

Camp Chawanakee



Pre Camp Information

Camp Chawanakee is located at an elevation of 5,300 ft. The weather at Camp for most of the summer is sunny and warm. It can be cooler in the early morning and evenings so Be Prepared for all kinds of weather including cold and rain.

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Shaver Lake, CA 93664
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www.chawanakee.com
www.seqbsa.org
www.facebook.com/campchawanakee
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Bikes

There are mountain biking trails immediately outside of Camp. Camp has mountain bikes available and also allows campers to bring their personal bikes. Everyone must wear a helmet while cycling. Bike transportation on the troop trailer is on a first come basis and limited to 8 bikes.

Dresscode

Scouts wear full uniform for evening flag ceremonies each day, as well as the closing campfire. Throughout the day appropriate dress is Scout shorts and either a Troop T-Shirt, camp T-shirt, or other Scout related shirt.

Class B uniforms are to be worn during both travel days.

Equipment

Patrol site equipment consists of two man tents, cots, mattresses, stand-alone BBQ and one picnic table.

It is recommended that troops bring their own dining canopies.

Each Troop can have one car drive in to their campsites to transport troop gear only. Your Troop is allowed to leave a Troop trailer in your campsite but the cars that pull it in must be back in the parking lot by 6:45 pm.

Family Camping

Any parents desiring to spend a single night in camp on Friday night with their Troop may do so by reserving a site at our Family Camp Facility or Cabins at Camp Chawanakee. You can register online at www.seqbsa.org/familycamp/ and www.seqbsa.org/cabins/

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Mail Service

Mail is delivered to camp once a day. Letters or postcards can take anywhere from two to five extra days to get to camp. Address your mail in the following manner. There are different addresses for US Mail and commercial carriers.

US Mail:
[scout name] T407 | Week 5 | Tah-Heetch
c/o Camp Chawanakee
Shaver Lake, CA 93664

FedEx or UPS:
[scout name] T407 | Week 5 | Tah-Heetch
43485 Dinkey Creek Road
Shaver Lake, CA 93664

Messages and emails may be left for individual Troop leaders and Scouts, but must include the person's name, Tah-Heetch, and Troop 407. Messages are placed in the Troop's box, unless described as an emergency, in which case every effort will be made to contact the Troop leader or Scout as soon as possible.

Meals

Scouts need to bring money for travel meals to and from camp.

Camp will serve meals "cafeteria style" for breakfast and dinner.

Lunch is eaten in your campsite.

In an ongoing effort to reduce the amount of waste generated by our camp and our environmental impact, as well as promote consistent Scout skills, camp will no longer be providing disposable dishes, or utensils for lunches or overnight experiences. Therefore it is imperative that each individual bring with them to camp a mess kit that includes a plate, bowl, cup, and utensils.

Campers requiring special dietary meals need to bring those already prepared (heat and serve) meals to the dining hall at check-in. These meals must be labeled with the camper's name, Troop 407, shift number, and the meal it is replacing.

Medical Forms

The Boy Scout Annual Health and Medical Record must be completed in its entirety for ALL participants. Please ensure each Scout and Scouter has completed the form and attained the required physician physical within 12 months of attendance.

Merit Badges

Scouts will need to sign up for Merit Badges classes prior to arriving to camp.

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Difficulty rating is a Ten Point scale that is used to reference which merit badges are appropriate for younger Scouts. It is our recommendation that younger Scouts take merit badges whose difficulty ratings do not exceed 5 nor take more than 3 merit badges. Younger Scouts are encouraged to participate in the First Year Camper program.

Nature Merit Badges are taught not as a scheduled class but as an independent study format. The exception to this is Environment Science which is offered periods 1 or 2 or 3 or 4.

Certain merit badges have costs that are over and above those covered by the basic camp fee. Make sure Scouts are prepared to cover any costs of their desired merit badges.

Program

Camp Chawanakee employs the patrol method of camping. Most activities will require that Scouts be organized into patrols of approximately eight Scouts each.

Swim Tests

In an effort to speed up the Sunday arrival process, camp now allows and encourage units to do a private swim check on your own as a troop before coming to camp

To pass a swim test you must swim 4 laps of 25 yards for a total of 100 yards. The first three are any stroke you want but the last one must be a resting stroke such as elementary backstroke. After swimming all 4 laps have the swimmer demonstrate they can float on their back for a minute. If they are able to do this the swimmer gets a full pass.

Trading Post

The Trading Post carries camping supplies, camp souvenirs, snacks and drinks, for the needs of Scouts during their week at camp. Remember that certain merit badges do require the purchase of supplies (See merit badge listings). Merit badge advancement items are available including pamphlets, handbooks, kits, and shooting tickets. It is suggested that \$50.00 should meet the needs of most Scouts, but be prepared to bring more for a thrilling horse ride at the Shaver Lake Stables, a camp T-shirt, hat and more. Special Chawanakee merchandise will be available for sale at the Trading Post as well as snacks.

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Schedule

Tuesday, June 12

6:30 PM Pre-camp swim checks (location will be posted on the troop website)

7:30 PM Swimming Merit Badge - Class Session
(those who would like to earn Swimming Merit Badge before going to camp this summer so you can take Lifesaving or one of the boating classes at camp)

Saturday, June 23

12:00 PM Swimming Merit Badge Pool Session

Tuesday, June 26

7:30 PM Camp Pre-check Meeting - CUCC

Sunday, July 8

7:30 AM Meet at CUCC (Class B uniform)

11:30 AM Lunch on the road

1:00 PM Check-in begins

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Equipment List

Carry-on

-
- Class B uniform
 - Headphones if you have music
 - Daypack
 - Sweater/Jacket
 - Water Bottle
 - Money for road meals

Clothing

-
- T-shirts (min. 3)
 - Shorts (min. 2)
 - Swim Suit
 - Long pants/jeans
 - Sun hat
 - Pajamas
 - Undergarments (min. 6 pair)
 - Long sleeve shirt
 - Jacket
 - Underwear

If taking Lifesaving, Swimming or Canoeing MB bring extra clothes for survival in the water: long pants, long-sleeved shirt, socks, shoes.

Equipment

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- Pack or Duffel Bag
 - Beach towel
 - Camp chair
 - Coat hangar
 - Batteries
 - Compass

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Scout Knife (with totin' chip)

First Aid Kit

Insect repellent

Assorted adhesive Band-Aids (10)

Moleskin

Footwear

Sturdy shoes

Water shoes/old tennis shoes

Socks (min. 4 pair)

Illumination

Flashlight/headlamp (new batts)

Extra batteries

Meals

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Mess kit (cup, plate, bowl, fork, spoon, knife)

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Money

Money for road meals

\$50 recommended spending money

+\$5-15 for Art Merit Badge

+\$5-15 for Basketry Merit Badge

+\$5-15 for Leatherwork Merit Badge

+\$5-15 for Pottery Merit Badge

+\$5-15 for Indian Lore Merit Badge

+\$32 for Horsemanship Merit Badge

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+\$25 for Shotgun Merit Badge

Optional

Fishing tackle (camp does not provide)

Mountain bike + helmet

Watch

Binoculars

Card games

Camera

O/A Sash

Paperwork

Merit Badge books

Merit Badge prerequisite forms

Paper

Pens/pencils

Scout handbook

Sleeping

Sleeping bag

Sleeping pad

Ground cloth

Pillow

Sun Protection

Sunglasses

Sunscreen

Toilet Kit

Bath towel

Chapstick

Comb/brush

Deodorant

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Floss

Medication (if needed)

Shampoo

Soap

Toothbrush

Toothpaste

Washcloth

Uniform

Class A Uniform

Troop shirt

Scout pants or shorts

Scout belt

Scout socks

Troop Hat