

2011 Camp Hi-Sierra Merit Badge Offering: Read Me!

Aquatics – Miwok Lake

- In order to run the safest program possible, all Aquatics Merit Badges have a fixed class size, with no flexibility.
- Participation in Aquatics Merit Badges is dependent upon passing a swim check **at CHS**; due to environmental differences at camp, swim checks performed anywhere else will not be recognized.
- Mile Swim, and Snorkeling BSA are drop-in awards only offered during open swim.
- Swimming and Water Rescue has a minimum age requirement of 16.

Aquatics – Pinecrest Lake

- All Pinecrest programs are heavily dependent upon adult leaders for rides to and from the lake. If your Scouts are interested in these programs, please plan to help us out by transporting some Scouts to the lake. Usually, there are enough volunteers so the same people don't have to drive every day!
- A special 'Adults only' session of Sailing is offered on Friday for those who help with rides.
- With the exception of Rowing, all times for Pinecrest programs are inclusive of travel times to and from the lake.
- Paddle Craft Safety and Kayaking BSA are offered concurrently; Participants over 16 will also receive the Paddle Craft Safety certification.

Archery Range

- Archery participants will need to purchase an arrow kit for \$5 from the CHS General Store.
- The 1:30 to 2:30 block is reserved for those trying to qualify for the Archery merit badge.

Rifle Range

- Rifle and Shotgun Merit Badge participants will **need** to purchase an unlimited pass from the CHS General Store. Rifle passes are \$15, and Shotgun passes are \$25.
- The 'Qualify' blocks on the schedule give priority to those trying to qualify for the Merit Badge. However, others will be accommodated if possible.
- Evening open shoot sessions will be offered on Wednesday evenings and Friday mornings.
- 'Black Powder' Rifles shoots will be offered on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Handicrafts

- Pottery participants will need to purchase a pass for \$5 from the CHS General Store in order to cover material cost.
- Basketry participants will need to purchase Basket Kits from the CHS General Store.

Foxfire

- In order to run the safest possible program, Metalwork has a hard class limit. Also, Participants will need to purchase a pass for \$5 from the CHS General Store.
- Pulp and Paper has no class limit; however participants are asked to arrive at the beginning of class.

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Climbing

- Priority will be given to those trying to qualify for the Climbing merit badge. However, all will be accommodated!

Trail to Eagle

- Preference for Eagle required merit badges will always go to older scouts.
- Adult leaders participating in the Outdoor Leader Skills training will be required to register online, and attend all week.

Nature

- Environmental Science is Hard!

Scoutcraft

- Backpacking at 2:30 is a drop-in. Please have Scouts arrive at the beginning of the session.
- Cooking Merit Badge participants will be meeting during most meals. All will be asked to arrive at the steward bell.
- Fishing and Fly-fishing are partials at camp. Scouts should plan on learning the knots and skills during the session, then attending the drop-in fishing sessions.
- Totin and Firem'n Chits classes are drop-ins. Please have Scouts arrive at the beginning of the hour.
- Geocaching 101 is an introduction to using trail GPSs as well as about half of the Geocaching merit badge requirements. However, desire to complete the badge is not necessary to attend this program.

Sports

- All Sports merit badges are partials; however most requirements can be completed at camp.
- Clavey over-nighter participants who wish to bike are **REQUIRED** to attend a bike ride **at Camp Hi-Sierra** prior to the trip.

SPL 101

- SPL 101 is a Leadership and Team-building class required for any attendees of our SPL program. Any Scout 13 or older may attend, but **all** SPLs attending a free week must attend. **If an SPL is enrolled in a different session at that time, they will be dropped from that session.**