



CAMP WHITSETT

2022 PROGRAM GUIDE





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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 are very excited to welcome Scouts back in 2022 and are working hard to ensure your experience is a highlight of the year. You are just a few short months from your week at camp, and this guide will assist in your preparation.

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

- Payment information and due dates
- 2022 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)
- WLACC Covid Pre-Screening form
- All other forms (sorted by form, then by last name)

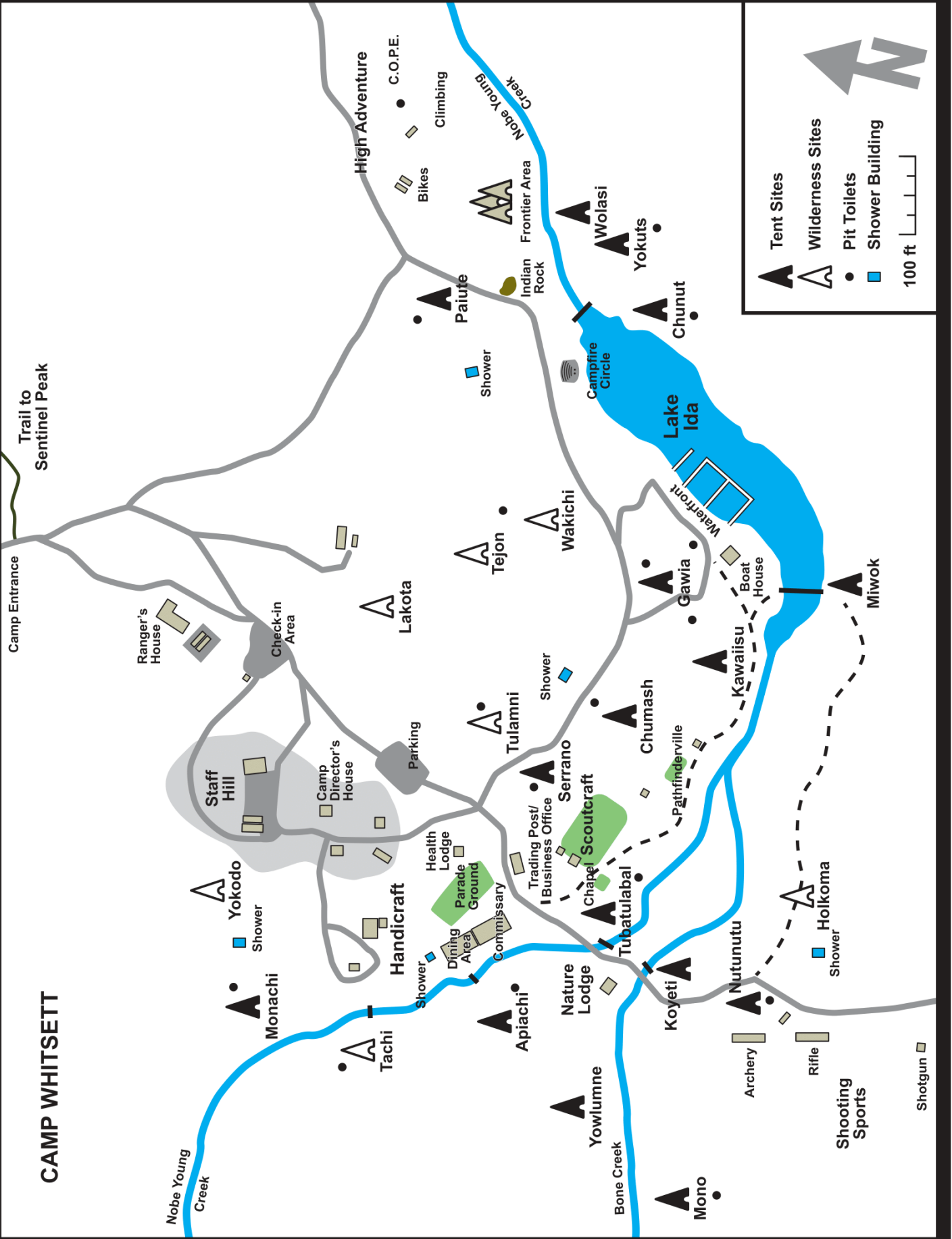
Registration for all merit badges and most individual activities will be available at www.campwhitsett.org beginning **March 12th at 8:00am** using your Doubleknot username and password. Scouts will be able to access camp program information and leaders will be able to register Scouts for classes. You will also be able to upload your roster (youth and adults) and program registration (merit badges and activities).

Please note that all published information including Health Forms, Leader's Guide, and Merit Badge Registration, in addition to all program materials is also available online at www.campwhitsett.org.

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 2022 Camp Whitsett Staff

CAMP WHITSETT



2022 Camp Whitsett Daily Schedule

All times and programs subject to change. All changes will be announced at flags and/or posted at the Business Office.						
TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
5:00	Camp Closed		Sentinel Peak Hike (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday ONLY - Not offered on Wednesday) - Meet QUIETLY by lower parking lot gate - 4:45			
5:30						
6:00			Adult Leader Coffee Hour (Camp Management joins on Tuesday and Thursday) Wednesday: 6am Scout Sunrise Social - hot chocolate at the Trading Post			
6:30				Waterfront Activities - Announced at Flags		Clean up camp and pack up
7:00				Assembly and Flags - 7:50		No formal assembly
7:30						Open breakfast service
8:00						Check Out of Camp
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WHAT TO BRING

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 TROOPS

Flags- Troop and Patrol	Skit supplies
First Aid Kit	Musical instruments/ songbooks
Games	Canopy/ Popup shade structure

ADVANCEMENTS

Merit Badge pamphlets	Program Planner	Clipboard
Pens/Pencils	Adult Leader Resource	Record Cards
Push pins/ Thumbtacks	Forms	
Advancement Records	Notebooks and guides	

SCOUTMASTER NEEDS

Binder with forms and records	Council Insurance
Troop Roster	Optional: Laptop
SM Handbook	

EQUIPMNT PROVIDED BY THE CAMP

Picnic Table	Broom
Cots, Mattress, Platform, Tent-	Shovel
Tented Sites only	Bulletin Board
Washstand	Trash Bags

MANDATORY ITEMS

Masks that cover mouth and nose	Scout Handbook
Completed forms	Flashlight*
Merit Badge Prerequisite Forms	Reusable water bottle
Notebook, Paper, Pens*	

NOTE: This equipment list is meant to serve as a general guide. Use your discretion in determining what to bring as it relates to the specific needs of your Troop.

*Can be purchased at Trading Post

WHAT TO BRING (cont.)

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/Sneakers Water
Shoes/Old Sneakers (No open-toed
shoes allowed at camp)
Socks (min. 6 pair)
Undergarments (min. 6 pair)

CAMPING GEAR

Sleeping Bag
Sleeping Pad (Optional: Cots are
metal grate with springs)

Camp Pillow*
Hammock*

TOILETRIES

Toothpaste and Toothbrush *
Soap and Shampoo*
Hand Sanitizer
Medications
Bath Towels/Washcloth
Emergency Toilet Paper
Deodorant*
Shaving Gear*

First Aid Kit -**All troops should
have.**
Comb/Small Mirror
Sunscreen* - **APPLY
FREQUENTLY!**
Chap-stick with SPF*
Bug Spray*

MISCELLANEOUS

Order of the Arrow Sash
Camera
Flashlight
Batteries*
Compass*
Scout Knife*

Water Bottle*
Sunglasses
Daypack
Fishing Tackle*
Spending Money (\$80-\$120
recommended)

PROHIBITED ITEMS

Please do not bring the following items into camp and/or campsites. Please leave them at home entirely as all of camp including parking is on federal property.

Valuables
Illegal Substances
Marijuana (Note: Camp
Whitsett is on federal
property, so marijuana is
illegal to transport to and
use at camp)
Alcohol

Pornography
Water Balloons
Water Guns
Pets
Firearms Ammunition
Bows/Arrows
Weapons of any kind
Large/Illegal Knives

Matches/ Lighters
Fireworks
Grills/BBQs
Jewelry
Televisions Radios
Music Players
Video Game Consoles

DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL

Arrival Schedule, Sunday

1:00 PM: Gate opens, Welcome to Camp Whitsett!

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 (QUICKLY).
 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 permitting, return to campsite to change for dinner and flags.

5:30 PM: Dinner at Big Top. Field uniform encouraged unless your troop is coming late from swim tests.

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.

Driving Directions

There is no cell phone ~1 hour before arrival to camp. When using online map directions, be sure to check for any road closures due to seasonal maintenance and weather conditions. A paper map is recommended and please refer to the written directions on the previous page.

Address: Camp Whitsett, Forest Rte 22S82, Kernville, CA 93238

[Driving Directions via Google Maps](#)

Special Needs and Requests

Any and all special requests or notes must be submitted via the Online 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 needs, or have a female leader in your group and will require an extra tent. The form can be found at <https://www.campwhitsett.org/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:
 - Vegetarian diets
 - Dairy-free diets
 - 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 or needs should fill out the Online Special Request Form a minimum of 2 weeks prior to arrival. The Online Special Request Form can be found at

<https://www.campwhitsett.org/forms/>

FORM REQUIREMENTS

Annual BSA Health and Medical Record Youth Permission Form

Medical and Youth Permission Forms are also found online at:
www.campwhitsett.org/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, 2020, would be valid until March 31, 2021.

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) requires 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 insurance card to their 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 they 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.

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:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aquatics/ Waterfront	<input type="checkbox"/> Dining Hall Clean-up
<input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Range	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical
<input type="checkbox"/> Archery Range	<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing
<input type="checkbox"/> Handicraft Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> Nature/ Scoutcraft	
Other: _____	

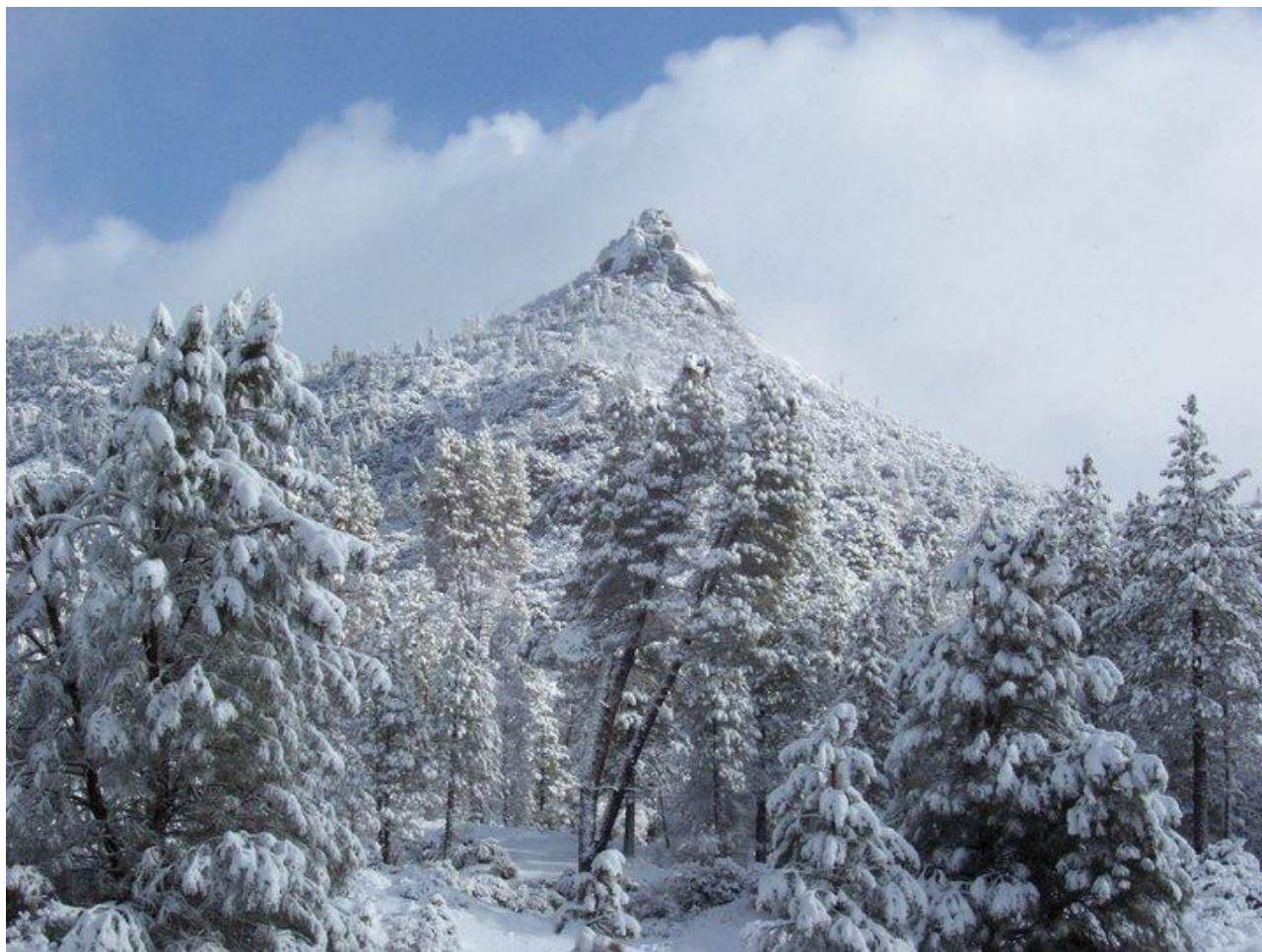
Optional: Please list background experience, qualifications, etc. that would help you in helping us in the areas you have checked here:

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

Due to our limited staffing during Summer 2022, we are not able to offer the Overnight Experience. We look forward to bringing this program back in future seasons!

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.

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.

**Full day White Water Merit Badge or
half day trips available.**



To make reservations, contact Sierra South online at www.sierrasouth.com or (760) 376-3745. Mention Camp Whitsett when booking!

Lunches will be provided by Sierra South.

Friday is a make up day for Scouts who were out due to Rafting.

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 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Earn at least two merit badges before the unit arrives
- Participate in all camp activities, including Sentinel Peak, Wompus 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/scout-programs/spl-program

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 Beaver Leadership Training 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 flags.

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, etc.)
- 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

*Due to the Windy Fire, we are not able to offer Sierra Expeditions.
We look forward to bringing these programs back in future seasons!*

Sierra Expeditions is a High Adventure Program of Camp Whitsett offering various customizable wilderness education programs and activities.

PROJECT C.O.P.E.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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.



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

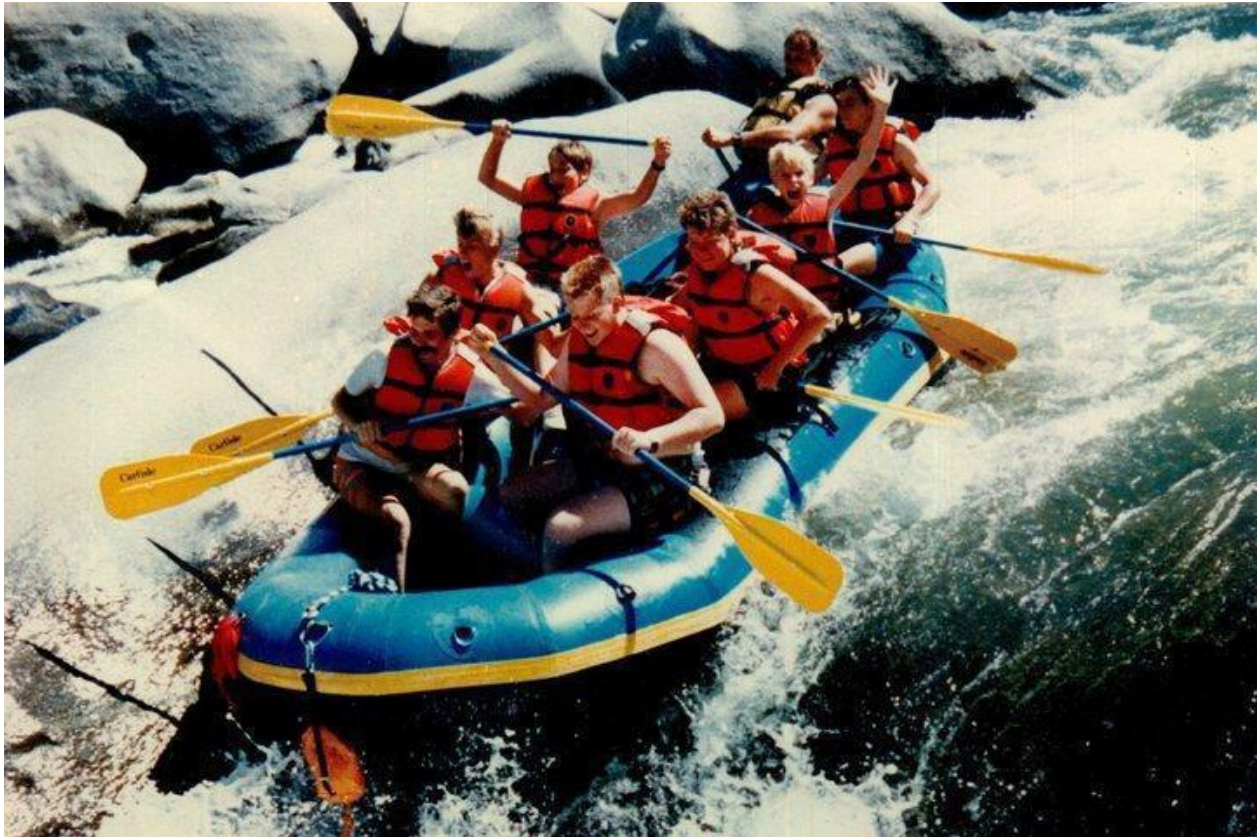
Project C.O.P.E. is a week-long program offered from 10:00 – 11:50pm for youth (Ages 14 – 17) and from 2:00 – 3:50pm for adults (18+).

HOW TO REGISTER:

The registration process is the same as Merit Badge registration and will be completed on Doubleknot.

PROGRAM FEE:

No additional fee



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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 March 12th at 8:00am. **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.

SHOOTING SPORTS 2022 PROGRAM FEE

Due to the increased demand and national shortage of ammunition, there will be a temporary program fee associated with Rifle Shooting and Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges of \$25 per MB.

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

Archeology

Art

Basketry

Leatherwork

Geocaching

Indian Lore

Soil and Water Cons.

Swimming

Woodcarving

LEVEL 2 CLASSES

Camping

Chess

Fishing

Geology

Kayaking

Mammal Study/ Nature

Orienteering

Pioneering

Pottery

Reptile and Amphibian

First Aid

Rowing

LEVEL 3 CLASSES

American Heritage (a)

Astronomy (a)

Climbing (b)

Environmental
Science(a)

Fish & Wildlife Mgmt.
(a)

Fly-Fishing (b)

Forestry (a)

Lifesaving (b)

Rifle Shooting (b)

Search and Rescue (b)

Whitewater Rafting(b)

Wilderness Survival (b)

LEVEL 4 CLASSES

Archery

Shotgun Shooting

Canoeing

Cit. in the Nation

Chemistry

Weather

Merit Badge and Activity Scheduling Work Sheet

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, they will register your classes via Doubleknott.
3. Note that some merit badges have longer session times.

Your Name: _____

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Valid only for the 2022 Summer. Times and programs subject to change.

Advancement Sessions		Most MB sessions run the entire week. Write X in the white box. Shaded Spaces are not available.								Prerequisites & Comments
Start	End	9:00	10:00	11:00	2:00	3:00	4:00	7:00		
AQUATICS										
Canoeing MB	1.5 hrs									BSA Swim Test-Swimmer, clothes
Kayaking MB										BSA Swim Test-Swimmer
Lifesaving MB										BSA Swim Test-Swimmer, Swimming MB, clothes
Rowing MB										BSA Swim Test-Swimmer, clothes, 2nd Class 5a-d, 1st Class 6a,b,e
Swimming MB										BSA Swim Test-Swimmer
CAMP										
Adult Leader Training		Tue to Thurs								Position Specific & Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills Training
Whitewater Rafting MB		Arranged with Sierra South - one day ALL day								Required Canoeing or Kayaking MB
HANDICRAFT										
Art MB										
Basketry MB										Approximately \$12-\$16 for projects
Leatherwork MB										Approximately \$12-\$16 for projects
Pottery MB					1.5 hrs					
Woodcarving MB										Approximately \$12-\$16 for projects. 9am Session not offered Week 4
HIGH ADVENTURE (TBA)- Below is tentative schedule										
Climbing MB	3 hrs									
Adult C.O.P.E.					2 hrs					Must be 18 or older
Youth C.O.P.E.			2 hrs							Must be 14 - 17
Chess MB										
NATURE LODGE										
Astronomy MB										Evening components required. Time TBD.
Chemistry										
Environmental Science MB										
Weather MB										
Fishing MB										Poles can be rented with fully refundable deposit, tackle can be bought at the Trading Post. Age 16+ need a fishing license (not available at camp).
Fly Fishing MB										
Forestry MB										
Geology MB										
Mammal Study&Nature MB										Camera required to take picture for some requirements
Reptile&Amphibian Study MB										Requirement 8
Soil&Water Conservation MB										
SHOOTING SPORTS										
Archery MB										Prior Experience, Age 14+ recommended
Rifle Shooting MB										Prior Experience, Age 14+ recommended. Program fee TBD based on current ammunition prices and subject to availability
Shotgun Shooting MB										
SCOUTCRAFT & FRONTIER										
Trail to First Class	1.5 hrs		1.5 hrs							
Camping MB										Requirement 5E, 7B, 8D, 9A, 9B
Citizenship in the Nation MB	1.5 hrs									Requirements 2, 3
First Aid MB			1.5 hrs							Requirement 5, First Class or higher, bring Scout Handbook
Geocaching MB										Requirement 8
Orienteering MB										
Pioneering MB										
Search and Rescue MB										
Wilderness Survival MB										Requirement 6 may be unavailable due to potential fire restrictions.
Archeology MB										
Indian Lore MB										Approximately \$12-\$16 for projects

All times and programs subject to change. An updated version of this schedule is available upon request in the Business Office at camp. Revised 2/7/22

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.

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|--------------------------------|--|
| 1. Camping | Requirement 5E, 7B, 8D, 9A & B |
| 2. Cit. in the Nation | Requirement 2, & 3 |
| 3. First Aid | Requirement 5 |
| 4. Geocaching | Requirement 8 |
| 5. Reptile and Amphibian Study | Requirement 8 |
| 6. Whitewater Rafting | Requirement 3 |
| 7. Wilderness Survival | Requirement 6 *Only if under Fire Restrictions |

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.

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 5, First Class or above

- Requirement 5: 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 6

- (Can be done @ Camp) Only the merit badge prerequisite form is required

Wilderness Survival Requirement 6

- Some summers we are placed under fire restrictions and are unable to complete req. 6 of Wilderness Survival. If you can verify that your Scout has completed this requirement outside of camp, please complete the pre req form.

CAMP CONTACT INFORMATION

Camp Whitsett Website

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Council Camping Registrar

(818) 933-0130

Camp Whitsett Phone Number

(Summer Only June 7th to July 25th)

(760) 376-6469

WLACC Camping

Department Email

camping@bsa-la.org

Shipping Address Format

Scout Week #, Troop #

Scout Name

Camp Whitsett

HC1, Box 105

Kernville, CA 93238

(USPS or UPS Recommended)

WLACC Office Address

Western Los Angeles County Council

16525 Sherman Way, Unit C-8

Van Nuys, CA 91406

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