



PARENTS INFORMATION GUIDE

2022



HOW TO CONTACT YOUR SCOUT

The best way to get a message to your Scout is to call the cell phone of a troop leader. You can also contact us via email to the Camp Director: mandrews@boyscouts-marine.org

Camp Staff checks email several times daily, and a printed copy of your email will be placed in the troop's mailbox.

PACKAGES & LETTERS

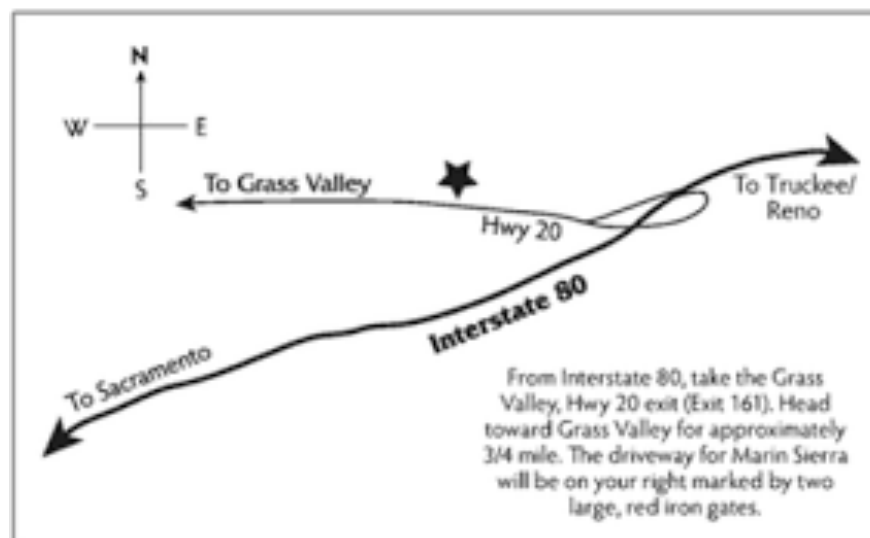
If you send packages, please do not send food. There is plenty of quality-prepared food at all meals and a range of snack options available in the Tradin' Post. Because there are wild animals in camp, Scouts and leaders need to lock up their food in bear boxes at night.

Delivery to camp is slow. Send your letters and packages right away. Address your letters and packages:

{Name of Scout}
Golden Gate Area Council, Troop 818
Camp Marin-Sierra
PO Box 86
Emigrant Gap, CA 95715

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

Follow these directions ONLY! Do not use Google or MapQuest; they may be wrong!



REQUIRED FORMS

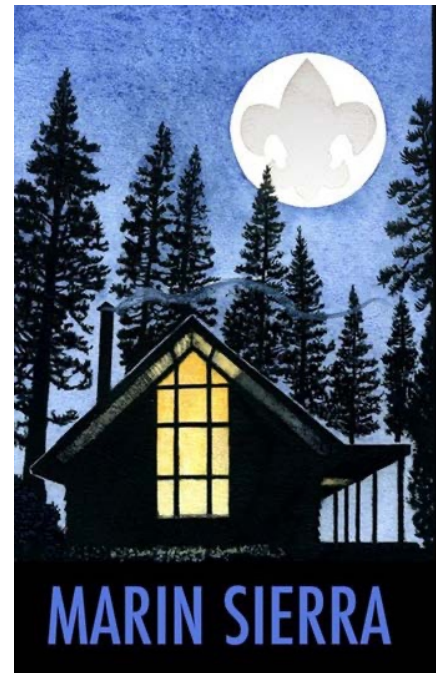
The following forms are required to be completed and turned into the Troop Secretary, Joelle Kendle **not later than July 1**: troop818mom@gmail.com

- ✓ **BSA Annual Health & Medical Record.** 2019 edition only. Parts A, B, C reviewed and approved by a physician.
- ✓ **CMS Minor Activity Release** - signed by both parents/guardians)
- ✓ **Special Dietary Needs Form (OPTIONAL)** Must be Faxed to Council Office *not later than June 24*: (415) 454-5511

*These forms can be downloaded from the Troop website: <https://www.troop818-bsa.org/copy-of-camp-hi-sierra>

HOMESICKNESS

Our active program is the best insurance against homesickness, and we do everything we can to keep all Scouts engaged. However, there are still times when younger Scouts get homesick. From experience, we have learned that the more Scouts call home, the worse the Scout is homesick. If we do permit a scout to call home, please be supportive of them staying and finishing the week. If the Scouts feel you want them to be successful at camp, they are more likely to want to finish the week. Also, often after a Scout gets through the first few days and has bonded more with the troop, they are more likely to feel better about staying. A great way to help a Scout that you suspect may become homesick is to mail a short, positive note to them right away so that they receive it on Monday or Tuesday. However, remember that telling them how much you miss them or that you wish they were at home will only reinforce feelings of homesickness.



BRINGING MONEY TO CAMP

We have a Tradin' Post that operates Monday through Friday where Scouts can buy snack foods, souvenirs, personal items, shooting sports tickets, and other merit badge supplies. Scouts are responsible to safeguard and manage their money. **\$40 should be plenty.**



SUMMER CAMP

LIST OF THINGS TO TAKE AND NOT TO TAKE

THINGS TO HAVE WITH ON WAY UP:			
	Scout Shirt	Scout Socks	Neckerchief & Slide
	Scout Pants (shorts)	Hiking Boots	Troop Hat
	Scout Belt & Buckle	Jacket (Warm)	Sack lunch
THINGS TO TAKE - REQUIRED ITEMS – IN THE PACK:			
	1 Backpack	2 Troop Class B-Shirts (Note 7)	Sharpening Stone
	1 Sleeping Bag (Note 1)	2 T-shirts (Scout Designs Only)	1 Bath Towel
	1 Ground Cloth	4 Pair Socks	1 Comb & Mirror
	1 Pillow	4 pair undershorts	1 Hand Soap in Container
	1 Poncho	1 Sweatshirt	1 Tooth Brush & Paste
	2 Wire Coat Hangers	1 Pair Jeans	1 Tube Chap stick
	1 Pair Tennis Shoes	1 Pair Short Pants	1 Mosquito Repellant
	Swimsuit (on top of pack-Note 8)	1 Flashlight	4 Large (Leaf-size) garbage bags
	1 Scout Handbook	1 Pocket Knife (Note 2)	6 Band-aids
	Water Bottle	Matches in watertight container	
THINGS TO TAKE - OPTIONAL ITEMS:			
	Camera	Flannel or Wool Shirt	Sun Screen
	Day Pack	Harmonica	Sunglasses
	Spending Money (\$40)	Guitar (Note 5)	Fishing Pole
	Small Folding Chair	Extra Neckerchief Slides	
THINGS NOT TO TAKE - PROHIBITED ITEMS (Note 4):			
X	No electronics, including phones. See Note 6.	X	No Food, Drink or Candy of any kind (Note 3)
		X	No Slingshots
		X	No Hand Luggage or packages
NOTES:			
<p>(1) Bag should be warm, rated at 20 degrees or lower -- we will be at 5,200 feet.</p> <p>(2) No knives with blades over 3" long. No sheath knives.</p> <p>(3) Any Special dietary needs should be brought to attention of Scouters</p> <p>(4) If prohibited items are present and are observed, they will be confiscated and will be returned to the owner upon return to Walnut Creek.</p> <p>(5) Can be outside of pack.</p> <p>(6) There is no cell or Internet service. Parents will receive arrival updates from the Troop for the trip home.</p> <p>(7) New shirts will be distributed on July 10 at WCPC.</p> <p>(8) Put the swim suit in the pack last, so it is on top. The activity, even before we get to our campsite, is the swim check.</p>			