



2026 LEADER'S GUIDE TO SUMMER CAMP

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aking up in a canvas tent on a crisp morning with the scent of petrichor in the air... Mornings like that fill the heart with a sense of adventure. Stepping out of your tent onto the earth of the forest floor, the cool mountain air filling your lungs as you begin your day; a day full of new skills to learn, new friends to make, and challenges to conquer.

Spend your days of adventure with friends and laughter in the kind of place that forges bonds and memories. We are hard at work to make sure that our camp is a starting point from which to launch the adventures you want to have. Wehinahpay is a special place, it is the kind of camp that I would have wanted to go to as a Scout and it is the type of camp I hope my son gets to come someday.

We are eager and waiting with anticipation to welcome you into our mountain home and look forward to sharing the adventure with all of you.

If you have any questions or if there is something we can do to help prepare you for your summer camp adventure, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours in Scouting,

*Michael Beaumont*

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Camp Director

Conquistador Council

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## REGISTRATION ANNOUNCEMENT



April 26, 2025 11:59 PM MDT is the deadline for registrants to enter a shirt size in Blackpug's registration. We cannot guarantee shirts after the deadline (for new and existing registrants) due to ordering deadline.

## 2026 Leader's Guide—First Edition



It's here! Your first version of the leader's guide for WMC's 2026 summer camp.

Update at a glance:

- Important dates and refund policy.
- Preliminary merit badge offerings and class schedule.
- Preliminary program schedule.

Look for  which marks a new or updated section.

## CAMPERSHIPS ANNOUNCEMENT



The lessons and beauty of Wehinahpay are a gift to all. If you know a Scout might miss out on a summer at camp due to financial reasons, please encourage their parent/guardian to contact the council office as soon as possible as assistance may be available. Call or email Michael Beaumont ([michael.beaumont@scouting.org](mailto:michael.beaumont@scouting.org)) or Diann Conde ([diann.conde@scouting.org](mailto:diann.conde@scouting.org)) at the council office (575) 622-3461.

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Updates will come with more information regarding camp and the offered program.



## Session Dates



Session 1: June 7–13

Session 2: June 14–20

Session 3: July 21–27

Cub Camp: June 28–30

Session 4: July 5–11

There will be a waitlist available for those who want to add more participants after sessions fill up.

Units are dynamic, and fluctuate in size, we understand that you want to give all your Scouts the opportunity of summer camp, so be sure to sign up early to re-reserve those spots before they're gone.

## Registration Types



Up-to-date pricing information may be found on the registration page linked the following link: <https://scoutingevent.com/413-wmc2026>

### Youth Participants

**Adventure Camping Youth** The gold standard of a Scout's summer camp adventure: opportunities for merit badges, special programs, evening activities, and much more, all included in one fee.

### Adult Participants

#### Adult Participant

Enjoy the mountain environment and relax, focus on your Scouts, or take a class yourself. The cost of one adult is discounted for every ten youth registered.

Adults may volunteer to aid in teaching classes at summer camp. Should you be interested in teaching Scouts or Scouters this summer please contact program leadership through [michael.beaumont@scouting.org](mailto:michael.beaumont@scouting.org) with your inquiry. Volunteers may qualify for discounted registration costs.

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## Visitors

### Visitor Pass (Day)

Visitors may enjoy spending time at our beautiful camp watching their Scouts learn and enjoy the outdoors. Three meals are included. **No walkups allowed.**

### Visitor Pass (Overnight)\*

Visitors who wish to spend the night need to coordinate with camp administration prior to arrival to camp.

\*Visitors who wish stay overnight must be registered Scouting America members who have an up-to-date Safeguarding Youth certificate submitted to the camp administration prior to their arrival to Wehinahpay Mountain Camp.



NEW

## Why Wehinahpay?

### Mountain Air

Our location is optimal for a true mountain experience: cool and mild temperatures, high altitude camping to prepare for other adventures, and a vast array of wildlife.



### Aerial Adventure Park

Challenge yourself on our multi-level ropes course which houses 17 unique elements to traverse and overcome. Climb and leave upon the ladder, or take a leap of faith from the QuickFlight™ to end your course.



### Great Food and Mountain Water

Our mountains are home to quality natural mountain spring water and a chef who does wonders in the kitchen. Great food and options for all, even those with special diets.



### Modern Shower Houses

Wash the day away in our shower houses on East Side. Our facilities make keeping a Scouts clean a breeze. Each private stall has a toilet, sink, and full-size shower.



## Other Important Dates



Early bird registration ends	January 30, 2026 at 11:59 PM MDT
T-shirt size deadline	April 26, 2026 at 11:59 PM MDT
Merit badge registration opens	May 1, 2026 at 12:00 PM MDT
Pre-camp Zoom leaders' meetings	Dates can be found on the Black Pug page.



## Refund Policy



Cancellations made prior to May 1, 2026, will afford the unit a full refund, including the deposit.

Between May 1, 2026, and 14 days prior to the event, units will be refunded 50% of payments made.

Within 2 weeks of the event, any refund given will be at the discretion of the camp director or council program director.



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1	1-hour class		Eagle Required
2	2-hour class		Pre- or Post- Req Required
3	3-hour class		Recommended for younger Scouts
A	All day class		Recommended for older Scouts

The above icons are used in the Program Information section to help you easily identify the characteristics of each class. Be sure to read the program description for details about that particular program.



## Merit Badge Program

Most merit badges can be completed at camp, but some require prerequisites, special projects, or other considerations. Those final merit badge requirements will have to be completed at home.

Merit badges are listed by program area with a short description of each badge including any requirements that may or must be completed at home, and the prerequisites (if any) for the badge. There are also a few helpful tips on what to bring.

Keep in mind when building one's schedule distances required to travel between periods. Going from the shooting ranges to the lake or vice versa is generally not recommended for back-to-back periods.

Our recommendation for younger or older Scouts is up to leader interpretation, unless explicitly stated otherwise, there is no age minimum for the merit badge program at Wehinahpay.

### COPE/Climbing Area



Climbing

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Scouts will learn the skills of climbing, rappelling, and belaying. They will have many opportunities to practice throughout the week on our

30 ft climbing tower. Due to the limitations of the equipment it is recommended Scouts be a minimum of 100 lbs and cannot exceed 275 lbs.



## Ecology Area



### Bird Study

1

Is it Superman? A plane? No! A bird! In this class Scouts will have the opportunity to see the beauty of the avian species around Wehinahpay and learn more about bird life. This class involves a lot of walking and Scouts should bring a notebook.



### Environmental Science

2

This Eagle-required badge is a two-hour session. It requires daily hikes, field notes, and experiments. There is a great deal of written material and Scouts should bring a paper notebook.



### Fish & Wildlife Management

1

Scouts will learn to conserve and manage the world's wildlife. Proper stewardship by maintaining the proper balance among animals can minimize the risk of extinction. Requirement 5 can be completed before or after attending camp.



### Fishing

2

You get a line, I'll get a pole, we'll all go down to the fishing hole and earn ourselves a merit badge! In this two-hour class Scouts learn how to use a regular spin cast rod and reel. Scouts are encouraged to bring their own fishing pole, though some poles are available. Some prior knowledge of fishing is recommended.



### Forestry

1

Scouts will learn all about the trees found around Wehinahpay and how to identify them. We are unique as our forest contains both conifers and deciduous trees. Forestry requires a leaf collection and report so Scouts should bring their own paper notebook.



### Nature

1

Nature is an excellent introductory merit badge to the Ecology area. It requires some hiking and observation as Scouts learn about the area around them. r4's completion varies.



Soil and Water Conservation



Water plays an important role in our environment, especially in the Southwest. Scouts will do an in-depth study on the conservation of soil and the role that soil plays in environmental protection. There is some written material for this badge so Scouts should bring their own paper notebook.



Weather



In this session, Scouts will learn how Earth's weather affects us all! Requirements 8 and 9 may be completed before arriving at camp.

## Handicraft Area



Art and Sculpture



This fun one-hour merit badge session teaches Scouts to explore their creativity. They will paint, draw, and sculpt in a variety of media. Art requirement 6 can be completed before or after camp.



Basketry



Each Scout will learn multiple ways to weave a basket and make one to

take home. This is an excellent merit badge for young Scouts.



Leatherwork



This is another good badge for young Scouts. Requirement 3 may be done before arriving at camp or may be completed at camp.



Woodcarving



Great for young Scouts! Whether it's carving an elaborate piece or just whittling around the campfire, Scouts will always be using skills that they learn from here. Totin' Chips may be earned during Open Scoutcraft. Knives are available for Scouts to use or Scouts may use their personal carving knives.

## Scoutcraft Area



### Camping



Scouts will be taught the basic skills of both front and back country camping. They will be taught the importance of Leave No Trace. Scouts are welcome to bring some of their own gear, but it is not required. Requirements 4b, 5e, 7, 8d, and 9 may be done before or after attending camp.

Requirement 9b-1 and 9b-6 may be completed at camp.



### Emergency Preparedness



Here, Scouts will learn how to recognize, prevent, prepare for, and respond to a wide variety of emergency situations. They will need to bring a pen and paper with them to

class. The First Aid Merit Badge is a prerequisite. Requirements 3, 9c, and 9d may be completed before or after attending camp.

### First Aid



Scouts will learn what to do when faced with a medical emergency. A notebook is recommended so they can take notes about skills such as splints, bandages, and CPR. Scouts should bring a serious attitude because the skills they learn here might save their or someone else's life.



### Orienteering

2

In this session, Scouts will learn how to read and use a map and compass to traverse the land. This merit badge involves a lot of walking over the mountainous terrain, a good pair of hiking boots is necessary.





## Wilderness Survival

2

What would you do if you were lost and stranded in the woods or a desert? Learn the skills of self-reliance and how to build shelters and start fires from nothing. This merit badge requires an overnight camping trip, an opportunity for which will be offered at camp. Requirement 5 requires putting together a personal survival kit, this may be done prior to arriving at camp, but will be completed at camp. Scouts should bring the necessary equipment and materials to camp.

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**Range and Target Activities**


## Archery

2

Scouts experience the safe shooting of a lightweight compound bow. It is fun and challenging. Here, Scouts also learn how to make an arrow and a bowstring.



## Rifle Shooting

2

Scouts will learn how to safely handle and use a rifle in a sporting fashion and shoot precisely. They should have the ability to safely control a 10-lb target rifle.



## Shotgun Shooting

2

This program will teach Scouts the basics of handling and shooting a shotgun along with safety precautions for firearms. Scouts should be able to manage, aim, and shoot a 20-gage shotgun. Recoil is a concern for smaller Scouts.



## Trades Area



### Automotive Maintenance

2

Here Scouts acquire hands-on skills in vehicle upkeep and repair, covering tasks like oil changes and tire rotations for a practical understanding of automobile maintenance.



### Photography

2

Beyond capturing family memories, photography offers a chance to be creative. Many photographers express their creativity using lighting, composition, depth, color, and content to make their photographs into more than snapshots. Good photographs tell us about a person, a news event, a product, a place, a scientific breakthrough, an endangered animal, or a time in history. Scouts must bring their own camera and USB cable so they can download pictures to a computer.



### Radio



2

Scouts will dive into the expansive world of the airwaves in this merit badge. Here, they will learn the fundamentals of a radio, the electromagnetic spectrum, and radio communications. Requirement 7 may be completed before or after attending camp.



### Welding



2

More goes into welding than just sticking two pieces of metal together! In this session Scouts will learn about the different types of welding machines and weld types on a flux core, gas torch, and arc welding machines. Long pants that are denim or canvas (no synthetics), long-sleeve shirts (no synthetics) are required. Close toed leather boots are heavily encouraged to prevent melting of Scouts' shoes.

## Trail to Eagle Area



### Citizenship in the Nation



During this eagle required badge, Scouts will learn about the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, along with some of the unique history of the United States. Requirements 5, and 7 may be completed prior to or after arriving at camp.



### Citizenship in the World



In this 1-hour course, Scouts will learn about diplomacy, international trade, and foreign relations. It is recommended that Scouts have already earned Citizenship in the Nation. Requirement 7 may be completed before or after arriving at camp.



### Communication and Public Speaking



Here, Scouts will learn basic communication skills needed in today's society. As an added bonus, the Public Speaking Merit Badge will be taught in conjunction. Communication requirements 5, 7, and 8 may be completed before or after arriving at camp.



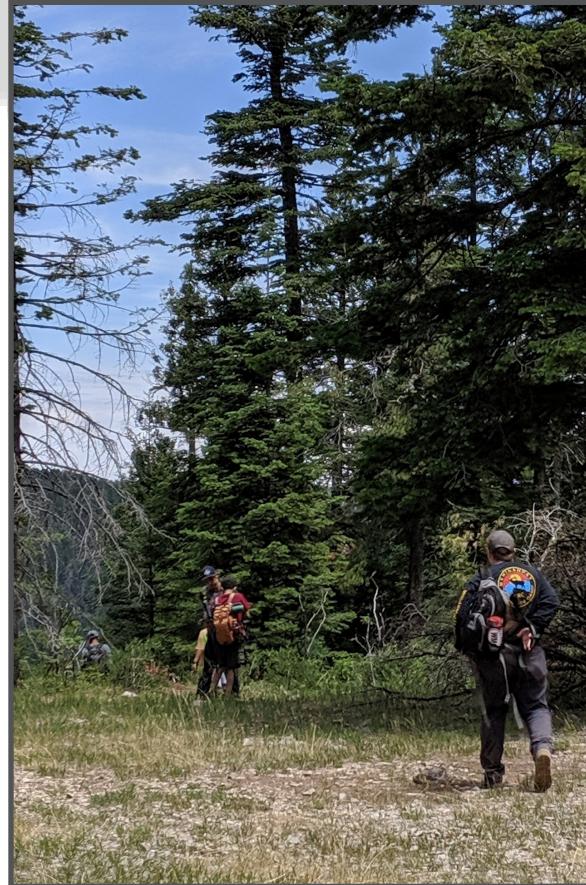
## Trail to First Class

*(First Year Camper Program)*

The Trail to First Class (TFC) program is designed primarily for Scouts who are new to Scouting and are coming to camp for the first time. The purpose behind the program is to give new Scouts a jump start by teaching them the basic outdoor skills needed for their Scouting career. Such skills include camping, fire building, wood tools, knots, lashings, first aid, map and compass, and nature study.

Each Scout will receive credit for the rank advancement requirements that they complete at camp.

[Requirement information coming soon.]





## For Our Older Scouts

### Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience (COPE)



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The Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience, or COPE program is a week-long high adventure activity for older Scouts that teaches advanced team-building and problem solving skills. Scouts will learn to work as a group and function as a team to meet a series of high and low COPE elements. Wehinahpay has one of the finest high ropes courses in any Scouting America summer camp. The goal of COPE is to build leadership, self-esteem, decision making, trust, and teamwork. This is accomplished by progressing, as a group, through a series of physically and mentally challenging exercises.

# Program Registration



Class registration will open **May 1, 2025 at 12:00 PM MDT**, one month prior to the first week of summer camp. Come prepared with your dream schedule!

A Scout's balance must be paid in full to be eligible for class registration. Once paid, when class registration opens, parents and leaders will be able to register their Scout(s) in classes on Black Pug.

Some classes are hard capped for safety concerns (COPE/climbing and RATA in particular). If there are open slots after class registration closes, class changes can be made upon your arrival to camp.

## Registering on Black Pug

Black Pug has a wonderful how-to video on their YouTube at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tat1XJ2UF-U&t=1s>.

Additionally, information pertaining to accessing the parent portal so you can register on an individual basis can be found here: [https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGp-1PFhlCejNQyNAiGJ1cMpff8\\_ZqRzR&si=zy5TdRPV62zBymSE](https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLGp-1PFhlCejNQyNAiGJ1cMpff8_ZqRzR&si=zy5TdRPV62zBymSE).



# WEHINAHPAY MOUNTAIN CAMP

## Program

Area	Class	9:00	10:00	11:00	LUNCH	2:00	3:00	4:00
COPE/CLIMB	COPE							
	CLIMBING MB							
ECOLOGY	BIRD STUDY							
	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE							
	FISH AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT							
	FISHING							
	FORESTRY							
	NATURE							
	SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION							
	WEATHER							
HANDICRAFT	ART AND SCULPTURE							
	BASKETRY							
	LEATHERWORK							
	WOODCARVING							
SCOUTCRAFT	TFC (FIRST YEAR CAMPER)							
	CAMPING							
	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS							
	FIRST AID							
	ORIENTEERING							
	WILDERNESS SURVIVAL							
RANGE AND TARGET ACTIVITIES	ARCHERY				LUNCH*			
	RIFLE SHOOTING				LUNCH*			
	SHOTGUN SHOOTING							
TRADES AND TECHNOLOGY	AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE				LUNCH*			
	PHOTOGRAPHY							
	RADIO							
	WELDING							
TRAIL TO EAGLE	CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION							
	CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD							
	COMMUNICATION/PUBLIC SPEAKING				LUNCH*			

NOTE: SHADED AREAS INDICATE CLASS TIMES, CLASS HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

\*CLASS MEETS AT ITS START TIME, LEAVES FOR LUNCH, AND THEN RETURNS AFTER LUNCH TO COMPLETE THE SESSION



## Twilight Activities (Evening Program)

Many opportunities are available for activities in the evening prior to lights out. Some activities have been scheduled by camp staff and are open to all Scouts and Scouters. Other activities may be done on a unit basis and can be scheduled by the unit leader through the appropriate area director.

**Open Ranges**—The RATA staff will open the ranges to allow Scouts and Scouters to come shoot.

**Open Fishing**—Crystal Lake is open for Scouts and Scouters to fish rainbow trout. Some staff supported fishing times are provided. All Scouts must have at least one adult leader from their unit present at the lake to fish outside of the class. The lake is closed between sunset and sunrise.

**Climbing and More**—When you walk through camp you can't help but notice the climbing tower and ropes

course that looms over the valley. This will be an opportunity for you to experience it first-hand. Our climbing staff will train and guide you.

**Totin' Chip**—The Scoutcraft Area will be training Scouts who need their Totin' Chip the first two nights of evening program.



## Leader Opportunities

There is still plenty for adult leaders to do at Wehinahpay. We promise you won't be sitting in your campsite, unless of course, that is what you want to do! The following are leader opportunities that we have to offer at camp. Leadership trainings change from week to week based on the availability of instructors. Some of those courses may not be offered your particular week. If you are a district or council level trainer feel free to talk to the Program Director and teach a course.

## Leader Cookoff

Showcase your cooking skills in our leaders' cookoff, which is open to any adult leader, not just Scoutmasters! Whether it is a pot of chili, cobbler, baked beans, jambalaya, or homemade bread, plan to participate in this event. There is a separate entrée and dessert category. After the judging, all leaders are invited to taste all the different entries. Participants must bring their own cooking supplies and ingredients. A fridge is available for food storage. NOTE: fire restrictions control this activity.



## Trainings

Various adult leader trainings will be scheduled throughout your week at Wehinahpay Mountain Camp. These trainings may include CPR/AED and I.O.L.S. training. Leader trainings will be posted at camp for all interested parties. Should you be qualified and interested in teaching, please reach out to camp admin.

## COPE Again!

Adults will have the opportunity to participate in COPE activities if space remains after Scouts register.

## Adult Service Opportunities

If you are a carpenter, plumber, electrician, or just a general handyman, your skills are always needed at camp. The camp ranger will be glad to suggest a list of projects to any interested leader. Please contact the Camp Ranger Brian Chambers well in advance of your arrival if you are interested in helping ([brian.chambers@scouting.org](mailto:brian.chambers@scouting.org)).



# Other Programs and Awards

Other than our general program offerings and trainings for Scouts and Scouters, we offer some special programs and awards available to everyone who attends summer camp.



## Honor Troop Award

We are pleased to announce the return of our honor troop program, recognizing troops that give summer camp their all and get the most out of their experience here at Wehinahpay. The award is a ribbon for a troop's ribbon poles

Requirements at the end of the guide.



## Honor Camper Award

We are pleased to announce the return of our honor camper program, recognizing those Scouts and Scouters who give summer camp their all and get the most out of their experience here at Wehinahpay. The award is a pin to be placed on the camp's patch for that summer.

Requirements at the end of the guide.



## WMC Postcard Competition

Photographers one and all are invited to submit photos from their stay at Wehinahpay. At the end of the season, submissions will be reviewed and one to three lucky winners will have their photo on postcards available in the camp's trading post the following summer.



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# The Mountainous Environment



## Elevation

Wehinahpay is in a narrow canyon high in the Sacramento Mountains, about 8,500 feet above sea level. In addition, some trails in and around camp reach well above that. One of the downsides of our elevation is altitude sickness, especially from units traveling from much lower elevation. Make sure you and your Scouts drink plenty of water and don't over-exert yourself as you acclimate.

Hydrating properly at least 72 hours prior to your trip and walking each day for a week beforehand will help both you and your Scouts be ready for our terrain.

## Weather

Wehinahpay's temperatures can range from the upper 30s at night to the lower to mid-80s in the day. Make sure that your troop packs accordingly and be sure to review the weather forecasts for the area in the week leading up to your visit. Even if you have a warm sleeping bag, it's not a bad idea to bring an extra blanket just in case. Jackets that you can layer are essential for your comfort, especially on cooler days and during evening program. Both of which are usually available in the camp's trading post.

On rainy days, temperatures rarely reach higher than 70 degrees. Pack water-proof gear and bring a few extra underlayers just in case. Keep rain gear available upon your arrival to camp. Carry it with you during the day.

## Wildlife

Wehinahpay Mountain Camp is a wilderness setting where it is common to encounter various forms of wildlife. Dangerous forms of wildlife at Wehinahpay could include bears, mountain lions, elk, or the Wowzer. While encounters with any of these forms of wildlife are extremely rare, you should be on the lookout. Bears typically stay out of campsites but food and other objects that may appeal to their sense of smell should be locked securely in the troop's trailer or in vehicles in the parking lot. No food or drinks, other than water, in the campsites.

Wehinahpay is largely void of biting insects e.g. mosquitos, ticks, and chiggers.





## Medical Forms and Procedures

All Scouts and Scouters attending camp must have a physical examination before attending camp and must have the proper medical form completed. Scouting America requires an *Annual Health and Medical Record* for all Scouts and Scouters attending a Scouting event. This examination must be performed by a licensed health care provider—Physician (MD, DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. These forms are available on our website, under the forms tab at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>. Please use the most current version of this form. Contact your district executive if you have any questions. Upon your arrival to camp the camp medic will go through the medical forms of your unit with the unit representative handling check-in and may require additional medical screening of unit members. The unit's medical forms will be kept on file with the camp's medic. They will be returned to the unit leader at the end of the week. Adult leaders and visitors who will be in camp less than 72 hours are not required to have a complete physical. However, a personal examination history (parts A and B) is required. Please make arrangements for a physical examination to be completed prior to arriving at camp. Any Scout or Scouter that does not have a completed health form, including the medical examination, may not remain on camp property.



Parts A, B, and C of the *Annual Health and Medical Record* must be completed before attending camp.



Alamogordo, NM has urgent cares for last minute checks, but WMC cannot confirm availability of these services.

### Required Medical Forms

All Scouts and leaders are required to have a physical examination before camp and complete the appropriate medical form. Do not bring original medical forms. Please bring copies in a 3-ring binder. This will be returned at check-out. Scouts and Scouters must have parts A, B, and C completed of the Scouting America's *Annual Health and Medical Record*.



# Dietary Needs

Scouts and Scouters who have dietary needs should fill out the appropriate information on Black Pug in a timely manner to allow for our chef to give proper care to every individual who needs such things.

The screenshot shows the 'Participants' tab of the Black Pug registration system. At the top, there are three buttons: 'Participants' (selected), 'Check Out', and 'Reports'. Below this is a 'Registration Contact' section with a 'Checkout Required' message and 'Update Information' and 'Autofill' buttons. The main list shows a single entry: '1 Adventure Camping Youth'. This entry includes a 'Checkout Required' message, 'Regular Price: \$410.00', and 'Balance Due: \$410.00'. Below this entry is another 'Update Information' button, which is also circled in red.

On Black Pug, navigate to the participants tab of your registration and click on the “Update Information” button for the participant you wish to list dietary needs for. Doing so will create a pop-up with several fields to fill out.

At the bottom of this pop-up, under health information, the “Dietary Restrictions” field may be filled out as necessary.

The screenshot shows a 'Health Information' pop-up. It includes sections for 'Allergies' and 'Dietary Restrictions'. Under 'Allergies', there is a text input field labeled 'Allergies'. Under 'Dietary Restrictions', there is a text input field labeled 'Dietary Restrictions', which is circled in red. Below these fields are checkboxes for medical conditions and a 'Parent / Guardian Name' input field. A 'Done' button is at the bottom right.

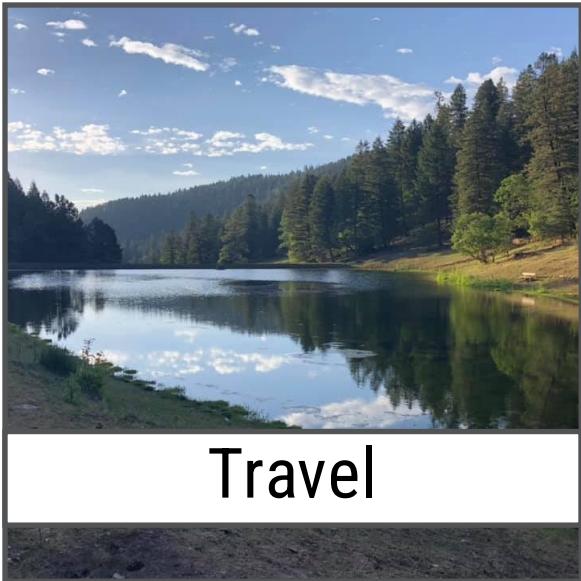
Should the dietary needs of an individual be serious enough to warrant the camper to bring their own food with them, there is a food storage area set aside for such things. Such situations should be brought up prior to your arrival to camp with the camp chef. To start these discussions, please contact the camp administration through Michael Beaumont ([michael.beaumont@scouting.org](mailto:michael.beaumont@scouting.org))



# Medications

Scouts and Scouters who need and have regular or emergency (e.g. inhaler or EpiPen) medications should follow the policies of their unit regarding possession of medication. Should medication require refrigeration, there is a fridge available in the Med Lodge, access to which should be discussed with the camp medic prior to and during check-in. For prescribed medications that are controlled substances, upon review from the camp medic it may need to remain in the Med Lodge during your stay. All medication should be properly secured by the unit, camp, or individual (for emergency medications) and in line with the policies of Scouting.

Health



## Travel

## How to Get Here

Wehinahpay Mountain Camp is located deep in the Sacramento Mountains nested within the Lincoln National Forest. See The Trail to Wehinahpay under the Resource section for details about road travel.

Keep in mind, the closest gas station to camp is 30 minutes away in the small town of Weed. We recommend you stop off in a larger town on your way in. When traveling from the East from Roswell or Artesia, when traveling from the West, Alamogordo or Cloudcroft.

Food options from the East are severely limited after passing Artesia, Mayhill being the nearest with food options. From the West, Cloudcroft is your last chance to dine at a restaurant before heading into camp.

The closest Walmart is in Alamogordo, 1.5 hours away.

Travel

## Need a Place to Stay on the Way?

The Conquistador Council owns Dowling Aquatics Base located in the heart of Carlsbad, NM. Many units find this to be a convenient overnight camping spot while traveling to or from Wehinahpay. Dowling Aquatics Base is approximately 20 minutes from Carlsbad Caverns National Park and 2.5 hours away from Wehinahpay, which makes it ideal for an overnight location.

The council also owns Camp Jim Murray in Hobbs, NM. Approximately 3 hours away from Wehinahpay, this too is an ideal spot for an overnight location.

For those units attending summer camp at WMC, there is no extra charge for overnight accommodation\*. To reserve a spot, contact the council office at (575) 622-3461, or the Conquistador Office Manager Diann Conde at [diann.conde@scouting.org](mailto:diann.conde@scouting.org). To reserve a spot, contact the council at least 45 days in advance of your attendance.

\*Accommodations only include a place to stay, units deciding to use Dowling Aquatics Base or Camp Jim Murray an overnight stay must provide their own lodging/tents and food. Space available is first come, first served.

# Things to do Outside of Camp

Whether you want to have some fun to or from camp, or want to have a unit outing during Field Day on Wednesday, there's plenty to do and places to visit out of camp.

## Carlsbad Caverns National Park

*2.5hrs from WMC*

Located in the Chihuahuan Desert of Southern

New Mexico. It features more than 100 caves. The Natural Entrance is a path into the namesake of Carlsbad Cavern. Stalactites cling to the roof of the Big Room, a huge underground chamber in the cavern. Walnut Canyon Desert Loop is a drive with desert views. Rattlesnake Springs, a desert wetland, attracts reptiles and hundreds of bird species.



## White Sands National Park

*1.5hrs from WMC*

Located minutes from Alamogordo and completely surrounded by

the White Sands Missile Range. The park covers 145,762 acres in the Tularosa Basin, including the southern 41% of a 275 square mile field of white sand dunes composed of gypsum crystals.



## New Mexico Museum of Space History

*1.5hrs from WMC*

The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), and stresses the significant role that New Mexico has played in the development of the U.S. Space Program through collecting, preserving, and interpreting significant artifacts relevant to the history of space.



## White Sands Missile Range Museum

*2hrs from WMC*

At the museum you can trace the origins of America's missile and space activity, find out how the atomic age began, and learn about the accomplishments of scientists like Dr. Wernher von Braun and Dr. Clyde Tombaugh at White Sands. Displays also include the prehistoric cultures and rip-roaring Old West found in southern New Mexico.



## International UFO Museum

*2.25hrs from WMC*

Located in downtown Roswell the museum largely focuses on the 1947 Roswell Crash and later supposed UFO incidents in the United States and elsewhere.



# Traveling in Camp

Visitor parking across from the Maddox Activity Center is for leaders and visitors, drivers will be parked upon their arrival. Visitors may not drive past this designated parking area. Those who wish to leave for town during the week must inform the parking crew prior to being parked, and organization is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Our ranger and check-in staff assist you in getting troop trailers and other gear to your campsite from the parking area. Single axle trailers might be able to go up into campsites pending decision from the camp ranger. No double axle trailers will go up in a campsite.

While in camp, please observe the posted speed limits of 15 and 5 miles-per-hour (5mph around the lake and Maddox parking lot) for the safety of campers, our staff, the roads, the wildlife, and yourself. The main road is also used as a trail so be on the lookout for people and wildlife walking along the road.

Visitors and campers may not use the staff parking, located on the North side of the main road, next to the Maddox building.

Operating a personal UTV on camp property is prohibited. Please do not bring them to camp with you.

You and your Scouts are welcome to bring a bicycle to traverse the camp and get from place to place. You MUST adhere to the following:

- Follow the guidelines set out in the Guide to Safe Scouting
- All cyclists must wear a helmet at all times when riding their bicycle.
- All traffic laws, including speed limits, must be followed.
- Stick to the roads, traveling through campsites and cutting across the valley is prohibited.
- Locks or other methods of securing your bicycle cannot be destructive to the camp and the nature surrounding it.



It's up to everyone to keep the roads, and paths safe for all to enjoy.



WMC is a mountain camp and as such the terrain can be difficult to pass. Closed toed shoes are required for all activities in camp.

Please have them on upon your arrival to camp. Open toed shoes may only be used as shower shoes.



## Camp Policies

Camp is a place for fun and excitement, and the foundation of that experience is a safe camp. The following policies are set to give our Scouts the best experience possible.

### Weapon and Knife Policy

#### Weapons—Firearms and Bows

Scouting America prohibits the carrying of firearms by Scouts and Scouters who are not law enforcement officers within their jurisdiction except those used in the program under the supervision of the RATA director.

The same policy is in effect for personal archery equipment not approved by the camp administration to be used as instructional material in the teaching of the camp's archery program under the direction of the archery instructor and the RATA director.

#### Camp Knife Policy

It is illegal in the state of New Mexico to carry a switchblade, gravity knife, or a balisong/butterfly knife. In addition, New Mexico also prohibits the concealed carry of the following: a dirk knife, poniard, or any type of dagger; a bowie knife; a butcher knife; and any weapon that can cause dangerous wounds.

Otherwise, in accordance with the Scouting's policy on knives, there is no ban on fixed-blade knives, nor is there a limit on blade length. Also nothing that *The Scouts BSA Handbook* contains the program for the safe and responsible use of knives. Scouting believes choosing the right equipment for the job at hand is the best answer to the question of what specific knife should be used.

With that in mind, it is up to the unit to determine what they allow their Scouts to carry to camp and it is at the discretion of the camp administration to deem a camper's choice and use of a knife as inappropriate for use on camp property.



**Scouts must have a valid Totin' Chip on their person to use knives and other cutting instruments. Similarly, a Scout must have one present to purchase a knife in the camp's trading post. The Scoutcraft Area offers Totin' Chip training for evening program at the start of the week.**

# Smoking Policy

The use of tobacco, tobacco products or similar (e.g. dip, nicotine gum, or Zyn pouches), e-cigarettes, personal vaporizers, electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking, and similar products herein referred to as tobacco products is limited on the property of Wehinahpay Mountain Camp.

An important way adult leaders can model healthy living is by following Scouting America's policies regarding tobacco use. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths are better off without tobacco in any form and to not use them at any Scouting activity involving youth participants.

Use of tobacco products is limited to the confines of one's own personal vehicle and off of camp property in appropriate areas as designated by local businesses and city ordinances. Such activity may not take place around or near Scouts and Scouters under the age of 21.

Scouters cannot place tobacco product waste in the camp's trash receptacles and must dispose of any waste outside of camp in appropriate trash receptacles.



Violations of this, or any of Wehinahpay Mountain Camp's, or Scouting's policies may result in an early departure. Let's all have a good time and enjoy summer camp safely.



## Campfires

Sitting around a campfire, enjoying fellowship and the nature around you is a staple of the summer camp experience. At Wehinahpay, this is no exception.

The U.S. Forest Service and local county controls our fire restrictions. The active fire danger is posted on a sign on the parade field in front of the dining hall and is updated as needed along with announcements.

Campfires are only allowed in the designated fire pits within each campsite. Each campsite is also equipped with a fire water barrel, No. 10 cans to use for filling and emptying the barrel, and a fire flapper.

Please remember to follow safe fire building practices.

Ask the camp ranger for specifics about wood sourcing. Wood cannot be brought from out of state.



## What Not to Bring to Camp

Firearms, ammunition, and bows, as previously mentioned, are not allowed in camp; only those supplied by the RATA Area are to be used.

As outlined in the Scouter Code of Conduct, Scouting activities are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies: alcoholic beverage or controlled substances, including marijuana.

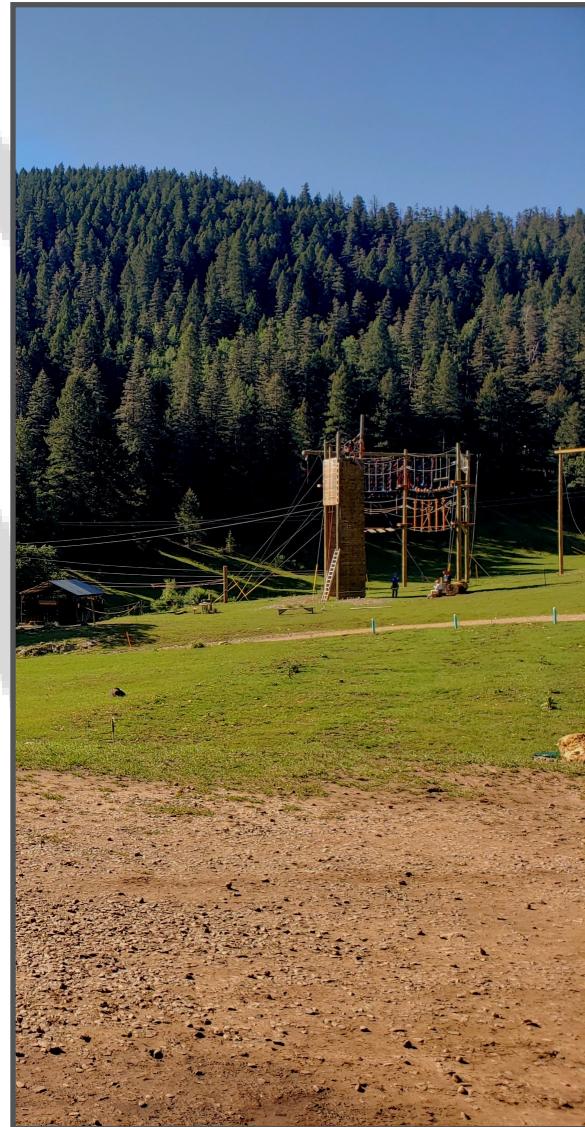
In addition no pets are allowed on camp property.

Fireworks are not allowed in camp. This is Scouting America policy.

Generators are not allowed as they are disruptive to other units. If electricity is needed for a CPAP accommodations can be organized to facilitate those needs.

Finally, we recommend that items such as MP3 players, electronic games, and other electronic devices not be brought to camp. Summer

camp is an outdoor experience, and these items are not appropriate to that experience.



# What to Bring to Camp



## Individual Checklist

- ◊ Scout Uniform
- ◊ Several pairs of socks
- ◊ Jacket
- ◊ Raincoat or poncho
- ◊ Extra undergarments and shirts
- ◊ Hiking and/or tennis shoes  
(CLOSED TOED SHOES REQ)
- ◊ Bath towel and soap
- ◊ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ◊ Sleeping bag or sheets, blankets, and a pillow
- ◊ Flashlight and extra batteries
- ◊ Jeans or long pants
- ◊ Hat or cap
- ◊ *Scouts BSA Handbook*
- ◊ Scouting America's *Annual Health and Medical Record* ("copy," filled out and signed. See the Health and Safety section of the leader's guide for more information)
- ◊ Spending money
- ◊ Sunscreen
- ◊ Water bottle
- ◊ Stationary/notebook and a pen or pencil
- ◊ Watch

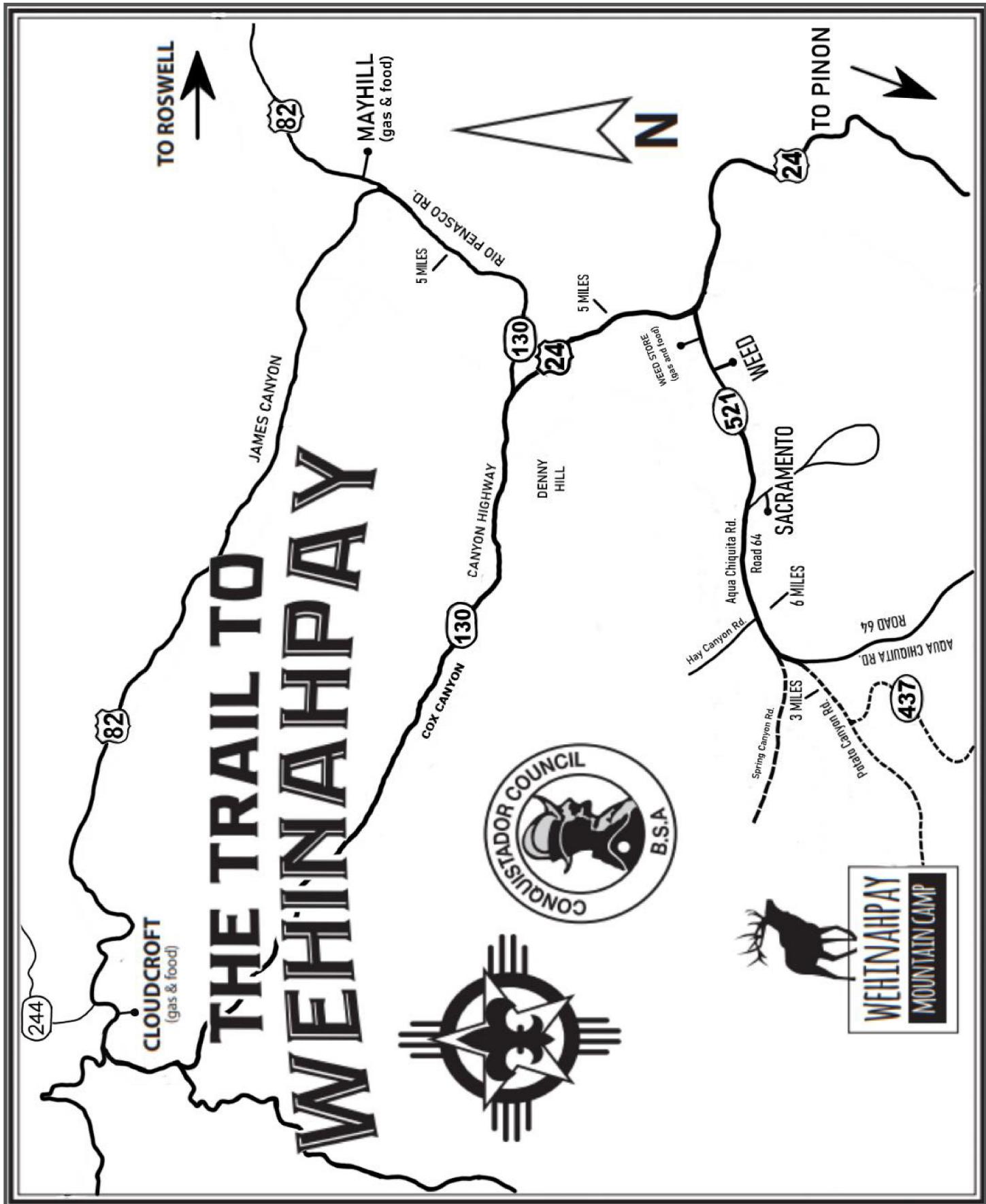
### *Optional*

- ◊ Camera
- ◊ Pocket knife (see the Knife Policy section of the leader's guide for more information)
- ◊ Sunglasses
- ◊ Hammock + straps (required)
- ◊ Camp chair
- ◊ Religious text, faith related items and head-garments

## Troop Checklist

Completely optional, but possibly exciting things to bring and use at camp to elevate your experience.

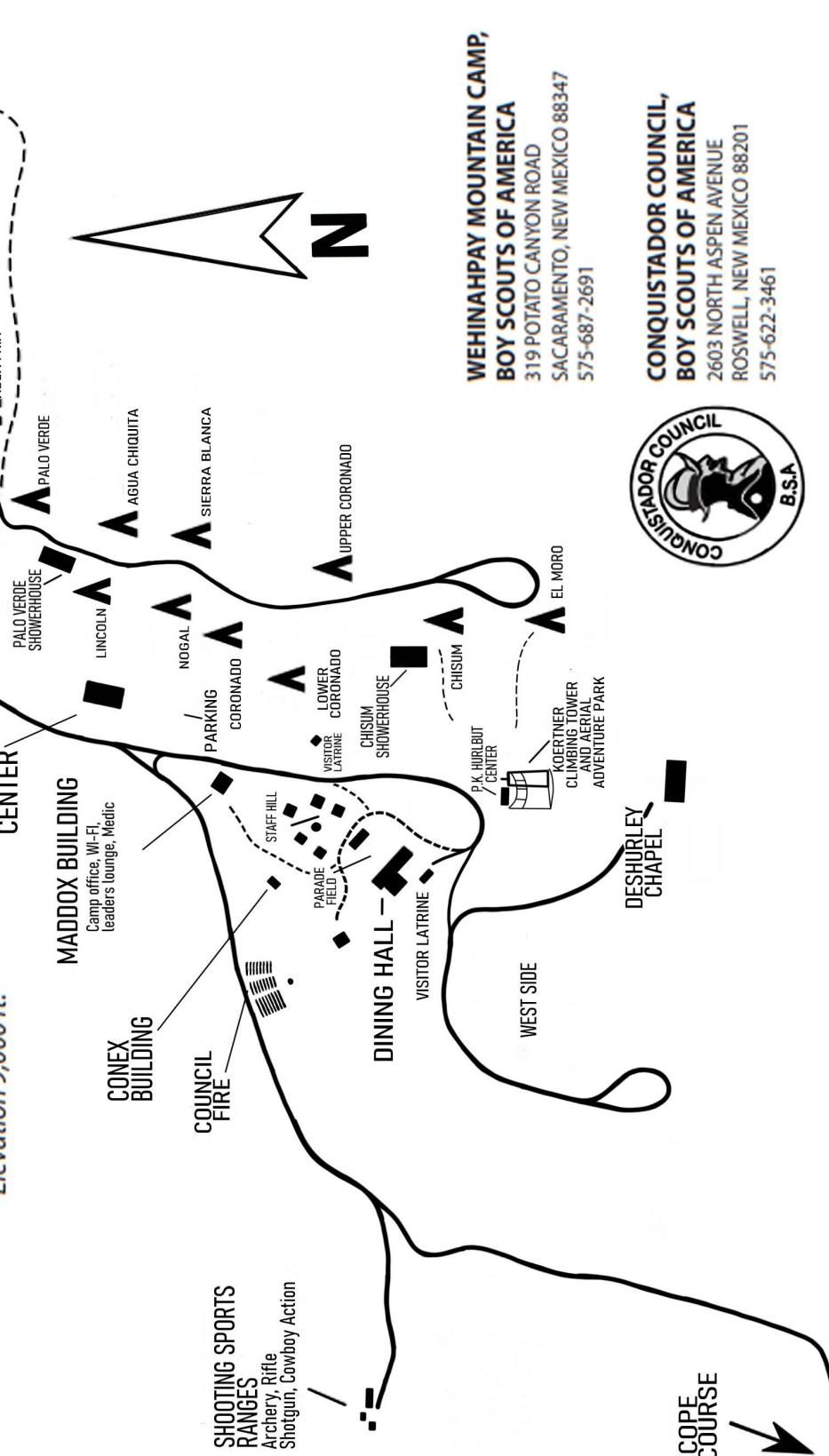
- ◊ Troop flag
- ◊ First Aid kits
- ◊ Patrol flags
- ◊ Troop gadget(s)
- ◊ State flag (may fly in campsite or if your unit signs up for a flag ceremony)
- ◊ Bow saws/hatchet/axe for firewood (see the Campfire section in the leader's guide for more information)
- ◊ Water cooler
- ◊ Rope



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## Wehinahpay Mountain Camp Honor Camper Award Program

The Wehinahpay Mountain Camp Honor Camper Award Program is a prestigious honor identified by a special pin only achieved by those Scouts and Scouters who strive to get the most out of their summer camp experience. The steps to earning this award are outlined below. Complete either option 1 or option 2. Have the staff member responsible for the activity/event/area sign off/initial next to the item and submit this handout to the program director at the Friday SPL meeting.

### Option 1

#### Scouts: Complete 5 of the following

1. Take at least three merit badge classes
2. Open archery
3. Open rifle or shotgun
4. Open climbing at the climbing tower
5. Aerial Adventure Park
6. Open fishing
7. Complete one of the offered one-day merit badges. Each badge earned this way counts individually.
8. Attend Staff Rush and submit a Staff Rush interest form.

### Option 1

#### Scouters: Complete 5 of the following

1. Volunteer for two hours in the trading post. (See the business manager)
2. Participate in an inner-troop activity.
3. Participate in an offered training class.
4. Drive for a field trip.
5. Volunteer in the Trail to First Class program.
6. Participate in any of the twilight activities open areas (Climbing, RATA, etc...). Each counts individually.

\*Teaching/covering a merit badge class for the week earns the award.

**Option 2 (Scouts and Scouters):** Complete one from the list below, and three from the list above.

#### Scouts:

1. Trail to First Class program
2. Project C.O.P.E. program
3. Camp service project

#### Scouters:

1. Serve as an assistant ranger for one camp service project.
2. Participate in the leader's cookoff competition
3. Help supervise the dining hall cleanup for three meals. (Get the initial from the dining hall steward each time)
4. Serve as an RSO at the ranges (requires NRA certification and authorization from RATA director)
5. Help the COPE/Climbing area as a certified instructor (requires Level I or Level II COPE/Climbing certification)

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\*Additional items may be added to the lists during the camp's operation.

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## **Wehinahpay Mountain Camp Honor Troop Award Program**

The Wehinahpay Mountain Camp Honor Troop Award Program is a prestigious honor identified by a special ribbon only achieved by troops whose Scouts and Scouters went above and beyond during their summer adventure and truly got the most out of the camping experience. The steps to earning this award are outlined below. Have staff members responsible for the activity/event/area/inspection sign off/initial next to the item and have the SPL submit it to the program director at the Friday SPL meeting. A troop must complete **eight** of the items listed below to earn the Wehinahpay Mountain Camp Honor Troop Award. A Scout is trustworthy.

<b>Initial</b>	<b>Item</b>
	Participate in/run a camp-wide flag ceremony (PD)
	Perform a skit or song at closing campfire (PD)
	Construct and maintain an appropriate camp gadget in the campsite, properly dismantling it before leaving. (Commissioner)
	Fly a US, state, or troop flag in the troop's campsite. (Commissioner)
	Have at least 70% of the Scouts and 70% of the Scouters in the troop earn the Wehinahpay Mountain Camp Honor Camper Award.
	As a troop, participate in the shower house cleaning schedule and follow the posted cleaning instructions.
	As a troop, participate in a camp service project. (Ranger/Project Foreman) [MB service projects do not count]
	A Scout is clean, pass daily campsite inspections
	Monday (Commissioner)
	Tuesday (Self)
	Wednesday (Commissioner)
	Thursday (Neighbor, see assignments on the board)
	Friday (Self)
	Be on time for all meals and camp-wide events
	On Wednesday's Field Day, have at least 70% of the troop participate in one of the following:
<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Camp – Earn a one-day merit badge
<input type="checkbox"/>	On-Camp – Organize a troop hike in the surrounding region (participation in the 5-mile hike with Scoutcraft covers this)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Off-Camp – Visit one of the places of interest surrounding Wehinahpay Mountain Camp, return safely, and share with a member of camp staff a photo from the visit and briefly explain what you learned and/or saw during your visit.





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If at any point you or another member of your unit have questions regarding the content of this leader's guide, summer camp in general, or registration don't hesitate to reach out to the camp administration through Camp Director Michael Beaumont at [michael.beaumont@scouting.org](mailto:michael.beaumont@scouting.org).

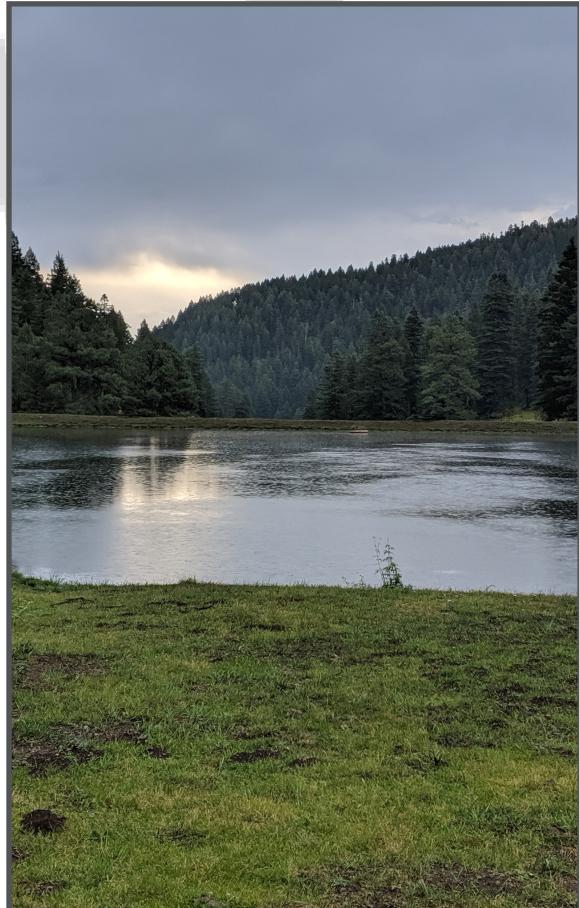
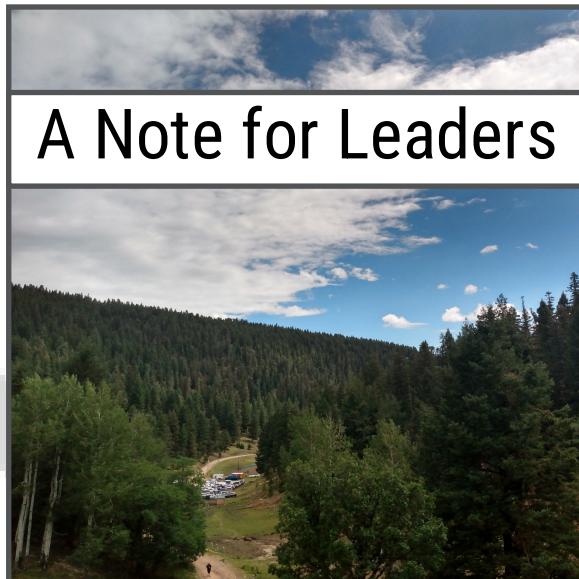
This is the first edition of the 2026 leader's guide and more is yet to come. Updates will be announced on social media and on the camp's website. Look for the date in the bottom left corner of pages.

Classes are still subject to change, so once merit badge registration opens up, be prepared for additions or changes as our program further develops. If something major is changed you will be notified additionally.

Be on the look out for check-in information to best prepare you and your Scouts for your arrival to Wehinahpay, it will contain key details regarding timeline and the check-in process. (Likely this will drop in late April or mid May.)

Keep an eye out and we look forward to seeing you this summer out at Wehinahpay Mountain Camp!

## A Note for Leaders





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