

ABOUT CAMP TAHQUITZ

Summer of 2022

For over 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America have provided the premier camping and outdoor program for the youth of our country, and for almost a century Camp Tahquitz has provided one of the finest camping experiences in the Western Region.

The Long Beach Area Council is fortunate to own a square mile of land in the beautiful San Bernardino Mountains. Since opening in 1959, Camp Tahquitz has served thousands of youth from the greater Long Beach area and surrounding councils by making available the finest possible camping experience in an incomparable setting.

Prudent planning has resulted in a camp whose developed areas are balanced by large sections left in their natural state, to be appreciated by Scouts of today and for years to come. In addition to the usual camp buildings, ranges, pool and lake, facilities include four secluded outpost camps, a wide-ranging orienteering course, a COPE course, and four historic log cabins that have been preserved and adapted for use as program centers.

Camp Tahquitz lies on Highway 38, just 26 miles beyond Redlands, about a two-hour drive from Long Beach. The camp's entry road is paved from the highway to the central camp (a short distance). At 6,500 feet elevation, the camp offers clean air and an agreeable climate amid thick forests of giant ponderosas and rolling, green meadows surrounded by giant Ponderosas, majestic Oaks, Jeffrey Pines and White Firs. Its location offers many spectacular views of the mountains above and the valley below as well as an abundant variety of birds and other wildlife. The program is varied, offering a wide range of outdoor activities - archery, rifles, shotgun, horsemanship, craft lodge, outdoor skills, rappelling, hiking and nature studies, to name a few of the exciting opportunities during your week at camp. Our location on the edge of the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area also offers many opportunities for challenging hikes through the magnificent backcountry.

One of the greatest assets at Camp Tahquitz is the staff. All staff members are chosen for their outstanding qualities and abilities. They have been planning and training for their jobs since December. Almost every staff member has previous scouting experience, including many Life or Eagle Scouts. Key Area Directors are graduates of National Camping School, as well as many of them are experienced, credentialed educators. The bulk of the program staff are members of the Tahquitz Community, an organization whose primary purpose is volunteering to provide scouts at Tahquitz with an unmatched scouting adventure. The staff's only goal is to serve the troops at camp and to help them have the best possible summer camp experience.

2022 SUMMER CAMP SESSIONS

Session 1	July 10 - 16
Session 2	July 17-23
Session 3	July 24-30
Session 4	July 31-Aug. 6

CAMPSITES

The campsite is the heart of summer camp, for it is the troop’s “home away from home”. It is in the campsite that Scouts can best use the patrol method. While you are at Tahquitz, we want to be sure that you consider your campsite as “your home”.

CAMPSITE RE-NUMBERING

Camp Tahquitz has developed a new system to better identify the campsites. This identification system will utilize the commissioner areas around which the campsites are clustered. However, knowing that many members of the Tahquitz family have used the older numbering system for decades, we anticipate a multi-year transition period.

Below is a chart to help with the new campsite identification system

	New Number	Old number		New Number	Old number
Arrowhead	A-1	2	Coupstick	C-1	8
	A-2	4		C-2	9
	A-3	6		C-3	10
	A-4	3		C-4	17
Moccasin	M-1	13	Thunderbird	T-1	19
	M-2	15		T-2	20
	M-3	16		T-3	21
Sachem	S-1	7			

CAMPSITE CAPACITY

Each campsite is laid out to provide the maximum separation from other sites while still providing space for tents, as well as for patrol, and troop activities.

The chart below lists the number of campers (scouts and leaders) who would fit comfortably in the campsites. While you can make a reservation without having the minimum number of campers, you might be asked to share a campsite if you do not meet the minimum, or move to another site that is more appropriate to your troop size.

Minimum: 8 campers “Comfortable”: 24 campers	Minimum: 8 campers “Comfortable”: 35 campers	Minimum: 16 campers “Comfortable”: 50 campers
Commissioner Area Campsite #	Commissioner Area Campsite #	Commissioner Area Campsite #
Coupstick C-1 (old #8) C-2 (old #9)	Arrowhead A-3 (old #4) A-4 (old #3)	Arrowhead A-1 (old #2) A-2 (old #6)
	Coupstick C-3 (old #10)	Coupstick C-4 (old #17)
	Moccasin M-3 (old #16)	Moccasin M-1 (old #13) M-2 (old #15)
	Sachem S-1 (old #7)	

LARGE UNIT CAMPSITES

It has been determined that 50 is the maximum capacity of the largest campsites at Camp Tahquitz. If a troop believes it will be bringing more than 50 campers, it is strongly urged that the troop contact the scout office to see if the site will accommodate more than 50, or if the troop should consider reserving an additional adjacent second campsite.

CAMPSITE “BEST USE” POLICY

We need to ensure that there is enough space for all Scouts to enjoy the excellent program presented at Camp Tahquitz. As such, there may be times when it becomes necessary to move troops from one campsite to another. If a troop does not have the minimum number of Scouts (as established for that campsite) attending camp, the troop may be moved to a smaller campsite, or it may be asked to share the site with another small troop

CAMPSITE FACILITIES

These basic facilities are present in each campsite:

• A latrine building w/flush toilets & running water	
• Storage shed for troop gear	• Picnic Tables with benches
• Bulletin Board	• Portable propane campfire upon request

TENTAGE

To provide your troop with the maximum flexibility, troops will bring their regular camping tents with them. This allows you to arrange your campsite in the way that best meets the needs of your troop.

If your troop will have a challenge with provide tents, please contact the Camp office BEFORE you arrive at camp

TROOP CAMPFIRES

Propane campfire rings, which connect to standard 20-pound Propane bottles, are available for each campsite. When you arrive at camp you can arrange with your commissioner to have one of these campfire rings delivered to your campsite.

PROPANE REFILLS

We are excited to announce that we not only have 20 pound propane bottles available for rental, but we can also refill your standard 20-pound bottles at camp – no need to drive down to Redlands if you run out of propane! Check in with the office for refills as well as refills!

GENERAL CAMP POLICIES

Camp Tahquitz is a community where Scouts and Scouters live and work together for a week during the summer. To help all troops have an enjoyable and fulfilling Scouting experience, Camp Tahquitz expects all Scouts and Scouters to follow the Scout Oath and Law. Any conduct that does not fit the points of the Scout Law is not acceptable at a Scout camp and will not be permitted.

In addition, Camp Tahquitz is also a community of plants and animals who make their year-round home here. We have an obligation to respect the natural inhabitants and environment as much, if not more, than we must respect our fellow "summer guests". We only spend a short time here, and then the forest is returned to the residents. Everything should be done to see that those who come after us will be able to enjoy and experience the same beautiful surroundings that we have today.

With these considerations in mind, we ask that every Scout and Scouter do their utmost to observe the following regulations. Violators may be asked to leave the camp property:

CLEANLINESS

Practice "Leave No Trace" everywhere in camp. (Feel free to pick up trash that you see along the trails.) To protect the camp for future scouts, we ask that you please use only established roads and trails.

RADIOS

Radios, tape decks, I-Pods, and scout cell phones are strongly discouraged since they disturb the natural setting. If they must be used, please use them quietly and with consideration for others. Two-way FSR's should be limited to Troop leadership and cannot be used in ways that could interfere with camp operations.

GENERATORS

Electrical generators are NOT allowed in campsites. This will not only help preserve the outdoor atmosphere of the camp, but it will also reduce any potential fire danger caused by fuel-operated generators.

Exceptions can be made, on a case-by-case basis, for any medical device. Such exemptions should be cleared through the camp director PRIOR to arriving at camp (and may impact the troop's campsite placement).

If there is a need for electricity in the campsite, you may want to investigate the wide variety of solar power options available.

OTHER CAMPSITES

As each campsite is the troop's "home" for the week, Scouts of other troops must not enter other campsites without permission.

PERSONAL FIREARMS

Personal firearms as well as personal bows and arrows may not be used on camp property. Only camp-provided equipment can be used on any of the ranges.

FIREWORKS

Possession or use of any form of fireworks is strictly forbidden.

RESTRICTED SUBSTANCES

According to section IV in the Guide to Safe Scouting, the possession or use of alcohol and drugs is not permitted on council property.

SMOKING

Smoking and all use of tobacco products, including vaping, is prohibited for all minors and is never encouraged for adults. Any use of tobacco products by adults must be out of sight of campers, and only in designated areas (check with camp office for a list of these areas).

KNIVES

Knives can be important tools, and the BSA believes that teaching knife safety can be a valuable aspect of the program.

Anyone using any type of a knife must have proper training on its use (e.g., "Tot'in Chip"). When using a knife, be sure that there is a reason for its use (do you really need to carry a long sheaf knife with you when you go to the pool? What is the purpose of a machete?).

Troops may have their own policy on knives, and scouts need to respect their troop guidelines. Scouts and leaders need to be aware of County and State regulations as well (for example, folding knives with blades longer than 2 ½" are not allowed on any school grounds).

PETS & SERVICE ANIMALS

The BSA Guide to Safe Scouting states that in general, animals and pets are not part of scouting activities. So please leave your pets at home. They may disturb the peace of other campers, and not get along with the wildlife that lives here: pets can become both predator and prey

We support the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act that defines a service animal as "a dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for a person with a disability. Service animals are working animals, not pets. The work or task a dog has been trained to provide must be directly related to the person's disability.

Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA."

If you bring plan on bringing a service animal to camp, please notify the camp administration in advance, and then notify the camp office upon your arrival.

All service dogs need to be registered, vaccinated, and licensed. Service animals must be harnessed, leashed, or tethered, unless these devices interfere with the service animal's work or the individual's disability prevents using these devices (in that case, the individual must maintain control of the animal through voice, signal, or other effective controls.)

You should also be aware of the additional problems inherent in having an animal at Camp Tahquitz. Bears and Coyotes have been known to attack and kill domesticated dogs. Domesticated dogs can pick up diseases from coyotes.

Finally, remember that dog food can attract bears and other animals, and should be properly stored and out of reach of animals. All dog droppings must be disposed of in a trash receptacle or toilet.

CAMP SAFETY CONCERNS

HIGHWAY 38

With our bridge over Highway 38, there is no reason to cross Highway 38 on street level. You should NEVER cross the highway at street level, you must ALWAYS take the bridge. DO NOT CROSS HIGHWAY 38 AT STREET LEVEL!

TOWER & COPE COURSE

The Climbing Tower and the Cope Course are dangerous without proper staff supervision and equipment. Under no circumstances should anyone be on any portion of the Climbing Tower/COPE Course without the supervision of a certified staff member.

POOL AND LAKE

No one should attempt to swim in the pool or the lake or use any pool/lake equipment (including boats) without the supervision of the Aquatics Staff. The dam at the north end of the lake presents a steep drop, please stay off it to avoid any possibility of a fall. Be aware of fishing equipment that is in use or that has been discarded by careless Scouts.

SHOOTING RANGES

Colored pennants surround the ranges to prevent anyone from accidentally entering the line of fire. A red range flag is flown whenever the ranges are in operation and shooting may take place. Please observe the markers to avoid accidents. Ask the Range Director for permission to enter before entering any range.

ANIMALS

Do not try to catch wild animals or throw rocks or other objects at any animal. They may carry disease and will fight to stay free. Report all dead animals to the Camp Director but do not touch the bodies as they may also carry disease.

BEARS

Scouts are only visitors here at Camp Tahquitz; the bears live here all year. Bears are attracted to campsites by food, grease, etc. To minimize the chance of having bears visit, keep your campsite always clean from food and garbage.

Food, candy, toothpaste and similar items that may smell like food should NEVER be kept in tents. If they are in the campsite overnight, they must be suspended in a bear bag or in a bear locker.

MOUNTAIN LIONS

Although rare, mountain lions may be drawn into camp to find deer or raccoons. Be sure to always travel in pairs, especially at dawn and at dusk. If you see a mountain lion, DO NOT RUN (food runs away!) Face the animal, make noise, and make yourself "larger" by waving your arms.

SNAKES

Snakes, both poisonous and non-poisonous, may occasionally be seen on the north (lower) side of Camp Tahquitz, especially in warm weather. If you see a snake, notify the Nature Director or other staff member of its location. The staff will identify the snake and provide direction. Until then – leave it alone! Do not pester the snake!

To avoid unanticipated contact with snakes, stay on paths and trails and avoid tall grass, weeds, and heavy underbrush.

STINGING NETTLE/POISON OAK

Stinging nettle is found throughout the camp, especially in wet areas. There are also areas where you may find, and poison oak has been found in the lower end of the camp. Please watch out and avoid contact.

NOTIFY THE CAMP DIRECTOR OF ANY OTHER HAZARDS THAT YOU MAY FIND

SAFETY PROCEDURES

FIRE

Report a fire to the Camp Office, DO NOT attempt to extinguish the fire by yourself. If you do not see a staff member, try the Commissary, Health Lodge, Directors' Cabin, Rangers House, etc.

On hearing the fire alarm, everyone should report to the designated safety zones (Commissary parking lot or Kiwanis parking lot). Once you arrive at your safety zone, **DO NOT LEAVE FOR ANY REASON!**

Take roll when everyone is at the safety zone. Remain there as a group until a staff member gives an "all clear" or an evacuation order. Scouts who are not with your troop at the safety zone will be located by staff members and reunited with the rest of the troop at the appropriate time. Searches for missing people will be conducted **ONLY** by the staff.

LOST SCOUT

Notify the Camp Director immediately and follow any instructions.

Adults should stay at the campsite and supervise the troop unless requested to do otherwise by the Camp Director.

INJURIES

Administer appropriate first aid. Immediately notify the Camp Director/Health Lodge (Any commissioner or area director has an emergency radio that can be used to contact the Health Lodge).

Never leave the injured alone. Stay with the injured until the camp medical personnel arrive. Then follow their directions.

BUDDY SYSTEM

Always use the BSA Buddy System around the camp. Never walk anywhere outside of your campsite without your buddy! Arrange for buddy's even when moving from one merit badge class to another class.

BE PREPARED FOR WEATHER

Weather in the mountains can change at a moment's notice. Be prepared for changes!

LIGHTNING

All activity will stop at the pool, lake, archery and rifle ranges, tower, High COPE course and wrangler at the first sign of lightning in the general area of camp. Everyone should seek a hazard-free shelter away from those areas. **Keep away** from all metal equipment and tall structures; also, be sure to avoid being near the taller trees in the forest.

If there is no shelter when lightning starts, seek the lowest spot of ground away from lone trees or tall objects. Crouch low, removing all metal equipment, with your feet close together. Wait for the storm to pass.

Notify the Camp Director or Ranger of any lightning strikes in or near camp, as well as any hazardous conditions, caused by lightning. They will check to ascertain injuries, damage, or fire possibilities.

DEHYDRATION

It is essential to keep enough water in your body. Your body uses water for everything from brain functioning to temperature control. Your body dehydrates, or loses water, from sweating, eating, urinating, and even breathing.

At high elevations, clear days with low humidity can increase the rate of dehydration (you may not even be aware that you are dehydrating!). Symptoms of dehydration include dark-colored urine, light-headedness, dizziness, nausea, general weakness, muscle cramps, and sometimes fever and chills.

BE PREPARED

It is very easy to dehydrate at camp, so plan to drink more water than you normally would – maybe 4-6 quarts of water each day. Be sure to drink BEFORE you feel thirsty.

The higher elevation of camp means that there is a greater exposure to UV radiation, so be sure to use sunscreen. Lips that are not protected may dry out and become chapped within 2 days if not protected by Chapstick.

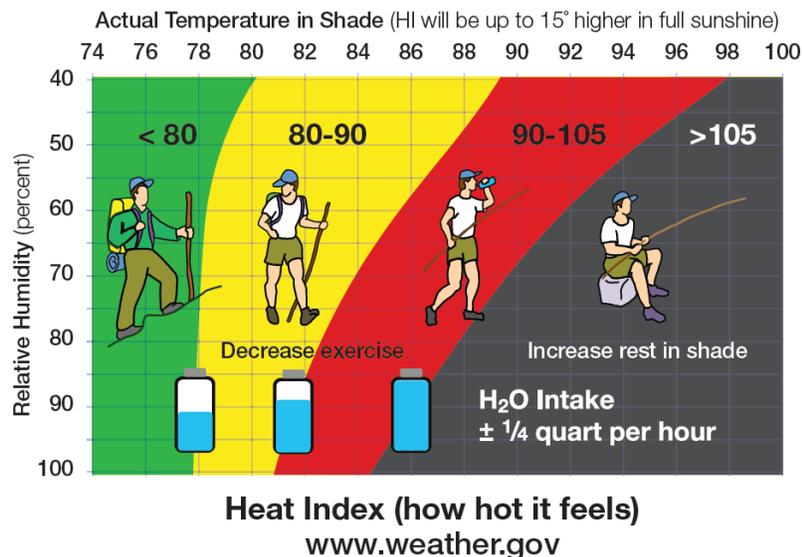
HEAT EXHAUSTION /HEAT STROKE

In hot weather it is easy for people who are dehydrated to suffer from heat exhaustion. In addition to the signs of dehydration, they may also have a weak pulse.

If you think someone might be suffering from heart exhaustion, be sure to have them lie down in a cool area. Remove any extra clothing, cover them with wet cloths, fan them if possible, and let them sip (not gulp) plenty of liquids. Be sure to contact the camp director or the paramedic as soon as possible.

If left untreated, the body’s natural cooling system stops working, their internal temperature could rise above 105 and they are at risk for heatstroke. In addition to the symptoms of heat exhaustion, someone with heatstroke will have skin that is red, and hot. The skin could be dry, or it could be very sweaty.

Heat stroke is very serious! If you think someone might have heatstroke, have them lie down in a cool area, drape wet cloths over their skin with wet cloths, and contact the paramedic immediately!



(Check the Nature Lodge daily for the weather and humidity)

VEHICLES AND CAMP ROADS

To ensure and protect Camp Tahquitz for future generations, we must restrict private vehicle access to camp roads. This can be accomplished if each troop will restrict the number of cars going into the campsite.

ARRIVAL AT CAMP

Only ONE vehicle per troop will be allowed to drive into the campsite for the purpose of loading/unloading troop gear. After that car is finished, another car can move into the site. After that vehicle returns, another vehicle will be allowed to drive into the campsite. **Please park on the side of the road, and do not drive into the campsite itself.**

For the safety of our campers, we lock the internal camp roads during the week. If a leader needs to access the campsite during the week, they should arrange with a commissioner to have the gate unlocked.

PARKING

During the week cars must remain parked in the main visitor parking lot located on the southeast side of the camp (the "Barton Flats Rd" lot). Exceptions may be made for health and safety reasons; however, this should be arranged with the camp office before your arrival.

To reduce possible fire danger from a hot muffler, cars should never park over grasses or bushes.

Since we are not responsible for any damage to your car, we do not recommend keeping anything of value in the car, including food items. Anything in the car should be kept out of sight, especially food or other items with a strong scent (bears recognize what ice chests on front seats look like).

Every car parked at camp needs to park facing out, and drivers should keep their keys with them at all times. This is important in case an emergency arises.

TROOP TRAILERS

Some of the campsites have room for a troop trailer to be parked. However, any troop trailer parked in the campsite must remain in the campsite for the entire week (no in-and-out privileges!). In addition, NO FOOD may be stored in the trailer, and there is no sleeping allowed in trailers.

GENERAL SAFETY POLICIES

- ✓ NO passengers in beds of any truck;
- ✓ Every passenger MUST wear a seatbelt
- ✓ Do not block ANY road or gate at ANY time – we always need access for large emergency vehicles!
- ✓ Obey the speed limit in camp

A SCOUT IS REVERENT

As a Boy Scout camp, we respect and support all traditions of the various faith communities of troops that visit Tahquitz.

CAMP CHAPEL

For over 75 years, starting with Camp Tahquitz at Idyllwild and continuing to this day at Camp Tahquitz Barton Flats, the C. L. Appling Campfire Bowl has served as the Camp Chapel. Over the years the Appling Bowl has been the site of countless masses, sacrament meetings, scout's own services, memorial services, and weddings.

This beautiful location, found in a grove of Incense Cedars, has provided generations of scouts an opportunity to celebrate their individual religious traditions surrounded by the beauty of creation.

Please let the camp office know if you would like to use the Appling Bowl for your troop to celebrate the traditions of your faith community, or even for a time of quiet reflection. At the beginning of each week, we will share with all scoutmasters a list of any religious services provided for that week in camp.

KOSHER AND OTHER DIETARY RESTRICTIONS

We have had long experience working with kosher scout troops. Please contact the camp offices before you arrive so that we can work with you to accommodate any of your religious dietary restrictions.

FRIDAY DEPARTURES

We can arrange for an early check-out before sundown on Friday to accommodate the needs of those troops who prefer not to travel after sundown on Friday evening.

MONDAY ARRIVALS

If your troop will not be able to arrive until Monday morning, please notify the camp office directly so that we can make appropriate arrangements so that we can provide a smooth Monday check-in.

2022 CAMPING FEES

	Patrol Dining		Commissary Dining	
	In-Council	Out of Council	In-Council	Out of Council
	We provide the food, and you cook it in your own campsite. This is the heritage of scouting!		You will eat meals at the central commissary, prepared for you by our staff.	
Scout Fee	\$410	\$425	\$455	\$470
Leader Fee	\$265	\$275	\$310	\$325

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

PAYMENT	DATE	AMOUNT DUE
Troop Deposit	October 1 – December 31	\$200 per troop
First Payment	February 1	\$175 per scout
Second Payment	April 1	\$175 per scout
Third Payment	June 1	Scout balance due
Final Fees	2 weeks before arrival	Leader fees, and any additional program fees

LEADER ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE

When the troop brings 10 scouts, one leader will be free. Thereafter another leader will be free for every additional 10 scouts (e.g., 10-19 scouts = 1 free leader; 20-29 scouts = 2 free leaders, 30-39 scouts = 3 free leaders, etc.).

LATE FEE

A late fee is applied to any camper fee that has not been paid in full at least two weeks before arrival at camp.

YOUTH CAMPERSHIPS

Camperships are available to assist Scouts in attending camp. These funds are distributed in the strictest of confidence. Applications should be submitted through the Scoutmaster and turned in to the Scout Service Center by June 1. Applications received after this date will be reviewed based on funds available.

REFUND POLICY:

Since camp has incurred expenses related to supplies, food, and staffing it is important that we have a strong commitment from each troop as to the numbers attending.

If a scout is unable to attend camp, we can refund all but \$25 for requests made prior to June 1.

After June 1, we will refund all but \$100 for any scout who cannot attend due to verified injury or illnesses as documented by a medical doctor, a death in the family, or relocation of the family outside of the area. Requests for refunds after June 1 must be directed to the Tahquitz Director.

We are unable to honor refunds for any fees once the troop arrives at camp, or if a scout or leader leaves camp before the week has ended.

We will provide a full refund if the council must cancel the camp program due to outside circumstances.

CAMP MAPS

