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INTRODUCTION

Dear Camper,

For years, Wiatava Lodge has been publishing guidebooks on the different camping areas in California. Despite numerous editions, each one has served the same purpose of assisting Scout troops in Orange County locate new camping locations and opportunities. This most current edition continues to fulfill that same purpose as we head into the new decade, as well as a new century of scouting.

This version of the Where To Go Camping guide was made possible by a multitude of people. This layout of this edition is based heavily on the work of the 2008 Wiatava Lodge Vice-Chief of Camp Promotions, Daniel Roberts, and the 2007 Wiatava Lodge Vice-Chief of Camp Promotions, Andy Do. Their work laid the foundation for this guide. This edition was updated in September of 2016.

Some key features of this new edition include:

- Extended articles describing each camp.
- More complete and accurate information, as well as more sources.
- Better organization, formatting, and uniformity for easier browsing.
- Information for summer camps.
- Versatility and a systematic layout for future editions.

In an effort to keep this guide as accurate as possible, your input and suggestions are highly recommended. This guide is a compilation of troop and individual recommendations. Please note that all pricing for BSA camps as it may change before the next update.

We hope that this guidebook will serve useful in your unit, as it has for many others. It is meant to be a tool to show you new camping opportunities, and encourage you to explore new places. If you find something of interest, please use the contact information listed for that camp to learn more and plan your trip to that camp. Good luck and happy camping!

Yours in camping:

Daniel Muleady
2016 Wiatava Lodge Vice-Chief of Camp Promotions

Manuel Lopez
2016 Wiatava Lodge Chief
How To Use This Guide

This guide is divided into sections based on the organization that operates each camping area. For example, there are sections for the Boy Scouts of America, National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, and other bureaus or organizations. Each section is preceded by a directory and basic information on the organization.

Certain sections may be further divided, such as the Boy Scouts of America. This section is organized by councils with an informational header for each.

The following diagram shows a sample of a basic camp listing. Each listing will vary slightly depending on the type of camp: Scout camp, National Park, National Forest or other camping area. Each camp will be displayed in this format:

**Pinecone National Forest**
Address: 123 Pinecone Drive, Pinecone, CA 99999
Phone: 555.555.5555
Website: http://www.pineconenationalforest.com

Pinecone National Forest is the smallest national forest with an area of 20 acres. It offers great hiking, camping, and fishing opportunities to its visitors.

Take the I-50 north and exit on Pinecone Drive LEFT.

Fee: $5.00 per person per night (basic camping fee)
Campsites: all campsites have water access and flush toilets
Availability: year-round
Reservations: required for all camping; call 555.555.5555
Notes: no fires allowed; parking permits required

**Pinecone**
Fee: none
Availability: year-round
Notes: no tables

**Needles**
Fee: none
Availability: summer
Notes: reservations required
Key
1. Name of camp
2. Camp contact information
3. Description
4. Directions to camp (see below)
5. Basic entrance fee
6. Campsite information
7. Seasonal availability of camp
8. Reservation information
9. Other notes on the camp
10. List of campsites, ranger districts, special programs, etc.

Directions to Camps
All directions given within this guide are relative to the Orange County Council Service Center at 1211 East Dyer Road, Santa Ana, CA 92705. Directions from another location can be researched using the address given, or can sometimes be found on the camp websites. Directions
A FEW CAMPING BASICS

THE OUTDOOR CODE

As an American I will do my best to –
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.

– Boy Scout Handbook

The outdoor code is perhaps the most concise statement of the BSA outdoor policy. By following this code, units and campers can enjoy a safe and environmentally friendly outing.

LEAVE NO TRACE PRINCIPLES

Another similar code is that of Leave No Trace. Leave No Trace is an international program created to help raise awareness about reducing environmental impact when in the outdoors. The program has a list of seven principles, which lay the structure for outdoor ethics. The principles are:

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
   - “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 when possible. Consider splitting larger groups into smaller groups.”
   - “Repackage food to minimize waste.”
   - “Use a map and compass to eliminate the use of marking paint, rock cairns or flagging.”

2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces

   - “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.”
• “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.”
• “Disperse use to prevent the creation of campsites and trails.”
• “Avoid places where impacts are just beginning.”

3. Dispose of Waste Properly
   • “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.”

4. Leave What You Find
   • “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.”

5. 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.”

6. Respect Wildlife
   • “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.”
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- “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.”

Following these principles is the best way to respect the environment and camp safely.
Boy Scouts of America National Council

High Adventure Division

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The National Council is at the head of the Boy Scouts of America, with its headquarters residing in Irving, Texas. The National Council’s High Adventure Division operates four National High Adventure Bases throughout the United States. These bases offer an unmatched experience for Scouts and Venturers in all areas of high adventure, from SCUBA diving and sailing to canoeing and backpacking.

High Adventure Division
1325 Walnut Hill Lane, Irving, TX 75038

Florida National High Adventure Sea Base
Physical Address: 73800 Overseas Highway, Islamorada, FL 33036
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 1906, Islamorada, FL 33036
Phone: 305.664.4173
Website: http://www.bsaseabase.org/

From the 2017 Promotional Brochure:
Since its inception, Scouting has been all about exploring and appreciating the wilderness. The Florida Nation High Adventure Sea Base offers a year-round opportunity to explore a completely different type of wilderness—the underwater wilderness. The Florida Sea Base provides many vehicles to gain access to this underwater wilderness—large sailing vessels, power boats, kayaks, and scuba equipment.

Imagine thousands of square miles of underwater coral formations, peaks, valleys, and literally hundreds of different types of colorful fish. Your mask will become a kaleidoscope of colors as you glide effortlessly among pillars of coral and multihued fish. The warm, clear waters of the Florida Keys, the Bahamas, or St. Thomas give you the sensation of weightlessness in the underwater wilderness.

High Adventures:
Coral Reef Sailing Adventure 2017
Availability: Year-round
Cost: $6,850 per crew (crew size 6-8)
Description: Spend a week sailing throughout the Florida Keys aboard a 40-foot long sailing vessel. Participants will have the chance to snorkel, and explore many great fields of study such as astronomy, navigation, fish identification, and coral reef ecology.
STEM Eco Adventure 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $11,900 per crew (crew size 10-12)
Description: On this seven-day trip, participants will study wildlife and ecosystems of four major marine habitats of the Florida Keys. The habitats can be observed and studied with snorkels, fins, masks, and a glass-bottom viewer.

Sea Exploring Adventure 2017
Availability: Year-round
Cost: $16,750 per crew (crew size 18-20)
Description: Sail for a week on one of four tall ships to learn navigation, astronomy, and travel to a small archipelago of islands where there are plenty of opportunities for fishing, snorkeling, and even lobster catching.

Florida Fishing Adventure 2017
Availability: Spring/Summer
Cost: $1,010 per person (crew size 6-8)
Description: Participants spend a week on a fishing extravaganza travelling to and fishing at the different ecosystems Florida Sea Base has to offer. The trip also includes a trip to the Key West where one may visit museums, shops, and a wide variety of restaurants. Fish include: mahi-mahi, tuna, sailfish, wahoo, bonefish, snapper, and grouper.

Keys Adventure 2017
Availability: Year-round
Cost: $860 per person (crew size 6-8)
Description: Visit the Key West and enjoy a week of snorkeling, fishing, sailing, boating, and ocean kayaking. Housing will be in air-conditioned dormitories with cooked meals. Participants have the opportunity to venture offshore to wild Big Munson Island to spend the night.

Out Island Adventure 2017
Availability: Year-round
Cost: $860 per person (crew size 6-8)
Description: A true high-adventure program, wade ashore Big Munson Island carrying all of your gear and food. Survival is your goal on this seven-day event. Fishing, kayaking, and snorkeling are available on select days of the trip.

SCUBA Certification Adventure 2017
Availability: Year-round
Cost: 1,010 per person (crew size 6-8)
Description: Become SCUBA certified over this eight-day course taught by professional instructors. There are plenty of opportunities for open water dive.

SCUBA Adventure 2017
Availability: Year-round
Cost: 1,010 per person (crew size 6-8)
Description: Certified divers can explore coral reefs and shipwrecks over this eight-day event.
SCUBA Live Board Adventure 2017
Availability: Year-round
Cost: $13,500 per crew (crew size 10-12)
Description: Participants in this adventure must be a certified diver. For a week, have the opportunity to sail throughout the Florida Keys on a yacht. Including night dives, participants can go diving 15 times. While not diving, one can enjoy a day of sailing or fishing.

Bahamas Adventure 1 & 2 2017
Availability: Spring/Summer
Cost: $6,850 per crew (crew size 6-8) Adventure 1
Cost: $10,200 per crew (crew size 10-12) Adventure 2
Description: Sailing in the Sea of Abaco, participants make stops at Bahamian village to get a sense of the culture of the area. There are plenty of opportunities for fishing and snorkeling.

Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure 2017
Availability: Spring/Summer
Cost: $16,700 per crew (crew size 18-20)
Description: Sailing in the Sea of Abaco, participants make stops at Bahamian village to get a sense of the culture of the area. There are plenty of opportunities for fishing and snorkeling.

St. Thomas Adventure 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $6,850 per crew (crew size 6-8)
Description: Travel to the tropics and the Virgin Islands in a yacht during this week long trip in the Caribbean with sailing, snorkeling, fishing, and other aquatic activities, there will be a special visit to the Virgin Islands National Park.

View website for more information.
Northern Tier National High Adventure Bases
Address: 14798 Moose Lake, Ely, MN 55731
Phone: 218.365.4811 (Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base)
Email: info@ntier.org
Website: http://www.ntier.org/

Northern Tier is the Boy Scouts of America’s gateway to adventure in the Great Northwoods. In the Summer, scouts from Northern Tier’s three wilderness canoe bases explore millions of acres of pristine lakes, meandering rivers, dense forests and wetlands in Northern Minnesota, Northwest Ontario and Northeast Manitoba. In the winter, Northern Tier is home to the OKPIK Cold-Weather Camping program, the BSA’s premier winter high adventure program. Fall programming is also available.

At the Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base in Ely, Minnesota, participants enter the base through the old fur trading post stockade. Over the course of their visit, they can explore waterfalls, fish, travel into remote country, and much more!

At the Don Rogert Canoe Base in Atikokan, Ontario (Canada), Scouts will gain the ultimate canoeing experience as they have the chance to explore millions of acres of pristine forests, thundering waterfalls, and glacier lakes. Scouts can fish, visit ancient pictographs, or simply explore the unspoiled wilderness.

At the Northern Expeditions Canoe Base in Bissett, Manitoba (Canada), canoeing crews will outfit at a modern canoeing base before taking off in a floatplane into the Canadian bush. The area around the base is known for its gold mining heritage and opportunities for one of the best wilderness adventures ever.

Besides canoeing, Northern Tier offers several other programs. The OKPIK Winter Adventures Program teaches Scouts cold-weather camping skills as they participate in activities such as dog sledding, snow shelter building, animal tracking, ice fishing, snowshoeing, and cross-country skiing, among others.

Additionally, backpacking treks, canoeing trips, fishing and kayak treks, and other tours are available to Scouts during the fall.

Fee: varies according to program; budget planning forms available online for cost
Availability: year-round programs

High Adventures:
Forest Corps
Availability: Summer
Cost: $650
Age Limit: 14-20
Description: Spend a total of two weeks canoeing and camping throughout Northern Tier. Participants will learn about the Leave No Trace Principles, field science, and outdoor education. Giving scouts hands-on experience, the Forest Corps serves to allow participants to apply what they have learned during the two-week span in any environment.
Lone Voyage
Availability: Summer
Cost: $600
Age Limit: 14-20
Description: The Lone Voyage High Adventure is for scouts whose troops and crews cannot make it to Northern Tier. This program allows scouts to be assembled into a provisional crew.

Order of the Arrow Wilderness Voyage (OAWV)
Availability: Summer
Cost: $200
Age Limit: 16-20
Description: During the period of two weeks, only OA members get to experience the OAWV. The first week of the program is spent giving back to the Canoe Country region through portage trail restoration work. Trail work involves restoring and protecting trails that have existed for centuries and are in dire need of repair. The second part of the program is a trek planned by the crew. From the Height of Land to the pictographs on Fishdance Lake, crews have done and seen all in the boundary waters.

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE)
Availability: Summer
Cost: $395
Age Limit: 14-20
Description: Only for scouts who have completed the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), NAYLE further emphasizes leadership and teamwork, and selfless service using the core elements of NYLT to make these skills intuitive.

Leave No Trace Master Educator Course
Availability: Summer
Cost: $325
Description: This 5-day course features a day on base of lectures before a 4-day immersive wilderness classroom experience. The class is designed to teach Leave No Trace trainers the pedagogical methods necessary to instruct others in Leave No Trace ethics. After graduating the class, participants will be able to teach BSA 101 sessions, LNT Awareness workshops, and LNT trainer courses.

Musher Camp
Availability: Winter
Cost: $475
Description: Stay in a heated cabin on base, and take the dogs out for half-day and day-long runs. Take ownership of a team of dogs and learn to feed, house, harness and otherwise care for them.

Dog Sled Trek
Availability: Winter
Cost: $475
Description: Head out into the wilderness with the dog teams and camp with the dogs out on the ice. Take ownership of a team of dogs and learn to feed, house, harness and otherwise care for them.
**OKPIK Sampler**  
Availability: Winter  
Cost: $270-$440  
Description: Learn the basics of winter camping. Crews will pack their gear onto sleds (or “pulks”) and head out into the wilderness, spending their nights camping on the snow and ice. Scouts will learn how to set up a winter campsite, how to build snow shelters and how to cook meals at low temperatures. In addition, they will get to try out a full array of winter activities.

Visit website for more information.
PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH
Address: 17 Deer Run Road, Cimarron, NM 87714
Phone: 575.376.2281
Email: camping@philmontscoutranch.org
Website: http://philmontscoutranch.org/

Philmont Scout Ranch, the Boy Scouts of America's premier High Adventure base, challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 214 square miles of rugged northern New Mexico wilderness. Backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, and training and service programs offer young people many ways to experience this legendary country. Groups and crews can choose one of the 35 treks to participate in. Programs along each itinerary include black powder rifles, chuck wagon dinners, gold panning, geocaching, shogun shooting, rock climbing, mountain biking, fishing, .30-06 shooting, horse riding, burro racing, blacksmithing, and numerous other educational, historical, just for fun, or scout skill program areas. Each itinerary has a different assortment of these program opportunities. Horse cavalcades are also available. Individual backpacking treks, leadership and outdoor schools, and cavalcades are offered for those not participating with a larger group. The Philmont Store, Tooth of Time, offers backpacking equipment to outfit crews before their treks.

Fee: varies according to program
Availability: year-round programs

High Adventures:
Cavalcade 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $750
Age Limit: 14, or 13 and have completed the 8th grade
Description: This eight day horseback ride allows crews to ride through the rugged mountain wilderness like the early trappers, ending with a gymkhana on the last day.

NAYLE 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $410
Age Limit: 14-20
Description: Only for scouts who have completed the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT), NAYLE further emphasizes leadership and teamwork, and selfless service using the core elements of NYLT to make these skills intuitive. Six days length.

Ranch Hands 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $300
Age Limit: 16-20
Description: Ranch Hands is a program for Scouts with a knowledge of horsemanship. Participants will spend 16 days taking care of Philmont’s 300 horses and 80 burros while expanding their skills and experience.
STEM Trek 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $895
Age Limit: 14-20
Description: Get an up-close and personal look at the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math behind Philmont’s most popular programs. Specially chosen Rangers, Backcountry, and Conservation Staff will be your guides throughout this 12-day, co-ed trek. Come explore the modern and historical technology used across the ranch while gaining on insider’s perspective on how everything really works.

Rayado Trek 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $745
Age Limit: 15-20
Description: Rayado is considered the Ultimate Wilderness Challenge. Participants of this three-week program will experience areas of Philmont unseen by regular expeditions. The program is geared towards preparing participants for elite positions as Philmont staff. The program includes: wilderness backpacking skills, navigation and travel techniques, expedition behavior and group dynamics, advanced cooking skills, wilderness stewardship (Leave No Trace), and wilderness first aid.

Order Of The Arrow Trail Crew 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $300
Age Limit: 16-20
Description: Join a crew of Arrowmen dedicated to cheerful service on this 14-day adventure. Your trip starts on the flanks of Mt. Phillips, with a week of trail construction, and culminates with a journey through Philmont’s backcountry specially chosen for you and your new brothers. Prepare to be challenged mentally, physically, and spiritually.

ROCS 2017
Availability: year-round
Cost: $545
Age Limit: 16-20
Description: The Roving Outdoor Conservation School is a program, which teaches participants about resource management and conservation. This program is ideal for those older Scouts interested in forestry, resource management, ecology, geology, and fisheries management.

Mountain Trek 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $422
Age Limit: 14-20
Description: The Mountain Trek program is designed specifically for the sons and daughters of Training Center conference participants. Mountain Trek crews hike 20 to 30 miles into the backcountry, where participants stay at several camps that offer a variety of exciting programs along with time to relax and enjoy the natural beauty of Philmont.
Philmont Advisor Skills School (PSR-PASS) 2017
Availability: Fall/Winter
Cost: $99
Age Limit: 18+
Description: The Philmont Advisor Skills School (PASS) and Philmont Advisor Workshop (PAW) are exciting programs developed to better prepare adult advisors in confidently leading their crew in preparing for an upcoming Philmont trek. There are three different types of advisor training programs to choose from: PSR - PASS, Field - PASS, and PAW.

Autumn Adventure 2017
Availability: Fall
Cost: $50/day
Age Limit: 14, or 13 and have completed the 8th grade
Description: Experience hiking in Philmont Scout Ranch's backcountry in beautiful New Mexico fall weather, when the aspen trees change to gold! A trained Philmont guide will accompany your group to areas where you can enjoy the splendor of fall color.

Leave No Trace Master Educator Course 2017
Availability: Summer/Fall
Cost: $325
Age Limit: 14, or 13 and have completed the 8th grade
Description: The five-day Master Educator course is designed for people who are actively teaching outdoor skills or providing recreation information to the public. This valuable training is recognized throughout the world by the outdoors industry, land management agencies, and the outdoor recreation community. Master Educators can train others in Leave No Trace skills as well as facilitate Leave No Trace Trainer courses and awareness workshops.

Winter Adventure 2017
Availability: Winter/Spring
Cost: $50/day
Age Limit: 14, or 13 and have completed the 8th grade
Description: Cold-weather camping is the ultimate test of your ability to camp and travel in the backcountry and learn to live in harmony with the environment. Training in winter camping will prepare you to safely enjoy many winter adventures and to teach others to enjoy these unique experiences. Participants in Winter Adventure learn to camp comfortably in cold weather, and enjoy Philmont's beauty in winter. Crews hike through the backcountry, sleep in tents or snow shelters, and participate in activities such as ski touring, snow shelter building, and winter ecology.

Fly Fishing Invitational 2017
Availability: Fall
Cost: $400 (Based on the 2016 event)
Age Limit: 14, or 13 and have completed the 8th grade
Description: Held each year in September, the fly fishing invitational is open to both scouts and scouters. During this 4 day, 3 night event, participants may fly fish in the small streams and lakes in Philmont.
Sportsman’s Adventure 2017
Availability: Fall/Winter
Cost: $1000 - $8000
Age Limit: 14, or 13 and have completed the 8th grade
Description: Spread among the mountains and mesas of northeastern New Mexico, Philmont welcomes you to our Sportsman Adventure, big game hunting. Since the 1940’s we’ve been offering guided, invitational hunts to those actively involved in Scouting. Sportsmen are considered upon recommendation from a local council Scout Executive. Once reviewed and if approved, Sportsmen will receive an application to hunt. Come set your sights on Philmont’s unique big game hunting invitational. Experience an exceptional adventure, make memories and enjoy Philmont’s beautiful country.

7-Day Trek
Availability: Summer
Cost: $522
Age Limit: 14, or 13 if you have completed the 8th grade
Description: Build your own crew and plan out your own trail expedition in this unique Philmont experience.

12-Day Trek
Availability: Summer
Cost: $895
Age Limit: 14, or 13 if you have completed the 8th grade
Description: Build your own crew and plan out your own trail expedition in this unique Philmont experience.

Visit website for more information.
**Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve**

Address: 2550 Jack Furst Drive Glen Jean, WV 25846  
Phone: 304.465.2800  
Email: summit.program@scouting.org  
Website: [http://www.summitbsa.org](http://www.summitbsa.org)

Situated in the wilds of West Virginia, The Summit is a training, Scouting, and adventure center for the millions of youth and adults involved in the Boy Scouts of America and anyone who loves the outdoors. Bordering the New River Gorge, the camp’s geography allows for a unique experience when white-water rafting, mountain biking, or rock-climbing. The Summit Bechtel Reserve is also home to the National Scout Jamboree. With incredible facilities and amazing outdoor programs, The Summit is a place that takes Scouts and Venturers to the limits of what they think they can do, and then pushes them further.

### 2017 National Jamboree

**Availability:** July 19-28, 2017  
**Cost:** Set by your local council  

**Description:** The Summit is the new home of achievement, adventure, and innovation in Scouting. With world-class facilities and a focus on outdoor action sports, the Summit welcomed Scouts to a whole new jamboree experience in summer 2013. 2017 is the next national jamboree and The Summit will also be hosting the 2019 World Jamboree.

### The Summit Experience High Adventure Program 2017

**Availability:** Summer  
**Cost:** $759  
**Age Limit:** 13+  
**Description:** This is a seven-day/six-night program running Sunday to Saturday. It consists of half-day introductory level experiences at each of the nine Summit high adventure venues. In addition, each group will perform a half-day service project and have the chance to ride The Big Zip – our 3/4 mile zip line.

### The River Program (Whitewater) 2017

**Availability:** Summer  
**Cost:** $939  
**Age Limit:** 13+  
**Description:** This is a seven-day/six night program running Sunday to Saturday. It consists of one day of kayaking instruction at the Summit where you are assessed on what you already know and then there is a day of kayaking the Upper New River followed by a day rafting the legendary Lower New with its world-renown Class III to Class V whitewater. As a bonus, each member of your crew will be able to select two additional elective activities at other Summit adventure venues. A half-day service project and a ride on the Big Zip – the 3/4 mile zip line – to round out your week.
Helmets & Harnesses Program (Climbing) 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $769
Age Limit: 13+
Description: This is a seven-day/six night program with an emphasis on assessing current skills and building additional competencies running Sunday to Saturday. The Summit boasts the largest man-made climbing venue in the world with routes rated up to 5.10. It also has more challenge courses than any other single facility and more miles of canopy tour than any other location in the country. If you want to defy gravity, this is the place to be. As a bonus, each member of your crew will also be able to select two additional elective activities at other Summit adventure venues. A half-day service project and a ride on the Big Zip – our 3/4-mile zip line – round out your week.

The Marksman (Shooting Sports) 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $939
Age Limit: 14, or 13 if you have completed the 8th grade
Description: This is a seven-day/six night program running Sunday to Saturday. It consists of three days of shooting and archery activities, which may include trap, five-stand, steel challenge, pistol, long distance rifle, 3D archery, long distance archery and sporting arrows. As a bonus, each member of your crew will also be able to select two additional elective activities at other Summit adventure venues. A half-day service project and a ride on the Big Zip – our 3/4-mile zip line – round out your week.

Tires & Trails (Mountain Biking) 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $829
Description: Tires and Trails is the perfect program for those wanting a deeper dive into mountain biking. This program introduces Scouts and Venturers to 3 days of fundamental and intermediate skills. With 36 miles of trails at The Summit, participants have the chance to hone those skills and come away with a strong foundation for a lifetime of mountain biking. Dial in the following skills: pedaling, cornering, changing gears, body position, climbing, descending, and more! As a bonus, each member of your crew will also be able to select two additional elective activities at other Summit adventure venues. A half-day service project and a ride on the Big Zip - our 3/4-mile zip line - round out your week.

Berms & Bars (BMX Biking) 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $779
Description: In the Berms & Bars program, you’ll do just that with three days of intensive BMX instruction at The Trax. At The Trax, you’ll work on the following skills under the guidance of your instructors: pedaling, balance, braking, bike control, cornering, jumps, basic wheelie, bunny hop. When you’ve got the concepts under your belt, you’ll work on them on sweet BMX race courses, pump tracks and jump courses. After three days, you’ll have a toolbox of skills to take home with you and try out at your favorite riding spot. As a bonus, each member of your crew will also be able to select two additional elective activities at other Summit adventure venues. A half-day service project and a ride on the Big Zip – our 3/4-mile zip line – round out your week.
Ramps & Rails (Skateboarding) 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $779
Description: The Ramps & Rails program is designed to help you develop your skateboarding skill set to get comfortable with your board under your feet and get the most out of your skate experience. With Ramps and Rails, you’ll focus on: getting comfortable on your board, stance, pushing, turning, stopping, kickturns, carving, ollies. Each participant will be evaluated to determine where best to start at The Park. From there, they can explore skills that match their ability and progress during their three days of focused skateboarding programming. The Park was designed with progression in mind, with introductory, transition, street and bowls sections. These features allow participants to build on what they’ve learned. There is also a training area with four and six-foot mini ramps, several banks, quarter pipes, and a foam pit for practicing aerial tricks. As a bonus, each member of your crew will also be able to select two additional elective activities at other Summit adventure venues. A half-day service project and a ride on the Big Zip – our 3/4-mile zip line – round out your week.

Advanced Climbing 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $1199
Age Limit: 16+
Description: The seven-day Advanced Climbing program includes five days of climbing and climbing skill development. All instruction takes place on real rock in the New River Gorge – a world-renown climbing destination. For those interested in making climbing a life-long hobby, this experience provides the skills and practice you need to become a more confident and proficient climber. The Advanced Climbing program presents a skill instruction followed by ample climbing opportunities that will allow for the practical application of the skill. Skill presentations include: top site anchors an systems, top site assistance and rescue skills, seconding sport and traditional routes, cleaning anchors, environmental considerations, bottom site management, bottom site assistance and rescue skills.

Advanced Kayaking 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $1199
Age Limit: 16+
Description: Your seven-day program includes five days of kayaking and kayaking skill development. This program takes place on the New and Gauley Rivers (areas chosen based on conditions and participant skill level) in up to Class IV whitewater. Before moving from the lake to the river, participants must demonstrate a wet exit, bracing and whitewater roll. These skills will be taught on day one of the advanced kayaking program.

Advanced Mountain Biking 2017
Availability: Summer
Cost: $879
Age Limit: 16+
Description: If you are ready to get serious about mountain biking, the advanced mountain biking program will help you develop the skills that separate the serious riders from the weekend warriors. The Summit’s 36-miles of mountain biking trails provide a vast array of
challenges and experiences to practice your new skills. Skill development opportunities include: body position, high speed corners, wheel lifts, drops, bunny hops, descents, climbs, shifting, braking.

**Advanced Photography 2017**  
**Availability:** Summer  
**Cost:** $779  
**Description:** This week-long adventure photography workshop teaches you how to take great pictures while you are involved in the action. You will learn about composition, lighting, exposure and color. You will also learn how to take your photographs from camera to computer to print. You will have the chance to receive feedback, critiques and tips from professional photographers to help you improve your technique. Just as important, you will get to apply these skills while climbing, rappelling, zipping, mountain biking, hiking, and more. This is not a classroom workshop. Be prepared to be outdoors in the middle of the action. Previous photography experience with a DSLR camera will be very helpful.

Visit website for more information.
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** San Diego-Imperial Council belongs to Area VI, but they are included in this guide because of the council’s convenient location in Southern California and their Order of the Arrow Lodge’s membership to Section W-4S
With over 4.5 million members, the Boy Scouts of America is one of the largest youth organizations in the United States. Since its founding in 1910, there have been over 110 million members, around 2 million of whom have been awarded the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Camping has played a central role in the Scouting program. Although individual councils operate its camps, the Boy Scouts of America does manage four national high-adventure bases.

**Tour Plans**
All unit camping trips require a tour plan to be filed with a Scout troop’s council. For trips 500 miles or more, a National Tour Plan is required. Trips under 500 miles, a local tour plan is required. Local tour plans for units are now done online at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org).

**Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley**
Address: 31422 Chihuahua Valley Road, Warner Springs, CA 92086
Phone: 951.767.1183
Email: ssrlv@ssrlv.org
Website: [http://www.ssrlv.org/](http://www.ssrlv.org/)

Serving as Orange County Council’s main camp, Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley offers a highly diverse, and wide variety of top-notch facilities and programs. This 1400-acre camp is located in Warner Springs near the Cleveland National Forest and Anza-Borrego State Park. Among its facilities include 22 cabins, two swimming pools, a 65-foot rock face for climbing, a two-acre lake, an archery range, horse stables, a mountain bike center, rifle and shotgun ranges, an Indian village, an observatory, nature and handicraft centers, two comfortable dining halls, and much more! Lost Valley’s summer camp offers trail to First Class, a C.O.P.E. course, and a selection of 40 merit badges. Recently added programs include the ATV Rider Course, a Brand New C.O.P.E Course, Pistol Program, a Technology Center, and an expanded Camp Borrego—the summer camp’s program for older boys.

Lost Valley also serves as a family camp, a search and rescue training area, merit badge weekend setting, and a regular campsite for scouts or friends.
Take the 91-Freeway East to Corona. Take the I-15 South through Temecula and exit at Temecula Parkway/Highway 79 South and turn left (take exit for Pechanga). Continue south on Highway 79 through Temecula for approximately 30 miles. Make a left on Chihuahua Valley Road and drive approximately 6.5 miles to the dirt road entrance, which will be straight ahead as the road makes a sharp right and marked by a Lost Valley sign. Schoepe Scout Reservation awaits you at the end of a 10-mile scenic journey along this unpaved road.

**Summer Camp 2017**
Scout Cost: $395 - $425  
Adult Cost: $200 - $250

Campsites: all campsites include picnic tables and a flagpole, and have nearby access to restrooms and water; canvas tents available for summer camp; cabins require additional fee.  
Availability: Year-round (summer camp, special programs; open camping on reserved weekends) – call for information  
Notes: no fires permitted; Wi-Fi available in certain areas for adult leaders

Visit website for information.

**Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center**
Address: 2 Irvine Park Road, Orange, CA 92869  
Phone: 714.923.3191  
Email: info@outdooreducationcenter.org  
Website: [http://www.outdooreducationcenter.org/](http://www.outdooreducationcenter.org/)

In operation since 2009, the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center lies at the threshold of 24,000 acres of wilderness in Southeast Orange County, and is bordered by Irvine Regional Park and The Irvine Ranch Reserve. This 210-acre camp is designed to educate all those who pass through on the wilderness and the outdoors. The center is divided into three themed camps: the astronomy camp, the mining camp, and the ranch camp. Students and Scouts can also take advantage of the center’s other activities and facilities, including seven different merit badge classes, a high and low C.O.P.E. course.

Take the 55-Freeway North and exit on Chapman Avenue EAST. Continue along Chapman Avenue and turn left onto Jamboree Road. Continue along Jamboree Road into Irvine Regional Park.

Fee: varies according to program  
Availability: Year-round  
Visit website for more information.
NEWPORT SEA BASE
Address: 1931 West Coast Highway, Newport Beach, CA 92663
Phone: 949.642.5031
Website: http://www.newportseabase.org

Occupying 400 feet of waterfront, Newport Sea Base is the aquatic center for Orange County Council. Since its expansion in 2002, this camp has come to offer modern facilities and programs to educate Scouts and students on marine programs. Among it’s fleet of watercraft include kayaks, canoes, rowboats, and over fifty sailboats. Also based out of the Sea Base are Orange County Council’s three Sea Scout ships: Del Mar, Renegade, and the Triton. Different programs offered include 10 merit badge classes, instructional courses, and Webelos Day Camp.

Take the 55-Freeway South toward Newport Beach and exit onto Pacific Coast Highway/Highway 1 LEFT. Newport Sea Base will be on the right.

Fee: varies according to program
Availability: instructional programs, day camps, other programs
Notes: no overnight camping

View website for upcoming events and more information.

OSO LAKE
Address: 21131 Los Alisos Boulevard, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688-3242
Phone: 714.546.8558
Website: http://www.osolake.org

Located in Rancho Santa Margarita, Oso Lake is conveniently located for units to visit. The main feature of the camp is the large 100-acre lake, home to some of the best bass fishing in Orange County. Other watercraft activities are available on the lake. Additional features include an archery range, BB gun range, and slingshot range. Bike trails that circle the lake provide excellent routes for a short ride. The facility is accessible to open camping, and several programs are offered on the weekends, including Webelos days and merit badge programs.

Take the I-405 South and exit toward El Toro Road. Take El Toro Road north and turn right on Marguerite Parkway. Turn left onto Los Alisos Boulevard and make a U-turn once Altisima is reached. Oso Lake will be on the right.

Availability: year-round

View website for more information.
Scouts began camping at Camp Emerson in 1919, making it one of the oldest Scout camps in the west! Camp Emerson offers a full range of facilities year-round, including a lake, several creeks, a pool, a climbing tower, rifle and archery ranges, and a black powder range. The summer camp offers 39 different merit badges to Scouts in areas ranging from salesmanship, law enforcement, nature, shooting sports, and handicraft.

Take the 91 Freeway East towards Riverside and merge onto the 60-Freeway East towards San Diego/Indio. Exit towards Hemet/San Jacinto and head south on Gilman Springs Road. Merge onto North Sanderson Avenue/Highway 79 South to Hemet/San Diego and turn left onto the Ramona Expressway. Turn left on Highway 74 and head east and proceed to turn left onto Highway 243. Once in the Idyllwild area, take the Camp Emerson turn-off on Tollgate Road (there is a sign to Camp Emerson, which is seen easier heading North).

Availability: year-round; summer camp

Summer Camp 2017
Dates: TB

CAMP HELENDALE
[Closed]
**SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNCIL**
1207 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103

**MATAGUAY SCOUT RANCH**
Address: 27955, Highway 79, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070
Phone: 619.298.6121 ext. 246
Website: [http://camping.sdicbsa.org/MSR/](http://camping.sdicbsa.org/MSR/)

Mataguay Scout Ranch is open to all Scouting units, as well as non-Scouting organizations. It is an excellent location for summer camps, retreats, and trainings. The camp provides for numerous activities, including hiking, shooting, archery, climbing, boating, and swimming. Mataguay offers a summer camp program featuring over 40 merit badges. A unique feature is the aviation merit badge, which includes live glider flights.

Take the 91-Freeway East to Corona. Take the I-15 South through Temecula and exit at Temecula Parkway/Highway 79 South and turn left (take exit for Pechanga). Continue south on Highway 79 through Temecula for approximately 44 miles until you see the sign for the Mataguay turn-off.

Fee: call for information
Availability: year-round; summer camp
Reservations: visit website for information

**Summer Camp 2017**
Dates: TBA
Fee: call for information
CAMP BALBOA
Address: 1207 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103
Phone: 619.298.6121
Email: tl.summers@scouting.org
Website: http://camping.sdicbsa.org/Balboa/

Located just behind the council service center, Camp Balboa is conveniently located in the northwest corner of Balboa Park. The camp offers nine campgrounds and an array of other facilities, including a pool, amphitheater, handy craft areas, and picnic areas.

Take the I-405 South to the I-5 South and then the I-805 South. Merge onto Route 163 and exit at Washington Street EAST. Turn left at 9th Avenue, left at University Avenue, right on Richmond Street, and right on Upas Street.

Fee: call for information
Campsites: all campsites include a fire pit and tables
Availability: year-round

SAN DIEGO YOUTH AQUATIC CENTER
Address: 1750 Fiesta Island Road, San Diego, CA 92109
Phone: 619.298.6121 ext. 246
Email: tlsummers@scouting.org
Website: http://camping.sdicbsa.org/YAC/

Located in the center of Mission Bay Park, the Youth Aquatic Center is nestled on a sandy cove near the ocean. The facility offers recreational and instructional opportunities for an abundance of aquatic activities, including kayaking, sailing, windsurfing, swimming, rowing, and canoeing. Adjacent to the facility is the Fiesta Island Youth Camp, used for summer camp.

Take the I-405 South to the I-5 South and exit on Sea World Drive. Turn right and take another right onto East Mission Bay Drive. Turn left onto Fiesta Island Road.

Fee: call for information
Campsites: all campsites include tables, barbeques, and fire pits
Availability: year-round; summer camp
Reservations: campground reservations can be made through the City of San Diego at 619.235.1169

Summer Camp 2017 (Camp Fiesta Island)
Dates: TBA
Fee: call for information
Notes: reservations are filled up quickly
LONG BEACH AREA COUNCIL
410 East 37th Street, Long Beach, CA 90807
562.427.0911 • http://www.longbeachbsa.org/

CAMP TAHQUITZ
Address: 41700 Highway 38, Angelus Oaks, CA 92305
Phone: 909.794.2932
Email: info@camptahquitz.com
Website: http://www.camptahquitz.com/

Camp Tahquitz is located in the Barton Flats area of the San Bernardino Mountains.” The camp program offers climbing, shooting, archery, nature studies, and several watercraft activities. Because of its location, the camp allows several backpacks and day hikes throughout the pristine wilderness of the San Bernardino Mountains. Camp Tahquitz also has great mountain biking and horsemanship opportunities. Also, in addition to its dining hall, the camp offers a unique dining style, which allows patrols to prepare their own meals with food straight from the kitchens!

Fee: call for information
Availability: year-round; summer camp

Summer Camp 2017
Dates: TBA

LONG BEACH SEA BASE AQUATICS CENTER
Address: 5875 Appian Way, Long Beach, CA 90803
Phone: 562.431.5309
Website: http://www.longbeachbsa.org/Camping-Facilities/Aquatics Sea Base.aspx

The Aquatics Sea Base lies just off the Pacific Coast Highway, and features several indoor and outdoor facilities to support its aquatic program. The facility offers summer aquatics day camp, instructional programs, merit badge courses, lifeguard training, and much more.

Fee: $250.00 per day for up to 20 people; $15.00 per person per day for over 20 people;
camping fee will be a minimum of $200.00 or $10.00 per person
Availability: year-round
GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL
2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles, CA 90026–4912
213.413.4400 • https://www.glaacbsa.org

Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sports Center
Address: 3000 Shoshonean Road, San Pedro, CA 90731
Phone: 310.831.1984
Email: director@cabrilloyouthcamp.org
Website: http://www.cabrilloyouthcamp.org/

The Cabrillo Youth Camp provides the youth of Southern California with camping and aquatic opportunities. The center also offers numerous merit badge opportunities for Scouts. Tours and visits are also available for visitors to various museums and aquariums throughout San Pedro.

Fee: varies according to program
Availability: year-round

Camp Cherry Valley
Address: P.O. Box 5067, Avalon, CA 90704
Phone: 626.351.8815 ext. 237
Email: Danette.Verdugo@scouting.org
Website: https://www.glaacbsa.org/cherry_valley

Camp Cherry Valley calls itself “The Most Popular Boy Scout Summer Camp in the Western United States.” Located on the leeward side of Santa Catalina Island, this camp is known for its various aquatic activities including sailing, canoeing, kayaking, snorkeling, scuba diving, and swimming. Numerous hikes are available to different areas of the island, including the 21-mile Silver Peak hike. Other features of the camp include a sea lab for oceanography, a silver mine where Scouts can learn about geology, and a several ranges for archery, rifle, and black-powder shooting. The camp also offers a special Island Adventure program – a high adventure course geared towards aquatics.

To get to Camp Cherry Valley, head to Long Beach and swim 20 miles to Catalina…

Fee: varies according to program
Campsites: canvas tents situated about a deck; each campsite has picnic tables and nearby restrooms
Availability: year-round weekend programs; summer camp
Reservations: reservations for summer camp are needed two years in advance

Island Adventure 2017
Dates: TBA
Notes: must be at least 14 years of age

Summer Camp 2017
Dates: TBA
Reservations: visit website for information; register as soon as possible.
**Firestone Scout Reservation**
Address: 19005 Tonner Canyon Road, Brea, CA 92821
Phone: 213.413.4400 ext. 257
Website: [https://www.glaacbsa.org/firestone](https://www.glaacbsa.org/firestone)

Firestone Scout Reservation is conveniently located just off the 57 freeway near the city of Brea. The camp offers sites for groups as large as 1,000 people, making it ideal for camporees and other large events.

Availability: year-round

**Forest Lawn Scout Reservation**
Address: 29485 Hook Creek Road, Cedar Glen, CA 92321
Phone: 909.337.2121
Website: [https://www.glaacbsa.org/forest_lawn](https://www.glaacbsa.org/forest_lawn)

Forest Lawn Scout Reservation is located near Lake Arrowhead. The camp is divided into three sections: Camp Pepperdine, Circle X at Bighorn, and Camp Pollock. Camp Pepperdine serves as a Venturing summer resident camp. Circle X at Bighorn serves as the primary area for summer camp for Scouts, and includes facilities for aquatics, handicraft, shooting sports, horsemanship, high adventure, and several other areas. Camp Pollock doubles as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout summer camp. Forest Lawn also offers a variety of other programs, including winter camping.

Fee: $3.00 per person per day
Availability: year-round programs; summer camp

**Summer Camp 2017**
Dates: TBA

**Holcomb Valley Scout Reservation**
Address: P.O. Box 157, Fawnskin, CA 92333
Phone: 626.351.8815 ext. 237
Email: Danette.Verdugo@scouting.org
Website: [https://www.glaacbsa.org/holcomb](https://www.glaacbsa.org/holcomb)

With over 30 merit badges to offer, Holcomb Valley Scout Reservation is an excellent summer camp. This ranch-style camp offers numerous programs for all types of units. The camp is situated at an elevation of 7,000 feet near Big Bear Lake, offering refreshing mountain air.

Fee: call for information
Availability: year-round programs
Log Cabin Wilderness Camp
Address: P.O. Box 342, Lee Vining, CA 92541
Phone: 760.266.4560
Email: Charlie@logcabincamp.org
Website: http://www.logcabincamp.org/

The Log Cabin Wilderness Camp serves as a gateway into the Yosemite High County. It offers Scouts several rare opportunities to backpack throughout the Yosemite Wilderness. Visitors may choose between 18 different treks of varying difficulty and length. The camp offers several additional programs relating to high adventure including a Peak Bagger program, a Mountain Man climbing program, a C.O.P.E course, Leave No Trace, and a Venturing Ranger program. This high adventure base camp offers unique experiences for your troop or crew.

Availability: year-round

Camp Trask
Address: 1100 North Canyon Boulevard, Monrovia, CA 91016
Phone: 626.351.8815 ext. 237
Email: Danette.Verdugo@scouting.org
Website: https://www.glaacbsa.org/trask

Situated in Monrovia Canyon, Camp Trask is surprisingly isolated from bustling civilization. The camp has several facilities, including a new dining hall, a large swimming pool, a fort, and an amphitheater, which can support a number of programs. Although it does not carry a summer camp program, Trask is available for open camping most weekends of the year, and offers several merit badge and Cub Scout weekends.

Availability: year-round
Reservations: call for information
**Los Padres Council**
4000 Modoc Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

**Rancho Alegre**
Address: 2680 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA 93105
Phone: 805.686.5167
Email: info@ranchoalegre.org
Website: [www.lpcbsa.org](https://www.lpcbsa.org)

Rancho Alegre is located at the foot of the Santa Ynez Mountains of the Los Padres National Forest. The camp is home to a large Outdoor School, used to educate students on the outdoors. For Scouts, the camp offers a variety of programs during summer camp, including archery, rifle shooting, aquatics, nature, handicraft, and Scout skills. The camp also has a C.O.P.E. course, as well as an Adventure Program for older Scouts, which includes a 25-mile bike ride to the ocean.

Fee: call for information
Availability: year-round; summer camp
Reservations: see council website for information

**Summer Camp 2017**
Dates: call for information
**Ventura County Council**

509 East Daily Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010

**Camp Three Falls**
Address: 12260 Boy Scout Camp Road Frazier Park, CA 93225
Email: threefallsprogram@gmail.com
Website: [http://camptthreefalls.blogspot.com/](http://camptthreefalls.blogspot.com/)

Camp Three Falls is located at the base of Mount Pinos in the northern area of Ventura County. In addition to open camping throughout the year, the camp offers summer camp to both Boy Scouts and Webelos. It also offers a winter camp program. Three Falls has a great program offering over 30 merit badges. This frontier style camp has several unique features including an authentic fort and a 57-foot climbing wall: the tallest out of every Southern Californian camp. Other facilities include a swimming pool, shooting ranges, and a lake.

Fee: $7.00 per person per night (basic camping fee) Availability: year-round weekend programs; summer camp Reservations: call council office or visit website for information

**Summer Camp 2017**
Dates: TBA
Reservations: visit website for information

**Webelos Camp 2017**
Dates: TBA
Reservations: visit website for information

**Summer Camp 2017**
Reservations: visit website for information

**Camp Willett**
Address: Oak View, CA 93022
Website: [http://www.vccbsa.org/Camping/Camp_Willett.aspx](http://www.vccbsa.org/Camping/Camp_Willett.aspx)

This 535-acre plot is perfect for large events such as trainings and camporees. The site has an extensive history since its donation to the Boy Scouts of America in 1954.

Fee:
Availability: year-round

Reservations: call for information
Notes: minimal facilities; must order portable toilets
VERDUGO HILLS COUNCIL
1325 Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201
818.243.6282 • http://www.vhcbsa.org/

CAMP SILVER FIR
Address: 60688 Upper Line Lane, Lakeshore, CA 93634
Website: http://www.vhcbsa.org/camping/csf.htm

Camp Silver Fir is a high adventure base opened on the base of the Western Sierra Nevada Mountains. The camp provides a base camp for long backpacking treks through the pristine Sierra wilderness. The camp offers hot showers, refrigeration, and vehicle security for units as they are backpacking. The camp can also be used as a family camp, or summer camp with a unit led program.

Availability: summer months
Reservations: visit website for information

CAMP VERDUGO OAKS
Address: 38001 Golden State Highway, Castaic, CA 91384
Phone: 661.713.0310
Email: campverdugooaks@sbcglobal.net
Website: http://www.vhcbsa.org/camping/cvo.htm

Camp Verdugo Oaks is an excellent choice for close-in camping outings for Cub dens and Scout troops. The camp offers facilities for over 175 people, including a rustic conference center, cabins, platform tents, a fully equipped kitchen, a swimming pool, archery and BB gun ranges, an amphitheater, and a nature trail.

Availability: year-round open camping
Reservations: visit website for information
Located on the western end of Catalina Island, Camp Emerald Bay is one of the most popular camps among Southern California Scouts. Equipped with full year-round programs, including a complete summer camp program, Emerald Bay offers several unique and incomparable experiences to its visitors. Its large waterfront is perfect for a wide array of aquatic merit badges and activities. Also available are shooting ranges and several scenic hiking trails. In addition to its summer camp, Emerald Bay offers a special Rugged Adventurers program which takes participants on breathtaking experiences of the island, including scuba diving, mountain biking, canoeing, and more!

Fee: visit website for information
Availability: year-round programs; summer camp
Reservations: visit website for information

**Summer Camp 2017**
Dates: TBA
Reservations: visit website for information; register as soon as possible

**Rugged Adventurers 2017**
Visit website for more information

**Summer Camp 2017**
Dates: June 10 through August 25
Fee: varies according to session; visit website for information ($564.00-$649.00 per Scout, $374.00-$474.00 per adult)
Fee: varies according to session; visit website for information
Reservations: visit website for information; register as soon as possible

**Camp Josepho**

Camp Josepho is nestled into Rustic Canyon near the beaches of Pacific Palisades and Malibu. This 110-acre camp has a rustic western style, and is filled with different facilities for activities. Among these include multiple hiking trails, a swimming pool, and archery range, and a BB gun range.

Fee: call council office for information
Availability: year-round; special programs
Reservations: call council office for information
**CAMP WHITSETT**

Phone: 818.933.0130  
Email: camping@bsa-la.org  
Website: [http://www.campwhitsett.org/](http://www.campwhitsett.org/)

Camp Whitsett’s summer camp offers over 20 merit badges, a C.O.P.E. course, mountain biking, hiking, and a whitewater-rafting. Its unique program makes this camp a great experience for new scouts, as well as older scouts. Also, Camp Whisett’s convenient location allows it to offer several backpacking and mountain biking expeditions into the rugged Sierra Nevada Mountains, including everything from the Intro to Backcountry Living instructional course to lengthy 65-mile treks to Mount Whitney.

Fee: varies according to program  
Campsites: tented sites or wilderness sites available for summer camp  
Availability: year-round programs; summer camp  
Reservations: visit website for information

**Summer Camp 2017**  
Dates: TBA  
Fee: $385.00 per Scout, $295.00 per adult ($30.00 discount to Scouts for wilderness campsites)  
Reservations: visit website for information

**Sierra Trekking 2017**  
Dates: TBA  
Fee: $365.00 per person for Intro to Backcountry Living; $415.00 per person for Forks of the Kern to Jerky; $515.00 per person for Black Rock to Whitney  
Visit website for more information

**Sierra Cycling 2017**  
Dates: June 19 through August 7  
Fee: $390.00 per person  
Visit website for more information

**Summer Camp 2017**  
Dates: June 17 through August 4  
Fee: $385.00 per Scout, $295.00 per adult ($30.00 discount to Scouts for wilderness campsites)  
Reservations: visit website for information
Camp Wolverton
Address: P.O. Box B, Sequoia National Park, CA 93262
Phone: 559.565.9989
Website: http://bsa-la.org/index.php?page=wolverton

Camp Wolverton is the gateway into the Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks. The campsite is conveniently located close to attractions such as the General Sherman Tree (the world’s largest living thing) and backpacking trails.

Campsites: capacity of 70 people; hot showers available
Availability: year-round open camping
Reservations: call council office for information
Notes: no RV’s; open fires sometimes permitted
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The California Department of Parks and Recreation is responsible for the management of 278 parks and 1.4 million acres of land in California. Its properties include over 280 miles of coastline, nearly 15,000 campsites, 625 miles of riverfront, and over 3,000 miles of trail.

As of May 11, 2011, the California Department of Parks and Recreation has proposed the closure of 70 State parks due to the budget crisis in the State of California. Whether these parks will be temporarily or permanently closed is uncertain. Please visit a State park website before visiting to check for closure. Also, due to the sheer volume of the assets of the California State Park system, only the State parks that have been recommended are listed herein. If you would like to recommend a State park to be added in this guide, please see page 84.

Campsites
Group campsites can typically hold 40-50 people depending on the park, while regular (or “family”) camps can hold up to 8 people. Certain campsites are for RV’s or horses only.

Reservations
Many of the State parks have different regulations regarding campsite and reservation policies. However, on each State park website there is a button in the upper right corner which links to http://www.reserveamerica.com/ and shows specific campsite and reservation information specific to that park. Visit this site for the latest and most accurate information regarding reservation information and campsite details.

ANGELES DISTRICT
1925 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302-1909
818.880.0363

LEO CARRILLO STATE PARK
Address: 35000 West Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265
Phone: 818.880.0363
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=616

Named after actor and conservationist Leo Carrillo, this State park has several activities to offer visitors. The park contains 1.5 miles of beach for swimming and surfing, and includes several tide pools, caves, and reefs. Camping, backcountry hiking, and nature walks are also available.

Take the Pacific Coast Highway (Highway 1) north approximately 20 miles past Santa
Monica to reach Leo Carrillo State Park.
Fee: $12.00 per vehicle
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Notes: Wi-Fi available in certain areas; shower token machines only accept $1 bills

**Campsites:**
**Walk-In Camp**
Fee: $165.00 group fee
Availability: year-round
Notes: group camp only

**Leo Carrillo**
Fee: $7.00
Availability: year-round
Notes: hike and bike camp

**Canyon**
Fee: $35.00
Availability: year-round

**MALIBU CREEK STATE PARK**
Address: 1991 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA 91302
Phone: 818.880.0367
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=614

Malibu State Park offers hiking, fishing, bird watching, and horseback riding for its visitors. A 15-mile trail winds throughout the park’s woodlands and chaparral covered slopes. This park was used in the production of *Planet of the Apes* and *M*A*S*H*, and has been a cultural center for the Chumash Native Americans.

Take the I-405 North to Highway 101 North towards Ventura. Continue along Highway 101 and exit onto Las Virgenes Road LEFT. Drive approximately 4 miles.

Fee: $12.00 per vehicle
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Notes: shower token machines only accept $1 bills; no fires permitted

**Campsites:**
**Malibu Creek**
Fee: $35.00 (group fee is $200.00)
Availability: year-round
**Point Mugu State Park**
Address: 9000 West Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265
Phone: 818.880.0363
Website [http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=630](http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=630)

Point Mugu State Park offers visitors 5 miles of shoreline and beach, ranging from rocky cliffs to sandy dunes. The ocean is perfect for swimming, body surfing, and surf fishing. The park also includes over 70 miles of hiking and biking trails.

Take the I-405 North to the I-10 West. Continue on for 32 miles when the I-10 becomes Highway 1.

Fee: $12.00 per vehicle; $165.00 per group campsite
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to [http://www.reserveamerica.com/](http://www.reserveamerica.com/)
Availability: year-round

**Campsites:**
- **Big Sycamore Canyon**
  - Fee: $35.00
  - Availability: year-round

- **La Jolla**
  - Fee: $7.00 (group fee is $165.00)
  - Availability: year-round
  - Notes: group camp and hike-in camp only

- **Sycamore Canyon**
  - Fee: $7.00
  - Availability: year-round
  - Notes: hike and bike camp

- **Thornhill Broome Beach**
  - Fee: $25.00
  - Availability: year-round
  - Notes: primitive campsites
COLORADO DESERT DISTRICT
200 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004-5005
760.767.4037

ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK
Address: 200 Palm Canyon Drive, Borrego Springs, CA 92004
Phone: 760.767.5311
Email: anzaborrego@parks.ca.gov
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=638

Filled with miles of dirt road and hiking trails, Anza Borrego Desert State Park is the largest State park in California. The park teems with wildlife and beautiful desert scenery. Anza-Borrego features opportunities to see roadrunners, eagles, and bighorn sheep, as well as groves of palm, cacti, and wildflowers. There are several activities to be done at this State park, including hiking, biking, orienteering, horseback riding, camping, and much more! This park is a favorite among Southern California troops for its versatility and convenience.

Take the I-15 South to Temecula. Exit onto Temecula Parkway (Highway 79) and turn left. Continue along Highway 79 for 40 miles, and then turn left onto the S-2. Take the S-2 to the S-22.

Fee: $5.00 per vehicle ($8.00 during peak season)
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Notes: Wi-Fi available in certain areas

Campgrounds:
Borrego Palm Canyon
Fee: $20.00 ($25.00 during peak season); $35.00 for RV hook-up; $50.00 group fee ($80.00 during peak season)
Availability: year-round
Notes: reservations required October through April

Vern Whitaker Horse Camp
Fee: $25.00
Availability: year-round
Notes: horse-camp

Tamarisk Grove
Fee: $20.00 ($25.00 during peak season)
Availability: October through June

The park has several dry campgrounds as well: Culp Valley, Sheep Canyon, Yaqui Well, and Yaqui Pass
Cuyamaca Rancho State Park
Address: 13652 Highway 79, Julian, CA 92036
Phone: 760.765.3020
Email: cuyamca@parks.ca.gov
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=66

Oak and pine groves fill the woodlands of Cuyamaca Rancho State Park. With over 100 miles of trail, this park is an excellent place for equestrians, bikers, and hikers. Visitors can climb to the top of Cuyamaca Peak for a spectacular view of the Pacific Coast, the Colorado Desert, Mexico, and the Salton Sea.

Take the I-15 South to Temecula. Exit onto Temecula Parkway (Highway 79) and turn left. Continue along Highway 79 for 40 miles, and then turn left onto the S-2. Continue along the S-2 for 27 miles.

Fee: $8.00 per vehicle
Campsites: each campsite includes a picnic table, fire ring, flush toilet, and pay showers; for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Notes: Wi-Fi available in certain areas

Campsites:
Arroyo Seco
Fee: $5.00 per person; $40.00 group fee
Availability: year-round
Notes: primitive campsites

Granite Springs
Fee: $5.00 per person; $40.00 group fee
Availability: year-round
Notes: primitive campsites; reservations required

Green Valley
Fee: $30.00 ($35.00 horse camp fee)
Availability: April through November
Notes: reservations required

Los Vaqueros
Fee: $550.00 group fee
Availability: late-May through November
Notes: reservations required

Paso Picacho
Fee: $30.00 (group fee is $335.00)
Availability: year-round
Notes: reservations required December through March
INLAND EMPIRE DISTRICT
17801 Lake Perris Drive, Perris, CA 92571-9293
951.443.2423

CHINO HILLS STATE PARK
Address: 4721 Sapphire Road, Chino Hills, CA 91709
Phone: 951.780.6222
Email: spulce@parks.ca.gov
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=648

Conveniently located near the Santa Ana River Canyon, Chino Hills State Park is a massive wildlife refuge. The park includes over 65 miles of trail for hiking, biking, and horseback riding through the scenic vistas. Chino Hills State Park is an excellent place for nature hikes among first years due to the variety of plants and animals in the area.

Take the 91-Freeway East to Highway 71 North. Exit onto Soquel Canyon Parkway and turn left. Turn left on Elinvar Drive, and left on Sapphire Road.

Fee: $8.00 per vehicle
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/

**Campsites:**
Chino Hills
Fee: $15.00
Availability: year-round
Notes: no fires permitted

MOUNT SAN JACINTO STATE PARK
Address: 25905 Highway 243, Idyllwild, CA 92549
Phone: 951.659.2607
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=636

Mount San Jacinto State Park is home to three spectacular peaks each above 10,000 feet. One of these is Mount San Jacinto, one of the tallest mountains in Southern California. It offers a breathtaking view of the Mojave Desert, the San Bernardino Mountains, and several other landmarks. A tram ride is available to the top, or visitors can choose to hike or backpack up the backside of the mountain.

Take the 91-Freeway East and merge onto the 60-Freeway East. Exit towards Hemet and merge onto Gillman Springs Road. Take Highway 79 South and turn left onto Ramona Expressway. Turn left onto Highway 74, and then Highway 243.
Fee: $8.00 per vehicle
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Notes: Wi-Fi available in certain areas

Campsites:
Idyllwild
Fee: $20.00 ($25.00 during peak season); $45.00 for RV hook-up
Availability: year-round
Notes: reservations required

Stone Creek
Fee: $15.00 ($20.00 during peak season)
Availability: year-round
Notes: reservations required January through mid-September; primitive campsites

Wilderness
Fee: $5.00
Availability: year-round
Notes: primitive campsites

**Orange Coast District**
3030 Avenda del Presidente, San Clemente, CA 92672-4433
949.492.0802

**Doheny State Beach**
Address: 25300 Dana Point Harbor Drive, Dana Point, CA 92629
Phone: 949.496.6172
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=645

Located near San Juan Capistrano, Doheny State Beach offers not only a beachfront, but also an area for camping just steps from the shore. Volleyball courts and picnic tables accompany these features. The beach is also a popular surfing and surf fishing site.

Head south on I-405 to I-5. Merge onto the Pacific Coast Highway/Highway 1, turn left on Dana Point Harbor Drive and make a U-turn. Doheny State Beach is on the right.

Fee: $15.00 per vehicle
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/

Campsites:
Doheny
Fee: $300.00 group fee
Availability: year-round
Doheny – Beachfront
Fee: $60.00
Availability: year-round
Notes: premium camping on the beach

Doheny – Inland
Fee: $35.00
Availability: year-round

SAN CLEMENTE STATE BEACH
Address: 225 Avenida Calafia, San Clemente, CA 92672
Phone: 949.492.3156
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=646

San Clemente is a mile-long beach located almost directly between Los Angeles and San Diego. One of the most popular beaches in California, it’s a great place for everyone from water sports enthusiasts to those looking to escape the heat.

Head south on the I-405 to the I-5. Exit onto Avenida Calafia.

Fee: $15.00 per vehicle
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/

Campsites:
San Clemente
Fee: $35.00 (group fee is $280.00); $60.00 for RV hook-up
Availability: year-round

SAN ONOFRE STATE BEACH
Address: 3030 Avenida Del Presidente, San Clemente, CA 92672
Phone: 949.492.4872
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=647

San Onofre State Beach is divided into three different regions. The San Onofre Bluffs offers several campgrounds, as well as a beach for swimming and surfing. The Surf Beach is a strictly for day-use, but is renown for its surf break. The San Mateo Campground is inland, but is connected to the beach by a nature trail.

Head south on the I-405 to the I-5. Exit on Basilone Drive and turn right onto Old Pacific Highway.

Fee: $15.00 per vehicle
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Campsites:
Bluffs
Fee: free ($35.00 during peak season)
Availability: year-round

San Mateo
Fee: $35.00; $60.00 for RV hook-up
Availability: year-round

San Onofre
Fee: $225.00 group fee
Availability: year-round

SAN DIEGO COAST DISTRICT
4477 Pacific Highway, San Diego, CA 92110-3136
619.688.3260

SOUTH CARLSBAD STATE BEACH
Address: 7201 Carlsbad Boulevard, Carlsbad, CA 92008
Phone: 760.438.3143
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=660

South Carlsbad State Beach is an excellent area for surfing, swimming, fishing, and camping. One extremely popular campsite overlooks a large bluff. Showers are available to visitors, as well as a camp store that operates from March to October.

Head south on the I-405 to the I-5. Exit on Poinsettia Lane and turn right. Turn left onto Carlsbad Boulevard.

Fee: $10.00 per vehicle
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/

Campsites:
South Carlsbad – Beachfront
Fee: $50.00
Availability: year-round
Notes: premium camping on the beach

South Carlsbad – Inland
Fee: $35.00
Availability: year-round
TEHACHAPI DISTRICT
15101 Lancaster Road, Lancaster, CA 93536
661.724.1206

RED ROCK CANYON STATE PARK
Address: Ricardo Campground Road, Cantil, CA 93519
Phone: 661.946.6092
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=631

At the southern tip of the Sierra Nevada Mountains lies Red Rock Canyon State Park. This park offers some spectacular desert views as well as awesome rock formations and canyons. Wildflower blooms in the spring make this State park a favorite among campers.

Take the 91-Freeway to the I-15 North. Merge onto Route 395 and turn left onto Highway 58 West. Turn right on California City Boulevard and right on Neuralia Road. Turn right onto Highway 14 and then left onto Abbott Drive. Turn left at Ricardo Campground Road.

Fee: $6.00 per vehicle
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/

Campsites:
Ricardo Campground
Fee: $25.00

SILVERWOOD LAKE STATE RECREATION AREA
Phone: 760.389.2281
Website: http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=650

Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area was formed by the Cedar Springs dam, and is the highest reservoir in the State Water Project at 3,350 feet. It has areas for swimming, hiking, camping, fishing, boating, and water-skiing.

Take the 91-Freeway to the I-15 North. Head east on Highway 138.

Fee: $10.00 per vehicle (dam parking is free); $8.00 per boat launch
Campsites: for information on specific campsites, go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://www.reserveamerica.com/
Notes: all vessels will undergo a mandatory inspection
Campsites:
Barranca
Fee: $300.00 group fee
Availability: year-round
Notes: group camp only

Mesa
Fee: $35.00
Availability: year-round

Miller Canyon
Fee: $150.00 group fee
Availability: year-round
Notes: group camp only

New Mesa
Fee: $45.00 for RV hook-up
Availability: year-round
Notes: RV camp only

Rio
Fee: $300.00 group fee
Availability: year-round
Notes: group camp only

Silverwood Lake
Fee: $300.00
Availability: year-round
Notes: horse-camp only

Valley
Fee: $300.00 group fee
Availability: year-round
Notes: group camp only
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ORANGE COUNTY PARKS

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Orange County Parks is in charge of the management of parks, beaches, and harbors for the County of Orange. Its assets include over 20 regional and wilderness parks encompassing about 32,000 acres of land, 7 miles of beaches, and 27,000 acres of open land.

Camping and Reservations
The parks listed below only include parks that have camping available (otherwise, the purpose of this Where To Go Camping guide would be defeated). Reservations are not required, but are recommended. Individual campsites are $20.00 per vehicle per night, and have a capacity of 8 people. Group campsite fees vary by location.

Entrance Fees
Entrance fees to most Orange County Parks facilities are $3.00 per vehicle Monday through Friday, and $5.00 on weekends (wilderness parks and nature preserves are $3.00 all week). Some parks and beaches require parking fees of either $1.00 per hour or a flat fee of $3.00.

Caspers Wilderness Park
Address: 33401 Ortega Highway, San Juan Capistrano, CA 92675
Phone: 949.923.2210
Email: casperspark@ocparks.com
Website: http://www.ocparks.com/caspers/

Caspers Wilderness Park is the largest Orange County Park with 8,000 acres of protected wilderness. With its river terraces and sandstone canyons, as well as its beautiful spring wildflower blooms, Caspers Wilderness Park is a favorite for hikers and campers across the county.

Fee: $3.00 per vehicle ($5.00 on weekends); camping is $20.00 per night per vehicle for individual campsites
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://orangecountyparks.reserveamerica.com/

Campsites:
Owl and Quail
Fee: $300.00 group fee ($150.00 for organized youth groups)
Availability: year-round

San Juan Meadows
Fee: $240.00-$360.00 group fee ($120.00-$180.00 for organized youth groups)
Availability: year-round
**Featherly Regional Park**
Address: 24001 Santa Ana Canyon Road, Anaheim, CA 92808
Phone: 714.637.0210
Email: Ocparks@ocparks.com
Website: http://www.ocparks.com/featherly/

This regional park in Santa Ana is a great starting location for cycling trips along the Santa Ana River Bikeway. Camping is available so that you can turn your next cycling outing into a campout. A privately owned RV park is also in the park.

Fee: $3.00 per vehicle ($5.00 on weekends); camping is $20.00 per night per vehicle for individual campsites
Availability: year-round
Reservations: call for information
Notes: only individual campsites are available (8 person capacity)

**O’Neill Regional Park**
Address: 30892 Trabuco Canyon Road, Trabuco Canyon, CA 92678
Phone: 949.923.2260
Email: oneillpark@ocparks.com
Website: http://www.ocparks.com/oneillpark/

Located in Trabuco and Live Oak Canyons, O’Neill Regional Park is a heavily wooded camp with beautiful scenery. The park is excellent for hiking.

Fee: $3.00 per vehicle ($5.00 on weekends); camping is $20.00 per night per vehicle for individual campsites
Availability: year-round
Reservations: go to http://orangecountyparks.reserveamerica.com/

**Campsites:**
Hickey Creek
Fee: $150.00-$240.00 group fee ($75.00-$120.00 for organized youth groups)
Availability: year-round
Pacific Southwest Region

- Angeles National Forest
- Cleveland National Forest
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- San Bernardino National Forest

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Since its establishment in 1905, the United States Forest Service has come to manage over 190 million acres of land, divided into 155 National Forests and 20 National Grasslands. The agency is under the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

**Permits**
While many of the activities within National Forests are free of charge, several require permits. Please be sure to check that all necessary permits have been obtained and all regulations are followed when visiting. For example, the Adventure Pass must be purchased ($5.00) to park a vehicle overnight in many sections of National Forests.

**Pacific Southwest Region**
1323 Club Drive, Vallejo, CA 94592
707.562.8737 • [http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/)

**Angeles National Forest**
Address: 701 North Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006
Phone: 626.574.1613
Website: [http://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles_national_forest/](http://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles_national_forest/)

The Angeles National Forest occupies over 650,000 acres of land in the San Gabriel Mountains. Located just to the North of Los Angeles, it offers an excellent spot for all types of wilderness activities, including hiking, horseback riding, winter sports, mountain-biking, and backpacking. Its large network of trails and campgrounds, combined with the endless amount of peaks to climb allows for the Angeles National Forest to accommodate all from beginning hikers to avid backpackers.

Fee: free, although specified campsites require fees; parking passes need to be purchased
Availability: year-round; visit website for information
Notes: specific passes required for most activities

**Ranger Districts:**
Los Angeles River Ranger District
Address: 12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road, San Fernando, CA 91342
Phone: 818.899.1900

Popular campgrounds for Boy Scouts include Buckhorn, Chilao,
San Gabriel River Ranger District
Address: 110 North Wabash Avenue, Glendora, CA 91741
Phone: 626.335.1251
Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District
Address: 28245 Avenue Crocker, Suite 220, Valencia, CA 91355
Phone: 661.296.9710

CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST
Address: 10845 Rancho Bernardo Road, Suite 200, San Diego, CA 92127
Phone: 858.673.6180
Website: http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/

Crossing into three counties, the Cleveland National Forest offers a wide variety of activities on its 460,000 acres of chaparral. It provides visitors with hiking, backpacking, equestrian, and mountain biking opportunities. The Pacific Crest Trail also passes through this National Forest.

Fee: free, although specified campsites require fees; parking passes need to be purchased
Availability: year-round; visit website for information
Notes: specific passes required for most activities

Ranger Districts:
Descanso Ranger District
Address: 3348 Alpine Boulevard, Alpine, CA 91901
Phone: 619.445.1753

Palomar Ranger District
Address: 1634 Black Canyon Road, Ramona, CA 92065
Phone: 760.788.0250

Popular campgrounds for Boy Scouts include Observatory and Fry Creek

Trabuco Ranger District
Address: 1147 East Sixth Street, Corona, CA 92879
Phone: 951.736.1811

LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST
Address: 6755 Hollister Avenue, Suite 150, Goleta, CA 98117
Phone: 805.968.6640
Website: http://fs.usda.gov/lpnf

Containing nearly two million acres and stretching almost 220 miles from north to south, the Los Padres National Forest is by far the largest in National Forest in Southern California. The northern division of the forest includes the Big Sur Coast and other scenic areas. With over 300 miles of trail, the Los Padres National Forest is a great area for hiking and backpacking.

Fee: free, although specified campsites require fees; parking passes need to be purchased
Availability: year-round; visit website for information
Notes: specific passes required for most activities
**Ranger Districts:**

**Monterey Ranger District**  
Address: 406 South Mildred King City, CA 93930  
Phone: 831.385.5434

**Santa Lucia Ranger District**  
Address: 1616 Carlotti Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93454  
Phone: 805.925.9538

**Santa Barbara Ranger District**  
Address: 3505 Paradise Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105  
Phone: 805.967.3481

**Ojai Ranger District**  
Address: 1190 East Ojai Avenue, Ojai, CA 93023  
Phone: 805.646.4348

**Mt. Pinos Ranger District**  
Address: 34580 Lockwood Valley Road, Frazier Park, CA 93225  
Phone: 661.245.3731

**SAN BERNARDINO NATIONAL FOREST**  
Address: 602 South Tippecanoe Avenue, San Bernardino, CA 92408  
Phone: 909.382.2600  
Website: [http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf](http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf)

The San Bernardino National Forest is located in the San Bernardino and San Jacinto Mountain ranges, is home to Mount San Gorgonio, the highest peak in Southern California. This forest offers activities year-round, ranging from hiking and fishing to downhill skiing.

Fee: free, although specified campsites require fees; parking passes need to be purchased  
Availability: year-round; visit website for information  
Notes: specific passes required for most activities

**Ranger Districts:**

**Mountaintop Ranger District**  
Address: P.O. Box 290, 41397 North Shore Drive, Highway 38, Fawnskin, CA 92333  
Phone: 909.382.2790

**Front Country Ranger District**  
Address: 1209 Lytle Creek Road, Lytle Creek, CA 92358  
Phone: 909.382.2851

**San Jacinto Ranger District**  
Address: P.O. Box 518, 54270 Pinecrest, Idyllwild, CA 92549  
Phone: 909.382.2921
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**Campsites**
Campsite reservations can be made at (877) 444-6777 or [http://www.recreation.gov/](http://www.recreation.gov/). All campsite fees listed are per campsite per night. Standard campsites are limited to six people, while group campsites may have between 13 and 30 people. Horse sites are allowed six horses and six campers (horses must be within size regulations). RV’s and trailers must also comply with National Park Service size regulations. Entrance fee prices listed are for non-commercial vehicles only.

**Permits**
Many of the activities within National Parks may require permits. These activities should be researched ahead of time to check for regulations and necessary permits.

**Pacific West Region**
1111 Jackson Street, Suite 700, Oakland, CA 94607
510.817.1300

**Channel Islands National Park**
Address: 1901 Spinmaker Drive, Ventura, CA 93001
Phone: 805.658.5730
Website: [http://www.nps.gov/chis/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/chis/index.htm)

The Channel Islands National Park is comprised of five of the eight islands in Southern California’s Channel Islands chain: Anacapa, San Miguel, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa. 145 of the over 2,000 terrestrial plants and animals there are unique to the islands and found nowhere else in the world. The park offers a widespread variety of recreational opportunities, such as snorkeling, swimming, bird watching, kayaking, whale watching, fishing, and more. On the islands, one may camp, hike, picnic, and explore tide pools, isolated beaches, and rugged canyons. Park naturalists conduct interpretive hikes on the islands throughout the year.

Island Packers is the park’s concessionaire for boat travel. The boats depart from Channel Islands Harbors in Ventura to all of the islands. A variety of trips, from half-day to multi-day, are offered. For prices, schedules, and reservations, call (805) 642-1393.
Fee: $15.00 per campsite per night
Campsites: all campsites have pit toilets and picnic tables; do not contain trash containers and may not have drinking water. Campsites are “walk-in” from the beach / pier areas.
Availability: year-round
Reservations: required for all camping; call (877) 444-6777 or go to http://www.recreation.gov/
Notes: no fires

DEATH VALLEY NATIONAL PARK
Address: P.O. Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328
Phone: 760.786.3200
Website: http://www.nps.gov/deva/index.htm

Within its 3 million acres of undisturbed wilderness, Death Valley National Park is home to the site of spectacular desert scenes, rare plant and animal species. Among its dunes and canyons are several areas of historical, geological, and cultural interest. Death Valley prides itself with being the hottest, driest, and lowest location in all of North America. Its lowest point is Badwater at 282 feet below sea level. Barely 100 miles away is Mount Whitney, the highest point in the continental U.S. Despite this arid climate however, the park has much to offer visitors. Among the many outdoor activities include camping, hiking, backpacking, and biking.

Fee: $20.00 entrance fee per vehicle (per seven days)
Campsites: see below; all campsites have tables, fire pits, toilets, water access, and dump stations unless noted otherwise
Availability: year-round
Reservations: Furnace Creek is the only campground that accepts reservations; reservations must be made 6 months in advance, and cannot be made for summer months; call (877) 444-6777 or go to http://www.recreation.gov/

Campsites:
Furnace Creek
Fee: $18.00 ($12.00 during summer months)
Availability: year-round
Sites: 136
Elevation: -196’
Notes: reservations not available in summer

Sunset
Fee: $12.00
Availability: October through April
Sites: 270
Elevation: -196’
Notes: no tables or fire pit
Texas Spring
Fee: $14.00
Availability: October through April
Sites: 92
Elevation: 0’

Stovepipe Wells
Fee: $12.00
Availability: October through April
Sites: 190
Elevation: 0’
Notes: limited amount of tables and fire pits

Mesquite Spring
Fee: $12.00
Availability: year-round
Sites: 30
Elevation: 1800’

Emigrant
Fee: none
Availability: year-round
Sites: 10
Elevation: 2100’
Notes: no dump station or fire pit; tents only

Wildrose
Fee: none
Availability: year-round
Sites: 23
Elevation: 4100’
Notes: pit toilet; no dump station

Thorndike
Fee: none
Availability: March through November
Sites: 6
Elevation: 7400’
Notes: pit toilet; no dump station or water; only accessible to high-clearance vehicles (4-wheel drive recommended)

Mahogany Flat
Fee: none
Availability: March through November
Sites: 10
Elevation: 8200’
Notes: pit toilet; no dump station or water; only accessible to high-clearance vehicles (4-wheel drive recommended)
**Joshua Tree National Park**
Address: 74485 National Park Drive, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277-3597  
Phone: 760.367.5500  
Website: [http://www.nps.gov/jotr/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/jotr/index.htm)

Covering several hundreds of thousands of acres, Joshua Tree National Park covers areas of two deserts and a small mountain range. Within the park’s vast property is a large collection of plants and animals. The park offers great hiking, biking, camping, and rock climbing opportunities to visitors. Conservation projects are also available to visiting units. Joshua Tree is also an excellent location for stargazing and bird watching, and provides several nature hikes and tours of historical locations. Rock clambering and climbing are a great attraction to many Scouts and climbers.

Water is not available at most camps, and must be obtained from the ranger station. Special campsites are open to group camping (Cottonwood, Indian Cove, Sheep Pass), most of which require reservations made far in advance.

Fee: $15 entrance fee per vehicle (per seven days)  
Campsites: see below; campsites do not have water access unless noted otherwise  
Availability: year-round  
Reservations: Black Rock and Indian Cove are the only campgrounds that accept reservations; reservations cannot be made for summer months; call (877) 444-6777 or go to [http://www.recreation.gov/](http://www.recreation.gov/)  
Notes: backcountry camping is permitted, but requires registration and parking at designated areas

**Campsites:**

**Belle**  
Fee: $10.00  
Sites: 18  
Elevation: 3800’

**Black Rock**  
Fee: $15.00 ($15.00 for horse camp)  
Sites: 100  
Elevation: 4000’  
Notes: has water access; reservations not available in summer

**Cottonwood**  
Fee: $15.00 (group fee is $30.00)  
Sites: 62 (3 group sites)  
Elevation: 3000’  
Notes: has water access

**Hidden Valley**  
Fee: $10.00  
Sites: 39  
Elevation: 4200’
Indian Cove
Fee: $15.00 (group fee is $25.00-$40.00)
Sites: 101 (13 group sites)
Elevation: 3200’
Notes: reservations not available in summer

Jumbo Rocks
Fee: $10.00
Sites: 124
Elevation: 4400’

Ryan
Fee: $10.00 ($10.00 for horse camp)
Sites: 31
Elevation: 4300’

Sheep Pass
Fee: $25.00-$40.00 group fee
Sites: 6 group sites
Elevation: 4500’

White Tank
Fee: $10.00
Sites: 15
Elevation: 3800’

**SEQUOIA AND KINGS CANYON NATIONAL PARKS**
Address: 47050 Generals Highway, Three Rivers, CA 93271-9700
Phone: 559.565.3341
Website: [http://www.nps.gov/seqi/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/seqi/index.htm)

The Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks are a prime example of nature’s size and beauty. The two adjacent parks are located in the southern part of the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Sequoia National Park is the home of Mt. Whitney, the tallest mountain in the continental U.S., and also contains the world’s largest living thing – the General Sherman Tree. Its giant sequoia groves house the world’s largest trees, and offer visitors an awesome spectacle. While there are many hikes and tours on the western end of the parks, the rest of their expansive wilderness provides visitors with excellent backpacking opportunities through the vast Sierras. Other activities include horseback riding and winter activities.

Fee: $20 entrance fee per vehicle (per seven days; valid in both parks)
Campsites: see below; all campsites contain restrooms, and have tables and fire rings; there are 10 campsites operated by the park service bordering the parks (not listed below)
Reservations: only certain group campgrounds are open to reservations; call (877) 444-6777 or go to [http://www.recreation.gov/](http://www.recreation.gov/)
Notes: permits required hiking in the Whitney area, as well as backpacking
Campsites:

**Foothills area**–
Buckeye Flat
Fee: $18.00
Availability: April through September
Sites: 28
Elevation: 2800’
Notes: no RV’s or trailers

Potwisha
Fee: $18.00
Availability: year-round
Sites: 42
Elevation: 2100’

South Fork
Fee: none
Availability: year-round
Elevation: 3600’
Notes: no RV’s or trailers; vault restrooms

**Mineral King area**–
Atwell Mill
Fee: $12.00
Availability: late-May through October
Sites: 21
Elevation: 6650’
Notes: no RV’s or trailers; vault restrooms

Cold Springs
Fee: $12.00
Availability: late-May through October
Sites: 40
Elevation: 7500’
Notes: no RV’s or trailers; vault restrooms

**Giant Forest/Lodgepole area**–
Dorst
Fee: $20.00
Availability: late-June through early September
Sites: 204
Elevation: 6800’

Lodgepole
Fee: $18.00-$20.00
Availability: year-round
Sites: 214
Elevation: 6700’

*Grant Grove area—*

**Azalea**
Fee: $10.00-$18.00
Availability: year-round
Sites: 110
Elevation: 6500’

**Crystal Springs**
Fee: $18.00
Availability: May through September
Sites: 36
Elevation: 6500’

**Sunset**
Fee: $18.00
Availability: May through September
Sites: 157
Elevation: 6500’

*Cedar Grove area—*

**Canyon View**
Fee: $18.00
Availability: May through October
Sites: 23
Elevation: 4600’

**Moraine**
Fee: $18.00
Availability: May through October
Sites: 120
Elevation: 4600’

**Sentinel**
Fee: $18.00
Availability: late-April through September
Sites: 82
Elevation: 4600’

**Sheep Creek**
Fee: $18.00
Availability: May through October
Sites: 111
Elevation: 4600’
Yosemite National Park
Address: P.O. Box 577, Yosemite, CA 95389
Phone: 209.372.0200
Website: [http://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/yose/index.htm)

Few places are renown for their grand views and spectacular glimpse at nature’s awesome power as Yosemite National Park. Its massive granite cliffs, huge sequoia groves, towering waterfalls, and powerful glaciers provide endless opportunities for sightseeing. Yosemite offers a large array of activities for visitors, including biking, bird watching, hiking, fishing, winter sports, water activities, and horseback riding. The park is also one of the world’s best rock-climbing areas, with its river canyons and sheer granite cliffs. The expansive wilderness section is also great for backpacking, with over 750 miles of trail. Permits are required for backpacking and Half Dome hikes. Reservations are required for many campsites.

Take the I-5 N to SR-99 N. Merge onto SR-41 towards Yosemite. After it becomes Southside Drive, turn left onto Sentinel Drive. Turn left onto SR-140 and right onto Villager Drive.

Fee: $20.00 entrance fee per vehicle (per seven days)
Campsites: see below; all campsites have water access, tables, bear lockers, fire pits, and toilets
Reservations: required for several campsites; call (877) 444-6777 or go to [http://www.recreation.gov/](http://www.recreation.gov/)

**Campsites:**

**Yosemite Valley—**
Camp 4
Fee: $5.00 per person
Availability: year-round
Sites: 35
Elevation: 4000’
Notes: no RV’s or trailers

Lower Pines
Fee: $20.00
Availability: March through October
Sites: 60
Elevation: 4000’
Notes: reservations required

North Pines
Fee: $20.00
Availability: April through September
Sites: 81
Elevation: 4000’
Notes: reservations required
Upper Pines
Fee: $20.00
Availability: year-round
Sites: 238
Elevation: 4000’
Notes: reservations required March through November

North of Yosemite Valley—
Crane Flat
Fee: $20.00
Availability: July through September
Sites: 166
Elevation: 6200’
Notes: reservations required

Hodgdon Meadow
Fee: $20.00 ($14.00 April through October; group fee is $40.00)
Availability: year-round
Sites: 105 (4 group sites, open April through October)
Elevation: 4900’
Notes: reservations required April through October

Porcupine Flat
Fee: $10.00
Availability: July through October
Sites: 52
Elevation: 8100’
Notes: creek for water access

Tamarack Flat
Fee: $10.00
Availability: late-June through September
Sites: 52
Elevation: 6300’
Notes: no RV’s or trailers; creek for water access

Tuolumne Meadows
Fee: $20.00 (group fee is $40.00; $25.00 for horse camp)
Availability: July through September
Sites: 304 (7 group sites; 4 horse sites)
Elevation: 8600’
Notes: half of campsites are available for reservations
White Wolf
Fee: $14.00
Availability: July through early-September
Sites: 74
Elevation: 8000’

Yosemite Creek
Fee: $10.00
Availability: July through early-September
Sites: 75
Elevation: 7700’
Notes: no RV’s or trailers allowed; creek for water access

South of Yosemite Valley –
Bridalveil Creek
Fee: $14.00 (group fee is $40.00; $25.00 for horse camp)
Availability: July through early-September
Sites: 110 (2 group sites; 3 horse sites)
Elevation: 7200’
Notes: group sites require reservations; no RV’s or trailers allowed in group sites

Wawona
Fee: $20.00 ($14.00 April through September; group fee is $40.00; $25.00 for horse camp)
Availability: year-round
Sites: 93 (1 group site; 2 horse sites)
Elevation: 4000’
Notes: reservations required April through early-October
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The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for the administration of US public lands, which consist of over 253 million acres, approximately an eighth of the country’s landmass. In addition, the agency manages 700 million acres of subsurface mineral estate.

**Campsites**

Camping regulations, as well as laws regarding other recreational activities, vary in different regions. Camping may be restricted to designated sites in order to reduce wildlife impact, while in other areas open camping is allowed. Please call the respective field office before visiting a resource area to check for rules and laws concerning your trip.

**California Desert District**

22835 Calle San Juan De Los Lagos, Moreno Valley, CA 92553

**Barstow Field Office/Resource Area**

Address: 2601 Barstow Road, CA 92311
Phone: 760.252.6000

The Barstow Field region encompasses land north of Joshua Tree National Park, and south of Fort Irwin military reservation. It extends from the San Bernardino Mountains to the Nevadan border. Despite an arid climate, the area offers several scenic locations and rare plant species. Various recreational activities are allowed within the area, including camping within the two designated campsites.

Take the I-15 N to Barstow. Exit on Barstow Road RIGHT. The Barstow Field Office will be on the left.

Campsites: see below; all campsites have pit toilets, fire pits, and tables
Availability: year-round

**Campsites:**
Afton Canyon
Fee: $6.00 per night
Availability: year-round
Elevation: 1640’
Notes: no reservations

Rainbow Basin/Owl Canyon
Fee: $6.00 per night
Availability: year-round
Notes: no reservations
**El Centro Field Office/Resource Area**

Address: 1661 South 4th Street, El Centro, CA 92243  
Phone: 760.337.4400  

The El Centro resource area consists of 1.4 million acres of land stretching across San Diego and Imperial Counties. It extends all the way to the United States and Mexican border. Recreation includes camping, hiking, biking, off-roading, and horseback riding. Primitive campsites are located throughout the land, although camping is restricted in some areas to designated campgrounds.

Take the I-5 south and merge onto the I-805. Merge onto the I-8 E and take it for about 110 miles and exit on 4th Street towards El Centro LEFT. The El Centro Field Office is on your right.

Campsites: see below; all campsites have pit toilets, fire pits, and tables  
Availability: year-round

**Campsites:**

- **Cottonwood Campground**  
  Fee: $6.00 per night  
  Availability: year-round  
  Elevation: 1640’  
  Notes: no reservations

- **Rainbow Basin/Owl Canyon**  
  Fee: $6.00 per night  
  Availability: year-round  
  Notes: no reservations
WHAT IS THE ORDER OF THE ARROW?

THE MISSION OF THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

The mission of the Order of the Arrow is to fulfill its purpose as an integral part of the Boy Scouts of America through positive youth leadership under the guidance of selected capable adults.


The Order of the Arrow can best be defined as Scouting’s National Honor Society, integrating into its membership Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law. The program is centered on giving service to scouting and the community, as well as the promoting camping. The Order of the Arrow also utilizes Native American traditions and customs.

HISTORY

The Order of the Arrow was originally founded in 1915 at the Treasure Island Scout Camp in Pennsylvania. The Philadelphia Council had appointed Dr. E. Urner Goodman as camp director. He and the assistant camp director, Carol A. Edson, were making plans for their summer season, and wanted a program that would improve the summer camp experience and hold the interest of older Scouts. In one of the books Goodman read, Boy’s Camp Book, there was a description of a camping society organized at a summer camp, which upheld the traditions of camping. Both men agreed that they wanted to create a similar society in their camp, utilizing the lore and legend of the Delaware Indians who had once lived in the area. In 1915, twenty-five members were inducted through ceremonies at the camp. These members formed the Unami Lodge, which marked the founding of the Order of the Arrow.

Soon, lodges were founded in adjacent states as word and popularity of the new program spread. By 1922, the Order of the Arrow became a BSA “program experiment.” In 1948, the Order of the Arrow was officially integrated into the Scouting movement, and supervision shifted from the national lodge to the Boy Scouts of America.

In the present day, over one million Boy Scouts, Scouters, and Explorers have been inducted into the Order of the Arrow over its lifetime. There are currently over 170,000 active members. The Order of the Arrow continues to play a vital role in performing service for the Boy Scouts of America, as well as other programs. In 2008, over 3,500 members took part in the ArrowCorp5 project, which consisted of various conservation projects at five different National Forests around the county.
**Purpose**
The Order of the Arrow National Website states that the purpose of the Order of the Arrow is to:

- “Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- “Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout’s experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- “Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit and ability to advance the activities of their units, our Brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- “Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.”

**Eligibility**
In order to become a member of the Order of the Arrow, a Scout must:

- “Be a registered member of the BSA.”
- “After registration with a troop or team, have experienced 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the 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.”
- “Be under the age of 21, hold the BSA First Class rank or higher, and following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity team Coach, be elected by the youth members of their troop or team.”

Additionally, adults who are registered in the BSA and meeting the camping requirement may become members upon nomination by the lodge adult selection committee. Selection is based upon that adult’s ability to perform the necessary functions to support the Order of the Arrow, and not on past recognitions and achievements. One adult may be nominated annually per 50 members in each troop.

**Organization**
The Order of the Arrow is a youth-led (under the age of 21) organization, with adult advisers. The basic unit is the lodge, each of which serves a particular council. The lodge may or may not be divided into separate chapters. Each lodge has its own policies and structure. Lodges are grouped into sections, which are led by a Section Chief, Vice-Chief, and Secretary. All the sections are divided into four regions across the United States, each headed by a region chief. The Order of the Arrow is run by the National Order of the Arrow Committee, headed by the National Chief and Vice-Chief, both of whom are youth elected at the beginning of each year.
The Order of the Arrow’s Role in Camp Promotions

The Purpose of the Order of the Arrow states that it is responsible for the promotion of “camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout’s experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.” Camping lies at the root of the Order of the Arrow, as demonstrated by the founding (see History on previous page). The Order of the Arrow strives to instill camping traditions among Scout units. It accomplishes this through promotional visits to the troops, representation at Scouting events, raising funds for camperships, and publishing guidebooks such as this.

The goal is to get as many Scouts into the outdoors as possible, and to help units form or expand their camping programs by introducing a diverse variety of opportunities. Summer camp attendance for both individual Scouts and units as a whole is strongly encouraged.

The Order of the Arrow National Website

Much of the information found within this section is based upon, or taken directly from the Order of the Arrow National Website. This website is an excellent tool to learn more about the Order of the Arrow and the programs it offers.

Wiatava Lodge serves the Orange County Council of the BSA. The lodge, led by a dedicated board, is divided into nine chapters, each of which serves with a corresponding district within the Council. The chapters are: Amimi, Anasazi, Crow, Koshare, Maga-Taskozu, Modoc, Santee, Ta Tanka, and Tenaja.

History
Wiatava Lodge is the last in a chain of similar organizations chartered to the Orange County Council. Originally, the Tribe of Gorgonio was the Honor Camping Society, and sustained itself for nearly two decades. However, in 1945, Orange County Council was split in half, and the Tribe of Gorgonio was replaced in each council by increasingly popular Order of the Arrow program. The two new lodges were San Gorgonio Lodge (Orange Empire Area Council) and Ahwahnee Lodge (Northern Orange County Council), and the two grew rapidly.

In 1972, Orange County Council was reformed, signaling the inevitable merger of the two lodges. After smoothing out the details, they combined to form Wiatava Lodge 13 in 1973. Wiatava is the Cupeño Indian name for the valley now known as Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley (page 24). The original chapters were Ahwahnee, Amimi, Denali, Koshare, Koshare, Los Amigos, Maga-Taskozu, Santee, Ta Tanka, Tenaja, Tiwahinkpe, and Woapalanne.

Since its founding, Wiatava Lodge has evolved in several ways. In 1976 a large reorganization took place. Denali merged into Ahwahnee and Woapalanne merged into Tenaja. Tiwahinkpe was renamed Tsungoni and a few years later Los Amigos became Crow chapter. As Orange County continued to grow, more changes took place. Koshare chapter split to create Modoc, and Anasazi was created when it branched off from Tenaja. Eventually, Tsungoni was dissolved, leaving Ahwahnee, Amimi, Anasazi, Crow, Koshare, Maga-Taskozu, Modoc, Santee, Ta Tanka, and Tenaja. In 2008 due to the district realignment, Crow and Santee absorbed Ahwahnee.

In the present day, Wiatava Lodge consists of over a thousand members belonging to nine chapters (Amimi, Anasazi, Crow, Koshare, Maga-Taskozu, Modoc, Santee, Ta Tanka, and Tenaja). Since 2007, the lodge has received the National Service Award four times in a row, and a total of five times. Wiatava has also been awarded the E. Earner Goodman award 4 times, most recently in 2012.
**BECOMING A MEMBER**

At the beginning of the year before each district camporee, the Order of the Arrow gives a camp promotion visitation and conducts an election for each unit in Orange County Council. At this visit, new youth members may be elected for eligibility into the Order, given that they meet all the requirements and have been approved by their Scoutmaster. Adult leaders may also submit an application for eligibility.

The corresponding chapter for your district should come in contact with your troop or crew to schedule a visitation during one of your troop meetings. If you have not been contacted, inform your district executive that you would like an election. Adult eligibility forms can be obtained through the chapter prior to your election, where they will be collected.

Youth must receive a majority vote by unit members to be eligible, while adults must be approved by the lodge adult nomination committee. Scouts and Scouters elected for eligibility into the Order of the Arrow will be called out at camporee. Following camporee, candidates for membership must attend an Ordeal.

**CAMP PROMOTIONS IN ORANGE COUNTY**

Wiatava Lodge conducts camp promotion visits to each troop in Orange County Council. Whether done together with the Order of the Arrow election or separately is each unit’s preference. The presentation takes approximately 10 minutes, and 30 minutes when coupled with the elections. The camp promotion presentation encompasses information about the four Orange County Council Camps, as well as the four National High Adventure Bases. A copy of the Where To Go Camping Guide as well as other materials are given to the troop at the end of the presentation.

Camp promotion visitations are the responsibility of the vice-chief of camp promotions for each chapter. They in turn report to the lodge vice-chief of camp promotions. These chapter and lodge officers together make up the lodge camp promotions committee, which is responsible for the update of the Where To Go Camping guide and the conduction of camp promotion visitations.

Each year, the person in the council who has made the most outstanding contribution to the promotion of camping is presented with the John La Bare Camping Award. Additionally, Order of the Arrow members are also eligible to receive the Individual Camp Promotion Award for attending a certain number of camps over the course of the year, or being a part of a camp promotion team.
SUGGESTIONS, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS

As always, Wiatava Lodge and the camp promotions committee are always looking for feedback and updates. This helps us improve our system so that we can more effectively provide service to our community and promote camping and the outdoors.

If you would like to suggest something, either use a camping suggestion form (see below) or contact send a letter to:

Vice-Chief of Camp Promotions
Wiatava Lodge, Orange County Council
1211 East Dyer Road
Santa Ana, CA 92705

CAMPING SUGGESTION FORM
The Where To Go Camping guide is a compilation of suggestions from troops on ideal camping spots. To suggest a camp not already listed within, a Camping Suggestion Form can be filled out. These forms will be collected by your Order of the Arrow chapter when they conduct a camp promotions visitation to your unit. The forms can also be mailed to the address above.

To obtain a form, ask your District Executive or ask your local Order of the Arrow chapter when they contact you to arrange a visitation. If you’ve had an unforgettable and enjoyable experience at a camp, allow us to share that opportunity with the rest of the Scouting community.
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