

Greater Yosemite Council Camp John Mensinger 2009 Program



Summer Camp Leaders Guide

**GREATER YOSEMITE COUNCIL
Camp Mensinger
2009**

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Camp John Mensinger is located in the Stanislaus National Forest at the 4800-foot level above Beardsley Reservoir. The Pickering Lumber Corporation deeded property for the 168-acre camp, including the facilities of Soap Creek Logging Camp, to the Boy Scouts in 1969. The rustic Sugar Pine Railroad served the logging camp and is now memorialized on our patches. From 1975 to the present, Camp John Mensinger has welcomed Scouts providing a quality Summer Camp program. We continue to make improvements to maximize your Summer Camp experience.

Camp Mensinger offers programs for Scouts of all ages:

- Our Woodsman program provides opportunity for **younger scouts** to complete a number of requirements toward Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks.
- Over 30 Merit badges, taught in a half-day, one-day, or two-day format, allow **older scouts** to earn a variety of merit badges during their week in camp.
- Older scouts are offered activities such as biking, hiking, sailing and boating, climbing and rappelling and shooting sports activities.

We welcome you to camp and look forward to sharing the Summer Camp experience with you and your Scouts.

David Day
Camp Director

“Scouting is three-quarter – *outing*”
Lord Baden-Powell, 1907

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IMPORTANT POINTS FOR LEADERS

1. This Leaders Guide contains a form to use to assist your Youth with their selection of merit badges and other programs they wish to participate in during their week at camp. These forms will assist your Youth in planning classes or programs so **PREREQUISITES** can be completed before arriving at camp. Some merit badges offered at camp have age restrictions, class size limitations, and/or costs involved.

2. **Campsite Capacity:** There are 14 campsites at Camp Mensinger that will accommodate 12 to 24 campers for a total of 262 per week. Although it is always desirable to allow Units to select their campsite, the camp requires a 75% occupancy rate to guarantee exclusive use of the selected site. This is necessary to best utilize the camp facilities. If you know you will be unable to fill the site to its 75% capacity you are encouraged to contact other Leaders to explore the possibility of sharing the site. You may contact the Service Center to obtain the names of Unit Leaders who are willing to share.

3. When to arrive at Camp Mensinger:

3:00 p.m. through 4:00 p.m. Sunday

6:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. Monday

All check-ins are at Camp Mensinger Administration building.

IF YOU WILL ARRIVE AT CAMP ON MONDAY MORNING AFTER 7 A.M. PLEASE PLAN TO EAT BREAKFAST BEFORE YOU ARRIVE.

4. Fees:

- Campsite Reservation

Unit Registration Before February 28, 2009	Unit Registration After March 1, 2009
\$100.00 non-refundable	\$120.00 non-refundable

- Youth

Scouts Before April 4, 2009	Scouts Before June 2, 2009	Scouts After June 2, 2009	Adults
\$255.00	\$270.00	\$285.00	\$100.00

- Gold Units

Scouts Before April 4, 2009	Scouts Before June 2, 2009	Scouts After June 2, 2009	Adults
\$235.00	\$250.00	\$265.00	\$100.00

The Unit must have reached its goal by April 30.

- Out of Council Units

Scouts Before April 4, 2009	Scouts Before June 2, 2009	Scouts After June 2, 2009	Adults
\$275.00	\$295.00	\$305.00	\$100.00

- On Site Registration

In Council Units	Out of Council Units	Adults
\$285.00	\$305.00	\$100.00

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See appendix for Unit registration form that must accompany Unit camp fee check.

5. Refund Policy: All requests for refunds must be submitted in writing, **by the unit leader**, to Greater Yosemite Council, 4031 Technology Drive, Modesto, CA 95356. Refunds will be considered after September 1, 2009, and are subject to a \$100.00 processing fee per Scout. If refund gets put on unit account the processing fee is \$50.00 per Scout. All refund requests are due by October 31, 2009. After that no refunds will be issued.

There are no provisions for family camping at Camp Mensinger. Please do not bring your family members to camp unless they are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America, and are part of your Unit's camping experience.

6. Merit Badge Program: Merit badge classes are taught in a half-day, one or two-day format. Each merit badge taught has a lesson plan that follows the requirements outlined in the Merit Badge Requirement Booklet. Some merit badges require more time and academic work than others, and may be more difficult for younger Scouts. Some merit badges require a fee for program materials. **Let the program fit the boy.**

Merit Badge Fees:	Black Powder	\$15.00
	Shotgun Shooting.....	\$15.00
	22 Rifle Shooting.....	\$10.00
	Archery.....	\$10.00
	Indian Lore Kit Price.....	\$5.00 - \$15.00
	Leather Work Kit Price	\$5.00 - \$15.00
	Woodcarving Kit Price.....	\$5.00 - \$10.00
	Basketry Kit Price.....	\$15.00

7. Pre-Camp Information: Contact the Council Service Center at 209-545-6320 or the council website www.yosemitescouting.org for any questions regarding camp.

8. Meals in Camp: Your troop will be required to assign 2 Scouts per table plus 1 adult supervisor for each meal to assist with set up, take down, and cleaning of the Dining Hall.

9. All special dietary needs **must** be pre-arranged with the Camp Director before camp opens.

10. Cook Out Meals: VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION! Your troop will be cooking its Wednesday night meal in your campsite. This meal will give your Scouts the opportunity to fulfill a cooking requirement. The basic raw ingredients plus tinfoil for a foil meal will be provided. Troops are encouraged to bring additional items they may want to make the most of the program. (such as knives, cutting boards, etc.)

11. Verification of "NO-SHOWS": Leaders will be asked to reconcile the Unit's Camp Roster at check-in and give reasons why a Youth is not present in camp. **This is a National Standard Camp policy.**

12. Youth Protection/Hazing Policy: Please share with your Unit the BSA's **"GUIDE TO SAFE SCOUTING"** with regards to hazing.

13. Provisional Troop Week: If you have a Scout that cannot attend camp with your unit, but still wants to attend camp, he can attend with another troop. Contact the Scout office for more information.

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14. **Summer Camp 2010 UNIT Reservations:** Units have an opportunity to reserve the same campsite for the same week as occupied in 2009 for the 2010 camp season. A \$100.00 camp reservation fee is required to insure that spot for next year.

15. **Out of Council Units** must provide proof of insurance and insurance claim forms from their insurance provider.

16. A copy of your **Local Tour permits is required upon check-in at camp.**

ADULT LEADERSHIP IN CAMP

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that two registered adult leaders, or one adult leader and one parent or guardian of a participating youth, are required for all units outings. Leaders may rotate in and out of camp as long as "TWO DEEP LEADERSHIP" is met 24-hours a day during the unit's stay in camp. Units experiencing difficulty meeting the "two deep leadership" requirement may choose the Provisional Troop Option or may share a Campsite with another unit. All units attending camp must register (required for our national records).

COUNCIL CAMPERSHIPS

It's important that all Youth have an opportunity to attend camp with their Unit. The Unit may nominate Youth for financial assistance by submitting a campership form to the Council Service Center no later than March 31, 2009. Applications WILL NOT be accepted after that date. Please be sure the information on the campership request form is complete and accurate. The campership committee uses this information to make their decisions regarding deserving Youth. If the situation changes and the Youth receiving the campership is unable to attend camp, please notify the Scout office.

CAMP VISITORS

Visitors to Camp Mensinger are always welcome; however, Camp Mensinger is not a family camp. Visitors are required to stop by the Administration Building to check in upon arrival. They are welcome to eat with your Unit, and may purchase meals at the following rates:

Breakfast	\$6.00
Lunch	\$5.00
Dinner	\$7.00

Payable at the trading post where you will be given your meal tickets.

VEHICLES AND TRAILERS

Vehicles will not be driven to the Unit's campsite to unload camp gear. The camp truck will be used for delivery of camp gear. No trailers will be allowed in campsites. On check out day the camp truck will be available to pick up camp gear from each camp site.

CAMP TRADING POST

The camp operates a Trading Post offering camp souvenirs, merit badge pamphlets, handicraft items, soft drinks and other snack items. No running tabs will be allowed. All purchases will be paid at the time of purchase.

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TELEPHONE SERVICE

There are no public telephones at Camp Mensinger. The camp relies on a portable phone and is available for OFFICIAL OR EMERGENCY CALLS ONLY.

CAMP MAIL

A mailbox is located in front of the Dining Hall. Normally mail is delivered and retrieved on Tuesday and Thursday from the Strawberry Post Office. Incoming mail will be placed in the Troop's box in the Administration Building. The mailing address for Camp Mensinger is:

Youth's Name
Unit number, campsite
Camp John Mensinger
General Delivery
Strawberry, CA 95375

SMOKING POLICY

All camp buildings, campsites, program areas, and staff areas under the control of the Greater Yosemite Council are designated **NON-SMOKING AREAS**. Smoking outside the entrance and exit doors is **NOT PERMITTED AT ANY LOCATION AND WILL NOT BE PERMITTED WITHIN 100 FEET OF THE PARTICIPANTS OF ANY SCOUTING FUNCTION**. THE CAMP DIRECTOR WILL DESIGNATE A SMOKING AREA.

CAMPSITE INSPECTIONS

Each campsite should be inspected daily by the Unit's leadership. During the week a team of adults will conduct daily camp inspections. The winning campsite will receive special recognition at the Friday night campfire.

COMMISSARY and QUARTERMASTER AREA

The Camp has a limited number of tools for your use, which may be checked out at the commissary. Units are encouraged to bring their own. Each Youth and Unit is responsible for taking care of the Camp's equipment. In the event of loss or damage, the Unit or individual responsible must pay before leaving camp. The cost of lost or damaged equipment will be based on the actual replacement value of the item.

DAMAGE OR REPLACEMENT COSTS

Tents

Rips and tears per inch\$10.00
Writing on canvas per pane\$150.00
Tent replacement.....\$450.00

Equipment and Facilities

Discharge of fire extinguisher.....\$50.00
Damage to rest room facilities..... \$100.00 per stall

DEPARTURE FROM CAMP

Youth and Leaders must notify the Camp Director if they are going to leave camp. Any youth leaving camp during the week **MUST** have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian and the unit leader or advisor. The Camp Director must sign the "SCOUT LEAVING EARLY FORM."

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PETS

No pets belonging to campers, visitors, or staff are permitted in camp.

LIQUID OR PROPANE FUELED LANTERNS AND STOVES

The Camp follows BSA policy outlined in the guide to Safe Scouting for handling fuels. **A storage facility for extra fuel is provided.**

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Possession of alcoholic beverages is **strictly forbidden**. Violators of this policy will be asked to leave camp immediately.

FIREARMS, ARCHERY EQUIPMENT, AND AMMUNITION

Privately owned **firearms, paint ball guns, archery equipment, ammunition and explosives (including fireworks)** of any type are **strictly prohibited** in camp. Prohibited items will be confiscated and released at the end of the week upon request to Scout Leader ONLY.

MEDICAL POLICIES – Effective January 1, 2010 new forms will be required until then the following rule is still in place.

All persons attending camp must use an official BSA medical form, signed by a medical practitioner. All campers under the age of 18 must have their parent or guardian's signature. The Class 2 medical form is for all campers under the age of 40. The medical certificates are valid for 36 months. **Class 3 certification, for those over 40, must be renewed every year.** The medical officer will hold adult and youth medical forms during the Unit's stay in camp. The Council suggests you bring a photocopy of your records, not the original.

The Health Officer will check for current, signed medical forms upon the Unit's arrival in camp. The Health Officer will issue buddy tags for swimming to those campers with properly signed medical forms. Adults and youths staying in camp less than 72 hours must have the "Health History" portion of the medical form on file with the Health Officer.

All campers currently under a doctor's care are required to notify the Health Officer regarding the ailment and provide a written course of treatment by his or her doctor. All prescription drugs **must** be turned over to the Health Officer who will provide locked storage and/or refrigeration if necessary (inhalers and bee sting kits are exceptions). **PRESCRIPTION DRUGS MUST BE IN THE ORIGINAL BOTTLE LISTING THE MEDICATION, DOCTOR'S ORDERS, DOSAGE, DOCTOR'S NAME AND PATIENT'S NAME.**

The Health Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day by a certified first aid provider. It is the Health Officer's responsibility to determine if any illness or injury is serious enough to require medical attention over and above normal first aid. Special arrangements have been made with the Sonora Community Hospital to treat injuries or illness. The camp reserves the right to send participants to the hospital for treatment. Whenever possible, an effort will be made to notify the parents or guardian before such action is taken. The Greater Yosemite Council carries **secondary limited** accident insurance on all registered youth and adults. All additional costs incurred for such hospitalization, diagnosis, or treatment is the responsibility of the Youth's or Leader's personal medical insurance.

OUT OF COUNCIL UNITS need to provide a certificate of insurance from their council or unit provider, or individual insurance policies and the appropriate claim forms.

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WILD ANIMALS IN CAMP

Bears have an acute sense of smell. The smell of food or any other odor (except human scent) may attract bears, which are curious by nature. Bears are opportunistic feeders. They will investigate any different odor as a food source and take advantage of any easy meal, which may be presented. Bears typically search for food at night, but also roam during the day.

Our goal = Do Not Reward Bears with Food

No food, including candy and soda, should be kept in the troop sites overnight. Campsite trash bags should be taken to the dining hall nightly. Camp Mensinger is bear country and caution is necessary to protect both campers and animals.

TROOP ACTIVITIES

PROGRAM/ACTIVITY AREAS – TROOP SIGN-UPS: Senior Patrol Leaders will have an opportunity to reserve specific Program/Activity Areas for their Troops on a first come first served basis. Each Troop will have two activities daily in which they have priority for use. Troops are limited to one reservation for each activity area. Leaders of smaller Troops, or those wishing to participate in an activity, but were unable to reserve it, may wish to talk among themselves to share an activity.

OPEN ACTIVITIES (free time): Swimming, canoeing, rowing, shooting sports, handicraft and many other activities (volleyball, horseshoes, Frisbee golf, etc.) will be offered afternoons between 3:15 and 4:45 PM. Scouts, in buddy teams, may participate in an activity of their choice. This is also an excellent time for Scouts to practice their skills for Merit Badges.



CAMP WIDE CAMPFIRES: There will be a camp wide opening campfire on either Sunday or Monday evening and a camp wide closing campfire on Friday evening. Working with the Camp Staff, the Friday evening campfire will be planned and run by the Senior Patrol Leaders. There will be Senior Patrol Leader meeting on Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., and Friday at 5:00 PM to plan the closing campfire.

LEADER'S MEETINGS: At least one unit leader will be asked to attend a daily leader's meeting to obtain program updates and other information. The leader's meeting will be held at **9:30 AM** in the Administration Building.

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CAMP WIDE GAMES: All Troops are expected to participate in the camp wide games held on Friday afternoon.



AQUATIC ACTIVITIES: The BSA lifeguard program will be offered at camp. The Mile Swim program will take place during the week, with the actual swim on Thursday. The Polar Bear Swim will be offered during the week. (The day, time and location will be announced at camp). Polar Bear awards will be issued Friday night.



ORDER OF THE ARROW: Arrowmen are encouraged to wear their Order of the Arrow sashes on Thursday evening. As there will be an Order of the Arrow recognition at the evening flag retreat. Veteran's recognition: Boy Scout and Military Veterans will be recognized Friday evenings.

HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAM: Camp John Mensinger is proud to host this brand new High Adventure Program for the 2008 season, where we offer youth an experience unlike any offered at this camp before. See you on the trail! – **This is no Nature Trail!**

Venture Scouts enrolled will leave each week for four days and three nights on the trail including canoeing, backpacking and mountain biking. Crew will be on its own for most of the time with re-supply on a regular basis. Crews will leave on Monday morning and will return on Thursday afternoon. Crews will set up camp in a different location each evening and will have contact with the camp on a daily

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basis. Along the trail there will be spot lessons on trail cooking, water filtration and other aspects pertaining to long treks, all while embracing the outdoor code and leave no trace ethics. Before leaving each week, all backpacks will be inspected and weighed against their carrier to ensure a fun, safe trek.

Space is limited and will be offered thru an online pre-registration. Any remaining open space will be offered on a first come, first serve basis. Participants must be registered Venture Scouts and in good medical condition.

Remaining High Adventure Program

Once returning to camp Thursday afternoon, the crews will get the afternoon to relax, clean up, and spend time with their units, where they will no doubt have stories to share. Friday morning, the crews gather again to head to the shooting ranges where they will take part in Black Powder rifle shooting, and Pistol shooting until lunch time. Following lunch, the crews will perform a service project of their choosing, and then rejoin their units to participate in Camp-wide Games.



For more information please call the Council Scout Service Center at 209 545-6320.

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Participants must have completed pre-requisites completed in written form and bring them to the merit badge classes*+

*Pre-requisites are based on 2009 requirements and are subject to change without notice.

+It is recommended that youth read and bring a merit badge book to all merit badge classes.

PREREQUISITES FOR MERIT BADGES		
MERIT BADGE	PREREQUISITES TO BE DONE BEFORE CAMP	COMMENTS
High Adventure Trek Limit 10-12	Must be age 14+, Rank 1 st Class or Higher	Have pack ready for inspection.
Archery Limit 16	1 Need to study before camp	Minimum score needed (may take extra time) Read the Merit Badge book
Art Unlimited	None	
Archaeology Limit 20	None	Writing materials and bottled water. Read the Merit Badge book.
Astronomy Unlimited	1 Need to study before camp 5B, 6, 7B, 9	Attend overnight on Thursday on Astronomy Hill. Read the Merit Badge book
Basketry Unlimited		Cost of basket kits at trading post (will take more than one-half day)
BSA Lifeguard Unlimited	Must be age 14+, if participant is a youth, they must have Lifesaving Merit Badge.	Adult leaders may take this course.
Camping Unlimited	2, 3, 4, 5A, 5D, 7A, 7B, 8C, 8D, 9	Bring backpack to use. Read the Merit Badge book
Canoeing Limit 16	1 Need to study before camp 2A, 2B, 3	Must be Blue Swimmer (#3) Read the Merit Badge book
Citizenship in the Nation Unlimited	2 (select 2 options) 3, 8	Read the Merit Badge book
Climbing Limit 15	1A, 1B, 2, 7 Study before camp	Read the Merit Badge book
Emergency Preparedness Unlimited	1 (Must have First Aid Merit Badge) 2B, 2C, 6C, 8A, 8B, 8C 9 (select 1 option)	Read the Merit Badge book
Environmental Science Unlimited	3C, 3E, 3F	Read the Merit Badge book
First Aid Limit 30	1, 2D	Must have Tenderfoot to First Class First Aid completed. Read the Merit Badge book
Fish & Wildlife Management Unlimited	4, 5, 6, 7 (Select one from each)	Read the Merit Badge book
Fishing Unlimited	7	Can bring a note from home indicating the fish have been caught. Bring fishing gear Read the Merit Badge book
Forestry Unlimited	1, 5, 7	Read the Merit Badge book
Geology Unlimited	3, 4B, 5C	Read the Merit Badge book
Indian Lore Unlimited	1, 2	Read the Merit Badge book
Law Limit 20	7	Read the Merit Badge book

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Lifesaving Limit 30	2 nd Class requirements 7A thru 7C and 1 st Class requirements 9A thru 9C Must have Swimming Merit Badge	Must bring long pants/long sleeve shirt without holes. Read the Merit Badge book
Leatherwork Unlimited		Read the Merit Badge book. Cost of project.
Mammal Study Unlimited		Read the Merit Badge book
Motor Boating Limit 12	1, 2	Must be "swimmer" level on buddy tag. Read the Merit Badge book
Orienteering Unlimited	6A, 6B	Read the Merit Badge book
Pioneering Unlimited	2A, 6	Please practice knots and splices before camp.
22 Rifle Shooting Limit 24 Muzzle Loading Limit 10	1F Read and know the rules 1I	Read the merit badge book
Rowing Limit 16		Read the Merit Badge book
Shotgun Shooting Limit 8	1F, 1L	Read the Merit Badge book
Small-Boat Sailing Limit 12	1, 2, 4E	Must be "swimmer" level on buddy tag. Read the Merit Badge book
Swimming Limit 30	3	Must be "swimmer" level on buddy tag. Read the Merit Badge book
Weather Unlimited	8, 9	Read the Merit Badge book
Wilderness Survival Limit 25		Read the Merit Badge book
Wood Carving Unlimited		Read the Merit Badge book

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2009 Merit Badge Schedule

**Leaders please be aware that this schedule is subject to change,
please verify when you arrive at camp.**

AREA	MERIT BADGE	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
Handicraft	Art	Arranged	Arranged	Arranged	Arranged	Arranged
	Basketry	X	X	X	X	X
	Leatherwork	X	X	X	X	X
	Wood Carving	X	X	X	X	X
Field Sports	Archery	X-----	-----X	X-----	-----X	
	Black Powder Rifle (Venture)					X
	22 Rifle	X-----	-----X	X-----	-----X	
	Pistol (Venture)					X
	Shotgun	X-----	-----X	X-----	-----X	
Miscellaneous	Citizenship in the Nation			X		
	Climbing	X-----	----X----			
	Law					X
Nature	Archaeology					X
	Astronomy				X	
	Environmental Science	X-----	-----X	X-----	-----X	
	Fishing	X				
	Fish & Wildlife Management		X			
	Forestry					X
	Geology			X pm		X am
	Mammal Study			X am		X pm
	Weather	X				
Aquatics	Canoeing	X			X	
	Lifesaving				X-----	-----X
	Motorboating	X				
	Rowing		X			
	Small-Boat Sailing			X		
	Swimming		X	X		
Medical	First Aid	X	X			
Scoutcraft	Camping		X			
	Emergency Preparedness			X		X
	Indian Lore	X				X
	Orienteering		X		X	
	Pioneering				X	
	Wilderness Survival	X		X		

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Woodsman

		MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
	Ropes & knots	AM			AM	
	Maps & Compass	PM			PM	
	Nature		AM			AM
	First Aid		PM			PM
	Cooking & fire			AM		
	Knife and Axe			PM		
	Swimming	Freetime				

Subject to Change

It is recommended that Scouts read the merit badge pamphlets pertaining to their badges prior to arriving at camp and complete as many of the requirements as possible before arriving at camp. Units are encouraged to bring their own current Merit Badge pamphlets. Scout Leaders who are registered Merit Badge Counselors for a Merit Badge not offered at camp are encouraged to contact the Council Office at 209-545-6320 a week before camp.

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2009 CAMP SEASON - DAILY SCHEDULE

6:00	Polar Bear Swim
7:00 AM	Reveille
7:30 AM	Dining Hall Helpers report to Dining Hall
7:45 AM	Assembly, Flag Ceremony
8:00 AM	Breakfast
9:30 AM	Leaders Meeting
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM	Merit Badge and Woodsman Programs Lunch with classes
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Free Time Activities
5:00 PM	SPL Meeting
5:30 PM	Dining Hall Helpers report to Dining Hall
5:45 PM	Assembly, Flag Ceremony
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:15 PM to 8:15 PM	Early Evening Activities
8:30 PM to 9:30 PM	Late Evening Activities
10:00 PM	Lights Out, Quiet in Camp

EVENING CAMP ACTIVITIES

Sunday Merit Badge Class registrations
Sunday or Monday, and Friday Camp wide campfires

EARLY EVENING TROOP ACTIVITIES (except Wednesday due to Troop Cook Out Night)

Monday thru Thursday – Archery, Pool, Lake, Volleyball, Horseshoes, Indian Rock Hike
Monday and Thursday – Shotgun Trap shooting
Monday and Thursday – 50. Cal Black Powder Muzzle Loaders at the 22 rifle range
Tuesday and Thursday – Climbing and Repelling

LATE EVENING TROOP ACTIVITIES

Monday thru Thursday – Archery
Monday and Thursday – 50. Cal Black Powder Muzzle Loaders at the 22 rifle range
Monday thru Thursday – Shotgun Trap shooting
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday – Climbing and Repelling
First Year Camper Hike and Campfire – Wednesday Night
Astronomy Hike – Thursday Night
Pendola Hike – Tuesday and Thursday Night

Leaders please be aware that this schedule is subject to change; verify when you arrive at camp.

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SCOUT LEADER ACTIVITIES - WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Subject to Change

Monday

Tuesday

Trek Safety,

Leave No Trace

Climb On Safety

Wednesday

Safe Swim Defense

Safety Afloat

Thursday

Frisbee Golf Tournament

Friday

Shooting Competition
Archery, Rifle, Shotgun

1:00 – 3:00

SPECIAL NIGHTS

Thursday

Order of the Arrow Recognition Night

Friday

Veterans Recognition Night (Scouting and Military)

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GREATER YOSEMITE COUNCIL, BSA
4031 TECHNOLOGY DRIVE MODESTO, CA 95356
209-545-6320 TOLL FREE 1-877-486-5519

2009 TROOP SUMMER CAMP RESERVATION

TOWN _____ DISTRICT _____ TROOP _____

COUNCIL'S NAME _____ COUNCIL # _____

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION _____

INDICATE 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, CHOICES FOR BOTH WEEK AND CAMPSITE. ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED.

WEEK OF ATTENDANCE

ESTIMATED ATTENDANCE

- _____ June 14 – 20
- _____ June 21 – June 27
- _____ June 28 – July 4
- _____ July 5 – 11
- _____ July 12 – 18
- _____ July 19 - 25

- _____ Number of Scouts
- _____ Number of Leaders

DESIRED CAMPSITE

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

THE TROOP FEE MUST ACCOMPANY THIS RESERVATION (if not already paid)

\$100 IF PAID BY February 27, 2009

\$120 IF PAID AFTER February 27, 2009

THE TROOP UNDERSTANDS AND AGREES THAT: (Note: Varsity Teams & Venture Crews also use this form)

1. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. The \$100 Troop sign-up fee is **not refundable** and is due (postmarked) by February 27. After February 27 the fee is \$120.
3. Youth fees and payment schedule are in the Troop leader guidebook.
4. At least 2 (two) **registered** adult leaders provided by the troop will be in attendance at all times during the entire period of the troop's stay in camp. One leader must be at least 21 years of age. The second leader must be at least 18 years of age.
5. Limited accident insurance is provided by the Greater Yosemite Council for those youth and adults **registered** in the BSA in the Greater Yosemite Council. Expenses above the council's policy are the responsibility of the individual or youth's family.
6. The troop must have a campsite 75% full with Scouts for the campsite to be used exclusively for that troop. If a troop is added to a campsite, the leaders from both troops will be notified so they can contact each other.
7. In Council Youth: \$255.00 if paid before April 4th, \$270.00 until June 2, \$285 after June 2, 2009.
8. Out of Council Youth: \$275.00 if paid before April 4th, \$295.00 until June 2, \$305 after June 2, 2009
9. **Copy of local tour permit is needed at check-in.**

SIGNATURE REQUIRED _____

SIGNATURE AND POSITION IN TROOP LEADERSHIP

Please indicate below the individual in the unit who should receive the reservation confirmation and other materials related to Boy Scout Resident Camp. This person should be a leader who will actually take the boys to camp.

NAME _____ POSITION IN UNIT _____

ADDRESS _____ HOME PHONE _____

TOWN/STATE _____ ZIP _____ WORK PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

Submit this reservation form along with the troop fee to the Greater Yosemite Council at the above address. Make the check payable to the **Greater Yosemite Council**. Event Code 900099

_____ CHECK FOR TROOP FEE ENCLOSED _____ CHARGE UNIT'S PREPAID ACCOUNT

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UNIT ROSTER _____ (check-in date)

Prepare in 3 copies – 1 for Camp Administration, 1 for Health Officer, 1 for Scoutmaster.
Due at check-in – COMPLETE ALL INFORMATION.

Unit # _____ Council _____

PLEASE PRINT THIS ROSTER IS FOR SCOUTS _____ ADULTS _____

**For Council
Use only**

	Phone	D.O.B.	M	C
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YOUTH RELEASE REQUEST

RELEASE OF CAMPERS AND VERIFICATION OF "NO SHOWS"

Any camper who leaves camp property during camp session must have a completed youth leaving camp early request that is turned in to the Camp Director or the Program Director.

A written letter to all unit leaders goes out prior to camp stating that responsibility for the units to transport campers to and from camp lies with the unit.

The unit leader is responsible to get a camper to camp, and secure the youth leaving camp early request and the tour permit.

All units prior to arrival at camp give the number of youth attending camp. This will be checked at check-in and any discrepancy must be verified by the unit leader. If the location of the missing youth is unknown, then the unit leader in conjunction with the Camp Director will call the parents of the youth to verify the youth's location.

RELEASE OF CAMPERS

As the legal guardian of , _____ I grant permission for him/her to leave camp with the following people:

Name _____ **Relationship to Camper** _____

By signing this form, I release the Council and Camp of Liability once my son has left camp with the above listed people.

Name (printed)

Signed

Date _____

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Pre-Camp Sign Up

Troop _____ **District** _____

Council _____

Session Date _____

Leader _____

Phone () _____

Alternate _____

Phone () _____

Please print Clearly

Duplicate as needed

List Alternate Choices

Allow for Multi-day Classes

Keep s copy for your records

Merit Badges & Woodsman

	Scouts Name	Monday 1 st and 2 nd Choices	Tuesday 1 st and 2 nd Choices	Wednesday 1 st and 2 nd Choices	Thursday 1 st and 2 nd Choices	Friday 1 st and 2 nd Choices
1		1 st	1st	1st	1st	1st
		2 nd	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd
2		1 st	1st	1st	1st	1st
		2 nd	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd
3		1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st	1st
		2 nd	2nd	2nd	2nd	2nd
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14		1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st	1st
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15		1 st	1 st	1 st	1 st	1st
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Suggested Leaders Things To Do

Before You Leave:

- ___ 1. Obtain a 3-ring binder to organize your camp paper work.
- ___ 2. Read the Camp Mensinger Leader’s Guide.
- ___ 3. Sign up Scouts for merit badges and woodsman program and send to council office with payment.
- ___ 4. Distribute Authorization and Consent forms, Personal Health and Medical Records for first time campers, personal equipment lists, and parent information sheets. Determine who needs a physical before camp. Physicals are good for 3 years for campers under age 40.
- ___ 5. Swim check completed before you go (optional) to Camp. ***See below.**
- ___ 6. Collect Authorization and Consent forms. Place in binder.
- ___ 7. Collect Personal Health and Medical Forms. Place in binder.
- ___ 8. Collect camp fees from Scouts. Write one check for fees and turn into council office.
- ___ 9. Complete camp roster in triplicate (camp director, medic, troop)
- ___ 10. Arrange Transportation.
- ___ 11. Obtain local tour permit.
- ___ 12. Check papers in binder one more time.

At Camp

- ___ 1. On Sunday or Monday sign up period check to see if Scouts are registered in the classes they want.
- ___ 2. Monday - Senior Patrol Leader needs to sign up troop for evening programs.
- ___ 3. Daily – Check with Scouts to determine which merit badges are completed. Verify blue cards. Record completions on forms.
- ___ 4. Daily – Remind Scouts to get their written work completed and turned in.
- ___ 5. Saturday – Inventory blue cards, partials, and woodsman cards for accuracy.
- ___ 6. Complete all check out procedures. Submit paperwork to Camp Director. Pick up troop records.
- ___ 7. Verify records and check for the proper amount of camp patches.

After Camp

- ___ 1. Encourage Scouts to complete work started at camp.
- ___ 2. Submit Advancement form with blue cards to council office.
- ___ 3. Hold Court of Honor (recognition is important)
- ___ 4. Keep medical records in binder for next year.

***How to Run a Pre-Camp Swim Check:**

Each youth and adult going to Summer Camp must swim
 3 laps of 25 yards each lap using any stroke
and
 1 lap of 25 yards using the elementary backstroke
and
 Float on your back one (1) minute without sinking

Please follow all Safe Swim Defense & Aquatics Safety Rules as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Swimming Classifications
Non Swimmer – Cannot swim 50 yards
Beginner Swimmer – Can only swim 50 yards
Swimmer – Can do all requirements listed

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Pre-Departure Checklist for Unit Leaders

#	Youths Name	Fee Paid	Permission Slip in	Physical Form in	Merit Badge Signup
1					
2					
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Recommended Camper Equipment List

Complete Scout Uniform (minimum two recommended: shirt, neckerchief, pants/shorts, socks, belt)

- Hiking shoes
- Tennis shoes
- Extra shirts
- Extra pants and shorts
- Six pair underwear
- Six pair socks
- Sweater & heavy jacket
- Swim trunks
- Toilet kit (soap, comb, tooth brush, tooth past, etc.)
- Wash cloth
- Towels
- Notebook & pencils
- Merit badge pamphlets
- Pack
- Canteen
- Nylon cord
- Postcards with stamps
- Small pillow
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Scout Handbook
- Spending money
- Rain gear
- Fishing gear
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad or air mattress

Other Equipment (you may wish to bring)

- Bible or prayer book
- Watch
- First aid kit
- Insect repellent
- Pocket knife
- Camera with extra film
- Suntan lotion
- Sewing kit
- Foot locker

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UNIT Equipment List

- U.S. flag
- UNIT flag
- Patrol flags
- Lanterns
- Extra fuel
- First aid kit
- Merit badge books
- Footlocker or box that can be locked
- Padlock
- 1 gal. ziplock plastic bags – 1 per camper (place valuables in bag and lock in box)
- Permanent marker to write names on bags
- Hammer, shovel, saw, garden rake, garden hose (to keep your area's dust down)
- Ice chest
- Troop cook kit for campsite cooking Wednesday evening
- Lawn Chairs
- Water cooler
- Dining fly or rain tarp

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Unit Check Out Form

Campsite _____ Unit # _____

1. Remove all troop and personal equipment from tents and campsite. Equipment should be placed on the side of the road. _____
2. Clean campsite and restroom assign to troop. _____
3. Check troop box in administration building for blue cards, partials, woodsman forms, etc. _____
4. Return all camp equipment to commissary
Commissary staff member's signature: _____
5. Clear all financial responsibilities, pick up troop medical forms, records, and camp patches.
6. Turn in evaluation forms.

Unit Leader's signature: _____

Camp Director's signature: _____

Have a safe trip home and see you next year.

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Unit Swim Check Roster

Troop # _____

District _____

Scoutmaster Name _____

Person Conducting Swim Check: _____

Scoutmaster's Signature

Date

Please check the appropriate box for each person, Swimmer, Beginner or Non-Swimmer.

NAME Please print for legibility	Date Swim Check Completed	Swimmer	Beginner	Non-Swimmer
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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2009 YOUTH CAMPERSHIP APPLICATION

(Deadline: This form must be received COMPLETELY FILLED OUT at the Greater Yosemite Council, 4031 Technology Drive, Modesto 95356

NO LATER THAN MARCH 31, 2009

Remember camp fees are due by April 1, 2009 to be considered early bird

Please pay at least half of the camp fees by the deadline

CAMPER INFORMATION... (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Unit Number: _____ Pack # _____ Troop # _____ Post # _____ Crew # _____

District (circle one listed below):

Big Valley Wawona El Capitan Golden Heritage Chief Tenaya 49'er Waukeen

Dates you will be attending camp: From _____ to _____
MM/DD/YY M M/DD/YY

Total Camp Fee: \$ _____

Boy will provide: \$ _____

Family will provide: \$ _____

Unit will provide: \$ _____

In order to assist the greatest number of Scouts we require the Scout, the family and the unit to participate. Scouts have the opportunity to raise a portion if not all of the camp fee by selling Scout Candy and Popcorn as well as participating in their units fundraisers. The council will attempt to fund partial camperships only where there is some participation by the Scout, the family and the unit.

Reason for request: _____

Camper has participated in the following fundraisers (please complete):

_____ Popcorn: Amount earned \$ _____

_____ Candy: Amount earned \$ _____

_____ Other: Amount earned \$ _____

UNIT LEADER INFORMATION...

Unit Leader Name _____ Position _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ Phone # _____

Unit Leader Signature of approval: _____ Date: _____

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Date received: _____

Amount Granted: _____

Approved by: _____

Date: _____