



# American River & Pioneer Express Cub Scout Twilight Camp Guidebook 2026

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Registration Page



Twilight Camp Flyer



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## **Letter to Parents and Pack Leaders**

Greetings, and welcome to Twilight Camp! Your Scout will enter into a world of fun and have the time of their life at our 2026 Dinos Twilight Camp! This guide has been prepared to orient you to the Twilight Camp Program and structure, giving useful information whether you are planning to volunteer or send your Scout to Twilight Camp and to answer your questions. This guide does not cover all the details of what each individual camp's day to day operation will be like.

For those of you who have sent your Scout to Twilight Camp before, you should be familiar with much of this information. This guide will serve as a very good review. Whether you are new to Twilight Camp or a camp veteran, it is important to read the entire guide as it contains new information and answers many of your questions and concerns.

The American River and Pioneer Express District Twilight Camp is planned and conducted by a volunteer camp director and program director. Twilight Camp can only be held with the assistance of volunteers such as yourself. Without the assistance of large numbers of parents, Twilight Camp could not occur. For example, each den of eight to ten Scouts will need two adults to supervise them. Each program activity such as crafts, archery, or games needs one or more adults to staff it. As you can see, we do need your help.

When you volunteer at Twilight Camp you will be helping to provide a great camping experience to the scouts that attend. As a Camp Director I know from personal experience how much the boys and girls enjoy and appreciate your involvement. Oh, did we mention, volunteering at Twilight Camp is so much FUN!

Begin your plans and preparations for a great Twilight Camp experience. Our pledge is to make this a most memorable experience for you and your Scout.

We look forward to seeing you at Camp in June!

If you have questions about this guide or Twilight Camp in general, please feel free to contact any of the Camp Directors listed on the contact page.

Thank you for your support and dedication to our Cub Scout Twilight Camp. We know from experience how much the Scouts enjoy themselves and appreciate your involvement.

Yours in Scouting,

The Twilight Committee of  
American River & Pioneer Express Districts

### **What is Twilight Camp?**

Twilight Camp is a 4-day Cub Scout experience that occurs in the evenings from 4:45pm to 8:30pm, or the “twilight hours” of the day. Twilight Camp is structured to enable parents to participate with their Cubs without taking a week off of work. Twilight Camp is a great opportunity for Cubs to have fun with friends while they rotate through stations ranging from games, crafts, team building, shooting sports, and other scout skills. This year’s theme is “Dinos!” and will focus on fossils and dinosaurs, while maintaining core camp activities like Crafts, Games, and Archery.

Camp is organized and supervised by specially trained volunteers, and the Camp and Program Directors have attended Scouting America’s *National Camp School*. Additionally, the Archery Rangemasters receive special training and certification to safely conduct Range and Target Activities.

The Greater California Council takes pride in assuring that our Camps meet the requirements for national accreditation. The National Camp Standards are established to ensure the health and safety of every camper, leader, staff, and visitor while at camp. These standards also ensure that every Cub Scout will have a high quality and fun-filled Twilight Camp experience. Besides the fun they will have, each Scout will learn from their time at camp. They will meet other Cub Scouts and Leaders from around the district, and as with any Scouting Program, it will help to instill values and character to make them into the leaders of tomorrow.

#### Twilight Camp:

- Encourages participation so that Cub Scouts benefit and grow with a good outdoor experience.
- Provides continuation of the Cub Scout program through the summer and counts as one summer activity for the Summertime Fun adventure
- Provides the Scout with an opportunity to begin work towards their next rank in Cub Scouting.
- Assists in the recruiting and inspiration of future Cub Scout Leaders and helps strengthen den and pack organization

### **Who is Twilight Camp For?**

Camp is open to boys and Girls who have started kindergarten in fall through going into the fifth grade and are registered in the Scouts of America. If your child is not yet signed up for Cub Scouts, they may join before the start of Twilight Camp.

The Cub Scouts will be in mixed rank groups, generally rotating with other members of their Cub Scout Pack. This is to keep siblings and parents together during rotations. Scouts coming to Camp as Tiger Cubs (1st graders in the fall) must always have an Adult Partner with them. Each Pack will need at least 2 Adult participants to be with the group as they rotate through stations and activities

### **What Will My Child Do at Twilight Camp?**

Twilight Camp activities start with an opening ceremony and conclude each evening when we retire the flag and present the day's recognition awards.

The daily program contains a well-balanced variety of activities. These include strenuous activities, time for rest, quiet times, times for noise and motion, learning new skills and making new friends. The exact program will vary from camp to camp, but most will include the following:

- STEM Activities (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math)
- Shooting Sports (BB Guns and Archery)
- Sports and / or Games
- Scout Skills
- Nature
- Crafts
- Skits and Songs

Stations may change due to multiple factors and are provided as an example of potential rotations during Twilight Camp.

- Archery, BB Gun, Wrist Rockets, Giant Slip N' Slide, Paracord Bracelet, Dino Painting Kits, Wooden Keychains, Dig a Dozen Dino Egg, Leather Working/Rope Building, Dinosaur Gliders, Dinosaur Fossil Puzzle, clay dino fossils, Beaded Key Chain, Dinosaur Sand Art Necklaces, Wood Working Project, Water Rockets, Vinyl Figurines

An example schedule is provided to give an idea of the structure and flow of the American River / Pioneer Express District Twilight Camp:

### **Twilight Camp Schedule (Monday through Friday)**

4:45pm-5:00pm – Check-in  
5:00pm-5:15pm Opening Ceremony, and Announcements  
5:20pm-5:50pm – 1st Program Rotations  
5:55pm-6:25pm – 2nd Program Rotations  
6:30pm-7:00pm – Diner/Rest  
7:05pm-7:35pm – 3rd Program Rotations  
7:40pm-8:10pm – 4th Program Rotations  
8:15pm-8:30pm – Assembly and Dismissal

**Dates and Location**

June 16th -June 19<sup>th</sup> @ Cordova Church of Christ  
10577 Coloma Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 9567

**Fees for Cub Scouts**

- Regular Registration: (May 1 to June 1, 2026) .....\$65

**Fees for Adults / Station Leaders / Den Chiefs**

- Adults: (all dates) .....\$25
- Adult Station Leader / Volunteer.....\$15
- Den Chief / Scout Helper (Youth).....\$0

**Fees for Tot Lot (Junior Campers)**

5-Twilight Camp \$25.00 per session or \$7.00 per day. **Junior Campers Must be a child of a registered camp adult**

**How to Register**

Packs are encouraged to register as a unit through Greater California Council's registration system here: <https://scoutingevent.com/047-ARPETwilightCamp2026>  
Or visit the QR code on Page 2 of this guidebook to be taken directly to registration.

All Pack registrations will be handled by the "Pack Coordinators". This is a leader or parent who is responsible for seeing that every child in the Pack receives information to register for Twilight Camp

If your Pack is not going to Twilight Camp but your Scout still wants to attend, individual parents can register themselves and their Cub Scout and we will group you with other small Packs or families.

**Tot Lots** must have completed a camp registration form and have submitted payment to pack coordinators to ensure a camp session slot. **All youth and adult volunteers must provide a BSA Health Form on or before the first day of camp or they will not be able to participate.**

Once registrations have been submitted and are complete, the applicant will receive a confirmation email. There will be additional information available on the council website

**Refund Policy**

It is the policy of the Greater California Council, that all fees are transferable but not refundable; However, refunds may be requested in writing, two weeks prior to the event for unforeseen circumstances. Failure to participate in an activity does not guarantee a

refund.

### **Pack Twilight Camp Coordinators:**

The Pack Twilight Camp Coordinator is an adult/parent from the Pack that helps coordinate and communicate information about Twilight Camp with the Pack. The following are other essential duties for the coordinator.

- Distribute the Twilight Camp information and this leader's Guidebook to your pack's families.
- Gather commitments from your families and register your pack for Twilight. Pack Coordinators are encouraged to register the entire pack online at the council registration website, rather than having families register individually.

Twilight Camp flyers, Leader Guides, Health Forms, Shooting Sports release, and additional information is available on the Council event page for Twilight Camp here: <https://scoutingevent.com/047-ARPETwilightCamp2026>. Further information and planning materials will be available at the district's monthly Roundtable meetings.

- The Pack's Twilight Camp Coordinator will coordinate the registration process for the pack. Reminder:
  - There is no walk-in registration at camp.
  - The scout fees include a t-shirt, patch, and crafts done at camp.
  - Additional Scout and adult t-shirts may be ordered.
- The Twilight Camp Coordinator will schedule a minimum of two parents to chaperone their den each day. Reminder, every Tiger Cub must always have an Adult Partner with them, also Cub Scouting is a family activity, so get those parents involved.
- The following forms must be returned to the Camp Director *prior to the start of camp*. The preferred method is to submit these forms to the Camp Director at the parent/leader orientation, or to bring the forms at Camp setup on Sunday, June 21. The email for the Camp Director can be found at the end of this guidebook so you may coordinate turning in the following documents:
  1. Online registration for each Scout is completed and paid in full.
  2. All BSA Health and Medical Records
  3. *All Volunteer Forms & Training Certificates*
  4. *Tot Lot Registration Forms*
- The Pack Twilight Camp Coordinator will ensure that the parents are aware of the Parent Orientation date, time and location, encouraging all parents to attend.

- **Everyone must have the Annual BSA Health and Medical Record, Parts A and B completed and on file while at Camp (Part C is not required for this event).**

## **Volunteering**

Scouting America is an all-volunteer program. The success of all events are made possible because of the dedication and willingness of all the youth and adults who volunteer to help make these programs run. Each Twilight Camp has 20 to 30 adult positions to fill each year, and they must be filled by parents and leaders of the Scouts attending camp. So yes, we need your help!

You do not need to be a Den Leader or Cubmaster to help. A parent who has a week, a day, or even a few hours can volunteer to help their child and others have a memorable time. We will need a few parents to help with check-in each evening or to set up some of our games and crafts. Any amount of time you can spare will be put to good use. Parent volunteers will need to arrive 30 to 45 minutes before the start of camp so that you may be briefed on your responsibilities. You will be expected to follow the same policies as the Twilight Camp Staff. Wear comfortable clothing, but no halter-tops or other similar abbreviated clothing. Smoking is prohibited around the Cub Scouts during Twilight Camp.

**Please contact the Camp Director if you are interested in helping.**

## **Twilight Camp Den Supervision**

Adult supervision from each Pack is essential to run Twilight Camp. Scouting America's National Camp Standards mandates that we have 1 adult for every 4 kids who attend. Therefore, all Packs and parents who are registering kids for Twilight Camp must provide sufficient adult supervision.

A registered Cub Scout or Scout leader, parent, guardian, or a person 18 years of age or older may volunteer as a Twilight Camp Den Chaperone. These adults will be responsible for guiding the kids in their Twilight Camp Den from location to location throughout the day, assisting with activities and discipline. The Pack may choose to provide full time leaders (Monday through Thursday) per Den or to share the responsibility among several adults.

Please note this is not optional: our Twilight Camp is planned, organized, and staffed by volunteers. The camp cannot operate without pack and parent assistance.

**All adult attendees are required to complete Youth Protection Training and submit a current training certificate (even parents who are not registered leaders). Ask your Pack leaders for help with this or visit [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) to create an adult account and visit the Youth Protection Training (YPT) page to complete the training.**

### **Camp Staff**

If you would like to experience the fun of working with Cub Scouts at Twilight Camp in a program area, we have a place for you. We need fun-loving adults who can spend time at camp. There is \$15 fee for staff members to cover the cost of the Twilight Camp T-shirt and patch. All staff must be registered with Scouting America.

Scouts, Venture Crew or Explorer Scouts, age 14 and older, may volunteer as a Twilight Camp Den Chief or as a Program Aid. Volunteering at Twilight Camp offers these Scouts an opportunity to display leadership skills, pass on useful information to younger Scouts and encourage those younger Scouts to continue in Scouting as well as gaining service hours to use toward their rank. The positive influence of these Scouts on our Cub Scouts helps to further build our Scouting program. Contact your Camp Director and fill out the Staff Form today.

### **Parent Orientation Meeting**

This is when you can meet the staff, talk with the camp director, and have those last-minute questions answered. The Camp Staff will review and collect any missing forms. The camp director will review details about their camp such as check-in and check-out procedures, your child's Twilight Camp den assignment, camp rules and other important information about camp. It is very important that you attend this meeting. Last minute needs or changes to camp will be announced at this meeting. Your Twilight Camp Director will notify you of the meeting date, time and location.

### **Drop-off and Pick-up**

Parents/guardians must escort their scouts to their Den Leader and sign them in. If a Den leader is not yet present, you must wait until one arrives. Check-in begins at 4:45pm. These same procedures apply to "TotLots".

Parents should wait until the closing ceremony is complete before signing out with their Scouts. Each Scout must be signed out with their Den leader to ensure safety. A staff member will remain if necessary to provide two-deep leadership in the event of a late parent. We ask if you are going to be late to notify the Camp Director as soon as possible.

### **Visitors and Security**

Parents are welcome to visit camp at any time. To ensure the safety of all youth on site, we require everyone to check-in at the camp office as a visitor to obtain the proper pass. This includes staying after the regular drop off time or picking up early. All staff and campers are trained to identify and inquire about anyone not wearing the camp uniform.

### **Transportation**

Transportation to/from the camp locations is not provided. It is the responsibility of each parent/guardian. Parking is limited at some locations so carpooling is highly encouraged.

### **What to Wear / What to Bring**

All Cub Scouts, Den Chiefs, and Camp Staff are required to wear this year's Twilight Camp T-shirt every day. While they look great and the kids love them, these shirts serve another purpose. These shirts let us know at a glance if the wearer is a Cub Scout, an Adult Volunteer, or a Staff member. We can spot visitors or strangers in camp at a glance. For this reason, it is imperative that your Cub wear the Twilight Camp T-shirt each Day.

Additional T-shirts are available for purchase. Please use the T-shirt order section on the Cub Scout Registration Form to purchase additional T-shirts. Remember, T-shirts must be ordered by the regular order deadline June 1st in order to guarantee availability at camp. Shirts will be distributed at the Parent Orientation Meeting

Your child may wear their bathing suit to camp as they will participate in water activities this way when it is time for wet games, they will only need to remove his/her shirt, shoes and socks and then he will be ready to play. This will enable them to get wet without having to worry about changing clothes, and the wet bathing suit will help keep them cool longer as they move from area to area.

Along with the T-shirts each child will be provided with a camp backpack. Please make sure your child has the following items each day in the provided backpack. Label all items with your Child's name and pack number.

1. A hat, sunscreen, rain gear (poncho)
2. Camp Provided Sports Bottle
3. A towel and bathing suit
4. Everyone must wear shoes and socks at all times.
5. No sandals or open toe shoes (including CROCS) are allowed at camp – this applies to Scouts and Adults.

### **Cell Phones**

While at camp many adults will use their cell phone, but the use of cell phones by Cub Scouts is strongly discouraged. Any youth attending camp with a cell phone must inform his/her Twilight Camp Den Leader.

### Meals

Participants will bring their own dinner and snacks for all days. There may be a station where the Scouts make and eat a food item, but this station time and date will vary for all dens so please don't account for this. Please do not plan to go out for meal as time is limited and supervision of the Scouts is essential. Drinking water will be provided at each station throughout the day. Please add any allergy information to the Annual Health and Medical Record

### Medication

If your child requires medication during camp hours, only the parent, guardian or the attending adult who has been given permission by the parent, may dispense the medication. ***No medication (this includes over-the-counter meds) may be given by the Twilight Camp Staff this includes the camp medical officer.*** Medications shall only be carried by an adult. Exceptions to this are for those individuals who need to carry emergency medication at all times such as asthma inhalers, Epi-Pens or similar prescribed bee sting kits, diabetes kits, nitroglycerin tablets, etc. Any medications brought to camp must be in the original pharmacy or manufacture's container with the patient's name, medication name clearly labeled with dosage instructions. List all medications on the Annual Health and Medical Record

### Special Needs

Please contact the Twilight Camp Director in advance if you have special needs. The Scouts of America promotes the inclusion of youth with disabilities and or special needs. We recognize that each child is unique, and no single plan will work for every scout. We will work together to provide an enjoyable Twilight Camp experience for your son.

We understand that Cub Scouts sometimes need some quiet time, or time away from their Den/group. We will provide an area where Scouts can enjoy some creative quiet or cool-down time away from their Den. This area and activities will be identified during announcements, and the activities may change during Twilight Camp as materials and volunteers allow.

We welcome the opportunity to work with you to make Twilight Camp special to everyone. Please let us know if any of your Scouts have special or unique needs

### Emergencies

The camp maintains a list of persons certified in CPR and basic first aid procedures. A Camp Health Officer is in camp at all times. In case of an emergency or accident involving your child, you will be notified by the camp director. We request that you add any information to the Annual Health and Medical Record form that we may need in case of an emergency. Please notify us if there are any changes or additions to this information prior to camp. If you have an emergency and need to get in touch with your child while he is at camp, please call the camp director or the Greater California Council at (916) 929-1417

### **Tot-Lot” Program**

This program is for children ages 2 and older and potty trained. It is only for the siblings of Cub Scouts and the children of the staff or the daily Den Leaders, Chaperones and Volunteers working that day of camp. The Mother or Father of the “Tot-Lot” child must be in camp at all times.

Siblings in the Tot-Lot Program must be pre-registered, so that we will know how many snacks and craft supplies to have on hand, No walk-Ins. There is nominal fee of \$25 for all for days or \$7 per day to cover expenses and will be collected with registration. The child must have completed BSA Health and Medical Record parts A and B on file in the Twilight Camp First Aid Station.

The Tot-Lot Registration form must be turned in to the Twilight Camp Director one week prior to the start of camp. They can be mailed to the Camp Director. Do not send the Tot Lot registration to the council office. Information about daily Tot Lot procedures will be discussed at your camp’s Parent Orientation Meeting

### **Twilight Camp Rules**

(Please follow the Cub Scout Promise, Law and Motto)

1. We will always be using the buddy system during camp. Buddies must stay together; this includes going to the restroom or medic.
2. Scouts will be assigned to a Den and are to always stay with their Dens.
3. Scouts must have their Den Leader’s permission (and sign out) to leave the Den or camp anytime Twilight Camp is in session and must check out at the First Aid Station, if medications were brought.
4. No running or throwing in camp, unless it is required as part of an activity.
5. No climbing, horseplay or fighting on the tables, benches, or anywhere else in camp.
6. Stay out of areas not marked for Twilight Camp use.
7. No tobacco, alcohol, or drugs in camp.
8. Practice Leave No Trace skills by disposing of your trash in garbage cans.
9. Scouts will be respectful to all Staff, Adults, other Scouts & their property.
10. No disrespectful or rude language will be tolerated during camp

**DO NOT BRING:** Pocket knife, Matches, Portable Radio/Music player, iPod, Handheld Video Games.

### **Advancement at Camp**

While at camp the boys and girls will complete some of the requirements in their handbooks. The camp director with the help of the den chaperone/leader will keep a record sheet for each child and record daily what requirements he completes. At the end of camp these advancement records will be sent home either with the kids or with the Pack Leader. The information on what the scout has completed at camp can then be transferred to the scout’s handbook by the parents or Den Leader.

**Staff and Contact Information**

**Camp Directors**

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In Conclusion, we are looking forward to meeting you at camp and providing a great camp experience for your scout. If you have any comments or suggestions for improvement of this guide, or questions about Twilight Camp in general please contact the Greater California Council at (916) 929-1417.