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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.

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.

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, camping, and more camping:

Peter Jensen

2012 Wiatava Lodge Vice-Chief of Camp Promotions

Joe Venegas III

2012 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 precluded by a directory and basic information on the organization.

Certain sections may be further divided, such as the Boy Scouts of America. This section 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, whether a Scout camp, National Park, National Forest, or other camping area. Each camp will be displayed in this format:

PINECONE NATIONAL FOREST ← 1
Address: 123 Pinecone Drive, Pinecone, CA 99999 ← 2
Phone: 555.555.5555 ← 3
Website: <http://www.pineconenationalforest.com> ← 3

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. ← 4

Fee: \$5.00 per person per night (basic camping fee) ← 5
Campsites: all campsites have water access and flush toilets ← 6
Availability: year-round ← 7
Reservations: required for all camping; call 555.555.5555 ← 8
Notes: no fires allowed; parking permits required ← 9

Pinecone
Fee: none
Availability: year-round
Notes: no tables ← 10

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.”

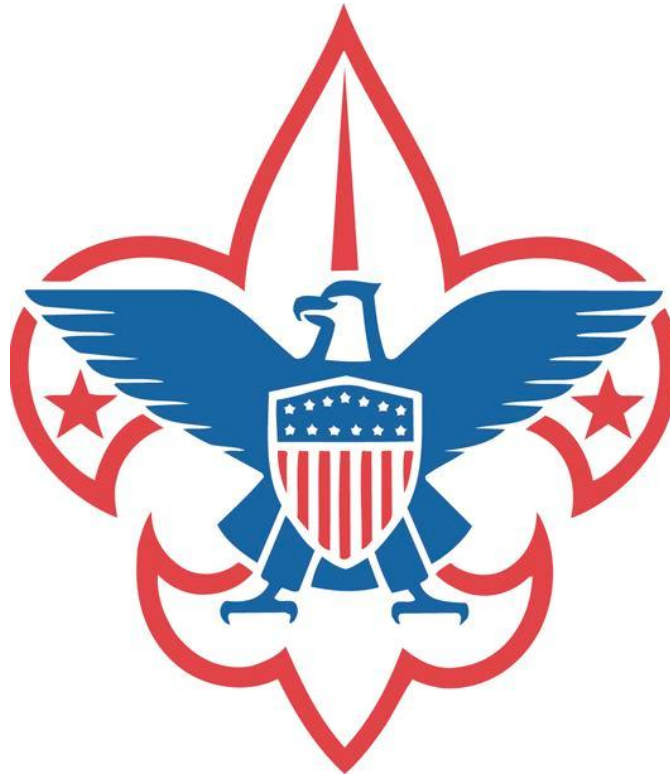
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

- “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.



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972.580.2000 • <http://www.scouting.org/>

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 75025-2079
972.580.2000 • <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HighAdventure.aspx>

FLORIDA NATIONAL HIGH ADVENTURE SEA BASE

Address: 73800 Overseas Highway, Lower Matecumbe Key, Islamorada, FL 33036
Phone: 305.664.5612
Website: <http://www.bsaseabase.org/>

Florida Sea Base is located in the heart of the beautiful Florida Keys, with the camp extending to places including Islamorada, Summerland Key, Great Abaco Island, Marsh Harbor, and the Bahamas. The perfect weather coupled with the massive reefs and crystal clear water makes this camp the king of BSA aquatics. Several high adventure programs are available to Scouts. One includes a trip to the Sea of Abaco and the Bahamas, where Scouts man a tall ship outfitted with kayaks for exploring and discovering reefs. Other programs include scuba diving for old shipwrecks; survival on the wild Big Munson Island; a week of the fishing throughout the Florida Straights, Gulf of Mexico, and the Atlantic Ocean; and numerous other adventure and sailing programs!

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

Bahamas Adventure 2012

Fee: \$5,950 per crew (6-8 people); \$8,925 per crew (10-12 people)
Availability: spring/summer season

Description: Participants will get a taste of the Bahamas on this seven-day adventure, which includes swimming and snorkeling in Marsh Harbor, fishing in the Abacos, and traditional Bahamian sailing to exotic islands.

Bahamas Tall Ship Adventure 2012

Fee: \$14,750 per crew (18-20 people)

Availability: spring/summer season

Description: On this seven-day trip, participants sail a tall-ship outfitted with snorkeling gear and kayaks for exploring reefs and coves along the journey.

Coral Reef Sailing 2012

Fee: \$5,950 per crew (6-8 people); \$8,925 per crew (10-12 people)

Availability: year-round

Description: This week long event puts participants aboard a yacht, where they can plan their own adventure filled with snorkeling and fishing all while sailing in a self-contained home.

Eco Adventure 2012

Fee: \$10,400 per crew (10-12 people)

Availability: year-round

Description: For a week, participants will live aboard two sailboats from which they will snorkel, kayak, and explore the ocean floor in this educational adventure.

Florida Fishing Adventure 2012

Fee: \$875.00 per person

Availability: year-round

Description: Spend a week having the fishing trip of your life as you travel to and fish at the different ecosystems Florida Sea Base has to offer.

Keys Adventure 2012

Fee: \$745.00 per person

Availability: year-round

Description: Participants can plan their own exciting events over this seven-day trip, including overnights, examining marine life, boating, fishing, and snorkeling.

Open Ocean Adventure 2012

Fee: \$13,000 for half boat (18 people); \$25,000 for full boat (36 people)

Availability: summer season

Description: Crews will sail aboard the 100' schooner Halie & Matthew for seven days. This trip takes participants the farthest from the Sea Base to places such as the Dry Tortugas and Fort Jefferson. Tours of destinations and the Florida Keys are included, as well as snorkeling.

Out Island Adventure 2012

Fee: \$745.00 per person

Availability: year-round

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 Adventure 2012

Fee: \$875.00 per person

Availability: year-round

Description: Certified divers can explore coral reefs and shipwrecks over this eight-day event. Participants will have the chance for 11 dives, including one deep dive and one night dive.

SCUBA Certification Adventure 2012

Fee: \$875.00 per person

Availability: year-round

Description: Become SCUBA certified over this eight-day course taught by professional instructors and filled with open water dives.

SCUBA Live Aboard Adventure 2012

Fee: \$11,650 (10-12 people)

Availability: year-round

Description: This eight-day adventure combines sailing and SCUBA diving. Certified divers will sail around Florida Keys with opportunities for fishing and 15 dives (including three night dives).

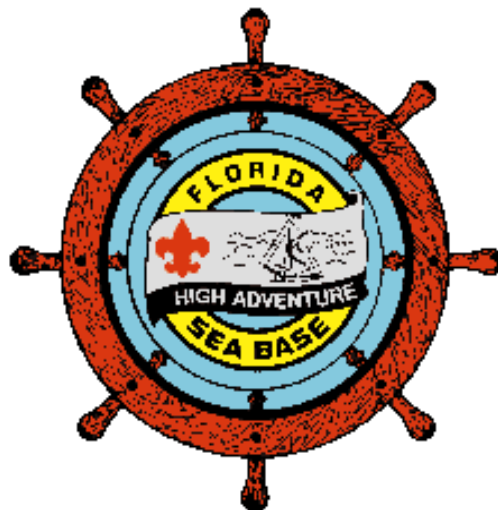
Sea Exploring Adventure 2012

Fee: \$14,750 per crew (18-20 people)

Availability: year-round

Description: Designed for large groups, this eight day sailing trip aboard a schooner will take participants around the Florida Keys, including a port call in Key West. Activities during the voyage include snorkeling and fishing.

Visit 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 canoeing base of the National High Adventure Program. Located in Minnesota, this camp has several facilities spread throughout Canada as well. 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. Backpacking treks, canoeing trips, fishing trips, and other tours are available to Scouts in the fall.

Fee: varies according to program; budget planning forms available online for cost

Availability: year-round programs

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/>

Since its founding in 1938, over 900,000 Scouts and Scouters have had the Philmont experience. With 137,500 acres of land, Philmont Scout Ranch is the largest National High Adventure Base, and has 34 staffed camps and 55 trail camps. This rugged wilderness is a backpacking dream for Scouts with its beautiful scenery and rocky trails. Its itineraries range from 51 mile challenging backpacks to 106 miles “super strenuous” treks. 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

Standard treks–

Cavalcade 2012

Fee: \$715.00 per person (10-15 people per crew)

Availability: summer season

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.

Treks 2012

Fee: \$740.00 per person (12 days); \$450.00 per person (7 days); \$63.00 per day for short treks

Availability: summer season

Individual opportunities treks–

Ranch Hands 2012

Fee: \$200.00 per person

Availability: year-round

Description: Ranch Hands is a program for Scouts with a knowledge of horsemanship. Participants will take care of Philmont’s 300 horses and 80 burros while expanding their skills and experience.

Rayado 2012

Fee: \$690.00 per person

Availability: year-round

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.

ROCS 2012

Fee: \$475.00 per person

Availability: year-round

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.

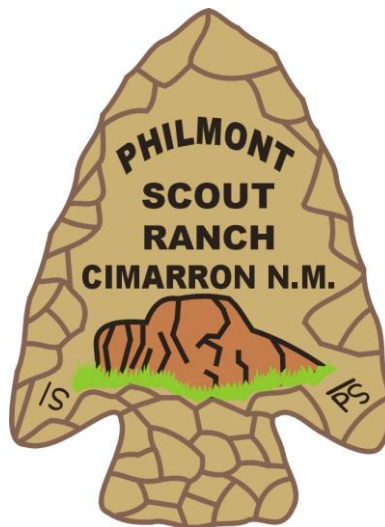
Trail Crew Trek 2012

Fee: \$305.00 per person

Availability: year-round

Description: This fourteen-day trek includes 7 days of trail building, followed by a 7 day educational trek throughout Philmont.

Visit website for more information



SUMMIT BECHTEL FAMILY NATIONAL SCOUT RESERVE

Website: <https://summit.scouting.org/>

The newest National High Adventure Base, the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve is the future home of the National Jamboree as well as the Summit High Adventure Base and National Center for Scouting Excellence. Much of the funding for the camp came from the Stephen D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation, whose donation of \$50 million (the largest in BSA history) helped pay for the land and construction. Total donations for the project reached \$100 million. On October 22, 2010, the BSA held the groundbreaking ceremony for the Summit, as well as announced the dates for the 2013 National Jamboree.

The camp is located in Southern West Virginia, where it borders the New River Gorge, a popular white-water rafting, mountain biking, and rock-climbing area. The camp is expected to be complete for the 2013 National Jamboree, which has a projected attendance of 50,000 Scouts. The Order of the Arrow in the summer of 2011 participated in Summit Corps service project, which involved the creation of trails from the Summit to the New River Gorge.

2013 National Jamboree

Reservations: now open

Visit <https://summit.scouting.org/> 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*

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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 Permits

All unit camping trips require a tour permit to be filed with a Scout troop's council. For trips 500 miles or more, a National Tour Permit is required. Trips under 500 miles, a local tour permit is required. Check with your local council service center for forms and more information.

ORANGE COUNTY COUNCIL

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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/home.aspx>

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 37 merit badges. Open camping is available throughout the year.

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 the

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.

Fee: \$12 per person per day

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: 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

Summer Camp 2011

Dates: June 26 through August 6

Fee: \$355.00 per Scout, \$180.00 per adult (\$10.00 discount to all Orange County Council Scouts and adults)

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/>

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 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

Email: seabase@ocbsa.org

Website: <http://www.ocbsa.org/camps-and-facilities/newport-sea-base/newport-sea-base/>

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 its 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 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

OSO LAKE

Address: 21131 Los Alisos Boulevard, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688-3242

Phone: 714.546.4990

Website: <http://www.ocbsa.org/camps-and-facilities/oso-lake-boy-Scout-camp/>

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. 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.

Fee: \$10.00 per person

Availability: year-round

Call for more information

CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL

1230 Indiana Court, Redlands, CA 92374
909.793.2463 • <http://www.bsa-ciec.org/>

CAMP EMERSON AT BOSEKER SCOUT RESERVATION

Address: 53155 Idyllbrook Drive, Idyllwild, CA 92549
Phone: 951.659.2690
Email: campinfo@campemerson.org
Website: <http://www.campemerson.org/>

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 over a wide collection of merit badges to Scouts in areas ranging from aquatics, 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).

Fee: \$5.00 per person per night (basic camping fee); varies according to program
Availability: year-round; summer camp

Summer Camp 2011

Dates: June 26 through August 6
Fee: call for information

CAMP HELENDALE

Address: 2001 Wilderness Road, Running Springs, CA 92382
Phone: 877.732.1450
Email: campinfo@camphelendale.org
Website: <http://www.camphelendale.org/>

Consisting of 90 acres of land, Camp Helendale is an excellent area for Cub Scouts, as well as Boy Scout activities. The camp is equipped with a rifle range, archery range and a lake. The camp offers a four-day Cub Scout version of summer camp, known as Camp Wiley.

Take 91-Freeway East and continue when it turns into the I-215. Get on the I-10 East towards Redlands and merge onto the 210-Freeway West and then Highway 330 North towards Mountain Resorts. Turn left at Rim of the World Highway/Highway 18 towards Running Springs and proceed until the Wilderness Road turnoff marked by a Camp Helendale sign. Turn right and continue down the road until you reach the camp.

Fee: \$5.00 per person per night (basic camping fee); varies according to program
Availability: year-round

Camp Wiley 2011

Dates: July 1 through August 14

Fee: \$145.00 per youth (\$155.00 after March 31), \$85.00 per adult

SAN DIEGO-IMPERIAL COUNCIL

1207 Upas Street, San Diego, CA 92103
619.298.6121/ 866.437.2272 • <http://www.sdicbsa.org/>

MATAGUAY SCOUT RANCH

Address: 27955, Highway 79, Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

Phone: 619.298.6121 ext. 246

Website: <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 2011

Dates: July 3 through August 6

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 2011 (Camp Fiesta Island)

Dates: June 26 through August 6

Fee: call for information

Notes: reservations are filled up quickly

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL

3450 East Sierra Madre Boulevard, Pasadena, CA 91107

626.351.8815 • <http://www.sgvcbbsa.org/>

CAMP CHERRY VALLEY

Address: P.O. Box 5067, Avalon, CA 90704

Phone: 626.351.8815 ext. 237

Email: maggieg@sgvcbbsa.org

Website: <http://www.sgvcbbsa.org/programs/camping/camp-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 2011

Dates: June 12 through August 13

Fee: \$595.00 per person

Notes: must be at least 14 years of age

Summer Camp 2012

full

Summer Camp 2013

Dates: June 9 through August 10

Fee: \$625.00 per person (\$585.00 for San Gabriel Valley Council units)

Reservations: visit website for information; register as soon as possible

HOLCOMB VALLEY SCOUT RESERVATION

Address: P.O. Box 157, Fawnskin, CA 92333

Phone: 626.351.8815 ext. 237

Email: maggieg@sgvcbsa.org

Website: <http://www.sgvcbsa.org/programs/camping/holcomb-valley-scout-reservation>

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; summer camp

Summer Camp 2011

Dates: June 26 through August 13

Fee: \$385.00 per person (\$345.00 for San Gabriel Valley Council units)

CAMP TRASK

Address: 1100 North Canyon Boulevard, Monrovia, CA 91016

Phone: 626.351.8815 ext. 237

Email: maggieg@sgvcbsa.org

Website: <http://www.sgvcbsa.org/programs/camping/camp-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.

Fee: \$2100.00 per BSA group (\$3000.00 for non-BSA groups)

Availability: year-round

Reservations: call for information

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 2011

Dates: July 3 through August 13
Fee: \$335.00 per youth, \$175.00 per adult (\$300.00 per youth, \$140.00 per adult with patrol dining system)

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](http://www.longbeachbsa.org/Camping-Facilities/Aquatics%20Sea%20Base.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

WILL J. REID SCOUT PARK

Address: 4747 Daisy Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90805

Phone: call council office for information

Website: <http://www.longbeachbsa.org/Camping-Facilities/Will J Reid Scout Park.aspx>

The Will J. Reid Scout Park is a great spot for hosting a variety of occasions. Equipped with a pool, two conference rooms, a kitchen, a campfire bowl, and over 11 acres of land, the park is ideal for an array of Scouting activities, as well as non-Scouting activities such as parties, weddings, reunions and barbeques. The park is great for banquets, court of honors, and Cub Scout Day Camps. The park is open to Scout and non-Scout organizations, as well as the public.

Fee: varies according to program; discounts to Scout units

Availability: year-round

LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL

2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles, CA 90026-4912

213.413.4400 • <http://www.boyscoutsla.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

FIRESTONE SCOUT RESERVATION

Address: 19005 Tonner Canyon Road, Brea, CA 92821

Phone: 213.413.4400 ext. 257

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.

Fee: \$5.00 per person per night (basic camping fee)
Availability: year-round
Notes: no facilities or program

FOREST LAWN SCOUT RESERVATION

Address: 29485 Hook Creek Road, Cedar Glen, CA 92321
Phone: 909.337.2121
Website: <http://www.flslaac.org/>

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 2011

Dates: June 19 through August 13
Fee: \$375.00 per Scout (\$355.00 for Los Angeles Area Council units), \$210.00 per adult

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 Country. 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.

Fee: \$355.00 per person (includes meals for the week)
Availability: year-round

LOS PADRES COUNCIL

4000 Modoc Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93110

805.967.0105 • <http://www.lpcbsa.org/>

CAMP MABEL FRENCH

Address: 1925 Upper Lopez Canyon Road, Arroyo Grande, CA 93420

Phone: 805.686.5167

Camp Mabel French, or Camp French, is located beside Lake Lopez. With minimal facilities to offer, the camp provides units with a true wilderness camping experience.

Fee: \$10.00 per person for first night (\$8.00 for successive nights)

Availability: year-round

Reservations: see council website for information

RANCHO ALEGRE

Address: 2680 Highway 154, Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Phone: 805.686.5167

Email: info@ranchoalegre.org

Website: <http://ranchoalegre.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 2011

Dates: call for information

VENTURA COUNTY COUNCIL

509 East Daily Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010

805.482.8938 • <http://www.vccbsa.org/>

CAMP THREE FALLS

Email: threefallsprogram@gmail.com

Website: <http://campthreefalls.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 a 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 2011

Dates: July 17 through July 30

Fee: \$340.00 per person

Reservations: visit website for information

Webelos Camp 2011

Dates: July 6 through July 16

Fee: \$185.00 per person

Reservations: visit website for information

Summer Camp 2012

Dates: July 8 through July 28

Reservations: visit website for information

CAMP WILLETT

Website: 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: \$5.00 per person

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.vhcbbsa.org/>

CAMP SILVER FIR

Website: <http://www.vhcbbsa.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.

Fee: \$3.00 per person per night (basic camping fee) for backpacking (\$6.00 for non-Scouting organizations); \$12.00 per person per night (basic camping fee) for family camping

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.vhcbbsa.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.

Fee: \$12.00 per person per night (basic camping fee) (\$10.00 for Verdugo Hills Council units)

Availability: year-round open camping

Reservations: visit website for information

WESTERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL

16525 Sherman Way, Unit C-8, Van Nuys, CA 91406

818.785.8700 • <http://bsa-la.org/>

CAMP EMERALD BAY

Address: P.O. Box 5066, Avalon, CA 90704

Phone: 818.933.0130

Email: camping@bsa-la.org

Website: <http://www.campemeraldbay.org/>

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 2011

Dates: June 12 through August 20

Fee: varies according to session; visit website for information (\$564.00-\$599.00 per Scout, \$374.00-\$424.00 per adult)

Reservations: visit website for information; register as soon as possible

Rugged Adventurers 2011

Visit website for more information

Summer Camp 2012

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

Website: <http://bsa-la.org/index.php?page=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/>

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 2011

Dates: June 19 through August 6

Fee: \$385.00 per Scout, \$295.00 per adult (\$30.00 discount to Scouts for wilderness campsites)

Reservations: visit website for information

Sierra Trekking 2011

Dates: June 19 through August 7

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 2011

Dates: June 19 through August 7

Fee: \$390.00 per person

Visit website for more information

Summer Camp 2012

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.

Fee: \$7.00 per person per night (basic camping fee)

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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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

1416 9th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
800.777.0369 • <http://www.parks.ca.gov/>

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

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/>

Availability: year-round

Reservations: go to <http://www.reserveamerica.com/>

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

Campsites:

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

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 Avendia 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 the I-405 to the I-5. Merge onto the Pacific Coast Highway/Highway 1 and 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 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 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 camps 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

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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/>

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/

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

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

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>

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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The United States National Park Service manages over 84.4 million acres of land, which includes national parks, wilderness preserves, and national monuments. Since its establishment in 1916, the National Park Service has created and supervised 58 national parks and over 334 other park units, including National Memorials and National Historic Sites.

Campsites

Campsite reservations can be made at (877) 444-6777 or <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>

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 or have water access

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>

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/>

Notes: backcountry camping 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/seki/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/>

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>

Few places are renowned 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/>

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)

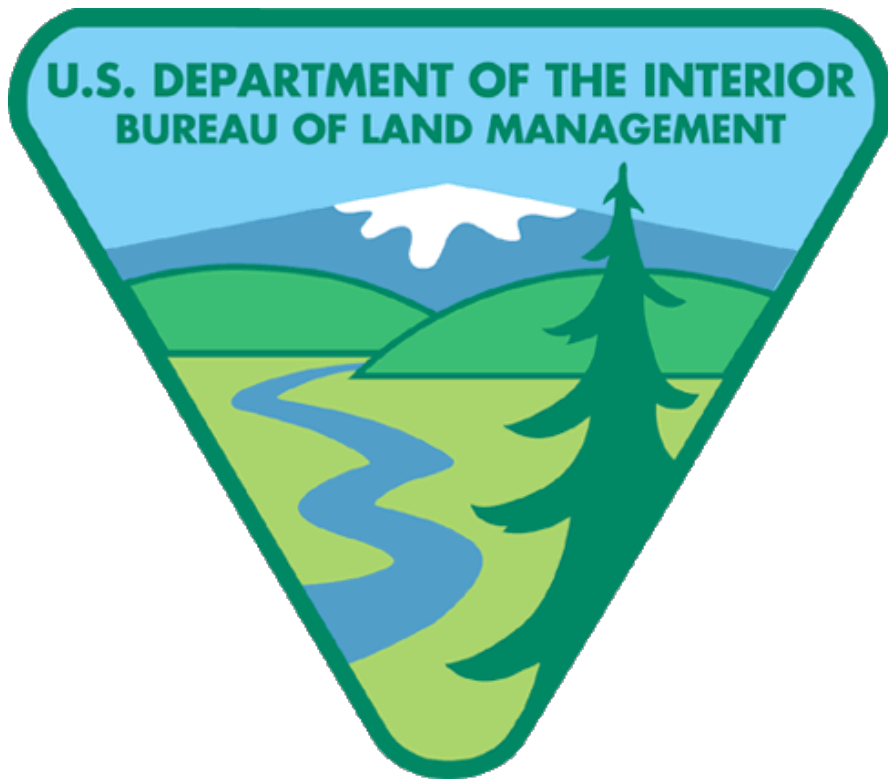
Availability: year-round

Sites: 93 (1 group site; 2 horse sites)

Elevation: 4000'

Notes: reservations required April through early-October

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202.208.3801 • <http://www.blm.gov/>

The Bureau of Land Management is responsible for the administration of the United States 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
951.697.5200 • <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/cdd.html>

BARSTOW FIELD OFFICE/RESOURCE AREA

Address: 2601 Barstow Road, CA 92311
Phone: 760.252.6000
Website: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow.html>

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, and 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

Website: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro.html>

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.

– Order of the Arrow National Website, www.oa-bsa.org

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. Uner 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.

– <http://www.oa-bsa.org/>

WIATAVA LODGE – THE ORDER OF THE ARROW IN ORANGE COUNTY

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.

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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