



# Camp Hi-Sierra

2017 Leader's Guide

Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council

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## Welcome from the Scout Executive

Dear Scout Leader:

I hope you and your Scouts will have a great Scouting experience at Camp Hi-Sierra. Hi-Sierra offers Scouts the rustic setting of an old lumber camp, lots of good food, great scenery, great staff, and an excellent Scouting program. Your Scouts will have a lot of fun as they advance at their pace.

This Camp Hi-Sierra Leaders' Guide will help you, the Scouts and their parents, to plan your week at Camp. Please feel free to copy any of the pages or forms for distribution to the members of your troop. You may also copy from our web site: [www.CampHi-Sierra.org](http://www.CampHi-Sierra.org).

If you have any questions or comments, see the "Key Contacts" list later in this guide.

Best wishes to you and the troop in planning and experiencing your week at Hi-Sierra.

Yours in Scouting,

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This guidebook and the forms attached are available at the Camp Hi-Sierra web site:  
[www.CampHi-Sierra.org](http://www.CampHi-Sierra.org)

## Camp Description

Camp Hi-Sierra is the privately owned property of the Boy Scout Memorial Foundation, and is located at an elevation of 5000 ft. within the Stanislaus National Forest.

The North Fork of the Tuolumne River flows through camp and provides an endlessly enjoyable. The property has a rich heritage: summer dwelling sites for Miwok Indians, early homesteads, and the Cold Springs sawmill site for the Standard Lumber Company. The Council purchased the camp's one hundred acres in 1949 for only \$10.00, from Edward Jenness, who owned more than five thousand acres along with the old Mono Toll Road just above camp along the present Highway 108. The first regular camping season, though small, was in 1949. From that summer to the present, Camp Hi-Sierra has proudly passed on the common thread of purpose and method that runs through every part of the Scout camping program to those first campers' staff and their children.

Today, Scouts can enjoy the many wonders of wildlife, wildflowers, lofty mountain peaks, and beautiful forests. This is why Camp Hi-Sierra is a rich setting for your Scouts to have a real Scouting experience. Their Camp Hi-Sierra experience will remain a "bright light" in their Scouting memory. As Robert Baden-Powell once stated, "loan me your sons and I will help develop self-reliance and resourcefulness by providing a learning experience in which boys acquire knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to their well-being." This, from the start, has been Camp Hi-Sierra's goal, as entrusted to us by Baden-Powell.

Camp Hi-Sierra is located 34 miles east of Sonora on highway 108; about 3 1/2 hours drive from the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council Service Center in San Jose. 6.4 miles above Long Barn look for the "Camp Hi-Sierra" sign on the right. The 2 1/2-mile dirt road into camp is a one-vehicle-wide road; up-hill traffic has the right of way, but there are plenty of pullouts. This is a 15-MPH road so be sure to keep your eyes open for on-coming traffic. As you approach the camp's parking lot, please observe the 5-MPH speed limit. Also, please pass this information to family and friends who plan to visit camp or transport your Scouts.

## Non-Discrimination Policy

Rules for acceptance and participation in the camping program are the same for everyone regardless of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability. For discrimination issues, please contact:

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## **Six Steps to Successful Camp Planning**

### **1. Find out what your Scouts want to do**

Before camp, schedule a few minutes at troop meetings to talk about camp. If most of your Scouts are first-year campers, you may choose to show pictures or slides of camp; or some of the awesome videos of camp you can find online at our website. Develop a list of each Scout's personal camp goals.

### **2. Meet with the Patrol Leaders**

Ask the Patrol Leaders to discuss with their patrol members what they would like to do at camp. Some options could be patrol hikes, earning special troop merit badges, patrol swims, troop shoots, fishing, inter-troop activities, patrol challenges, etc. Make sure that the Patrol Leaders have their Patrol Flags, patrol yells, skits and skills ready for camp.

### **3. Meet with your Senior Patrol Leader**

The Senior Patrol Leader should be planning to attend camp. If he is not, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader should assume the duties or the troop could appoint or elect a Camp Senior Patrol Leader. Include him and your troop Senior Patrol Leader in all your camp planning meetings. Also, plan to have him attend SPL Week (see "SPL Week" later in this guide).

### **4. Have a serious planning session with yourself**

Your camp goal should be to meet the needs of the Scouts you serve. Review the input from the Scouts and share this with the troop committee. The committee needs to be involved in summer camp planning. It is their responsibility to help the troop have a successful summer camp experience. Schedule a committee meeting to discuss such items as transportation, equipment, finances, and adult leadership.

### **5. Plan for fun and success**

Scouts need to know what to bring. They also need to know the program, advancement opportunities and activities that are available.

Troop leaders need to focus on the advancement and activity goals set by their Patrol Leaders' Council and plan their participation accordingly.

Parents need to know when camp is, where it is, how to send mail, how much it costs, and how to get in touch with someone in case of an emergency. Parents also need to know son's plans. Give parents the National ABC medical forms early so that they can schedule their doctor appointments. **Please** note all ABC medical forms need to be signed by authorized medical practitioner dated with one year of the end of camp and have the tetanus immunization within 10 years.

### **6. Meet with the parents of the new Scouts (recently graduated Webelos) coming into your troop**

All boys deserve the opportunity to come to camp. Give the parents of new Scouts every opportunity to plan early for the expense of Scout camp. Waiting too long may cost a Scout the opportunity to attend. Parents of new Scouts may be reluctant to allow their son to come to camp. They need to be reassured of a well-run camp; how good the food is, and how troop leadership and camp will care for the well being of each Scout. It is hard to be a Scout and not attend camp. Help parents alleviate their fears. Invite the Order of the Arrow to participate with a camp promotion presentation.

## Unit Planning Timetable

### While at Camp in 2016:

Make your reservations for 2017.

A \$250.00 deposit per campsite is required for the Boy Scout Resident Camp program at the time of reservation. Pay your reservation fee and submit your Boy Scout Resident Camp Reservation form while in camp and receive the in-camp rate per youth for summer 2017.

### November 2016

Pay your Boy Scout Resident Camp or program deposit by November 1 to lock in your fees at the \$340 early rate per youth for summer 2017. **You must be paid in full by May 1<sup>st</sup> to retain this rate.**

### January 2017

Hand out medical forms and encourage both Scouts and adults to schedule early appointments for their physical exams. NOTE: Anyone planning to stay in camp (including campers, visitors, family members and friends) must have the appropriate medical forms. Medical forms are good for one year and must be current to the end of camp.

The National Medical Form (A, B, C) replaces all old medical forms. This form needs to be filled out completely, including inoculations with dates, a doctor's signature with date, and consent to treat parent signature. This form is available at:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/part\\_c.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/part_c.pdf)

Submit a \$50 non-refundable deposit per Scout to the Council Service Center by January 1. (See Camp Fees later in this document.)

### February 2017

Make sure that the number of Scouts plus adult leaders is at least equal to the minimum required for your campsite.



Begin working with Webelos and new Scouts so that they will be prepared to go to camp with your troop.

### **March 2017**

Submit an additional \$100 non-refundable payment per Scout to the Council Service Center by March 1.

Review the CHS Leaders' Guide. (Well, since you're reading this....☺)

Conduct a parents meeting to talk about program dates and times. Be prepared to answer questions.

Have Scouts plan what merit badges and programs to pursue.

Attend the Scoutmaster's Pre-Camp Meeting (check website for dates: [www.CampHi-Sierra.org](http://www.CampHi-Sierra.org)).

### **April 2017**

Make sure that the number of Scouts plus adult leaders is at least equal to the minimum required for your campsite.

Make sure all boys are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.

Begin working on merit badges having pre-camp requirements.

For the Boy Scout Resident Camp program, confirm who will be attending as adult leaders.

Confirm transportation arrangements.

Start campership applications.

Enter each youth

### **May**

**Merit Badge Sign-up will happen at 7pm for each the following days:**

**|Week 1 – May 15 ||Week 2 May 16 || Week 3 May 16 || Week 4 May 17 || Week 5 May 18 || Week 6 May 18 ||**

Meet with Scouts, Patrol Leaders and SPL to confirm advancement and other goals for camp.

Logon to the Merit Badge and Activity sign up page. Each boy will need to be entered and then the merit badges they would like to take. For most badges there will be several sessions of each badge, so plan accordingly. Please see the Advancement and Merit Badge Guide for more information. The Scoutmaster or their designee, not parents or Scouts, should complete all registrations for advancement.

Attend the Scoutmaster's Pre-Camp Meeting (check website for dates: [www.CampHi-Sierra.org](http://www.CampHi-Sierra.org)).

Complete campership forms, have them signed by both the applicant and the Scoutmaster, and turn them in to the Council Service Center before **May 1**.

All fees are due May 1. Troops with a balance after May 1 will lose their early bird rate, adding an extra \$25 per person

Submit your troop's Senior Patrol Leader Week Application to the Council Service Center by **June 1** (If your Troop changes SPL in the summer, before camp, please fill out a form that the troop is sending someone. You can then provide the name at a later point once the new SPL has taken office).

## **June 2017**

For the Boy Scout Resident Camp program, if you will not have sufficient attendance to fill your site, the Camp Director reserves the right to either move your unit to another site or assign your unused space to another unit (who will share your site).

Prepare and hand out merit badge blue cards.

Make sure all boys are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.

### **One month before your Troop reports to camp**

Send out final camp notices to parents.

Have troop committee members visit parents of Scouts not registered for camp.

Develop a program of activities using information in this guide, the Scoutmaster's Handbook, and the Boy Scout Handbook. Instruct Scouts what to bring and what not to bring to camp.

Logon to the Merit Badge and Activity sign up page. Each boy will need to be entered and then the merit badges they would like to take. For most badges there will be several sessions of each badge, so plan accordingly. Registration for Merit Badges closes one week before your troop attends camp. If you have a late addition to camp, they will need to add Merit Badge Sessions when they arrive at camp.

### **Three weeks before your Troop reports to camp**

Collect all medical forms from attending Scouts and adults (mandatory). Make sure medical forms have parent and doctor signatures.

Collect all firearm permission forms.

Make sure all boys are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.

Submit completed tour permit application and proof of insurance if you are an out of council Troop.

### **One week before your Troop reports to Camp**

Send your (Camp) Senior Patrol Leader to SPL Week (see “SPL Week” under “Leadership in Camp” later in this document). If the SPL cannot attend SPL Week the week before his troop’s week at camp, he may attend SPL Week during another week. [A “Camp” Senior Patrol Leader refers to any youth leader who will act as your SPL or SPL’s knowledgeable advisor while in camp, whether or not they are the regular troop SPL]

This is the last chance to sign up online for Merit Badges and Activities.

### **A Couple of Days before Your Unit Reports to Camp**

Hold inspection of personal packs and patrol gear. Troop equipment should be ready to pack.

Review your troop roster and make any changes needed.

If your Troop is not from SVMBC, make sure you have an approved tour plan. You will be required to turn in a copy when reporting to camp.

Make sure that everyone who will be in camp has an appropriate medical form (this includes family and friends). See “January,” from above. You must have a copy of everyone’s form to be turned into camp when checking in. These medical forms will not be returned. It is helpful to have extra copies for boys participating in out of camp activities.

Final check on transportation arrangements.

Inform Scouts of customs, practices, and rules of camp. Remind them to follow the Scout Oath, Law and Outdoor Code.

Collect any forms that have not been turned in and check for proper signatures.

## Camp Fees

### Campsite Reservation

Campsites can be reserved if the troop **guarantees** to camp with the minimum number of people listed for the site. Troops that do not meet the minimum for a site may have to share with another troop. At the discretion of the Camp Director, troops may be moved to a more appropriate site as needs dictate. Site preferences are on a first come, first reserved basis. Signups are taken each Wednesday in camp for those attending in 2017 and opens to all units the following day (Thursday). Preference is given to current and active members of the Adopt A Camp Site Program. Large troops that exceed a campsite maximum can reserve an adjacent site.

Your reservation has a guarantee and maximum number. The guarantee number is the minimum number of Scouts your troop will bring to camp and will be charged for. We use this guarantee number to plan for adequate overall camp usage, staffing, program supplies, and food. Please provide an accurate guarantee.

### Youth Fees

Reservations made while at summer camp or before November 1: \$370

Reservations made after November 2: \$385

### Adult Fees

Free adults are only applicable for units with camp balances paid in full by May 1, 2017.

1<sup>st</sup> adult coming to camp is free.

Additional adults are free for larger groups: 2 adults with 11-20 youth, 3 adults with 21-30 youth, 4 adults with 31-40 youth, etc.

The adult fee is \$220 for the week (or \$25 per day for those only attending a few days at camp)

### Early and Late Arrivals

Some units elect to arrive on Saturday afternoon (12:00 PM). The fee is \$10 per person.

Units that cannot travel on Sunday, so they arrive Saturday or Monday morning. There is no charge.

Units must make arrangements with camp for **early and late Arrivals with the Camp Director no later than one week before arriving at camp.**

### Guest Meal Fees

Visitors to camp must pay for individual meals. Breakfast is \$7.00, Lunch is \$8.00, and Dinner is \$10.00. These meal fees apply to guests to camp, not to adults attending camp with a unit

## **Payment Schedule**

\$250 per campsite is due with the initial reservation

An initial payment of \$50 per youth is due by January 1, 2017

A payment of an additional \$100 per youth is due by March 1, 2017 (to date, \$150/ youth)

The balances of the fees, youth and adults are due no later than May 1, 2017. A roster of all participants (including name, address, home phone, date of birth) is due with this payment.

## **Camperships**

In addition to contributions from the Scout, their family, the unit, and its chartered organization, there is money available to help send boys from Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council troops to camp. An application form is located on the council website or the Council Service Center. Please fill out all applications completely, have them signed by your Unit Leader, and submit them to the Council Service Center by June 1.

## **Insurance**

Units within the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council do not need to provide proof of their unit accident insurance.

All other units need to provide this information with their final payment.

## **Rules for Acceptance**

All youth must be registered with the BSA. Each unit must bring and have at least two adults in camp at all times. One of the leaders must be a registered adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America. One must have recently (within 2 years) attended Youth Protection Training. One adult must be at least 21 years of age. Rules for acceptance and participation in all programs are the same without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap.

## **Cancellations/Refunds**

All deposits and payments are applied to the final camp fee, not to individuals. All refunds will be issued after September 1. Written notice (not email) of cancellations must be made and refunds are subject to a cancellation fee. Cancellation are a whole troop or

Cancellations prior to January 1 will forfeit the campsite deposit.

Cancellations prior to March 1 will be subject to a \$250 per campsite and \$50 per youth fee

Cancellations prior to May 1 will be subject to a \$250 per campsite and \$75 per youth fee.

Cancellations after May 1 no refund will be given. This includes no refund for no shows at camp.

Refunds should only be requested for serious illness or injury (a doctor's certification may be requested), or death in immediate family. Other emergencies may be considered, however, refunds are not given for no-shows, conflict of schedule (such as a sports event), weather conditions, or behavior issues.

## Unit Leadership at Camp

### Troop Scoutmasters

**Each troop must be under the leadership of two unit-provided adults during the entire week.** We strongly recommend and prefer that the registered Scoutmaster of the troop lead the troop at camp. If the Scoutmaster is unable to attend full time, the troop committee should name an interim Scoutmaster and inform the Camp Director of this change.

The camp Scoutmaster works with the camp SPL and together they develop and implement the troop's program. The camp Scoutmaster needs to participate in Adult Leader Meetings while at camp. The absolute key to success of your Scouts' experiences at summer camp depends upon troop leadership. The equation goes something like this:

Very Best:	Scoutmaster and one or more Assistant Scoutmasters in camp the full week.
Best:	Scoutmaster in camp all week and one or more Assistant Scoutmasters in and out of camp.
Good:	Scoutmaster in camp all week and other adults or parents in and out during the week.
Fair:	Assistant Scoutmaster in camp all week and other adults rotating in and out of camp during the week.
Not Recommended:	All adult leadership or parents rotate in and out of camp during the week.
Unacceptable:	Only one adult with the troop -- Sorry, Scouts will be sent home.

If your troop needs to rotate leaders, all rotating leaders must check in and out at the Camp Office and Health Lodge when they arrive.

### Two Deep Leadership

We have an obligation to ensure that your unit always has adequate leadership. Therefore, in the event that your unit finds itself without two adult leaders, we regret that we must charge a fee of **\$125.00** per night to supplement leadership in order to meet national requirements of the Boy Scouts of America. This charge covers supervisory additions to your troop that reduces our staffing in other areas. A unit without two adult leaders for more than 8 consecutive hours will be sent home.

Prior to your arrival in camp, the Council Service Center staff will attempt to assist small units by providing contacts with other units. Small units that are unable to procure sufficient leadership should also contact their unit commissioner or their district camping chair in advance to learn about the possibilities of sharing leadership with other units in camp. Proper leadership remains the unit's responsibility and you should handle it as early as possible.

### Guidelines for Adult Leadership

All leaders must either be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America or the parent or legal guardian of a boy in camp.

At least one leader must be 21 or older.

All leaders must be 18 or older.

Part-time leaders and visitors must check in at the camp office upon arrival in camp and check out as they depart.

All adults in camp must deliver the appropriate completed and signed medical form to the Health Lodge upon arrival.

All adults in camp must have taken Youth Protection Training (YPT) Training within the last two years.

One adult in camp must have taken Hazardous Weather Training within the last two years. If this adult switches out with another adult during the week, another must have the training.

### **Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)**

We expect the SPL to lead his troop during its week at camp. Each troop's SPL is a part of the Camp SPL Council that meets regularly with a member of Camp Leadership. At these meetings, the SPLs will plan Patrol activities, troop activities, and camp-wide activities. If the troop's SPL is unable to attend, the Assistant SPL should fill in. If the troop's regular SPL is unable to attend camp then you need to appoint a Camp SPL. Whichever SPL attends camp should also participate in SPL Week during the week prior to their troop's visit to camp. If the SPL cannot be available for SPL week, you should send another in his place to act as the SPL's native guide to camp. Each unit is permitted only one SPL for participation in this program.

### **SPL Week**

**NOTE in 2017- all SPL weeks will be able to have their "free" week of camp .**

SPL Week is a **FREE** week of camp for the one Scout who will be serving as the troop's SPL during his troop's stay at Camp Hi-Sierra. The purpose of SPL Week is for the SPL to:

- Pursue personal advancement goals and other camp activity interests.
- Begin planning for his troop's week at camp with the other SPLs.
- Become familiar with Camp Hi-Sierra's programs and his role as the SPL.
- Leadership training focused on camp experience with CHS gurus.

It is highly recommended that the SPL and or one ASPL schedule his SPL Week for the week immediately prior to his troop's visit to Camp Hi-Sierra. In return, during his troop's week at Camp Hi-Sierra, we expect the SPL to:

- Take the lead in running his troop for the week.
- Participate actively in the SPL Council.



Run his troop's Patrol Leaders Council.

Pursue personal interests only if they do not conflict with expectations 1, 2, and 3.

If the SPL cannot attend the week prior to the troop's stay in camp, then he may attend any other week (preferably before the troop).

The Senior Patrol Leader Week Application must be submitted by June 1. If your Troop changes SPL in the summer, before camp, please fill out a form that the troop is sending someone. You can then provide the name at a later point once the new SPL has taken office. For more information about this program, and to sign up your SPL, e-mail the Camp Director.

### **Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) and the Patrol Method**

The PLC is responsible for planning troop activities at camp. It meets daily in your troop's campsite to discuss the troop's part in camp-wide events. The PLC, run by the SPL, consists of your Patrol Leaders at camp. Participation in most activities is then by patrol. The experience, fun, and responsibility of working as a patrol develop character, citizenship, and competition in the Scouts. The PLC posts Troop and patrol duty rosters in the troop site.

## Transportation & Arrival at Camp

### Transportation Guidelines (from the *Guide to Safe Scouting*)

It is essential that adequate, safe, and responsible transportation be used for all Scouting activities. Because most accidents occur within a short distance from home, safety precautions are necessary, even on short trips.

General guidelines are as follows:

1. Seat belts are required for all occupants.
2. All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for any reason. If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 people, including the driver (more than 10 people, including the driver, in California), the driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL).
3. The driver must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age. Youth member exception: when traveling to and from an area, regional, or national Boy Scout activity or any Venturing event under the leadership of an adult (at least 21 years of age) tour leader, a youth member at least 16 years of age may be a driver, subject to the following:
  1. Six months' driving experience as a licensed driver (time on a learner's permit or equivalent is not to be counted)
  2. No record of accidents or moving violations
  3. Parental permission granted to the leader, driver, and riders
4. Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers except in the cab.
5. All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. It is recommended that coverage limits are at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000. Any vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000.
6. Obey all laws, including the speed limit.
7. Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and recreation stops. If there is only one driver, the driving time should be reduced and stops should be made more frequently.
8. Travel and rest time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours in one 24-hour period, regardless of the number of drivers available. The intention is to include sleep and thorough rest breaks while traveling long distances.

9. Drivers should refrain from using cell phones (including hands-free units) and text-messaging devices while driving

## **Early Arrivals**

Some troops request permission to arrive in camp a day early (for religious or travel reasons). In these cases, we will grant permission under the following conditions:

Units and individuals must receive permission directly from the Camp Director if they plan to arrive before 1:00 PM on Sunday. The Camp is closed, and staff is off duty, from 11:00 AM on Saturday to 1:00 PM on Sunday. Units arriving on Saturday may do so with prior arrangements; however, they are restricted to specific areas of camp. In addition, there will be an additional fee of \$10.00 per person to cover the cost of supervisory staff except for religious reasons. No food service or other staff services, including emergency medical support, will be available. The first meal in camp will be Sunday dinner.

Upon your early arrival, you will need to check in with the Camp Director or Weekend Duty Officer at the camp office prior to settling in your campsite.

## **Sunday Arrival**

Arrive as a unit at the parking lot between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM on Sunday. Units and individuals arriving before 1:00 PM on Sunday must remain in the parking lot until check-in begins. Your camp tour guide will meet you at the edge of the Flag Meadow and parking lot for your check-in tour, after 1 PM.

Your first stop is the Camp Office. The Office is adjacent to the Flag Meadow, at check in you will need your Tour Plan, two copies of your unit roster, and your insurance (required for units from Councils other than Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council) information forms.

For the Boy Scout Resident Camp program, your Senior Patrol Leader with guidance from your camp tour guide will lead your troop through the afternoon check-in tour. Scouts will need to carry their personal equipment from the parking lot to their campsite. The Scoutmaster should hand out all of the Scout's medical history forms and emergency consent forms when the unit reaches the Health Lodge. According to BSA National Standards, all personal (youth and adults) must meet with the Health Officer individually to review and turn in their health form. All units at all times must be under the supervision of their own adult leaders. (See Leadership in Camp later in this document.)

Scoutmasters and other adults staying in camp should plan to arrive with their troop. One adult should oversee the unloading of equipment. The camp does provide a parking area for personal vehicles but accepts no responsibility for vehicles parked on camp property or damage caused by driving on camp roads. You may not drive personal vehicles beyond the parking area. Turn off your car alarms.

Chartered busses typically do not have difficulty driving down the camp road. As a courtesy, if your troop plans to arrive by chartered bus, please inform the Camp Director the time you expect to arrive in camp.

## **Monday Arrival**

Monday morning arrival is by special arrangement only. Unit should be prepared to arrive before 7:30 AM. Contact the Camp Director for details and permission.

## Camp Schedule

### Sunday

Before 5:30 PM:	Medical check, , swimming check, group photo, Camp tour and set up campsite
4:30-5:30 PM:	Scoutmaster and SPL Meeting - At least one adult who will be with the troop all week should attend (your commissioner will give details)
6:10 PM:	Assembly - Meet your troop in the flag meadow
6:30 PM:	Dinner
8:30 PM:	Opening Campfire

### Typical Daily Schedule (Monday – Friday morning)

7:00 AM	Coffee/Cocoa/Tea/etc. with the Commissioners at the dining hall on M, W, F.
7:00 AM	Reveille
7:20 AM	Troop Morning Flag Ceremony in their Campsite
7:25 AM	Steward Bell for Breakfast
7:50 AM	Morning Flag Ceremony in the Flag Meadow (please be prompt)
8:00 AM	Breakfast
8:30 AM	SPL Meeting at the BBQ pit
8:30 AM	Prepare Campsite for Inspection by your commissioner
9:00 AM	Merit Badge Sessions & Program Areas Open until Noon
11:55 AM	Steward Bell for Lunch
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 PM	Merit Badge Sessions & Program Areas Open until 5 pm
5:20 PM	Troop Evening Flag Ceremony in their Campsite
5:25 PM	Steward Bell for Dinner
5:50 PM	Evening Flag Ceremony in the Flag Meadow (please be prompt)
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Scheduled Evening Programs or Free Time

8:45 PM	Evening Unit Campfire (invite staff)
10:00 PM	Taps and Quiet Time - everyone should be in their own campsite
11:00 PM	Lights Out until 7 AM

### **Typical Friday Schedule (Friday afternoon and evening)**

9:00 AM	Merit Badge Makeup Time
11:30 AM	Western BBQ Lunch (flexible lunch)
1:00 PM	Campwide Games & Seadog Cruise
5:20 PM	Troop Evening Flag Ceremony in their Campsite
5:25 PM	Steward Bell for Dinner
5:50 PM	Evening Flag Ceremony in the Flag Meadow (please be prompt)
6:00 PM	Dinner
7:00 PM	Tribe of Hi-Sierra Tribal Reviews
8:30 PM	Closing Campfire by Troops
10:00 PM	Tribe of Hi-Sierra Ceremonies (approximate time)
10:00 PM	Taps and Quiet Time - everyone should be in their own campsite
11:00 PM	Lights Out until 7 AM

### **Flag Ceremonies**

Flag ceremonies are mandatory for all units and begin promptly at 7:50 AM and 5:50 PM. You will receive the day's program schedule and any other noteworthy information at this time. Scouts and adult leaders should be in uniform during flag ceremonies.

During the week, troops are encouraged to volunteer for the flag ceremonies. Participation is not mandatory, but it is a time for your troop to stand out, true to Scouting tradition. We look forward to hearing your troop's Scout Spirit in the form of songs and yells at these times.

### **Leaders' Meetings**

Throughout the week, there will be meetings for troop leaders. There will be three meetings; Monday, Wednesday and Friday Mornings on the dining hall deck at 7am. We ask at least one adult troop leader to attend, as this is the camp's tool for addressing concerns. In addition, it is inevitable that activity scheduling will change, and your troop needs to know of this. Just as you expect the staff to be

on time and available for all merit badge classes, we ask you to be on time and available for these meetings.

## **Early Departures**

Scouts that are planning to leave camp before Saturday morning at 10:00 AM need to check out through the Camp Office. If the Scout is not leaving with a parent or legal guardian, there must be a signed letter of authorization from the Scout's parent or legal guardian on file with the camp office at least 24 hours prior to the Scout's departure. This authorization also must be mailed or delivered to camp by the Scoutmaster or Unit Leader upon checking into camp. A faxed copy is not acceptable.

## **Saturday**

The schedule for Saturday morning is as follows:

7:00 AM:	Reveille
7:25 AM:	Steward Bell for Breakfast
7:50 AM:	Morning Flag Ceremony in the Flag Meadow (please be prompt)
8:00 AM:	Breakfast
8:30-10:00 AM:	Clean up campsite and load your vehicle with troop equipment.
8:30-10:00 AM:	Scoutmaster Checkout at Camp Office
10:00 AM:	Departure (please be prompt)

## **Checkout**

Your Camp Commissioner, camp tour guide from Sunday, and SPL will check the unit out of the campsite. Your camp tour guide will guide you through final checkout using your check-in/out form ending at the Camp Office.

During checkout make sure to:

Retrieve all prescription medications from the Health Lodge.

Turn in your Check-in/out form. A Camp Commissioner must sign your form.

Pick up merit badge blue cards. It is easier to correct oversights at camp than it is after returning home. This is very important, especially to the Scout who needs to pass his board of review and has no record from camp!

Sign up for the next camping season. If you did not do so during the week, sign up for the next camping season to guarantee your choice of session and campsite.

## **Dining Hall and Trading Post**

### **Dining Hall**

Camp Hi-Sierra prides itself on serving nutritious and delicious meals. You can help make summer camp a more pleasant experience by understanding and following the Dining Hall procedures for food service.

We practice family style dining. This means that each table is given a portion of food for nine, which is served from each of the tables.

Staff members dine with campers with their seating assigned by totem selection.

Troops have pre-assigned tables in the Dining Hall.

Campers assemble for flags in the flag meadow before breakfast and dinner in field uniforms.

The camp assembles outside the Dining Hall in activity uniforms for lunch.

Each troop assigns a table steward for each meal at each of their tables. Table stewards are to report to the Dining Hall 30 minutes before each meal to set the troop's tables.

Second helpings are available upon the Head Dining Hall Steward's signal (Green Light).

Scouts and leaders are to stay seated until dismissed by the Officer of the Day.

Scouts and leaders should scrape and stack plates, cups, serving bowls, and silverware before leaving the table.

Table Stewards remain in the Dining Hall after dismissal. Under the direction of the Head Dining Hall Steward, they will clear the tables, clean their areas, and complete additional cleanup assignments.

### **Meals**

A nutritionist reviews the meals planned for Camp Hi-Sierra to assure that they meet the needs of growing boys in an active environment. For all meals there is a vegetarian option available.



If you have any campers with special dietary needs (food allergies, religious preferences, vegetarianism, etc.), we will be glad to try and meet your needs in camp but ask that you contact us at least one week before arrival to discuss your needs. In rare cases, we may not be able to reasonably accommodate all requests, but we will do our best.

## **Trading Post**

The Trading Post at Camp Hi-Sierra provides many selections for a Scout's program needs as well as for comfort. Scouts typically spend about \$50 at the Trading Post during their stay. It is open in the morning, afternoon, and early evening for Scouts to purchase the items listed below. Some merit badges require the purchase of supplies from the Trading Post; see their descriptions for potential cost.

Items for sale at the trading post may include, but are not limited to:

Souvenirs	Scoutcraft Items	Camp Mugs	Snacks
Soft Drinks	T-Shirts	Merit Badge Books	Hats
Crafts Kits	Scout Literature	Flashlights	Patches
Batteries	Rifle/Shotgun Passes	Post Cards & Stamps	

## **In-Camp Leadership Resources**

### **The Camp Staff**

A wonderful resource that is available to help your troop is the Camp Staff. The young men and women on the staff are there to help your troop in a number of capacities. Their job is to help your troop meet its goals. It is not the staff's intent or role to take over the operation of your troop. Their support should give leaders more time to devote to the real task at camp - Scout development.

Your troop at camp is under the leadership and direction of your Scoutmaster. The staff can help the Scoutmaster in a number of ways. They have extensive training, know the area, have knowledge of Scout skills, have training in specialized areas, and have hundreds of ideas. They love what they are doing, so do not be afraid to ask questions, or advice.

### **Camp Commissioners**

Your Camp Commissioners are your primary contact for camp service and support, plus your direct link to the Camp Director for concerns about summer camp. Like you, they are dedicated volunteers who are taking a week off from home to make your unit's stay enjoyable and productive. They have experience and past performance in camp and troop operations. They are especially committed to aiding your troop with activities at your troop campsite. Our most experienced and successful Scoutmasters utilize their commissioner to enhance their troop leadership. They will have more time to manage the troop camp activities, join in the FUN and relax a little. The Camp Commissioners are the foundation to providing your troop with daily information of camp operations, guidelines and activities.

If you or someone you know is interested in serving as a Camp Commissioner, or would like to know more about the Camp Commissioner program, please contact the Camp Director. All interested individuals will need to complete a Camp Staff/Commissioner/Counselor-in-Training Application. (See [www.CampHi-Sierra.org](http://www.CampHi-Sierra.org)).

## **Vespers**

. Vesper services will be held twice during your week at camp.

# Health Lodge and Medical Information

## Medical Care and Safety Emergencies:

We have taken every precaution to ensure a healthy and safe camping experience for all Scouts. Unfortunately, accidents and medical problems do occur. Camp Hi-Sierra operates a well-equipped Health Lodge, administered by a qualified Health Officer. The medical staff is available 24 hours a day. The medical clinic and hospitals in Sonora have made special arrangements for the treatment of more serious cases. If such treatment is required, we will make every effort to notify the camper's parents.

In the unlikely event of a very serious injury or illness requiring immediate specialized medical attention, we will turn over the care of your Scout to the local emergency medical service. At their discretion, the use of ground or air ambulance service may be required. There is no cost for medical service provided by the camp medical staff. However, all expenses associated with this additional treatment become the responsibility of the injured party, Scout's parents(s) or guardians(s), preferably handled through their personal health insurance or supplemental accident insurance.

## Health and Safety Medical Examination:

All campers (Scouts and adults) must complete the national Annual Medical and Health Record (ABC) form ([www.CampHi-Sierra.org](http://www.CampHi-Sierra.org)). Please make a copy of this form for camp as this will become part of their permanent record at camp and the forms will not be returned. Anyone who is staying in camp over 72 hours must have a doctor's signature on part B. Admission to camp is contingent upon a satisfactory medical record and current Scout membership. The camp is not prepared to conduct medical examinations. It is important that this form is filled out completely including Immunizations and Tetanus dated within the past 10 years. For the protection of every one, the following immunizations are required: Pertussis (whooping cough), measles, mumps and rubella. Exceptions may be made for medical reasons only, and must be certified by a physician.

If a family has decided not to have their son immunized, they need to complete a medical waiver and release form.

NOTE: The state of California requires that both custodial parents sign health form, part A.

## Medications Brought to CHS

All prescription and Over the counter medications brought to CHS need to meet the following six requirements:

1. Prescription must be in their original container with the prescription label present. (Do not send in old bottles).
2. The prescription label must contain the Scout's name. (In the case of inhalers, this label must be on the medicine itself).
3. The prescription cannot be expired.
4. Medications will be administrated by the unit and will be stored in locked container provided by camp.
5. Emergency prescription medication (inhalers, etc.) will remain with Scout and be on his person while at camp.

## Flu Information:

It is important that all residents continue to take preventive measures for protecting themselves and others against transmission of the flu. Please continue to take common sense precautions like covering your mouth when coughing and washing your hands to stay healthy.

Recognize influenza-like illness in yourself or your Scouts. A key signal is feeling feverish or having a **temperature greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit** (37.8 degrees Celsius) if measured, especially if combined with one or more of the following:

Upper respiratory symptoms (cough, sore throat, runny nose)

Body aches, headache

Chills

Fatigue

Vomiting

Diarrhea

If you are sick, stay home! Parents, if your child is sick, keep them home—for at least 7 days after symptoms began or 24 hours after symptoms resolve, whichever is longer.

## Emergency Care Procedures:

On their first day in camp, the Troop Scouts and leaders will receive an explanation of the standard emergency procedures. In the event of an emergency, notify a member of the camp staff immediately. If you feel that you are able to deal effectively with the situation, do so after sending word to the camp medic or Camp Director. If the situation seems at all dangerous, the priority is to evacuate all Scouts and leaders from the area.

The following procedures will apply if emergency care is necessary:

- if a Scout has a serious illness or injury, the attending medical staff will notify the parent(s) or guardian(s) as soon as possible. If the parents will not be home during the week of camp, the camp needs to know where to reach them. In the case of a severe accident, the medical staff will contact the parent(s) as soon as possible after administering proper care.
- in the event that the parent(s) or guardian(s) are unavailable, the unit leader will need to make decisions in their place. It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to provide transportation for unit member(s) requiring non-emergency medical services off camp property.
- two adult leaders will accompany a Scout requiring non-emergency medical services. The leaders must obtain the Scout's medical form from the Health Lodge before leaving the camp. Two adults must also stay with the troop; the Camp Director will assist in helping with leadership when needed.
- The Health Lodge will provide directions to the medical clinic.
- The camp medical staff must clear all cases requiring outside medical care. In the event of serious medical emergency, professionally trained local emergency medical services will assume care of the patient.
- If a Scout or adult develop a 100-degree fever and show any other signs of the flu, they will be sent home immediately. A partial or full refund may be requested for this situation.

## Camp Policies

### General Behavior

The Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Outdoor Code are the rules of camp. Scoutmasters have the primary responsibility for troop discipline.

We will not tolerate the use of profanity language by Scouts, Adult leaders, or staff. If we hear of an individual using this language, he or she will be reminded of the Scout Law: **A Scout is Clean in mind and body**. They may also be removed from camp at the discretion of the unit leader and or camp director.

Troop Campsites should be treated as your home. Scouts and leaders should not go into other campsites without permission from the troop leaders. This includes partially walking through to your campsite or just using the latrine for a brief stop.

Problems with other units should be resolved through your Camp Commissioner.

### Damage

Damage to your campsite or other camp facilities through negligence or abuse committed by members of your unit will result in a fee assessment. Your Commissioner will maintain an inventory of the condition of your campsite and its contents. Please report damage to your Commissioner as soon as possible as it is the responsibility of each unit to care for property and equipment assigned to its use.

Units are responsible for the cost of repairs or replacements of camp property. The charge for tent rips, cuts, tears, or holes is \$10.00 per inch of damage. Tent total replacement is at current market price, approximately \$550.00. Discharging of fire extinguishers will cost \$50.00 for recharge or replacement if discharged in a non-emergency situation. The Camp Ranger assesses damage to latrines, picnic tables, and other physical property damage according to the cost of labor and material needed for repair. Your troop's Camp Commissioner has access to all material needed to repair your own tents, if so desired, to save repair expenses owed to the camp. If Damages are discovered after the troop leave camp, the troop will be billed

### Parking

While the camp will provide adequate parking areas for all personal vehicles we will not accept any responsibility for vehicles parked on camp property or damaged by driving over camp roads. Do not

turn on your car alarms when parking in the camp parking lot. Please back vehicles into parking spaces for easier evacuation if needed. Please make sure to have a Camp Hi-Sierra parking pass displayed in the windshield of your personal vehicle in case we need to move your vehicle during the week.

## Visitors

Parents of campers are always welcome at camp. The Sunday night opening campfire presented by camp staff, mid-week unit campfires, and the Friday night closing campfire create memorable moments for everyone at camp, including parents and visitors. We require all visitors to check in at the Camp Office for your temporary visitor wristband and then Health Lodge. All visitors need a current National AB Medical Form if they are staying under 72hrs. If over 72 hrs., they are also required to have part C Medical Form.

## Pets

Do not bring pets to camp. If a Scout or adult requires a service animal, please email the camp director before coming to camp. Pets brought to camp “just for the ride” when picking up or dropping of a Scout should not be let out of the vehicle.

## Bicycles

Upon arrival, notify the High Adventure Director that you have brought a bicycle to camp and check-in at the Bike Barn. Bikes should be ridden slowly on the camp roads and walked over camp bridges. They should not be ridden through the campsites or on the roads through the campsites. You may also ride your bike on designated trails in the National Forest. Scouts must follow the buddy system. Helmets are required at all times. The bicycle is the owner’s responsibility while in camp.

## Telephone

The camp phone is for business and emergency calls only.

A pay phone **may** be available (subject to phone company capability) for outgoing calls. The phone is located behind the Camp Office. Scout use of the phone is limited to 5 minutes and **must be supervised by an adult leader from your unit**. Parents do not expect your child to be able to call home on a daily basis. This phone requires phone cards to place calls. Phone cards may be available at the Trading Post while supplies last.

Adults requiring incoming messages may utilize the camp’s FAX-only line at (209) 965-4029. Please limit this use and be sure to include the leader’s name, unit, and campsite on the facsimile.

## Rest

Everyone needs a certain number of hours each week to rest, and the Scoutmaster should see that his or her campsite is quiet from 11:00PM to 7:00AM. This will permit those who wish to sleep the chance to get the rest they need.

## **Footwear**

You must wear shoes that fully cover soles and toes at all times. Sandals, flip-flops, slippers, etc. are inappropriate and perilous for a camping experience. You may wear open-toed shoes in the shower or at the waterfront, not for travel in-between.

## **Hazing**

Hazing has no place in Scouting, and as part of our Youth Protection Guidelines, there is zero tolerance in camp. Scouts who are found hazing others will be removed from camp at the unit leaders and/or Camp Director's discretion.

## **Wild Animals in Camp**

There are deer, squirrels, snakes, yellow jackets, bears (very rarely) and other animals in the vicinity of camp. At any given time, camp is the host to one or several of these animals. Trash and any type of food that is lying about or hidden in tents or packs will attract animals into camp.

All edibles must be stored at the Dining Hall and not left overnight within your campsite.

Pick up and properly dispose of any litter you see.

On sightings of dangerous wild animals, move scouts to a safe location and notify the Camp Director or your Camp Commissioner.

## **Alcohol and Drugs**

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America or at any activity involving participation of youth members. This includes medical marijuana.

This policy will be strictly enforced for all those that use our facilities.

## **Tobacco**

The legal age in the State of California for the use of tobacco is 18 years old. Use of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 18 at camp is not permitted. For those adults that have the urge, please smoke only in the designated areas. The smoking area in the lower parking lot and by the dumpsters are the only designated smoking areas in camp. We strictly prohibit smoking in tents or campsites.

## **Firearms, Ammunition, and Fireworks**

We do not allow firearms, ammunition, or fireworks in camp. This includes B.B. guns, pellet guns, air guns, paintball guns, airsoft and slingshots.



**Firearms arms are not allowed in camp whether or not you hold concealed weapons permit.**

If you are seeking an exception, you **must** obtain permission from the Shooting Sports Director and or Camp Director **before** bringing any of these items into camp (Ask the Camping Director by phone or email to put you in contact with them). Once in camp, they will be all stored at the appropriate ranges.

You may use personal field archery equipment (no bladed or hunting tips) with the permission of the Camp Director and Archery Range Director. All personal archery equipment must be stored at the Archery Range.

## **Fire Prevention**

You must take certain precautions to prevent and control fires:

- You may only smoke in the designated area of the camp. Never smoke in buildings or tents!
- Each troop site has fire control tools. These tools should never leave the campsite.
- Fires are only permitted in designated stoves and fire rings.
- Make use of the fireguard chart.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Review fire emergency plan with Scouts.
- The entire camp will practice a fire drill each week on Monday. (Scoutmasters will be given instructions for their troop at the Sunday afternoon Scoutmaster Meeting.)

## **Fireguard**

In order to maintain a vigilant watch for fire, the national camping department has implemented the fireguard plan. Your Senior Patrol Leader will be receiving instruction on the plan on the first day and how to use it in your site. It is the responsibility of the troop to maintain the fireguard plan.

## **Fire Drill**

In case of fire, we ring the fire bell between the Flag Meadow and the Dining Hall continuously for a long period. All campers will assemble in the Flag Meadow. Each Scoutmaster is to take a roll call to determine if their Scouts and adults are all present and accounted for and report any missing persons to the Camp Director. At the meadow, the Camp Director or Camp Program Director will maintain control of the camp, and, if necessary, they will initiate plans for evacuation.

## **Troop Campfires**

You may have troop campfires, but check with your Camp Commissioner first as weather conditions may force campfires to be prohibited. Inter-troop campfires are encouraged.

Troop campfires should be kept small, about knee high, and must have adult supervision at all times. Never leave your fire unattended.

If campfires are found to be too large at the discretion of the Camp Directors ALL troop fires can be suspended for the remainder of the week.

## **Chemical Fuels**

You may use kerosene or other liquid gas-fueled lanterns for outdoor lighting. A responsible adult who is knowledgeable in safety precautions must do the lighting and refueling of gas and liquid petroleum. You may not use liquid fuels for starting any type of fire.

## **Propane Fuel**

You may use Propane lanterns for outdoor lighting. Extra canisters cannot be stored in cars, this may cause explosion. All extra canisters need to be stored with the Camp Ranger at the time of arrival at camp.

## **Missing Persons**

In the event a camper is missing, first check the camper's tent. If the camper is still missing, the unit leader should immediately notify the Camp Director or Camp Program Director. Do not attempt a troop search of camp. Ascertain who last saw the missing person and get details of the circumstances.

## **Weather**

Be prepared for weather. Rain can occur in the Sierras at any time of year. You will be visiting camp in the summer, but our camp is located at an elevation of 5,000 feet. This means we can experience a wide variety of weather patterns. Daytime temperatures during the camp season can range from the 50s to the 90s depending on the current weather patterns. Nighttime temperatures can drop into the low 30s. Encourage your Scouts to drink plenty of water.

## **Lightning Storms**

In the event of a lightning storm, we will close the Waterfront and the Climbing Tower immediately. Campers should stay away from tall trees, electrical poles, flagpoles, wire fences, and other structures or objects that might attract lightning. Campers should stay out of open areas. The Camp Director will give specific instructions if deemed necessary. Although lightning storms are a rarity during camp, they pose little threat to campers due to the terrain of Camp Hi-Sierra.

## **Altitude**

Our Camp elevation is approximately 5,000 feet. Some people have difficulties in adjusting to this altitude. All campers should observe limited activity for the first day. Asthmatics may want to increase preventive doses of medications. Adequate fluid and food intake and plenty of rest is the key to comfort at any elevation.

## **Earthquakes**

Clear all buildings in a quiet and orderly fashion and group in a clearing area. For those who cannot get out of a building, protect yourself under a table or a doorframe. No detectable earthquakes are known to have occurred at Camp Hi-Sierra.

# Advancement

## General Principles

Scout advancement is not an end in itself. Advancement is one of the means by which Scouting's objectives are achieved. Working toward advancement may be a primary reason for going to camp but not the only reason.

Guide first-year Scouts needing Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class skills towards the Trail to Eagle program and acquaint them with some of the easier merit badges taught during their week stay.

Show each Scout how the daily and evening program schedules work. Give some examples of how he can manage his time during the week.

Unit leaders should counsel each Scout in advance and help him decide which merit badges to take at camp and issue him filled out blue cards. By providing a signed blue card, the unit leader is indicating that he has counseled the Scout and given his permission to take the badge. Camp Counselors do not regulate a Scout's advancement choices.

Merit badge pamphlets are to be read and understood by the Scout before coming to camp.

Counsel Scouts on the differences among "Pre-Reqs", "Reqs Not Offered", and "By Special Arrangement Only" merit badges.

## Trail to Eagle

The Trail to Eagle (TTE) program is for our first-year campers and younger Scouts who are just beginning their journey to Eagle. This exciting program will teach many of the basic Scout skills required for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks.

As Scouts sign up for the TTE program, they are placed in a patrol made up of other Scouts of the same rank. These patrols will meet throughout the week and attempt to cover as many camp-appropriate rank advancement requirements as possible for the next rank(s).

Patrols of Scouts, Tenderfoot Scouts and Second Class Scouts will meet for an hour session each day. Each patrol will have the same counselor for the entire week and will work through the requirements as a group, allowing boys who already have some of the skills and opportunity to help their peers learn them.

TTE staff provides instruction in the Scout skills necessary for rank advancement but cannot sign off the requirements. It is the responsibility of each Scout to return to his Troop leadership to review what he has learned. When the unit leader is satisfied that a Scout has satisfied all elements of a requirement, then that leader may sign the Scout's Handbook.

## Merit Badges

Scouts should know in advance, what merit badges they wish to pursue and what they must accomplish prior to camp. They should familiarize themselves with the requirements of the merit badges that they wish to earn by reading the corresponding merit badge pamphlets prior to attending camp. Older Scouts should be encouraged to work on two to three merit badges. This number results in quality learning and future retention of the skills and knowledge. Attempting too many merit badges usually leads to unnecessary partial completions and a sense of accomplishment beneath the Scout's true ability. Aquatics, Climbing, and Shooting Sports merit badges require practice (qualification) time. Nature merit badges require field study and project time.

A Scout's success at camp relies upon unit leaders to properly assess and advise each Scout's advancement plan. As part of this planning, each Scout should also consider which additional programs in camp, which he wants to participate.

Scouts who complete only part of the merit badge requirements will receive partial credit. The partial credit is valid until the Scout turns 18-years-old. Scouts should be strongly encouraged to seek out a counselor soon after returning home to complete these requirements.

You Scoutmaster will have the ability to sign up your Scouts for merit badges online prior to camp. This program will be placed online by May 1. Each merit badge has a variety of meeting times, and it is the responsibility of the Scout to work out his schedule after working with his Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster will then log onto the website and sign up the Scout for Merit Badges or activities. A parent or guardian should not sign up their sons for merit badges.

Many merit badges include written or otherwise time-consuming requirements. Some requirements may also require research or reference resources (e.g. libraries) that are not available at camp. Scouts should review and complete these requirements prior to camp whenever possible. Doing so will facilitate completing the merit badge while at camp rather than receiving a partial. Please review either the individual merit badge pamphlets or the current Boy Scout Requirements book prior to coming to camp.

Unless otherwise noted, the only acceptable evidence of having previously completed a requirement is a properly filled out Merit Badge Application (a.k.a. Blue Card) identifying the assigned Merit Badge Counselor and showing initialed and dated entries for completed requirements. As always, partial blue cards are subject to acceptance by the new Merit Badge Counselor. In general, we accept partials only for "DO" requirements and not the "TELL", "DESCRIBE", "SHOW", etc. requirements of the merit badge.

This list of merit badges offered at camp is subject to change. Some camp sessions may have additional offerings based upon special counselor availability. Ask about changes at Sunday Check-In and at the Sunday Leaders' meeting. Units may also contact the Camp Program Director at any time before camp to verify offerings. Please check the online Merit Badge and Activity signup page for the latest information.

## Program Offerings

Program offerings are subject to change. More information can be found in the *Merit Badge and Course Offering Guide* at [www.CampHi-Sierra.org](http://www.CampHi-Sierra.org)

## The Tribe of Hi-Sierra

The Tribe of Hi-Sierra is an organization of Scouts and Scouters dedicated toward the improvement of the Hi-Sierra experience. A camp service organization promotes:

- Personal growth in Scouting's ideals
- Preservation of the outdoors
- A sampling of history and legends of the past
- Enhancement of the camp's programs

Joining and advancing in the Tribe requires participation and service throughout camp. Participants receive beads for each achievement and receive camp-wide recognition for rank advancement. Information is available at the camp office and from your commissioner in camp. Everyone is encouraged to learn about and join the Tribe of Hi-Sierra.

## Membership and Advancement

Ranks in the Tribe of Hi-Sierra are open to all registered Scouts and adult leaders attending Camp Hi-Sierra. The Tribal Council may grant Scouts and Scouters credit for bead awards and for years of service for equivalent achievements in other summer camps during previous years. For adults, those few bead awards that cannot be earned directly such as Scout Advancement may be earned by coaching, instructing or supervising a Scout from start to finish (merit badge counseling is an example). The Tribal Council may approve the counting of achievements earned during previous years in Camp Hi-Sierra.

You may earn any bead more than once. You may use repeats of any elective bead award to fulfill electives for Tribal Rank Advancement. You may also repeat beads for required awards, but you may only count them for their designated rank. As an example, a Scout earning the Seal Award may use that award only for the rank of Medicine Man. However, he may wear it on his award necklace as soon as he earns it regardless of his rank in the Tribe of Hi-Sierra.

The exceptions to this rule are the Wigwam and Arrowhead awards. To encourage advancement in the Scouting ranks, a Scout earning additional Wigwam and Arrowhead awards may use these awards to meet any elective bead requirement for any of the other ranks.

## **Ranks and Requirements**

### **Brave:**

The rank of Brave is open to those who have:

1. Shown an active interest in Scouting
2. Completed at least 1 week in camp
3. Earned 10 bead awards including one of each of the following - Wigwam or Arrowhead, Spade, Sun, Tent, Kettle, Indian Good Luck, and Moccasin, and three additional elective awards
4. Passed a tribal review

### **Warrior:**

The rank of Warrior is open to those who have:

1. Completed at least two years in camp (at least one week each year)
2. Earned the rank of Brave
3. Earned a total of 15 bead awards including one of each of the following - Oak Leaf, Pine Tree, Teepee, Numeral XII, and Owl
4. Passed a tribal review

### **Medicine Man:**

The rank of Medicine Man is open to those who have:

1. Completed at least three years in camp (at least one week each year)
2. Earned the rank of Warrior
3. Earned a total of 22 bead awards including one of each of the following - Council fire, Axe, Seal, Fire, Coup Stick, and Herb, and one additional elective award
4. Passed a tribal review

### **Chief:**

The rank of Chief is open to those who have:

1. Completed at least four years in camp (at least one week each year)
2. Earned the rank of Medicine Man
3. Earned a total of 25 bead awards including one of each of the following - Campfire, Piton, and one additional elective award
4. Passed a tribal review

### **Great Chief:**

The special distinction of Great Chief is open to those who have:

1. Earned Chief in a previous year.
2. Have served on staff at Camp Hi-Sierra as:
  - Paid or Volunteer Staff for at least two years, with at least five weeks on staff per year
  - Or as a Commissioner or Volunteer Scouter for at least four weeks over a required period of at least two years
3. Have a continuing interest in the Tribe
4. Have been approved by the Camp Director

### **Bead Awards**

In the bead descriptions that follow, the person authorized to award each bead is underlined.

## White - Personal Growth

Arrowhead	Awarded for each completed two requirements on the path to First Class or each completed merit badge in camp. <u>Awarded by the Unit Leader.</u>
Campfire	Awarded for meritorious good turn to camp and for giving striking evidence of the possession of real Scouting spirit. <u>Awarded by the Program Director or Camp Director.</u>
Moccasin	Awarded to Scouts who exemplify the first part of the Scout Law at all times. <u>Awarded by the Unit Leader:</u> once per camp session.
Numeral XII	Awarded for either leading grace at meals or attending religious services while in camp. <u>Awarded by the Unit Leader.</u>
<i>Spade (elect)</i>	Awarded to Scouts who exemplify the fifth part of the Scout Law at all times. <u>Awarded by the Unit Leader:</u> once per camp session; <u>or by a Staff Member:</u> as an elective award.
Sun	Awarded to Scouts who exemplify the eleventh part of the Scout Law and practice good health and safety standards. <u>Awarded by the Unit Leader.</u>

## Brown - Camp Service

Axe	Awarded for four hours of work on an approved camp service project. <u>Awarded by a Camp Commissioner or an Area Director.</u>
Council Fire	Awarded for participation in an approved service project to a ceremonial ground or a camp's campfire area. <u>Awarded by the Tribal Ceremony or Camp-wide Campfire Coordinator or a Camp Commissioner.</u>
Coup Stick	Awarded for participation in an approved camp maintenance project. <u>Awarded by the Camp Ranger.</u>
Herb	Awarded for participation in a service project to thoroughly clean a Camp Building for a suggested length of 2 hours. <u>Awarded by the Program Director.</u>
Indian Good Luck	Awarded for participation in a service project of one hour approved by a staff member. <u>Awarded by the Staff Member or Unit Leader.</u>
Kettle	Awarded to stewards for one meal's service or participating in a Dining Hall or Kitchen service detail. <u>Awarded by the Unit Leader.</u>
Pine tree	Awarded for participation in a conservation project approved by the Nature Director. <u>Awarded by the Nature Director.</u>

*Three Stripes (elect)*      Awarded by the Program Director for exemplary service. Awarded by the Program Director.

## **Red—Campfires**

*Fire*      Awarded to Scouts who organize and lead a campfire or help organize and participate in a skit during a camp-wide campfire. Awarded by the Camp-wide Campfire Coordinator or a Staff Member.

*Teepee*      Awarded for participation in a campfire program, either patrol, troop, commissioner area, or camp wide. Awarded by the Unit Leader: one for attending, and two for performing.

## **Yellow - Showing Your Stuff**

*Buffalo Horn (elect)*      Awarded to all official camp buglers or each Scout who furnishes music at campfires or other events. Awarded by the Unit Leader or a Staff Member.

*Choker (elect)*      Awarded for completion of a Commissioner Skill of the Day. Awarded by a Camp Commissioner.

*Crescent Moon (elect)*      Awarded to the winners of any of the top three places at Camp Wide Games. Awarded by the Unit Leader.

*Footprint (elect)*      Awarded to Scouts at a table winning a Table Award. Awarded by the Unit Leader.

*Legging (elect)*      Awarded for successful or enthusiastic participation in a Field Sports Skill of the Day including Archery, Rifle, High Adventure, and Mountain Sports. Awarded by the appropriate Area Director.

*Ram's Horn (elect)*      Awarded for enthusiastic participation in a Scoutcraft Skill of the Day including Scoutcraft, Handicraft, and Foxfire. Awarded by the appropriate Area Director.

*Flower (elect)*      Awarded for enthusiastic participation in a Nature Skill of the Day. Awarded by the Nature Director.

*Wigwam*      Awarded to Scouts who complete all the requirements for advancing a rank while in camp (the Board of Review may be held after camp). Awarded by the Unit Leader.

## **Blue - Waterfront**

*Life Preserver (elect)*      Awarded to lifeguards who serve in camp or on an overnighter. Awarded by the Aquatics Director.



Seal                      Awarded for participation at Aquatics. Awarded by the Aquatics Director: one for Scouts designated as Beginner during their swim check, two for Swimmers, three for completion of the Swimming or Lifesaving merit badges or completion of the Mile Swim, and four for completion of the BSA Lifeguard certification.

*Shark (elect)*                      Awarded for enthusiastic participation in an Aquatics skill of the day. Awarded by the Aquatics Director.

### **Green—The Extra Mile**

Oak Leaf                      Awarded for participation in any skill of the day. Awarded by a Staff Member.

Owl                      Awarded to Scouts for each year they return to camp. Awarded by the Unit Leader: once per session.

*Pup Tent (elect)*                      Awarded for participation on an overnighiter. Awarded by the Overnighiter Leader.

Tent                      Awarded to Scouts whose campsite has earned 90% or better during a campsite inspection. Awarded by the Unit Leader.

Piton                      Awarded for participation in a High Adventure excursion of a day or more. Awarded by the Sports Director.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_

Awarded by: \_\_\_\_\_

					2017	2017	2017	2018
Brave:					Completed and Approved			
1	Wigwam or Arrowhead	Yellow	Rank Advancement	UL				
1	Spade	White	Merit Badge or Trail to 1 <sup>st</sup> Class (per 2 req)	UL				
1	Sun	White	Exemplify 5 <sup>th</sup> pt. of Scout Law at all times	UL				
1	Tent	Green	Exemplify 11 <sup>th</sup> pt. of Scout Law	UL				
1	Kettle	Green	90% + on Campsite Inspection	UL				
1	Kettle	Brown	Steward	UL				
1	Indian Good Luck	Brown	1 hr. Service Project	SM / UL				
1	Moccasin	White	Exemplify 1 <sup>st</sup> pt. of Scout Law at all times	UL				
3	Elective Beads		See below					

Tribal Review and Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Warrior:					Completed and Approved			
1	Oak Leaf	Green	Participation in any Skill of the Day	SM				
1	Pine Tree	Brown	Conservation Project	ND				
1	TeePee	Red	Participation in a Campfire Program	UL				
1	Numeral XII	White	Lead Grace/Attend Religious Service	UL				
1	Owl	Green	Returning Camper	UL				

Tribal Review and Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Medicine Man:					Completed and Approved			
1	Council Fire	Brown	Camp/Ceremonial Fire Service Project	TR / CC				
1	Axe	Brown	4 hr. Service Project	CC / AR				
1	Seal	Blue	Swim Check	AD				
1	Fire	Red	Organize/Lead a Campfire	TR / SM				
1	Coup Stick	Brown	Camp Maintenance Project	CR				
1	Herb	Brown	Thoroughly Clean Camp Building	PD				
1	Elective Bead		See below					

Tribal Review and Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Chief:					Completed and Approved			
1	Campfire	White	Good Turn to Camp/Display Scout Spirit	CD / PD				
1	Piton	Green	High Adventure Excursion	HD				
1	Elective Bead		See below					

Tribal Review and Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Elective Beads:					Completed and Approved			
	Pup Tent	Green	Participation on an Overnighter	UL				
	Crescent Moon	Yellow	1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> in Camp Wide Games	UL				
	Footprint	Yellow	Winning a Table Award	UL				
	Buffalo Horn	Yellow	Bugler or Furnish Music at Campfire	UL / SM				
	Three Stripes	Brown	Exemplary Service as Recognized by Prog. Dir.	PD				
	Life Preserver	Blue	Serve as a lifeguard	AD				
	Choker	Yellow	Complete Commissioner Skill of the Day	CC				
	Legging	Yellow	Enthusiastic Field Sports Skill of the Day	FD / HD				
	Ram's Horn	Yellow	Enthusiastic Scoutcraft, Handicraft, Foxfire Skill/Day	SD				
	Flower	Yellow	Enthusiastic Nature Skill of the Day	ND				
	Shark	Blue	Enthusiastic Aquatics Skill of the Day	AD				
	Additional Wigwam	Yellow	Rank Advancement	UL				
	Additional Arrowhead	White	Merit Badge or Trail to 1 <sup>st</sup> Class (per 2 req)	UL				
	Additional Spade	White	Exemplify the 5 <sup>th</sup> pt. of Scout Law	SM				

Awarded By Codes:

UL = Unit Leader

SM = Staff Member

CR = Camp Ranger

CC = Camp Commissioner

CD = Camp Director

PD = Program Director

AR = Area Director

AD = Aquatics Director

FD = Field Sports Director

HD = Sports Director

ND = Nature Director

SD = Scoutcraft, Handicraft, or Foxfire Director

TR = Tribal Ceremony or Camp-wide Campfire Coordinator

## CHS Camper's Club

Are you a Golden Camper? You are, if you were at Camp Hi-Sierra, 50+ years ago as either a camper or staff member, either youth or adult. You are a Silver Camper if you first attended Camp Hi-Sierra 25+ years ago and you are a Bronze Camper if you first attended Camp Hi-Sierra 10+ years ago. The Alumni of Camp Hi-Sierra form a team of Scouts and Scouters whose camp experiences will always bind them together.

In 1999, four Scouters attended CHS and celebrated both their personal and the camps' 50th Anniversary by showing slides from their first year at Camp Hi-Sierra in 1949! The "Golden Campers Club" of CHS was born! Those four Scouts in 1949 were Ron Hagelin, Tom West, Don Nolte, and Peter Jordan Daniels - all members of Troop 39. (Originally Troop 3, now Troop 539). Since then, "Silver" and "Bronze" Camper Clubs have been created recognizing 25 year and 10 year levels of CHS experience.

Special CHS patches bordered with "metallic" Gold, "metallic" Silver, and Bronze colored thread are available to those who meet the "Camper Club" criteria as follows:

- Attended CHS for the first time 50+, 25+, or 10+ years ago.
- Return to Camp in person or in spirit, either by visiting CHS, or by attending a CHS-related function (reunions, service weekends...at CHS or near home).
- Demonstrate by action, or stated intent, their on-going support for the Boy Scout Resident Camp Program at Camp Hi-Sierra.

The new Camp Hi-Sierra "Ghost Patch" was created for the CHS Reunion held September 8th, 2013; and is now available to participants of alumni activities.

If you have questions, wish to join, desire patches, wish to volunteer assistance, have photos to copy or scan, or have other CHS Memorabilia to donate please contact Mike Murphy at home (408) 629-3448, cell (408) 712 0979 or by e-mail at [murphsmailbox@gmail.com](mailto:murphsmailbox@gmail.com).

## Unit Roster

Unit:	Campsite:	# Scouts:	# Leaders:
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Names of Scouts & Leaders	Last Rank Earned	Phone Number	Deposit Paid? y/n	Full Fees Paid? y/n	Medical Forms? y/n	Photo/ Rifle Release? y/n
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Ldr2						
Ldr3						
Ldr4						

## Camp Hi-Sierra Parents' Fact Sheet

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ is attending Camp Hi-Sierra from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

We will depart from \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

We will return on \_\_\_\_\_ at around \_\_\_\_\_.

Lunch is not provided on the day that we arrive in camp, so please pack a sack lunch. Make sure that the Scout has everything. **Double check** that Scouts have their prescription medicines (give to Scoutmaster in Ziploc bag along with Scout's name and instructions). **Check** to be certain that the registration and medical forms are collected and complete, including all necessary signatures from physicians and parents.

The cost for each Scout to attend camp is \$ \_\_\_\_\_. This includes almost everything. You'll want to provide some extra money for trading post items, souvenirs, snacks, and to pay for some advancement supplies such as handicraft kits and shooting supplies. If you ask, your unit leader may be willing to supervise this money.

#### MAIL TO CAMP

It is recommended that letters to Scouts at camp be mailed early (even before camp), as mail service to camp can be very slow. Please do not mail any packages larger than a brick to camp. The address is:

(Scout's Name)

Troop #\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ Campsite, Week \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Hi-Sierra

29211 Hwy. 108

Long Barn, CA 95335

#### EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

Emergencies at home may be reported to the Council Service Center (408-638-8300), business hours), Camp Hi-Sierra directly (209-965-3432, daylight hours)

Call me, \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ if you have any unanswered questions.

## SILICON VALLEY MONTEREY BAY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

THIS DOCUMENT AUTHORIZES PARTICIPATION BY A MINOR IN CERTAIN, ACTIVITIES. DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM UNLESS YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

### PARENTAL FIREARM AUTHORIZATION FORM CONSENT OF MINOR TO USE FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND B.B. GUNS & RIFLES\*

I, the undersigned custodial parent or legal guardian of

\_\_\_\_\_, A minor, do hereby authorize the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council to furnish firearms, ammunition, and B.B. guns, as Appropriate\*\*, to the minor named herein for the purpose of instruction in the safe Handling and shooting of firearms, target shooting, and related activities under the Supervision of the shooting sports director, range master, or range staff.

I do further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Boy Scouts of America, Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council and all officers, members, employees, and volunteers Thereof, from all suits or actions brought for, or on account of, any injuries or damages Received or sustained by any person or persons by or from the consequences of any Negligence or any act or omission of the above named minor occurring during the Course of said instruction.

This authorization will remain in effect for said minor while participating in any Boy Scouts of America program or related activity related to firearms, ammunition, and B.B. Guns or rifles unless revoked in writing by the undersigned and said revocation is Personally delivered to the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council.

Scout's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Pack/Troop/Crew # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Parent's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

\* The State of California has enacted legislation that requires the consent of a minor's Parent or guardian before a firearm, live ammunition or B.B. guns may be furnished to The minor for the purpose of instruction in the safe handling and shooting of guns and related activities. It is necessary for you to give consent for your child to participate in the above listed activities.

\*\*Cub Scouts are restricted to using B.B. guns but Boy Scouts may use any equipment listed herein.

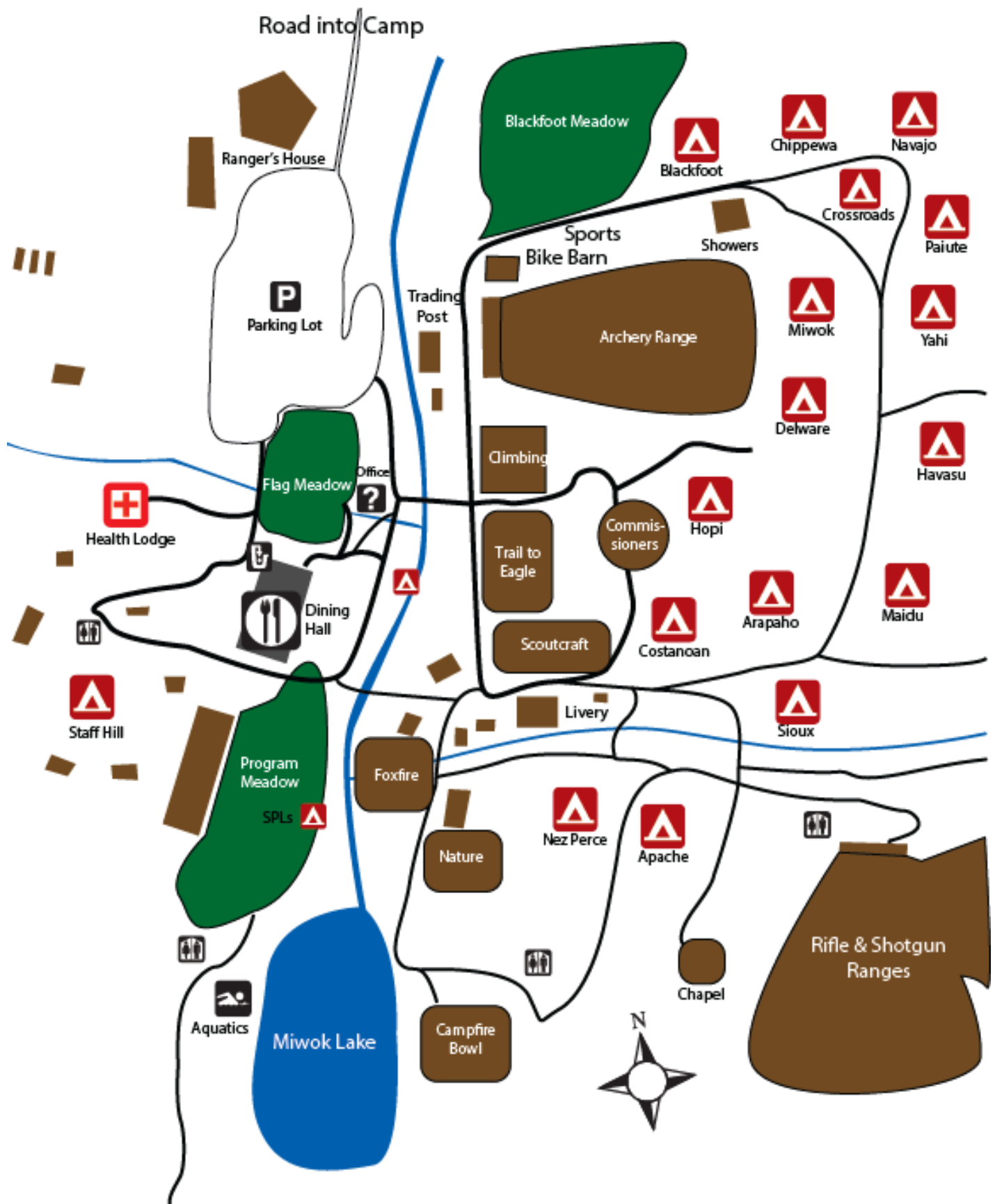
## Sample Campsite Duty Roster Form

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>SPL</b>							
<b>Lt. Latrine</b>							
<b>Rt. Latrine</b>							
<b>Sink</b>							
<b>Campfire</b>							
<b>Raking</b>							
<b>Litter</b>							
<b>Trash Can</b>							
<b>AM Flag</b>							
<b>PM Flag</b>							
<b>Tents</b>	All	All	All	All	All	All	All

## Sample Table Stewards Duty Roster Form

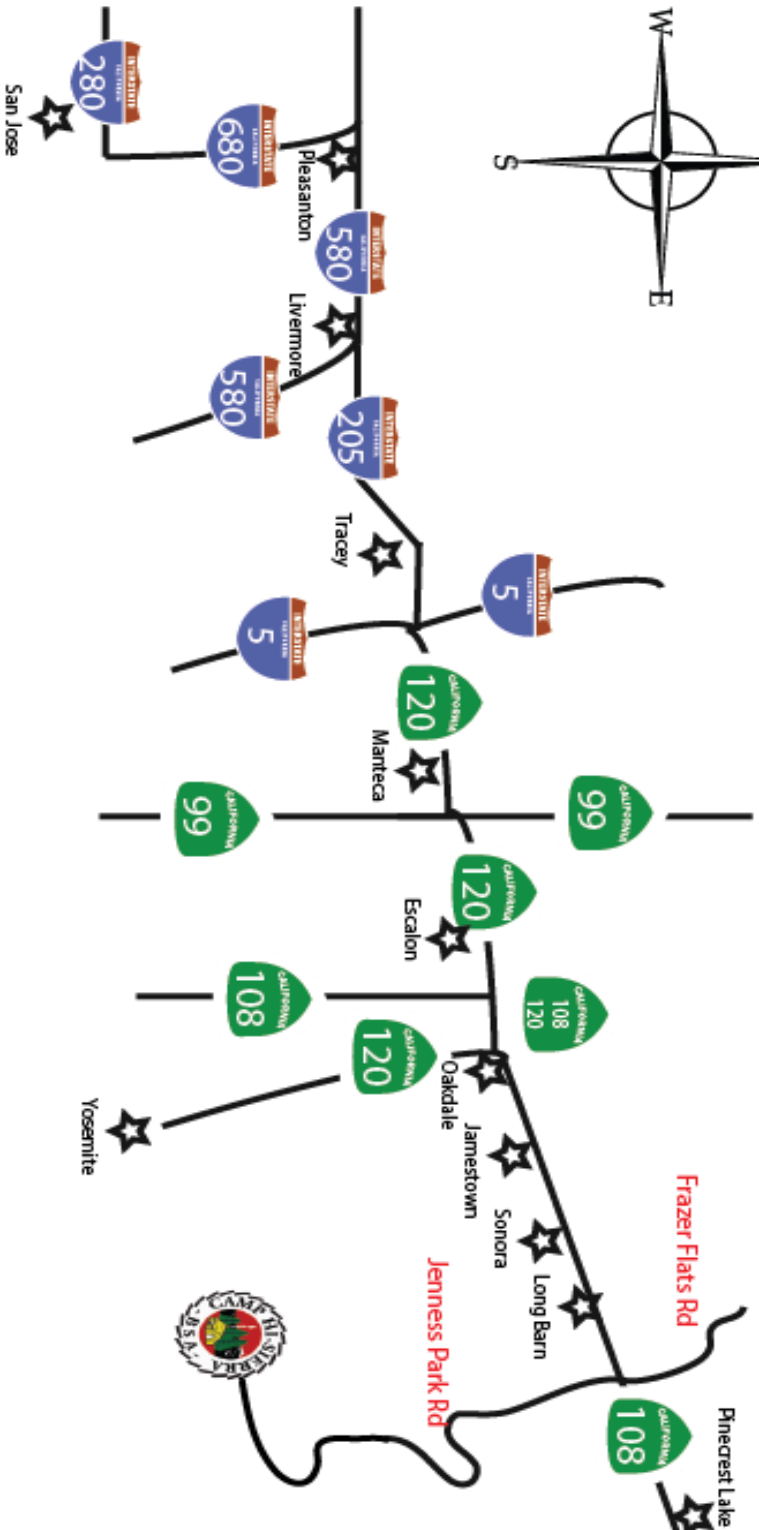
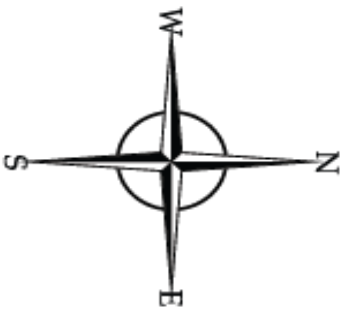
	<b>Table ____</b>	<b>Table ____</b>
<b>Sun:</b> Supper		
<b>Mon:</b> Breakfast		
Lunch		
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<b>Tue:</b> Breakfast		
Lunch		
Supper		
<b>Wed:</b> Breakfast		
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Supper		
<b>Thu:</b> Breakfast		
Lunch		
Supper		
<b>Fri:</b> Breakfast		
Supper		
<b>Sat:</b> Breakfast		







**Driving Map**  
**From San Jose to Camp Hi-Sierra**  
**Approx. Drive Time 3.5 hours**  
**Physical Address**  
**29211 Hwy 108**  
**Long Barn, CA 95355**



MAP NOT TO SCALE