



# CAMP EMERSON

CALIFORNIA INLAND EMPIRE COUNCIL



# 2024 SUMMER CAMP LEADER'S GUIDE



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# INTRODUCTION

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We are excited to have you join us at Camp Emerson this year. The information in this guide will help Scouts, parents, and Leaders prepare for a successful experience this year at camp. Camp Emerson will host Scouts, and Scouters from all over for an exciting week filled with Scouting experiences. Please share this event guide with all the families and leaders in your unit that plan to have a Scout join us this summer. We will be hosting a virtual pre-camp meeting on Thursday June 20th. If you have any questions before then please email them to us at [campemerson@scouting.org](mailto:campemerson@scouting.org)

Camp Emerson and the California Inland Empire Council are proud to be a part of your Scouting adventure. We look forward to seeing you this summer!

Yours in Scouting,

**Brian Paquette**  
Camp Director

**Kyle Gonerig**  
Program Director

# SECTION I

# BEFORE CAMP

## PRE-CAMP LEADER ORIENTATION MEETING

All adult leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders are invited to a virtual pre-camp leader meeting on June 20th at 7:00pm to answer questions and discuss more about what will be offered at camp this year. A link to a Zoom meeting will be emailed to leaders.



# REGISTRATION

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<https://iescouts.org/summercamp/>

**Scouts \$465 Leaders \$250.**

**\$25 deposit per person at Registration**

**Balance Due May 31st, 2024**

**One FREE Leader for every 10 Scouts Registered**

## **REFUND POLICY**

No refunds will be issued for Camp Emerson. Payment is based on the number of campers, not named individuals. If a youth or adult who is fully paid cannot come to camp, we urge your unit to find a replacement for this person. Payments for cancelled spots are not credited to the unit balance if unit numbers are reduced.

## **PROVISIONAL SCOUTS**

Does your troop want to attend camp, but you don't have enough adult leaders? Do you have Scouts who want to attend but your troop is already going elsewhere? Don't worry! Camp Emerson can help get your Scouts to camp. Contact us at [campemerson@scouting.org](mailto:campemerson@scouting.org) to find out more about our options for provisional Scouts at camp.

## **Food Allergies & Dietary Needs**

Contact camp at [campemerson@scouting.org](mailto:campemerson@scouting.org) at least two weeks prior to your session if you have any campers with food allergies or dietary restrictions. We will do our best to meet your needs.

# PREPARING FOR CAMP

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**The following forms are required by all participants attending Camp Emerson. Please ensure your Troop has each form ready for submission at check in upon your arrival.**

## **Medical Forms**

At check-in, each member of your unit must turn in a valid, up to date (within the last 12 months) copy of the BSA Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization form PARTS A, B, C, to the Camp Medic. With a medical professional's certification of exam. A copy of the BSA Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization form is included in the appendix.

## **Unit Roster**

At check-in, each unit will provide a copy of their roster of participants for the week, including any adult leaders arriving during the week. A printed copy of the unit's online registration may be used.

## **Pre-Camp Swim Checks**

All youth and adults intending to participate in any Aquatics program while at camp must complete a swim check. A unit may conduct its own swim checks prior to arrival at camp. All BSA policies apply. See the Appendix for Unit Swim Check Instructions.

## **Shooting Release**

All youth must have ONE copy of the Shooting Release form to be turned in upon arrival. Please see the Appendix for the Council Shooting Sports Form.

## **Tents**

Units must provide their own tents for each campsite.

# CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

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## Check-In

Check-in will begin on Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m. You will enter the Lower Parking lot entrance and one of our friendly staff will greet you and direct you where to park. Please back into your parking spot. Drivers should always keep their keys on them in case we have to quickly leave camp. Please send one leader to check in at the headquarters with your paperwork. Vehicles are not allowed in the camp! There are a limited number of wagons available to help transport heavier items to campsites. Please return the wagons when finished with them.

## At check in please provide or show copies of:

- **Unit Roster** - including any leaders arriving later in the week
- **Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization** - Parts A, B, and C with a medical professional's certification of exam
- **Pre-Camp Swim Checks**
- **Council Shooting Sports Waiver**

## Check-Out

Check-out begins on Saturday morning. Your unit must be checked out by the staff to help ensure each camping area is clean and in good condition for the next session. Early check-out appointments can be made with the Camp Commissioner.



## SMILE!

Upon check-in troops will be photographed against the iconic symbol of camp! We'll post on Facebook, too!

# WHAT YOU CANNOT BRING

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## **What you cannot bring to Camp**

Possession of these or any other illegal, un-Scout like, or unsafe items as determined by the Camp Administration is grounds for immediate dismissal from camp. Fires are not allowed in the campsite.

## **DO NOT BRING:**

- **Alcoholic Beverages**
- **Illegal Drugs**
- **Marijuana**
- **Fireworks/Air Horns**
- **Ammunition**
- **Hot Sparks/Flint & Steel**
- **Personal Firearms**
- **Personal Archery Equipment**
- **Pets**
- **Air-Soft Guns**
- **Cap Guns**



# SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

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The weather at Camp Emerson is usually sunny and warm throughout most of the day. However, it can be cooler in the early morning and evenings so “Be Prepared” for all kinds of weather including rain and cold. Field uniform can be worn at morning flags and breakfast. Activity uniform can be worn the rest of the day. T-shirts should be Scouts BSA appropriate.

Campers should wear a swimsuit under their uniform at check-in for swim check. But if the unit has already completed the swim check at home, then don't wear the swimsuit.

This is a suggested packing list for Summer Camp.

## CLOTHING

- Scout uniform
- Swimsuit
- Several shirts, including at least 1 long sleeved
- Several pairs of legwear, including at least one pair of pants – if participating in the metalworking merit badge, you **MUST** have jeans/ natural fiber pants to wear during merit badge time
- Clean socks for each day at camp
- Change of underwear for each day at camp
- Sweater and/or jacket
- Hat – If ballcap style, BSA-themed is preferred. Wide brimmed hats allowed and encouraged!

## GEAR & SUPPLIES

- Scout Handbook
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow
- Sleeping pad OR cot
- Raincoat or poncho
- Personal tent
- Daypack
- Shower shoes (flip flops)
- Close-toe shoes/hiking boots – Please no open-toed shoes or Crocs in camp
- Water shoes (for lake activities)
- Watch
- Compass
- Personal first-aid kit
- Water bottle or hydration pouch
- Flashlight & extra batteries
- Hand sanitizer
- Notebook & pencils
- Pocketknife (Must have Totin' Chip to carry in camp)

# SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

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## OPTIONAL

- Camp Chair
- Camera
- Spending money for Trading Post
- Musical instrument

## TOILETRIES

- Towel
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen
- Lip balm
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Unscented deodorant
- Wash cloth
- Comb or brush

## OPTIONAL UNIT ITEMS

- Dolly or wagon (to carry loads to and from vehicle)
- Troop flag with stand
- Lanterns (battery or propane)
- Merit badge pamphlets
- Troop first aid kit
- Lock box for valuables
- Rope, twine
- Poles/spars to build camp improvement device or entryway
- Pop-up shelters
- Plastic wash bins (for handwashing, grooming)
- Folding tables
- Propane camp stove for smores or hot cocoa or coffee.

# MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

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## Merit Badge Sign-Up

Please make sure merit badge registrations are done prior to arrival at camp. Certain classes have size restrictions. Classes are filled on a first come first serve basis.

## Open Time

In the early evening most of the program areas will be open for Scouts to work on merit badges, or work on a skill or merit badge in the Handicraft Lodge. In general, Scouts can work on merit badge requirements or just have fun.

## Merit Badge Advancement / Blue Cards

Camp Emerson uses Blue Cards and Tracking Sheets. Scoutmasters should make sure their Scouts have the appropriate Blue Card and filled out. Each youth who is working on merit badges will have their progress recorded during the week.

## Extra Fees for Badge Materials

Some merit badges, such as Basketry or Metalwork, require materials. The Trading Post will sell those items.



# SECTION II

# AT CAMP



# HEALTH & SAFETY POLICIES

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## **Youth Protection and Unit Leadership**

The safety of our youth members is our top priority at Camp Emerson. Our camp strictly adheres to the Scouter's Code of Conduct, as well as all Youth Protection standards and guidelines. These include, but are not limited to:

- 2-deep leadership
- No one-on-one contact
- Respect of privacy
- Separate accommodations for youth and adults
- Constructive discipline
- Appropriate attire
- No hazing
- No secret organizations
- No bullying

BSA policy requires two adult leaders, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age, to be in camp for the entire week. Likewise, there must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. Both leaders must be in camp on a 24-hour basis.

Please report any leader changes to the Camp Commissioner. If changing leader's mid-week, all individuals are expected to sign in and out at the Camp Office. All adult leaders must be registered with the Troop they are with and have current Youth Protection Training. The unit must advise the office of any pending court orders regarding custody.

## **Illness and First Aid**

First aid treatment is available 24 hours a day at the camp health office in the Main Lodge.

It is the responsibility of a Troop's adult leaders to quickly report all illnesses or injuries to the Camp Medic. Minor first aid treatment can be given in your campsite. Parents will be notified as soon as possible if medical treatment is necessary.

# HEALTH & SAFETY POLICIES

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## Medications

Units are responsible for storing and dispensing their own prescription medications. Medications may be kept in the camp health office by the Camp Medic at the request of the unit. If a medication is stored in the health office, it is the Scout and unit's responsibility to coordinate with the Camp Medic to take prescribed doses.

**Prescription medication must be listed on the Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization, and kept in the original container/packaging with all labels and dispensing directions attached.**

## Cell Phones and Privacy

Units may decide their own policy on cell phones and electronic devices in camp. Electronic devices are not allowed during class times and can sometimes present a privacy concern. Cell phones are prohibited in all restrooms and shower facilities.

**NOTE: Camp Emerson is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen items, including electronic devices.**

## Camper Identification

Each participant will receive a camp emblem to be worn during their stay at Camp Emerson. In addition to its role in the Bear Teeth program, this emblem identifies those who are supposed to be in camp during the session and distinguishes campers and staff from unwanted visitors.

## Wildlife

During your stay with us you are bound to see plenty of birds and squirrels. Do not disturb the wildlife in any way, no feeding, chasing, teasing, or trapping. Camp was their home before you arrived and will continue to be long after you leave! Please respect their home!

## Camp Cleanliness

Units are responsible for keeping their campsites clean. Adult leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders must be proactive and coordinate cleaning and campsite maintenance. We also ask that leaders pay attention to the general hygiene and cleanliness of their Scouts.

# HEALTH & SAFETY POLICIES

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## **Preventing Homesickness**

Homesickness is common for many Scouts at camp, especially new or younger Scouts who have never been away from home.

A great way to prevent homesickness before arrival at camp is for families and unit leaders to emphasize the fun the Scout will have at camp. It is a good idea for family members to stay away from comments about how much they will miss the Scout or how much the Scout will miss home.

At camp, the staff will help keep Scouts busy with fun and challenging activities. Unit leaders should keep a lookout for homesick Scouts and should tell the Camp Commissioner, who can help brainstorm activities to keep the Scout busy. A common cause of homesickness is a phone call home. If a Scout is not homesick there's a good chance they will be after they call home. For this reason and others, Scouts are discouraged from bringing cell phones to camp. Parents should be discouraged from having their Scouts call home except in an emergency.

## **PROGRAM SAFETY**

### **Aquatics Safety**

All youth and adults are required to take the BSA Swimmer's Test before participating in any aquatic activity. The swim check is administered as part of check-in on Sundays. Swim checks can also be done by the unit prior to arrival in camp.

### **Shooting Sports Safety**

Permission from a parent or guardian is required for youth to shoot at any of our ranges. This permission is part of the California Inland Empire Council's Shooting Sports Authorization form (see appendix).

# OTHER CAMP POLICIES

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## **Scout Oath and Law**

Youth and adults are expected to abide by the Scout Oath and Law with each leader responsible for their Scouts. Please respect those camping with you.

## **Personal Vehicle Policy**

Vehicles are to remain in the parking lot at all times. We can't be responsible for loss or damage to your vehicle or its contents. Please back in when parking for ease of departure in case of an emergency. Those needing to use a vehicle for medical reasons should notify the camp office at check in. Please make every effort to reduce the amount of vehicles by carpooling to camp.

## **Religious Observance**

A non-sectarian, non-denominational Interfaith Service is scheduled for Wednesday morning. All units are encouraged to attend. Grace will be led before every meal in a manner befitting Scouting custom.

Chaplain's Aides will assist in the planning of the Interfaith Worship Service and are encouraged to lead their Troop in daily devotionals in their campsite. Resources are available from Camp Headquarters through the Program Director.

## **Mail at Camp**

Outgoing mail should be given to staff at headquarters. Incoming mail will be distributed at evening flags. To ensure that your Scouts get their mail while in camp, we recommend sending mail seven days in advance of when your Scout's week at camp. The mailing address at Camp Emerson is:

**Scout's Name and Unit #**  
**c/o Camp Emerson, Week #**  
**PO Box 880**  
**Idyllwild, CA 92549**



# TRADING POST

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Camp Emerson provides a Trading Post to serve campers and staff with items to support the summer camp program. Among the items we stock include:

- Assorted sundries that campers tend to forget or not bring in sufficient quantity to last the week.
- Camp swag! T-shirts, patches, and hats to wear throughout the year are some of the ways to help remember your time at Camp Emerson.
- Safe and affordable knives.
- Snacks and sweets. We offer a large selection of ice-cold soft drinks, snack items (including healthy options), candy bars and ice cream!

The Trading Post accepts cash and most major credit cards.

It is common for Scouts to spend up to \$60-\$80 on various items including camp shirts, program materials (merit badge kits etc.) and crafts, snacks and other essentials.

# SECTION III

# CAMP PROGRAM



# ADVENTURE IS CALLING

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Our program emphasizes the merit badges of the outdoors. We include classic Scout merit badge programs such as Swimming, Environmental Science, First Aid, Search and Rescue, Shotgun Shooting and Climbing!

Our First Year Camper Program helps younger Scouts advance and build the skills they need to succeed in Scouting.

## **MERIT BADGES**

American Cultures  
Archery  
Astronomy  
Basketry  
Camping  
Canoeing  
Chess  
Climbing  
Communications  
Emergency Preparedness  
Environmental Science  
First Aid  
Geocaching  
Leatherwork  
Lifesaving  
Metal Work  
Orienteering  
Pioneering  
Public Health  
Rifle Shooting  
Scouting Heritage  
Search and Rescue  
Shotgun Shooting  
Swimming  
Wilderness Survival  
Wood Carving

## **BEYOND THE BADGES**

First Year Camper  
Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award  
Totin' Chit  
Firem'n Chit  
First Aid and CPR Training (Youth and Adults)  
Leave No Trace Training (Youth and Adults)  
Polar Bear Swim  
Mile Swim  
Tomahawk Throw  
Paintball  
Swimming and Water Safety  
Scoutmaster Golf MB (Adults)  
Napping Merit Badge (Adults)

# WEEK AT A GLANCE

Day 1 Sunday	Day 2 Monday	Day 3 Tuesday	Day 4 Wednesday	Day 5 Thursday	Day 6 Friday	Day 7 Saturday
		5:30 Polar Bear Plunge	5:30 Scouts Own Sunrise Service	5:30 Polar Bear Plunge		
	6:00 Breakfast	6:00 Breakfast	6:00 Breakfast	6:00 Breakfast	6:00 Breakfast	6:00 Breakfast
	7:00 Morning Flags	7:00 Morning Flags	7:00 Morning Flags	7:00 Morning Flags	7:00 Morning Flags	7:00 Morning Flags
	8:00 Merit Badge Session 1	8:00 Merit Badge Session 1	Special Programs	8:00 Merit Badge Session 1	8:00 Merit Badge Session 1	8:00 Campsite cleanup and inspections
	9:30 Merit Badge Session 2	9:30 Merit Badge Session 2		9:30 Merit Badge Session 2	9:30 Merit Badge Session 2	
	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	11:30 Lunch	
1:00 Check in begins	1:00 Merit Badge Session 3	1:00 Merit Badge Session 3	Special Programs	1:00 Merit Badge Session 3	1:00 Merit Badge Session 3	
	2:30 Merit Badge Session 4	2:30 Merit Badge Session 4		2:30 Merit Badge Session 4	2:30 Merit Badge Session 4	
4:30 SPL & SM meeting	4:00 Merit Badge Session 5	4:00 Merit Badge Session 5		4:00 Merit Badge Session 5	4:00 Merit Badge Session 5	
5:30 Evening Flags	5:45 Evening Flags	5:45 Evening Flags	5:45 Evening Flags	5:45 Evening Flags	5:45 Evening Flags	
6:00 Dinner	6:00 Dinner	6:00 Dinner	6:00 Dinner	6:00 Dinner	6:00 Dinner	
7:30 Emergency Drill	7:00 Evening Programs	7:00 Evening Programs	7:00 Evening Programs	7:00 Evening Programs	7:00 Want to be a staffer?	
8:00 Opening Campfire			8:00 CE Dance Party		8:00 Closing Campfire	
9:00 Crakcer Barrel				Astronomy and Wilderness Survival overnighter	9:00 Crakcer Barrel	
10:00 Lights Out	10:00 Lights Out	10:00 Lights Out	10:00 Lights Out	10:00 Lights Out	10:00 Lights Out	

\* This schedule is subject to change.

# FOR OUR ADULT LEADERS

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**We haven't forgotten about the people who make it possible for youths to experience summer camp. We got you covered.**



## **Scoutmaster's Lounge**

Power up with free coffee! The Scoutmaster Lounge is reserved for adult leaders. Relax, meet some other leaders, and find new ways to make your Troop a success!

## **Scoutmaster Golf**

Fore! Take aim and swing away at "holes" around camp. Compete against other adults for the top score! Entry rules will be available at the Scoutmaster's Lounge.



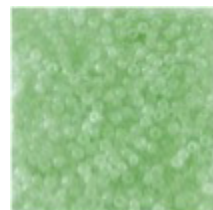
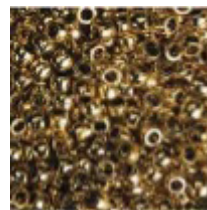
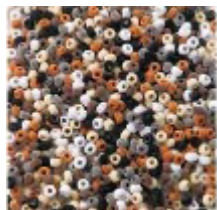
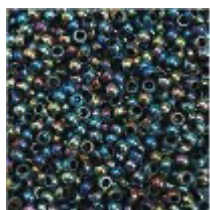
## **Napping Merit Badge**

Great for leaders looking to perfect the art of midday rest! Entry rules will be available at the Scoutmaster's Lounge.

# EMERSON BEAR TEETH

Campers at Camp Emerson collect Bear Teeth! Bear Teeth are earned from Camp Staff by doing your Good Turn Daily, Being Prepared, exemplifying the Scout Oath and Law, and being excellent Scouts.

Bear Teeth will be worn on your Camp Emblem that you need to wear when at camp. Each area will have its own type of Bear Teeth to award, so be sure to get them all to finish your Camp Emblem!



## Why Collect Bear Teeth?

The unit that best exemplifies Scout Spirit, the Scout Oath, Law, Slogan and Motto will receive the ultimate prize. Recognition at our final evening flags, eternal glory and...

... Ralph Waldo, the Emerson Bear. For you to take back to your unit to have, admire and take with you on outings, including future trips up to his home at Camp Emerson!



# THE FUN DOESN'T STOP

Who's got spirit? Yes, we do! Fun and competition makes summer at Camp Emerson memorable. Check 'em out!

## ALOHA!

On Aloha Wednesday you can wear your best Hawaiian shirt and other items that make you ohana. Troops can decorate their campsite with a tropical flair!



## FLAGS UP. SPIRIT UP.

We like our flag assemblies to be joyous. Full of Scout Spirit. Does your troop have spirit? How you show it will count towards the Ralph Waldo, Emerson Bear, award!



## OA DAY

Wear your sash on Tuesday! Join us for special dessert that evening!



# WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

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## **GAGA PIT**

If there was a merit badge for this, every Scout would earn it. We're proud of this exceptionally large pit, located at Gilwell Field near the bridge.

## **POLAR BEAR SWIM**

All the brave souls in camp will meet early morning at the pool and swim in bone-chilling water. You will warm up with the thought of earning a cool patch for all that!

## **MILE SWIM**

Higher elevation means some prep work in the days before the activity. The Aquatics Staff will give you all the information.

## **BSA LIFEGUARD**

Scouts must have Swimming and Lifeguard merit badges before attempting this class. A BSA Lifeguard can be a big part for your troop's outings.

## **CENTENNIAL LOOP HIKE**

The camp has miles of trails, but this is the classic hike. It will be offered early Friday morning and will take about two to three hours to complete. A trail through gorgeous scenery.



# WAIT, THERE'S MORE!

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## OUR WEDNESDAY SPECIAL PROGRAMS WE WILL OFFER THE FOLLOWING

### **CPR AND AED COURSE**

Sign Up at the Scoutmaster Lodge for CPR and AED Training! This training will feature Adult First Aid and CPR training, as well as practice using an AED. There is an additional cost of \$35 paid at camp before the class. Please bring cash or a check

### **NRA MARKSMANSHIP PROGRAM**

The NRA Marksmanship Program is a program for shooters to improve their shooting skills. The program offers a variety of rankings, including: Pro-Marksman, Marksman, Marksman 1st Class, Expert, and Distinguished Expert.

### **INTRODUCTION TO SCUBA BSA**

Scuba BSA is a program from the Boy Scouts of America that introduces participants to scuba diving, including safety precautions, equipment, and skills. Scuba BSA instruction is conducted by a certified instructor. The program teaches Scouts how to: Assemble scuba equipment, breathe underwater using scuba, equalize their ears, and Clear their mask underwater.

### **INTRODUCTION TO HORSEMANSHIP**

Introduction to Horsemanship program teaches scouts about introductory horseback riding skills. Some basic horsemanship principles covered in the program include: Organizing stage, Approaching stage, Haltering stage, Leading, Tying, Natural cues, and Application of cues.

# 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR CAMPER PROGRAM

Camp Emerson's First Year Camper Program is second to none. Newer Scouts can hone their skills in a supportive, learning environment to prepare for the next step in their Scouting Journey! Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the First Aid, Swimming, and Pioneering merit badges, as well as the Totem' Chip and Fire'n Chit awards as part of the program. Plus one merit badge of the Scouts choice

## Scout

- 1a-f: Scout Oath, Law, Slogan, etc.
- 2a-d: Leadership and Advancement
- 3a-b: Patrol Method and Spirit
- 4a-b: Knots
- 5: Pocketknife Safety

## 2nd Class

- 1b: Leave No Trace
- 2a-d, f-g: Cooking Techniques & Knots
- 3a, c-d: Hiking & Orienteering Practices
- 4: Wildlife at Camp
- 6a-e: First Aid and Emergency Preparedness
- 8a-b: Flag Etiquette and Ceremony
- 9a-b: Three R's and Bullying

## Tenderfoot

- 1b-c: Preparing for an Overnight Campout
- 3a-c: Knots and Hitches
- 3d: Proper Care for Axe and Saw
- 4a-c: First Aid and Poisonous Plants
- 4d: Assemble a personal First Aid kit
- 5a-c: Buddy System and Safe Hiking
- 7a-b: Flag Etiquette & Service Project
- 8: Using the EDGE Method

## 1st Class

- 1b: Tread Lightly
- 3a-c: Lashings and Knots
- 5a-d: Hazardous Weather Safety
- 6a-e: Swim Test and Aquatics
- 7a-c: First Aid Transport



# WHICH MERIT BADGE IS RIGHT FOR YOUR SCOUT?

Merit Badge	Rating	Comments
American Cultures	Intermediate	Scouts should come prepared to discuss either their personal racial, cultural, national or religious background
Archery	Beginner	Must be able to draw back the bow. Accuracy—qualifying can sometimes be a challenge
Astronomy	Intermediate	Requires: Astronomy overnigher
Basketry	Beginner	An additional handi craft kit will need to be purchased the price for the kits are between \$15 and \$25
Camping	Advanced	Requirements 4.b, 5.e, 7.b, 8.d, 9.a, 9.b will not be covered at camp. Scouts can provide proof of completion prior to camp or will be given a partial
Canoeing	Intermediate	Requires: physical strength to paddle and turn over a swamped canoe
Chess	Intermediate	Learn the basics and history of playing chess.
Climbing	Advanced	Requires good physical strength & climbing skill — must climb the tower several times
Communications	Advanced	Requirements 5. will not be covered at camp. Scouts can provide proof of completion prior to camp or will be given a partial
Emergency Preparedness	Advanced	Scouts will need to provide proof of completing the First Aid Merit Badge to complete this Merit badge Requirements 2.c and 8.b. will not be covered at camp. Scouts can provide proof of completion prior to camp or will be given a partial
Environmental Science	Intermediate	
First Aid	Beginner	Requirement 5.a Scouts may bring a photo of their homes first aid kit to discuss with the counselor
Forestry	Intermediate	
Geocaching		Requirements 7. will not be covered at camp. Scouts can provide proof of completion prior to camp or will be given a partial
Leatherwork	Beginner	An additional handi craft kit will need to be purchased the price for the kits are between \$15 and \$25
Lifesaving	Advanced	<b>Prerequisites:</b> Swimming Merit Badge must be completed prior to camp. Requires: Strong swimming skills, physical strength, stamina
Metalwork	Advanced	Requires: physical strength, stamina, some risk working with metal and extreme heat
Orienteering	Beginner	Scouts will need a compass for this course. They can either bring one or they are for sale in the Camp Trading Post for \$6
Pioneering	Intermediate	Requires: mastery of basic knots and lashings
Public Health	Intermediate	
Rifle Shooting	Intermediate	Requires: Accuracy—qualifying can sometimes be a challenge
Scoutng Heritage	Beginner	Requirements 5. will not be covered at camp. Scouts can provide proof of completion prior to camp or will be given a partial
Search & Rescue	Intermediate	
Shotgun Shooting	Intermediate	Requires: physical strength & size; not recommended for small or very young Scouts
Swimming	Intermediate	Must complete BSA Swimmer Test
Wilderness Survival	Advanced	Requires advanced outdoor skills, including building & sleeping outdoors in a shelter; not recommended for young or inexperienced Scouts
Woodcarving	Beginner	An additional handi craft kit will need to be purchased the price for the kits are between \$15 and \$25

# SECTION IV

# APPENDIX



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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To help alleviate the number of questions we receive prior to camp, we have included some frequently asked questions and answers in this Leader's Guide.

## **Can my Scout do the swim check before coming to camp?**

Yes, we allow—and highly recommend—units to complete their swim checks prior to coming to camp.

## **What is my Scout able to do during Free Time?**

After our merit badge programs conclude on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays, many of our program areas will be open for Scouts to come by and take part in fun, engaging activities outside of their merit badge schedules. Free Time activities include Open Swimming, Open Crafts, Open Shooting, Open Climbing, Branding, and more. Most activities come at no additional charge, however, materials to complete craft kits will require additional charges.

## **Are there any additional costs for merit badges for my Scouts?**

Most merit badge programs do not require additional payments; however, some programs require fees ranging from \$15 to \$30. Additionally, the Wednesday CPR AED Course participants will be required to pay a fee of \$35. These fees are to be paid at camp.

## **What is the First Year Camper Program?**

The First Year Camper Program is designed for Scouts who have recently joined a Troop or crossed over from a Cub Scout Pack. The program will take Scouts through each of the first four ranks on the Trail to Eagle and will teach them basic Scout skills and methods. They will also have the opportunity to earn Totin' Chip, Firem'n Chit, and the Swimming, First Aid, and Pioneering Merit Badge. This program is not intended to advance your Scout to First Class within a week, but it may help with getting your Scout closer towards it. Our main goal is to ensure that their first summer camp experience is one of the best and that their intro to the Scouting world ignites a fire in them for years to come.

## **Can parents and siblings visit during the week of camp?**

Sorry we are not able to accommodate visitors at camp.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## **Does my Scout need to bring a tent to camp?**

Yes, Camp Emerson does not provide tents for our campsites

## **I have a CPAP machine. Am I able to get power for it?**

Sorry power is not available in our campsites. You will need to bring a portable battery pack to power your CPAP machine.

## **How do we send letters and care packages to camp?**

We encourage you to write your Scouts while they are at camp. The best way is to send letters and packages with your Scouts Leaders. They can then be given to the Camp Leadership for daily mail call. Nothing puts a bigger smile on a Scout's face than getting called out during mail call. Should you choose to mail your letters and packages, we recommend doing so at least 7-10 days before your Scout arrives at camp so the items will reach them while they are at camp. Any mail arriving after your Scout leaves camp will be returned to the sender. All items should be addressed as follows:

**Scout's Name and Unit #**  
**c/o Camp Emerson, Week #**  
**PO Box 880**  
**Idyllwild, CA 92549**

## **My unit has an individual with a food allergy, intolerance, or dietary restriction. What should I do?**

Contact camp at [campemerson@scouting.org](mailto:campemerson@scouting.org) at least two weeks prior to your session if you have any campers with food allergies or dietary restrictions. We will do our best to meet your needs. Also make sure your Scout advises the medical team of this dietary restriction during check in.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## **Is there a place to refrigerate medication that we bring to camp?**

If your medication requires refrigeration, please be sure the medication is in its original packaging and in a clear plastic bag labeled with the camper's name and troop number. This medication must be submitted to the Camp Health Officer at check-in to be stored at the Health Lodge. Make sure that you meet the Health Officer at the time you are expected to take your medication at the Health Lodge.

## **Does the medication I bring to camp need to be in its original bottle?**

Yes, all medications must be in their original bottle and/or packaging, as well as in a clear plastic bag labeled with the patient's name and troop number.

## **Do I need Part C of my medical form if I am staying less than 72 hours?**

Yes, as of June 2018, Parts A, B1, B2, and C of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record are required to stay any length of time at a summer resident camp.

## **Do I need to attach a copy of my Scout's health insurance card to their BSA Annual Health Form?**

Yes, a health insurance card must be attached to the Scout's BSA Annual Health and Medical Record.

## **Will my Scout need to bring Blue Cards?**

Yes. At Camp Emerson, we do use Blue Cards.

## **What is a partial?**

If your Scout is not able to complete the requirements of their merit badge while at camp, they will receive a partial in-lieu of a "Completed" Blue Card.

## **If I am an adult leader not from California, do I need to be in compliance with California AB-506?**

Registered adult leaders from units that are registered out-of-state do not need to be in compliance with CA AB-506. Only registered adult leaders from units registered within the State of California need to complete the mandatory LifeScan Fingerprinting background checks and the California Mandated Reporter Training.

# MAP





# DIRECTIONS

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## Street Address

**53155 Idyllbrook Drive  
Idyllwild, CA 92549**

**From the Riverside Area thru Hemet:** Take Route 60 Riverside, towards Beaumont. Turn right on route 79 and continue 8.3 miles to Ramona Expressway. Turn left on Ramona Expressway, and travel 8 miles to Florida Ave/Route 74. Turn left onto Florida/Route 74 about fifteen miles up the mountain to Highway 243 and Mountain Center. Merge to the left at the junction of Routes 74/243 and turn left onto Route 243. Drive on Route 243 four miles to Idyllwild. Turn left on Tollgate Road (there will be a sign for Camp Emerson and the Idyllwild Arts Campus) and look for the signs for Camp Emerson about one-mile down Tollgate Road on the right.

**From the Los Angeles Area thru Banning:** Take Route 10 or 60 East to Banning. Take the 8th Street exit to Route 243, which leads up the mountain 25 miles to Idyllwild. Continue one mile through the village. Turn right on Tollgate Road and look for the signs for Camp Emerson about one-mile down Tollgate Road on the right.

**From Southwestern Riverside County:** Take Highway 15 South to Winchester Road in Temecula. Turn left (East) onto Winchester Road to Domenginoni Parkway. Turn right on Domenginoni Parkway to State Street. Turn left on State Street and travel to Florida Avenue/Highway 74. Turn right onto Florida Avenue/Route 74 to Mtn. Center. Merge to the left at the junction of Highway 74/Route 243 and turn left. Travel about four miles to Tollgate Road. Turn left on Tollgate Road (there will be a sign for Camp Emerson and the Idyllwild Arts Campus) and look for the signs for Camp Emerson about one-mile down Tollgate Road on the right.

**From the San Diego Area:** Take Highway 15 north to Temecula. Exit on Highway 79 south toward Indio/Palm Desert. Highway 79 turns into Highway 371 (Continue towards Indio/Palm Desert). Turn left on Highway 74 and continue about 10 miles to Highway 243. Turn right and go about four miles to Idyllwild. Turn left on Tollgate Road (there will be a sign for Camp Emerson and the Idyllwild Arts Campus) and look for the signs for Camp Emerson about one-mile down Tollgate road on the right.

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Leader in Charge at Camp \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

	<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Notes</b>	
Adult <input type="checkbox"/>				Med Form <input type="checkbox"/>
Yourh <input type="checkbox"/>				Shooting Sports Waiver <input type="checkbox"/>
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Total Adults/Leaders \_\_\_\_\_

Total Youth \_\_\_\_\_

## Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
 or staff position: \_\_\_\_\_

### Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.

In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person by the medical provider and/or adult leader. In the event that this person cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge, camp medical staff, camp management, and/or any physician or health-care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§160.103, 164.501, etc. seq., as amended from time to time, includes examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

(If applicable) I have carefully considered the risk involved and hereby give my informed consent for my child to participate in all activities offered in the program. I further authorize the sharing of the information on this form with any BSA volunteers or professionals who need to know of medical conditions that may require special consideration in conducting Scouting activities.

**With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.**

I also hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the BSA, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

*Every person who furnishes any BB device to any minor, without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor. (California Penal Code Section 19915[a]) My signature below on this form indicates my permission.*

I give permission for my child to use a BB device. (Note: Not all events will include BB devices.)

**Checking this box indicates you DO NOT want your child to use a BB device.**



**NOTE: Due to the nature of programs and activities, the Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. However, so that leaders can be as familiar as possible with any limitations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below.**

List participant restrictions, if any:

None

\_\_\_\_\_

I understand that, if any information I/we have provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/or eliminate the opportunity for participation in any event or activity. If I am participating at Philmont Scout Ranch, Philmont Training Center, Northern Tier, Sea Base, or the Summit Bechtel Reserve, **I have also read and understand the supplemental risk advisories, including height and weight requirements and restrictions, and understand that the participant will not be allowed to participate in applicable high-adventure programs if those requirements are not met.** The participant has permission to engage in all high-adventure activities described, except as specifically noted by me or the health-care provider. If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian's signature is required.

Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature for youth: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(If participant is under the age of 18)

### Complete this section for youth participants only:

#### Adults Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

You must designate at least one adult. Please include a phone number.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Adults **NOT** Authorized to Take Youth to and From Events:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



## Part B1: General Information/Health History

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**High-adventure base participants:**

Expedition/crew No.: \_\_\_\_\_

or staff position: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Height (inches): \_\_\_\_\_ Weight (lbs.): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit leader: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit leader's mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Council Name/No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Health/Accident Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No.: \_\_\_\_\_



Please attach a photocopy of both sides of the insurance card. If you do not have medical insurance, enter "none" above.

**In case of emergency, notify the person below:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate contact name: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate's phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Health History

Do you currently have or have you ever been treated for any of the following?

Yes	No	Condition	Explain
		Diabetes	Last HbA1c percentage and date: _____ Insulin pump: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		Hypertension (high blood pressure)	
		Adult or congenital heart disease/heart attack/chest pain (anginal)/heart murmur/coronary artery disease. Any heart surgery or procedure. Explain all "yes" answers.	
		Family history of heart disease or any sudden heart-related death of a family member before age 50.	
		Stroke/TIA	
		Asthma/reactive airway disease	Last attack date: _____
		Lung/respiratory disease	
		COPD	
		Ear/eyes/nose/sinus problems	
		Muscular/skeletal condition/muscle or bone issues	
		Head injury/concussion/TBI	
		Altitude sickness	
		Psychiatric/psychological or emotional difficulties	
		Neurological/behavioral disorders	
		Blood disorders/sickle cell disease	
		Fainting spells and dizziness	
		Kidney disease	
		Seizures or epilepsy	Last seizure date: _____
		Abdominal/stomach/digestive problems	
		Thyroid disease	
		Skin issues	
		Obstructive sleep apnea/sleep disorders	CPAP: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
		List all surgeries and hospitalizations	Last surgery date: _____
		List any other medical conditions not covered above	



## Part B2: General Information/Health History

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: \_\_\_\_\_

or staff position: \_\_\_\_\_

### Allergies/Medications

DO YOU USE AN EPINEPHRINE AUTOINJECTOR? Exp. date (if yes) \_\_\_\_\_  YES  NO

DO YOU USE AN ASTHMA RESCUE INHALER? Exp. date (if yes) \_\_\_\_\_  YES  NO

Are you allergic to or do you have any adverse reaction to any of the following?

Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain	Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain
		Medication				Plants	
		Food				Insect bites/stings	

List all medications currently used, including any over-the-counter medications.

Check here if no medications are routinely taken.  If additional space is needed, please list on a separate sheet and attach.

Medication	Dose	Frequency	Reason

YES  NO Non-prescription medication administration is authorized with these exceptions: \_\_\_\_\_

Administration of the above medications is approved for youth by:

\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/guardian signature MD/DO, NP, or PA signature (if your state requires signature)

**Bring enough medications in sufficient quantities and in the original containers. Make sure that they are NOT expired, including inhalers and EpiPens. You SHOULD NOT STOP taking any maintenance medication unless instructed to do so by your doctor.**

### Immunization

The following immunizations are recommended. Tetanus immunization is required and must have been received within the last 10 years. If you had the disease, check the disease column and list the date. If immunized, check yes and provide the year received.

Yes	No	Had Disease	Immunization	Date(s)
			Tetanus	
			Pertussis	
			Diphtheria	
			Measles/mumps/rubella	
			Polio	
			Chicken Pox	
			Hepatitis A	
			Hepatitis B	
			Meningitis	
			Influenza	
			Other (i.e., HIB)	
			Exemption to immunizations (form required)	

**Please list any additional information about your medical history:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX.**  
 Review for camp or special activity.

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Further approval required:  Yes  No

Reason: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Part C: Pre-Participation Physical

This part must be completed by certified and licensed physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, or physician assistants.

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

### High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: \_\_\_\_\_

or staff position: \_\_\_\_\_



You are being asked to certify that this individual has no contraindication for participation in a Scouting experience. For individuals who will be attending a high-adventure program, including one of the national high-adventure bases, please refer to the supplemental information on the following pages or the form provided by your patient. You can also visit [www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr) to view this information online.

### Please fill in the following information:

	Yes	No	Explain
Medical restrictions to participate			

Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain
		Medication	
		Food	

Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain
		Plants	
		Insect bites/stings	

Height (inches)	Weight (lbs.)	BMI	Blood Pressure	Pulse
			/	

	Normal	Abnormal	Explain Abnormalities
Eyes			
Ears/nose/throat			
Lungs			
Heart			
Abdomen			
Genitalia/hernia			
Musculoskeletal			
Neurological			
Skin issues			
Other			

### Examiner's Certification

I certify that I have reviewed the health history and examined this person and find no contraindications for participation in a Scouting experience. This participant (with noted restrictions):

True	False	Explain
		Meets height/weight requirements.
		Has no uncontrolled heart disease, lung disease, or hypertension.
		Has not had an orthopedic injury, musculoskeletal problems, or orthopedic surgery in the last six months or possesses a letter of clearance from his or her orthopedic surgeon or treating physician.
		Has no uncontrolled psychiatric disorders.
		Has had no seizures in the last year.
		Does not have poorly controlled diabetes.
		If planning to scuba dive, does not have diabetes, asthma, or seizures.

Examiner's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Examiner's printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP code: \_\_\_\_\_

Office phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Height/Weight Restrictions

If you exceed the maximum weight for height as explained in the following chart and your planned high-adventure activity will take you more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle/accessible roadway, you may not be allowed to participate.

#### Maximum weight for height:

Height (inches)	Max. Weight	Height (inches)	Max. Weight	Height (inches)	Max. Weight	Height (inches)	Max. Weight
60	166	65	195	70	226	75	260
61	172	66	201	71	233	76	267
62	178	67	207	72	239	77	274
63	183	68	214	73	246	78	281
64	189	69	220	74	252	79 and over	295



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### SHOOTING SPORTS AUTHORIZATION

Supplements BSA Annual Health and Medical Record "Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization" (BSA Doc # 680-001\*) and Activity Consent Form (BSA Doc # 680-673\*\*)

The California Inland Empire Council adheres to Scouts BSA’s longstanding policy of teaching its youth and adult members the safe, responsible, intelligent handling, care, and use of firearms, air rifles, BB guns, and archery equipment in planned, carefully managed, and supervised programs. Planned shooting sports activities are conducted under the supervision of currently certified BSA National Shooting Sports Directors or National Rifle Association Firearms Instructors, or USAA Archery Instructors. California law requires express parental permission for participation by minors in certain shooting sports activities and programs.

Minor Participant’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

As the parent or guardian of the minor participant listed above, I hereby give my express consent and permission to the California Inland Empire Council BSA and its Shooting Sports Staff for the participant to engage in the following lawful, recreational shooting sports, including instruction in the safe handling of the devices listed below and related activities. In the case of activities involving firearms, I hereby additionally consent to the participant being furnished and possessing live ammunition for use during such activities. These permissions are intended to comply with any applicable provisions for parental consent found in California Penal Code §§ 19915, 27505, 29615, and 29655, or similar provisions.

(Please mark each applicable category of permission granted, and Initial each entry)

**Cub Scouts/Webelos**

- Air Rifles (pellet gun) (Webelos, AOL Scouts) Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- Archery, bow and arrow Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- BB Devices (BB gun) Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- Wrist Rockets Initial \_\_\_\_\_

**Scouts BSA/Venturing/Explorer/Sea Scout:**

- Air Rifles (pellet gun) Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- Archery, bow and arrow Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- BB Devices (BB gun) Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- BSA Airsoft Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- Paint Ball Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- Knife throwing Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- Long Guns (Rifle, Shotgun) Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- Muzzle Loading Rifle (Black Powder) Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- Tomahawk Throwing Initial \_\_\_\_\_
- Wrist Rockets Initial \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\* I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves a certain degree of risk and can be physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for myself or my child to participate in this activity. I also understand that participation in this activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by applicable rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

Parent or Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Swim Classification Record

(Changes and/or corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test supervisor.)

Unit Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Swim Test \_\_\_\_\_

	Full Name (Print) <small>(Draw lines through blank spaces)</small>	Medical Recheck Parts A-B	Swim Classification		
			Non-Swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					

The swim classification test performed at a unit level should be conducted by one of the following council-approved resource people: Aquatics Instructor, BSA; BSA Lifeguard; BSA Swimming & Water Rescue; or other lifeguard, swimming instructor, etc. Test administrators should utilize chapter 5 of the [BSA Aquatics Supervision Guide](#).

**NAME OF PERSON SUPERVISING & FACILITATING THE SWIM TEST:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Authorization/Training  
(Attach a copy of certification if required by council procedure)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Expiration Date if applicable



## SWIM CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. These swim classification tests are a foundational unit of the Aquatics Continuum.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the individual's circumstances in the water.

### SWIM TESTS FOR COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

Swim tests for **council activities** are conducted following procedures approved by a council-level committee, preferably the Council Aquatics Committee. The council committee should use the guidance contained in *BSA Aquatics Management Guide*. SPECIAL NOTE: When swim tests are conducted away from camp, the camp aquatics director retains the right to review or retest any or all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

### REGARDLESS OF WHERE OR WHEN THE SWIM TEST IS GIVEN THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES APPLY:

- **The test is given one-on-one.** The test administrator and the swimmer are buddies during the administration of the test.
- **Each component of the test is important.** The test must not be changed either to assist the Scout or to expedite the process.
- **The test must be completed without aid or support.** Aid includes lifejackets, wetsuits, fins, etc. Swim goggles may be used to avoid eye irritation.
- **Swim tests must be renewed annually,** preferably at the beginning of the outdoor season.

### TO THE SWIM TEST ADMINISTRATOR

#### SWIMMER'S TEST:

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: side stroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting back stroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

#### BEGINNER'S TEST:

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resumeswimming as before, and return to starting place.

Anyone who has not completed the beginner or swimmer tests is classified as a **nonswimmer**.

# CONTACT US

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