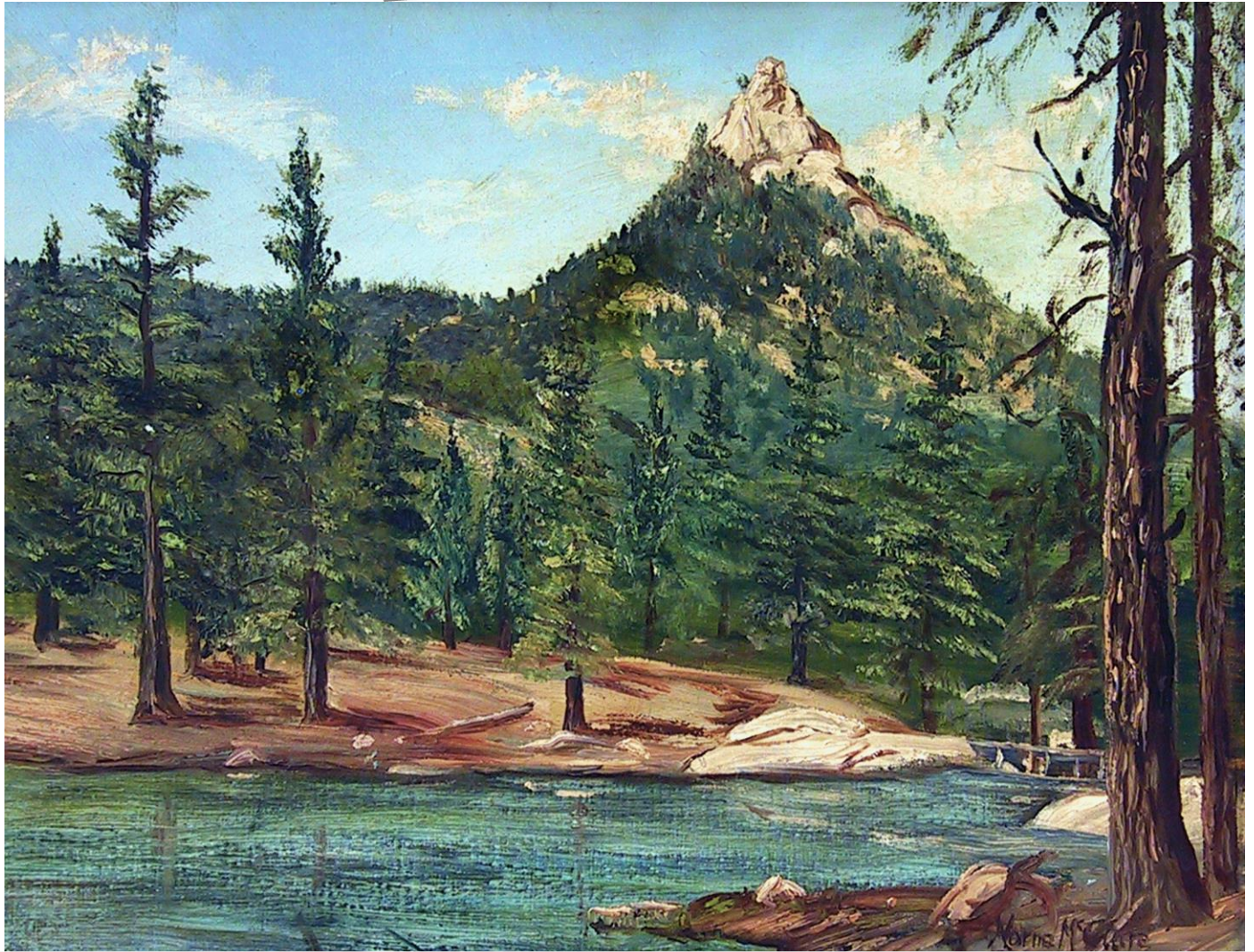


# Camp Whitsett



## LEADER'S GUIDE

Western Los Angeles County Council  
Boy Scouts of America

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**\*\* Please note that all information in this guide is subject to change \*\***

Dear Scouters:

Thank you for choosing Camp Whitsett as your unit's Summer Camp. One of the most vivid memories a Scout will hold dear for the rest of their life is the adventure and fun experienced while at summer camp. It is our goal to ensure that every camper takes home an experience or skill that they could not find anywhere else. The Western Los Angeles County Council takes pride in its camping programs and facilities, offering some of the highest quality and most adventurous programming anywhere in the Southwest.

As an adult leader, your role at camp is very important. The leadership you provide will guide your youth as they undertake this experience. For some Scouts, this will be their first time away from home, residing in a true outdoor environment!

Leaving their comfort zone may be challenging for some, but your support and effort will help even the most anxious Scout have a rewarding and successful visit.

This guide will help answer your questions about Camp Whitsett, and give you an overview of our program, activities, and special events. The *Table of Contents* is divided into three sections to make your preparation, arrival, and stay at Camp as rewarding as possible. These sections include: *Before Coming to Camp*, *First Day at Camp*, and *Program*.

Please note that at the time of publication of V1 of this Program Guide (1/19/21), the [CDC Guidance for Operating Youth and Summer Camps during COVID-19](#) was published 5/21. There may be additional updates to the Program Guide as new guidelines are released.

We are looking forward to hosting you at Camp Whitsett this year.

Yours in Scouting,  
Camp Whitsett Staff

## **ABOUT THIS GUIDE**

This guide is broken down chronologically into sections to help make your preparation for camp as straightforward as possible. We will hold a Leader's meeting in the spring where you will receive additional information and paperwork to help you prepare for the summer. Your troop's main contact person, listed in Doubleknot will receive information on the meeting as it is made available. This additional information will include the complete list of merit badges, new programs for individuals and troops, patch information, and any updated paperwork.

While this book should answer questions regarding the process leading up to camp, you may still need to speak with someone. Please feel free to contact the Camping Department of the Western Los Angeles County Council if there are any questions that are not answered here, on the website and after the Leaders Meeting:

Phone (818) 933-0130

Email [camping@bsa-la.org](mailto:camping@bsa-la.org)

Website [www.campwhitsett.org](http://www.campwhitsett.org)

Just as your troop completes warm-up hikes prior to a week-long backpacking trip, every troop meeting, cook-out, and camping trip helps prepare Scouts for a great summer camp. Please take a moment to read through this book and get yourself and your Scouts acquainted with some of our program offerings. Please keep in mind that this book is a guide and every individual Scout's summer camp experience should be unique.

Please Note: Sierra Expeditions High Adventure programs are not operating during the 2022 season due to the damage from the Windy Fire. We look forward to bringing these programs back in future seasons!



## **I. BEFORE COMING TO CAMP**

### **RESERVATIONS AND CAMP FEES**

- A **Non-refundable** campsite deposit of \$600.00 for Camp Whitsett Summer Camp is required with the reservation form.
- On January 7<sup>th</sup>, a payment of \$100 per person is due, along with the **final minimum number of campers. From this point on all payments are non-refundable.** After January 7<sup>th</sup>, units may still add scouts if there is space available.
- By March 4<sup>th</sup>, an additional payment of \$100 per person is due.
- Sixteen days before your unit goes to camp the balance of all camp fees are due.
- **Special Note:** All payments received are applied to the final camp fee, not to individuals. If there is any reduction in the total number (Scouts or adults) after each payment there is no refund for previous payments. After each of the due dates a late fee of 10% will be added to the payments. Please ensure that parents are aware of the cut-off dates from the outset to avoid complications later on.

Camperships are available for scouts from low-income families registered with BSA (additional funding may be available for out-of-Council Scout). Application forms are available online at [www.campwhitsett.org/forms](http://www.campwhitsett.org/forms). The deadline for campership applications is **February 12<sup>th</sup>**, late applications will still be accepted after February 12<sup>th</sup>. The maximum campership available is half the camping fee.

### **SUMMER CAMP DATES**

Week 1: June 12 – June 18, 2022 **CANCELLED**

Week 2: June 19 – June 25, 2022

Week 3: June 26 – July 2, 2022

Week 4: July 3 – July 9, 2022 **FULL**

Week 5: July 10 – July 16, 2022

Week 6: July 17 – July 23, 2022

## **PLANNING FOR CAMP**

### ***HELPFUL HINTS TO KEEP ON TRACK ALL THE WAY TO CAMP***

#### **CURRENTLY**

1. Hold a Parent Meeting to introduce your plans. Ask parents to make commitments and make them aware of cut-off dates for payment.
2. Recruit at least 2 adult leaders to attend the entire week of camp. (One must be at least 21- and the other 18-years old).
3. Plan unit fund-raisers to help scouts raise money needed for fees, transportation, uniform items and extra program materials.
4. Start a unit Camp Bank, and encourage the Scouts to put some money each month towards their camp fees. This allows them to pay in installments rather than asking for a lump sum

#### **JANUARY TO MARCH**

1. Unit leaders and the Committee should review the Leader Guide.
2. A payment statement will be e-mailed to your primary contact in Doubleknot based on the number provided in your reservation.
3. By January 7<sup>th</sup>, pay \$100 per person by logging onto Doubleknot and paying with a e-check or with one unit check made payable to WLACC-BSA and add your registration number in the memo field of the check.
4. If additional spaces are needed please contact the camping department at (818) 933-0130 or [camping@bsa-la.org](mailto:camping@bsa-la.org).
5. Unit Committee should make initial plans for transportation to camp.
6. Camp medical forms are available online so that Scouts and adults are able to get medical checks done early. Parts A, B, and C (which require a doctor signature) are required by all participants.
7. After January 7<sup>th</sup>, you may still add Scouts if there is space available. If there are reductions in your total numbers (Scouts and adults) after any payment, there is no refund for previous payments.
8. By March 4<sup>th</sup>, pay an additional \$100 per person to Western Los Angeles County Council.



#### **APRIL AND MAY**

1. An updated statement will be e-mailed to your primary contact in Doubleknot in March.
2. At least one adult leader should attend the Pre-Camp Leader's Meeting in March. The meeting will be conducted by our Camp Director, and it is a

good opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Following the meeting, forms and other pertinent information will be posted online at [www.campwhitsett.org](http://www.campwhitsett.org).

3. After the Spring Leader's Meeting begin planning by considering each Scout's interests and advancement needs. The online merit badge worksheet for Scouts is filled out. Your unit's primary contact in Doubleknot will receive an email with a link to register your Scouts and Adult Leaders for classes and programs online.

## **TWO MONTHS BEFORE CAMP**

1. Ensure that each Scout and adult leader has made arrangements for completion of the Medical form including a full physical examination.
2. Supply each Scout with a personal equipment list.
3. Finalize program planning, considering each Scout's wants and advancement needs.
4. A final statement will be e-mailed out to all primary contact person. Your deposit will be applied to your final balance.

## **ONE MONTH BEFORE CAMP**

1. Finalize Camp program plans and advancement needs.
2. Pay balance of fees to Western Los Angeles County Council sixteen days prior to your departure at the latest. Please make sure parents are aware of this deadline.
3. All physical examinations for Medical Form should have been completed at this point.
4. The unit leader should collect individual Scout forms and medicals to be brought to Camp.
5. Unit Committee finalizes transportation needed to and from the camp.

## **A FEW DAYS BEFORE CAMP**

1. Hold a personal pack, gear, and uniform inspection.
2. Unit and Patrol equipment should be ready for packing.
3. Update online merit badge class signups as needed.
4. Make a final check on transportation.

## OTHER CAMP INFORMATION

**Campsite Type** - There are two types of campsites:

1. **Tented sites** come with BSA canvas wall tents, cots, and mattresses.
2. **Wilderness sites** do not, so your unit will need to bring it's own tenting. Specific sites may not be reserved. Due to the fluctuation of reservations campsites are not determined until the day prior to arrival. Please notify us ahead of time if you will have special needs for your campsite, such as electricity for medical equipment.



**SITE ADJUSTMENTS** – Small units may be required to share a campsite so you will get the needed amount of tents for your unit based on registration numbers. Because of this please let your scouts and leaders know that they will have to share tents with each other. Larger units may be split between sites.

**CAMP VISITORS** – All visitors need to check in at the Camp business office and receive a camp wristband. Unregistered family members, Cub Scouts, spouses and siblings are not permitted to participate in the Scout activity areas. Visitors may eat while at camp, they will have to by a meal ticket for each meal they plan on eating while at camp. Meal tickets may be purchased at the Trading Post.

**PROGRAM FEES** - Some merit badges require extra fees for materials, such as those for Handicraft and include Basketry, Leatherwork, Woodcarving, and Indian Lore. Other merit badges might be included in this list once they are finalized in the *Spring Leaders Packet* including some Shooting Sports for the 2022 season due to the increased cost of ammunition. All materials, as well as other equipment, are available at the Trading Post. “How much money should a Scout bring to camp?” This is a question we often get from parents and leaders. If they are going to buy kits to finish badges, then a good plan is \$20.00 per day plus extra for souvenirs and snacks. \$65 to \$95 for the week should be an adequate amount. However, keep in mind, there is always that one extra item that a Scout will say “I just have to have....”



## **REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

Online information, available early in the year and after the spring leaders meeting, includes forms and brochures to prepare you and your Scouts for the upcoming summer. The following are highlights and issues that need greater attention from adult leaders.

### **Troop Forms**

- **Merit Badge Sign-Up:** A form, available online, is provided to help Scouts plan their merit badge week. Once completed, Scouts give the forms to the adult leader responsible for the registration who enters the information online. Registration is to be done before coming to camp.
- **Attendance Roster:** The attendance roster needs to be filled out and brought to camp. It needs to have the up to date information on who is in camp. It will be collected at the Trading Post with the other paperwork upon your arrival to camp. You must use the form we provide, if your unit has not completed the form before check in your unit will be required to complete it.
- **Troop Tour Plan:** Any out of Council troop attending camp needs to make sure they file a troop tour and activity plan with their council. All WLACC troops do not have to worry about this.

### **Individual Forms:**

- **Health Forms:** All campers, adult and scouts, must provide completed Annual Health and Medical Records forms. A school sports physical is not acceptable. Parts A, B, and C must be filled out, with a physical having been completed within the past twelve months. These forms can be found online at <https://www.campwhitsett.org/forms>.
- **Youth/Adult Permission Form:** This is the form that includes permission to treat minors, permission for full program, and permission to use firearms. This form needs to be filled out and brought to camp by both youth and adults. Please remember to check for all signatures.

You can find these forms on the camp's website:  
<https://www.campwhitsett.org/forms>



## **PRE-CAMP LEADER MEETING**

Each year the Camp Program changes slightly —and in some years it might change a lot! Staff talents change, kids change, Scouting emphasis changes, and so the program changes, too. Because of this we recommend having one leader attend this meeting.

For the 2022 season, the Leader Meeting will be held on Zoom and information will be sent via email to the Doubleknot account owner of the main troop registrant.

If for some reason your unit is unable to attend our Leader Meeting we will be video recording the meeting and providing it through our website: [www.campwhitsett.org](http://www.campwhitsett.org). In addition all handouts and information from the meeting will be posted online as well.

## **PRE-CAMP CHECK-OFF LIST**

### **FORMS FOR SCOUTS AND PARENTS:**

1. Merit Badge & Activities Worksheet
2. Medical Form
3. Youth/Adult Permission Form
4. Merit Badge prerequisite forms
5. White Water Rafting release form (through Sierra South)
6. Equipment and clothing list
7. Mailing address of camp
8. Driving instructions

The first four forms are to be returned to the Scoutmaster after completion by each Scout attending camp. PLEASE CHECK ALL SIGNATURE LINES.

### **THINGS TO MAIL TO COUNCIL OFFICE:**

(Due in the office 16 days prior to your camping date)

1. Final Camp Fees

### **THINGS TO BRING WITH YOU TO CAMP:**

1. **Medical Form**
2. **Youth/Adult Permission forms** --- (double sided, check all signatures)
3. **Troop Roster** (which can be found online at [campwhitsett.org](http://campwhitsett.org))
4. Merit Badge prerequisite forms (to Merit Badge instructors)
5. White water rafting releases (to give to Rafting company)
6. Unit Insurance (required for non WLACC troops)

*Forms are available online at [www.campwhitsett.org/forms](http://www.campwhitsett.org/forms)*

## **UNIFORMS**

At Camp the official Scout uniform is the appropriate dress throughout the week. We ask everyone to be in uniform for the evening meal and for evening colors. We encourage Scout shorts and a unit T-shirt (or other scout activity shirt) be worn by everyone during the rest of the day. Leaders also are requested to wear official Scout uniform or activity uniform. Leaders are reminded that all adults should demonstrate a good example to the Scouts by wearing appropriate attire for a Scouts BSA activity.

## **WHAT TO BRING - PERSONAL GEAR**

### **MANDATORY ITEMS**

- Mask that covers mouth and nose
- Medical form signed by physician
- Youth Permission Form
- Merit Badge prerequisite forms
- Notebook, paper, pens
- Stationery, stamps
- Spending Money (\$65-\$95)
- Scout Handbook

### **CLOTHING ITEMS**

- Scout Uniform including scout shirt and shorts/pants, neckerchief (required at evening meal and colors)
- Sweater or jacket (it can get cool)
- Hat or visor
- Jeans
- Shirts (3 min.)
- Shorts (2 pair min.)
- Hiking boots with proper socks
- Tennis shoes with proper socks
- Swim suit and beach towel
- Rain poncho
- 6 pairs of socks
- Underwear for 6 days
- Pajamas

### **CAMPING GEAR**

- Sleeping bag
- Duffel bag or large backpack
- Sleeping pad and pillow
- Mess Kit (for troop fellowship cookout)

### **TOILET KIT**

- Medication (if needed)
- Toiletries, including soap and shampoo, toothpaste and toothbrush, towel/washcloth
- Deodorant
- Shaving gear (if needed)
- Comb & small mirror
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick
- Personal first aid kit
- Handkerchiefs

### **CAMP NECESSITIES**

- Flashlight and batteries
- Compass
- Pocket knife & Totin' Chip
- Canteen or water bottle
- Clothesline/clothespins

### **OTHER**

- Clock/watch
- OA Sash
- Camera/film
- Water shoes for rafting
- Fishing tackle
- Fishing License (required for everyone 16 and up)



If taking Lifesaving, Swimming or Canoeing Merit Badge, bring extra clothes for “survival while in the water” - long pants, long-sleeve shirt, socks, shoes.

## **WHAT TO BRING - UNIT EQUIPMENT LIST**

Your campsite will be your home away from home, and each Unit or Patrol will need to set up its area within its campsite. Camp Whitsett will provide each site with the following equipment:

Tents in tented sites*	Picnic Table
Wash Stand	Fire pit and fire tools
Broom and Hose	Latrine and toilet paper

*\* Wilderness camping units **MUST** bring own tents!*

### **OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT BROUGHT BY UNIT**

Flags - Unit and Patrol	Bear bag or bear can
First aid kit	Gas or liquid fuel stoves and fuel
Games, stunt/skit supplies	Tool kit (pliers, hammer, scissors)
Tablecloths	Repair kit (tape, wire, twine, etc.)
5-gallon buckets (for laundry, etc)	

### **ADVANCEMENT**

Merit Badge pamphlets	Handbooks and guides
Pens/pencils	Paper, notebooks, clipboards
Poster board	Felt-tip pens
Push pins or thumbtacks	Miscellaneous teaching aids
Unit Advancement Records	

### **SCOUTMASTER NEEDS**

Copy of Unit Roster	Leader's Guide for Camp
Notebook paper	Unit insurance information
Handbook	Bear Bag (stuff bag is ideal)

**NOTE:** This equipment list is meant to serve as a general guide. Use your own discretion in choosing what to take and what to leave.

### **Items Scouts are Prohibited From Bringing into Camp:**

Firearms	Radios and TVs	Illegal substances
Ammunition	Alcohol and tobacco	Fireworks
Footlockers	Large/sheath knives	Switchblades
Jewelry	Pornography	Gang paraphernalia
Pagers and cell phones (which will not work in camp).		



## **II. FIRST DAY AT CAMP**

### **DIRECTIONS TO CAMP WHITSETT:**

#### **From the Northern Central Valley (Sacramento/Fresno/Porterville)**

From Porterville, go south on CA-65 to Ducor, and take Avenue 56 East. Travel 50 miles through California Hot Springs until you reach the forest service road 22s82 on your left; it is signed also for Peppermint Campsite and the Wilderness Trailhead. (If you reach R-Ranch at Johnsondale, you have gone too far.) Camp Whitsett is on the right, after three miles and public campsites numbers 1, 2, and 3.

#### **From the Southern Central Valley (Bakersfield) and the LA area**

Take Interstate 5 North to CA-99 North to Bakersfield. Then take CA-178 East 40 miles to Lake Isabella. Exit at CA-155 W and travel 11 miles up the edge of the lake to Kernville. Stay right when CA-155 turns left; continue straight on Wofford Heights Blvd. and Burlando Rd. Turn left on Mountain Road 99 (a T-intersection) and go 20 miles to R-Ranch at Johnsondale. Immediately past this is forest service road 22s82 on your right; it is signed for Camp Whitsett and also for Peppermint Campsite and the Wilderness Trailhead. Camp Whitsett is on the right, after three miles and public campsites numbers 1, 2, and 3.

#### **From the Mojave desert (Las Vegas, Nevada and Inland Empire, California)**

From the intersection of US Highway 395 and CA-58 (Kramer's Junction/Four Corners), go North 50 miles on the 395. Take the signed offramp to CA-14/Inyokern West for five miles; turn left again onto CA-14 South. After three miles, turn right onto CA 178 West. Take the 178 for 32 miles, and turn right onto Sierra Way; take this for 17 miles on the East edge of the lake into Kernville, and then another 20 miles to R-Ranch at

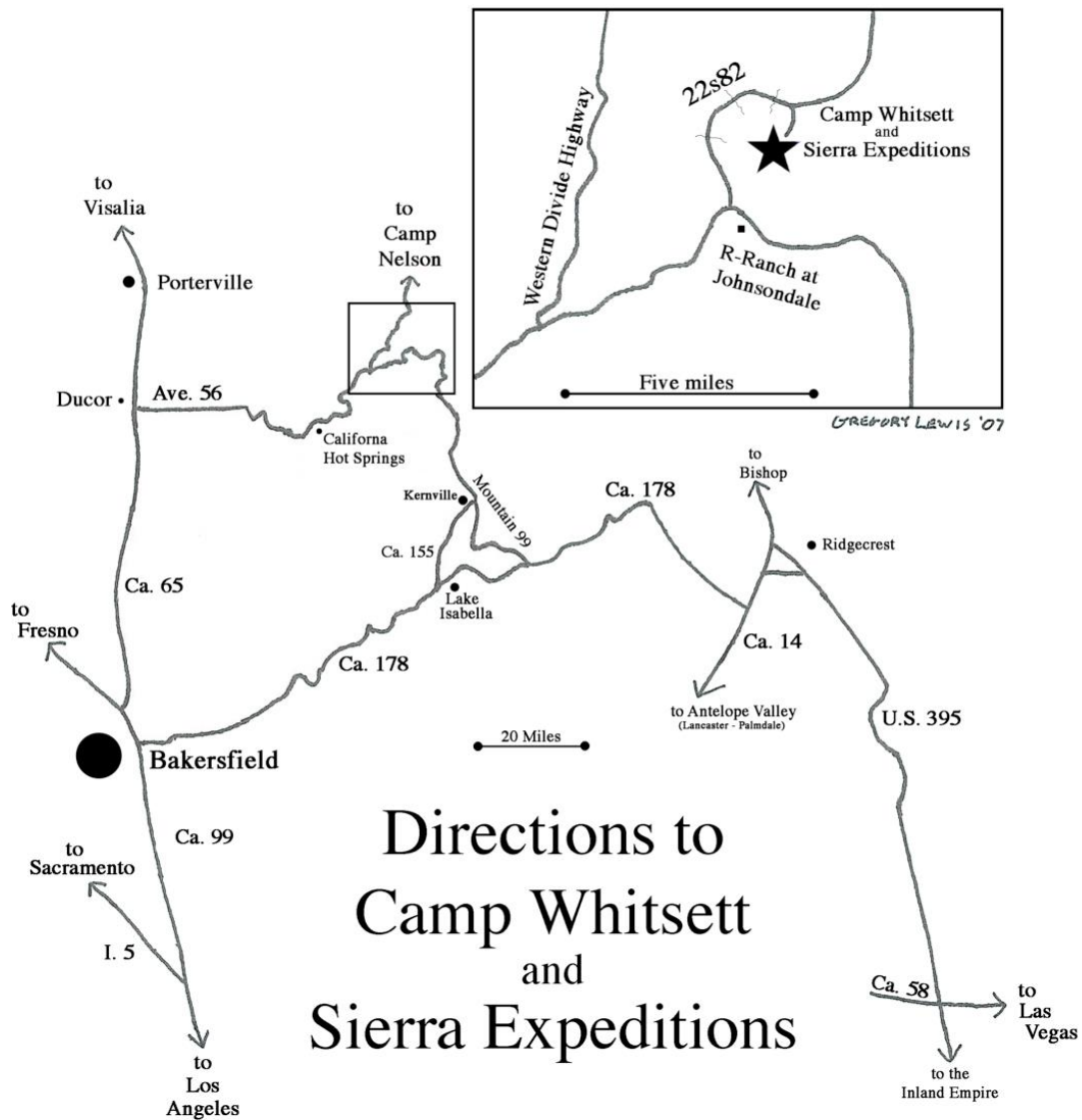
Johnsondale. Immediately past this is forest service road 22s82 on your right; it is signed for Camp Whitsett and also for Peppermint Campsite and the Wilderness Trailhead. Camp Whitsett is on the right, after three miles and public campsites numbers 1, 2, and 3.



The following website has a link to view a map in Google Maps and Google Earth:  
[www.campwhitsett.org/contact-us/getting-to-camp/](http://www.campwhitsett.org/contact-us/getting-to-camp/)

## Travel map to Camp Whitsett

**Camp Whitsett** is located in the Sequoia National Forest in Tulare County, about 32 miles north of Kernville, California. There is no “physical” address for the camp (to find on an internet map help site), but map coordinates are: 36 degrees north latitude, 118 degrees, 32 minutes, 17 seconds west longitude.



## **ARRIVING AT CAMP**

**ARRIVAL TIMES:** Please arrive between 1:00 PM and 3:00 PM Sunday unless special arrangements have been made. The camp gate will remain closed until 1:00 p.m. A guide will welcome you in the parking lot. Units who do not wish to travel to camp on Sunday must contact the Camping Department 16 days ahead of time to make alternative arrangements.

**MOVE IN:** Upon pairing with your Staff Host your unit will be shown to your campsite. Remember, only one car at a time may go past the parking lot. Please do not drive into the site, but stay on the road. After the gear is unloaded, change into swim suits and prepare to go through the medical screening. Your campsite, tents and facilities will be checked at this time. Remember the tents in the tented areas are two person tents, this includes adults, so please assign tents accordingly.

**CHECK IN:** A designated leader will check-in all of the unit's paperwork at the Trading Post while the remainder of the unit completes medical recheck. A Staff member at the Trading Post will review the Youth/Adult Permission forms, double check final enrollment, collect fees due, provide camp wrist bands, double check dietary restrictions, and explain the Sunday schedule. Please separate Youth/Adult Permission from each medical form so that check-in will move as expeditiously as possible. Forms should be out of folders and files, and separated into piles of Medical Forms and Youth/Adult Permission form. Rafting forms and merit badge prerequisite forms should be kept separately. Forms should also be in alphabetical order.

**MEDICAL SCREENING:** While your unit is checking-in your Staff guide will take you to the Health Lodge where our medical officer will look over medical forms. Medicals will be kept in the Medical Lodge for the week. You will receive the forms at check-out on Saturday. The medical forms must be separate from the Youth/Adult Permission form to make check in much faster.

**SWIM CHECKS:** We follow the BSA Safe Swim Defense plan. This means everyone using any of the aquatics facilities must have a medical form and take the simple swim test to determine ability.

**ORIENTATION:** A Camp tour will be conducted by your host.

**First Meal:** Your first meal at camp will be dinner. Field uniforms are recommended for dinner and flags. However, for those troops that are finishing swim checks close to or into dinner time, the uniform is not required.

**Emergency Drill:** After dinner you will hear the camp siren, this is to signal our emergency drill. We require all units to participate in this drill. Units should gather together at the parade ground in front of the flag poles and wait for further instructions.

**Leaders Meeting:** The management team will hold an opening leaders meeting after evening colors at the Big Top. At this meeting we will go over detailed information about camp rules and program. It is required for every unit to send at least one leader to this meeting, more leaders are welcome.

**SPL Meeting:** The Pathfinders will hold an information SPL meeting after dinner, this meeting will go over specific program and information which includes special activities. We require every unit to send at least one youth member to this meeting so that unit gets all needed information and the opportunity to sign up for specific activities.

**Campfire:** In scouting tradition every person attending Camp is welcomed with a warm and fun campfire, put on by our staff.

**PROGRAM:** Scouts will be signed up for Merit Badges online. Monday is the first day Merit Badges start, in the area in which they are offered.

Please note that Sunday can be a long day and you will be in the sun quite a bit. Be sure to keep scouts well hydrated and help remind everyone that sunscreen will be important safety tool throughout the week! Remember soda, coffee, and other sugar drinks do not count as water and can dehydrate a scout which can lead to a stay in our health lodge.

## **SUNDAY CHECK-IN PROCEDURES**

1:00-3:00	Arrival of Units. Staff greets Units in parking lot. Unit is assigned a Unit Guide for the day. Unit Leader checks in with paperwork at the Trading Post. The Check-in Guide leads the rest of the unit to its campsite and then the Health Lodge. Unit Guide then gives the unit tour and orientation of Camp Whitsett.
1:30-4:00	Waterfront orientation and Swim Check given informally throughout entire afternoon.
5:30-6:30	Dinner. (Open dining, cafeteria-style)
6:30	Fire Drill / Flag Retreat Ceremony - Main Parade Ground
7:00	Leader's Meeting and Orientation (Big Top)
7:15	SPL Meeting with Pathfinders (to be announced)
8:30-9:45	Opening Campfire
10:00	Taps





## **LEADER ALERT**

**Begin your recruiting efforts early! At least two leaders must be with your Scouts at all times. One must be at least 21, the other at least 18.**

Your Scoutmaster (or Unit Leader) may not be able to attend Camp for the full week, but it is important that at least one of your leaders be there the whole time. Otherwise your program will have no continuity, little chance for success, and discipline will be a likely problem.

On the first day considerable time is spent explaining the program, its operation and facilities (so that unit leaders, even those new to Scouting, will understand what to do). If the key leadership changes the benefit of this orientation will be lost. A leader who is with the scouts for the entire week will get to know them, know what the Scouts are doing, and be able to foresee possible problems and deal with them effectively before they develop. Smaller units not able to recruit assistants may want to join forces with other units. The Camping Department at the Council office may be able to help put such units in touch with one another. Camp Staff will work with unit leaders to help make sure the Unit's camp goals are met, and will be responsible for most program presentation. Day-to-day supervision and discipline however, is the job of the unit. At no time may a unit be in camp without two adult leaders.

## **LATE ARRIVAL**

For units who are unable to travel to camp on Sunday for religious or other reasons please contact the Camping Department (818) 933-0130 or [camping@bsa-la.org](mailto:camping@bsa-la.org). Special arrangements are available for early or late arrivals. Additional fees may apply in those circumstances.

Units arriving late on Monday will miss a leader meeting, the orientation, and camp tour. Notify the Camping Department ahead of time so that arrangements can be made for priority attention to be given for completing swim checks and medical screenings upon your arrival. Please try to be by 7:00 am; if you do you should have no problem getting checked in and making your first merit badge sessions.

## **MEDICAL INFORMATION**

**Health Forms:** All campers, adult and scouts, must provide completed *Annual Health and Medical Records forms*. *A school sports physical is not acceptable.* These forms can be found online at [campwhitsett.org](http://campwhitsett.org)

**Please note** – There is a Youth Permission Form separate from the medical form which includes permission to treat minors & permission to use firearms that needs to be filled out and brought to camp.

Christian Science faith members must have a written statement from a licensed health care practitioner attesting to their health and must complete a request for religious exemption from medical care and treatment form, available from the Council Camping Office on request.

Camp Whitsett has a fully equipped camp health lodge. A doctor or other licensed individual is available at all times. Those with serious injuries or illnesses requiring hospitalization will be transported to the nearest hospital where we have an advance agreement for treatment.

Physicals will not be given at camp. A Scout or leader staying at camp more than 72 hours who has not had a physical will be not be allowed to participate in activities or asked to leave.

## **INSURANCE**

All Scouts and leaders who attend our camp must be covered by unit accident insurance and must provide WLACC with the name of the unit's health and accident insurance policy, the policy number and expiration date. WLACC units have council provided insurance and will not need to bring this information, except for LDS units. It is a good idea to attach a copy of the Scout's medical insurance card to the Physical.

## **CAMP GUIDELINES**

*The Scout Oath is the guiding principle of the Western Los Angeles County Council camp program. The Camp rules follow the Scout Law and common sense. Here are the details.*

1. No Scout is allowed to leave camp after check-in without a release from his parents or Scout leader. Scout leaders and guests arriving or leaving MUST check-in and out with Camp Business Office.
2. All firearms are to be left at home. Camp provides rifles and ammunition at the shooting sports area. Under no circumstance should ammunition be brought to camp.
3. Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted in any Scout camp.
4. **No** open flames are allowed in tents. Self-contained stoves and lanterns may be used. Unit fireguard chart must be posted and followed.
5. Fireworks are prohibited and possession is a felony in the National Monument.
6. No Smoking in any Camp buildings, i.e., tents, lodges, dining hall, etc. There is a designated smoking area.
7. Scouts must stay out of other Units' campsites unless invited. Off-limit areas include: Ranger's home, maintenance area, Staff quarters, and closed program areas.
8. Food should not be kept in tents; a bear bag or bear can is required!
9. Do not bring privately owned watercraft. Our liability insurance only covers the in-camp use of Council-owned equipment (which has to meet specific National Standards).
10. Personal and unit vehicles are to be kept parked in the main parking lot. No vehicles may be permitted in campsites.
11. Pagers and cellular phones will not work in camp (no service).

## FOOD SERVICE

One of the outstanding features of Camp Whitsett is the central dining hall. Cooks are employed to prepare all meals, which are served cafeteria style. There is a fruit and cereal bar available with breakfast, and a salad bar is available with lunch and dinner. Cold drinks are provided with all meals, and water is available day and night. The Trading Post also sells some snacks and drinks during its business hours.

<b>Breakfast:</b>	8:00 - 8:45 a.m.
<b>Lunch:</b>	12:30 - 1:15 p.m.
<b>Dinner:</b>	5:30 - 6:15 p.m.



The Dining Hall procedures are as follows.

***There are pending modifications to the Dining Hall procedures for the 2022 season.***

- Scouts should be clean and wearing an appropriate shirt and pants at all meals. Full uniform should be worn at dinner.
- Scouts and Adults need to wash their hands before meals at one of the hand washing stations near the Dining Hall.
- All meals are open dining, served cafeteria-style. Units may come to the Dining Hall at any time during the meal hour to be served. A formal flag ceremony will take place before the evening meal, which all units **MUST** attend.
- Each unit signs up to host at least one meal. Larger units may be asked to host two. Hosts report to the Dining Hall Fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled meal time to assist the Dining Hall Manager in setting tables, and will assist with clean-up at the end of the meal.
- Each person is responsible for his own table clean-up after each meal. Make sure your Scouts fulfill this responsibility. Check the Dining Hall bulletin boards for any program changes or announcements before leaving the Dining Big Top.
- Reservations for guests must be made and paid for in advance.

## DIETARY NEEDS

It is the intention of Camp Whitsett that no person be unable to attend our Camp as a guest due to a dietary restriction. Therefore we will provide reasonable accommodation to our guests, we regularly and consistently prepare and serve food that satisfies the nutritional needs for vegetarian diets, lactose free diets, and gluten free diets. For any other dietary concerns please fill out the Special Request Form at [www.campwhitsett.org/forms](http://www.campwhitsett.org/forms).

## **COMMISSARY**

The Commissary staff is here to serve you and your unit. If you have any special requests, or questions, please ask so that we may help you. During your unit's stay in camp you will probably wish to try a Dutch Oven Cobbler. Dutch Ovens supplies are available from the Commissary. Sign-up to make these items on Sunday or check with the Business window. Lost and found can also be turned in and retrieved at the commissary window.

## **MAIL SERVICES**

It is important that parents write at least one letter or postcard to their Scout while at camp. All Scouts (and leaders, too!) can get homesick sometime during their stay. Mail is delivered to Camp at least once a day, but a letter or postcard can take from one to three days to get to Camp. Mail should be addressed to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Unit # \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_ Session # W \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Whitsett, BSA

HC 1 Box 105

Kernville, CA 93238

Putting the Unit number, council and session number on mail will avoid delays. Any mail received after a Unit leaves camp will be returned to sender. Be sure that a return address is on all mail sent to camp. Leaders are asked to check for phone messages and mail each afternoon at the business window. Please note that FEDEX does not deliver to the camp. Please send packages UPS. The camp phone number is (760) 376-6469. The fax number is (760) 376-1379. These numbers are for emergencies only. Contact the council office for non-emergency information.

Public phones are available in camp. Cell phones will not work in camp.

## **CHAPEL SERVICES**

A Scout's Own service is scheduled weekly. All areas are closed during services so that campers and staff have an opportunity to attend. Scouts may assist at services, lead grace at meals, or work on religious emblems while in camp.



## **INTERNET ACCESS**

Camp is happy to announce that we now have limited wireless access **for adult leaders**. The camp now sells wireless access to adult leaders in our trading post. Its \$12 for a 1 GB of data at a time, we use mac address to track this, we recommend making sure automatic updates and uploads are turned off while using the camp internet. You can buy additional GB of data at the trading post as well if you hit your cap. The camp offers a one computer for brief adult leader use.

### **III. PROGRAM**

#### **PLANNING YOUR UNIT PROGRAM**

A well-planned program will ensure that your Scouts get the most fun and adventure from camp.

Camp Whitsett uses its mission statement to help provide a good program for all. “We inspire development through physical challenge, outdoor experience, and innovative education.”

Camp Whitsett has many opportunities to meet the outdoor needs of every Scout and unit, and a wide variety of facilities, equipment, staff, and activities covering Nature, Scoutcraft, Aquatics, Shooting Sports, and Handicraft.

We provide programs you expect to see at many camps, and additional programs such as white water rafting, rock climbing, and the mountain bike program. Project COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) provides a challenge to older Scouts and leaders alike.

Plan your program carefully. Explain the aspects of our program to Scouts and parents alike. Work with individuals to set special summer goals in Scoutmaster's Conferences. Your Unit Leaders Council will then be able to outline a program reflecting your Scouts' needs. Forms will be provided in the leader packet (distributed at the Leader's Meeting), to formulate the plan for your unit.

An ideal unit program is flexible enough to accommodate the special interests of every Scout. Keep in mind that Camp Whitsett, in the Sequoia National Forest, offers opportunities not found in the city. Experience has shown that the best program has a healthy balance of advancement and fun activities. On the average, Scouts earn two or three merit badges each. More than that prevents the average Scout from fully participating in the Camp Whitsett program.

To have the best week possible, the Whitsett experience begins now! Plan and prepare your Scouts before you come to camp. We look forward to seeing you in camp this summer.

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For the most up-to-date camp information, to obtain downloads of camp forms  
visit [www.campwhitsett.org](http://www.campwhitsett.org)

## **CAMP WHITSETT ACTIVITIES**

This is a program planning guide to help the Unit Leader's Council to plan a program responsive to the needs and interests of the Scouts.

Review the forms you receive in the Spring Leaders packet or online, to see that individual Scouts will have sufficient activities to keep them occupied, but not over-committed. Use these forms when completed by the Scouts to work with your Unit Leader's Council in planning your Camp program.

## **MERIT BADGES**

There is no need to frantically sign-up at meetings: Merit Badge and Trail to First Class signups are handled online. Various forms are provided online to assist in planning your week. These forms are for your use and do not need to be turned in. The main contact for the troop will be receiving an email by May with instructions on how to use the online merit badge system that will be used to sign up scouts for the merit badges.

## **WHITE WATER RAFTING**

(Program is subject to adequate water levels.)

A trip on the Kern River in a raft can be the high point of a Scout's week. Join the experts from a local rafting company for an experience you will not forget. You must give the fees and rafting forms to the Sierra South Rafting Company on the day of your trip. On occasion kayaking may be substituted for rafting due to low water levels. Their number for additional information check out our rafting page on our website <https://www.campwhitsett.org/scout-programs/white-water-rafting> or call Sierra South directly at **at (760) 376-3745** or visit <https://www.sierrasouth.com/rafting/full-day-merit-badge-rafting>.

All persons wishing to participate in the White Water Rafting program must bring a signed Sierra South parental release form to camp with them. A copy of this form is included with your packet and additional copies are available from online at <http://www.campwhitsett.org/forms/>



## **CAMP FIRES**

Each week, the Camp Whitsett Staff presents two campfires. The opening campfire is on Sunday evening at 8:30 p.m. Parents who provide transportation to camp are invited to stay for this campfire before returning home. The closing campfire on Friday evening at 8:30 p.m. wraps up the week with more songs, skits, and weekly awards.

## **SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

### **SENTINEL PEAK**

A popular part of the camp experience is to watch the sunrise from atop Sentinel Peak. This trip leaves at 4:45 in the morning and you can be back before breakfast. Those who scale the peak are eligible to purchase a Sentinel Peak patch from the Trading Post. Sign up with your Pathfinder to schedule your trek up the peak.



### **FISHING**

There are rainbow trout in the rivers that flow into Lake Ida and you are welcome to fish from the shores around Lake Ida or below the dam. You should bring your own equipment. A fishing license is required for those aged 16 or over - available at sporting goods stores in California, or at the Lake Isabella supermarket. Licenses are not sold at camp.

### **SIERRA CPT (Not Operating in 2022)**

This older Scout program is part of Camp Whitsett's effort to keep the older youth interested and involved in their units by coming to camp and participating in a leadership building experience. As your youth begin to age in maturity through their teen years, they may have few merit badges they desire to earn while at camp. With CPT, your 14 – 21 year olds are given a tremendous growing experience jam packed with High Adventure activities and leadership training. This program is provided through Sierra Expeditions, the High Adventure base where we operate out of camp. Scouts can participate in Sierra CPT while their troop is at camp or may attend on a provisional basis.

# **THE BEAVER LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

## **PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The Beaver Program is a Leader Training Program at Camp Whitsett. This program is an orientation for Scouts who are either in leadership roles for the unit or plan to be in leadership roles for the unit in the future. Participants in the program come up a week before the camp starts to get oriented with the camp and all its programs. This will give the unit an edge up in their coming week, because the youth leadership will know what activities are going on throughout the week and how to sign up for them.

## **PARTICIPANTS WILL GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO:**

- Earn at least two merit badges while at camp.
- Participate in all camp activities including (sentinel peak, cat eye, bike rides, and much more)
- Will work on leadership training (including how to plan a unit camp-out, and how to help the unit with advancement).

## **HOW TO REGISTER:**

Registration can be done online at [www.campwhitsett.org/spl/](http://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.

## **WHAT TO BRING:**

Participants should refer to the individual items listed in the “What to Bring” section of this packet. Participants **MUST** turn in their medical forms and youth permission forms to our staff member during check-in. Participants who arrive without these documents will not be allowed to stay in Camp.

## **TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION:**

The SPLs and their buddies should plan to arrive by 1:00 pm in Camp.

Week 1 Troops can have their SPL's stay a week later.



## **EARNING MERIT BADGES**

Since Scouting's early years, summer camp has been an excellent place to earn Merit Badges. Many Scouts have made it quickly through the ranks by attending camp every summer. Scouts should be counseled to read the merit badge books for the badges they are hoping to complete, and do as much paperwork as possible before they come to camp.

### **How and When to Choose**

As a part of every Scout's personal growth agreement, badges and awards to be earned at Camp should be discussed with the Scout's goals in mind. The unit's final list of Scouts and their badges should wait until after the Leaders' meeting in the spring, but should be completed before arrival at Camp.

### **Advancement Opportunities**

Summer camp is full of chances to earn awards like the Mile Swim, NRA Awards, BSA Lifeguard, and so on. Our Staff members are also available to sit on Rank Advancement boards of review if their schedule allows.

### **Merit Badge Prerequisite Form**

Some of the merit badges offered at Camp cannot be completed unless the Scout fulfilled certain requirements for the badge before coming to Camp. These prerequisites are specified on the Merit Badge Prerequisite Form included in the Spring Leader Packet at the Spring Leader Meeting. Scouts may have fulfilled some of the requirements for badges they plan to complete at Camp and do not want to repeat these requirements. The form verifies that the Scout has met the requirements. It must be filled out and signed and turned into the merit badge instructor on the first day of instruction at camp. You can take a merit badge without completing the prerequisite requirements, but you will get a partial in that class.

### **Which Badges to Take**

The following pages detail the specific areas in which merit badges can be earned and some of the other opportunities offered. The final detailed list and schedule will be available at the Spring Leaders Meeting.

### **Merit Badge Partial Completions**

When a badge is not finished at Camp the Scout is given a partial. This is shown to a regular district merit badge counselor when the Scout is ready to complete the badge.

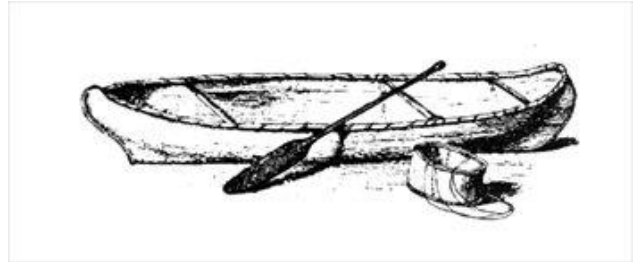
### **How to Sign Up for Merit Badges**

For our merit badge sign ups we use an online system that is a part of double knot. This system will not be live for units to use until the late spring usually in May. More details about when the system will be live and how to sign scouts up with this system will be made available at the Spring Leader's Meeting. Please make sure merit badge registrations are done prior to arriving at camp.

## AQUATICS

There is time available Monday through Thursday for free/open swimming and boating, and nearly all of the aquatics merit badges, awards, and certifications are available.

Canoeing and Rowing classes are 90 minutes long each, and should only be attended by Scouts at least 14 years old; Scouts must be at least fourteen to take Small-boat Sailing. Scouts taking Swimming must bring long pants and a long sleeved shirt for the clothes inflation portion.



### **1. SWIMMING ABILITY TESTS:**

A. Non-Swimmer

B. Beginner - Jump into water, level off, swim 25 feet; stop; turn around; swim back to starting point.

C. Swimmer - Jump into water, level off; swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgeon, or American crawl; turn, then swim for 25 yards using the elementary backstroke; float on the back for one minute; swim in. (This must all be done continuously).

### **2. SAFE SWIM DEFENSE:**

In accordance with National Boy Scouts aquatics policy, all Camps use the 8-point SAFE SWIM DEFENSE PLAN. All Unit Leaders conducting unit swims and other unit aquatics activities are expected to follow the same plan.

**Adult “Safe Swim Defense” and “Safety Afloat” certification is available. “Trained” cards are presented to participants with completion.**

### **4. BUDDY SYSTEM:**

The buddy system will be used at all times by all Scouts, Leaders, and Staff involved in any aquatics program. Proper use of buddy tags and of the buddy boards will be strictly enforced.

## Swimming Programs:

Safe Swim Defense (Leaders)  
Beginner and Non-swimmer Instruction  
Wilderness Swim\*

Safety Afloat (Leaders)  
Recreational Swimming  
Mile Swim  
Merit Badge Instruction

## Other Aquatic Programs:

Kayaking

Water Polo

BSA Lifeguard

Scouts taking BSA Lifeguard must have earned the Swimming, Rowing, Lifesaving, and First Aid Merit Badges *prior* to beginning the program.

\*Wilderness Swim: Take your unit for a swim in our wilderness swim area by the dam. Sign up with the Aquatics Director for this program.

## SCOUTCRAFT

**Axe Yard:** Scouts can earn their Totin' Chip here, allowing them to carry and use knives, axes, and saws. They can also go the extra mile and earn the Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award

**Rope yard:** Scouts can learn not only the basic knots but also some of the more fun and unusual ones too. They can also use our pioneering supplies to build a camp gadget, like a washstand, gateway, or catapult! Units can even check out supplies when available to build projects in their campsites.



**Fire Yard:** Scouts can learn the basics and earn their Firem'n Chit. We also use the area for Wilderness Survival classes where we teach matchless fire starting.

Your unit can also use our orienteering courses for troop advancement, competition, or fun!

**Cat Eye Trail:** The Cat Eye Trail is a great way to change the pace of the week and a challenge to all Scouts. This is a great test for a patrol leader's teaching skills,

compass skills and leadership talents. Knowledge of compass, pace and map orientation is helpful. Check with the Scoutcraft Area regarding this program.

## **THE HANDICRAFT LODGE**

This is an area where new Scouts can find success! Counsel them to work here. The Handicraft instructors work hard to create new and exciting projects for Scouts to work on, either as a merit badge or a spare time activity.

The cost of materials varies for the merit badges which can be purchased at the Trading Post. Bring extra spending money for kits and supplies.

## **TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS PROGRAM**

The First Year Rank advancement is a Monday through Friday class that can be taken in one of two sessions. Scouts in this program work with our Pathfinders, form patrols and use the Camp as a classroom. This is a class for those Scouts who have recently joined or have very little done on their First Year Advancement.

Scouts who have earned Second Class or are close should instead attend drop-in sessions in the Pathfinder area during afternoons. They should study and bring their Scout Handbooks with them.

## **HIGH ADVENTURE**

The High Adventure area offers many exciting activities appropriate for both new and senior Scouts, as well as Leaders. Younger Scouts can participate in climbing Indian Rock and taking bike trips, and older Scouts can challenge the COPE course.

- **Rock Climbing:** Scouts have the ability to earn the climbing merit badge and participate in evening free climbs.
- **Bike Rides:** Scouts and troops have the opportunity to go on mountain bike rides of different difficulty (Not operating 2022)



- **Project COPE:** For Scouts over the age of fourteen and adults, the high COPE course tests individual skills and agility. It offers exciting outdoor physical and mental challenges that attract and retain older youth 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**

**RIFLE & SHOTGUN RANGES** - Safety comes first at all our ranges. We use .22 caliber single shot bolt action rifles, and 20- and 12-gauge shotguns. Scouts and Scouters can shoot only when approved field sports staff member is present. The director of the Shooting Sports Director is a National Camp School trained instructor in the use of rifles and shotguns. The Rifle and Shotgun merit badges are offered in this area. These are difficult merit badges to obtain and will take a great deal of the Scouts time to complete. It is strongly suggested that Scouts be fourteen and have experience before taking Shotgun.

**Please Note:** Do not bring personal ammunition or firearms of any kind (including bows) to camp. These are not allowed to be used or kept in Camp. BSA National Requirements and insurance regulations stipulate strict guidelines for the use of the rifle range.

### ***CONSENT TO USE FIREARMS***

California Laws require that we **MUST** have the parent's consent for minors to use our Shooting Range. If a parent does not wish to give consent, please write the words, "**NO PERMISSION**" across that section of the youth permission form WLACC-001. If the form does not have a signature the scout will not be allowed on the shooting range.

**ARCHERY** - In the Archery merit badge classes Scouts concentrate not only on target scores and proper use of the bow, but also on learning to make bow strings and fletch arrows.

### **Other Shooting Sports Activities:**

The Shooting Sports area also offers Open Shoots, Leader Shoots, and Unit Shoots, when available.

## **ECOLOGY/CONSERVATION**

Scouting has always been concerned about the environment and conservation. Camp Whitsett is dedicated to seeing that campers continue this tradition. Our New Nature Lodge has all sorts of exhibits around the ecology/conservation merit badges, including live reptiles to observe and hold.

## **FRONTIER AREA**

In the Frontier Area scouts can earn the Indian Lore Merit Badge and learn more about Native Americans. They can experience Mountain Man activities like bull whipping and tomahawk throwing.

## **SAMPLE WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

(Please note this information can change as we get closer to camp, so please check for undated versions)

### **2022 Camp Whitsett Daily Schedule**

<b>All times and programs subject to change.</b> <b>All changes will be announced at flags and/or posted at the Business Office.</b>									
TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
5:00	Camp Closed		Sentinel Peak Hike (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ONLY - Not offered on Wednesday) - Meet QUIETLY by lower parking lot gate - 4:45				Clean up camp and pack up	No formal assembly Open breakfast service	Check Out of Camp
5:30			Adult Leader Coffee Hour (Camp Management joins on Tuesday and Thursday) Wednesday: 6am Scout Sunrise Social - hot chocolate at the Trading Post						
6:00									
6:30									
7:00									
7:30	Camp Closed						Camp Closed		
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3:00	Check-in and Swim Checks						Camp Closed		
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5:00									
5:30	Dinner						Camp Closed		
6:00									
6:30									
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8:00	Opening Campfire All units attend!						Camp Closed		
8:30									
9:00									
9:30									
10:00									



## ACTIVITIES

The following is a list of many of the activities other than merit badges that may be offered during your stay at Camp Whitsett.

### AQUATICS

- Swimming
- Rowing
- Canoeing
- Free Swims
- Kayaking
- Scout Lifeguard
- Water Polo
- Wilderness Swim

### SHOOTING SPORTS

- Archery shooting
- Rifle shooting
- Shotgun

### HANDICRAFT

- Craft Projects
- Pottery

### HIGH ADVENTURE

- Mountain Bikes
- Project C.O.P.E
- Rock Climbing
- Whitewater Rafting\*

### FRONTIER AREA

- Indian/Frontier crafts
- Wilderness Living

### NATURE

- Conservation Project
- Nature Hike
- Nature Trail
- Nature Games

### SCOUTCRAFT

- Rope work
- Totin Chip
- Cat Eye Trail
- Firem'n Chit
- Knots and Lashings
- Paul Bunyan
- Unit - Get - Togethers

### OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Aquacade
- Bear Run
- Otter swim
- Campfires
- Chapel Services
- Sentinel Peak

\*Whitewater Rafting is a half-day activity. Sign-up information is available at the Leader Meeting or on the camps webpage [www.campwhitsett.org](http://www.campwhitsett.org).

## **SCOUTMASTER EVENTS**

**Leader Meeting:** Leader Meetings are held Sunday evening and Friday mornings. During the week, Commissioners and other staff are available in the mornings after breakfast for informal question-and-answer sessions. The Commissioners are also usually available after each meal, check with them if you have any questions.

**In-Between . . .** and throughout the week the unit leaders choose how to use their time for the greatest enjoyment.

**Adult Leader Training:** Camp is a great place to get those essential training taken care of. The Camp offers a number of training for adults from Safety Afloat to Scoutmaster Specific Training. Please check at the Leader meeting for the finalized training schedule.

**Special programs:** Many areas offer activities during the week just for adult unit leaders. Be sure to check at the Leader Meeting or upon arrival. Popular activities often include a Unit Leaders' Shoot at the rifle range, nature hikes, and adult C.O.P.E.

**Advancement:** Adults at Camp bring special skills! Let us know if you are available to assist the Staff with instruction.

**Service:** If you are a carpenter, electrician, plumber or handyman, Camp can use your skills! Bring your tools if you can help.

## **EXPERIENCE TELLS US**

(From our collection of Scoutmasters' evaluations)

1. The first year Scout camper is well advised take the trail to first class program with the Pathfinders in the Scoutcraft Area and to try not more than two merit badges at camp, and one of these should be a handicraft or nature badge.
2. Plan on a maximum of four merit badges and activities per week per Scout.
3. The most difficult merit badges to earn are those requiring the greatest deal of physical skill, coordination and stamina: Rowing, Canoeing, Lifesaving, Shotgun, Archery, and Climbing.
4. Complete advance written work at home. Camp is not an ideal classroom for written work. The prepared Scout comes to camp with written work already done.
5. Scouts should try doing something new at Camp and get a well-rounded experience. Earn badges from more than one area.
6. Summer camp is not a merit badge mill. Scouts do not simply pay a fee and automatically get badges. Camp offers merit badges as one portion of the overall program.
7. Plan time for your Scouts and yourself to enjoy the entire camp. Take a hike to a point of interest or do an early morning activity.
8. Come to camp prepared! Have patrols already organized. Work on ideas in patrols and have the patrol leaders represent the group at camp. Come with some of your own activities planned.
9. Your campsite is your home for the week, so work at making it comfortable. Bring banners and flags to dress it up.
10. Schedule time for rest! Take time to sit and enjoy the beauty around you. Don't keep such a pace that you miss the trees, the birds, and the fresh air.
11. Bring unit spirit to camp! Make the whole camp come alive with your ideas, spirit and challenges. Be Number One!

12. Be flexible. More than 500 Scouts attend camp each week (less in 2021), and while the Staff is there to help meet everyone's needs, we all need to practice the Scout Law in dealing with others in Camp.

13. Communicate. If you have a special need, or want to try something spectacular - tell us about it - and we'll give it our best shot.

14. Advise Scouts to leave valuables with a Leader. Watches, spending money, etc. should not be left in the shower room, in an unattended campsite, or brought to the Waterfront.

15. Scoutmasters should bring a foot locker or other **lockable** container to protect both Scouts' and Leaders' valuables.

16. Camp has limited wifi access. We also have limited internet access for leaders on a small bank of camp computers at the office, please advise all leaders of this information.

17. Camp does not have cell service, we do have a few pay phone at the office for leaders to use, please advise all leaders of this information and bring change or phone cards for the payphone.

18. Give us honest feedback and evaluation. Give us your ideas. We'll be glad to listen. We want the Summer Camp experience to be the best it can be.



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