose

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:

- To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit
- To promote Scout camping
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others



History

The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Umer Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp of the Philadelphia Council, Boy Scouts of America. It became an official program experiment in 1922 and was approved as part of the Scouting program in 1934. In 1948, the OA was recognized as the BSA's national brotherhood of honor campers and became an official part of the national camping program of the Boy Scouts of America. Today, the OA is recognized as Scouting's National Honor Society.

Membership

The OA has more than 183,000 members in lodges affiliated with more than 300 BSA local councils.

Eligibility

To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced 15 days and nights of camping during the two years before his election. The 15 days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow troop or Varsity team members, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity Scout Coach.

Induction

The Ordeal induction ceremony is often conducted at Scout camp and is the first step toward full membership. During the experience, candidates maintain complete silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and are required to sleep alone, apart from other campers, which teaches significant values.

Brotherhood Membership

After 10 months of service and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the OA.

Vigil Honor

After two years of service as a Brotherhood member and with the approval of the national Order of the Arrow Committee, a Scout or Scouter may be recognized with the Vigil Honor for outstanding service to Scouting, his lodge, and the community. This honor is bestowed by special selection and is limited to one person for every 50 members registered with the lodge each year.

Lodges

Each Order of the Arrow lodge is granted a charter from the National Council, BSA, upon annual application by the local council. The OA lodge helps the local council provide a quality Scouting program through recognition of Scouting spirit and performance, development of youth leadership and service, promotion of Scout camping and outdoor programs, and enhancement of membership tenure.

Sections

An Order of the Arrow section consists of lodges within a geographic area of the region. Once every year, representatives of lodges in the section come together for a conclave to share in fellowship and training. All of the elected section chiefs form the conference committee for the annual Order of the Arrow program of emphasis, which is held under the guidance of the national OA Committee. The committee meets each year at the national OA planning meeting in December.

Regions

The region chief is the youth leader of the region and elected by the section chiefs in his region for a term of office specified by the national Order of the Arrow Committee, which coincides with the terms of the national chief and vice chief. This election is held in conjunction with the national OA planning meeting where the annual OA program of emphasis is planned. The region chiefs serve as voting members of the national Order of the Arrow Committee, representing youth on national OA policy and programs.

The Order of the Arrow region chairman is an adult appointed by the regional director. The professional adviser for the region is a staff member assigned to the position by the region director.

National Chief and Vice Chief

The national chief and vice chief are Arrowmen selected by the section chiefs at the national OA planning meeting each December. They serve as voting members of the national Order of the Arrow Committee, representing the youth on national OA policy and program. They also serve as the presiding officers for the annual OA program of emphasis. The national committee specifies their term of office. The national committee chairman and director of the Order of the Arrow advise them of their responsibilities.

National OA Committee Chairman

The national OA committee chairman is appointed by the chairman of the national Boy Scout Committee. The professional adviser is the director of the Order of the Arrow, a member of the national Boy Scout Division staff.

Using the Order of the Arrow in Your Troop

Part of being a good leader is knowing and using your resources.

"Have you ever considered the Order of the Arrow to be a resource?" Did you know that using the Order of the Arrow in your Troop can be a win-win situation between individuals, troops, districts, and councils when the Order of the Arrow?.

Order of the Arrow Background

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's national honor society. The OA has been around since 1915 and exists to serve the local council. Members of the OA are referred to as Arrowmen, and their main duty is to serve their unit. They wear red and white sashes and a patch on the right pocket flap of the Scout uniform to identify their lodge affiliation.

Benefits to the Individual

The Order of the Arrow has several key benefits for the individual.

First, the OA is a way for peers to recognize Scouts who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. In order to gain membership into the OA, a Scout must meet certain criteria and be elected by his peers in the unit. A Scouter must meet the same criteria and be selected by the troop or team committee. This recognition instills a sense of pride within an individual.

Second, the OA gives Scouts an opportunity that might not be found at the unit level. They have a chance to sharpen their leadership skills by leading others at a local council or national level, by planning and promoting events, by communicating, and by attending leadership programs. They are then able to return to their troops and provide leadership. By allowing Scouts to actively participate in the OA, troop and team leaders are allowing them to develop their leadership skills, which will improve the unit.

Third, the Scout may actively participate with his troop or team for a longer period of time if he is active in the OA. Arrowmen are more likely to continue to participate in troop or team functions because they are still involved with Scouting.

Fourth, there is also a nationally recognized leadership position for rank advancement: the troop/team representative. The troop/team representative acts as a liaison between the unit and the OA lodge or chapter and communicates future program opportunities to unit members. Your representative would also coordinate any interaction between the unit and the OA (i.e., help with activities at troop meetings or outings). This is a great way to strengthen leadership skills in a younger Scout to prepare him for further unit leadership.

Fifth, the Order of the Arrow operates three great high-adventure programs—Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier, and the Florida Sea Base. These programs are open to youth Arrowmen at a discounted rate.

Benefits to the Unit

The Order of the Arrow is full of knowledgeable Scouts and Scouters who are dedicated to the BSA program and are willing to assist your unit. When you have tried new approaches and nothing seems to be working, or you are just looking for a fresh idea, feel free to contact the OA. Arrowmen could assist with a skill that is going to be taught at a troop meeting, attend a troop or team outing, help promote weekend and summer camp, help with leadership activities, or be present at troop functions to serve as a positive role model for those troops with many younger Scouts.

The Order of the Arrow is not designed to take older Scouts away from the unit. The Order is designed to keep Scouts in Scouting as they mature. When Scouts go through their Ordeal, the first interaction between the Scout and the OA program, it is stressed to them to remain active in their unit.

These are just some of the benefits your troop or team could receive from utilizing the Order of the Arrow.

Benefits to the Council

When the troop is receiving assistance from the Order of the Arrow, the council is also benefiting. The mission of the Order is to become an integral part of the council. The lodge is charged with providing program that enables youths to become better leaders and continue to serve their unit. In many places across the country, the lodge provides support to council programs and camps.

Discuss with participants what the lodge has done locally for the council and camping.

Conclusion

By understanding that the Order of the Arrow is a service organization willing to help the unit and council, you know of an additional resource that you may take advantage of in the future. If you already knew that the Order was a resource, hopefully you learned of new ways that you could utilize in order to take advantage of the Order of the Arrow. Utilizing the OA will lead to a win-win situation between the individual, unit, district, and council programs.

Wilderness Use Policy of the Boy Scouts of America

For purposes of this policy, All privately or publicly owned backcountry land and designated wildernesses are included in the term "wilderness areas" in this policy. The Outdoor Code of the Boy Scouts of America and the principles of Leave No Trace apply to outdoor behavior generally, but for treks into wilderness areas, minimum-impact camping methods must be used. Within the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America, there are many different camping-skill levels. Camping practices that are appropriate for day outings, long-term Scout camp, or short-term unit camping might not apply to wilderness areas. Wherever they go, Scouts need to adopt attitudes and patterns of behavior that respect the rights of others, including future generations, to enjoy the outdoors.

In wilderness areas, it is crucial to minimize human impact, particularly on fragile ecosystems such as mountains, lakes and streams, deserts, and seashores. Because our impact varies from one season of the year to the next, it becomes important for us to adjust to these changing conditions to avoid damaging the environment.

The Boy Scouts of America emphasizes these practices for all troops, teams, and crews planning to use wilderness areas:

- ▲ Contact the landowner or land-managing agency (USDA Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, state and private agencies, etc.) well before an outing to learn the regulations for that area, including group size limits, to obtain required permits and current maps, and to discuss ways Scouts can fulfill the expectations of property owners or land managers.
- ▲ Obtain a tour permit (available through local council service centers), meet all of its conditions, and carry it during the trip.
- ▲ Review the appropriate BSA safety literature relating to planned activities. (See Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb On Safely, and Trek Safely.) Also see the *Guide to Safe Scouting* on the BSA Web site at <http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/toc.html> for more information on current BSA policies and procedures for ensuring safe activities, as well as the *Fieldbook* Web site at <http://www.bsafieldbook.org>.
- ▲ Match the ruggedness of high-adventure experiences to the skills, physical ability, and maturity of those taking part. Save rugged treks for older unit members who are more proficient and experienced in outdoor skills.
- ▲ Conduct pretrip training for your group that stresses proper wilderness behavior, rules, and skills for all of the conditions that may be encountered, including lightning, missing person, wildfire, high winds, flooding, and emergency medical situations.
- ▲ Participate in training in how to apply the principles of Leave No Trace, and be proficient and experienced in the leadership and skills required for treks into wilderness areas.
- ▲ Adhere to the principles of Leave No Trace.

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to—

Be clean in my outdoor manners. I will treat the outdoors as a heritage. I will take care of it for myself and others. I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

Be careful with fire. I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fires only when and where they are appropriate. When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out. I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors. I will treat public and private property with respect. I will follow the principles of Leave No Trace for all outdoor activities.

Be conservation-minded. I will learn about and practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy. I will urge others to do the same.

Tour Permits

Every unit activity involving a trip away from a unit's home base requires a tour permit. Most short, in-town den trips of a few hours do not require a tour permit; however, obtaining permission slips from parents is recommended. Tour permits establish health and safety standards for units while they are traveling. They help Scout leaders plan their outings and keep them safe and fun. A tour permit must be submitted two weeks in advance of the planned trip. Local tour permits are required whenever the trip is within 500 miles of the unit's home base. A local tour permit is also required if the unit plans to camp at another council's property regardless of how far away the property is from the unit's home. Many councils have special forms that are required to use council camping properties.

A unit planning a trip in excess of 500 miles from home or outside the continental United States must get a national tour permit. National Tour Permits must be submitted to the local council office, and after local review they are forwarded to the region office for approval. This process requires extra time; therefore tour permits must be submitted at least one month before the planned trip.

On the following three pages, there are samples and directions on how to properly complete a Local Tour Permit.

TOUR AND ACTIVITY PLAN

Date _____

Pack Troop/team Crew/Ship Contingent unit/crew

Unit No. _____ Chartered organization _____

Council name/No. _____ / _____

District _____

Description of tour or activity _____

From (city and state) _____ to _____

Dates _____ to _____ Total days _____

For office use Tour and activity plan No. _____ Date received _____ Date reviewed _____ <p style="text-align: center;">Council stamp/signatures</p>

Itinerary: It is required that the following information be provided for *each day* of the tour. (Note: Speed or excessive daily mileage increases the possibility of accidents.) Attach an additional page if more space is required. Include detailed information on campsites, routes, and float plans, and include maps for wilderness travel as required by the local council.

Date	Travel		Mileage	Overnight stopping place (Check if reservations are cleared.)	✓
	From	To			

Type of trip: Day trip Short-term camp (less than 72 hours) Other (OA Weekend, etc.) _____
 Long-term camp (longer than 72 hours) High-adventure activities High-adventure base _____

Party will consist of (number): ___ Youth—male ___ Youth—female ___ Adults—male ___ Adults—female	Party will travel by (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Bus <input type="checkbox"/> Train <input type="checkbox"/> Plane <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Boat <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Leadership and Youth Protection Training: Boy Scouts of America policy requires at least two adult leaders on all BSA activities. Coed Venturing crews must have both male and female leaders older than 21 for overnight activities. All registered adults must have completed **BSA Youth Protection training**. At least one registered adult who has completed BSA Youth Protection training must be present at all events and activities. Youth Protection training is valid for two years from the date completed.

Adult leader responsible for this group (must be at least 21 years old):

Name _____ Age _____ Scouting position _____

Address _____ Member No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Youth Protection training date _____

Assistant adult leader name(s) (minimum age 18, or 21 for Venturing crews):

Name _____ Age _____ Scouting position _____

Address _____ Member No. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Youth Protection training date _____

Attach a list with additional names and information as outlined above.

- Our travel equipment will include a first-aid kit and a roadside emergency kit.
- The group will have in possession an **Annual Health and Medical Record** for every participant.

We certify that appropriate planning has been conducted using the **Sweet 16 of BSA Safety**, qualified and trained supervision is in place, **permissions** are secured, health records have been reviewed, and adult leaders have read and are in possession of a current copy of **Guide to Safe Scouting** and other appropriate resources. Any items needing attention will be resolved before the tour or activity date.

Signature: Committee chair or chartered organization representative

Signature: Adult leader

Unit single point of contact (not on tour)

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____



Tour involves: Swimming Boating Climbing Orientation flights (attach **Flying Plan** required)
 Wilderness or backcountry (must carry **Wilderness Use Policy** and follow principles of **Leave No Trace**)
 Shooting Other (specify) _____

Activity Standards: Where swimming or boating is included in the program, **Safe Swim Defense** and/or **Safety Afloat** are to be followed. If climbing/rappelling is included, then **Climb On Safely** must be followed. At least one person must be current in CPR/AED from any recognized agency to meet **Safety Afloat** and **Climb On Safely** guidelines. At least one adult on a pack overnighiter must have completed **Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)**. At least one adult must have completed **Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather** training for all tours and activities. **Trek Safely** and Basic First Aid are recommended for all tours, and **Wilderness First Aid** is recommended for all backcountry tours.

Expiration date of commitment card/training (two years from completion date)							
Name	Age	Youth Protection	Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather	BALOO (no expiration)	Climb On Safely	Safe Swim Defense	Safety Afloat
Name	Age	CPR Certification/Agency		CPR Expiration Date	First-Aid Certification/Agency		First Aid Expiration Date
Name	Age	NRA Instructor and/or RSO					
		No. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Rifle <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun <input type="checkbox"/> Pistol (Venturing only) <input type="checkbox"/> Range Safety Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle-loading rifle <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle-loading shotgun				
		No. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Rifle <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun <input type="checkbox"/> Pistol (Venturing only) <input type="checkbox"/> Range Safety Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle-loading rifle <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzle-loading shotgun				

Unauthorized and Restricted Activities: The BSA's general liability insurance policy provides coverage for bodily injury or property damage that arises out of an official Scouting activity as defined by the **Guide to Safe Scouting**. Volunteers, units, chartered organizations, and local councils that engage in unauthorized activities are jeopardizing their insurance coverage. PLEASE DO NOT PUT YOURSELF AT RISK.

INSURANCE

All vehicles MUST be covered by a liability and property damage insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed and comply with or exceed the requirements of the country of destination for travel outside the United States. It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are a \$100,000 combined single limit. Any vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers is required to have a \$500,000 combined single limit. In the case of rented vehicles, the requirement of coverage limits can be met by combining the limits of personal coverage carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle.

If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 people (including the driver), the driver must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL). In some states (California, for example), this policy applies to drivers of vehicles designed to carry 10 or more people.

All vehicles used in travel outside the United States must carry a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy that complies with or exceeds the requirements of that country. Attach an additional page if more space is required.

Name _____ CDL expires _____

Name _____ CDL expires _____

MAKE	MODEL	YEAR	NUMBER OF SAFETY BELTS	DRIVER/OWNER	VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE (Y or N)	LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE
						Combined Single Limit

Useful Numbers

San Gabriel Valley Council (626)351-8815
3450 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, Ca.91107
www.sgvcbasa.org

Ventura County Council (805)482-5820
509 E. Daily Dr.
Camarillo, Ca. 93010
www.vccbasa.org

Orange County Council (714)546-4990
1211 E. Dyer St.
Santa Ana, Ca. 92707
www.ovbsa.org

Verdugo Hills Council (818)243-6282
1325 Grandview Ave.
Glendale, Ca. 91201
www.vhcbasa.org

Los Angeles Area Council (213)413-4400
2333 Scout Way
Los Angeles, Ca. 90026
www.boyscouts-la.org

San Diego Imperial Council (619)298-6121
1207 Upas St.
San Diego, Ca. 92103
www.bsadpc.org

Western Los Angeles County Council (818)785-8700
16525 Sherman Way, Suite C-8
Van Nuys, Ca. 91406
www.bsa-la.org

National Forest Numbers

Angeles National Forest (626) 574-5200
Supervisors Office
701 N. Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, Ca. 91006

Santa Clara/Mojave River Ranger Dist. (661) 296-9710
30800 Bouquet Canyon Rd.
Saugus, Ca. 91390

Los Angeles River Ranger District (818) 899-1900
12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd.
Los Angeles, Ca. 91342

San Gabriel River Ranger District (626) 335-1251
110 N. Wabash Ave.
Glendora, Ca. 91741

Mount Baldy Visitor Center (909) 982-2829
Mt. Baldy Rd
Mt. Baldy Ca., 91759
Daily 8:00am -4:00pm

Road Conditions
Caltrans 800-427-7623

State Parks and Recreations Reservations 800-444-7275

Anza Borrego Desert State Park (760) 767-5311
200 Palm Canyon Dr.
Borego Springs, Ca. 92004

Chino Hills State Park (909) 780-6222
This Park does not have a stret address

Doheny Sate Beach (949) 496-6172
23500 Harbor Dr.
Dana Point, Ca. 92629

San Onofre State Beach (949) 492-4872

State Recreation Area Reservations 800-444-7275

Castaic Lake Recreation Area (661)257-4050

Hungy Valley State Recreation Area (661)248-7007

Lake Perris State Recreation Area (951)940-5603

National Parks, Preserves, and Monuments Reservations 800-365-2267

Death Valley National Monument (760)786-3200

Joshua Tree natioanl Monument (760)367-5500

Devils Postpile National Monument (760)934-2289

Council Camps

San Gabriel Valley Council **(626)351-8815**

Trask Scout Reservation

Camp Cherry Valley

Holcomb Valley Scout Ranch

Orange County Council **(714)546-4990**

Lost Valley Scout Reservation

Rancho Los Flores

Los Angeles Area Council **(213)413-4400**

Firestone Scout Reservation

Forest Lawn Scout Camps

San Diego Imperial Council **(619)298-6121**

Camp Balboa

Western Los Angeles County Council **(818)785-8700**

Camp Whitsett

Camp Emerald Bay

Camp Josepho

Ventura County Council **(805)482-8938**

Camp Three Falls

Verdugo Hills Council **(818)243-6282**

Verdugo Oaks

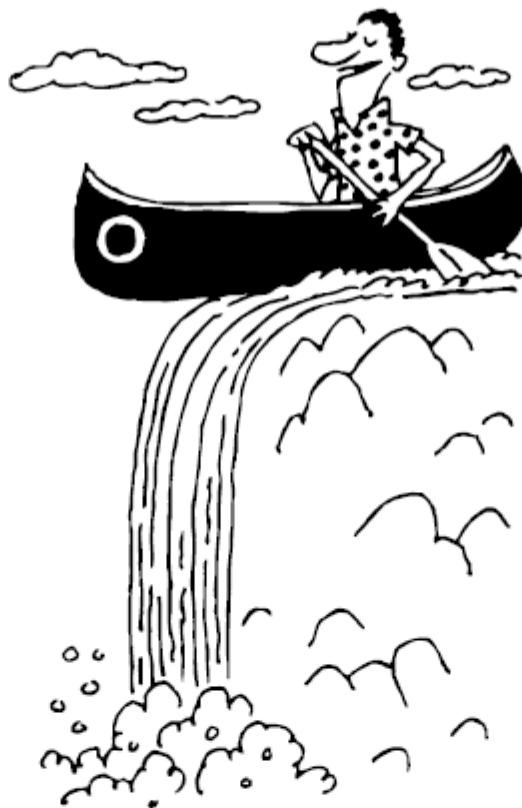
Forms

Attached to this guide are some of the basic forms that you need to have either on hand or filed with your council office . Scoutmasters please make sure that you have followed all rules regarding youth protection and please make sure that you have your Tour Permit Filed at least **30 days** prior to your trip so that the council will know about it in case something happens .

Remember that if you have any questions, suggestions or if you would like a Camp Promotions team to visit your Unit , to contact either your Vice Chief of Camping Promotions or your Council's Camping Dept.

I hope that this " Where to go Camping Guide" is useful to you and your unit and that it will give you many new places to explore and cherish .

Happy Trails and Save Scouting .



BLACK MOUNTAIN GROUP CAMPS
-San Bernardino National Forest-

Campsites: 2 group sites for tents (50 people / 16 cars)

Facilities: Piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets

Elevation: 7,500 feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservations / Fee: Reservations required through MISTIX / Fee \$50 per night

Special Features: This is a great site for big groups to go camping.

Location / Directions: From Idyllwild, go north on Highway 243. Turn right on Forest Service Road 4S01 and drive ten miles to the campground.

Contact Information: For more information contact The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at (909) 382-2921.

DARK CANYON
-San Bernardino National Forest-

Campsites: 22 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets

Elevation: 5,800 feet

Dates Open: April through October

Reservations / Fee: No reservation required / Fee \$12 per night

Special Features: This is a great spot to use as a base camp for hikers. There are many trails that start nearby.

Location / Directions: From Idyllwild, go north on Highway 243. Turn right on Forest Service Road 4S02 and follow to the camp. From I-10 in Banning, CA, take Highway 243 south for 20 miles to Alandale. East on Stone Creek Campground Road for 2 1/2 miles to Dark Canyon.

Contact Information: For more information contact The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at (909) 382-2921.



HOLCOMB VALLEY
-San Bernardino National Forest-

Campsites: 19 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets (no piped water or trash cans, so be sure to bring your own).

Elevation: 7,400 feet

Dates Open: Year-Round

Reservations / Fee: No reservation required first come first serve / Adventure Pass required + \$12

Special Features: This is a great spot for all kinds of camping.

Location / Directions: From San Bernardino, take Highway 30 to Highway 330. Drive to the dam on Big Bear Lake, and take Highway 38. Turn left on Van Dusen Canyon Road 3N09 and drive for three miles. Turn left on Service Road 3N16 and follow to camp.

Contact Information: For more information contact The San Bernardino National Forest District Office at (909) 382-2790.

APPLE TREE
-Angeles National Forest-

Campsites: 8 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 6,200 feet

Dates Open: April through November

Reservations / Fee: No reservation required / Fee \$10 per night

Special Features: This site is only half a mile away from Jackson Lake. There is also a visitor's center.

Location / Directions: From the I-15 near Cajon, take Highway 138 west. Turn left on Angeles Crest Highway and drive to Wrightwood; go to Big Pines. Turn right on Big Pines Highway County Road N4 and follow it to the campsite.

Contact Information: For more information contact The Angeles National Forest, at 805-944-2187



COLDBROOK
-Angeles National Forest-

Campsites: 25 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 3,350 feet

Dates Open: Year-Round

Reservations / Fee: No reservation required / Fee \$12 per night

Special Features: This site has a well-stocked stream that runs nearby.

Location / Directions: From I-210 take Azusa Canyon exit and drive north on San Gabriel Canyon Road Highway 39. Follow to the campground.

Contact Information: For more information contact The Angeles National Forest Mt. Baldy Ranger District Office, at (818) 335-1251.

CRYSTAL LAKE
-Angeles National Forest-

Campsites: 176 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets

Elevation: 5,800 feet

Dates Open: Year-Round

Reservations / Fee: No reservation required / Fee \$12 per night

Special Features: This site has a well-stocked lake.

Location / Directions: From I-210, take Azusa Canyon exit and drive north on San Gabriel Canyon Road Highway 39. Follow this road to Crystal Lake.

Contact Information: For more information contact

HOEGEES TRAIL CAMP
-Angeles National Forest-

Campsites: 12 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Picnic tables, stoves, fire pits, and pit toilets (no water, so bring your own)

Elevation: 2,500 feet

Dates Open: Year-Round

Reservations / Fee: No reservation required / No fee

Special Features: This is a very enjoyable little hike. There are nearby waterfalls for viewing.

Location / Directions: Take the I-210 to Santa Anita Ave. Go north on Santa Anita Ave. to Santa Anita Canyon Road and follow it to Chantry Flats.

Contact Information: For more information **-Angeles National Forest-**

VETTER MOUNTAIN LOOK OUT

Trail: Charlton Flat

Elevation: 400 feet **Elevation gain/loss:** 770'

Dates Open: Year-Round

Length: 3.3 miles (round trip)

Topo Map: Chilao Flats

Location: Take Angeles Crest Highway to Chantryon Flat. Turn left into Chantry Flat Picnic Area, and follow to the gate at the base of the trail.

-HIKE-

MOUNT WATERMAN

-Angeles National Forest-

Trail: Buckhorn

Elevation: 1,300 feet

Dates Open: June through October

Length: 6 miles (round trip)

Topo Map: Waterman Mountain

Location: Take Angeles Crest Highway to Buckhorn Ranger Station. 34 miles from La Canada.

INDIAN FLAT

-Cleveland National Forest-

Campsites: There are 17 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 3,600 feet

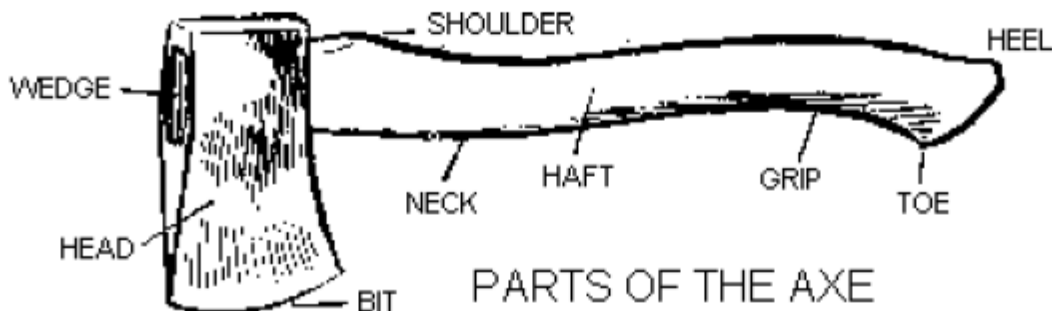
Dates Open: April through November

Reservations / Fee: No reservations required / fee \$6 per night

Special Features:

Location / Directions: From Warner Springs drive west on Highway 79. Turn right on Forest Service Road 9S05 and drive about 5 miles to the campground

Contact Information: The Cleveland National Forest, Palomar Ranger District at (619) 788-0250



PARTS OF THE AXE

EL PRADO GROUP CAMP
-Cleveland National Forest-

Campsites: There are 5 group sites for tents

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, and toilets

Elevation: 5,600 feet

Dates Open: May through October

Reservations / Fee: Reservations required / fee \$10 per night

Special Features:

Location / Directions: The camp is located on Old Highway 80, about 7 miles south of Pine Valley; take Buckman Springs Road off-ramp from I-8 and travel south on Old highway 80.

Contact Information: The Cleveland National Forest, Descanso Ranger District at (619) 445-6235.

CALICO GHOST TOWN REGIONAL PARK
-Yermo-

Campsites: There are 114 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, fire pits, picnic tables, flush toilets and showers.

Elevation: 1,500 feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations / Fee: Reservations requested / fee \$18 per night

Special Features: Good place to go to have a good time. You can visit the Ghost Town and make a whole day of it

Location / Directions: From Barstow drive northeast on I-15. Take Ghost Town Road and go left about 3 miles to the park

Contact Information: The Park at (760) 254-2122

EAST SHORE RV PARK
-Puddingstone Lake-

Campsites: There are 25 sites for walk in tent camping

Facilities: There is picnic tables, piped water, fire pits and full restrooms

Elevation:

Dates Open: All year

Reservations / Fee: Reservations accepted / fee \$29 per night

Special Features: This is a great place to rent or use boats, fishing or swimming

Location / Directions: From Pomona go west on I-10. Take the Fairplex Boulevard exit north to the first traffic light. Turn left on Via Verde and drive to the first stop sign. Turn right on Campers View and welcome to the park.

Contact Information: The Camp at (909) 599-8355

MOJAVE NARROWS REGIONAL PARK

-Victorville-

Campsites: There are 110 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, toilets, showers and a store

Elevation: 2,00 feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations / Fee: No reservations required / fee \$10 per night for groups

Special Features: You can go fishing or horseback riding

Location / Directions: From I-15 near Victorville take Bear Valley exit and follow the signs to the camp. Turn left on Ridgecrest and follow to the camp

Contact Information: The Park at (760) 254-2226

MOJAVE RIVER FORKS REGIONAL PARK

-Hesperia-

Campsites: There are 80 sites for tent camping

Facilities: There is piped water, picnic tables, fire pits, toilets, showers, a store and a Laundromat

Elevation: 3,00 feet

Dates Open: All year

Reservations / Fee: No reservations required / fee \$9-\$14 per night

Special Features: Near Silverwood Lake

Location / Directions: From San Bernardino drive north on I- 215. Continue north on I- 15 to Silverwood Lake exit. Drive 9 miles east to Highway 173. Stay left and drive 7 miles to the park

Contact Information: The Park at (760) 389-2322

BELLE

-Joshua Tree National Monument-

Campsites: 17 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Picnic tables, fire pits, and pit toilets (no water, so bring your own)

Elevation: 3,800 feet

Dates Open: Year-Round, best time is Oct-April

Reservations / Fee: No reservation required / No fee

Special Features: Located near the border of the monument.

Location / Directions: From Highway 62 go past Twenty-Nine Palms and go south on Utah Trail. Follow the road to the fork and take the left fork. It is just a short drive to Belle.

Contact Information: For more information contact Joshua Tree National

BLACK ROCK
-Joshua Tree National Monument-

Campsites: 100 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Picnic tables, fire pits, and flush toilets

Elevation: 4,000 feet

Dates Open: October through May

Reservations / Fee: Reservations required through MISTIX / Fee \$10 per night

Special Features: This site sometimes has pumped water. It is not always pumped so bring plenty of your own.

Location / Directions: Take the I-10 east to Highway 62. Follow Highway 62 past Yucca Valley. Turn right on Joshua Lane and follow it to the campsite.

Contact Information: For more information contact Joshua Tree National Monument, at (760) 367-7511.

HIDDEN VALLEY
-Joshua Tree National Monument-

Campsites: 39 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Picnic tables and fire pits (no water, so bring your own)

Elevation: 4,200 feet

Dates Open: Year-Round, October to April is best

Reservations / Fee: No reservation required / No fee

Special Features: A great spot for biking, hiking, and many other activities. Information on hikes and nature programs can be found at the stores in the Monument.

Location / Directions: Take the I-10 east to Highway 62. Follow it to Joshua Tree. Go south on Park Blvd. and follow to Hidden Valley.

Contact Information: For more information contact Joshua Tree National Monument, at (760) 367-5500.

INDIAN COVE
-Joshua Tree National Monument-

Campsites: 101 sites for tent camping

Facilities: Picnic tables, fire pits, and pit toilets (Water is available at the Ranger Station)

Elevation: 3,200 feet

Dates Open: Year-Round

Reservations / Fee: No reservation required / No fee

Special Features: There is a nearby hiking trail that goes to the Hidden Valley campground area. Indian Cove is based by one of the five Ranger Stations in Joshua Tree.

Location / Directions: Take the I-10 to Highway 62. Follow it past Joshua Tree to Indian Cove Road. Go south to the campground just past the Indian Cove Ranger Station.

Contact Information: For more information contact Joshua Tree National Monument, at (760) 367-7511.

Camp Cherry Valley - Catalina Island

Most popular Boy Scout Summer Camp in the Western United States

Located only *26 Miles Across the Sea*, as the song says, on legendary Santa Catalina Island, it is a ferry ride across the channel to a camp that dates to the 1920s. A picturesque cove with sandy beach, swimming area and unusually clear water is situated at the mouth of Cherry Valley.

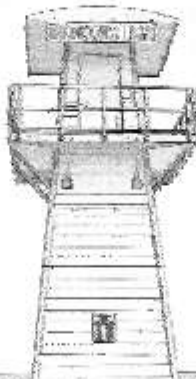
Camp Cherry Valley offers opportunities for many water sports including world-class snorkeling, SCUBA diving, canoeing, rowing, sailing and swimming. Because it is located on the leeward side of the island, the cove is calm making it a perfect place for lots of fun in the water. Hikes over mountainous terrain, war canoe races, touring an old silver mine, a sea lab with a touch tank so you can learn about local marine life is available. Camping in comfortable platform tents under a unique variety of cherry trees, a dining hall and more.



Reservations for Summer Camp are usually full two years in advance, so get your reservations in early. But don't let this scare you away. If you are interested in attending Camp Cherry Valley this summer, contact the Council office to see if there are any last minute spaces available. There are additional programs offered in spring and at the end of the summer for all levels in Scouting and family camping.



For information: 626 351-8815 Ext. 237 or e-mail us at: maggieg@sgvcbsa.org



Holcomb Valley Scout Ranch

San Bernardino Mountains, Fawnskin, CA

San Gabriel Valley Council , Boy Scouts of America

Holcomb Valley Scout Ranch at 7,000 ft. Somewhere between the crisp air of a mountain meadow and the burning of a western sunset lies Holcomb Valley Scout Ranch. Quickly becoming one of the premiere camps in the West through providing adventure and scouting in a uniquely Western Ranch



camp nestled in California. A great out-of-full for both first older boys.



setting, Holcomb Valley is a beautiful

in the San Bernardino Mountains near Big Bear Lake in camp rich in history and legend serving as a base to enjoy the doors. Holcomb Valley presents a ranch-style camp offering a complement of merit badges. There are also great programs year boys and adventurous Varsity/Venturing programs for

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***Camp Trask - Foothills of Monrovia
Wilderness Close to Home***

Camp Trask is a special place, tucked into Monrovia Canyon, only minutes from the hustle and bustle of the city. A brief drive up a meandering road camp and you are suddenly into a calming wilderness setting. The silence in camp is broken only by the sound of the year-round stream which flows through camp. There are no



city lights, so you can see the stars at night. There are lots of reasons to come to Trask: The new dining hall, great swimming pool, Fort Rotary, and outdoor amphitheater for campfire programs.

Many programs are offered at Camp Trask throughout the year.

For information: 626 351-8815 Ext. 237 or e-mail us at: maggieg@sgvcbsa.org



Camp Whitsett - Sequoia National Forest
West Los Angeles Area Council

Camp Whitsett offers an outstanding venue for your troop long-term camp. Camp Whitsett is situated at an elevation of 4300' with its own lake. The camp is located approximately 4 hours north of the San Fernando Valley. It is north east of Bakersfield and 35 miles north of Lake Isabella.



The program facilities and equipment at Whitsett cannot be matched. Camp Whitsett offers a variety of program, choice of central or jamboree style dining, with facilities and advancement opportunities that are second to none. Scouts can work on the lower ranks toward

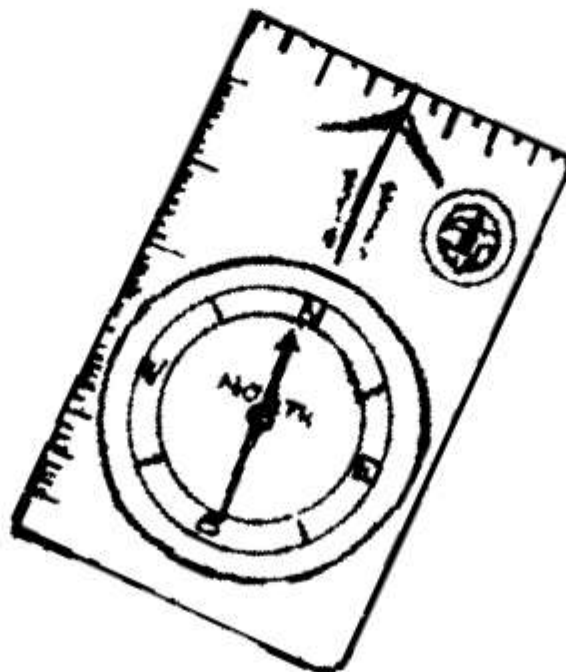
first class, earn merit badges and participate in exciting, fun activities.

An enthusiastic, well-trained staff is available to help your unit with it's program for fun and for training. Strict health and safety standards are maintained in camp at all times, emergency facilities are available, and medical checks by trained medical supervisors are enforced.



This will be an unforgettable experience for your Scouts. If you are looking for leadership development, self confidence building, advancement opportunities, or just plain fun, as part of a superb program set in a mountain top forest location, Camp Whitsett is the place for you.

For information: (818) 785-8700



Schoepe Scout Reservation Lost Valley

Orange County Council

The Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley is located in the Warner Springs Area of San Diego County. It is a rustic wilderness camp with 1,400 acres of oak, pine and chaparral,



bordered by the Cleveland National Forest. The camp has 22 new cabins, two swimming pools, a three-acre lake, rifle, archery and shotgun ranges, horse stables, a mountain bike center, an observatory, two handicraft centers, an Indian Village with an active archaeological dig and a nature center. Two dining halls, Beckman Hall and Casey Lodge, provide Scouts with meal service. Scouts can also participate in High Adventure programs, with challenges ranging from rock climbing and rappelling to black powder shooting and COPE.



After traveling the scenic eleven-mile dirt road to the camp, Schoepe Scout Reservation appears like a mountain oasis in the high desert. Oak and pine trees surround the meadows and valleys that comprise the 1,400 acres of camp. The reservation abounds in wildlife and has many hiking trails so that those attending can enjoy the unspoiled nature of the surroundings. At 4,600 feet, the facility is available year-round for a variety of camping programs

For information: (800) 20-SCOUT (72688) or (714) 546-4990

Log Cabin Wilderness Base Camp

Los Angeles Area Council

Log Cabin Wilderness Camp is located at 10,000 feet elevation overlooking Mono Lake, in Northern California. The camp is in the area that is considered to be the "backdoor" to Yosemite. The camp is only open during the summer, and is considered a High Adventure Base. The program is geared for older Scouts (there is a 13 year old age requirement) and Venturers, and contains the following program features:- C.O.P.E., Rock Climbing on a natural rock face, hiking, backpacking, mountain oriented first aid, and backcountry cooking to name a few. Crews check in, spend a day or two getting adjusted to the altitude, and then spend 4 to 6 days backpacking through Yosemite. The camp handles all permits and guides.



Call the office for a Leader's Guide if interested, 213-413-4400, ext. 257



Forest Lawn Scout Reservation—Circle X Ranch @ Big Horn
Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

Forest Lawn Scout Reservation is located at an elevation of 5,300 feet on more than 2,000 acres in the heart of the beautiful San Bernardino National Forest near Lake Arrowhead, California. We have a great program available that allows Scouts to advance while experiencing the best that Scouting has to offer.



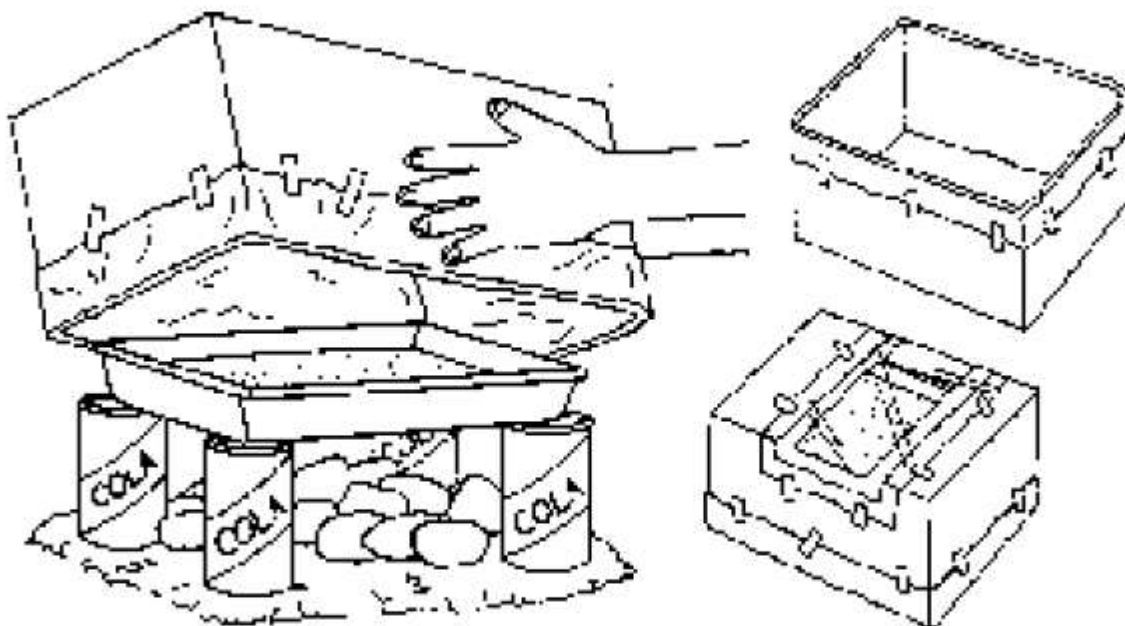
At Circle X Ranch at Big Horn campers can scale a climbing wall, ride horseback through the reservation, trace the history of loggers that once inhabited the land, or work on requirements to reach First Class.

Circle X Ranch Scout Camp is the perfect summer camp answer for Lone Scouts, for Scouts whose unit is not attending a summer camp, or for Scouts who have schedule conflicts with the time that their unit attends summer camp at F.L.S.R. or elsewhere.



Circle X Ranch at Big Horn offers a Provisional Unit (Maverick Unit) each week to permit individual Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts to attend a week of Scout summer camp.

For Information: **(213) 413-4400, ext. 257**



CAMP TAHQUITZ, BARTON FLATS

41700 State Highway 38, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305

San Bernardino Mountains

Long Beach Area Council, Boy Scouts of America



The Long Beach Area Council is fortunate to own a square (640 acres) of pristine forest land in the Bernardino Mountains. The Will J.

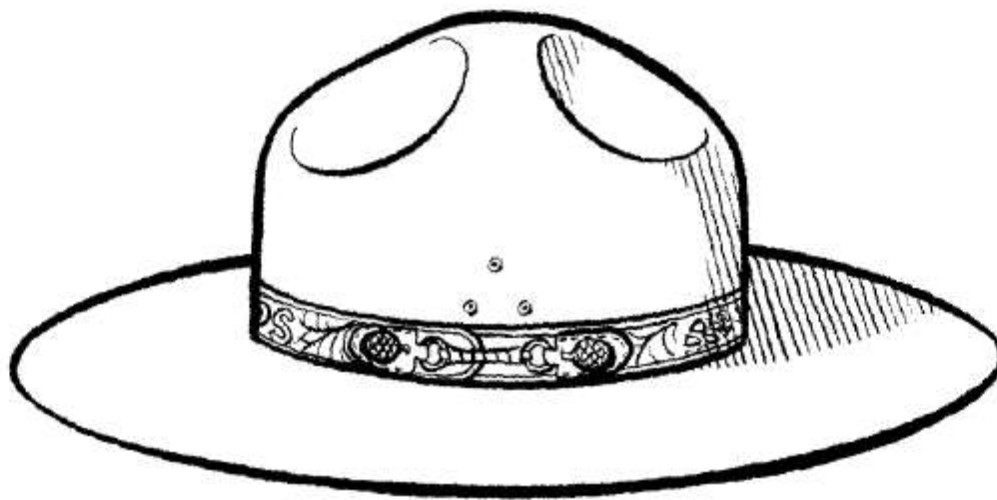


Reid Scout Reservation-Camp Tahquitz is an easy drive of about 100 miles from Long Beach. The property sits at the 6500-foot elevation among rolling meadows, cedars, firs, oaks and some of the world's tallest Ponderosa Pines. The Camp Tahquitz summer program has been operated by the Council for nearly 80 years, serving Scouts from

Troops throughout Southern California and as far away as Nevada and Arizona. Camp Tahquitz offers one of the finest traditional Scout camping experiences in the Western Region, always receiving the highest ratings of the BSA National Camp Standards. Troops have the options to utilize Jamboree-style feeding (units prepare meals in their campsites with camp-provided food) or central dining hall-style feeding. The camp is accessible year-round for groups of all sizes, offering plenty of opportunities to enjoy the outdoors. The camp gets snow roughly mid-December to March.



For More Information: (562-427-0911 ext 290)



CAMP EMERSON @ Boseker Scout Reservation
San Bernardino National Forest
California Inland Empire Council Boy Scouts of America

Camp Emerson at Boseker Scout Reservation enjoyed one of its most successful summer camping seasons ever, with over 1,700 Scouts and Scouters attending. Units have found our camp to be ideal for a number of reasons:



We are local. We offer units in the California Inland Empire Council the chance to support their own camp. We are a convenient drive from anywhere in Southern California.

Beautiful weather. A summer day in Idyllwild is fun and relaxing. Temperatures are usually 20 degrees cooler than the valley floor, with a cool breeze and a quiet atmosphere.

We are cost-effective. Camp Emerson is not a cheap camp. We offer nearly all the exciting programs that you will find at any mainstream summer camp, but our pricing is extremely competitive.

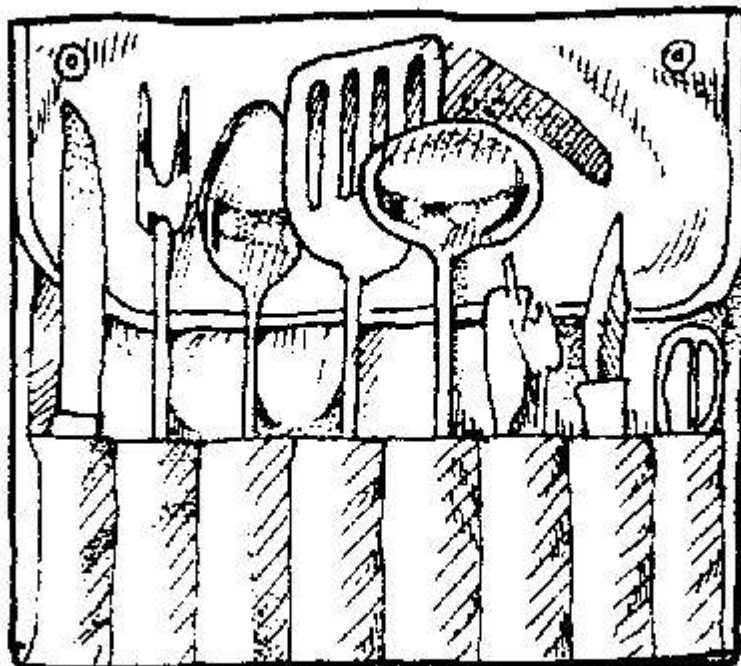
We all on a roll! More and more attention has been put into continually improving our camp's operations and facilities.



There are big plans in place too, including a new Ranger's Home and Warehouse as well as a new Dining Facility. The more we have put into the camp, the more we have gotten out of it, and we want you to feel the same way.



For More Information: (909) 793-2463



Camp Chawanakee @ Shaver Lake

Sierra National Forest

Sequoia Council

Welcome to the pride of the Sequoia Council, fabulous Camp Chawanakee. Boy Scout Camp No. 27 was founded on Shaver Lake in 1946 by a grant from the federal government, the Civilian



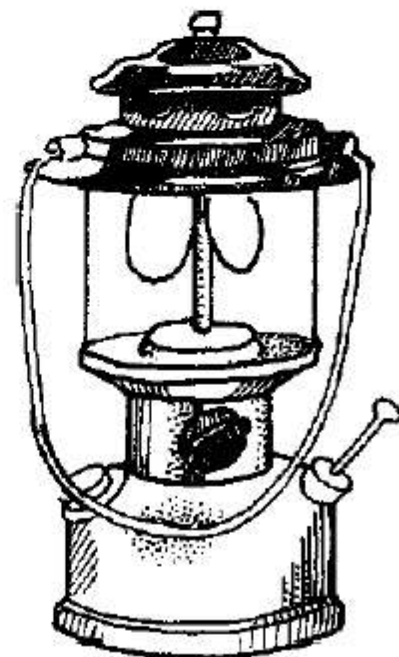
Conservation Corps and Southern Edison Power Company. Camp Chawanakee has grown from a capacity of 100 Scouts and no facilities to today's 3600 Scouts and a complete services group of permanent facilities.



The camp operates nine one-week long sessions for the summer season from June to Labor Day, accomodating 400 Scouts and Adults in 22 campsites at a time, while simultaneously offering a family camping area nearby.

Camp Chawanakee offers opportunities for Scouts to develop their unit and personal programs in a concentrated weeklong full-time scouting achievement environment. There is the Trail to First Class program for new and junior scouts as well as the opportunity for Scouts to earn their choice of over 40 merit badges. For the more accomplished Scouts there are the Trails of Chawanakee, The climbing tower, the COPE Course and overnight adventure outings.

For More Information: *Fresno Service Center (559) 320-2100*



Camp Geronimo

Tonto National Forest, Arizona
Grand Canyon Council



Camp

"Located north of Payson in the shadows of the magnificent Mogollon Rim on nearly 200 acres of forest and meadows, Geronimo is surrounded by over 5,000 acres of ponderosa pine forest. Trails lead from camp to the top of the Rim, taking Scouts to where they can stand at the very edge of the Colorado Plateau and view hundreds of square miles of the Tonto National Forest. Camp Geronimo has 29 fully developed campsites complete with tents, a swimming



pool, small lake, craft center, archery range, rifle range, black powder range, climbing tower, and a stable of horses. Scouts will also enjoy nature programs, hiking and much more. Great all-you-



can-eat meals are served in the dining hall, along with some special outdoor meals." --source: Grand Canyon Council website



For More Information:
**Council Service
Center - Phoenix 602-
955-7747**



Rancho Las Flores

Orange County Council

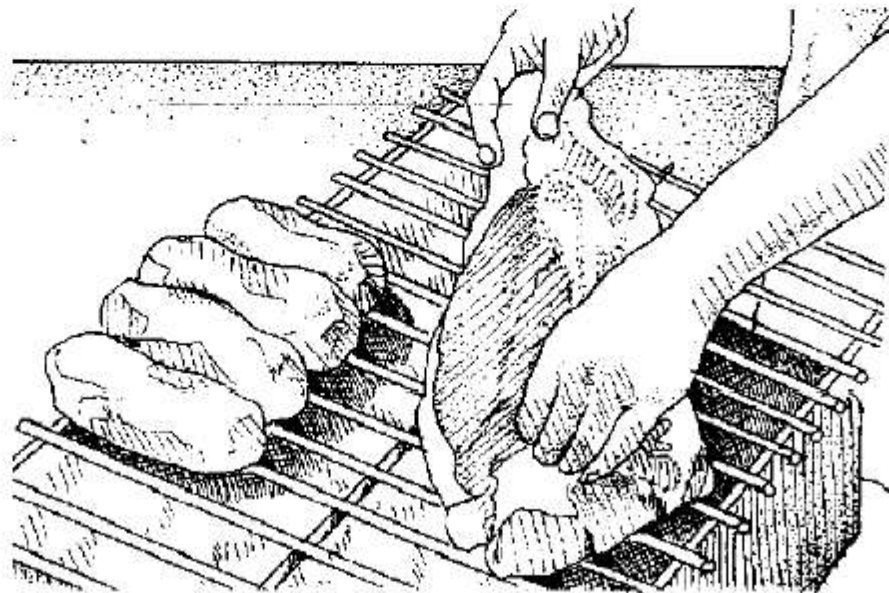
In 1865, early California pioneer Marco Forster built the Las Flores adobe on Rancho Santa Margarita, near the San Pedro Estancia, a sub-mission between San Luis Rey and San Juan Capistrano. A registered historic landmark, the Boy Scouts of America developed a Scout camp on the property in 1974. Today, Rancho Las Flores is used by thousands of Scouts and other youth groups.



Rancho Las Flores is comprised of 54 acres located on the north end of Camp Pendleton, just off Interstate 5 at the Las Pulgas exit. The camp is on the Mission Trail between San Luis Rey and San Juan Capistrano. It was a resting place for travelers between missions, and it has a National Historic Landmark on-site with an adobe house that was built in the 1800's. It has eleven campsites that have running water, tables, barbecues and campfire rings. For large activities, "The Barn", that also has a large kitchen is available for rent. Archery, air rifle shooting, volleyball, crafts and nature hikes are among the many things available at camp.

Rancho Las Flores is a camp for all seasons, open year round and ideal for all types of camping. Typical weekend use has Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout troops, and other organized youth groups enjoying traditional "tailgate" style camping.

For More Information: **Council Service Center - (714) 546-4990**



Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center

Los Angeles Area Council, Boy Scouts of America



WELCOME to the Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center—a one-of-a-kind, youth, aquatic center. Our goals are to provide unique aquatics and camping experiences for the youth of Southern California and, in turn, give youth self-confidence by exposing them to water safety, rescue methods, care and use of equipment, and physical fitness.

In 1987, the Spielberg Center opened its gates with the swimming pool, campgrounds, dining area, craft center, Scout Shop, staff quarters, boat house and amphitheater



that are present today. The facility is 12.3 acres and the Spanish and



The



building is 25,000 square feet of Mediterranean architecture.

For information: 310-831-1984

San Diego Youth Aquatic Center - San Diego

San Diego-Imperial Council

The San Diego Youth Aquatic Center is nestled in a protected cove on the water on Fiesta Island in the heart of Mission Bay Park, San Diego, California. The beautiful facility occupies one acre of land adjacent to the Fiesta Island Youth Camp and is surrounded by sandy bay front beaches with access to the Pacific Ocean. On a hot summer day with the cool ocean breeze in your face take advantage of the many instructional and recreational opportunities in sailing (catamaran and small boat), water-skiing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, surfing, swimming and windsurfing that are available.



The Aquatics Center's beach front facilities include: a boat ramp, a marine biology lab and touch tanks, a shark and sting ray tank, dorms, locker rooms with hot showers, meeting and program rooms, a kitchen, and court yard.

For information: 619 298-6121

Wolverton

Western Los Angeles County Council

A picturesque camp in the beautiful red fir forest of Sequoia National Park, Camp Wolverton is also a gateway to the wilderness of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The camp has 3 sites with a total capacity of 70 people. Hot showers are included in your camping fee, but no electricity or RV hook up is available. Troops and families find a variety of uses for Camp Wolverton.

Backpacking opportunities abound at Camp Wolverton. The camp is only a quarter of a mile from the Pear Lake and Moose Lake trailhead. The Twin Lakes trailhead is one mile away. The Silver Bearpaw, Silver Cloud and Wolverton-to-Whitsett hikes all start from this camp. Alternatively, bring your unit or your family for a week or weekend of fun in the High Sierra! Many troops plan weekend family camps at Wolverton - why don't you? Camp Wolverton is open from mid-June until late-August. Plan to arrive at camp before dark. Park Service regulations require that all foodstuffs must be stored in bear-proof lockers. Each campsite includes a bear-proof food locker and there is a large walk-in food locker in central camp.



Reservations should be made through the Council office camping department at (818) 785-8700 ext. 130.



Calico Ghost Town Regional Park

Mojave Desert, Barstow, California

Today, Calico is one of the few remaining original mining towns of the western United States. It was preserved by Walter Knott (founder of Knott's Berry Farm and a relative of the owner of Calico's Silver King mine). Mr. Knott donated Calico Ghost Town to the County of San Bernardino in 1966, and it remains alive and well as a 480-acre County Regional Park.



Camping

265 Sites

46 full hookups

58 partial hookups

3 dump stations

3 group camping areas

Tent and off-road vehicle camping

Camping cabins

Bunk House

Admission to Ghost Town included in camping fees, except during Special Events



For More Information: *1-800-TO CALICO or (760) 254-2122*

Firestone Scout Reservation

Los Angeles Area Council

Firestone Scout reservation has been around since 1955 but is well maintained with fire pits, drinking fountains and tables. Located just off the 57 freeway, between the communities of Brea and Diamond Bar. Close to millions of people, yet with the feel of a secluded ranch. Firestone has sites for small groups as well as those needing space for over 1,000 people. Intimate tree covered settings to large open fields await to provide the perfect private location for your activity.



Varied habitat for nature education. Safe and secure site closed to the public. Inexpensive. Resources to do things not practical on public lands. Firestone has Nature Trail Softball Hiking Archery B.B. Gun range, Compass game Bike riding Orienteering Backpacking Fitness Course Camp Cooking Bird watching

For More Information: 213-413-4400

Big Sycamore Canyon Campground

Point Mugu State Park Campgrounds

9000 W. Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265

Drinking Water, Flush Toilets, Showers, 52 Tent/RV Spaces, Dump Station, Fire Rings, \$20-25/Night

Point Mugu State Park, located in the Santa Monica Mountains, features five miles of ocean shoreline, with rocky bluffs, sandy beaches, sand dunes, rugged hills and uplands, two major river canyons and wide grassy valleys dotted with sycamores, oaks and a few native walnuts. There are more than 70 miles of hiking trails. The beach also features swimming, body surfing and surf fishing. The 15,000-acre park includes the jagged pinnacles of the Boney Mountains State Wilderness Area.



Big Sycamore Canyon Campground is located just off of PCH. A day hike in the local trails will allow you to hike among 80 foot tall sycamore trees, along the ridge where you can catch glimpses of the Pacific Ocean.

For More Information: 800-



Newport Sea Base

Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America

In 1937, Sea Scouts started a program in Newport Harbor, using the skills of seamanship to teach the Scouting values of citizenship, fitness, and character. In the over sixty years since, thousands of young people have learned these ideals while they gain an appreciation for aquatic sports.



The Scout Sea Base features a two-story classroom/program building, which includes an upstairs meeting room. The new program docks allow easy launching of boats. Our program fleet includes sabots, FJ's, canoes, row boats, kayaks and capris. The Scout Sea Base is also a registered yacht club, which enables our members to compete with other youth.

Take a step back in history aboard *Argus*, our 1905 topsail ketch. The pride of the



Sea Base, we offer one-day, weekend, and



five-day programs at sea. For the adventure of a lifetime, book a trip aboard *Argus* and plan for your group to help crew the ship, learn teamwork and leadership skills, and keep a lookout for dolphins and whales. *Argus*

accommodates 20 sailors on overnight trips and 34 sailors on day trips.

For information: (949) 642-5031

WILL J. REID SCOUT PARK

Long Beach Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

4747 Daisy Ave., Long Beach, CA 90805

For more than 50 years, the 11-acre Will J. Reid Scout Camp has been a close-to-home activity base for thousands of Scouts and Scouters who have used the Training Center, picnic area and overnight campsites. The campfire bowl is a memorable spot for unit campfire programs. The camp facilities include a dining hall and a full kitchen which are frequently used for Blue & Gold Banquets and Eagle Scout Courts of Honor.

Training Center - The large Conference Center and adjoining kitchen has approx. 150 capacity for meetings, receptions etc.

Picnic Area - Tables, cookout grills and shaded grassy areas can accommodate groups of 100 or more

Pool - Units must provide qualified lifeguards or make arrangements for camp-provided staff.



Campfire Bowl - An amphitheater-style facility with fire rings on both sides of the stage area.

Campsites - Primitive campsites, with running water, fire rings and nearby restrooms.

For information: 562.422-2532



Mount Baden-Powell

Angles National Forest

Mount Baden-Powell is a peak in the San Gabriel Mountains of California named for the famous English Lord Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the World Scouting Movement. Mount Baden Powell was officially recognized by the USGS at a dedication ceremony in 1931. Its first designation was East Twin or North Baldy named by C. F. Saunders in 1923.

At 9,399 feet in elevation, Mount Baden-Powell is the second highest peak of the San Gabriel Range, Mount San Antonio or "Old Baldy" being the highest at 10,064. The summit has long been a favorite of hiking excursions either from the Mt. Islip Saddle near Little Jimmy Trail Camp, or the Vincent Gap Trail which leads up a moderate to strenuous set of switchbacks from Wrightwood. Mt. Baden-Powell is also the high point along the historic 53-mile Boy Scout hiking trail, The Silver Moccasin Trail. The Vincent Gap hike leads through a variety of forested areas consisting of Jeffrey Pines, Ponderosas, Lodgepole pines, Cedars, and an ancient forest of Limber Pines, some noted to be as old as 2,000 years. In 1957 several Southern California Councils of the Boy Scouts of America placed a formal marker at the summit with a plaque dedicated to Lord Baden-Powell.



Robison Hike # 81.

More information is available in *Trails of the Angeles*, John W.



Log Cabin Wilderness Base Camp

Los Angeles Area Council

Log Cabin Wilderness Camp is located at 10,000 feet elevation overlooking Mono Lake, in Northern California. The camp is in the area that is considered to be the "backdoor" to Yosemite. The camp is only open during the



summer, and is considered a High Adventure Base. The program is geared for older Scouts (there is a 13 year old age requirement) and Venturers, and contains the following program features:- C.O.P.E., Rock Climbing on a natural rock face,



hiking, backpacking, mountain oriented first aid, altitude, and then spend 4 to 6 days backpacking through Yosemite. The camp handles all permits. Call the office for a Leader's Guide if interested, 213-413-4400, ext. 257



Wolverton

Western Los Angeles County Council

A picturesque camp in the beautiful red fir forest of Sequoia National Park, Camp Wolverton is also a gateway to the wilderness of Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The camp has 3 sites with a total capacity of 70 people. Hot showers are included in your camping fee, but no electricity or RV hook up is available. Troops and families find a variety of uses for Camp Wolverton.



Backpacking opportunities abound at Camp Wolverton. The camp is only a quarter of a mile from the Pear Lake and Moose Lake trailhead. The Twin Lakes trailhead is one mile away. The Silver Bearpaw, Silver Cloud and Wolverton-to-Whitsett hikes all start from this camp.



Alternatively, bring your unit or your family for a week or weekend of fun in the High Sierra! Many troops plan weekend family camps at Wolverton - why don't you? Camp Wolverton is open from mid-June until late-August. Plan to arrive at camp before dark. Park Service regulations require that all foodstuffs must be stored in bear-proof lockers. Each campsite includes a bear-proof food locker and there is a large walk-in food locker in central camp.

Reservations should be made through the Council office camping department at (818) 785-8700 ext. 130.

Double H High Adventure Base
New Mexico, USA



Started in the summer of 2004, the Double H High Adventure Base is Philmont Scout Ranch's newest program. Located on the Torstenson Wildlife Center in Datil, New Mexico, the Double H is over 100,000 acres of rugged wilderness.

Seven-day backpacking programs give crews the freedom to hike without trails. A Wilderness Guide (Double H staff member) accompanies the crew for the entire trek. Programs provided at the Martin (backcountry) Camp and the Wilderness Guide include geocaching, GPS navigation skills, challenge/team building events, black powder shooting, archery, astronomy, conservation projects, search & rescue, and more.

For More Information contact: <http://www.scouting.org/philmont/doubleh/index.html>



Hurkey Creek

Riverside County Park

56375 Highway 74, Mountain Center CA 92561 | Phone: (951) 659-2050

Located 4 miles SE of Mountain Center off Hwy 74. 119 sites available, no hook-ups. A 59-acre facility located 4 miles southeast of Mountain Center off Highway 74. Hurkey has 100 developed individual campsites, available by reservation or on a first-come, first serve basis. A large group area is also available by reservation only. Other amenities include centrally located showers and a day-use picnic area. You have available hiking trails close by and the camp serves as a great pre-camporee training site. Hurkey is located near Lake Hemet.



Camp Dale Resler

Yucca Council, BSA

Cloudcroft, New Mexico, USA

Dale Resler is your basic Boy Scout summer camp. Offering the standard items, Scoutcraft, Nature, Handicraft, Shooting Sports, Campfires, Fun and more. For something different visit the Indian Village or shoot a Black Powder rifle. For older boys CDR offers Hiking and Mountain Biking. A dedicated, qualified camp staff provides sessions for Boy Scouts, Webelos and Cub Scout Families.

The camp is situated high in the Sacramento Mountains of the Lincoln National Forest amid beautiful pines and aspens. The camp combines the lore approximately 1.5 miles east of Cloudcroft, New Mexico at an elevation of 9,000 feet above sea level.



For More Information contact: **(800) 580-4272**



El Capitán State Beach

Santa Barbara County

10 Refugio Beach Rd. • Goleta, CA 93117 • (805) 968-1033

El Capitán State Beach offers visitors a sandy beach, rocky tidepools, and stands of sycamore and oaks along El Capitán Creek. It's a perfect setting for swimming, fishing, surfing, picnicking and camping. A stairway provides access from the bluffs to the beach area. Amenities include RV hookups, pay showers, restrooms, hiking and bike trails, a fabulous beach, a seasonal general store and an outdoor arena. Many of the sites offer an ocean view. A bike trail connects the park with Refugio State Beach, 2.5 miles away.

The beach is located off Highway 101 seventeen miles west of Santa Barbara.



For more information, call (805) 968-1033.

Reservations highly Recommended



Camp John Mesinger
Greater Yosemite Council
Stanislaus National Forest, CA

Camp John Mensinger (CJM) is one of the premiere Nationally Accredited, Boy Scout summer camps in California. The camp is located in the Stanislaus National Forest at an elevation of approximately 4,800 feet. Take Highway 108 through Sonora and Strawberry; turn left at the Beardsley Reservoir exit. After crossing Beardsley Dam, travel another 7 miles to camp. Follow our "BSA" signs.

The 168 acre camp was deeded to the Yosemite Area Council (now Greater Yosemite Council) in 1969 by the Pickering Lumber Corporation and included the facilities of its Soap Creek Logging Camp. In 1976, Camp John Mensinger opened for Scout camping with new and modern facilities. The camp is rich in logging history and is in an ideal location for our Scouting programs.

Camp John Mensinger is the perfect setting for Boy Scouts to have a great Scouting experience. Our camp programs offer a diverse range of Scouting activities that includes aquatics, shooting sport, nature study, handicrafts, Scoutcraft and high adventure.

For More Information contact: (209) 545-6320



Camp Fleischmann

Nevada Area Council
Lassen National Forest, CA



Camp Fleischmann is the premiere Resident Camp for the Nevada Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Located at the base of the Cascade Mountains near Mount Lassen Volcanic Park we offer a full program of scouting, fun, and the outdoors. Camp Fleischmann is located in the heart of the Lassen National Forest and the shadow of Lassen Volcanic National Park.

When your Scouts attend Camp Fleischmann, they will be doing a lot more than just camping. While camping is one of the primary reasons that a boy joins Scouting, it is also an ideal opportunity to develop character, build teamwork skills and grow as a leader.

For More Information contact: 775-787-1111 ext 10



Owl Canyon Campground

San Bernardino County, BLM

In the area covered by the Barstow Field Office, there is a campgrounds at Rainbow Basin/ Owl Canyon . This campground is first-come first-served requiring a \$6.00 per night fee. There are designated sites with picnic tables and fire rings.

Many visitors come to see exciting multi-colored rock formations and walk the scenic canyons. A variety of desert wildlife is found here, including the desert tortoise. Vehicle trespass is a major concern, so all routes not signed as "open" are CLOSED to vehicles.



For more information, call (760) 252-6000



BSA High Adventure Bases

Get out of the house and into the excitement offered at one of the BSA's High Adventure Bases! You've got three choices: a unique aquatic quest at the Florida Sea Base; a canoeing or winter camping challenge at the Northern Tier; or a wild west backpacking expedition at the Philmont Scout Ranch.

Florida Sea Base

Make a splash! Head to the Florida Keys and dive into an amazing Florida Sea Base adventure and wade into more excitement than you ever



though possible. Snorkeling, SCUBA, boating, and beach camping are among the many possibilities.



Northern Tier

Don't miss the boat! One of the most beautiful, and remote parts of North America offers a unique opportunity for Scouts. Canoeing, hiking,



fishing, and winter camping in and around the beautiful lakes of northern Minnesota and southern Canada await you at the Northern Tier.



Philmont Scout Ranch

Take a hike! The mountains of New Mexico offer the adventure that you have always dreamed about.



Backpacking, rock climbing, western lore, living history, and the views from peaks over 10,000 feet tall will make memories that last a lifetime.



High Adventure is a chance to try something you may never experience again. So take adventure to the limit. You'll never forget it.

More Info

All three bases have year-around opportunities. Write or call for more information.

Florida Sea Base
P.O. Box 1906
Islamorada, FL 33036
(305)664-4173

Northern Tier
P.O. Box 509
Ely, MN 55731
(218)365-4811

Philmont Scout Ranch
Cimarron, NM 87714
(505)376-2281

Awards and Recognition

There are several camping related awards that Scouts and Scouters can earn. Some of the awards are described below.

Merit Badges. Camping related merit badges include: Backpacking, Camping, Canoeing, Climbing, Cooking, Cycling, Environmental Science, Hiking, Nature, Orienteering, Pioneering, Rowing, Skating, Skiing, Small-Boat Sailing, Snow Sports, Soil and Water Conservation, Swimming, and Wilderness Survival.

Aquatic Awards. Aquatic awards include the following Board Sailing, BSA; BSA Lifeguard; Mile Swim; Snorkeling, BSA; Kayaking, BSA and Scuba, BSA.



Historic Trails Award. Love of America and devotion to our country depend upon a thorough appreciation of the ideals, principles, and

traditions that have made our country strong. Historic Trails Award requirements emphasize

cooperation between historic societies and Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturer units. A unit should establish a close relationship a local society as soon as possible when planning a historic activity - most communities have such societies.



To Earn this award, members of your unit must plan and participate in a historic activity. A unit historic activity requires members

1. Locate a historic trail or site and study information relating to it. (The information may be obtained from an adult historic society, public library, or people living near the trail or the site)
2. Hike or camp 2 days and 1 night along the trail or in the vicinity of the site.
3. Cooperate with an adult group such as a historic society to restore and mark all or part of this trail or site, (This may be done during the hike or overnight camp..) Or cooperate with such a group to plan and stage a historic pageant, ceremony, or other public event related to this trail or site -- such event should be large enough to merit coverage by the local press.
4. Your unit leader must then file the *Historic Trails Award application* with your council service center.

Fifty Miler Award. The primary objective of this program is to stimulate Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, and Venturer interest in the ideals of the movement and to promote activity that will result in personal fitness, self-reliance, knowledge of wood lore, and a practical understanding of conservation.

Chartered unit participation is most desirable; however, provisional groups are eligible. This award does not apply if any other is available for a trip.



The Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer unit or provisional group must follow these rules for a 50-Miler trip:

- Select a suitable trail or waterway.
- Adult leaders older than 21 must make the entire trip.
- If the trip is five hundred miles or more from homes of group members (local council camp excepted) or crosses national boundaries and into the territory of other nations, a National Permit Application, No 34419, is necessary, For trips arid overnight camps less than five hundred miles, use a Local Tour Permit Application, No 34426.

Conservation Awards. Conservation awards include the Leave No Trace Awareness Award, the Boy Scout World Conservation Award, and the Hornaday Awards. This



awards program was created to recognize those individuals that have made significant contributions to conservation. It was begun in 1917 by Dr. William T. Hornaday director of the New York Zoological Park and founder of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.. Dr. Hornaday was an active and outspoken champion of natural resource conservation and a leader in saving the American bison from extinction. He named the award the Wildlife Protection Medal. Its purpose was to challenge Americans to work constructively for wildlife conservation and habitat protection.

After his death in 1938, the award was renamed in Dr. Hornaday's honor and became a Boy Scouts of America award.



The Hornaday Awards are highly prized by those who have received them: only slightly more than a thousand medals have been awarded over the past 70 years. These awards represent a substantial commitment of time and energy by individuals who have learned the meaning of a conservation/environmental ethic. Any Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, or Venturer willing to devote the time and energy to work on a project based on sound scientific principles and guided by a conservation professional or a well-versed layperson can qualify for one of the Hornaday Awards. Any of the awards will take months to complete, so activities should be planned well in advance.

The fundamental purpose of the Hornaday Awards program is to encourage learning about natural resource conservation and the environment. Understanding and practicing sound stewardship of natural resources and environmental protection strengthens Scouting's emphasis on respecting the outdoors. The goal of this awards program is to encourage and recognize truly outstanding efforts undertaken by Scouting units, Scouts and Venturers, adult Scouters, and other individuals, corporations, and institutions that have contributed significantly to natural resource conservation and environmental protection.



National Camping Award. The National Camping Award is granted to Boy Scout troops and Varsity Scout teams for attaining the required number of days and nights of camping. The ribbon awarded recognizes significant achievement in annual campouts and/or cumulative campouts over a period of years. The ribbon is designated to be displayed with the troop flag



Individual Scouts and Scouters also may qualify for a National Camping Award patch, provided that the required cumulative number of days and nights of camping has been met. This total can include a combination of camping with the Scout's family, patrol, or unit. To earn this award an individual Scout needs to keep track of his campouts and have them approved by his Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. This patch may be worn on the right pocket of the uniform shirt, or placed on the pocket of a backpack or another appropriate place.



High Adventure Team



What Is High Adventure?

BSA defines High Adventure in many ways. Essentially, it is any activity designed for older boys and girls that involves adventure challenges or wilderness experience (afloat or afoot) and that may include high altitude, extreme weather conditions, cold water, exposure, fatigue and/or remote conditions where readily available medical care cannot be assured.

HAT Mission

To provide awareness, to disseminate information, to develop programs and incentives to ensure and enhance safe and enjoyable high adventure experiences within the Scouting Program, and to ensure and enhance the conservation and maintenance of our environment for the future.

Objectives

To provide awareness of important issues and considerations that will give a strong sense of confidence to those adult and youth leaders who will plan and lead high adventure treks while ensuring safety and enjoyment.

To disseminate information to the Scouting Program about high adventure experiences, special programs, outfitters, instructional resources, developments in equipment and techniques and the policies of the Forest Service and the Boy Scouts.

To work with the U.S. Forest Service and other similar organizations in developing and organizing ways in which to motivate and involve the Scouting Program in helping to maintain and conserve the natural environment and high adventure accesses into and through that environment.

To develop programs and incentives through special opportunities and awards that will motivate the members of the Scouting Program, both youth and adults, to challenge themselves with the experiences of adventure and the natural environment.

What is a High Adventure Award?

Quoting High Adventure in the Western Region of the B.S.A.: "High Adventure is many things to many people. To a Cub Scout it is a day hike along an Historic Trail, to a Scout on his first backpack it is the trail and a primitive campsite in the backwoods. To an experienced Explorer it may be an 8-day backpack in the High Country, a difficult mountain climb or a white water river trip.

High Adventure is: "a challenging experience, an experience other than a usual activity, an activity requiring special preparation and training, an activity performed with knowledge and skills beyond normal requirements, an activity that is not usually accomplished in man-made structures..." For Scouts and Explorers it usually is at least an overnight activity.

Then, a High Adventure Award is recognition that the wearer has met the challenge of the wilderness and has accomplished an objective that is both unique and difficult.



Leave No Trace Principles

The Leave No Trace principles might seem unimportant until you consider the combined effects of millions of outdoor visitors. One poorly located campsite or campfire may have little significance, but thousands of such instances seriously degrade the outdoor experience for all. Leaving no trace is everyone's responsibility.

Leave No Trace Awareness

Instilling values in young people and preparing them to make ethical choices throughout their lifetime is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. Leave No Trace helps reinforce that mission, and reminds us to respect the rights of other users of the outdoors as well as future generations. Appreciation for our natural environment and a knowledge of the interrelationships of nature bolster our respect and reverence toward the environment and nature.



Leave No Trace is an awareness and an attitude rather than a set of rules. It applies in your backyard or local park as much as in the backcountry. We should all practice Leave No Trace in our thinking and actions—wherever we go.

We learn Leave No Trace by sharing the principles and then discovering how they can be applied. Leave No Trace instills an awareness that spurs questions like "What can we do to reduce our impact on the environment and on the experiences of other visitors?" Use your judgment and experience to tailor camping and hiking practices to the environment where the outing will occur. Forest, mountain, seashore, plains, freshwater, and wetland environments all require different minimum impact practices.

Outdoor Ethics

Help protect the backcountry by remembering that while you are there, you are a visitor. When you visit a friend, you take care to leave your friends home just as you found it. You would never think of trampling garden flowers, chopping down trees in the yard, putting soap in the drinking water, or marking your name on the living room wall. When you visit the backcountry, the same courtesies apply. Leave everything just as you found it.

Hiking and camping without a trace are signs of an expert outdoorsman, and of a Scout or Scouter who cares for the environment. Travel lightly on the land.

The Leave No Trace Principles of outdoor ethics form the framework of Leave No Trace's message:

- ▲ Plan Ahead and Prepare
- ▲ Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
- ▲ Dispose of Waste Properly
- ▲ Leave What You Find
- ▲ Minimize Campfire Impacts
- ▲ Respect Wildlife
- ▲ Be Considerate of Other Visitors



Plan Ahead and Prepare (more details and information)

Know the regulations and special concerns for the area you'll visit.

Prepare for extreme weather, hazards, and emergencies.

Schedule your trip to avoid times of high use.

Visit in small groups. Split larger parties into groups of 4-6.

Repackage food to minimize waste.

Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.

Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces (more details and information)

Durable surfaces include established trails and campsites, rock, gravel, dry grasses or snow.

Protect riparian areas by camping at least 200 feet from lakes and streams.

Good campsites are found, not made. Altering a site is not necessary.

In popular areas:

Concentrate use on existing trails and campsites.

Walk single file in the middle of the trail, even when wet or muddy.

Keep campsites small. Focus activity in areas where vegetation is absent.

In pristine areas:

Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.

Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.

Dispose of Waste Properly (more details and information)

Pack it in, pack it out. Inspect your campsite and rest areas for trash or spilled foods. Pack out all trash, leftover food, and litter.

Deposit solid human waste in catholes dug 6 to 8 inches deep at least 200 feet from water, camp, and trails. Cover and disguise the cathole when finished.

Pack out toilet paper and hygiene products.

To wash yourself or your dishes, carry water 200 feet away from streams or lakes and use small amounts of biodegradable soap. Scatter strained dishwater.

Leave What You Find (more details and information)

Preserve the past: examine, but do not touch, cultural or historic structures and artifacts.

Leave rocks, plants and other natural objects as you find them.

Avoid introducing or transporting non-native species.

Do not build structures, furniture, or dig trenches.

Minimize Campfire Impacts

Campfires can cause lasting impacts to the backcountry. Use a lightweight stove for cooking and enjoy a candle lantern for light.

Where fires are permitted, use established fire rings, fire pans, or mound fires.

Keep fires small. Only use sticks from the ground that can be broken by hand.

Burn all wood and coals to ash, put out campfires completely, then scatter cool ashes.

Respect Wildlife (more details and information)

Observe wildlife from a distance. Do not follow or approach them.

Never feed animals. Feeding wildlife damages their health, alters natural behaviors, and exposes them to predators and other dangers.

Protect wildlife and your food by storing rations and trash securely.

Control pets at all times, or leave them at home.

Avoid wildlife during sensitive times: mating, nesting, raising young, or winter.

Be Considerate of Other Visitors (more details and information)

Respect other visitors and protect the quality of their experience.

Be courteous. Yield to other users on the trail.

Step to the downhill side of the trail when encountering pack stock.

Take breaks and camp away from trails and other visitors.

Let nature's sounds prevail. Avoid loud voices and noises

Camp Promotion Team Presentation Request Form

Dear Unit Leader:

Please utilize this form to request a unit visitation by the Order of the Arrow Lodge Camping Promotion Team.

Please provide the following information, including at least one phone number:

Unit Leader Name: _____

Unit Number: _____

Unit Meeting Location: _____

Leader's Home Phone #: _____

Leader's Work Phone #: _____

Leader's Cell Phone #: _____

Leader's Email Address: _____

Leader's Address Line 1: _____

Leader's Address Line 2: _____

Leader's City/State/ZIP: _____

Visitation date/time preference (a date will be assigned based on team availability):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

You will be contacted promptly regarding your unit's visitation.

Thank you.

Ta Tanka Lodge

Please Return To your OA Unit Representative



Camping Facility Information Form

Dear Camping Facility:

The Ta Tanka Lodge Order of the Arrow of the Boy Scouts of America is currently compiling a "Where To Go Camping" guide for the area. If you would like include your facility in the guide, which will be distributed to scouting units, please provide the following information:

Facility Name: _____
Telephone# _____
Fax#: _____
Email Address: _____
Website: _____
Address Line 1: _____
Address Line 2: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____

Please briefly describe your camping facility (include number of campsites, campsite size, drinking water source, attractions, facility size, available amenities and any special features):

Please check any of the following that are available at your facility:

- Tent Camping
- Activity Field
- Hiking Trails
- Fire Rings
- Pavilion (s)
- Pool
- Lake (swimming)
- Lake (boating or canoeing)
- Restroom Facilities
- Shower Facilities

Thank you,
Ta Tanka Lodge Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America

Please Return To:

San Gabriel Valley Council
Ta Tanka Lodge
3450 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, California 91107-1934

Phone 626-351-8815
Fax: 626-351-5049

Tour Permit Fax: 626-351-9149



Where to go Camping Feedback Form

Dear Reader:

In order to serve you better as an Order of the Arrow lodge and producer of this guide, we are seeking your input into future editions of this publication.

Please take a moment to provide the following information so that we may create an improved "WTGC" guide in the future.

Where did you first hear about the Where To Go Camping Guide?

Has the WTGC guide been useful to your unit? How so?

Is there any additional information that you would like to see included in the guide?

Are there any reference materials that you would be willing to provide in regards to improving the WTGC guide?

Thank you,
Your Local Order of the Arrow Lodge

Please Return To:

San Gabriel Valley Council
Ta Tanka Lodge
3450 E. Sierra Madre Blvd.
Pasadena, California 91107-1934

Send your comments and suggestions regarding the Manual for Producing a "Where To Go Camping Guide" to GWB@ix.netcom.com





Guide to Safe Scouting

A Unit Leader's Guide for Current Policies and Procedures to Safe Activities

The purpose of the Guide to Safe Scouting is to prepare adult leaders to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through 90-plus years of experience. Limitations on certain activities should not be viewed as stumbling blocks; rather, policies and guidelines are best described as stepping-stones toward safe and enjoyable adventures.

Unit leaders should be aware of state or local government regulations that supersede Boy Scouts of America policies and guidelines.

In situations not specifically covered in this guide, activity planners should evaluate the risk or potential risk of harm, and respond with action plans based on common sense, community standards, the Boy Scout motto, and safety policies and practices commonly prescribed for the activity by experienced providers and practitioners.

Scouting \$\$\$ Pay Liability Claims

The BSA general liability program is not just insurance. In fact, insurance plays a very small part. Our greatest efforts are spent on safety and injury prevention.

BSA self-funds the first million dollars of each liability claim. This means that almost all money spent on a liability claim is Scouting money, not insurance money.

Accident and sickness insurance pays regardless of fault as long as the accident occurred during an official Scouting activity and the unit or council has purchased the coverage.

The BSA Ready & Prepared Award

The Boy Scouts of America's Ready & Prepared Award encourages and rewards Boy Scout troops, Varsity Scout teams, and Venturing crews that incorporate safe practices while enjoying challenging activities. While working to earn the award, units emphasize risk management as a way to help reduce fatalities and serious injury. Focus areas include:

- Driver and passenger safety
- Youth Protection
- Aquatic safety
- Premises safety and first-aid readiness

- Personal fitness

Units may apply for this award at the time of unit rechartering.

BSA Rules and Policies

Bold type throughout the Guide to Safe Scouting denotes BSA rules and policies.



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Guide to Safe Scouting

I - Youth Protection & Adult Leadership

Youth Protection in Scouting

HOW DOES THE BSA PREVENT CHILD ABUSE IN SCOUTING?

The Boy Scouts of America has adopted a number of policies aimed at eliminating opportunities for abuse within the Scouting program. These policies focus on leadership selection and on placing barriers to abuse within the program.

LEADERSHIP

The Boy Scouts of America takes great pride in the quality of our adult leadership. Being a leader in the BSA is a privilege, not a right. The quality of the program and the safety of our youth members call for high-quality adult leaders. We work closely with our chartered organizations to help recruit the best possible leaders for their units.



The adult application requests background information that should be checked by the unit committee or the chartered organization before accepting an applicant for unit leadership. While no current screening techniques exist that can identify every potential child molester, we can reduce the risk of accepting a child molester by learning all we can about an applicant for a leadership position—his or her experience with children, why he or she wants to be a Scout leader, and what discipline techniques he or she would use.

BARRIERS TO ABUSE WITHIN SCOUTING

The BSA has adopted the following policies to provide additional security for our members. These policies are primarily for the protection of our youth members; however, they also serve to protect our adult leaders from false accusations of abuse.

Note: Bold type denotes rules and policies.

- **Two-deep leadership.** **Two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.**
- **No one-on-one contact.** **One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, such as a**

Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youths.

- **Respect of privacy.**
Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- **Separate accommodations.**
When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian. Councils are strongly encouraged to have separate shower and latrine facilities for females. When separate facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers.
- **Proper preparation for high-adventure activities.**
Activities with elements of risk should never be undertaken without proper preparation, equipment, clothing, supervision, and safety measures.
- **No secret organizations.**
The Boy Scouts of America does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- **Appropriate attire.**
Proper clothing for activities is required. For example, skinny-dipping is not appropriate as part of Scouting.
- **Constructive discipline.**
Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- **Hazing prohibited.**
Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- **Junior leader training and supervision.**
Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by junior leaders and ensure that BSA policies are followed.

HOW CAN PARENTS HELP PROTECT THEIR CHILDREN?

Parents participate in the protection of their children in a variety of ways. BSA recognizes the need for open lines of communication so that children are encouraged to bring any troubles to their parents for advice and counsel. In addition, parents need to be involved in their sons' Scouting activities. All parents receive important information concerning the Scouting program as part of their sons' membership applications. This information is provided so that parents can detect any deviations from the BSA's

approved program. If any deviations are noted, parents should call these to the attention of the chartered organization or the unit committee. If the problems persist, parents should contact the local council for assistance.

Parents also need to review the booklet, "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse and Drug Abuse: A Parent's Guide," inserted in every Boy Scout and Cub Scout handbook. The information in this booklet should be the subject of discussions between Scouts and their parents prior to joining a pack or troop.

WHY DO MOST CHILD VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ABUSE KEEP THE ABUSE SECRET?

A victim of child sexual abuse is under a great deal of pressure to keep the abuse secret. In many cases of child molestation, the molester has threatened to harm the child or a member of the child's family. The molester might have told the child that he would not be believed even if the child did tell. Another common situation is that the molester will tell the child that if the child tells about the abuse, he will get into trouble. The clear message is given to the child that if another person finds out, something bad will happen to the child. This pressure to maintain silence can often be successfully overcome by establishing open communication between children and adults through a proper educational program for children.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF A CHILD TELLS ME THAT HE HAS BEEN SEXUALLY ABUSED?

How an adult responds to a child when he tries to disclose abuse can influence the outcome of the child's victimization. By maintaining an apparent calm, the adult can help reassure the child that everything is going to be okay. By not criticizing the child, we counteract any statements the molester made to the victim about the child getting into trouble. Reassure the child that you are concerned about what happened to him and that you would like to get him some help. **Allegations by a Scout concerning abuse in the program must be reported to the Scout executive.** Since these reports are required, the child should be told that you have to tell the proper authorities but that you will not tell anyone else. It is important that you not tell anyone other than the Scout executive or the child protective services agency about allegations of abuse—if the allegations cannot be substantiated, you could be sued for defamation of character.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT MY REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES ARE?

Every state, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories have different reporting requirements. As part of youth protection training, you will receive reporting instructions for your area and for your council. People are often concerned about being sued for reporting child abuse. You are not required to know for certain that a child has been abused. All that the law requires is that you have a reasonable suspicion and are reporting in "good faith." When these requirements are met, all states provide immunity from liability for child abuse reporters.

WHAT YOUTH PROTECTION EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS DOES THE BSA HAVE FOR YOUTH MEMBERS?

"How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide" is a tear-out booklet bound in with BSA youth books. It is designed for parents or guardians and young people to use together for youth protection training. The Power Pack Pals comic books, available in English and in Spanish, are for Cub Scoutage boys. They include Power Pack Pals (No. 33980)/Los Superamigos del Pack (No. 33979), Power Pack Pals Tackle the Internet (No. 33981)/Power Pack Pals: Seguridad en la Internet (No. 3344646), and Power Pack Pals: Four Rules for Personal Safety (No. 46-34750)/Power Pack Pals: 4 Reglas Para Seguridad Personal (No. 34465). The BSA has bilingual, age-appropriate videos for all youth age groups to address the problems of sexual abuse. It Happened to Me/A Mí Me Pasó (No. AV-09DVD11) should be used annually by Cub Scout packs or dens, but only for Cub Scouts accompanied by a parent or other adult family member. The video for Boy Scouts, A Time to Tell/Hora de Contarlo (No. AV-09DVD04), introduces the ³three R¹s² of Youth Protection, and should be viewed by troops annually. Personal Safety Awareness/Concientización Sobre la Seguridad Personal (No. AV-09DVD27) is the video for Venturing-age young people.

HOW CAN SCOUT LEADERS WHO ARE NOT SOCIAL WORKERS TEACH CHILDREN ABOUT YOUTH PROTECTION?

The BSA recognizes that many of our leaders feel unprepared to talk to children about preventing sexual abuse. For this reason, the BSA has meeting guides for both of the videos produced to be viewed by youths. The guides address everything from scheduling the meeting, contacting the police or social services for assistance, and notifying parents (a sample letter is provided), to questions and answers for discussion after the video has been viewed.

WHAT ARE THE "THREE R'S" OF YOUTH PROTECTION?

The "three R's" of Youth Protection convey a simple message that the BSA wants its youth members to learn:

- **Recognize** situations that place him at risk of being molested, how child molesters operate, and that anyone could be a molester.
- **Resist** unwanted and inappropriate attention. Resistance will stop most attempts at molestation.
- **Report** attempted or actual molestation to a parent or other trusted adult. This prevents further abuse of himself and helps to protect other children. Let the Scout know he will not be blamed for what occurred.

Youth Member Behavior Guidelines

The Boy Scouts of America is a values-based youth development organization that helps young people learn positive attributes of character, citizenship, and personal fitness. The BSA has the expectation that all participants in the Scouting program will relate to each other in accord with the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Law.

One of the developmental tasks of childhood is to learn appropriate behavior. Children are not born with an innate sense of propriety and they need guidance and direction. The example set by positive adult role models is a powerful tool for shaping behavior and a tool that is stressed in Scouting.

Misbehavior by a single youth member in a Scouting unit may constitute a threat to the safety of the individual who misbehaves as well as to the safety of other unit members. Such misbehavior constitutes an unreasonable burden on a Scout unit and cannot be ignored.

MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES

All members of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law. Physical violence, hazing, bullying, theft, verbal insults, and drugs and alcohol have no place in the Scouting program and may result in the revocation of a Scout's membership in the unit.

If confronted by threats of violence or other forms of bullying from other youth members, Scouts should seek help from their unit leaders or parents.

UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES

Adult leaders of Scouting units are responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth members and interceding when necessary. Parents of youth members who misbehave should be informed and asked for assistance in dealing with it.

The BSA does not permit the use of corporal punishment by unit leaders when disciplining youth members.

The unit committee should review repetitive or serious incidents of misbehavior in consultation with the parents of the child to determine a course of corrective action including possible revocation of the youth's membership in the unit.

If problem behavior persists, units may revoke a Scout's membership in that unit. When a unit revokes a Scout's membership, it should promptly notify the council of the action.

The unit should inform the Scout executive about all incidents that result in a physical injury or involve allegations of sexual misconduct by a youth member with another youth member.

Each Cub Scout den and Webelos Scout den and each chartered Cub Scout pack, Boy Scout troop, Varsity Scout team, and Venturing crew shall have one leader, 21 years of age or older, who shall be registered and serve as the unit or den leader. A unit leader may not serve simultaneously in any other position within the same unit. The head of the chartered organization or chartered organization representative and the local council must approve the registration of the unit or den leader on the appropriate form.

Primary reference: Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America

Leadership Requirements for Trips and Outings

1. **Two-deep leadership:**
Two registered adult leaders, or one registered adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips or outings. There are a few instances, such as patrol activities, when no adult leadership is required. Coed overnight activities require male and female adult leaders, both of whom must be 21 years of age or older, and one of whom must be a registered member of the BSA.
2. During transportation to and from planned Scout outings,
 - A. Meet for departure at a designated area.
 - B. Prearrange a schedule for periodic checkpoint stops as a group.
 - C. Plan a daily destination point.
A common departure site and a daily destination point are a must. If you cannot provide two adults for each vehicle, the minimum required is one adult and two or more youth members—*never one on one*.
3. **Safety rule of four: No fewer than four individuals (always with the minimum of two adults) go on any backcountry expedition or campout.** If an accident occurs, one person stays with the injured, and two go for help. Additional adult leadership requirements must reflect an awareness of such factors as size and skill level of the group, anticipated environmental conditions, and overall degree of challenge.
4. **Male and female leaders must have separate sleeping facilities. Married couples may share the same quarters if appropriate facilities are available.**
5. **Male and female youth participants will not share the same sleeping facility.**
6. **Single-room or dormitory-type accommodations for Scouting units: Adults and youth of the same gender may occupy dormitory or single-room accommodations, provided there is a minimum of two adults**

and four youth. A minimum of one of the adults is required to be youth-protection trained. Adults must establish separation barriers or privacy zones such as a temporary blanket or sheet walls in order to keep their sleeping area and dressing area separated from the youth area.

7. **When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.**
 8. If separate shower and latrine facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers. The buddy system should be used for latrines by having one person wait outside the entrance, or provide Occupied and Unoccupied signs and/or inside door latches. Adult leaders need to respect the privacy of youth members in situations where the youth are changing clothes or taking showers, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults also need to protect their own privacy in similar situations.
 9. **Two-deep adult leadership is required for flying activities. *For basic orientation flights, the adult licensed pilot in control of the aircraft is sufficient for the flight, while two-deep leadership is maintained on the ground.***
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Guide to Safe Scouting

II - Aquatics Safety

Instructors for Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat Training

Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training can be given by any person authorized by the council, including a BSA Aquatics resource person, a unit leader with aquatics skill, or any other person with aquatics knowledge or experience whom the local council has approved.

Safe Swim Defense

Before a BSA group may engage in swimming activities of any kind, a minimum of one adult leader must complete Safe Swim Defense training, have a commitment card (No. 34243) with them, and agree to use the eight defenses in this plan.

One of the best opportunities for Safe Swim Defense training is in summer camp. The eight defenses are:

1. Qualified Supervision

All swimming activity must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of youth members in his or her care, who is experienced in the water and confident of his or her ability to respond in the event of an emergency, and who is trained in and committed to compliance with the eight points of BSA Safe Swim Defense. (It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained as a BSA Lifeguard to assist in the planning and conduct of all swimming activity.)

2. Physical Fitness

Require evidence of fitness for swimming activity with a complete health history from physician, parent, or legal guardian. The adult supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate any potential risks associated with individual health conditions. In the event of any significant health conditions, an examination by a physician should be required by the adult supervisor.

Those with physical disabilities can enjoy and benefit from aquatics if the disabilities are known and necessary precautions are taken.

3. Safe Area

When swimming in areas not regularly maintained and used for swimming activity, have lifeguards and swimmers systematically examine the bottom of the



The image shows a commitment card for Safe Swim Defense. At the top, it says "Safe Swim Defense" next to a logo. Below that, it says "This is to verify that" followed by a line. The main text reads: "has satisfactorily completed specific instruction in Safe Swim Defense and has agreed to use the eight defenses in this plan on every occasion when _____ (Unit and No.) goes swimming." Below this, it says "This card is good for two years from date: _____" and "By Scouts of America _____ Council". At the bottom, it says "Signed: _____ Aquatics Course Approved by Council BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA".

swimming area to determine varying depths, currents, deep holes, rocks, and stumps. **Mark off the area for three groups: not more than 3 1/2 feet deep for nonswimmers; from shallow water to just over the head for beginners; deep water not over 12 feet for swimmers.** A participant should not be permitted to swim in an area where he cannot readily recover and maintain his footing, or cannot maintain his position on the water, because of swimming ability or water flow. When setting up a safe swimming area in natural waters, use poles stuck in the bottom, or plastic bottles, balloons, or sticks attached to rock anchors with twine for boundary markers. Enclose nonswimmer and beginner areas with buoy lines (twine and floats) between markers. Mark the outer bounds of the swimmer's area with floats. Be sure that clear-water depth is at least 7 feet before allowing anyone to dive into the water. Diving is prohibited from any height more than 40 inches above the water surface; feet-first entry is prohibited from more than 60 inches above the water. For any entry from more than 18 inches above the water surface, clear-water depth must be 10 to 12 feet. Only surface swimming is permitted in turbid water. Swimming is not permitted in water more than 12 feet deep, in turbid water where poor visibility and depth would interfere with emergency recognition or prompt rescue, or in whitewater, unless all participants wear appropriate personal flotation devices and the supervisor determines that swimming with personal flotation equipment is safe under the circumstances.

4. Lifeguards on Duty

Swim only where there are lifeguards on duty. For unit swims in areas where lifeguards are not provided by others, the supervisor should designate two capable swimmers as lifeguards. Station them ashore, equipped with a lifeline (a 100-foot length of 3/8-inch nylon cord). In an emergency, one carries out the line; the other feeds it out from shore, then pulls in his partner and the person being helped. In addition, if a boat is available, have two people, preferably capable swimmers, take it out—one rowing and the other equipped with a 10-foot pole or extra oar. Provide one guard for every 10 people in the water, and adjust the number and positioning of guards as needed to protect the particular area and activity.

5. Lookout

Station a lookout on the shore where it is possible to see and hear everything in all areas. The lookout may be the adult in charge of the swim and may give the buddy signals.

6. Ability Groups

Divide into three ability groups: Nonswimmers, beginners, and swimmers. Keep each group in its own area. Nonswimmers have not passed a swimming test. Beginners must pass this test: jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface. Stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before and return to the starting place. Swimmers must pass this test: jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one

sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating. These classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of the season.

7. Buddy System

Pair every youth with another in the same ability group. Buddies check in and out of the swimming area together. Emphasize that each buddy lifeguards his buddy. Check everyone in the water about every 10 minutes, or as needed to keep the buddies together. The adult in charge signals for a buddy check with a single blast of a whistle or ring of a bell, and call "Buddies!" The adult counts slowly to 10 while buddies join and raise hands and remain still and silent. Guards check all areas, count the pairs, and compare the total with the number known to be in the water. Signal two blasts or bells to resume swimming. Signal three blasts or bells for checkout.

8. Discipline

Be sure everyone understands and agrees that **swimming is allowed only with proper supervision and use of the complete Safe Swim Defense.** The applicable rules should be presented and learned prior to the outing, and should be reviewed for all participants at the water's edge just before the swimming activity begins. Scouts should respect and follow all directions and rules of the adult supervisor. When people know the reason for rules and procedures they are more likely to follow them. Be strict and fair, showing no favoritism.

Classification of Swimming Ability

SWIMMER TEST

The swimmer test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability required for safe deep-water swimming. The various components of the test evaluate the several skills essential to this minimum level of swimming ability:

Jump feetfirst into water over your head in depth. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

The test administrator must objectively evaluate the individual performance of the test, and in so doing should keep in mind the purpose of each test element.

1. "Jump feetfirst into water over your in depth, ...
The swimmer must be able to make an abrupt entry into deep water and begin swimming without any aids. Walking in from shallow water, easing in from the edge or down a ladder, pushing off from side or bottom, and gaining forward momentum by diving do not satisfy this requirement.
2. "...Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl..."
The swimmer must be able to cover distance with a strong, confident stroke. The 75 yards must not be the outer limit of the swimmer's ability; completion of the

distance should show sufficient stamina to avoid undue risks. Dog-paddling and strokes repeatedly interrupted and restarted are not sufficient; underwater swimming is not permitted. The itemized strokes are inclusive. Any strong side or breaststroke or any strong overarm stroke (including the back crawl) is acceptable.

3. "...swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke..."
The swimmer must perform a restful, free-breathing backstroke that can be used to avoid exhaustion during swimming activity. This element of the test necessarily follows the more strenuous swimming activity to show that the swimmer is, in fact, able to use the backstroke as a relief from exertion. The change of stroke must be accomplished in deep water without any push-off or other aid. Any variation of the elementary backstroke may suffice if it clearly allows the swimmer to rest and regain wind.
4. "...The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn..."
The total distance is to be covered without rest stops. The sharp turn demonstrates the swimmer's ability to reverse direction in deep water without assistance or push-off from side or bottom.
5. "...After completing the swim, rest by floating."
This critically important part of the test evaluates the swimmer's ability to maintain himself in the water indefinitely even though exhausted or otherwise unable to continue swimming. Treading water or swimming in place will further tire the swimmer and therefore is unacceptable. The duration of the float test is not significant, except that it must be long enough for the test administrator to determine that the swimmer is resting and likely could continue to do so for a prolonged period. Drownproofing may be sufficient if clearly restful, but it is not preferred. If the test is completed except for the floating requirement, the swimmer may be retested on the floating only (after instruction) provided that the test administrator is confident that the swimmer can initiate the float when exhausted.

Reference: Swimming and Lifesaving merit badge pamphlets

BEGINNER TEST

Jump feetfirst into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

The entry and turn serve the same purpose as in the swimmer test. The swimming can be done with any stroke, but no underwater swimming is permitted. The stop assures that the swimmer can regain a stroke if it is interrupted. The test demonstrates that the beginning swimmer is ready to learn deepwater skills and has the minimum ability required for safe swimming in a confined area in which shallow water, sides, or other support is less than 25 feet from any point in the water.

Pool and Surf Swimming

The Safe Swim Defense applies to swimming at the beach, private or public pool, wilderness pond, stream, lake, or anywhere Scouts swim. Here are some additional points for the pool and the surf.



Pool# 151; If the swimming activity is in a public facility where others are using the pool at the same time, and the pool operator provides guard personnel, there may be no need for additional designation of Scout lifeguards and lookout.

The buddy system is critically important, however, even in a public pool. Remember, even in a crowd, you are alone without protection if no one is attentive to your circumstances.

The rule that people swim only in water suited to their ability and with others of similar ability applies in a pool environment. Most public pools divide shallow and deep water, and this may be sufficient for defining appropriate swimming areas. If not, the supervisor should clearly indicate to the participating Scouts the appropriate areas of the public facility. Although such procedures add a margin of safety, their use may not always be practical when the swim activity is conducted at a public facility where non-Scouts are present. A responsible adult supervisor, who understands his or her responsibility and the elements of safety, can exercise discretion regarding certain procedures while maintaining safety.

The surf swimming environment — with its wave action, currents, tides, undertow, runouts, and sea pests like stinging jellyfish — requires precautions for safe swimming that aren't necessary in other environments. A swimmer's physical condition is very important and should enable the swimmer to recover footing in waves, swim vigorously for at least five minutes without becoming exhausted, and remain calm and in control when faced with unexpected conditions.

Designated swimming areas are marked by flags or pennants that are easily seen. Beginners and nonswimmers are positioned inshore from the standing lifeguards equipped with reach poles. Better swimmers are permitted seaward of the lifeguard but must remain shoreward of anchored marker buoys. The lifeguard-to-swimmer ratio should always be 1-to-10, with a rescue team that is supplied with a rescue tube or torpedo buoy and stationed at the beach area.

Safety Afloat

Safety Afloat has been developed to promote boating and boating safety and to set standards for safe unit activity afloat. **Before a BSA group may engage in an excursion, expedition, or trip on the water (canoe, raft, sailboat, motorboat, rowboat, tube, or other craft), adult leaders for such activity must complete Safety Afloat Training, No. 34159, have a commitment card, No. 34242, with them, and be dedicated to full compliance with all nine points of Safety Afloat.**



1. Qualified Supervision

All activity afloat must be supervised by a mature and conscientious adult age 21 or older who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children in his or her care, who is experienced and qualified in the particular watercraft skills and equipment involved in the activity, and who is committed to compliance with the nine points of BSA Safety Afloat. One such supervisor is required for each 10 people, with a minimum of two adults for any one group. At least one supervisor must be age 21 or older, and the remaining supervisors must be age 18 or older. All supervisors must complete BSA Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense training and rescue training for the type of watercraft to be used in the activity, and at least one must be trained in CPR. It is strongly recommended that all units have at least one adult or older youth member currently trained as a BSA Lifeguard to assist in the planning and conducting of all activity afloat.

For Cub Scouts: The ratio of adult supervisors to participants is *one to five*.

2. Physical Fitness

All persons must present evidence of fitness by a complete health history from a physician, parent, or legal guardian. Adjust all supervision, discipline, and protection to anticipate any risks associated with individual health conditions. In the event of any significant health conditions, a medical evaluation by a physician should be required by the adult leader.

3. Swimming Ability

A person who has not been classified as a "swimmer" may ride as a passenger in a rowboat or motorboat with an adult swimmer, or in a canoe, raft, or sailboat with an adult who is trained as a lifeguard or a lifesaver by a recognized agency. In all other circumstances, the person must be a swimmer to participate in an activity afloat.

Swimmers must pass this test:

Jump feetfirst into water over your head. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes:

References

Print Media Resources

- Fieldbook, No. 33104. A most comprehensive reference for Boy Scouts, Venturers, and unit leaders, trainers, and other outdoor enthusiasts. It includes sections on leadership, trek preparation, Leave No Trace principles, trek adventures, and appreciating the environment. The Fieldbook has links to additional information through its dedicated web site at <http://www.bsafeldbook.org>.
- Guide to Safe Scouting, No. 3441 6B. A unit leader's guide for current policies and procedures to safe activities. Covers fourteen (14) major areas including: adult leadership; aquatics safety; camping; drug, alcohol, and tobacco use; emergency preparedness; first aid; fuels and fire; guns; sports; inspections; medical information; transportation; and youth protection. Includes many useful forms in its appendix, including, for example, local and national tour permits.
- Nationally Approved Historic Trails, No. 20-135. More than 300 trails have been approved for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and family campers. The Boy Scouts of America strongly recommends that hikers use only historic trails that have been nationally approved. Trails that have not been approved often do not meet Scouting standards.
- Order of the Arrow Guide for Officers and Advisers, No. 34997A. A reference guide for Order of the Arrow officers and advisers.
- Order of the Arrow Handbook, No. 34996A. The official handbook for members of the Order of the Arrow.
- Passport to High Adventure, No. 43 10. This publication is designed to help older Scouts with help from their leaders to plan and safely carry out council and unit high adventure treks using Leave No Trace techniques. A directory of numerous council high adventure programs and many specialty adventure programs is included.
- Scoutmaster Handbook, No. 33009. This publication is recommended for all Scout leaders. Chapter 9, "The Outdoor Program" notes that "Scouting without outing is like swimming without water—much more trouble than it is worth." The chapter provides resources to Scout leaders about "Leave No Trace," summer camp, planning camp outs, and includes a helpful "Scoutmaster's Campsite Quick Checklist."
- Tours and Expeditions, No. 33735. Essential guide that should be read prior to filling out a National Tour Permit Application, No. 344191

Web Site Listing

- BSACamps.org. Web site with information about Boy Scout camps. <http://www.bsacamps.org>
- Florida Sea Base. The web site for the Florida Sea Base. <http://www.bsaseabase.org>
- Guide to Safe Scouting. Searchable online guide for safe Scouting.
<http://www.scouting.org/nav/enter.jsp?c=xds&tems=passport+to+high+adventure>
- Northern Tier. The web site for the Northern Tier National High Adventure Base.
<http://www.ntier.org>.
- Philmont. Web site for Philmont Scout Ranch. <http://www.scouting.org/philmont>
- Scouting.org. The official web site of the Boy Scouts of America. <http://www.scouting.org>
- Scoutcamp.org. A U.S. Scouting Service Project web site with all sorts of camping resources.
<http://www.scoutcamp.org>

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