

# Leader's Guide



July 1<sup>st</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Join us at Camp Whitsett for a journey of fun, friendship, and fearless scouting!



Theme:

*Party in the U.S.A.*

Bring any appropriate patriotic gear or swag and campsite decorations!

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# Letter from Directors



Dear Webelos Leaders and Parents,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the most exciting Webelos summer camp experience ever conducted at Camp Whitsett! Your Webelos will enjoy the beautiful facilities, complete adventures, and enjoy the outdoors as Lord Baden Powell had envisioned.

Resident Camp offers an exciting and rewarding program not only for the Webelos attending, but to the adult leaders as well. You will find yourself laughing, singing, and playing right along with the Scouts.

Our staff is trained to provide an exciting, action-packed program, as well as make your stay as comfortable as possible.



This guide will help you understand the finer details of the program, answer some of your questions and concerns, and prepare you for an awesome week of Scouting fun!

We will be having a leader orientation shortly after your arrival and another midway through the week. Your input is important to running an effective camp and we invite you to attend these meetings as your suggestions are essential to improving our camp and programs.

So, get ready to travel to a land of rugged beauty! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Camping Department at 818-933-0131. See you at the Camp Whitsett Webelos Summer Camp!

*Davis Mikaels* - Camp Director











*Julianna Longhenry* - Program Director

# Program Descriptions



Having Cub Scouts advance is a crucial part of their career in Cub Scouting, but is typically not the primary focus of a Webelos Summer Camp. There are some adventures which can only be done in a Summer Camp experience. We offer the below list to show which requirements might be completed by the end of Summer Camp.

## Available Adventures

Aquanaut		Champions for Nature	
Swimming		Knife Safety	
Archery		Chef's Knife	
Art Explosion		Pedal Away	
BB's		Cycling	

# Program & Staff

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## Campfire

You ask a long time Scouter about what they remember from their Summer Camp experience in days gone by and they are sure to reminisce about campfires. This is a wonderful time when you will get to meet the staff and be entertained as we perform skits and songs. Although we are under fire restrictions this year and cannot light a real fire, we'll enjoy our gathering under the warm glow of the Sierra sunset over Lake Ida!



## Camp Staff

A true summer camp experience requires a truly exceptional camp staff. These dedicated members are of the top caliber and trained to run your programs with professionalism and creativity. Our staff is excited to have you at camp and we are there to make your experience a most enjoyable one.

Over the week, our staff will get to know you as you will get to know them. They are there to lead games and activities for the Scouts, make sure your expectations are met and exceeded, and to generally help leaders however they can. If you have any questions or issues, do not hesitate to ask a staff member for help – they may not be able to help you, but they can quickly find someone that can.



# Camp Facilities



## Uniform

You will notice that our camp staff sets a good example by wearing their uniform correctly and with pride. We require all Scouts to wear the official Cub Scout uniform during all evening flag ceremonies, dinner, and campfire programs. Scouts participating in a flag ceremony at the start of camp each day are strongly encouraged to wear their Field (Class A) uniform shirt.



## Campsites



Each Den will be assigned to a specific campsite area where the Den can tent together. Camp Whitsett will provide two-person canvas wall tents that include cots and mattresses; no indoor accommodations will be available. Remember that Adult Leaders cannot sleep in the same tent as Scouts other than their own child. Scouts should have a buddy of the same gender for the week or will be assigned one upon arrival at Camp as their tent mate. This is a great exercise to get the Scouts ready for the usual sleeping arrangements seen at most Scouting America Summer Camps.

# Camp Facilities



## Food Service



All meals are served at the Dining Hall by our food service provider. Grace will be said before all meals and you'll have plenty of opportunities to warm up your vocal cords with some great camp songs. We are committed to providing meals with the proper nutritional values. We will provide three meals a day for full days at camp, but your first meal on the first day will be lunch. If you have campers with food allergies, religious, or other special dietary requirements, please email [Camping@BSA-LA.Org](mailto:Camping@BSA-LA.Org) and include your Pack # in the subject line.

## Trading Post

We invite you to come enjoy our Trading Post located right in the heart of camp. The Trading Post offers a variety of things such as: Camp T-Shirts, patches, craft items, camp souvenirs, camp supplies, candy, snacks, soda and juice. We also have a variety of other supplies, clothing, cameras, batteries and more. The hours of operation will be posted at camp. The Trading Post is able to take Visa, MasterCard, Tap to Pay and cash. \$35-\$55 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...."



# Camp Facilities



## Business Office/Administration

The camp Business Office is connected to the Trading Post. At the camp office, you can send and receive mail, get copies of schedules and maps, sign in and out of camp, and locate any camper or leader – our camp Office Manager is available to assist you with any administrative needs that might arise during your stay. Adult Leaders are welcome to relax on the Porch of the Trading Post to take a break, chat with our staff, or enjoy a snack!



## Mail & Telephone Service

Mail is always encouraged at Camp Whitsett. Campers love to receive a letter from home. Mail service usually takes two days; please consider this when getting a letter prepared. The envelope should include:

Scout Name  
Webelos Camp, Pack #  
Camp Whitsett  
HCR 1, Box 105  
Kernville, CA 93238

Some parents prefer to send mail along with the camp leader to be distributed throughout the week. These items can be dropped off at the camp office and will be delivered with other mail.

# Getting Ready for Camp

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## Pack Leadership Responsibilities

We would like to thank you in advance for all that you will do before and during camp to ensure that the Scouts have a great time. Parents and Pack leadership will share in one of the most unique experiences of their lives. You are vital in the operation of Webelos Summer Camp.

In accordance with Scouting America's Youth Protection policies, there must be one adult leader for every four scouts and a minimum of two leaders for each campsite group in Camp. We do allow adult/webelos partners to register individually but we strongly advise groups to sign up as Packs or Dens, otherwise those who register individually will be assigned to another currently registered group.

We ask that the Den/Pack assist in clean up at meal times and in the program areas; this is a great service to camp. We encourage you to talk to your Activity Director to choose the service project that will be available to you and your Scouts. These projects provide a great opportunity for you and your Pack in helping us keep the camp looking great and providing a quality camping experience for future camps.

As stated before, Summer Camp requires one adult for every five scouts, with each group having a minimum of two adult leaders. However, you are free to rotate leaders or parents on a prearranged schedule to accommodate those that cannot stay all four days and give all adults a chance to experience camp with their sons. Please make sure your Pack/Den's leadership covers all hours of the day and night. Please be sure that all visitors and new adults arriving at camp check in with our Camp Office Manager at the Business Office.

# Policies & Procedures

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## Emergency Procedures

A siren system can be heard throughout camp to alert campers and staff of an emergency. In the event that the siren is rung all campers should stop what they are doing and calmly proceed to the parade ground. In the case of an emergency, staff is trained to respond only to the Camp Director, or in their absence, the Program Director. We ask that each adult leader adhere to the instructions given by the camp staff.

The emergency telephone number at Camp Whitsett is **(760) 376-6469**. This phone is staffed during program hours. Scouts can make emergency outgoing calls when accompanied by one of their adult leaders. Please note that cell phones do not work while in camp.

## Parking

In accordance with Scouting America's policy and safety regulations, **PERSONAL VEHICLES ARE NEVER PERMITTED IN CAMP BEYOND THE DESIGNATED PARKING AREA**. A handicap accessible pass, however, will be provided upon request at the clerk's desk. The parking lot is clearly marked and just inside the camp entrance. Be sure to always follow the instructions given at camp while parking and back-in your vehicle to comply with the fire code.

Only emergency and maintenance vehicles will be allowed to park outside of the designated parking area and all others will be immediately towed. The camp staff will help haul gear to your campsite upon arrival to camp. This policy is for the safety of all campers. Please make sure parents who might be visiting camp during the week are aware of this important policy. We appreciate your cooperation in parking only in designated areas.

# Policies & Procedures



## Medical Exams and Procedures



All campers and adults staying overnight must bring a completed Annual Health and Medical Form to camp. Note Parts A, & B are required. Make a copy of all medical forms for future use. A parent or guardian must sign all Cub Scouts' Health and Medical Forms and be dated within a year prior to camp. Prescription and non-prescription medication can be stored or refrigerated at the Health Lodge. Our staff does not administer medications. Please have an adult with your Scout if they need to go to the Health Lodge.

## Safeguarding Youth

The protection and privacy of our campers is taken very seriously at Camp Whitsett. All adult leaders and camp staff must follow Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth guidelines. Bathroom facilities are marked to denote youth and adult facilities. Youth should not enter the adult facilities and adults should not enter youth facilities. Similarly, youth may not bunk in the same tent as an adult unless the adult is their parent or guardian. You may take Safeguarding Youth training online at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) or by checking out the DVD from the Anna Ruggieri Service Center.

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## Smoking and Alcohol

We understand that certain Adult leaders are smokers. Scouting America's policy prohibits smoking in front of youth or in program areas in Camp. We have a designated smoking area in Camp in our upper parking lot, this is the only place adults may smoke. Alcoholic beverages are never permitted on any Scouting property. Please help the camp enforce these rules by making sure all leaders and parents in your Pack are aware of this policy.

## Missing Home

While most Scouts find themselves too busy with the fun and adventure of camp, missing home can be a reality for Scouts who are new to the outdoors and unfamiliar with being away from home. We encourage every Scout who misses home to stay at camp, as overcoming this often results in a strong sense of pride and achievement.

We have found that one of the strongest proponents of missing home is the phone call. Even though cell phones do not usually work at camp, Leaders are strongly discouraged from allowing Scouts to call home. When a scout sees another scout calling, they will usually feel the need to also call home. Instead, Scouts should be encouraged to write a letter home, talk about the fun they are having at camp, and challenged to stay another night before deciding to leave camp. Parents should talk to their children before they come to camp about their feelings about leaving home, and make a plan about how to handle missing home.

# Check-in & What to Bring

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## Check-In

Our friendly staff will greet you as you arrive in the parking lot and assist you with the check-in procedures. Check-in begins at 2:00 PM on the first day. Assemble your Den/Pack in the parking area. Please use the “Check-in Checklist” in this guide to help prepare for the registration process. Please refrain from moving your gear to your campsite until advised by the Check-in staff. One adult leader in charge should proceed to the Business Office to submit the needed forms and any payments due. Any late arrivals should park in the parking lot and walk to the Business Office for Check-in and camp ID bracelet.

## Visitors and Late Arrivals

All campers and leaders arriving at camp at some time other than check-in must register at the Business Office located near the Dining Hall and get a camp ID bracelet. It is also important that any leader being replaced checks out. We must know who is in camp at all times. Everyone in camp will be given an ID bracelet to be worn at all times.

All visitors must sign in and sign out with the Camp Clerk at the Business Office and get a camp ID bracelet. Any visitor who has not registered may be asked to leave camp. It is important for safety that we know who is visiting our camp and when. Visitors who intend to eat a meal at camp must purchase a meal ticket at the camp office. Meals may be purchased at a rate of \$8 per meal. While we encourage every Scout to experience Summer Camp in its entirety, any child that needs to be released early must have an “Early Release Form” filed at the beginning of camp. If there is to be an emergency release then a parent or guardian must be the person picking up the child and must show a picture ID. Any emergency release should be made known to the Camp Director as soon as possible and before the youth leaves the camp.

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## Check-In Checklist

Please assign **one adult** to be your check-in leader before arriving to camp. All of the forms can be found on the [campwhitsett.org](http://campwhitsett.org) website under “Scout Resources” and under “Forms and Documents.”

### Medical Forms

All participants  
Annual Health and  
Medical Forms, Parts  
A, & B (photocopies  
accepted)

### Consent Forms

Youth Permission  
Form AND Adult  
Permission Form

### Pack Roster

Camp Whitsett  
Attendance Roster  
for your Pack

### Adults Only

Every adult attending  
needs to fill out the  
AB-506 form prior to  
arriving at camp.

We ask that you **organize** each form by type and then in the same order you have folks listed on your roster. Please separate youth vs adults on your roster as well as paperwork. Medical forms should be in the same order as your roster, and in a binder or folder. Please do not put them in page protectors as this slows down the check in process.

## 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
- Alcohol
- Weapons of any kind
- Illegal Substances
- Pornography
- Large/Illegal Knives
- Marijuana (Note: Camp Whitsett is on federal property, so marijuana is illegal to transport to and use at camp)
- Water Balloons
- Matches/ Lighters
- Water Guns
- Fireworks
- Pets
- Grills/BBQs
- Firearms Ammunition
- Jewelry
- Bows/Arrows
- Music Players

# Check-in & What to Bring

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## What to Bring to Camp

### Please Bring:

- Annual Health & Medical Form A and B
- Personal medications
- Flashlight
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Towel
- Day pack (backpack)
- Personal toiletries
- Boots/shoes (suitable for hiking)
- Raincoat or poncho (you never know)
- Clothing including uniform (Field uniforms are required for evening Flag Ceremonies and dinner)
- Swimsuit
- Laundry bag
- Pocketknife (Scouts must have earned their Whittlin' Chit to carry a pocketknife)
- Water bottle for each participant

### Leaders Also Bring:

- Handbooks and advancement guides
- Watch
- Song and skit books

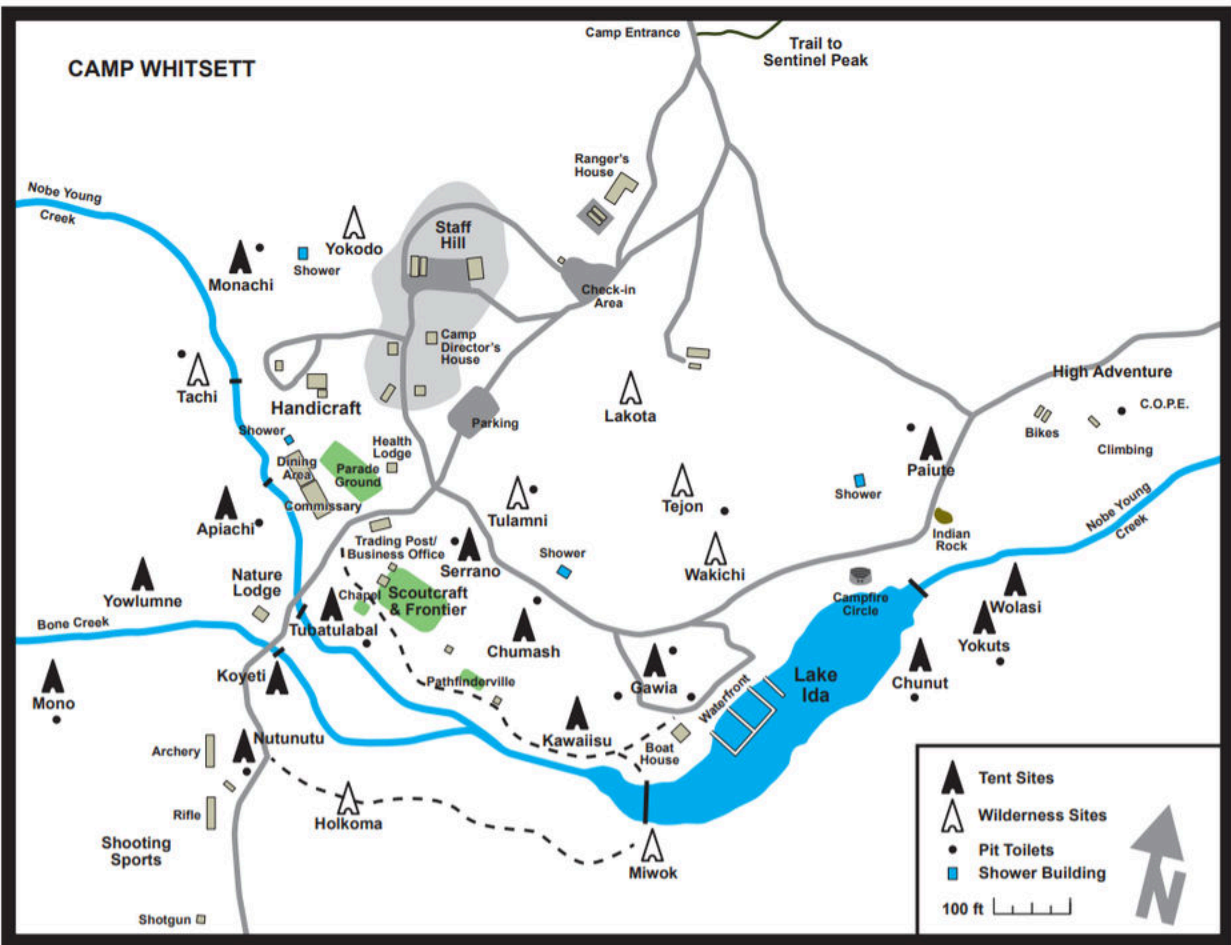
### Recommended Items:

- Sunscreen
- Bug repellent
- Fanny pack or utility belt
- Sunglasses
- Hat with visor
- Spending money for the Trading Post
- Frisbee, football or other equipment

# Maps & Guides



## Camp Map



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## Directions to Camp Whitsett

### From the South / Los Angeles Area:

- Take I-5 North to the I-5/CA-99 Junction, approximately 20 miles north of Tejon Pass.
- Take CA-99 north to Bakersfield to CA-178 E. 99N will briefly turn into 58W prior to the 178E turnoff.
- Take CA-178 to Lake Isabella. Drive cautiously when CA-178 enters the canyon.
- Take Exit 43 for CA-155 west (left) toward Lake Isabella/Kernville
- Continue on CA-155/Wofford Heights Blvd into Kernville
- NOTE: In Wofford Heights, DO NOT turn left onto the continuation of CA-155W. Continue straight as CA-155/Wofford Heights Blvd becomes Burlando Road.
- Continue on Burlando Road into Kernville and Burlando Road becomes Kernville Road.
- Kernville Road ends at a T Intersection of Sierra Way/Mountain Highway 99. Turn Left onto Sierra Way/Mountain Highway 99.
- Kernville is the last reliable stop for services before arriving at Camp Whitsett.
- Continue approximately 24 miles to R-Rach and Johnsondale (Don't take the turn for Sherman Pass Road)
- Continue approximately ½ mile past Johnsondale to Forest Service Road 22S82 on the right. Turn right onto Forest Service Road 22S82.
- The entrance gate for Camp Whitsett is approximately 2.5 miles down Forest Service Road 22S82 on the right side of the road.

### From the South / Antelope Valley Area:

- Take Highway 14 N to CA-178 W (South of Inyokern)
- Take CA-178 W approx. 32 miles to Sierra Way. Turn right onto Sierra Way which follows the north shore of Lake Isabella into Kernville.
- Kernville is the last reliable stop for services before arriving at Camp Whitsett.
- From Kernville, Continue approximately 24 miles on Sierra Way/Mountain Highway 99 to R-Rach and Johnsondale (Don't take the turn for Sherman Pass Road)
- Continue approximately ½ mile past Johnsondale to Forest Service Road 22S82 on the right. Turn right onto Forest Service Road 22S82.
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## **From the North:**

- Travel south on Highway 99 to J22 (Sierra Ave), the DUCOR exit.
- Travel East through DUCOR on J22/Sierra Ave through California Hot Springs and on toward Johnsondale. You will travel over Parker Pass, passed the Western Divide highway turnoff, and down, once again, toward Johnsondale.
- Near the bottom of the road, you will see a turnoff to the left onto 22S82. If you get to the "R" Ranch (Johnsondale), turn around as you have gone too far.
- Turn left onto Forest Road 22S82.
- The entrance gate for Camp Whitsett is approximately 2.5 miles down Forest Service Road 22S82 on the right side of the road.

## **From Las Vegas / Southern Nevada:**

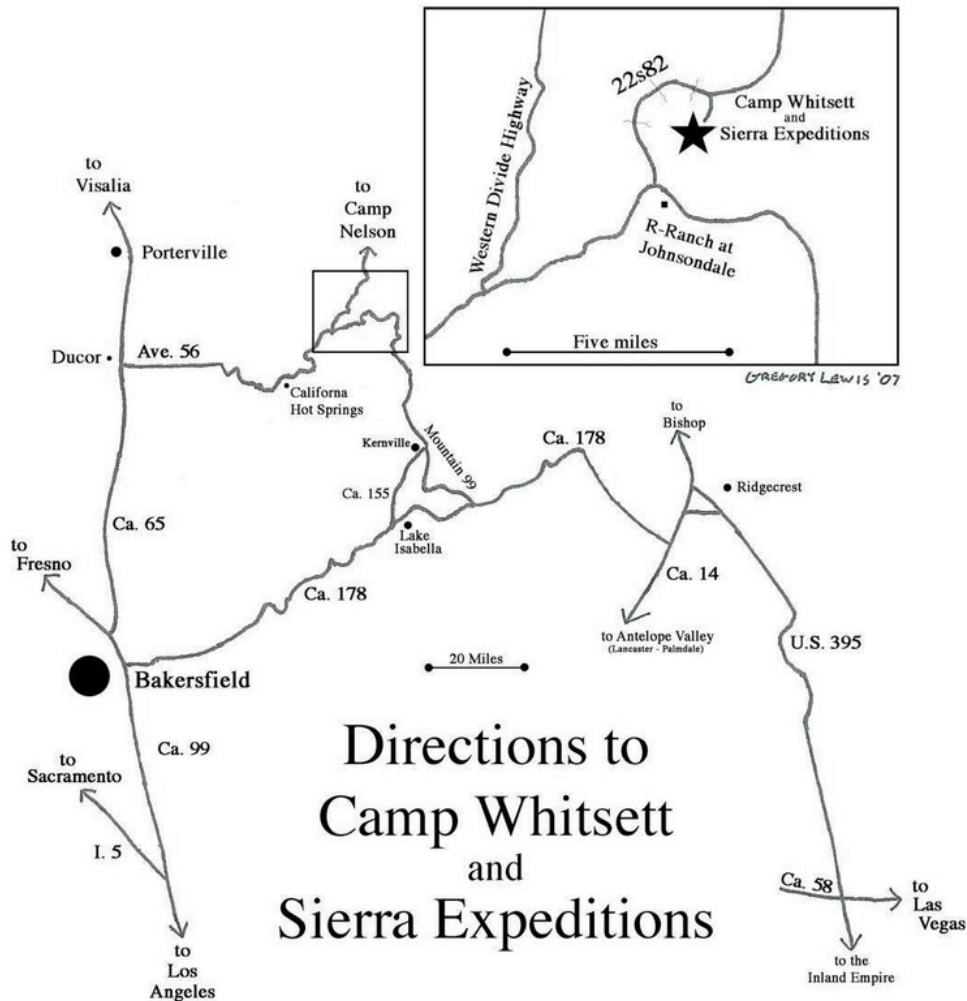
- Take I-15 South to Barstow
- In Barstow take exit 179 for CA-58 W toward Bakersfield
- Continue on CA-58 W to Exit 206 in Kramer Junction for US-395 N
- Take US-395 N to CA-178 W in Inyokern
- Take CA-178 W to CA-14 S (Which is also CA-178-W)
- Take CA-14S/CA-178W for approximately 3 miles to CA-178 W and turn right
- Take CA-178 W approx. 32 miles to Sierra Way. Turn right onto Sierra Way which follows the north shore of Lake Isabella into Kernville.
- Kernville is the last reliable stop for services before arriving at Camp Whitsett.
- From Kernville, Continue approximately 24 miles on Sierra Way/Mountain Highway 99 to R-Rach and Johnsondale (Don't take the turn for Sherman Pass Road)
- Continue approximately ½ mile past Johnsondale to Forest Service Road 22S82 on the right. Turn right onto Forest Service Road 22S82.
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## 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.



## Directions to Camp Whitsett and Sierra Expeditions