

Troop 325 is going to Summer Camp!



Dear Scouts and Parents:

Summer Camp is just around the corner. The troop has decided to go to Camp Oljato July 11 - July 17, 2010. Camp Oljato is located 75 miles east of Fresno in the California High Sierras (7000 ft) and is part of the Pacific Skyline Council. Summer Camp is one of the most rewarding activities of the year. It's just plain fun!

Each Scout should also purchase at least one Troop T-shirt (\$10) before we go. Additional expenses include a lunch on the way up and lunch on the way back plus spending money at the trading post or supplies required for merit badges (\$50-\$60 is normal, more than that typically raises issues).

A typical day at camp includes assembly for morning flags, breakfast in the dining hall, advancement and merit badge sessions, lunch, afternoon classes, free time, evening assembly, dinner in the dining hall, evening activities and campfire programs either at our own campsite or at the main campfire program area.

Class A uniforms are required for morning and evening assembly; Class B (Troop or other BSA T-shirt) for the remainder of the time.

Key dates to remember:

- June 8th - Parent Meeting for Summer Camp (recommended for all, required for new parents)
- June 8th and June 15th - Swim Check
- June 22th - Merit Badge Sign-ups due
- June 29th - All forms due, Medical and Troop Permission Slip.

Attached are more details about the offerings at Camp Oljato, included are forms that must be completely filled-in and signed:

- Medical forms, parts A, B, C.
- Merit Badge Forms
- Troop 325 Permission Slip

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

Our troop has a history of active and enthusiastic participation by everyone at camp. We usually receive the highest scores for campsite inspections and spirit. Summer camp is a lot of fun. It's fun to be the top troop, but we have to do it as a team. No one can do it alone, and one Scout can ruin it for everyone. It takes the entire troop, working together enthusiastically to get it done. Let's do it right. Let's set our goal on being the top troop at camp again this year. If we don't win, let's at least know we worked hard, played fair, and did our best.

HOW TO GET TO CAMP OLJATO

From the East Bay: Take Interstate 580 through the Altamont Pass to Interstate 5 southbound. Exit at State Highway 152 east to Los Banos.

From the South Bay: Take U.S. 101 south through San Jose to Gilroy. In southern Gilroy, take State Highway 152 east to Pacheco Pass and San Luis Reservoir. Continue east past Interstate 5 to Los Banos.

From Los Banos, continue east on State Highway 152 until you meet State Highway 99. Follow Highway 99 south to Madera. Take the second Madera exit (Cleveland Avenue also marked for Millerton Lake and Yosemite) and turn east into northern Madera. (Stay in the right lane across the railroad track). Cleveland Avenue makes a sharp curve to the right, follow Cleveland Ave. across the Fresno River to a stop light at State Highway 145 (Yosemite Avenue.) Turn left (east) and take Highway 145 to State Highway 41. Cross over Highway 41 and continue east on Road 145. At the intersection of Road 145 and Road 206, bear right through a yield sign and follow Road 206 to Friant.

At Friant, turn left passing Friant Dam and Millerton Lake on Millerton Road. When Millerton Road meets Auberry Road take a left at the stop sign. Millerton and Auberry Roads are joined for the next 3/4-mile. When Millerton Road drops off to the right, follow Auberry Road past Marshall Station to the community of Prather. At the Prather stop sign, turn left onto State Highway 168 from Fresno. At the stop sign, follow Highway 168 by turning left and begin a 4,000 foot climb into the Sierras on a wide four-lane road. When reaching the "Top of the Grade," Highway 168 reverts to the older two-lane road for the remaining seven miles into the Shaver Lake Community. After going through Shaver Lake, passing below the dam, and reaching the far side of the lake, you will begin the second ascent over Tamarack Ridge (7,600 feet) and into the Huntington Lake basin.

After passing the Sierra Summit Ski Area, continue around the east end of the lake past Rancheria Campground over the bridge, passing the power station and Eastwood Visitor Center. On the left, just past the Rancheria Garage and Marina, a sign marks a parking area and Scout dock. Turn left into the parking lot and follow it around to the right. The Scout dock is located at the far end of the parking area. The final mile is by boat into camp.

Parking is extremely limited at the Scout Dock. Beginning this year each troop will be limited to no more than three (3) vehicles. Any additional vehicles or trailers must park at the Lakeshore Public Dock parking lot or at the overflow lot at Sierra Summit Ski Resort

CAMP OLJATO BOAT SCHEDULE

SCHEDULED BOAT RUNS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

TIMES ARE "CAMP TIME" LEAVING OLJATO AND ARRIVING AT AND RETURNING FROM THE SCOUT DOCK (parking lot) ABOUT 15—30 MINUTES LATER.

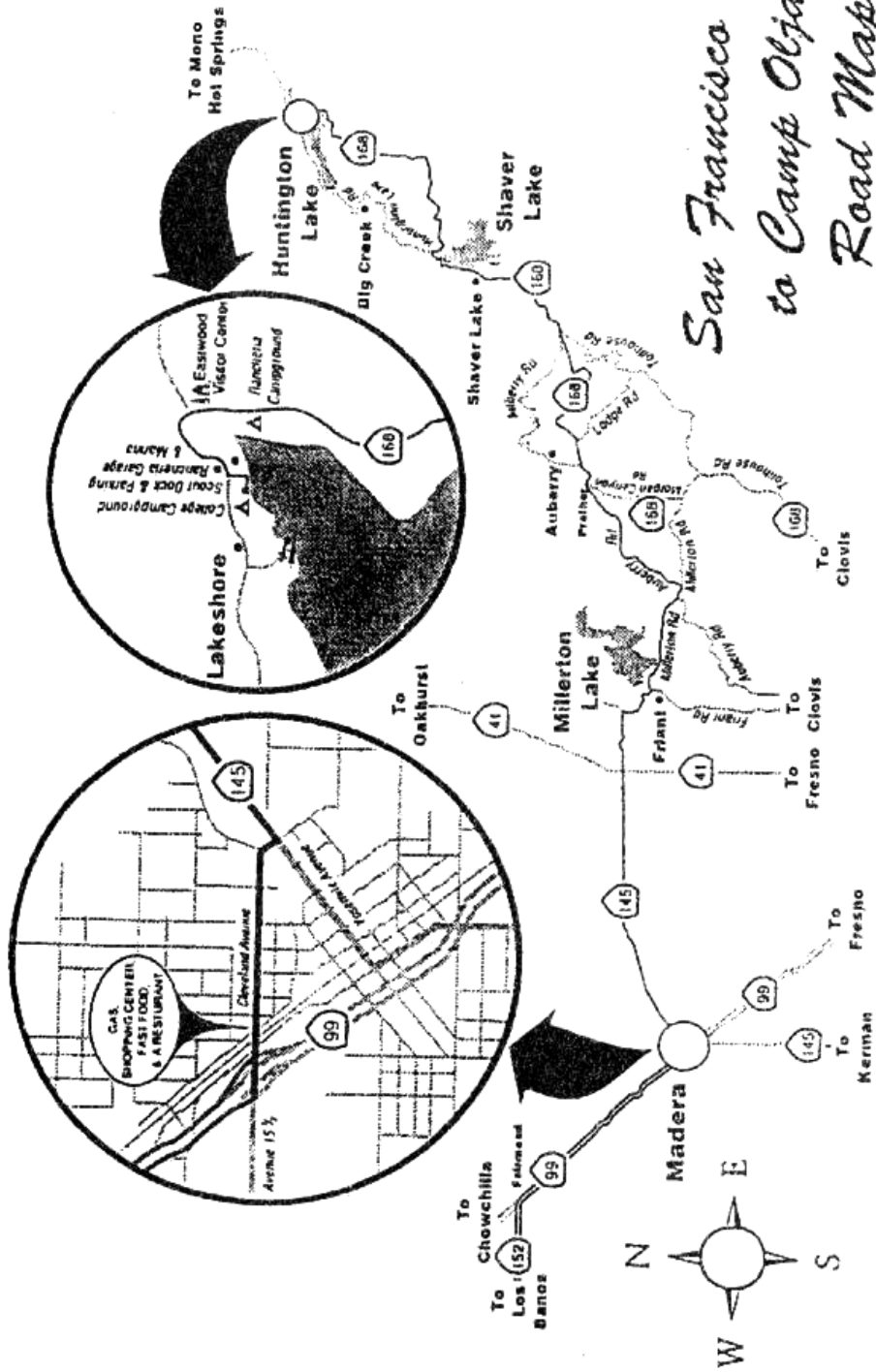
9:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. 4:30 P.M. 7:30 P.M.

Weekday boat time are subject to change. Call the camp for current times before arrival.

559-893-3393

ON DEPARTURE DAY, SATURDAY, BOATS START AT 6:00 A.M. AND CONTINUE UNTIL 9:00 A.M.

San Francisco Bay to Camp Ojato Road Map



SENDING MAIL TO CAMP

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

Name of Scout, Troop # _____

Camp Oljato

Boy Scouts of America

P.O. Box 217

Lakeshore, CA 93634

Another option if sending Fed EX or UPS, please use this address:

Camp Oljato Troop # _____

Name of Scout

c/o Lakeshore Resort

61953 Lakeshore Road

Lake Shore, CA 93634

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

CALLING CAMP

Unless there is an emergency, all incoming calls will be considered "MESSAGES". Information will be passed on to the Scout or Troop Leader as soon as conveniently possible.

Scouts are only allowed access to the phone with the permission of, and when accompanied by, an adult leader. The camp number is 559-893-3393.

A TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

Subject to changes

7:00 a.m. Reveille

7:25 Assembly Bell

7:30 Morning Assembly and Flag Ceremony. Breakfast follows.

8:30 Mandatory SPL Meeting at the Program Office

9:00 Merit Badge Session One begins

9:30 Informational Scoutmaster Meeting at the Oljato Pine

10:30 Merit Badge Session Two begins

12:00 p.m. Lunch is served

2:00 Merit Badge Session Three begins

3:30 Free Time - Have Fun! Visit different program areas and participate in their special activities, work on other merit badges, or just relax.

5:30 Free Time ends. Regroup at your campsite and prepare for dinner assembly.

5:55 Assembly Bell - DON'T BE LATE!

6:00 Dinner Assembly and Flag Ceremony

8:00 Special Program Events. Bring a flashlight!

10:00 Taps. Keep noise to a minimum out of respect for your neighbors.

OLJATO PROGRAM AREAS

THE WATERFRONT and SAILING

Supervised by a certified Aquatics Director and staff, waterfront merit badge activities include rowing, canoeing, swimming, BSA snorkeling, and lifesaving. The waterfront staff also provides B.S.A. Lifeguard certification and favorite "Mile Swim" for Scouts.

Scouts must always use the BUDDY SYSTEM. All aquatics activities must be conducted under adult supervision.

Your scouts have a special opportunity to learn sailing basics on one of the nation's premier sailing lakes. Next door to the waterfront, our sailing area has an array of vessels that foster adventuresome spirits from novice to experienced.

SCOUTCRAFT

The staff works with Scouts on Basic Skills, such as fire safety, knife safety, and rank advancement. Hiking, Backpacking, Orienteering, Pioneering, Wilderness Survival, Emergency Preparedness, Camping, Cooking and Fire Safety Merit Badges are offered. Individual Scouts and patrols can build towers and bridges from available resources. An overnight hike and camp-out will be take place on Wednesday. Recommended for all first year Scouts

NATURE

Nature provides the opportunity for Scouts to earn popular merit badges like Environmental Science, Fish & Wildlife Management, Fishing, Forestry, Weather, Nature, and Soil & Water Conservation.

For fishing, Scouts over the age 16 are required to have a California State Fishing License prior to coming to camp. All state fishing laws apply. Bringing your own fishing gear is highly recommended as there are only a few fishing poles available at camp.

For the Nature Merit Badge a clear plastic bottle of about one quart is needed. A Gator Aide bottle will suffice.

The Environmental Science merit badge requires two hours of observation over four 30 minutes periods for use in writing a comprehensive essay. An additional 100-word essay must be written on an endangered species. There will be a test at the end of the week. Bring a notebook, pen and the willingness to work.

HANDICRAFT

Art, Leatherwork, Woodcarving and Basketry merit badges are offered in the Handicraft area. Paints, dyes, leather stamps and other tools are available. Leather and handicraft supplies are available for sale in the Trading Post.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Offered on our ranges are the Archery, Rifle and Shotgun merit badges along with free time shooting. Scouts are encouraged to come up to the range even if they are not working on a merit badge. Adults may participate if space permits. All shooting sports classes have size limits. The Area Director has the final decision on a Scout's ability to participate.

The archery range is equipped to handle all aspects of the Archery Merit Badge from making a bowstring to target archery. Arrow making kits and materials are available in the Trading Post.

The rifle range is equipped with .22 caliber rifles and is supervised by a certified director.

A certified instructor supervises the shotgun range and provides instruction to Scouts wishing to earn the Shotgun Merit Badge. Shotguns are limited, so only seriously interested Scouts should attempt this merit badge. Shotgun tickets can be purchased at the Trading Post. Tickets are \$2.00 each and equal 4 shots.

HEALTH LODGE

Oljato employs a Health Officer who is on duty to attend to health issues your troop might encounter. First Aid Merit Badge is taught at the Health Lodge.

CLIMBING

The CLIMBING merit badge, as well as free-time climbing, is offered with supervised instruction. Requirements and goals are similar to C.O.P.E but there are no age requirements.

Signed release forms must be completed.

OLDER SCOUT PROGRAM

Project C.O.P.E. stands for: CHALLENGING - OUTDOOR - PERSONAL - EXPERIENCE

Project C.O.P.E. is a National B.S.A. program that was formally started in 1983. The program is specifically designed for the older individual Scouts, who form two-person and group teams and is composed of initiative games, trust events, low course events and high course events. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump, rappel and devise solutions to a variety of problems and situations.

Most participants achieve much more than they ever imagined.

While each C.O.P.E. Course is both different and unique, each participant that experiences it is encouraged to develop their own objectives. The program emphasis of C.O.P.E. revolves around seven major goals:

TEAMWORK TRUST COMMUNICATION LEADERSHIP

DECISION MAKING SELF-ESTEEM PROBLEM SOLVING

This is an excellent program for the older Scouts becoming leaders within the troop.

National Camping Standards and C.O.P.E. Standards require a minimum age level for course participation:

ALL C.O.P.E. PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 13 YEARS OF AGE BY JANUARY 1 OF THE YEAR THEY PARTICIPATE AT ANY C.O.P.E. COURSE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Summer Camp Checklist

Pack (in backpack or duffle bag)

- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth
- Sleeping pad or air mattress
- 8 of your 10 Essentials
 - Pocket knife
 - First aid kit
 - Moleskin
 - Several gauze pads
 - Large gauze compress
 - Band-Aids
 - Adhesive tape
 - Rain gear (poncho)
 - Canteen or water bottle
 - Flashlight & batteries
 - Matches
 - Sunscreen
 - Compass
- 3-5 underwear
- 5 pair socks
- 1-2 Scout socks
- 3 Scout T-shirts
- Toilette kit
 - Soap
 - Deodoran
 - Toothpaste
 - Toothbrush
 - Dental floss
 - Comb or brush
 - Washcloth
 - Towel
 - Sunscreen
- Thong sandals (for shower)
- Laundry bag
- 10-12 clothes pins (opt.)
- Detergent
- Light sweater or sweatshirt
- Light jacket
- Scout Shorts
- Scout Long Pants
- Swimsuit
- Extra pair of shoes (running or tennis)
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)

- Personal eating gear (cup, bowl, plate, knife, fork spoon)
- Scout Handbook
- Note pad
- Pen or pencil
- Signed Blue cards for Merit Badges

Wear

- Scout Shorts/Long Pants
- Scout Belt
- Scout shirt
- Scout neckerchief
- Neckerchief slide
- Scout socks
- Walking or hiking shoes

Optional

- Watch
- Sun glasses
- Camera
- Binoculars
- Pillow
- Musical Instrument
- Extra money for fast food going and coming, snacks, materials for crafts, merit badge pamphlets, activities, etc. (about \$40-60)
- Day pack
- Fishing Pole w/ tackle/bait

DO NOT BRING:

- Bow and arrows or Firearms and ammunition
- Fireworks
- Alcoholic beverages
- Cell Phones
- Sheath Knives
- Open Toed Shoes
- Liquid Fuels
- Pets
- Personal Watercraft (i.e. jet skis)
- Radio or CD players, or electronic games

Troop 325 Summer Camp!

We will be meeting at the Moreland Woods parking lot at 7:00am July 11th to check-in and collect medications. We will be leaving promptly at 7:30am to arrive at dock side for the ferry departure at 1:00pm. **We will leave promptly at 7:30am!**



MAIL TO CAMP

Mail should be addressed as follows:

Scouts Name & Troop #
Camp Oljato
Boy Scouts of America
Lakeshore, Ca 93634

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

The camp phone is available for camp business and emergencies only. 559-893-3393.

Please retain the top portion of the permission slip for your information.

PERMISSION SLIP

My son, _____, has my permission to attend summer camp, July 11th- July 17th at Camp Oljato.

Medical Treatment Release

I also give the leaders permission to authorize any required medical treatment for my son should it be necessary.

Authorization Signature: _____ Relationship: _____ I can be reached at the following phone numbers during this activity: _____, or _____. My son is currently taking the following medication(s): _____

He has the following allergies or medical conditions: _____.

Our medical insurance is with _____, policy number: _____

Our doctor is: _____, phone: _____.
