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Dear Unit Leader,

Thank you for choosing Camp Whitsett as a host for your unit’s week-long summer camp adventure! We work hard to ensure the experience is a highlight of the year. You are just a few short months from your week at camp, and we have a lot to prepare for. Included in this packet is information needed to get your unit to camp, into merit badge classes, and involved in extracurricular activities.

Please note that we offer all published information online including Health Forms, Leader’s Guide, and Merit Badge Registration, in addition to all program materials. Scouts, parents and leaders will be able to view and download all pertinent camp information on the camp website at www.campwhitsett.org

To assist in organizing your unit paperwork, we recommend a three-ring binder with dividers. This will help in pre- and in-camp organization. Sections may include:

- Payment information and due dates
- 2020 Attendance Roster - with arrival and departure information of those Scouts and Leaders not at camp the entire week
- Merit Badge and Activity Schedules.
- Insurance - a copy of your unit insurance policy (from your local council)
- Medical Records (Must be alphabetical and stored with the health officer, these records should be separate from all other forms)
- All other forms (sorted by form, then by last name)

Registration for all merit badges and most individual activities will be available on the camp website www.campwhitsett.org. At that time Scouts will be able to access camp program information and leaders will be given information on how to register Scouts for classes. Use your Doubleknot.com username and password to access the online registration starting Monday, March 16th at 12:00 pm. At this time, you may begin uploading roster information (youth and adults) and program (merit badge and activity) registration.

We look forward to your visit at Camp Whitsett. If you have any questions until then, please contact camping@bsa-la.org and we will be happy to respond.

Yours in Scouting,
The 2020 Camp Whitsett Staff
# Camp Whitsett 2020 Daily Schedule

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**All times and programs subject to change. All changes will be announced at flags and/or posted at the Business Office.**

**Breakfast - 8:00 to 8:45**

Morning Program
- Merit Badge Classes - 9:00 to 12:00

**Lunch - 12:30 to 1:30**

- SPL Meeting - 1:15 (Flags)
- CPR Review - 1:15
- Merit Badge Checks - 1:15
- CPR Review - 1:15

**Afternoon Program (Areas Open)**
- Overnight hikers to Big Top - 3:40
- Competition Events - Announced at Flags -

**Pentathlon**
- All units attend!

**Dinner - 5:30**

**Dinner - 5:30 to 6:15**

**Flags and Awards**

**Campfire**
- All units attend!

**OA Rededication and Fellowship at Frontier**

**Unit Fellowship Time (Areas Closed)**

**Lights Out and All Quiet in Camp. Please be respectful of the other campers around you.**

**Campfire**
- All units attend!
WHAT TO BRING

Troop Gear List

Your campsite will be your home away from home. Each troop or patrol will need to set up its area within the conservation plan of the Camp. Please refer to the following lists to ensure you are well prepared.

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT BROUGHT BY TROOP

Flags – Troop and Patrol
First Aid Kit
Games, stunt/ skit supplies, costumes, musical instruments, songbooks
Bear Bag and or Bear Canister (highly recommended)
Tents (for troops using Wilderness Campsites Only)
Tarps and ground cloths (for Overnight)

ADVANCEMENT

Merit Badge pamphlets
Pens/pencils
Poster board
Push pins or thumbtacks
Advancement Record
Program Planner

Adult Leader Resource Forms
Other handbooks and guides
Paper, notebooks, and clipboards
Felt-tip pens, pencils
Teaching Aids
Camp Records Cards
Activity Sign-up form

SCOUTMASTER NEEDS

Copy of Online Troop Roster
Notebook Paper
Insurance Claim Form

Scoutmaster’s Handbook
Optional: Laptop

*EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE CAMP

Picnic Table
Bunks and Mattresses
Wash Stand
Broom

Shovel
Platforms and Tents
Bulletin Board
Trash Bags

NOTE: This equipment list is meant to serve as a general guide. Use your own discretion in choosing what take and what to leave.
WHAT TO BRING (cont.)

MANDATORY ITEMS
Completed forms
Merit Badge Prerequisite Forms
Notebook, Paper, Pens*
Scout Handbook
Flashlight*

CLOTHING
Scout Uniform (Field)
Required for travel and evening meals
Pajamas
Sweater/Jacket*
Hat or Visor*
Jeans
T-Shirts (min. 3)*
Shorts (min. 2)
Swim Suit and Towel
Hiking Shoes and Socks
Tennis Shoes
Water Shoes/Old Tennis Shoes
(No open-toed shoes allowed at camp)
Socks (min. 4 pair)
Undergarments (min. 6 pair)

CAMPING GEAR
Sleeping Bag
Sleeping Pad (For Overnight)

TOILITRIES
Toothpaste and Toothbrush*
Soap and Shampoo*
Medications
Bath Towels/Washcloth
Emergency Toilet Paper
Deodorant*
Shaving Gear
First Aid Kit -All troops should have.
Comb/Small Mirror
Sunscreen* - VERY IMPORTANT
Chap-stick*

MISCELLANEOUS
Order of the Arrow Sash
Camera
Flashlight Batteries*
Compass*
Scout Knife*
Water Bottle*
Daypack
Watch
Fishing Tackle*
Spending Money ($75-$100 recommended)

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

See following page for a list of prohibited items.
THINGS TO LEAVE AT HOME

Please do not bring the following items into camp, and/or campsites.

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DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL

Arrival Schedule, Sunday

1:00 PM: Gate opens, welcome to camp!

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Check in to camp. Please arrive in this window.
- If you have special arrival circumstances (early/late arrival, etc.) please complete the Special Request form on the camp website.
- Your Troop Guide will greet you in the parking lot to guide you through the check in process.
- Each unit may drive ONE vehicle at a time in camp to drop off gear.
- Check in process:
  1. Arrive in camp, meet with Troop Guide.
  2. Head to campsite, drop gear, change into swim gear.
  3. Head to Health Lodge for medical checks and health form submission.
  4. One leader to the Business Office to submit roster and permission forms. (Please have forms sorted by form, not by scout.)
  5. Head to Waterfront for swim checks.
  6. Camp Tour with Troop Guide, which includes information on the many program areas.
  7. Time allowing, return to campsite to change for dinner and flags.

5:30 PM: Dinner at Big Top. Field uniform not required for Sunday dinner.

6:30 PM: Fire Drill and evening colors. All units to the Parade Ground.

7:00 PM: Leader’s Meeting under the Big Top

7:15 PM: SPL Meeting at the flagpoles.

8:30 PM: Campfire! Meet your Troop Guide at your campsite at 8:15.
Departure Schedule, Saturday

6:00 AM: Begin breaking camp and cleaning up.

7:00 AM: Adult leader(s) to Trading Post for merit badge review.
- Preliminary merit badge completion reports will be distributed at Friday evening campfire.
- Any discrepancies may be reconciled with the Area Directors at this review meeting.
- After corrections are made, final completion reports will be emailed to the unit representative.

8:00 AM: Open breakfast service. No formal assembly or flags.

9:00 AM: Check out of camp.
- Collect medical forms and check out packet from the Business Office.

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM: Depart camp. Drive safely!
- Notable side-trip destinations include the Trail of 100 Giants, the Kern River, the Needles Fire Lookout Tower, Dome Rock, and many more!

See you next summer!
DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

FROM THE SOUTH (I-5 THROUGH BAKERSFIELD)

Take the I-5 to Highway 99 NB to Bakersfield. Take Exit 26A for 24th Street towards Highway 178. Turn right off the exit and head straight onto Highway 178 to Lake Isabella. Take Exit 43 for Lake Isabella/Wofford Heights. Turn left onto Highway 155 and follow the road straight through Wofford Heights (transitions to Burlando Road and Kernville Road) to the town of Kernville. Turn left at the T intersection onto Mountain Road 99 (Sierra Way) and go 26 miles to R-Ranch at Johnsondale. At the fork just past Johnsondale, take the RIGHT FORK onto Forest Route 22S82 (follow the signs for Camp Whitsett). Follow Forest Route 22S82 for about 3 miles, and Camp Whitsett is on the right, past the turnoff for the Western Divide Highway.

FROM THE SOUTH (SR-14 THROUGH PALMDALE AND MOJAVE)

Take the SR-14 north to Mojave and turn right onto Highway 14. Follow Highway 14 towards Inyokern. Turn left onto Highway 178 towards Lake Isabella (at the large sign for the Kern River Valley). Take Highway 178 through Onyx and Weldon towards Lake Isabella. Turn right just past Weldon onto Mountain Road 99 (Sierra Way) at the large sign for Kernville and the Trail of 100 Giants. Follow Mountain Road 99 straight through Kernville for about 28 miles to R-Ranch at Johnsondale. At the fork just past Johnsondale, take the RIGHT FORK onto Forest Route 22S82 (follow the signs for Camp Whitsett). Follow Forest Route 22S82 for about 3 miles, and Camp Whitsett is on the right, past the turnoff for the Western Divide Highway.

FROM THE NORTH (HWY 65 THROUGH PORTERVILLE)

From Porterville, head South on Highway 65 to the DUCOR exit. Go east through DUCOR and wind up through California Hot Springs and on toward Johnsondale. You will travel over Parker Pass, past the Western Divide highway turnoff, and down, once again, toward Johnsondale. Take the LEFT FORK onto Forest Route 22S82 (follow the signs for Camp Whitsett, if you get to R-Ranch at Johnsondale, turn back). Follow Forest Route 22S82 for about 3 miles, and Camp Whitsett is on the right, past the turnoff for the Western Divide Highway.
Map to Camp Whitsett and Sierra Expeditions

Both maps are to different scales.
Special Needs and Requests

Any and all special requests or notes must be submitted via the Special Request Form, available on the camp website. Use this form if need to arrive early or late, if you have a participant with a medical condition that would impact campsite selection (like a CPAP or wheelchair), if you have someone in your group with dietary restrictions, or have a female leader in your group and will require an extra tent. The form can be found at http://www.campwhitsett.org/summer/forms/.

When in doubt, fill it out!

Food Allergies and Special Diets

It is the intention of Camp Whitsett that no person be unable to attend our camp as a guest due to a dietary restriction. To that end, we will provide reasonable dietary accommodations to our guests.

● We will regularly and consistently prepare and serve food that satisfies the nutritional needs of:
  o Vegetarian diets
  o Dairy-free diets
  o Gluten free diets
● We will operate a peanut-free kitchen.
● Persons with other food allergies, a combination of the previous diets, special diets, or diet choices will be accommodated to the best of our abilities. In these cases, it is recommended that supplemental food be sent to camp with the individual. For guests, the Camp Whitsett kitchen will store supplemental food that is received in a labeled and sealed container. The kitchen staff will heat and serve supplemental foods.

Guests with dietary restrictions should contact the Camp Whitsett management or kitchen a minimum of 2 weeks prior to their visit.

Please email: bsawhitsettkitchen@gmail.com
FORM REQUIREMENTS

Annual BSA Health and Medical Record
Youth Permission Form

*Medical and YouthPermission Forms are also found online at:*

www.campwhitsett.org/summer/forms

A current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record is required for all participants at camp. All participants must have parts A, B, and C filled out. A form qualifies as valid through the end of the 12th month from the date it was administered by your medical provider. For example: a physical administered March 5, 2019, would be valid until March 31, 2020.

Christian Science faith members must have a written statement from their practitioner attesting to their health if they choose not to have a physical exam.

Request for religious exemption from Medical Care and Treatment must be completed on BSA National Form 680-452 (available upon request).

Please Note: Mountain Mesa Hospital (hospital local to Camp Whitsett) insists on seeing a camper’s medical insurance card (front and back) before they will give medical attention. We strongly suggest that you attach a photocopy of each person’s medical card to his or her camp medical records.

Please note: The Parental Firearms Permission and Release and Consent to Full Program Form is necessary for “Consent to Furnish Firearms to Minor.” If a Scout arrives at camp without the parent’s written consent he will not be allowed to use the range. If a parent does not wish to give consent, please write the words: “No Permission” across that form.

For ease of collection and storage, please group forms by form type and sort alphabetically. Please do not place forms in plastic sheet protectors.
# Camp Whitsett Attendance Roster

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Ethnicity: W-White  B-Black  NA-Native American  HS-Hispanic  AP-Asian/Pacific Islander  O-Other

Program: T-Traditional Merit Badge  CPT-CPT  ITB-Intro to Backcountry  FKJ-Forks Kern to Jerky  BRW-Black Rock to Whitney  HP-Horse  CYC - Sierra Cycle
Adult Leader Opportunities

We believe that adults and leaders should have just as much fun at camp as their Scouts! To that end, we have many training opportunities and special programs just for adults to take part in while at camp.

**Adult Leader Training:**

- SM/ASM Specific Training (S24) and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (S11)
- Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat
- Climb On Safely and Trek Safely
- Wilderness First Aid (subject to availability) and CPR/AED

**Adult Program and Awards:**

- Adult Leader Award: This is a patch program for adults that encourages leaders to take part in many fun activities at camp and relax at the same time. Requirements for this award can be found on page 29 of this packet.

- C.O.P.E.: The Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience tests individual skills and agility. It offers exciting outdoor physical and mental challenges that attract and retain older scouts in Scouting. The underlying goals of a Project COPE course are consistent with Scouting: group activities are ideal for emphasizing the patrol method and developing teamwork and leadership skills, and individual activities promote personal growth.

- Shooting Sports: Leader shoots, pistol (.22LR) and .50 caliber Black Powder rifle (all subject to availability and fire restrictions)
ADULT LEADER RESOURCE FORM

Camp Whitsett is always looking for willing adult leaders to assist the camp staff in any way they can. Resources can include merit badge counseling, site maintenance, an association with a business, or financial contributions to further the mission of the camp. Below are areas and skills that may be of use to the staff during your stay. Please talk to camp management if you would like to help out.

Turn in this form at the Opening Leader’s Meeting on Sunday afternoon

NAME: ________________________ TROOP/CREW#: _________
DISTRICT: ________________ COUNCIL: ____________
ADDRESS: ______________________________
PHONE # ( ) ______________
Present Scouting Position: _______________________
Past Scouting Experience: __________________________
OCCUPATION: _________________________________
HOBBIES, AREAS OF INTEREST ETC.: _______________
I would like to help out with (in camp): _______________________
I would like to help out with (beyond camp): ________________

Please check areas you would like to participate in:

_____ Aquatics/ Waterfront
_____ Rifle Range
_____ Archery Range
_____ Handicraft Area
_____ Nature/ Scoutcraft
_____ Dining Hall Clean-up

_____ Maintenance Work: ________________________________
       Electrical
       Plumbing
       Truck Engines
       Other: ________________

Optional
Please list background experience, qualifications, etc. that would help you in helping us in the areas you have checked here:
Miscellaneous Notes and Reminders

- Please make sure to discuss the camp packing list with your Scouts to ensure they can carry everything they bring.
- Only one vehicle per unit will be allowed to enter camp past the main parking lot. Any equipment that cannot be carried should be consolidated into this vehicle. After unloading, vehicles will need to be returned to the lower parking lot for the duration of the week. This includes trailers.
- The more organized your unit is with its paperwork, the more efficient the check in process will be for everybody. We recommend that all forms be grouped by form and sorted alphabetically by last name.
- Lunch is not provided in camp on Sunday, dinner is the first meal served.
- To assist in the dissemination of information before camp, please share all information in this and other packets with parents and leaders.

Whitsett Wireless

- Wi-Fi access is available to ADULT LEADERS ONLY.
- $12/GB of data, with additional GBs available at the same rate.
- The access points will be centralized around the Trading Post and Big Top, occasionally reaching the surrounding program areas.
- Access vouchers will be sold at the Trading Post.
- Wi-Fi will only be sold to adult leaders for adult leaders.
- We recommend turning off all auto-downloads and auto-updates. No refunds or replenishments will be given for data wasted.
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OVERNIGHT EXPERIENCE

It is with great pleasure that we announce the return of the Camp Whitsett Overnight Experience! In this program, troops leave camp on a short, guided hike to the beautiful and scenic properties neighboring Camp Whitsett. Scouts and leaders will participate in fun activities that include dodgeball, tomahawk throwing, branding irons, a scout-led campfire, and sleeping out under the stars. Below is some information regarding how the program will work and how to prepare for it.

Getting there:
Roughly one-third to half of camp will be out at the Overnight each evening Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. The hike is roughly 1.5 miles. It is recommended that scouts bring day packs to carry water.

What to bring:
Scouts will be sleeping on the ground at the site, so it is recommended to bring tarps, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, and a small bag to put some clothes in for the night, along with jackets and water. All gear will be transported to the overnight by truck, so please make sure the bags are small, as we will have over 100 people’s gear each night and space is limited.

Schedule:
2:00 PM  Personal gear to the loading zone at the Commissary
3:40 PM  Hikers meet at the Big Top
**4:00 PM  Leave Camp Whitsett for Carver Ranch**
5:15 PM  Arrive at Carver Ranch
5:25 PM  Assembly and Flags
**5:30 PM  Dinner**
6:30 PM  Evening Program (free structure of events listed above)
8:00 PM  Set up sleeping areas
8:30 PM  Campfire (performed by campers, see Overnight staff to sign up)
9:30 PM  Bedtime (lights out and all quiet at 10:00)
**6:00 AM  Wake-up call, pack up, prepare to depart**
**6:30 AM  Leave Carver Ranch for Camp Whitsett**
7:50 AM  Assembly and Flags at Camp Whitsett
WHITEWATER RAFTING

One of the big attractions at Camp Whitsett is the world-class Whitewater Rafting opportunities on the beautiful Kern River. Camp Whitsett is proud to partner with Sierra South Mountain Adventures in Kernville to provide the program.

**Lickety Split** – Our world-famous Lickety-Split raft trip is far and away the most popular and affordable Class 2-3 whitewater rafting run available on the Kern River. It is full of enough excitement to challenge just about everyone. Before your river trip, a Sierra South professional river guide will provide you with a trip overview, paddling gear and a paddle talk. Then it's anchors away for three miles of jam-packed action on Kern River rapids such as Little Mama, Big Daddy, Straight Shot, Freight Train, and Ewings.

**Times**: 10:00AM, 11:30AM, & 1:00PM  
**Cost**: $37 (after USFS/Land Use Fees $39.22 each)

**Lickety Blaster** – This is our most popular trip. If you're itchin' for a longer Kern River whitewater escapade, try our Lickety Blaster. First, "get your feet wet" on a Lickety Split run. Then, head back up river once more to put your newly honed whitewater skills to the test on a second Lickety Split run.

**Times**: 9:30AM & 12:30PM  
**Cost**: $56 (after USFS/Land Use Fees $59.36 each)

**Combo/Merit Badge** – For a whole day of whitewater fun, try the best of both worlds! Come rafting and inflatable kayaking all in one day. Enjoy a half-day of rafting and then after lunch enjoy another half day on the water in Inflatable Kayaks. See Whitewater Merit Badge Book. Prerequisite is Canoeing or Kayaking merit badge. **Lunch is provided by Camp Whitsett and arrangements need to be made with the kitchen crew prior to the trip so that lunches can be ready the morning of the trip.**

**Time**: 9:30AM  
**Cost**: $120 (after USFS/Land Use Fees $127.20 each)

**Transportation** – Transportation between Sierra South and Camp Whitsett is **not included** with your trip. If you would like to reserve transportation to and from camp with a driver, there are buses available for $200.00 or vans available for $125.00. Buses hold up to 48 scouts and vans hold up to 9 scouts.

**Round trip Bus service $210.00 / Van service $135.00 No coupon necessary.**

**Wet Suit Rental** – Sierra South also has wet suit rentals, which they are highly recommending for the first half of the summer as the water is cold. These rentals are an additional charge and are a less if you pre-book the rentals. More information about this can be found online.

A **5% US Forest Service Land Use fee is applied to all rafting trips (included in the above prices). This tax does not apply to transportation or wet suit rentals.**

To make your trip reservations, you can contact Sierra South online at www.sierrasouth.com or 1-(800)-457-2082. Mention Camp Whitsett to get the special discounted prices above!
THE BEAVER LEADERSHIP TRAINING

PROGRAM INFORMATION
The Beaver Program is Camp Whitsett’s unique Youth Leader Training Program. This program is an orientation for scouts who are in (or plan to be in) leadership roles for the unit. Participants in the program arrive at camp a full week before their troop’s camp experience starts*. They will get oriented with Camp Whitsett and all its programs in order to give the unit an edge up in their coming week. The young leaders will learn and experience what activities are going on throughout the week and how to sign up for them. In addition to camp program knowledge, participants will also receive advanced leadership training from experienced youth and adult leaders, including BSA outdoor program administration, BSA Advancement Program, the Aims and Methods of Scouting, advanced peer leadership, and group management.

PARTICIPANTS WILL GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO:
● Earn at least two merit badges before the unit arrives
● Participate in all camp activities, including Sentinel Peak, Cat Eye hike, mountain biking, and much more
● Learn and practice advanced leadership training

HOW TO REGISTER:
Registration can be done online at www.campwhitsett.org/spl/

PAYMENT:
$175.00 per person – This fee will be added to the unit invoice and must be paid no later than the last billing cycle, 16 days prior to coming to camp.

*Units attending camp during Week 1 can have their participants stay a week later.
INDIVIDUAL AWARD

These awards are to be done by individual participants. The Scoutmaster or other troop leadership will keep track of this award.

**Beaver Award**

1) Attend one summer camp with your unit (this year counts!)
2) Do ALL of the following:
   a. Complete a 30-minute service or conservation project
   b. Participate in the Camp-Wide Games
   c. Pass five rank requirements or one merit badge
3) Do THREE of the following:
   a) Tie five basic knots
   b) Record one memory about your time at Camp Whitsett in the Memory Log at the Nature Lodge
   c) Participate in one free time activity at any of the program areas
   d) Complete the swim test as a beginner or swimmer
   e) Complete the nature trail
   f) Complete one handicraft project

**Flying W Award**

1) Attend at least two summer camps with your unit (this year counts!)
2) Do ALL of the following:
   a) Complete a one-hour service or conservation project
   b) Participate in Camp-Wide Games
   c) Hike Sentinel Peak
3) Do FOUR of the following:
   a) Learn to tie two knots that are not in the Trail to First Class requirements
   b) Record one memory about your time at Camp Whitsett in the Memory Log at the Nature Lodge
   c) Shoot both a rifle and bow
   d) Teach a skill to two or more scouts
   e) Participate in a competition event as an Ironman or as part of a team
   f) Identify four constellations
   g) Participate in the Beaver Swim
   h) Participate in three free time activities in three different program areas
   i) Complete an assignment given by your Scoutmaster
UNCLE STEVE’S AWARD
(PATROL AWARD)

This award is to be done by the whole patrol; the activities are to be done together and not as individual members. This award is to be tracked by the Scoutmaster or other troop leadership.

Part I
General Camp Requirements – Complete ALL of the following:
   A) Bring a patrol flag to camp
   B) Bring your patrol flag to morning and evening colors
   C) Patrol tents and surrounding areas are kept clean all week
   D) Sit together at meals at least six times during the week

Part II
Patrol Activities – Complete THREE of the following as a patrol:
   a) Participate in a competition event
   b) Participate in a flag raising or lowering ceremony
   c) Participate in a High Adventure initiative game
   d) Hike Sentinel Peak as a patrol
   e) Participate in the Patrol flag competition
   f) Participate in the Cat Eye trail
   g) Go on a bike ride as a patrol

Part III
Visit at least five different program areas and participate in an activity at each (The activities that you participate in the program areas should be different from the activities in Part II above).
TROOP AWARD

This award is to be done by the whole troop together. This award will be tracked by the unit leader and the SPL and approved by the Program Director. This award will be presented at closing campfire. The score sheet MUST be turned in by Friday evening flag.

Part I General Camp Requirements – Complete ALL of the following:
   A) Bring your troop flag to at least five morning and evening colors
   B) Troop campsite and surrounding areas are kept clean for the week
   C) Invite one or more staff members to eat with your troop at five different meals
   D) SPL needs to attend every SPL Meeting
   E) Be at flags "on time" for at least seven flag ceremonies

Part II Patch programs – Complete ALL of the following:
   A) At least 50% of your scouts complete the individual patch program (The Beaver Award or Flying W Award)
   B) Have at least one patrol complete the patrol award

Part III Troop activities – Complete five out of the following:
   A) Go up Sentinel Peak as a troop
   B) Participate in the Camp-Wide Games
   C) Participate in at least one flag ceremony
   D) Participate in at least one out of camp troop activity (White water, Needles Look out Hike, Trail of 100 Giants)
   E) Participate in the Beaver Swim
   F) Participate in a service or conservation project
   G) Do ice cream or cobbler (as available)
   H) Participate in the camp site improvement program
   I) Clean the Shower house the day your troop is assigned to

Part IV Adult involvement (Complete two of the following activities)
   A) Have at least one adult leader participate in an adult leader training (Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Climb, Trek, or other. ..... )
   B) Have at least one adult leader participate in Project COPE
   C) Have at least one adult participate in the adult award
   D) Have at least one adult at every leader meeting
ADULT AWARD

Why let the Scouts have all the fun? All adult volunteers are encouraged to get involved and earn the Adult Award.

Complete 12 of the following:

1. Spend 5 minutes suggesting improvements to, complimenting, or otherwise occupying a staff member’s time
2. Volunteer in a program area
3. Attend all Leader Meetings
4. Compete in a competition event with other adults or alone
5. Go fishing, don’t catch anything
6. Go all week without accessing the Internet
7. Get FRESH coffee from the coffee connoisseur
8. Help an SPL (maybe not even yours) succeed
9. Watch a scout struggle with, then help them succeed at a task
10. Give a leadership tip to a patrol leader
11. Compliment 2 meals cooked in the Dining Hall
12. Chase a scout out of your camp chair
13. Take the troop up Sentinel Peak
14. Learn to tie a new knot, teach it to a Scout
15. Participate in the Beaver Swim
16. Enjoy a delicious treat from the Trading Post
17. Sit on a rock and ponder life for a while
18. Take a nap safely one afternoon
19. Visit every program area where you have Scouts in classes
20. Identify a tree/plant/animal that you did not previously know
21. Other activity approved by the Leader Training Staff
Sierra Expeditions offers premier wilderness education programs with activities that can be customized to suit the skill level and needs of your group.

**Treks:**
We offer trek lengths ranging from three days to twelve days. We will embark upon a backpacking journey in which we will spend nearly the entirety of the trek learning and practicing Leave No Trace practices and wilderness ethics, backcountry travel and navigation, lightweight cooking, backcountry health and hygiene, team building activities, and risk management.

**Cycling:**
Our Cycling program lets you bike with the essentials you would for a day ride, but camp in supreme comfort. Load up our box trailer with all the amenities...unlike backpacking, you won’t be carrying all of your camping equipment. This allows you to focus on the enjoyable part, the riding! Along the way there are places to stop and explore or take part in different program offerings.
Horse and Packing Program:
This seven-day Horsemanship and Packing Summer Camp experience takes you out into the Golden Trout Wilderness in the Sequoia National Monument. You will spend your first two nights at the Golden Trout Pack Station, famous for its unequalled cuisine, preparing and training for your pack trip. The next three days and nights are spent camping in tents or under the stars in the wild backcountry in the National Monument, where campers become proficient in Leave No Trace, gourmet camp cooking, and traveling by horseback.

C.P.T.
For older participants (ages 14-21) who are seeking something different, this program focuses on leadership development through high adventure activities and unique challenges. Here is an opportunity for individuals to branch out and grow beyond what typical residential camp programs offer. This program offers leadership experience, new friends, and a memorable week in the gorgeous sierras. The C.P.T. Program must have at least 5 participants to run.
MERIT BADGE SIGN-UP

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II. MERIT BADGE DIFFICULTY CHART  
III. MERIT BADGE SCHEDULING WORKSHEET  
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MERIT BADGE REGISTRATION

CAMP WHITSETT WEBSITE
Scouts, Scouters, and parents can access this packet on the Camp Whitsett website (www.campwhitsett.org). Merit Badge registration directions for the Scoutmaster will be posted online on the forms page and will be emailed to your primary contact in Doubleknot. The Doubleknot system opens for Merit Badge registration on Monday, March 16th at 12:00 pm. You don’t have to rush on that day, we do not cap classes.

BLUE CARDS
In lieu of blue cards, Camp Whitsett issues individual advancement completion reports to each unit and a summary report for the troop. You do not need to bring blue cards with you to camp. Digital completion reports will be emailed to the unit representative no more than 7 days following departure from camp. These reports may then be entered into Scoutbook by your unit Advancement Coordinator or submitted to your local council.
MB DIFFICULTY CHART

Scouts should be successful in acquiring the information and mastering the skills necessary to complete the requirements for merit badges offered at Camp Whitsett. Therefore, to assist leaders and help Scouts choose appropriate merit badge classes, we have assigned levels representing the relative difficulty of each class offered.

Level 1: Scouts of any age.
Level 2: Scouts 12 and above or who have completed the Second Class rank.
Level 3a: Scouts age 13 and above, or who have developed good study skills including report writing.
Level 3b: Scouts age 13 and above, or who have developed the strength and coordination usually associated with 13-year-olds.
Level 4: Scouts age 14 and above, or who have developed the strength, coordination, and study skills associated with 14-year-olds, or have substantial experience.

**LEVEL 1 CLASSES**

| Archaeology | Leatherwork | Soil & Water Consv. |
| Art | Geocaching | Swimming |
| Basketry | Indian Lore | Woodcarving |

**LEVEL 2 CLASSES**

| Camping | Mammal Study/Nature | First Aid |
| Chess | Orienteering | Fishing |
| Fishing | Pioneering | Rowing |
| Geology | Pottery | |
| Kayaking | Reptile & Amphibian | |

**LEVEL 3 CLASSES**

| American Heritage (a) | Fly-Fishing (b) | Whitewater Rafting(b) |
| Astronomy (a) | Forestry (a) | Wilderness Survival (b) |
| Climbing (b) | Lifesaving (b) | |
| Environmental Science(a) | Rifle Shooting (b) | |
| Fish & Wildlife Mgmt. (a) | Search and Rescue (b) | |

**LEVEL 4 CLASSES**

| Archery | Canoeing |
| Shotgun Shooting | Citizenship in the Nation |
## Merit Badge and Activity Scheduling Work Sheet

**Camp Whitsett**  
WLACC, BSA

1. Pick your Merit Badge sessions per time period (be careful not to overlap times).
2. When complete, turn this sheet in to your Scoutmaster.
3. Note that some merit badges have longer session times.

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<td>Youth C.O.P.E.</td>
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**NATURE LODGE**

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<td>Fishing MB</td>
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<td>Fishing Poles can be borrowed, tackle can be bought at the Trading Post. Age 16+ need a fishing license (not available at camp).</td>
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<td>Mammal Study&amp;Nature MB</td>
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All times and programs subject to change. An updated version of this schedule is available upon request in the Business Office at camp.
MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITE

All Scouts must have a separate form for each merit badge.

FULL NAME: ____________________ WEEK OF CAMP: ________
TROOP NUMBER: ______________ COUNCIL: ______________
MERIT BADGE APPLYING FOR: ____________________________

The Scout named above acknowledges that certain designated merit badges cannot be completed at Camp Whitsett unless prerequisite requirements are met prior to arriving at camp. The Scout also realizes that this form must be completed correctly, signed, and given to the camp merit badge instructor. Some merit badges will require more proof of completion of the requirements to verify that they have been met. The Merit Badge Prerequisite Proof page gives details of which requirements require more proof and what that proof is. The camp can then grant the merit badge upon successful completion of the camp course in the aforementioned merit badge.

I certify that the above named Scout has met the following requirements: CIRCLE ONLY ONE MERIT BADGE PER FORM.

I. American Heritage Requirement 3A&C
II. Camping Requirement 5E, 7B, 8D, 9A & B
III. Cit. in the Nation Requirement 2, & 3
IV. First Aid Requirement 2D, First Class or above
V. Geocaching Requirement 8
VI. Reptile and Amphibian Study Requirement 8
VII. Whitewater Rafting Requirement 3

Scoutmaster (or rep) Signature ____________________________ Date ____________________________
MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITE PROOF

Below is an outline for merit badges that require proof of completion beyond the simple merit badge prerequisite form. Most of these require writing an essay that will be turned into their merit badge instructor at camp.

American Heritage Requirement 3

- Requirement A: for this requirement select a topic that is currently in the news. In an essay at least one page in length write what the event is and explain how the event is related to or affected by the events and values of America’s past. This essay is to be turned into your merit badge instructor at camp.
- Requirement C: for this requirement research your family history. In an essay at least one page in length, write your family’s history, why they came to America, and describe how various events and situations in American history affected your family. This essay is to be turned into your merit badge instructor at camp.

Camping Requirement 5E, 7B, 8D, 9A & B

- Only the merit badge prerequisite form is required

Cit. in the Nation Requirement 2, & 3

- Requirement 2: for this requirement visit two places from the list, and then write an essay at least one page long describing where you visited, what you saw, and what you learned. This essay is to be turned into your merit badge instructor at camp.
- Requirement 3: for this requirement you will either watch the national evening news for five days in a row OR read the front page of a major daily newspaper for five days in a row. In an essay list at least 6 topics that were discussed, chose one topic write about the topic summarizing the issue and explain how the issue affects you and your family. This essay is to be turned into your merit badge instructor at camp.
First Aid Requirement 2D, First Class or above

- Requirement 2D: for this requirement, list all items in the first-aid kit you have prepared for your home and describe why each item is in the first-aid kit. This essay is to be turned into your merit badge instructor at camp.

Geocaching Requirement 8

- For this requirement chose one of the four options. Write an essay of the requirement you selected explaining what you did and what you learned from it. If you chose a requirement that has you place something and track online through www.geocaching.com then print the online log and attach to the essay. This essay is to be turned into your merit badge instructor at camp.

Reptile and Amphibian Study Requirement 8

- For this requirement write an essay at least one page long explaining which option you chose, what you had to do, what you learned from the process, what you saw, and what environmental factors can cause problems. This essay is to be turned into your merit badge instructor at camp.

Whitewater Rafting Requirement 3

- Only the merit badge prerequisite form is required
CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

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