
2020 CAMP OLJATO LEADER GUIDE

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Welcome to Camp Oljato!

Camp Oljato is more than a beautiful location – it also offers an engaging camp program and staff that emphasizes the aims and methods of Scouting. The goal of the Camp Oljato staff is to help youth build character, develop citizenship, and increase physical and mental fitness. At Camp Oljato we emphasize the Scout oath, law and patrol method in all appropriate activities. We provide opportunities for youth to develop these skills in an authentic outdoor experience with positive adult role models. Scouts and leaders will experience a variety of experiences that are fun, challenging, and designed to facilitate personal growth. At Camp Oljato we believe in a balance between merit badge work and recreation in the wilderness.

We at Camp Oljato look forward to assisting you and your unit to have the best summer camp experience possible. Please take time to read through this leader's guide and make sure you participate in our leader webinars and attend the pre-camp meeting prior to your unit coming to camp. We have something for everyone from the first-year campers to Venturers and adult leaders.

Thanks again for choosing Camp Oljato; we look forward to serving you!

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THE VISION OF CAMP OLJATO

Is to give every Scout a truly memorable outdoor experience while building Scouting ideals through advancement and mentorship.

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

Camp Oljato (OI-JAY-toe) has been in existence since 1941. The name Oljato is Navajo, meaning “Star Light on the Water.” Oljato is a magical place! It is located at 7,000 feet in the Sierras (Kaiser Peak Range) on the shores of Huntington Lake. Access to the heavily wooded camp requires a one-mile boat trip across the picturesque lake. From the moment of arrival to the last day of camp, Scouts are immersed in the outdoor adventure of Scouting.

Waterfront activities are a key element of the Camp Oljato experience. Huntington Lake is a well-known sailing lake, and Oljato is fortunate to have one of the most sheltered coves on the lake. This location allows Scouts to learn and explore on comparatively calm waters. During a week at summer camp, virtually all camp participants engage in several waterfront activities. Additionally, the campsites have magnificent giant pines, plenty of wildflowers, a cool mountain stream, and no poison oak. There are platform tents within the eleven troop campsites. Each site has running water, tables, and fire rings. Restrooms and showers are located nearby. In the center of camp, the Trading Post and rustic Dining Hall can be found. Surrounding these buildings are our newly-constructed, premiere program structures. These structures for Nature, Scoutcraft, Handicraft, and Waterfront have all been completed in the last 9 years. We hope that you will truly enjoy the benefits of these incredible program areas. Additionally, in 2018 we opened a new welding area and dedicated a new rifle range deck.

ACCREDITATION

Camp Oljato is fully accredited by the National Council, BSA and operates under the strict health, safety, and management guidelines established by the Boy Scouts of America, the United States Forest Service, the State of California, and the County of Fresno.



2020 CAMP DATES

First Session	June 21 – June 27
Second Session	June 28 – July 4
Third Session	July 5 – July 11
Fourth Session	July 12 – July 18
Fifth Session	July 19 – July 25
Sixth Session	July 26 – August 1

PRE-CAMP LEADERS' MEETINGS

To help your unit prepare for the best possible week at Camp Oljato, we hold a leader webinar, as well as a traditional pre-camp orientation meeting.

Our webinar for the 2020 summer will be held at the following time.

- March 18, 7pm PDT

Login information for the webinars will be sent to the contacts your unit has established with the Pacific Skyline Council office.

Our traditional leaders' pre-camp orientation meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2020. It will be held at the Palo Alto Service Center (1305 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto) at 10:00 am. We will post a recording of this meeting online for units that are not able to attend.

Please note: Due to bandwidth limitations, we are not able to livestream this meeting. The recording will be posted up to one week later.

The Palo Alto Service Center is in the Lucie Stern Center behind the Palo Alto Junior Museum and Zoo. It is located off Embarcadero Road.

The Unit Leader and the Senior Patrol Leader who will be at camp should also be at this meeting. The meeting will last 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE CAMP PROGRAM

Each day at camp the program is divided into three parts: morning, afternoon, and evening. Morning session consists primarily of campsite inspections, morning messages, and merit badge classes that each Scout signs up for in advance. The afternoon is primarily devoted to open program time, which allows Scouts to participate in whatever program opportunities they wish. This can consist of taking extra merit badge classes, swimming in the lake, shooting sports, visiting the trading post, hiking, sailing, canoeing, or simply sitting in their campsite working on other advancement opportunities. This time is for campers to enjoy the camp however they wish. In the evenings, after dinner, activities are provided by the staff that allow Scouts to grow individually and to bond as a unit. These activities include campfire programs, games, and camper recognitions. The full week-long schedule can be viewed on the [Camp Oljato Week at a Glance](#) found on our [Oljato registration page online](#).

TROOP SERVICE PROJECTS

Camp Oljato provides opportunities for your unit to do service projects while in camp. This is an important part of the camping experience and helps Scouts feel a sense of ownership in Camp Oljato. The maintenance staff and commissioner will work with you

to identify projects suited to your troop's skill, overall age, and ability level. If you have any ideas about the service project you would like to perform, simply let us know. If a troop would like to undertake a large-scale service project our staff will be happy to help accommodate it. Please coordinate this with the commissioner staff prior to your arrival. A list of service projects, including tool needs, will be published in May.

ADULT LEADERS IN CAMP

Each troop is required to have at least 2 adults over the age of 21 in camp at all times. Girl Troops are required to have at least 1 of these adults be a female over the age of 21. The unit is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided at all times while the unit is at camp. We recommend a minimum ratio of at least 1 leader for every 10 Scouts.

National Standards for Scout Resident Camps require that every adult be currently trained in Youth Protection and beginning in 2018, every adult **MUST be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America**. Additionally, we require that each unit in camp have at least one adult currently trained in Weather Hazards. Youth Protection and Weather Hazards may be completed at my.Scouting.org.

If it is necessary for a "changing of the guard" among your adult unit leaders, we suggest that new leaders arrive at least a day early to assist in a smooth transition and to allow time for the new leader to acclimate to camp life. New leaders must report to the camp office upon arrival at camp and must meet the same requirements (current YPT training and registered in the BSA). If the adult trained in Weather Hazards leaves camp prior to the end of the week, they must be replaced by an adult with current Weather Hazards training.

Adult Activities

There will be times when adult leaders will be looking for a special activity to do at camp. Some BSA adult leader training courses will be available. Leaders who wish to assist with merit badge instruction or program activities should contact the Camp Program Director. If any leader would like to help with camp maintenance or conduct a service project, please let the Camp Ranger or Camp Commissioner know.

Adult Service Opportunities

There are many facility improvements that are on-going at Camp Oljato. We are always looking for people who would like to help make Camp Oljato a better place. If you would like to participate in cutting wood, repairing buildings, plumbing, and roofing or in any other project that would require special tools, feel free to bring your own equipment. If you have a special skill set and would like to share it during your stay at Camp Oljato, do not hesitate to let the ranger know. You can always call the camp at 559.893.3393 to find out what type of projects we are currently working on or email our ranger, Don Hartline (don.hartline@scouting.org).

A list of service projects, including tool needs, will be published in May.

Leadership Training

Leader meetings will be held for adult leaders every day. These meetings are designed to keep you informed about the daily program while simultaneously infusing leadership concepts into your experience at camp. They are also a great time during which questions can be answered. We highly encourage that at least one adult leader from every troop attends the daily leader meeting so that they can relay the appropriate information to their troop. Camp Oljato also offers the following opportunities:

Training Session	Eligible Participants	Prerequisites	Schedule
Safe Swim Defense	Adults AND Scouts 15 and older		Tuesday 9:00am
Safety Afloat	Adults AND Scouts 15 and older		Tuesday 9:00am
Aquatic Supervision, Water Rescue AND Paddle Craft Safety	Adults AND Scouts 15 and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be 15 years old or older prior to training • Submit written evidence of physical fitness • Complete Safe Swim Defense Training (can be done at camp) • Pass BSA Swimmer Test (can be done at camp) 	Everyday 2:00-3:30pm
BSA Lifeguard	Adults AND Scouts 15 and older	Class will begin on Monday during merit badge hours. It will take about 30-hours to complete during the week. Each person will be required to work on requirements during merit badge sessions 1 and 2 and most of the free-time throughout the week.	
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	Adults		Schedule will be announced at camp.
Climb-On Safely	Adults		Schedule will be announced at camp.

HONOR AWARD

Each troop will have the opportunity to earn the [Camp Oljato Honor Award](#) as they participate and progress in the program during the week. This award honors those units who are proactive in promoting the values of Scouting through their service to the camp and others. This is not a competition between troops, but rather a goal to work toward while simultaneously building troop unity and facilitating personal development. Scouts, under the direction and encouragement of their adult leaders and the staff, will strive for success. Awards will be presented to each unit at the closing campfire so that deserving troops may be recognized.

TRIBE OF OLJATO CERMONY

The Tribe of Oljato is our way to celebrate and promote the "Oljato Spirit". This is a wonderful opportunity to participate in many of camp's varied activities. New members are given the opportunity to be inducted and old members are given the chance to advance. Tribal advancements are monitored by the Senior Patrol Leader. [Tribe requirements](#) will be distributed to SPLs at camp and generally include service, advancement, program participation, and Scouting spirit.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Camp Oljato facilitates four different campfires throughout the week. The camp staff will perform an opening and closing campfire for the campers on Sunday and Friday respectively. Tuesday night features the Oljato Songfest led by staff. The Thursday night Senior Patrol Leader campfire allows the unit youth leaders to organize a program in which each troop performs skits, songs, and run-ons of their choice. Please come to camp ready to perform a run-on, skit, song, and cheer as a troop. Your troop friends will be ready to help you, if need be. Please keep all performances Scouting appropriate.

COOK IN CAMP DAY

On Wednesday all troops will prepare and eat breakfast, lunch, and dinner in their campsites. The menu is designed so that food for the day can be cooked on an open fire, but camp stoves will be provided. Food is packed by the kitchen crew and is made available for pick up by troops at the designated time. This is an opportunity for Scouts to work on their cooking advancement requirements as well as improving overall patrol teamwork. The staff will be available for meals by invitation. Troops may bring their own cooking equipment but Camp Oljato will provide necessary equipment to those who do not including stoves, pots & pans, and cooking utensils. Each individual should bring their own mess kit.

NATURE AREA AND TRAIL

Camp Oljato offers many opportunities to discover and learn about the environment and the unique ecology of the High Sierras. Come take in the diverse terrain and abundance of wildlife in their natural habitat.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Rifle, archery and shotgun ranges are available for use by all campers who have a [signed parental release form](#). All participants must participate in a safety orientation

from the range instructor prior to using any of the shooting sports equipment. All ammunition and arrows are provided at the range.

All shooting sports activities require a range rental fee to be paid. The rental includes use of the firearm, ammunition, eye protection, ear protection, targets/clays, cleaning supplies, and instructor time.

Merit badges have a higher fee due to the increased number of shots required. There is a minimum of 50 to 100 shots required to qualify for completing the badges.

Range Rental Fees

RANGE RENTAL	TYPE OF PASS	COST	PAY
.22 Rifle Range	Open Shoot – Buys 1 Target A new target is required for each round	\$3.00	In Camp
.22 Rifle Range	Merit Badge Class Fee	\$25.00	Online in Advance
Shotgun Range	Open Shoot – Buys 25 Clays	\$10.00	In Camp
Shotgun Range	Merit Badge Class Fee	\$45.00	Online in Advance
Archery Range	Open Shoot – 30-minute session	\$3.00	In Camp
Archery Range	Merit Badge Class Fee	\$25.00	Online in Advance

SWIMMING

Huntington Lake offers some of the best water recreation in the Sierra Nevada. Camp Oljato's swim area operates in strict accordance with BSA policies and is used for merit badges, rank advancement instruction, and free-time swims. Although the water temperature is usually safe for regular water-related Scouting activities, there might be times during the beginning of the summer when it is colder than normal. During these times, it is recommended that each camper bring a wetsuit if they plan to spend a lot of time doing aquatics merit badges, participating in water activities, or simply swimming during open program time.

WATERFRONT

Camp Oljato provides sailboats, catamarans, kayaks, canoes, rowboats, a water trampoline, a rolling log, motor boating, waterskiing, wakeboarding, and tubing. Additionally, Huntington Lake is home to world-class sailing. We recommend that you and your Scouts take advantage of the great opportunities offered during open program time. In accordance with BSA's Safety Afloat, everyone in a water vessel must wear life jackets and have passed the BSA swimmer test. An orientation and demonstration of ability is required to use any equipment. It is highly recommended that each camper brings a wetsuit if they plan on spending a lot of time using the boats or other water vessels.

Waterfront Fees

ACTIVITY	TYPE OF PASS	COST	PAY
Motor Boating	Merit Badge Class Fee	\$30.00	Online in Advance
Water Sports	Merit Badge Class Fee	\$30.00	Online in Advance
Water Tubing	Open Program – 30-minute session*	\$5.00	In Camp
Water Skiing	Open Program – 30-minute session*	\$5.00	In Camp
Wake Boarding	Open Program – 30-minute session*	\$5.00	In Camp

*30-minute sessions are split between 2 Scouts

Mile Swim

This is an individual activity that is open to all campers, Scouts and adult leaders alike who pass their BSA swimmer test. The mile swim is a program that consists of four swimming build-up sessions. Swimmers must participate in all four swims to receive the Mile Swim Award. In addition, they will need another troop member to be their buddy and help them count laps. The waterfront director will assign times, locations, and equipment to be utilized.

BSA Lifeguard

This program is for older Scouts (15 and older) and adult leaders. It will take about 30 hours to complete during the week. Class will begin on Monday during merit badge hours. Each person will be required to work on requirements during merit badge sessions 1 and 2 and most of the free-time throughout the week. The candidates will work closely with our waterfront staff throughout the week and learn all aspects of lifeguard skills and waterfront operation. Those interested must register online in advance.

It is highly encouraged that at least one adult member in each troop certify. This will allow troops and units to participate in all water activities throughout the year while being covered by the rules and regulations outlined in the *BSA Guide to Safe Scouting*.

Other BSA Aquatics Awards

- Stand Up Paddle Boarding BSA Award - Monday
- Kayaking BSA Award - Tuesday
- Snorkeling BSA Award - Wednesday

FISHING PROGRAM

Camp Oljato is a great place to fish and encourages participation in the *Take Me Fishing* and the BSA's *Complete Angler* recognition programs. The stocked waters of Huntington Lake offer many chances to catch your fair share of Rainbow Trout. We recommend that fishermen practice catch and release, although you can keep the fish if you plan on cooking it in your campsite. If you need a place to store your catch, the nature area has a freezer designated for fish (note: the kitchen cannot store fish for you in the refrigerator). We also recommend the use of barbless hooks for easy release of the fish after they are caught. **Please come to camp prepared to fish with your own equipment.** The camp will have a few poles and basic equipment that can be used, but this equipment is intended primarily for those who are enrolled in the fishing merit badge class. The Trading Post does sell fishing poles and limited tackle.

Anyone 16 years of age and older must have a current fishing license to take any kind of fish, mollusk, invertebrate, amphibian or crustacean in California. Camp Oljato will **NOT** have fishing licenses for sale. We recommend purchasing the appropriate license at your local sporting goods store prior to coming to camp. If you do not get a chance to do this, however, you can purchase fishing licenses at the Lakeshore General Store. Make sure you have valid identification on your person to purchase a California State fishing license. When fishing at Camp Oljato it is the campers' responsibility to know the California State fishing guidelines. Please be aware of and know that Camp Oljato will enforce all California State fishing regulations.

TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS

The Trail to First Class program is for all Scouts needing to pass off rank advancement requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Camp Oljato offers merit badge periods for teaching these skills. We suggest that new Scouts who are focusing on rank advancement take these classes, as they will meet every day to work on

requirements. For Scouts who have only a few requirements to pass off, it is suggested that they do not sign up for these classes, but rather work on their requirements during the open program time.

Please note that Scouts who come to camp as Scout will not be First Class by the end of the week, but if they attend class every day and work hard during open program time, they will complete many of the requirements needed to advance.

ORDER OF THE ARROW

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is Scouting's National Honor Society. All campers and adult leaders who are members of the Order of the Arrow are encouraged to bring their OA sash to wear with their uniform on OA Day. OA Day will be held sometime during the week and in addition to wearing their sash with uniform, there will be opportunities for Arrowmen to gather informally and for all campers to learn more about Scouting's Brotherhood of Cheerful Service.

MERIT BADGE CLASSES

The teaching of merit badges at Camp Oljato is an important part of the program. Ensuring that campers receive the highest quality instruction is vital to the integrity of the Scouting program. While at camp, Scouts must complete all requirements—**no more, no less**—to receive the completed blue card. Scouts who do not complete the merit badge will receive a partial and will be able to complete the merit badge at home with a local merit badge counselor.

Units do not need to bring Blue Cards for their Scouts. We will provide Merit Badge Applications with all of the pertinent information at the end of the week electronically to Unit Leaders. Unit Leaders do still need to approve of each Merit Badge a Scout is working on.

Some of the merit badges offered at Camp Oljato have requirements that cannot be completed while at camp. Merit badges such as environmental science (solitary observation), astronomy (night observations), weather (out-of-class observations), first aid (teaching others), to name a few, will require extra effort on behalf of the Scout. It is suggested that the Scoutmaster look through the merit badge requirements of the classes that each Scout is taking, so that the Scout may fulfill those aspects before camp begins. This will ensure that the Scout will receive the completed merit badge while at camp. Many of these requirements can be fulfilled at camp with the assistance of the Scoutmaster during the Scout's own time. Scouts should also read requirements before coming to camp and begin any such requirements prior to coming if they wish to complete the badges at camp.

Merit badges that do have prerequisites listed in the [merit badge schedule](#), will require Scouts to come with these requirements completed. If the Scout arrives without these requirements already completed, they will receive a partial as described above. In order to verify the completion of a prerequisite, the Scout should bring to camp an Application

for Merit Badge (blue card) with their information on it, and with the prerequisite requirements marked as complete by a merit badge counselor's initial.

Camp Oljato offers merit badges as only one part of the overall camp experience. It is suggested that leaders limit their Scouts to four (five for the more ambitious) merit badges to work on while at camp. This will allow the Scout to participate in other areas of camp that create a well-rounded camp experience. Scouts can work on 3 merit badges during the scheduled merit badge class time and additional badges during open program time.

A few merit badges and activities have minimum age requirements. See pages [11](#) and [12](#) for specific age requirements.

At Camp Oljato the staff works hard to see that every Scout gets into merit badge classes that he would like to participate in. However, every class does have a limited capacity. Unit leaders should sign their Scouts up for their desired merit badges early. Changes to schedules can be made at camp but will depend on availability. Merit badge registration opens online at 9am, March 31. You will only be able to register Scouts for whom the \$200 cumulative deposits have been paid.

Scouts should be advised to look for merit badges that are not normally offered in their hometown and try for those while at camp. Try new things and look for variety. Proper planning between the Scout and their adult leader and parents will be a big help once the Scout arrives at camp.

In order for Scoutmasters to follow the progress of their Scouts throughout the week it is recommended that they come to camp with worksheet packets and merit badge books for the merit badge classes they are taking. In all nature and outdoor skills classes, the instructors will be asking Scouts to show knowledge and advancement by having them fill out their workbooks or take notes. In the traditional classes that follow more of a classroom approach these workbooks are great for note taking and placing the learning squarely on the shoulders of the Scout. They can be used for review by the Scoutmaster and allow for greater retention of knowledge.

Merit badge books will be available at camp for loan with a \$5 cash deposit. The deposit may be refunded at the end of the week upon returning the book in a good and unmarked condition.

MERIT BADGE PRE-REQUISITE VERIFICATION

To verify completion of pre-requisite prior to camp, Scouts must bring an Application for Merit Badge (blue card) with their information on it, and with the requirements in question marked as complete by the initials of a merit badge counselor.

MERIT BADGE and AWARD LIST

Below is an at a glance list of merit badges and awards offered at Camp Oljato this summer. You may view a [detailed schedule of merit badges](#) by visiting our [Oljato registration page](#). We also have a [class catalog](#) available on that page with many more details. Info on additional fees, expected cost of kits available in the trading post, and prerequisites are below.

Merit Badge or Award	Minimum Age?	Eagle Required?	Add'l Fees?	Purchase Kit in Trading Post?	Prerequisites?
Advanced Sailing	14				Completion of Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge and have ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Archery			\$25		
Art					Req. 6
Astronomy					Reqs. 4a, 4b, 5b, 6b, & 8. Has some night-time activities
Basketry				\$15-\$20	
Bird Study				\$15-\$20	Reqs. 5, 6, 7, & 8
BSA Lifeguard	15				Hold BLS CPR Certification and have ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Camping		YES			Reqs. 4b, 5e, 7b, 8d, 9a, 9b, & 9c
Canoeing					Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Citizenship in the Nation	14	YES			Reqs. 2, 3, and write letter for req.8
Citizenship in the World	14	YES			Req. 7
Climbing	14				
Communications		YES			Reqs. 5 & 9
Cooking		YES			Reqs. 4, 5, & 6
Emergency Preparedness		YES			Reqs. 1, 2c, 6c, 7a, 8b, & 9
Environmental Science		YES			Req. 3e
Fire Safety					
First Aid		YES			Reqs. 1 & 5
Fish and Wildlife Management					Reqs. 5 & 7
Fishing					Recommended to attempt to complete reqs. 9 & 10. Completion at camp not guaranteed
Fingerprinting					
Forestry					Req. 5
Geology					Req. 5
Horsemanship			\$130		
Indian Lore				\$15-\$20	
Kayaking					Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test

Merit Badge or Award	Minimum Age?	Eagle Required?	Add'l Fees?	Purchase Kit in Trading Post?	Prerequisites?
Kayaking BSA Award					Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Leatherwork				\$15-\$20	
Lifesaving		YES			Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Mammal Study					
Motorboating	12		\$30		Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Nature					
Orienteering					
Paul Bunyan Award					Hold Totin' Chip card
Photography					Reqs. 1b, 6, and 7
Pioneering					
Public Speaking					
Rifle Shooting			\$25		
Rowing					Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Sculpture					
Search and Rescue					
Shotgun Shooting	14		\$45		
Small Boat Sailing					Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Snorkeling BSA Award					Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Soil & Water Conservation					Req. 7
Stand Up Paddleboarding BSA Award					Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Swimming		YES			
Trail to First Class Program					
Water Sports			\$30		Ability to pass BSA Swimmer Test
Weather					Req. 9
Welding			\$65		
Wilderness Survival					Req. 5 (bring kit to camp)
Woodcarving				\$15-\$20	

CAMP SCHEDULE

A [detailed weekly schedule](#) is available on our website. The direct link to the [week at a glance schedule](#) is:

https://scoutingevent.com/attachment/BSA031/document_15845777180_8584.pdf

- **Sunday**
 - 12:30-4:30pm Arrival / Check-in / Swim Checks
 - 5:30pm Flag Ceremony / Dinner
 - 7:00pm Scoutmaster & SPL Meeting
 - 8:00pm Scouts' Own Service
 - 8:30pm Assemble for Opening Campfire
 - 10:00pm Quiet Time
- **Monday**
 - 6:30am Reveille
 - 7:00am Campsite Inspections
 - 7:30am Flags / Breakfast
 - 8:30am SPL Meeting
 - 9:00am-12:00pm Merit Badge Classes
 - 9:30am Adult Leader Meeting
 - 12:00pm Lunch
 - 2:00pm-3:30pm Merit Badge Classes
 - 3:30-5:30pm Open Program Time
 - 6:00pm Flag Ceremony / Dinner
 - 7:30pm Eagles' Nest
 - 8:00pm Night Games & Scoutmaster Social
 - 9:00pm Star Float
 - 10:00pm Taps / Quiet Time Begins
- **Tuesday**
 - 6:30am Reveille
 - 7:00am Campsite Inspections
 - 7:30am Flags / Breakfast
 - 8:30am SPL Meeting
 - 9:00am-12:00pm Merit Badge Classes
 - 11:00am Adult Leader Meeting
 - 12:00pm Lunch
 - 2:00pm-3:30pm Merit Badge Classes
 - 3:30-5:30pm Open Program Time
 - 6:00pm Flag Ceremony / Dinner
 - 7:30pm SPL Gathering
 - 8:30pm Song Fest
 - 10:00pm Taps / Quiet Time Begins
- **Wednesday – Cook In Camp Day**
 - 7:00am Pick Up Food at Dining Hall
 - 7:30am Breakfast in Campsite
 - FLAG CEREMONIES BY UNIT IN CAMPSITES
 - 8:30am SPL Meeting
 - 9:00am-12:00pm Merit Badge Classes
 - 9:30am Adult Leader Meeting
 - 12:00pm Pick Up Food at Dining Hall
 - Lunch in Campsite
 - 2:00pm-3:30pm Merit Badge Classes
 - 3:30-5:30pm Open Program Time
 - 6:00pm Pick Up Food at Dining Hall
 - Dinner in Campsite
 - 7:00pm-10:00pm Troop Time in Campsite
 - 9:00pm Star Float
 - 10:00pm Taps / Quiet Time Begins
- **Thursday – OA Day and Olympicade**
 - 6:30am Reveille
 - 7:00am Campsite Inspections
 - 7:30am Flags / Breakfast
 - 8:30am SPL Meeting
 - 9:00am-12:00pm Merit Badge Classes
 - 9:30am Adult Leader Meeting
 - 12:00pm Lunch
 - 2:00pm-3:30pm Merit Badge Classes
 - 3:30pm Olympicade & Pentathlon
 - 5:30pm OA Rekindling
 - 6:00pm Scoutmaster BBQ
 - 8:30pm SPL Campfire
 - 10:00pm Taps / Quiet Time Begins
- **Friday**
 - 6:30am Reveille
 - 7:00am Campsite Inspections
 - 7:30am Flags / Breakfast
 - 8:30am SPL Meeting
 - 9:00am-12:00pm Merit Badge Classes
 - 9:30am Adult Leader Meeting
 - 12:00pm Lunch
 - 2:00pm-3:30pm Merit Badge Classes
 - 3:30-5:30pm Open Program Time
 - 6:00pm Flag Ceremony / Dinner
 - 8:30pm Closing Campfire
 - Tribe of Oljato Ceremony
 - 10:00pm Taps / Quiet Time Begins
- **Saturday**
 - 6:00am-9:30am Checkout & Departure

UPON ARRIVAL AT CAMP OLJATO

- [California Rifle and Shotgun Parental/Legal Guardian Permission Form](#) for **ALL Scouts wishing to shoot rifles or shotguns (four copies)**
- [BSA Health and Medical Record, Parts A, B, and C](#) for **ALL Scouts and Adults**
- **Verification of membership in the BSA for ALL Scouts and Adults**
- [Youth Protection Training Certificate](#) for **ALL Adults**
- [Weather Hazards Training Certificate](#) for **at least one (1) Adult**

ARRIVAL TIMES

All units are brought into camp via passenger barges which depart from Huntington Lake Boat Launch (appears on Google Maps as: Huntington Lake Sno-park), a public dock just 2.5 miles past China Peak Mountain Resort. You will be assigned an arrival time about ten days before camp. Arrival times typically begin between 12:30pm and 4:30pm depending on the number of units scheduled. Please **do not** show up before the scheduled arrival time, as this will back up the barges and delay your arrival in camp. Lunch is not served in camp on Sunday, please plan accordingly.

[Directions to camp are found on our registration page online](#)

<https://scoutingevent.com/031-2020oljato>

PARKING

Once you have arrived at the public dock you will be greeted by a camp commissioner who will assist in directing you to a temporary parking spot where you will unload your gear. Adult drivers must remain with their vehicles. Camp Oljato will pay for the parking of 1 vehicle at the public dock. All other vehicles will need to be shuttled by your unit's drivers to the Indian Pools trailhead parking lot, behind China Peak Mountain Resort, after dropping off Scouts and equipment. Once vehicles have been shuttled to the trailhead, adults will return in one vehicle to the public dock where they will park and join their Scouts on the barge. Units are encouraged to leave trailers at home as they are difficult to find parking spots for. Bus transportation is strongly encouraged to avoid the need for parking.

Please be respectful of all other boaters, as the public dock is frequented by sailors during the regatta season. Remind your Scouts to respect the restrooms and other dock facilities.

BEAR PROOF your car. Do not leave trash or food related items in your car.

BOAT LOADING

Following parking, a staff member will be waiting to assist you with equipment and the trip into camp. Please keep all personal gear and camp equipment off to the side and out of the way of other vehicles until it is time to load the barge. Have your senior patrol leader organize the Scouts into a single file line heading down the dock. Begin passing equipment down the line until the barge has been loaded. At this point passengers, may board the barge at the captain's request.

COMING INTO CAMP

Upon arrival in camp, your troop friend will lead your troop on an important orientation. Have your Annual health forms (alphabetical order and separated by youth and adults) and medications (in the original containers) with you when reporting to the Camp Office for check-in. All merit badge requests, individual medical screening and other check-in items will all be taken care of during the check in process. Show proof that all adult leaders in your troop are currently registered in the Boy Scouts of America and trained in Youth Protection and that at least one is current in his/her Hazardous Weather Training. Verification of these items may be done by showing electronic documents on your phone or tablet. Membership verification is by current membership cards which may be downloaded on my.scouting.org.

Your troop friend will take you to your Troop site and help you set up camp for the week. The troop friend will also take Scouts on a camp tour prior to dinner (or just after dinner depending on when your troop arrives).

Set up your campsite to your troop's delight, but please be careful not to damage natural surroundings. (If your Troop has more people than the stated capacity of your campsite, you will need to furnish your own additional tents.) If you have equipment problems, or any other needs at your campsite, please inform your troop friend or commissioner.

EARLY/LATE ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

Troops Who Want to Arrive Saturday

Camp Oljato is not able to accommodate units arriving on Saturday. If your troop needs to arrive on Saturday, please make arrangements to camp at the various campgrounds that are in and around Huntington Lake. The phone number for the National Campground Service is 1-877-444-6777 or visit the website: www.recreation.gov. Ask for the College or Rancheria Campground at Huntington Lake. Camp Oljato does not provide camping on Saturdays.

Troops Who Want to Arrive Monday

Camp Oljato welcomes units that prefer to arrive on Monday. Please communicate this desire with the camp leadership ahead of time to coordinate. Units arriving Monday should plan to arrive no later than 10am. Units arriving Monday will miss some if not all merit badge class periods that day, but our staff will work with Scouts to get them caught up.

Individuals

Any Scout arriving late to camp must report directly to the program office.

IF DEPARTING EARLY FROM CAMP, INDIVIDUALS MUST SIGN OUT AT THE PROGRAM OFFICE.

FOR SCOUTS LEAVING EARLY, THE ADULT SIGNING OUT THE SCOUT MUST BE INDICATED ON THE SCOUT'S BSA HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD AS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSPORT THEM FROM CAMP AND MUST PRESENT THEIR PHOTO ID AT THE TIME OF PICK UP.

SUMMER CAMP RESERVATION POLICY

While still in camp, troops are allowed to sign up for the same week for the following year (or for an earlier week) beginning Wednesday. A deposit and an estimate of the total number of campers is required. Registrations will open to the general Scouting public on Friday of the corresponding week.

CAMPSITE SELECTION

The listed campsite capacities are for total participants, youth and adults. The minimum capacity for a site is 75%. Troops that do not meet the minimum capacity of a site may have to share the site with another troop or may be moved. At the discretion of the Camp Director, Troops may be moved to a more appropriately sized site as needs dictate, up to and including the day of arrival. Site preferences are on a first-reserved, first-served basis.

2020 PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Troop Deposit = \$300 - Due at time of reservation

The Troop Deposit applies to your unit's overall fees. It is not in addition to camper fees. I.e., it can be applied to an individual Scout's fees. It is just to hold your unit's space until the per person deposits are due.

Per estimated camper deposit = \$100 - Due January 15, 2019

2nd per estimated camper deposit = \$100 - Due March 15, 2019

Balance per confirmed camper - Due May 1, 2019

2020 FEES

Registrant Type	Fee
Youth	\$515/week
Adult	\$225/week
Partial Week Adults	\$40/night
Family Camp (weeklong)	\$300/adult \$90/youth 10 & under \$0/youth 5 & under
Family Camp (per night)	\$50/adult \$15/youth 10 & under \$0/youth 5 & under

EARLY-BIRD DISCOUNTS

Units that registered prior to the end of the 2019 camp season with a \$300 deposit, will receive a \$25 discount per youth.

Units that registered prior to November 1, 2019, will receive a \$10 discount per youth.

All payments and deposits must be paid on time (see payment schedule) to retain early-bird discounts.

OTHER DISCOUNTS

All units will receive a \$112.50 (50%) discount for each of the first two adults registered.

LATE FEES

Units will be charged a \$50 late fee for each individual (youth or adult) that is registered and confirmed after May 1, 2020. Additionally, units that are not paid in full by May 1, will be assessed a \$50 late fee for each registered person.

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS

The full Pacific Skyline Council Payment and Refund Policy can be found online at <http://www.pacsky.org/paymentpolicy>. Pertinent excerpts are below.

PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS

To ensure the Council can provide the best service to its members, participant and rental fees are required to be paid in advance of the activity or rental. Participants are not considered registered for any activity until payment in full has been received. Some activities have a deposit/staggered payment system (e.g., summer camp). This is indicated in the registration information for the individual activity. Campsite rentals require a minimum payment of half of the total possible rental fees for the site for the rental period to reserve the site. All other facility rental fees require full payment to reserve the site.

REFUND POLICY

All payments are final. Refunds may be requested no less than 30 days prior to an activity or rental reservation. Some activities, such as summer camp, may have additional restrictions that apply (see "Summer Camp Fees" below). Any refund granted will be less an administrative service charge of 15% of the total fees due for the activity or rental. This includes duplicate registrations/reservations. I.e., if the total fee of the activity is \$100, and \$25 has been paid, the council will refund up to \$10 only, if the cancellation and refund request is made no less than 30 days prior to the start of the activity. If the cancellation and refund request are made less than 30 days prior to the start of the activity, no refund will be issued.

Summer Camp Fees

Summer camp registration requires a deposit and has a staggered payment schedule, the administrative service fee is based on 15% of the total event registration fee and not the amount of fees paid at the time of cancellation.

Alternately, Scouts BSA Summer Camp fees may be transferred to another person attending the same summer camp program in the same year prior to May 1 of that year. After May 1, fees may only be transferred to a person newly added to the unit's registration. No pro-rated fees will be given to youth wishing to attend a partial week of Scouts BSA Summer Camp.

For Camp Oljato, your unit's participant count verified May 1 of the year you are attending camp, will be used for the unit balance and invoiced amount due. The unit will be charged full rate for any individuals removed from the roster after May 1, other than in specified exceptions (see "Exceptions" below).

Additions to the roster after May 1 will be charged at the late fee rate, except for Scouts that crossed over from Webelos the same year. Additionally, any individuals on the roster not fully paid for by May 1, will be charged the late fee rate and included on the unit balance and invoiced amount due.

Any fees still due at the time of camp will need to be paid onsite upon checking in or the unit will not be permitted to stay at camp.

Fees for individual Scouts or Adults may be transferred to other Scouts or Adults upon request no less than 30 days ahead of your first day of camp.

DEPOSITS

Deposits are not refundable. In the event of cancellation, any required deposit paid, will be forfeited. Deposits may, however, be transferred to another participant that takes the entire slot for that activity only.

CANCELLATION BY THE COUNCIL

If the Pacific Skyline Council cancels an event, a full 100% refund will be issued (including any deposit money).

EXCEPTIONS

1. In the event a registered participant has an illness or physical ailment preventing participation in the activity and has a signed statement from a licensed healthcare practitioner, a full refund, including deposits, may be issued, less any money that has already been sent to another agency or company that has been retained for the implementation of the activity. The signed statement must be submitted with a written request for the refund within 30-days following the activity. This only applies to individual program fees paid and not group registration or rental fees.
2. In the event of the death of an immediate family member (parent, grandparent, sibling, or anyone who resides with the participant) a full refund, including deposits, may be issued, less any money that has already been sent to another agency or company that has been retained for the implementation of the activity. The council will consider other deaths, which may affect the participant, on a case-by-case basis. **PROCESSING** Only a member of the council management team may approve a refund. Refunds are only issued by check written to the individual who paid the fee and sent via US mail. Allow 30 days from the date of the approval for the check to arrive.

FULL POLICY

[Click here to review the Pacific Skyline Council's full Program Payment and Refund Policy.](#)

CAMPERSHIPS

A Scout is Thrifty and as such is encouraged to do all they can to help pay their way to camp. At times, however, it is difficult for a Scout and their family to raise the full fee for summer camp. Limited financial help is available from the Pacific Skyline Council on an individual basis for Scouts who could not otherwise go to camp due to financial hardships. Scoutmasters in the Pacific Skyline Council who know of any youth with a legitimate need for financial help are encouraged to help that Scout apply for a Campership. The Campership Application is available on the council website here

<https://247scouting.com/forms/form.php?OrgKey=BSA031&id=1271>

PROVISIONAL CAMPING

Scouts who cannot attend camp with their unit **or** who want an extra week at camp **or** units who are unable to provide two deep adult leadership will be registered as provisional campers and incorporated into a Troop that is in camp. Camp Staff will work with the individual and attending Troops to identify the Troop the camper will be with. Individual Scouts are encouraged to attend with a friend. Scouts attending with friends will be assigned to the same unit and campsite. You will still need to pay camp fees as above, just register as a provisional camper NOT as part of a unit.

CAPACITY POLICY

If your camper numbers increase (or decrease) after June 1, please notify the camp registrar IMMEDIATELY. Increasing or decreasing the total number of campers affects every troop in camp that week. Every attempt will be made to accommodate an increase but cannot be guaranteed. Additionally, if your unit increases in size, your unit may be placed in a larger campsite OR your unit will be split between multiple sites. **Please be considerate when adding additional campers by informing the camp registrar at least 2 weeks before your scheduled session.**

If you are decreasing in size, please refer to our [Refunds and Transfers Policy](#).

GUESTS/VISITORS

All visitors to Camp Oljato must make prior arrangements through the Camp Director and may not come to camp unannounced. When first arriving in camp, all visitors must sign in at the Program Office and pay for meals at the trading post. We encourage all visitors to find sleeping arrangements at the various public campgrounds and other lodging options nearby as lodging opportunities in camp are extremely limited.

Any visitor staying overnight must meet with the onsite Camp Health Officer to turn in a completed [BSA Annual Health and Medical Record](#) Parts A and B. If the visitor is staying longer than 72 hours, then they must turn in Part C, including the portion requiring a physician's signature, as well. **Only the current form as found on www.scouting.org will be accepted.**

All visitors age 18 and over, staying overnight must have current BSA Youth Protection Training and be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. There will be no exceptions to this policy. The Camp Health Officer will issue a wrist band that allows access to the camp.

Otherwise, we encourage families to find other arrangements in nearby campgrounds or motels. All camp rules must be followed all the times. All meal charges are to be paid in advance of meals at the camp Trading Post.

BREAKFAST	\$7.00/each
LUNCH	\$8.00/each
DINNER	\$10.00/each

FAMILY CAMP

Camp Oljato is pleased to offer our family camp for family members of attending Scouts and leaders. Family Camp is a specific area in camp with platform tents that can sleep 4 to 6 people. It was originally designed for leaders' families to be able to vacation alongside the leader at Camp Oljato. There is a rustic latrine in family camp with four single occupancy bathrooms, each with a flush toilet, a sink, and a shower.

Family Campers are assigned to a tent by family (i.e., each family is in one tent). They may roam camp freely and observe programs. Family Campers may participate at program areas on a limited basis and at the discretion of the area director. Additional fees and requirements may apply. Scout campers take priority. Meals are included in the fees for Family Camp. Each family camper will receive 3 meals per night registered and paid for. These will typically be some combination of breakfast, lunch, and dinner over a 24-hour period.

Family Campers must be associated with a Troop in camp during that week OR be the parents of a registered provisional camper. Siblings of registered provisional campers may also stay in Family Camp provided the parents are also present. Family Campers age 18 and over must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and hold current Youth Protection Training. ALL Family Campers must meet with the onsite Camp Health Officer to turn in a completed [BSA Annual Health and Medical Record](#) Parts A and B. If the family camper is staying longer than 72 hours, than they must turn in Part C, including the portion requiring a physician's signature, as well. **Only the current form as found on www.scouting.org will be accepted.** There will be no exceptions to this policy.

Space in family camp is limited. Reservations for family camp must be made in advance and fees prepaid. If you intend to stay in Family Camp, please make your reservation early.

Family Camp fees are listed on page 17.

SENDING MAIL TO CAMP

If you are sending via US Postal Service, please be sure and include a CLEARLY WRITTEN return address on all letters and packages. The address to send mail to is:

Letters

[[NAME OF SCOUT]], Troop # _____
Camp Oljato
P.O. Box 217
Lakeshore, CA 93634

Packages

Camp Oljato
[[NAME OF SCOUT]], Troop # _____
c/o Lakeshore Resort
61953 Huntington Lake Road
Lakeshore, CA 93634

Scouts and leaders can receive and send mail during their stay at camp. If your troop has already departed, only letters with first class postage and packages with return postage will be returned to sender. All others will be destroyed.

CALLING CAMP

Unless there is an emergency, all incoming calls will be considered "MESSAGES." Information will be passed on to the Scout or Troop Leader as soon as conveniently possible. Scouts are only allowed access to the phone with the permission of the Camp Director or Program Director, and when accompanied by an adult leader. The camp number is 559-893-3393.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

At Camp Oljato our customers are our primary concern. Your camp commissioner will be with your troop throughout the week and be a resource to you and your troop. Your troop friend will meet with your Senior Patrol Leader daily and visit your campsite often. Daily leader meetings will also be held by the camp leadership. We believe in providing excellent service and entertainment throughout the week and will do all we can to make your experience one to remember.

YOUR CAMP STAFF

The Camp Oljato staff is composed of Scouts and Scouters from around the country. Their main purpose in camp is to provide the program, instruction, guidance, entertainment, and services to the troops in camp and in general share the wonderful experiences Scouting has provided to them over the years. The staff will be with you throughout the week: helping you prepare for inspections, guiding you in hikes, and teaching Scouts in the campsite.

The staff has been carefully selected after comprehensive interviews with significant thought given to each individual and how they might benefit the camp, the campers, the staff and themselves.

For any Scouts or leaders interested in serving on staff, please speak with the Camp Director, and complete a summer staff interest form.

CAMP OLJATO BOAT SCHEDULE

ON ARRIVAL DAY (SUNDAY)

- Your unit will be assigned an arrival time about ten days before camp. Arrival times typically begin between 12:30pm and 4:30pm depending on the number of units scheduled. Please **do not** show up before the scheduled arrival time, as this will back up the barges and delay your arrival in camp. Boats start between
- Boats will continue until all troops have been shuttled into camp.
- Final boat leaves for camp at **7pm**

SCHEDULED BOAT RUNS (MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY)

- Mail Pick up at public dock: Boat arrives at public dock about **12:45pm** and returns at about **1:00pm** or when all new-arrivals are accounted for.
- Other arrangements may be made for special boat times in the program office. A fee will be charged for any special trips across the lake.
- **7:00pm** is the latest camp boats will cross the lake. (New-arrivals must plan accordingly)

ON DEPARTURE DAY (SATURDAY)

- Troop departures are scheduled during the week, but generally run between **5:00am and 10:00am**
- Call the camp for current times before arrival.
- 559-893-3393

TRANSPORTATION TO CAMP

Transportation to camp is by vehicle and is the responsibility of your unit. Please abide by seat belt policy and be sure to check insurance coverage for all vehicles used to transport Scouts. Parking is extremely limited, please bring as few vehicles as possible. Camp Oljato will provide parking for one vehicle from each unit at the public dock. Many units have found it beneficial to use charter bus services.

CHECKOUT PROCEDURES (Saturday Morning)

To facilitate your Saturday morning departure:

- ✓ On Friday afternoon, thoroughly clean all camp equipment. It should not be LEFT UNCLEAN.
- ✓ Your troop friend will be with you all morning on Saturday.
- ✓ Send an adult leader to count and collect blue cards and other program items.

Once your troop is all packed up, check:

- ✓ Site is free of ALL litter – strip ALL paper from bulletin boards.
- ✓ All campsite tools are present and clean.
- ✓ Tents are in good repair and properly erected.
- ✓ Fire is TOTALLY OUT and pit is clean. No ashes or, wood, or charcoal should remain.
- ✓ Troop friends will inspect camp on the day of checkout to make sure all is in order.

- ✓ Proceed to the dining hall for a continental breakfast. Turn in evaluation forms and receive remaining medical forms, medications, and patches.
- ✓ Take all troop gear to the dock and get instructions for loading the boat for departure.

Boats depart between 5:00 and 10:00 a.m. The Saturday departure schedule will be finalized at the Friday Adult Leader meeting. Family campers depart with their respective units.

We need every troop to do its best to adhere to these procedures and times. Our turn-around period is very short, and the staff must be released by 10:00 am. They need some time to relax and unwind from the week's demanding work. We need to make sure the camp is prepared and set up for the next week. Your support is greatly appreciated.

EXPERIENCE TELLS US

Scoutmasters suggested that we include a section in the guidebook providing some suggestions that only experience can provide. Here is a collection of those ideas:

- Plan your schedule wisely to include as many of camp's programs as possible.
- 1st year campers should only attempt moderately easy merit badges.
- Limit merit badge work to four (or five for the really motivated).
- Review the difficulty level of all badges. Many merit badges require advance work before coming to camp. All Scouts must review requirements and come prepared.
- Scouts should be allowed to try something new and in a variety of camp areas.
- Organize the attending patrols before coming to camp. Utilize existing patrol leadership and structure as much as possible.
- Schedule some rest during the day as well as at night.
- Be a spirited troop all over camp.
- Drink lots of water and get plenty of rest.
- The paths to campsites are not flat and smooth. It is therefore advisable to pack in something that you can carry to the campsite, like a backpack. Roller bags do not always work to several campsites and sometimes duffel bags are awkward.

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

Everyone must have a completed [BSA Annual Health and Medical Record](#) current within 12 months of attending camp. **Only the current form as found on www.scouting.org will be accepted.** Parts A & B must be completed by the camper and signed by the participant and a parent or guardian if under 18 years of age. Part “C” must be completed and signed by a physician. There are no exceptions.

The [BSA Annual Health and Medical Record](#) is the ONLY medical form that will be accepted.

Troops need to have forms in alphabetical order with Scouts first, followed by adults.

If your Scouts have special needs, please bring this to the attention of the Health Officer, Program Director, or Camp Director so we are prepared.

All Units should bring a complete first aid kit with them for minor injuries. Appoint an adult in the Unit as the medic whose primary responsibility is to take care of Scouts with headaches, coughs, scrapes, minor cuts, bruises, and other minor ailments. The camp health officer is available as a resource and will assist as needed as well as manage any major medical issues.

HEALTH LODGE

Oljato employs a Camp Health Officer who is on duty to attend to health issues your troop might encounter.

Our Health Lodge is equipped with supplies to handle most injuries in camp. A licensed first responder, EMT, nurse, or physician will be on site 24-hours a day to handle such emergencies. Serious injuries, which require immediate advanced medical support, will be handled by local paramedics. For less serious injuries, which still require advanced medical attention, unit leaders will be responsible for transporting the injured person to the nearest medical treatment facility.

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

Prescription drugs must be stored in a locked container at the Health Lodge (unless alternate arrangements are made with the Health Officer/Camp Director). It is required that all drugs come in the original prescription container with dosage instructions. It is strongly recommended that minimum quantities be brought to camp. It is required that troops assign an adult leader to take responsibility for assuring that Scouts take their prescribed medications at the assigned times.

Marijuana in any form (including medicinal) is not permitted at Camp Oljato.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Scouts with special medical concerns:

Leaders should alert the Council office of any special needs that need to be considered in advance of attending camp.

- Must have a written record of the nature of ongoing treatment and care.

- May be required to have a parent accompany the Scout to camp.
- Pacific Skyline Council will work to accommodate any Scout coming to camp

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

If any person in your unit has special dietary needs, such as allergies or religious observances, while at camp, please let us know by [completing this form \(https://goo.gl/forms/D81el5skHnh0bDdi2\)](https://goo.gl/forms/D81el5skHnh0bDdi2) no less than two weeks before your arrival. We are happy to do what we can to meet your needs; however, since food is purchased in large quantities, those with very restrictive diets (e.g. gluten allergies) may need to plan to bring specialty items to camp. If necessary, arrangements will be made to store and prepare foods brought to camp for those individuals.

THE TRADING POST

Our well-stocked Trading Post sells camp patches, mugs, t-shirts, snacks/sodas, personal items, camping equipment, and handicraft items. We suggest that each Scout bring between \$75 and \$100 to camp plus money for merit badge materials (see pages [11](#) and [12](#)). Trading Post Hours are posted at various locations in camp and in the handout packet when troops arrive.

CAMP STANDARDS

A good camper always maintains high standards of safety, personal conduct, courtesy and conservation.

The following will help Scouts excel and have a great experience while at Camp Oljato.

Safety is the top priority at Camp Oljato and we fully comply with BSA standards of youth protection.

- **Scouts MUST use the Buddy system.**
- Leader permission is required for hiking and should be advised of routes and return times.
- All aquatics activities are conducted under the supervision of camp staff.

CONSERVATION

- Avoid using worn out areas. Let nature restore the area over time.
- Please use recycle bins and put trash in the proper container
- Don't cut down any trees, dead or alive.
- Leave all axes in the axe yard. Scouts may NOT bring their own axes to camp. Units should bring one if they intend to use an axe. Camp Oljato has a limited supply available for units that are unable to bring their own.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Always be sure any fire is "DEAD OUT" with water prior to leaving the site or going to sleep.
- Keep campfires small. Campfires should never be more than 12" high or extend beyond the fire ring.

UNIFORMING

Scouting is a uniformed organization. Scouts are encouraged to wear a proper BSA field uniform to both morning and evening assemblies as a symbol of respect for the flag and the pride of being a Scout. Troop t-shirts are recognized as official uniforms at assemblies. It is left to the SPL and Scoutmaster's discretion to decide at which assemblies BSA field uniforms are worn.

YOUR TROOP SITE

"The troop site is the heart of the camp." It is where Scouting begins at Camp Oljato. The opportunities for improving Scout skills and advancement are tremendous. It is important for troop leaders to remember that much of what can be done in a program area can also be brought into your own troop site. As young Scouts are presented with new skills, they need constant reinforcement by reviewing and using these new skills in their troop site. The Camp Commissioners will conduct a daily visitation to inspect:

- GENERAL APPEARANCE
- TENTS AND TENT LINES
- TROOP EQUIPMENT
- BULLETIN BOARD
- FIRE GUARD COMPLIANCE
- SCOUT INVOLVEMENT

TENTS AND MATTRESSES

All tents are in generally good repair and should be treated with respect and care. Please do not move any tent platforms. Moving them may create a safety issue and affect other units in the next session(s).

Notify your commissioner if there are any rips that need repairing during the week. We rely on your information to ensure good maintenance of tents so please let us know. A close-out inspection will take place upon departure and any new damage must be paid for by the troop.

Mattresses are available for adult leaders. All Scouts should bring air mattresses or foam pads for their use.

Units must carry their equipment to their troop site; therefore, it is wise to limit the personal equipment to what can be contained in a backpack.

LATRINES AND WASHRACKS

"A Scout is Clean"

Encourage each Scout to use the shower facility regularly during their stay at camp. Latrine duty for the week will be assigned upon arrival in camp. Each Troop will assign a senior Scout & adult to ensure that appropriate Scout behavior is adhered to in the Latrines on the day latrine duty is assigned. Latrines must be cleaned daily. When it's your turn, clean them regularly and check them frequently to ensure that nature's call is not a terrifying experience. The best time for cleaning is after breakfast and before the first program session begins.

If there are maintenance issues, please report them immediately to the maintenance staff or to a Commissioner. Thank you for your cooperation! Separate latrine facilities are provided for youth and adults and for males and females.

FIRE TOOLS

Each troop site has fire tools that must stay in the troop site at all times. These tools include a shovel, rake, hose, and water buckets. Brooms are available for checkout from Scoutcraft if needed to clean tents. Please return any broken items to the Camp Commissioner and acquire another one.

If your troop desires tools for splitting wood, we recommend that you bring your own equipment, as saws and axes are in limited supply.

ASSEMBLIES

Staff makes important program announcements during both morning and evening assemblies. Please arrive on time and in the properly worn uniform. In respect for the flag, please coach your Scouts on proper flag etiquette: how to stand at attention (no slouching or hands in pockets), how to wear the uniform correctly (shirt buttoned and tucked in), how to salute (elbow out). Above all there should be no talking or laughing. If your unit is running late and finds that the flag ceremony has already begun, STOP as soon as you see the assembly area, be quiet, and salute the flag. Join the assembly only after the flag ceremony is completed. Dismissal order from assembly is based on flag patrol, flag etiquette, proper uniform, latrine duty assignment and courtesy.

Opportunities for troops to perform flag ceremonies will be provided throughout the week. For more information see your camp commissioner.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND INFORMATION

Camp Oljato has emergency procedures for a variety of scenarios. The **Emergency Assembly Plan** is what units must be aware of. As part of the first 24 hours, the camp will demonstrate the camp's emergency procedures by initiating the Emergency Assembly Plan. Any other alarms during the week will signify an actual emergency.

The entirety of the camp emergency procedures are posted in the program office, kitchen, and each program area in camp.

Emergency Assembly Plan

An alarm/siren located at the camp program will be sounded. If the alarm is not working, the dining hall bell will be rung in a repeated series of three rings.

All scouts, leaders, family campers, and visitors are to report immediately to the flagpole assembly area. Unit leaders will be asked to account for all members of their unit.

The emergency will be explained, and further instructions will be disseminated at the assembly area.

Be sure that your troop discusses and understands what to do in case of emergencies.

HOMESICKNESS

An active program is the best insurance against homesickness. Do all you can to have every Scout participate. If homesickness develops, inform the Health Officer, Program Director, or Camp Director, before permitting him to contact his home. The phone in the program office is off-limits to Scouts while they are alone. Scoutmasters must be in attendance. The use of cell phones is like a homesickness pill. Please use cell phones only in areas away from Scouts.

Every troop leader should pay close attention to every Scout to make sure he is happy, healthy and involved in the camp program. Leaders must teach their Scouts proper troop site care. Daily inspections for health and safety conditions will enhance a Scout's experience at camp. Don't let problems grow. Solve them immediately or get help. Difficult problems should be referred to the Health Officer or Camp Director.

SLEEP

A good night's sleep is essential to the health of each camper. Quiet hours are between 10:00 p.m. and 6:30 a.m. Each Scout needs 8 to 9 hours of sleep per night. Be respectful to your neighbors.

GENERAL BEHAVIOR

Horseplay can result in personal injury and damage to equipment. Scouts need to be steered toward more constructive activities. **FUN CEASES WHEN SOMEONE GETS HURT.**

HAZING

There is absolutely no room for any kind of hazing at Camp Oljato. Initiations and the like will NOT be tolerated. Troop leaders are responsible that all Scouts are properly oriented and assisted to get the most out of their camp experience without any hazing of any kind.

FLAMMABLES

Only natural wood, charcoal or propane may be used for cooking purposes. Flashlights, electric battery lanterns, or propane lanterns should be used for lighting. **WE RECOMMEND THAT EACH TROOP BRING A BATTERY POWERED LANTERN TO CAMP.**

Liquid fuel (white gas) must be stored properly by the maintenance staff and is best not brought to camp.

Only battery-operated lanterns are allowed in the tents. **NO FLAMES IN TENTS!**

FOOTWEAR

For your safety, open-toed shoes are not allowed in camp except in the gated swimming areas. If you arrive in sandals, you'll be asked to change them before entering camp. This includes family campers.

PETS

Dogs or other pets are not allowed in camp. Please instruct visiting parents to leave their pets at home. The only exception would be a service animal.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are not permitted in camp at any time or for any purpose. Violators will be asked to leave camp immediately.

- Alcohol
- Illegal Drugs
 - This includes marijuana in any form and for any purpose, including medicinal
- Personal Firearms, Ammunition, or other projectile devices, including, but not limited to, bows, crossbows, arrows, slingshots, wrist rockets, trebuchets, catapults, cannons, and etc.
 - The Pacific Skyline Council will provide all necessary equipment and supplies for shooting sports programs
- Fireworks or any explosive device

SMOKING

Smoking is not condoned by the Boy Scouts of America. Only persons over 21 years of age are allowed to smoke per California law and only in designated areas. Smoking must only be done in designated areas not in view of Scouts. Smoking is considered an open flame and is treated as a potentially dangerous hazard.

TRASH AND BEAR PRECAUTIONS

Bears are frequent visitors in camp. All trash must be placed in double bags and taken to the back of the Dining Hall before 7 p.m. every evening for transportation out of camp. At Oljato we actively practice conservation. PLEASE RECYCLE.

Because camp is in bear country, all trash, food and smell-able toiletries must be disposed of and stored properly. Trash is taken out daily and never left unattended in campsites. At night and when unattended, all food (unit and personal) must be stored in designated camp facilities.

KNIVES & AXES

Knives may be used ONLY as tools, not toys. Please do not allow Scouts to bring knives over 2 1/2" unless they are signed up for the fishing merit badge and it is a fillet knife. Leave all axes in the axe yard.

GATED AREAS

There are areas throughout camp that have a level of risk associated with them: Waterfront, Sailing, Climbing, Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, and Maintenance. These areas have specific entrances and exits.

NO ONE is allowed into these areas without permission from the staff in charge!

SCOUTMASTER'S FINAL CHECKLIST

This checklist will be helpful in assisting unit leaders to make a final recap before leaving for the summer adventure at camp.

- [BSA Health & Medical Records, Parts A, B, and C, completed and signed for each Scout and Adult.*](#)
- [4 copies of the Shooting Sports Consent Form for each youth that plans to participate in shooting sports*](#)
- Verification of BSA membership for ALL Scouts and Adults* (must be membership cards or copies/photos/scans/downloads thereof)
- Verification of current BSA Youth Protection Training for ALL Adults* (certificate of training)
- Verification of current Weather Hazards Training for ONE Adult that will be in camp ALL week* (certificate of training)
- Back up adult leadership ready and trained – 2 deep.
- All youth and leader fees paid, by May 1
- All transportation and drivers set
- Unit equipment checked and loaded
- All Scouts' equipment checked and loaded
- Tentative unit program needs prepared
- Special unit advancement supplies, merit badge books, etc.
- Sufficient funds for emergencies
- Vehicles and trailers safety checked, flares, insurance information, etc.

NOTE: Privately owned boats are NOT permitted to dock at Camp Oljato.

All items marked with an asterisk * must be turned in during unit check-in as soon as you arrive in camp.

The forms linked to in this document are the ONLY forms that will be accepted.

If you can check off all of these items, then you're prepared for an enjoyable stay at camp.

OPTIONAL TROOP AND PATROL EQUIPMENT

Your troop may want to bring the listed optional equipment:

- Battery or propane lanterns
- Rope and binder twine
- Ground cloths (for the wooden floors of tents)
- Troop first aid kit
- Patrol and troop flags
- Water containers
- Dutch oven, griddle, extra cook kit pieces, etc.

Camp will provide tents for campers and leaders. If your troop has more people than the campsite's listed capacity, you will need to bring your own tents for those extra people.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Every Scout and leader should bring their own personal equipment. The following is a sample checklist:

- Full Scout uniform: shirt, shorts, socks and belt
- Light jacket and light sweater or sweatshirt (light layers of clothing are lighter and warmer than a heavy jacket.)
- Light rain suit or poncho
- Extra pair of shoes or boots
- Extra Scout uniform parts: shirt, socks, etc.
- Underwear and tee shirts (at least 4 sets)
- Extra socks (at least 4 pairs)
- Sweatshirt
- Swim trunks
- Hat
- Handkerchiefs or Kleenex packs
- Shorts and at least one pair of long pants
- Lightweight long or short sleeve shirts (non-uniform)
- Backpack
 - The paths to campsites are not flat and smooth. It is therefore advisable to pack in something that you can carry to the campsite, like a backpack. Roller bags do not always work to several campsites and sometimes duffel bags are awkward.
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad or lightweight air mattress
- Eating utensils (for in-camp cooking and overnigher): minimum of a bowl, spoon and a Sierra cup

- Canteen or water bottle
- Toilet kit: soap, washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, towel
- Small personal first aid kit
- Small flashlight and extra batteries
- Small pocket-knife (NO SHEATH KNIVES)
- Money: \$75-\$100 plus money for merit badge materials (see pages [11](#) and [12](#)) allows an adequate amount of spending money in camp
- Scout Handbook, merit badge pamphlets, etc.
- Pen/pencil, notebook, paper, stamps, envelopes or postcards

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Camera
- Mosquito repellent and sunglasses
- Fishing gear
- Book

PLEASE DO NOT BRING THE FOLLOWING:

- Sheath knives
- Axes
- Firearms of any kind
- Fireworks
- Drugs (non-prescription)
- Open toe shoes or sandals

Mission Statement of the Boy Scouts of America

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Vision Statement of the Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in American to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

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