

Camp Chawanakee

'On the shores of Shaver Lake since 1947'

2025 Guidebook

Scouting  **America**
Sequoia Council

Welcome Letter from the Camp Director

Dear Adult Leaders and Parents,

The 2025 summer season at Camp Chawanakee shows much promise and we would love to have you and your Scouts attend for an exciting week of activities. Located on the shores of Shaver Lake, California, Camp Chawanakee has been serving youth for generations. We first opened our gates in 1947 and have grown into one of the premier summer camps in California and in the Western United States. Last summer we had Scouts from throughout the state, and several more joined us from Arizona, Nevada, and Texas. The word is out, Camp Chawanakee is the place to be for Scout camp.

We've made amazing improvements to our facility. We've also added some new merit badges to our already extensive list of selections. After reviewing our evaluations, we're busy upgrading our program with the expectations that each Scout will be challenged and receiving a worthwhile experience. Bring your older Scouts and have them take on our 52' tall climbing wall, go down our 400' long zipline at our C.O.P.E. Course, ride horses or shoot at our ranges.

Our camp staff interviews begin this Spring, but any of your interested Scouts can apply now. Send us your very best to be a part of our team. There is a link below to apply online. And speaking of teams, we've got the camp administrative "Dream Team" in 2025, with Jordan Atkins returning as our Program Director, Jose Alvarado once again as our Food Services Director, and Doug Aubushon coming back as our Facilities Director.

The Sequoia Council invites you to come experience our beautiful facility this summer. Come make some lasting memories, renew old friendships, and watch your Scouts learn and grow with our wonderful staff.

Our Leader Guidebook is a valuable resource. Please share it with your Adults, Youth Leaders, and your Parents. You will find much of the information helpful for your stay at Camp Chawanakee. Reach out to Daphne Ferguson at our office to reserve your campsite, as sites are already filling up fast. Feel free to share this Leader Guide with other interested Adult Leaders from your area and feel free to reach me with any questions at roy.verduzco@scouting.org.

Looking forward to seeing you this summer,

Roy Verduzco

Jordan Atkins

Jose Alvarado

Doug Aubushon

Roy Verduzco
Camp Director

Jordan Atkins
Program Director

Jose Alvarado
Food Service Director

Doug Aubushon
Facilities Director



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CONTACT INFORMATION

We look forward to working with your unit to make your summer camp experience an outstanding one.

- For Camp Registration or any additional questions or needs, prior to your arrival.
 - Sequoia Council- (559) 320-2100
 - Email- Daphne.Ferguson@scouting.org
- While up at Camp, or for any issues that arise during your stay:
 - Camp Chawanakee Office- (559) 841-2117
 - Email- Roy.Verduzco@scouting.org

[Sequoia Council Website](#)
[Camp Chawanakee Resource Page](#)
["Like" Camp Chawanakee on Facebook](#)
[Shaver Lake Weather](#) (Real Time)
[2025 Camp Chawanakee Promo Video](#)

Important Links

All forms referenced in this guidebook can be found on the Chawanakee Resource Page.
Scan this QR Code for more details.



Registration Administration

Keep all email notifications from the “247Scouting” system. These emails contain the security links to allow login and modification of all facets of your camp registration.

PRE-CAMP TIMELINE

Paying for Camp

	In Council / Week	Out of Council / Week
Adult	\$420.00	\$460.00
Youth	\$680.00	\$750.00

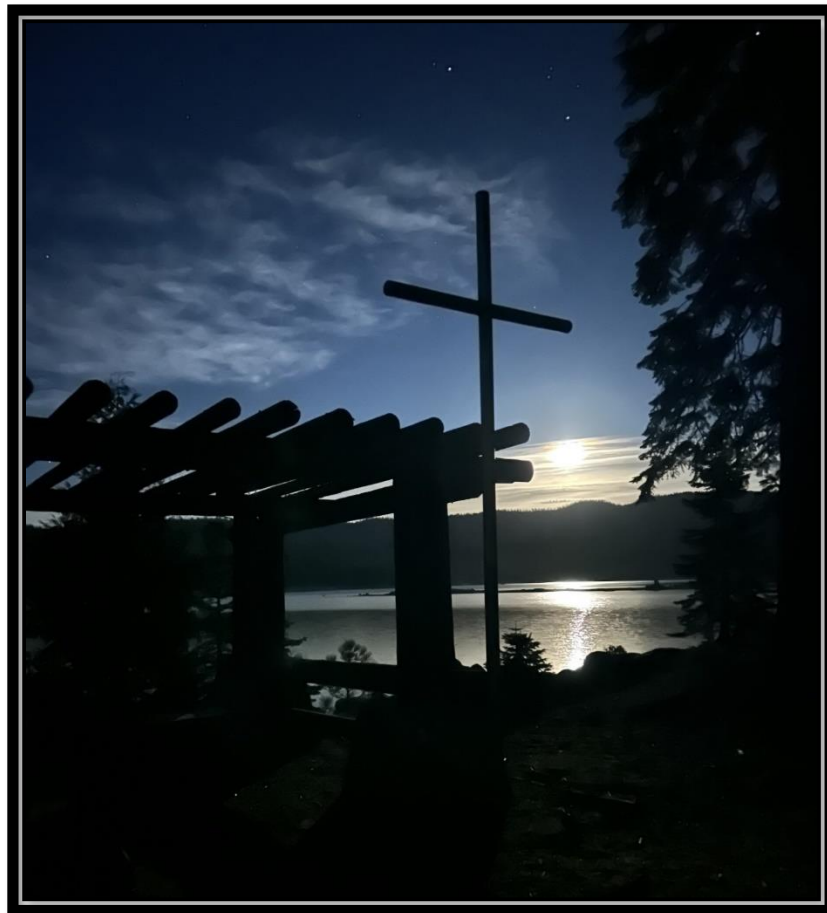
- Each unit must have two 21-year-old or older registered adult leaders in camp. For units with female youth at least one of the leaders must be a female. There are also sibling discounts (\$50.00 dollars off for each sibling) and a returning youth for that season will get a discount of \$125.00 dollars off a second week. There are no sibling discounts after the fact. These must be anticipated by the unit before they arrive at camp.
- If your unit wants to arrive on Saturday, there is an extra fee of \$10 per person.
- Transfers: You may transfer funds from one youth and adults/leaders in the same unit to another.

Adult leaders, do you have expertise in any of our camp areas of instruction? If so, please fill out and return an Adult Volunteer Form. These will be available at the SPL/SM meeting at 5pm on Sunday at the Chapel.

If you are a subject matter expert and plan to volunteer during your week, please contact our Program Director at Jordan.Atkins@scouting.org

Payment Dates

- Deposit of \$20 per person, youth, and adults, on reservation form.
- January 31st, a payment of \$125 per person (both youth and adults)
- Feb 28th, a second payment of \$125 per person (both youth and adults)
- March 31st, a third payment of \$175 per youth and \$50 per adult
- April 30th, Paid in full
- After April 30th you may not lower your numbers and will pay for the youth or adult even if they don't come to camp. You may have last minute additions.
- There are no refunds.
- If a unit misses their payment dates and does not contact the Sequoia Council Office your reservation may be cancelled; all fees paid are forfeited and your site given to another unit.
- To sign up for merit badges, you must have both the January and February payments submitted.





Camp Chawanakee 2025

Campsite Reservation Form

"On the Shores of Shaver Lake Since 1947"

Unit No. _____ Circle one Male / Female Home Council _____
 Number of Scouts _____ Venturers _____ Adult Males _____ Adult Females _____

CAMPSITE SELECTION: To make a reservation call the Fresno Scout Office at (559) 320-2100 and ask for the Camping Department. That way you can discuss what sites are still available in specific weeks and find the best site that works for you.

___ Hupa (20)	___ Mono (30)	___ Tehachapi (28)
___ Indian Village (28)	___ Paiute (28)	___ Thunderbird (30)
___ Inyo (36)	___ Pioneer (36)	___ Winton (30)
___ Mariposa (28)	___ Pomo (36)	___ Yokut (22)
___ Mirimichi (22)	___ Sha-Cha-Quoi (16) *	___ Yosemite (50)
___ Miwok (30)	___ Tachi (20)	___ Yuki (20)
___ Modoc (30)	___ Tah-Heetch (30)	___ Yuma (46)
___ Mojave (30)	___ Tamarack (28)	

☐ Yes, we plan to arrive on Saturday after 3PM. We understand an early arrival fee will be assessed.

*Designated ADA/Special needs site

Session Requested: Please indicate the session you would like to attend below.

Session 1: 6/15 - 6/21	_____	Session 5: 7/13 - 7/19	_____
Session 2: 6/22 - 6/28	_____	Session 6: 7/20 - 7/26	_____
Session 3: 6/29 - 7/05	_____	Session 7: 7/27 - 8/02	_____
Session 4: 7/06 - 7/12	_____		

Scouting America requires that all units must have a minimum of two leaders present at camp.

PRIMARY CONTACT LEADER

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____
 Mobile Phone: _____
 E-Mail: _____

Within one to two weeks you will receive a confirmation email of your reservation. You can have more than one contact leader for camp. Please provide us with the names & emails of up to two additional people who you want to receive information about Camp Chawanakee for 2025.

Name	E-Mail
_____	_____
_____	_____

Deposit: Pay \$20 per person (youth and adult) that you put at the top of this reservation from.

Remember to use *conservative forecasting*. **There are no refunds.** Please make a copy for your records*

Please list **your unit number** and **council name** on all checks

Make all checks payable to **Scouting America Sequoia Council**

Mail to

Scouting America Sequoia Council
6005 N Tamera Ave. Fresno, CA 93711

Visit our websites for more information

<https://www.seqbsa.org/camp-chawanakee>

Conservative Forecasting

When you make reservations for the summer, be conservative. Forecast on the lower end. You can always add more Scouts. **Caution:** if you bring a surprising 10 extra youth, you are wise to phone the Council Office with a “heads up”. Conversely, if you indicate you are bringing 12 youth and 2 adults (fully paid or not) and you arrive at camp with only 10 youth, there will not be a refund. If not yet fully paid, you will be responsible to pay full fees. These fees cannot be pushed into the next camping year. If you overbook your site, units will need to provide their own tents and sleeping accommodations for their campers above camp site capacity.

Sharing a Campsite

If you reserve a campsite and do not take up all the spots in a site, we may put another unit in the campsite with you to share the site. We post all the units that are in the campsite online at the camp website, (<https://www.seqbsa.org/camp-chawanakee/reservations>) so you can see if you are sharing the campsite with another unit. If you are sharing a campsite, please wait for the other unit so that you may divide the site appropriately. We manage our campsites to make sure every unit can get to camp. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Camperships

We believe that every youth should have the option to go to summer camp and we are committed to making this happen. We encourage units to participate in fundraisers to help reduce the cost of camp such as annual popcorn sales. However, sometimes a little extra goes a long way. Through the generous donations of various people and businesses we can offer “camperships” for youth who may need financial assistance. If you have a family that needs assistance have them fill out a campership application. [Apply online for Camperships here](#) or scan the QR to be taken there directly.



All applications must be in the office **by April 1, 2025**. Please note that for the unit to get the campership discount, the youth must go to camp. Camperships are announced in mid-April.

Program

This leader guide represents the plan and expectations for Camp Chawanakee regarding program and administration. Scouting America Sequoia Council reserves the prerogative to modify this operational and program guide in accordance with circumstances beyond council control. This would include but is not limited to local or regional public health or environmental disruptions and disasters.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome at Camp Chawanakee. Visitors **MUST** report to the Camp Office and comply with any required check-in procedures. Visitors will be given a wristband that must be worn during their entire stay at camp. Visitor meals are available, and meal tickets can be purchased at the Trading Post. Visitors cannot participate in program activities. If you are planning to stay the night there is a \$85.00 per night charge, regardless of whether you eat in the dining hall or not. All adults staying overnight in camp must be registered with the troop and AB – 506 certified and YPT trained.

YOUR SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

There is something very appealing to our youth about packing up their gear and going camping for a week. Six nights and seven days in the woods to experience the mountains and sleeping in a tent near the lake. It is quite an adventure and one that no troop can duplicate on their own back home. A week in camp builds memories that will never be forgotten. We look forward to another amazing camp season with you this summer!

AN ACCREDITED CAMP: Camp Chawanakee is accredited each summer by the National Camp Accreditation Program. This means that the camp has met strict guidelines in health, safety, and programming. We are prepared for emergencies and understand that Scouts and Scouters are in our care. We take pride in making sure we meet these standards in all areas of our camp.

CAMP PROGRAM: To us, program is more than merit badge classes. It is also specialty programs and camp wide games. It includes flag ceremonies and campfires. It is the songs and the cheers. We believe that program is everything you experience, from the time you step out of your car until you are headed back home. We are prepared to deliver one of America's best camp programs. New Scouts will enjoy our First Year Camper program, while your older Scouts can choose to be challenged in our High Adventure programs. We have developed a curriculum that has variety, and we are looking forward to helping you plan the program that is best for your members.

THE STAFF: We hire the best candidates for each position and complete a week-long staff training program before Scouts arrive. In addition, several of our Area Directors must be certified at a National Camp School Training session, prior to serving with us. We are dedicated, we are enthusiastic, and we are here to serve. You will be hard-pressed to find a staff team better than the people we are bringing together this summer.

Pre-Camp Leaders' Meeting

Arriving prepared is the best way to ensure that your troop maximizes the opportunities for fun and adventure during your stay at Camp Chawanakee. To help you with any lingering questions, the Camp Director hosts a Leaders Meeting in the Spring.

Leaders Meeting Information:

Wednesday May 7th, 2025 - 6:30 pm

This will be a live Webinar Meeting which will be recorded. During the meeting, you may text us with questions that we can answer for you at our earliest convenience. A link will be sent out before the Webinar. This recorded Webinar will be posted on our Council and Camp website. If you have any further questions, please contact Roy Verduzco at roy.verduzco@scouting.org.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

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

Troop Forms

Unit Roster:

You will need to have **two copies** of your Roster. You will need **one copy for Medical Checks** and **one copy for your campsite**. The Roster must have a name and phone numbers for each person at camp.

If you are changing your adults partway through the week, please make sure both adult names and phone numbers are on your unit's roster.

All adult leaders that will be staying in camp must be registered with Scouting America.

Range and Target Activities Permission Forms:

As per California State Law anyone who is under the age of 18 and wants to use the Rifle or Shotgun ranges needs to have this signed form. Turn these forms into the camp office during check in. [The Firearm Permission Form can be found here.](#)

Health Forms:

The Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record must be completed in its entirety for ALL Camp Chawanakee participants. Please ensure each Scout and Scouter has completed the form and attained the required physician physical within 12 months of attendance. [The current health forms can be downloaded here.](#)

Council Verification of AB 506 Compliance:

California ONLY – Council verification of AB 506 compliance for all registered adults who are members of a California troop attending camp. This form must be taken to your local council for verification. Be sure to bring this completed with you to camp for check in. [Download the Council Verification Form.](#) See more information on the following page.

California AB-506

As a Scouting volunteer, you understand the importance of keeping children safe. **A recent bill (AB 506) was passed by the State of California requiring volunteers and staff of Youth Service Organizations to complete training in child abuse and neglect reporting and undergo Live Scan background checks.**

AB 506 went into effect on January 1, 2022. All registered Scouting America volunteer positions and employees including camp staff must comply with AB506. In addition, other volunteers who are 18 years of age or older and who have direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours a month or 32 hours per year must complete a Live Scan background check (the digital version of inked fingerprinting) and complete online mandated reporter training.

Information can be found at:

<https://californiascouting.org/>

<https://www.seqbsa.org/ab506training/>

[Troops should review the California Scouting FAQ for more details.](#)

At check-in California Troops will need to provide a [completed Council Verification of AB 506 Compliance](#).

- All staff and volunteers, age 18 or over at Camp Chawanakee will be in compliance with AB 506.

Our Troop is from out-of-state, are we subject to AB 506?

AB-506 applies to all California youth service organizations. Out-of-state troops who visit California are not subject to AB-506. While those troops are not subject to AB-506, visiting troops must follow both Scouting America policies and the laws of their own state. Failure to comply with Scouting America policies and/or the laws of their own state may restrict an out-of-state troop's ability to visit California.

Scouting America Youth Protection

Sequoia Council takes the safety of all scouts and leaders seriously. Units are reminded of [Scouting America Youth Protection Policies](#). All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Troop Gear List

Your campsite will be your home away from home. Each troop or patrol will need to set up its area. Please refer to the following lists to ensure you are well prepared.

Uniforms

We encourage your youth to wear full uniform for evening flag ceremonies each day. Youth should arrive and leave camp in full uniform. We do not mandate a unit wear the official uniform as it is the unit's decision to make.

Troop Gear

Unit flag, US flag, patrol flag, first aid kit, patrol cook kit (pot or kettle, spatula, tongs, frying pan, ice chest, charcoal chimney) and a small shovel. You can request an American Flag for your unit to perform your own flag retirement ceremony. We suggest you bring a water cooler for your camp site for easy access to more drinking water. A pop up for shade would be a good item to bring for your tables.

Personal Gear to Bring to Camp:

The weather at Camp Chawanakee for most of the summer is sunny and warm. It can be cooler in the early morning and evenings so "Be Prepared" for all kinds of weather including cold and rain. Pack appropriate clothing for the season, outdoor essentials, extra shoes/boots (closed toed recommended), a pack (a backpack is suggested), sleeping bag, pillow, foam pad or air mattress, ground cloth, eating kit (if you are working on Cooking merit badge) toiletries (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, comb/brush, wash cloth, towel), full uniform (Field and Activity). Flip flops should not be worn walking around camp, but only in the shower room areas or in the Waterfront Area.

Extras to Enhance Your Stay

Watch, camera, insect repellent, sunglasses, binoculars, OA sash, fishing pole and tackle, swimsuit, water shoes.

Fishing

Anyone 16 years of age or older requires a valid California Fishing License. Camp Chawanakee does not sell fishing licenses. You will need to go into the town of Shaver Lake to purchase one. Please consider purchasing prior to arriving.

CAMP CHAWANAKEE TRADING POST

The Trading Post is your “one-stop-shop” for all your needs at camp. From snacks, drinks, and candy, to camping sundries, Scouting supplies, merit badge items, and souvenirs, the Trading Post has everything you will need to make your week at camp a memorable one.

We recommend that Scouts bring cash, credit, or debit cards, to pay for souvenirs, snacks, and supplies during the week. Remember that certain merit badges do require the purchase of supplies (See Merit Badge listings). Many units have an adult leader supervise a banking system to help Scouts monitor their spending. While we have no requirements for the use of a banking system, it is recommended and helps develop spending skills.

In the Spring, we will announce details of our Trading Posts pre-order program. By pre-ordering your 2025 camp t-shirts, and other specified, items you can ensure your troop is fully outfitted during your stay at camp. Your Preordered items will be available to your troop upon your arrival in camp.

Accepted forms of payment include:

- Cash
- Check
- Credit Card
- Debit Card



Equipment List

This equipment list is meant to serve as a general guide. Please use your own discretion in choosing what to bring to camp and what to leave at home. We recommend that Scoutmasters inspect all backpacks to ensure proper safety. We are in an Extreme High Risk Fire Area, please be careful!

Scout Uniform
Sweater/Jacket
Hat or Visor*
Jeans
Activity T-Shirts*
Shorts
Swimsuits
Hiking Shoes
Tennis Shoes
Water Shoes
Undergarments
Sleeping Bag/Pillow

Notebook, Paper, Pens*
Scout Handbook
Mess Kit*
Flashlight*
Toothbrush and Toothpaste*
Soap and Shampoo
Medications (if needed)
Bath Towels/washcloths
Deodorant*
Shaving Gear
Comb
Sunscreen*
Chapstick*

Miscellaneous
OA Sash
Camera
Compass*
Knife*
Water Bottle*
Daypack
Watch
Fishing Gear*
Spending Money (\$60-\$75)

**These items can be purchased in the Camp Trading Post*

What Not to Bring

Personal firearms (including Peace Officer weapons), ammunition, personal archery equipment, slingshots, wrist-rockets, fireworks, alcohol, illegal drugs (Marijuana is not allowed in any form in Scouting activities), drones, remote controlled vehicles, ATVs, golf carts, motorized dirt bikes, electric bikes or scooters, skateboards, personal watercraft of any type, and pets are prohibited, except for service animals for the sight-impaired with documentation.

GETTING TO CAMP

Directions to Camp Chawanakee

Local Address: 43485 Dinkey Creek Rd, Shaver Lake, CA 93664 [Google Link](#)

[Shaver Lake Weather](#) (Real Time)

Please hold a familiarization meeting with your youth and their parents. This is a suitable time to complete the necessary paperwork. Make sure that each participant (including adults) has the [Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record \(Parts A, B, & C\)](#) filled out and signed by a doctor. Leaders should pay attention to Part B: Parental consent regarding nonprescription medication administration.

Saturday Arrivals

Units can choose to arrive Saturday after 3 PM. Units are required to provide their own food until Sunday Dinner. Aside from the Chapel, Showers and Restrooms, there are no program areas or facilities available to units that arrive on Saturday. Swimming is prohibited at your campsite and the Aquatics area will be closed. Camp Management staff members are on site in case of emergencies only. Troops are not allowed to go into or remove gear from other campsites. **The Camp Office is closed on Saturday afternoons, please go directly to your site, but also make sure to do your official check-in on Sunday at the Camp Office during your appointment time. All vehicles must be parked in the main parking lot after dropping off gear.**

Transportation

Each unit is responsible for arranging transportation for their youth to and from Camp Chawanakee. Cars must be parked in the Camp parking lot, **PLEASE BACK THEM IN**. Due to limited parking space, car-pooling is highly recommended. Those arriving by bus should advise their driver to turn right at the top of the parking lot and proceed to the front of the warehouse. Arrival at camp is advised to be between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm on Sunday. No passengers can be transported in truck beds or trailers. Motorcycles, All Terrain Vehicles (ATV's), personal water craft are not permitted at camp. Personal boats may not be docked at campsites. If you have a boat and would like to dock it at the camp waterfront, please contact [the Camp Director](#) prior to arrival at camp for discussion. For Emergency Considerations, and to avoid high gas prices in the local area, we recommend all vehicles staying in camp have at least ½ tank of gasoline. You may want to fill up on your way to camp. Prices are considerably higher nearby.

Camp Chawanakee does not have the capacity to charge electric vehicles.

The camp road is asphalt.

The speed limit is 15 mph while driving on the camp road.



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IN-CAMP ADMINISTRATION

The adventure begins once you arrive at Camp Chawanakee. The first day's activities will set the tone for your unit's week at camp.

First Day

Sunday check-in begins at the Camp Office. Prior to your arrival, your unit needs to call the Fresno Office (559-320-2100) during business hours to make an appointment for your troop check-in time.

First, you will stop by our medical station outside of the camp office. After you have completed your medical check-in, please send the Adult Leader most familiar with your youth and the unit's finances to check in at the office. Once all of your forms are confirmed, you will be assigned a tour guide and led around our facility. At the Dining Hall you will receive your table and shift assignments.

To speed up your Sunday arrival process, we highly recommend that your unit does swim checks before coming to camp. **Buddy tags will be mailed out to the units in April.** Fill out buddy tags in advance. Keep in mind that our camp is located at an elevation of 5,300 ft. above sea level and the water is cold. The aquatic staff also may retest a person if they feel this is necessary.

Adult Leader/Youth Leader meeting is scheduled Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm at the Chapel.

Unloading Gear at Camp and Camp Site Vehicle Parking:

Cars will not be allowed to stay parked in campsites. Troop equipment trailers may be parked at campsites, but the towing vehicle must be parked back in the parking lot. Each unit will be allowed to bring one vehicle at a time to unload troop gear. All other vehicles must be parked in the camp parking lot. There will be no exceptions to this policy. If you require a vehicle parked at your campsite due to significant medical and health reasons; approval must be gained prior to your arrival in camp. Friday departures will be able to bring one vehicle in at a time between 1:00PM and 4:00PM on Friday only. Units leaving Saturday will wait until that morning to bring a vehicle in.

Camp Sites

Each campsite is equipped with tents, cots, and mattresses for all attendees, a table, and bulletin board. Rakes, brooms, and shovels can be checked out at the Camp Office. Please only take one of each per unit. There will be a sign out sheet at the office. Patrol site equipment consists of on average four two-person tents, eight cots, eight mattresses, one stand-alone BBQ and one picnic table. It is recommended that units bring their own dining canopies. Garbage cans will be strategically placed for easy access. Do not put charcoal or campfire ashes in the trashcans.

Units who damage camp property will be charged an amount to repair and/or replace that property. The cost of a new camp tent is approximately \$900 and the frame that supports it is another \$700.

LYLES LODGE DINING HALL PROCEDURES

The Lyles Lodge Dining Hall at Camp Chawanakee can feed over 400 people. Please help us by following these procedures to ensure a safe and efficient mealtime. For our larger sessions, your troop will be assigned to shift A or B for all meals.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner is served cafeteria style in the Dining Hall each day. Please do your best to be on time for your shift. The Friday dinner is a Hawaiian-themed B.B.Q. meal. On the Sunday tour you will be assigned a table(s) and given details for clean-up. Each table accommodates eight people. Units are asked to invite a staff member to join them if there is an open seat. Milk is always available at breakfast and dinner. Grab and go items will be available throughout the day such as fresh fruit, cheese sticks, hardboiled eggs, toast, bagels, and PB&J's. Coffee is accessible when the dining hall is open beginning at 6:30 am daily.

Bussing Your Tables:

After finishing eating each unit is responsible for bussing their tables as instructed by the Dining Hall Steward. A table busser should be assigned for each table per meal.

Entry:

Troops will line up on the outside of the Lyles Lodge Dining Hall, on the side closest to the Grant A. Shaw Training Center. The Dining Hall Steward will open the doors for entry. Hand sanitizing stations are provided, and we ask each participant to make use of these before entering for each meal.

Seconds:

At meals, seconds will be called after a short delay from the time the last person was served. Please be respectful and responsible when lining up for seconds.

Special Meals/Dietary Concerns:

We will do our best to accommodate vegan, vegetarian, gluten free, and religious diets if we are informed ahead of time. Please contact Jose Alvarado, our Food Service Director at jbalvar@yahoo.com at time of registration and a minimum of one month prior to arrival. You may supply your own bring food/meals for your needs. By request we will store these for you in the Dining Hall. Food allergies must be indicated at the time of camp registration. Please let us know if you have a birthday in your unit during your stay in camp.

Guest Meal Prices:

If you have a guest, they can purchase meal tickets at the Camp Trading Post. Breakfast and Lunch are \$10.00, and dinner is \$13.00. Children aged 5 and younger eat for FREE.

Cooking Merit Badge:

Should you need to work on specific needs for the Cooking Merit Badge, speak to our Food Services Director upon arrival, and we will accommodate your needs to the best of our ability.

MAIL AND PHONE SERVICE

Letters or postcards can take anywhere from two to five extra days to get to camp. Address your mail as indicated below **(be sure to include unit number, session, and campsite)**. Parents, please send your letters and packages in a timely manner so they will arrive during your child's stay at camp. When mail is received at camp it is sorted into boxes for each campsite in the office. It is up to the units to come by daily and check for mail in the afternoon. Any mail that is not picked up will be put in the unit's check out packet at the end of the week. If mail comes after your stay at camp is over, we will return it to the sender. **It is suggested that you print a copy of this page and distribute it to all parents prior to leaving for camp.**

If sending through the US Post Office:

(Name of person) Troop #, Session # and Campsite
C/O Camp Chawanakee
P.O. Box 713
Shaver Lake, CA. 93664-0713

UPS/FED EX:

(Name of person), Unit #, Session #, and Campsite
43485 Dinkey Creek Road
Shaver Lake, CA 93664-9643

CAMP PHONE NUMBERS

CAMP OFFICE (559) 841-2117
FRESNO OFFICE (559) 320-2100

CELL PHONE COVERAGE: With the exception of inside certain buildings like the Dining Hall and Training Center we have found ATT, Verizon, T-Mobile, and Google Fi all have good cell coverage up at camp.

CAMP EXPECTATIONS

Every community has a set of standards to function safely and comfortably while encouraging a fun learning environment. Camp Chawanakee is our community for the summer. Below are some important points to keep in mind while in camp.

Uniform: The uniform helps to establish a sense of belonging and a certain measure of safety in the camp environment. As such, Scouts and leaders are encouraged to wear the field uniform for evening colors and the activity uniform for breakfast/lunch and during program hours. During the day, all Scouts are encouraged to wear some type of Scout shirt.

Buddy System: It is recommended to follow the Buddy System while out of the campsite. This supports our safety and security in camp.

Hazing/Bullying: Hazing and bullying is prohibited in Camp Chawanakee and will not be tolerated and could be grounds for dismissal.

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, orientation, or disability.

Off-Limit Areas: We ask that all attendees of Camp Chawanakee avoid the following areas of camp:

- Staff Areas: lounge, cabins and living quarters, and laundry area.
- Any program or service area that is designated as Closed.
- Other troop campsites: please only send an SPL or adults into another campsite if necessary, or as invited.
- The camp maintenance yard and warehouse (unless with staff or explicit permission).

Cleanliness: Please help us to keep camp clean. Troops are responsible to keep their campsite, tent platforms, and other areas clean throughout your stay. Please make sure Scouts use trash cans. For any major cleanliness issues please contact the Camp Office as soon as possible. We are a **Leave No Trace** Camp!

Internet Access: There will be wireless internet access daily for Adult Leaders located in the lounge portion of the Training Center. We have upgraded to a Starlink Wi-Fi system to better accommodate our working Adult Leaders.

Smoking Area: Smoking is absolutely forbidden for any Scouts in camp. Adult smokers may partake in one area of camp only, which is behind the Dining Hall near the dumpster pad. This includes vaping and e-cigarettes. **CAMP CHAWANAKEE IS AN EXTREME FIRE DANGER ZONE AND WE ASK EVERYONE'S HELP IN MINIMIZING RISK.**

Fires: Use only the designated campfire circle in the traditional campsites to build fires. Fire control tools are located at each campsite. No fireworks in camp. New fire pits **MAY NOT** be added in the camp sites. Campsite fires must be kept small. Flames should be no higher than two feet.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

We will practice an Emergency Drill on Monday. When you hear the sounding of the fire bell all Scouts and Leaders will report to the Waterfront Area, quickly and safely. All units will remain at the Waterfront Area until the ALL CLEAR has been sounded or further instructions are given.

Major Accidents and Emergencies

In the event of a major accident, health-related emergency, or serious illness please report the incident to the nearest camp staff member. Be as specific as possible and relay only factual, pertinent information.

If medical attention is required during the night, please contact the Camp Health Officer directly. The Camp Health Officer will provide a cell phone contact, and there is a camp radio in the Dr. Timothy & Wendy Brox Health Lodge available to call for help. Camp Staff should activate the 911 calls, if 911 is called, the Camp Director must be notified.

Fire Bells

The fire bells are located at the Training Center and on the rock behind the parade area by the Trading Post. The fire bells will be rung in the event of an emergency that may require either a full camp head count, and/or evacuation due to fire, lost swimmer, lost person, or another emergency. Tampering with the fire bells is STRICTLY forbidden.

What to do if you encounter an out-of-control fire

Do not attempt to put out the fire yourself! Take the most immediate and safest route to a fire bell and begin to ring it loudly. Continue to ring the bell until a staff member relieves you.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

PLANNING YOUR PROGRAM

Online Registration

The contact leader for the unit will receive a link to register all Scouts for their merit badges prior to coming to camp. This link will be sent after the unit's deposit has been received and registration has been processed. Changes can be made through Monday at Lunch, but we recommend all schedules be established prior to arrival.

The following pages provide a brief overview of Camp's various programs. A complete chart of merit badges, together with any prerequisites and their schedule, is listed in this leader's guide.

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM & INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS

The purpose of the Camp Chawanakee merit badge program is to offer programming that is not readily available at home and utilizes the outdoor experience. Each merit badge is assigned an area in camp that is responsible for its instruction. All in-camp questions about specific Merit Badges should be brought to the attention of the Area Director.

Some merit badges can only be completed if certain requirements are done prior to camp. If a Scout has not completed these requirements the merit badge will have to be completed at home. See the information section on the merit badge list for details on which requirements per badge are not offered at camp.

Scoutcraft Located next to Archery Range/ Offers:

Camping, Cooking, Fire Safety, Fishing, Orienteering, Pioneering, Disc Golf, Search and Rescue, and Wilderness Survival

Eagle Point Located on the Point/ Offers:

Chess, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Geocaching, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Nation, Communications, Game Design, Disabilities Awareness, Signs, Signals and Codes

Nature Lodge Located East of Archery Range/ Offers:

Astronomy, Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife, Geology, Mammal Study, Pulp and Paper, Nature, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Mining in Society, Soil and Water, Sustainability, Weather, Insect Study

Handicraft Lodge Located Next to the Bridge/ Offers:

Art, Basketry, Fingerprinting, Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Photography, Pottery, Wood Carving

Range and Target Activities Located at the Ranges/ Offers:

Archery, Rifle, Shotgun

Waterfront Located at Aquatics Area/ Offers:

Canoeing, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Swimming

Climbing Wall & C.O.P.E. Courses Located Near Flag Assembly Area

First Year Camper Program Located at the Chapel

Horsemanship Located at the Corrals South of Archery Range

Merit Badge Sign-Up

Please make sure registration is done prior to arrival at camp. Unit Leaders will be able to sign up youth for classes on or after March 17th, 2025. You must have your January and February payment receipted in the Fresno Office to sign up for classes. Certain classes have size restrictions. Classes are filled on a first come first serve basis.

Open Time

We have increased our Open Time for our Scouts to 3 sessions. There will be one Morning Session (10:35 – 11:35) an Afternoon Session (3:00pm - 4:45pm) and an Evening Session (7:00pm - 8:00pm). These are times campers can experience program areas in an open format. Every program area (except for COPE) will be open. Youth can work on merit badge requirements or just have fun.

Merit Badge Advancement / Blue Cards

Camp Chawanakee uses the Black Pug Camp Management system to keep track of merit badge progress. Troop Leadership can follow progress during camp using the Black Pug Mobile App. Each youth who is working on merit badges will have their progress recorded during the week. Camp will have a limited supply of blue cards on hand. If your unit chooses to use blue cards, please have the Adult Leaders fill them out prior to sending them with your Scouts to the merit badge class. (Application for Merit Badge section, which requires an Adult Leader signature)

If you get home from camp and find that there was a problem with a blue card or the advancement report, contact Sequoia Council at daphne.ferguson@scouting.org. Let us know the youths' name, unit, council, what week they attended, the merit badge in question and your mailing address.

Registration Cut Off and Class Changes at Camp

Each session of camp, merit badge sign-ups will be closed Thursday at midnight ***before*** you come to camp so that we can get the rosters ready for the next week. Once this happens, you will not be able to change any more classes online. If a camper decides they want to change a class at camp, they can still do so. When adding a new class on site your Scout is required to talk to the counselor and let them know they want to add the class. The switch will be dependent on the available merit badge session capacity.



CAMP MERIT BADGE LIST

Merit Badge	Class Size	Cost	Periods Taught	Information
Archery	20	\$5	1, 2, 3, 4	May require extensive practice outside of class. Must be able to pull back a 25 lb. bow. Will require purchase of an arrow kit to complete badge.
Art	30	None	Open Time	Offered during Open Study.
Astronomy	30	None	2	Will require observations outside of class. Req. 5b, 8a, 8d, & 8e not covered at Camp.
Basketry	40	\$5-15	1, 3	Will require purchase of a Basketry Kit.
Camping	30	None	Open Time Tues or Thurs	Req. 4b, 5e, 7b, 8c, 8d, 9, & 10 not covered at Camp.
Canoeing	15	None	1 & 2*	*2 Class Periods. Must pass Scouting America swimmers test before starting merit badge.
Chess	40	None	3, 4	Will require time outside class to compete in a tournament.
Citizenship in the Nation	30	None	3, 4	Req. 5, 7, & 8 not covered at Camp.
Citizenship in the World	30	None	1, 2	Req. 4b, & 7 not covered at Camp.
Climbing	12	None	1 & 2 or 3 & 4*	*2 Class Periods.
Communication	30	None	2, 3	Req. 5, 7 & 8 not covered at Camp.
Cooking	30	None	Open Time Mon or Wed	Req. 2c, 4, 5 & 6 not covered at Camp.
Disabilities Awareness	30	None	Open Time Mon & Tue or Wed & Thurs	Req. 2 & 4 not covered at Camp. This is a 2-day Open Study class. Must attend both days.
Emergency Preparedness	30	None	1, 4	Must have First Aid Merit Badge before completion. Req. 3a, 3b, 6c, 8b & 9 not covered at Camp.
Environmental Science	30	None	1, 2, 3, 4	Will require observation time & extensive writing outside of class.
Finger Printing	30	None	Open Time	Only need to attend 1 day.
Fire Safety	40	None	1	Req. 10 not covered at Camp.
First Aid	30	None	1 & 2 or 3 & 4*	*2 Class Periods. Bring a first aid kit from home to fulfill Req. 2b. Must complete one option from Req. 15
Fish and Wildlife	40	None	4	Req. 5 & 7 not covered at Camp.
Fishing	30	None	2, 4	Bring your own fishing gear to Camp. Requires fishing time outside of class.
Game Design	30	None	Open Time Mon - Thurs	Requires extensive writing outside of class. Must attend all week to earn the merit badge.
Geocaching	30	None	1	Req. 8 & 9 not covered at Camp.
Geology	30	None	Open Time	Hands will get dirty.
Golf	12	None	Open Time	The requirements fulfilled will be for the Disc Golf portion of the Golf Merit Badge
Horsemanship	20	\$40	1 & 2 or 3 & 4	*2 Class Periods. Must wear long pants and closed toed shoes every day. Boots with a heel are recommended.
Indian Lore	30	\$5-15	2	Req. 5 not covered at Camp. Will require purchase of an Indian Lore Kit.
Insect Study	30	None	Open Time	Req. 4c & 5b not covered at Camp.
Kayaking	15	None	3, 4	Must pass Scouting America swim test before starting badge.
Leatherwork	30	\$5-15	1, 3	Will require purchase of a Leatherwork Kit

Lifesaving	20	None	1 & 2 or 3 & 4*	*2 Class Periods. Req. 1 & 2 must be completed before starting Badge.
Mammal Study	30	None	Open Time	Req. 5 not covered at Camp. Will require observation time outside of class.
Mining in Society	30	None	Open Time	Req. 5, 7d, & 8 not covered at Camp.
Nature	30	None	3	Will require observation time outside of class.
Orienteering	30	None	3	Req. 7 not covered at Camp.
Photography	30	None	3	Bring your own camera. Must have Personal Safety video.
Pioneering	15	None	2, 4	Working knowledge of knots and lashings is beneficial.
Pottery	30	None	2, 4	Req. 7 not covered at Camp.
Pulp and Paper	30	None	Open Time	Req. 7 not covered at Camp.
Reptile & Amphibian Study	30	None	Open Time	Req. 8 not covered at Camp.
Rifle Shooting	15	\$15	1 & 2 or 3 & 4*	*2 Class Periods. May require extensive practice outside of class; fee covers all materials needed.
Rowing	10	None	4	Must pass Scouting America swim test before starting badge.
Soil and Water Conservation	30	None	Open Time	Req. 7 not covered at Camp.
Search and Rescue	30	None	1	Req. 6a not covered at Camp.
Shotgun Shooting	15	\$40	1 & 2 or 3 & 4*	*2 Class Periods. May require extensive practice shooting outside of class. Fee covers all materials needed.
Signs, Signals and Codes	30	None	2	Req. 7 not covered at Camp.
Sustainability	30	None	1, 2, 4	Req. 2 & 3 not covered at Camp.
Small Boat Sailing	10	None	3 & 4	*2 Class Periods. Must pass Scouting America swim test before starting badge.
Swimming	30	None	1, 2, 3	Must pass Scouting America swim test before starting badge.
Weather	30	None	Open Time	Req. 9 not covered at Camp.
Wilderness Survival	30	None	3	Bring a personal survival kit from home for Req. 5.
Wood Carving	30	\$5-15	2, 4	Will require purchase a Wood Carving Kit. Totin' Chip required before carving.

Bold = Eagle Merit Badges

Merit Badges and Prerequisites may change prior to the start of camp.



CAMP MERIT BADGE PERIODS

All classes and times offered are subject to change without notice

2025 Camp Chawanakee Merit Badges

ALL CLASSES AND TIMES OFFERED ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

MERIT BADGE AREA	P1	P2	P3	P4	OT	COST
Scoutcraft						
Camping*					1Day	
Cooking*					1Day	
Fire Safety	P1					
Fishing		P2		P4		
Golf (Disc Golf)					OT	
Orienteering			P3			
Pioneering		P2		P4		
Search and Rescue	P1					
Wilderness Survival			P3			

Eagle Point	P1	P2	P3	P4	OT	COST
Chess			P3	P4		
Cit in the World*	P1	P2				
Cit in the Nation*			P3	P4		
Communication*		P2	P3			
Disabilities Awareness					2Days	
Emergency Preparedness*	P1			P4		
First Aid*	P1 and P2		P3 and P4			
Game Design					4Days	
Geocaching	P1					
Signs, Signals, and Codes		P2				

Range and Target	P1	P2	P3	P4	OT	COST
Archery	P1	P2	P3	P4		\$5
Rifle Shooting	P1 and P2		P3 and P4			\$15
Shotgun Shooting	P1 and P2		P3 and P4			\$40

Waterfront	P1	P2	P3	P4	OT	COST
Canoeing	P1 and P2					
Kayaking			P3	P4		
Lifesaving*	P1 and P2		P3 and P4			
Rowing				P4		
Small Boat Sailing			P3 and P4			
Swimming*	P1	P2	P3			

Other Areas	P1	P2	P3	P4	OT	COST
Climbing	P1 and P2		P3 and P4			
COPE (13 yrs)	P1 and P2		P3 and P4			
Horsemanship	P1 and P2		P3 and P4			\$40

Bold* = Eagle Merit Badge

OT = Open Time

P# = when the class is offered

P# and P# = lasts 2 periods

MERIT BADGE AREA	P1	P2	P3	P4	OT	COST
Nature						
Astronomy		P2				
Environmental Science*	P1	P2	P3	P4		
Fish and Wildlife				P4		
Geology					OT	
Insect Study					OT	
Mammal Study					OT	
Mining in Society					OT	
Nature			P3			
Pulp and Paper					OT	
Reptile and Amphibian Study					OT	
Sustainability*	P1	P2		P4		
Soil and Water Conservation					OT	
Weather					OT	

Handicraft	P1	P2	P3	P4	OT	COST
Basketry	P1		P3			\$15
Fingerprinting					1Day	
Indian Lore		P2				\$15
Leatherwork	P1		P3			\$15
Photography			P3			
Pottery		P2		P4		
Wood Carving		P2		P4		\$15
Art					1Day	

Open Time Merit Badges are scheduled on the next page.

OPEN TIME MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

	Open Time Session 1	Open Time Session 2		Open Time Session 3
	10:35 - 11:35	3:00 - 3:45	4:00 - 4:45	7:00 - 8:00 PM
Monday	- Cooking - Disabilities Awareness 1 - Game Design 1	- Art - Pulp & Paper	- Fingerprinting - Mammal Study	- Geology
Tuesday	- Camping - Disabilities Awareness 2 - Game Design 2	- Art - Mammal Study - Insect Study	- Fingerprinting - Reptile & Amph. Study - Weather	- Soil & Water Conservation
Wednesday	- Cooking - Disabilities Awareness 1 - Game Design 3	- Art - Mining in Soc.	- Fingerprinting - Soil & Water Conserv. - Pulp & Paper	Closed Due to Vespers
Thursday	- Camping - Disabilities Awareness 2 - Game Design 4	- Art - Geology - Weather	- Fingerprinting - Mining in Soc. - Insect Study	- Reptile & Amphibian Study

Disc Golf sessions in Open Time will be added soon.

Classes that require you to go to multiple sessions are numbered. Game Design 1 is day one, Game Design 2 is day 2 etc...

All others are single session unless stated otherwise by the instructor.

This schedule is subject to change. Changes will be submitted in writing upon your arrival at camp.

CAMP ACTIVITIES

Opening Campfire

Start your week off right on Sunday night when our staff puts on the opening campfire at the Eagle Point Campfire Bowl for your entertainment and enjoyment.

Unit Campfires

Your unit can have a campfire in your campsite during the week. You can use only downed wood that you find at camp. Do not damage, trim, or cut standing trees. Keep fires small and make sure they are completely extinguished.

Tribe of Chawanakee Campfire

On Thursday night the spirit of the Native Americans who inhabited this land before Camp Chawanakee, will come out to induct new members into the tribe and to advance in rank those who have returned. Members must either have completed their service hours prior to this campfire or promise on their honor they will have them done before leaving camp. Adults are encouraged to participate too!

Closing Campfire

Friday evening at 8:30pm at the Eagle Point Campfire Bowl there will be an awards show put on by the staff to highlight our week in camp. Awards to be presented will include the recognition of Honor Troop, Pioneer Hiker, the Sachem award, and the Spirit Arrow. Come and join us on Friday night for one last Hoorah!

Nature Trail

This self-guided tour takes you through the beautiful meadows of Camp Chawanakee. Along the trail you will find signs that will explain the flora and fauna that can be seen throughout camp. If you have any questions, ask the staff at the Nature Lodge.

Fishing Derby

Measure your fish either caught or “catch and release.” The longest fish (or photo with ruler) each week will be recognized. This competition is a youth-only competition. Youth aged 16 and older require a valid California Fishing License. We do not sell licenses in camp.

Volleyball

Feel free to schedule a match against another troop, or if you feel daring enough, against the camp staff. Warning, our Camp Director is a Hall of Fame Volleyball Coach. We are sure to see upgrades to our volleyball games!

ADULT LEADER INFORMATION

Adult Leader Trainings

While in camp, we have several opportunities to help Adult Leaders impact the lives of your Scouts. Camp Chawanakee offers multiple programs to help maximize your time and continual learning. Leaders can complete the following trainings at Camp Chawanakee: Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills.

Medical Support

A First Aid trained staff (Camp Staff Member – Camp Health Officer) is present at camp to treat medical emergencies and handle minor problems. For urgent and emergency care, not requiring ambulance transport, it will be necessary for leaders to transport youth to a local Urgent Care or Emergency Room. Medications must be kept in a locked container. Units must bring their own locking container. Unit Adult leaders are responsible for logging the proper medication at the time given to Scout. If you are a medical professional, please identify yourself to camp management for emergency purposes. For those adults who need to use a CPAP machine, there is no electricity at any of the campsites, please bring your own power source.

Commissioner Service

Commissioners are one of the key ingredients for the unit to have an outstanding week. Any needs, concerns and/or suggestions should be directed to your camp Commissioner. Campsites will be inspected by a Volunteer Commissioner daily, under the supervision of our Camp Commissioners. Campsite inspection scores are a key component to determining who wins the coveted “thumb-stick” award.

Adult CPR & AED Training

Each Tuesday AM (9:00 – 11:30 AM) at the Training Center there will be Adult CPR Training. The cost is \$25 paid at the Trading Post. The Lifesaving First Aid and CPR class is held each Monday at 8:00 PM and Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Training Center. The Lifesaving First Aid and CPR class is subject to change.

For Adult Leaders, we also offer the following:

Safe Swim Defense	Safety Afloat
Climb on Safely	Leave No Trace 101
Trek Safely	CPR & AED
C.O.P.E.	Camp Golf Tournament
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	

Adult C.O.P.E.

Adult C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience), is held during free time on Wednesday and Thursday. Through games and physical challenges, you learn the importance of working together, while at the same time, learning of your own limits and potential.

Leader's Shoot & The Wall (Friday afternoon activity)

Leaders are invited to the rifle range to test their marksmanship. Or you may want to find your way to the climbing wall - 52 feet of vertical fun. This is available to all adults on Friday from 1:30PM- 3:30PM.

ADULT ACTIVITIES

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 AM					Climb on Safely @ The Wall
9:00 AM		CPR Training @Training Center 9-11:30	Flag Etiquette @ Training Center		
9:30 AM				Dutch Oven Cooking	Wrap Up Session @ Training Center
2:15 PM	Outdoor Ethics /LNT 101 @ Training Center	Woods Tools & Finding Your Way @ Scoutcraft	ADULT COPE & IOLS Makeup Sessions	ADULT COPE & IOLS Makeup Sessions	
3:15 PM	Ropes @ Scoutcraft	Cooking @ Scoutcraft	Plant & Animal ID/Nature Hike@ Training Center	Fire Site Preparation & Campsite Selection @ Scoutcraft	
7:00 PM	Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat @Waterfront Pavilion	Lifesaving First Aid and CPR II @ Training Center	Trek Safely / Packing & Hiking Techniques @ Training Center 7:30 PM (after Vespers)		
8:00 PM	Lifesaving First Aid & CPR @ Training Center				

Schedule is subject to change

To be certified as having completed the **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills** the leader must at the end of the week present documentation that all required training sessions have been attended.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Order of the Arrow

Wear your sash on OA Thursday and at 7:00pm come join fellow Arrowmen at the Waterfront Pavilion for an ice cream social.

First Year Camper Program

Location: Camp Chapel

This is a camp staffed activity, first year campers should attend one of two sessions (period 1-2 or periods 3-4). Adults are strongly encouraged to accompany their Scouts to this program area. New or younger Scouts along with their adult leaders will receive an opportunity to learn the skills needed to achieve the rank of First Class. They will work together on a variety of activities and skills including nature, hiking, orienteering, pioneering, first aid, and more. Recording advancement for ranks First Class and below are handled entirely at the troop level. You do not need a blue card for First Year Camper. Scouts will be able to also work First Year Camper Program requirements during free time and open time at various program areas. Further information will be available at the opening adult leader meeting.

Polar Bear Swim

Each Tuesday through Friday mornings, the bravest souls in camp will meet at the waterfront and swim in sub-arctic waters. Don't worry, we will not let such bravery go unrewarded.

Mile Swim

To adjust to the altitude of Chawanakee, participants will be required to swim increments building up to the full mile under the supervision of our aquatics staff. All must be successful on each preceding leg to advance to the next. Each leg **MUST** be accomplished on different days. Each swimmer will be required to provide one capable rower and one spotter to ensure their safety and success.

C.O.P.E.

Ages 13 and Older

Periods 1-2, 3-4 Mon-Thursday Location: Meet in the Flag Assembly Area. Activities will take place at the C.O.P.E. course & Climbing Wall.

Chieftain Run

Youth and Adults can wake up early to take a mile long run on Thursday or Friday. You will meet at the Trading Post at 6:00 AM. Show your strength and ambition and join us for the Chieftain Run!

Iron Bear

The Iron Bear takes the Chieftain Run challenge to the next level, right after you complete the Chieftain run, then plunge into the lake for a Polar Bear Swim! This is a test for the fittest and bravest amongst us!

Canoe Outpost

Sign up with a Commissioner at the YOUTH LEADER meeting.

Pre-requisite: For Canoe - Pass Swimmer Test.

For Rowboat - Arrange with Commissioner.

Meet at Waterfront at 7:00 PM.

The Canoe Outpost is a chance to get out of camp and see other parts of beautiful Shaver Lake. Participants can test their paddling or rowing skills to an Outpost campsite under the stars. A cracker barrel will be provided. You can spend an evening enjoying leisure activities such as fishing, practicing your skills or just have a good ol' campfire. Two Deep Leadership, provided by your troop, is required for the Canoe Outpost. Canoe Outpost is subject to weather conditions and lake water level. Sorry, swimming is not allowed. You will need to bring your own sleeping bag, ground cloth, mat, and water. You will need to provide your own waterproof or dry sac bag. You will be responsible for cleaning up your litter at the Canoe Outpost sites, remember, Leave No Trace! If we cannot offer the Canoe Outpost, we will host the "Canoopalooza" so that troops can still enjoy a boating experience in our bay.

Mountain Bikes

We allow personal bikes in camp. Youth and Adults must wear a helmet, shoes, and eye protection. Please use caution while riding your bike in camp, especially around other campers, and near buildings and structures. Be a courteous cyclist. Camp Chawanakee does not provide bikes. Powered bikes, electric or gasoline, are prohibited.



COUNSELOR TRAINING PROGRAM

Counselor Training Program

The traditional CIT program is being upgraded to our new Counselor Training Program (CTP). This unique opportunity will provide 14 and 15-year-old Scouts training in various camp program positions, specific leadership seminars, learning how to be a part of the camp staff, and how to form lasting friendships and relationships away from home. We will have meetings Monday through Thursday in the evenings. CTP members will be assigned to various program areas on a weekly basis and supervised by the Program Director.

This pilot program will be offered sessions 1 - 6 in 2-week increments. Pricing at bottom of page.

Session 1 - 6/15 - 6/28

Session 2 - 6/29 - 7/12

Session 3 - 7/13 - 7/26

Topics will include, but are not limited to:

- How to be an Effective Leader
- Merit Badge Instruction Skills
- Public Speaking and Event Planning
- Planning and Running Meetings

The below QR code will take you to the staff application. Please designate that you are applying to the Counselor Training Program and list the session that you are available for.



Participants may only sign up for one session per summer.
The cost is \$250 per 2-week session.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Thumb Sticks

Each evening, the Volunteer Commissioners will each give out a special award known as a Thumb Stick. Thumb Stick winners will keep and add to the Thumb Stick until the next evening's flags, where it will be returned to the Commissioner. At the end of the week, one unit will take home the Thumb Stick. The additions to the Thumb Stick, your unit's own personalization, should not make it larger than your smallest youth can carry.

Pioneer Hiker

This honor is bestowed upon a youth that best exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law. Pioneer Hikers will be provided with further instructions at the closing campfire. Each unit can send one youth. Turn in the name to the Program Director at the 10:00 am Friday Leader's meeting or anytime before 4:00 pm.

Honor Unit

An Honor Unit is one that adheres to the Scout Oath and Law in all their dealings. Honor Units demonstrate superior Scout spirit, have consistently high inspection scores, use the patrol method, and participate in programs and meetings. All Honor Units will be recognized at the closing campfire. Turn in Honor Unit paperwork to the office before 4:00 pm on Friday. The requirements for the Honor Unit Program are at the end of this leader guide.

Spirit Arrow

The purpose of the Spirit Arrow award is to encourage Scout Spirit. The unit with the most enthusiasm, that is always doing their best, will be given this award. Judgement will be based on Patrols having flags, patrol yells, doing good turns and youth simply doing their best to take pride in Scouting, but most of all, HAVING FUN! The award will be given out at the closing campfire. The winning unit is selected by the Camp Staff.



TRIBE OF CHAWANAKEE

The Tribe of Chawanakee is our in-camp service organization. The initial tribe patch is purchased at Trading Post. Segments are awarded at no cost. This program is designed to recognize Youth and Adults who exemplify Chawanakee's ideals. All Youth and Adults who attend camp are eligible for membership. On Thursday night, all the arduous work from the week will culminate in a ceremony and campfire. The segments that go around the patch are given to you at checkout. If you want to receive your segments you must turn in your Tribe Roster Form by Friday to allow time to sort out all the segments. The ranks and corresponding requirements are:

- Hunter:**
- 1) One summer at Camp Chawanakee
 - 2) One hour of work on service projects
- Warrior:**
- 1) Earned Hunter
 - 2) Two summers at Camp Chawanakee
 - 3) Two hours of work on service projects
- Chief:**
- 1) Earned Warrior
 - 2) Three summers at Camp Chawanakee
 - 3) Three hours of work on service projects
- Medicine Man:**
- 1) Earned Chief
 - 2) Four summers at Camp Chawanakee
 - 3) Four hours of work on service projects
- Sachem:**
- 1) Earned Medicine Man
 - 2) Five summers at Camp Chawanakee
 - 3) Plan, organize, and complete an approved service project or complete 5 hours of service. (Please contact a Camp Commissioner for assistance by Wednesday at 2:15 PM.)



CAMP DAILY SCHEDULE

Sunday

1:00 pm-	4:00 pm	Troops Check In
5:00 pm-	5:30 pm	SPL/SM Meeting @ Chapel
6:00 pm-	6:45 pm	Dinner Shift 1
6:45 pm-	7:00 pm	Evening Flags – Welcome to Camp!
7:00 pm-	7:45 pm	Dinner Shift 2
8:30 pm-	9:30 pm	Opening Campfire at Eagle Point Campfire Bowl
10:00 pm-	6:00 am	Quiet Time

Monday-Friday

6:30 am-	7:15 am	Breakfast Shift 1
7:30 am-	7:45 am	Flag Raising
7:45 am-	8:30 am	Breakfast Shift 2
8:45 am-	9:30 am	Merit Badge Period 1
9:40 am-	10:25 am	Merit Badge Period 2
10:35 am-	11:35 am	Open Time
11:45 am-	12:15 pm	Lunch Shift 1
12:15 pm-	12:30 pm	SPL Meeting at the Training Center (<u>Monday – Thursday</u>)
12:30 pm-	1:00 pm	Lunch Shift 2
1:10 pm-	1:55 pm	Merit Badge Period 3
2:05 pm-	2:50 pm	Merit Badge Period 4
3:00 pm-	4:45 pm	Open Time
5:00 pm-	5:45 pm	Dinner Shift 1
5:45 pm-	6:00 pm	Evening Flags
6:00 pm-	6:45 pm	Dinner Shift 2
7:00 pm-	8:00 pm	Open Time
8:30 pm-	9:30 pm	Evening Events*
10:00 pm-	6:00 am	Quiet Time

Additional Friday Activities (Mealtimes Remain Same)

8:45 am-	11:35 am	Merit Badge Completion/Check in
10:00 am-	10:30 am	Scoutmaster Meeting at the Dining Hall
1:30 pm-	3:30 pm	Camp Wide Games/Merit Badge Completion
4:00 pm-	5:00 pm	Merit Badge Blue Card Pick up at the Camp Office
7:00 pm-	8:00 pm	Merit Badge Blue Card Bonanza at the Dining Hall
8:30 pm-	9:30 pm	Closing Campfire at Eagle Point Campfire Bowl

Saturday

6:00 am-	8:00 am	Open Breakfast
6:00 am-	9:00 am	Check Out

*Evening events include Thursday's Tribe Campfire, Friday's Closing Campfire, or your Troop Campfires.

**Schedules are subject to change upon arrival in camp.
Changes will be submitted in writing as you check in.**

SPECIAL EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday

5:00pm SPL/SM Meeting @ Chapel
8:30 pm Opening Campfire (Eagle Point Campfire Bowl)

Monday

Big Hat Monday (Wear Your Best Hat!)

3:15 pm Ropes (Scoutcraft)

Tuesday

Sports Day Tuesday (Wear Your Favorite Sports Team!)

6:00:32 am Polar Bear Swim (Waterfront)

Wednesday

Western Wednesday (Giddyup Gear, Yee Ha!)

6:00:32 am Polar Bear Swim (Waterfront)
2:00 pm Adult Cope and IOLS Make up Sessions
3:00 pm Disc Golf Tournament (Scoutcraft)
7:00 pm Vespers (Chapel)
7:30 pm Trek Safely/Packing & Hiking Techniques (Training Center)

Thursday

Thankful Thursday (Honor Your Adult Leaders!)

6:00 am Chieftain Run (Meet at Trading Post)
6:00:32 am Polar Bear Swim (Waterfront)
10:00 am Chawanakee Open (Trading Post)
7:00 pm OA Fellowship (Waterfront Pavilion)
8:45 pm Tribe of Chawanakee Campfire (Eagle Point Campfire Bowl)

Friday

Aloha Friday (Wear Hawaiian Outfits!)

6:00 am Chieftain Run (Meet at Trading Post)
6:00:32 am Polar Bear Swim (Waterfront)
10:00-10:30am Scoutmaster Meeting (Dining Hall)
1:30-3:30pm Chawanalympics Assembly (Starts at Waterfront)
1:30-3:30pm Program Areas Open for Merit Badge Completion
4:00-5:00pm Merit Badge Blue Card Pick-Up at Camp Office
7:00 pm Merit Badge Blue Card Bonanza at Dining Hall
8:30-9:30pm Closing Campfire (Eagle Point Campfire Bowl)

LAST 24 HOURS OF CAMP

Aloha Friday

Come to morning flags wearing your Hawaiian shirts, board shorts and leis. Make sure you bring plenty of items to decorate yourself and your campsite in the true Aloha spirit!

Friday Scoutmaster Meeting 10-10:30am at Dining Hall

We will cover the day's activities including Chawanalympics, check out procedures, and Merit Badge procedures.

Chawanalympics

This is our exciting, fast-paced, camp wide games! After our opening ceremonies at the Waterfront, units will break up into their patrols and compete in competitions that will test leadership, athleticism, and skills. Awards will be presented on a Patrol basis for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each event. Information about events will be given out Wednesday at the SPL meeting. Program areas will still be open to all Scouts who have requirements to complete.

Friday Barbecue

Camp Chawanakee Friday dinner is a Hawaiian-themed Luau BBQ for youth and leaders in our Dining Hall. Families and other guests are invited. Guests may pay \$13 for a Dinner Ticket at the Trading Post.

Merit Badge Blue Card Pick Up

Come to the Camp Office between 4:00-5:00pm on Friday and we will return all the Merit Badge Blue Cards to each unit.

Merit Badge Blue Card Bonanza (Q & A)

If there are any questions either about lost cards or why a card may not be completed, Unit Leaders can come to the side of the Camp Dining Hall at 7-8:00PM to talk with the Area Directors for updates.

Overnight Guests

Parents wishing to spend a single night in camp on Friday night may do so by reserving a site at our Family Camp Facility. Call the Fresno Scout Office at 559-320-2100. All adults planning to stay with the troop in their campsite must be a registered adult leader and be able to prove completion of AB-506 and YP Training.

Saturday

A camp staff guide will help check your unit out of your campsite. The Camp Commissioners will send staff guides to your campsites at an agreed upon time between 6:00 am - 9:00 am. Earlier departures can be arranged. Schedule your checkout time at the 10:00 am Friday Scoutmaster meeting, held at the Dining Hall. All tents will be inspected for damage on a weekly basis. Your unit will be assessed fees for damage(s) caused during your week in camp. After your staff guide has checked out your unit at the campsite, you will then need to make your way to the Camp Office to do a final check out.

Before your unit leaves, and receives their camp patches, it is required that the camp Evaluation Form be completed and submitted to the Camp Office prior to completing the checkout procedure.

At the Camp Office, turn in your Check Out Sheet and check the lost and found, then you will get back your medical binder(s), camp patches, and you can make reservations for 2026. One car (at a time) per unit will be allowed in the campsite to load up your troop gear. Please return the vehicle to the parking lot once loaded before bringing in an additional vehicle. For those with an extremely early Saturday departure, consult the Camp Office about equipment loading for your site.

2026 CAMP RESERVATIONS

During your week at camp, you can make reservations for 2026. The 2026 deposit will be \$20 per person.

Family Camp at Camp Chawanakee

Our Family Camp is available for families associated with a troop. Only these families may reserve a campsite. This primitive camping site is adjacent to the camp property and allows families the opportunity to stay nearby and easily visit camp.

There are bathroom and shower facilities available. You must provide your own tents, food, and camping gear. The Family Camp Host will be on site and their cell number posted. If you intend to utilize Family Camp during your Scout's stay, please make your reservations as early as possible. Our sites fill up rapidly.

Please call (559) 320-2100 for 2025 reservations and pricing.

DOCUMENTS & FORMS

The following documents and forms are used throughout your week at camp. Copies are available at check-in and at the Camp Office.

- Unit Duty Roster
- Honor Unit Criteria
- Camp Site Inspection Form
- Tribe of Chawanakee Roster
- Unit Swim Classification
- Early Release from Camp



UNIT DUTY ROSTER

Unit # _____

YOUTH LEADER _____

Monday:

Breakfast Table Bus	_____
Lunch Table Bus	_____
Dinner Table Bus	_____
Clean Shower/Latrines	_____
Other	_____

Tuesday:

Breakfast Table Bus	_____
Lunch Table Bus	_____
Dinner Table Bus	_____
Clean Shower/Latrines	_____
Other	_____

Wednesday

Breakfast Table Bus	_____
Lunch Table Bus	_____
Dinner Table Bus	_____
Clean Shower/Latrines	_____
Other	_____

Thursday:

Breakfast Table Bus	_____
Lunch Table Bus	_____
Dinner Table Bus	_____
Clean Shower/Latrines	_____
Other	_____

Friday:

Breakfast Table Bus	_____
Lunch Table Bus	_____
Dinner Table Bus	_____
Clean Shower/Latrines	_____
Other	_____

HONOR UNIT CRITERIA

Unit # _____ Council _____

Campsite _____ Week _____

An Honor Unit is one that adheres to the Scout Oath and Law in all their dealings.

Honor Unit Must:

Leader Initials/Date

- _____ 1. Show Scout Spirit at all camp functions and adhere to the Scout Oath and Law.
- _____ 2. Participate in all camp wide events. (Campfires, Chawanalympics, etc.)
- _____ 3. Maintain a tidy and safe campsite.
- _____ 4. Participate in a camp service project. (Tribe hours count)
- _____ 5. Organize and hold at least one youth leader meeting during the week.
- _____ 6. Attend all scheduled Adult Leader and Youth Leader meetings.
- _____ 7. Attend and be on time to all flag ceremonies.
- _____ 8. Do not put holes in the camp tents or damage campsite property.
- _____ 9. Participate in an inter-unit campfire or activity during the week.
- _____ 10. Do ONE of the following:
 - 100% of the unit advances one rank in the Tribe of Chawanakee
 - Unit attends Vespers (7:00 pm Wednesday at the Chapel)
 - Unit participates in a camp wide Flag Raising, Lowering, or Retirement ceremony
- _____ 11. Invite a camp staff member to participate in a unit activity.
Name of staff member _____

Camp Commissioner will determine completion of the requirements and will recognize the Honor Units at the closing campfire on Friday night.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION FORM

Unit # _____ Campsite _____ Commissioner: _____

Inspections will be completed each day between 9:00 AM and 12:00PM (NOON)

ARRANGEMENT OF CAMP: (22 pts.)

	M	T	W	TH	F
U.S. Flag flying at entry	3	3	3	3	3
Unit Flag flying at entry	3	3	3	3	3
Proper placement of large fire bucket nearby campfire ring w/ water	4	4	4	4	4
Small fire buckets nearby tents (one w/ water, one w/ dirt)	4	4	4	4	4
Ax yard well defined, all tools in sheaths	3	3	3	3	3
"NO FLAMES IN TENTS" posted on any <u>personal</u> tents	4	4	4	4	4
Defined entrance to unit's tents	1	1	1	1	1

NEATNESS OF TENTS: (15 pts.)

Platform tents are open and properly secured	3	3	3	3	3
Bedding and personal gear neatly stored in tents	3	3	3	3	3
Tents are swept clean and generally in neat condition	3	3	3	3	3
Tents are free of new unmarked holes	6	6	6	6	6

OVERALL CLEANLINESS OF SITE(S): (30 pts.)

Proper disposal of garbage in cans	5	5	5	5	5
Full garbage cans/bags placed near road	2	2	2	2	2
No food particles next to water spigot	3	3	3	3	3
Proper storage of equipment/food	3	3	3	3	3
Fires out or properly attended (Barbecues included)	3	3	3	3	3
Site free of litter	4	4	4	4	4
Latrines in clean condition	5	5	5	5	5
Showers in clean condition	5	5	5	5	5

BULLETIN BOARD: (16 pts.)

Duty Roster	2	2	2	2	2
Unit Fireguard Plan and Camp Fire Plan	2	2	2	2	2
Camp site Inspection form	2	2	2	2	2
Unit Merit Badge Sign-up	2	2	2	2	2
Camp Schedule	2	2	2	2	2
Camp Map	2	2	2	2	2
Camp Special Events Schedule with unit activities added	2	2	2	2	2
Camp Mealtimes	2	2	2	2	2

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS: No permanent changes (7 pts.)

New Pioneering Project or camp gadget each day.	7	7	7	7	7
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SPIRIT: (10 pts.)

Cooperation, quietness after taps, example set for all, on time at flags.	10	10	10	10	10
Campsite Commissioners will judge behavior and spirit					

Total: _____

SCORING: 100 Excellent! 90-99 Good 80-89 Fair 70-79 Needs Improvement 0-69 Unsatisfactory

TRIBE OF CHAWANAKEE ROSTER

Tribe Ranks

1st Year Hunter

2nd Year Warrior

3rd Year Chief

4th Year Medicine Man

5th Year Sachem

Unit: _____

Week: _____

Campsite: _____

	Name	Tribe Rank Completed					Spirit	Service	Location of
	(Please Print)	H	W	C	MM	S	Yes / No	Hours	Service
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
7									
8									
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10									
11									
12									
13									
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22									
23									
24									
25									
	Total Ranks								

UNIT SWIM CLASSIFICATION RECORD

This is the individual's swim classification as of this date. Any change in status after this date (i.e., non-swimmer to beginner or beginner to swimmer) would require a reclassification test performed by an approved test administrator. Changes and corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test administrator.

PLEASE 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.

Unit Number _____

Date of Swim Test _____

	Full Name (Print) (Draw lines through blank spaces.)	Medical Recheck	Swim Classification		
			Non swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					

NAME OF PERSON CONDUCTING THE TEST:

Print Name

Signature

Qualification

Council/Agency (Red Cross, YMCA, etc.)

UNIT LEADER:

Print Name

Signature

SWIM CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Scouting America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. **The swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season.** Traditionally, the swim classification test has only been conducted at a long-term summer camp. However, there is no restriction that this be the only place the test can be conducted. It may be more useful to conduct the swim classification prior to a unit going to summer camp.

All persons participating in Scouting America 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 circumstances in which the individual will be in the water (e.g., the swimmer's test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth).

In April we will mail each unit their buddy tags to fill out before arriving at camp.

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed below:

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: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

BEGINNER'S TEST:

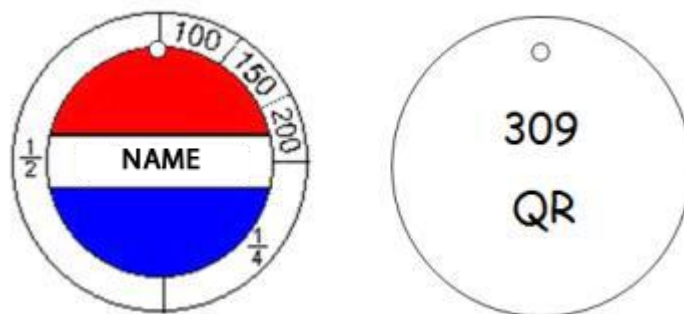
Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

Beginners (red on top):

- ✓ Jump into deep water.
- ✓ Swim 25 feet.
- ✓ Turn.
- ✓ Return.
- ✓ Total: **50 feet** with entry and turn

Swimmers (red on top blue on bottom):

- ✓ Jump into deep water.
- ✓ Swim 75 yards with strong forward stroke.
- ✓ Swim 25 yards with restful backstroke.
- ✓ Rest by floating.
- ✓ Total: **100 yards** with entry and turn



Properly filling out a buddy tag:

The swimmer's name is put on the front in the middle section. On the backside is written their Unit Number and Campsite.

- **Non- Swimmer** (did not pass to the Beginner level): Buddy Tag left without color
- **Beginner** (passed Beginner level but did not complete full swim test or did not complete test to the satisfaction of the test administrator): Color the top half circle with a red permanent marker.
- **Swimmer** (satisfactorily completed the full swim test): Color the top half circle with a red permanent marker and color the bottom half circle with a blue permanent marker.

EARLY RELEASE FROM CAMP

Once a Scout has checked into the summer camp program, they are not authorized to leave the camp property except in emergency situations, and with proper verification and authorization. Emergency situations which may cause a request for "early release" include illness, family emergencies, or unavoidable outside activities. The following procedures are followed whenever any "early release" request is made:

- If any person other than the parent or legal guardian picks up the Scout, a **written authorization** from the custodial parent or guardian must be supplied to the Camp Director. This authorization must state who is authorized to pick up the Scout.
- Upon arrival at camp, the adult picking up the Scout must **check in with the Camp Director** at the Camp Office. After verification, the Camp Director will contact the Adult Leader and the Scout.
- The **identity of the adult picking up the Scout must be verified** by the Adult Leader in camp and/or by the presentation of proper identification. If a parent or legal guardian must be contacted via telephone to verify authorization; it must be at a telephone number supplied by the Adult Leader in camp, or at a telephone number listed on the health record of the Scout.
- If an adult leader is taking a Scout home during the camp week, they must check out with the Camp Director and they must inform the Camp Director upon their return to camp. If the Scout is not related to the adult leader, **two-deep leadership guidelines** must be followed.

Identification of camper to be released:

Date ____/____/____ Name of camper to be released: _____	Unit _____
Reason for release _____ _____	Campsite _____

Identification of person picking up the camper:

Name: _____	Telephone ____ - ____ - ____
Address _____	
Signature _____	Date ____/____/____

Verification and approval by unit leader:

Leader's Name: _____	Telephone ____ - ____ - ____
Address _____	
Signature _____	Date ____/____/____

Management's approval:

Sign _____

Print _____

NOTES: