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Wente Scout Reservation

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Golden Gate Area Council Mission & Vision

The camps of the Golden Gate Area Council are some of the longest running scout camps in the Western United States. Camp Royaneh opened in 1925, Camp Wolfeboro in 1928, and Wente Scout Reservation in 1959. Each becoming a special place for Scouts of all ages.

The mission of our Camp staff is to facilitate an environment where scouts will be engaged in unique, evolving programs, while building character through the aims & methods of scouting in a safe, outdoor environment.

The goal of our Camp staff is to promote a profound reverence for the outdoors. We establish, maintain, and provide a traditional camping environment that can be enjoyed by all ages for many years to follow.

The Scout Oath and Scout Law are at the core of our Camps. As your Scouts participate in our camp programs, we help your unit utilize the "Patrol Method", so your scouts learn and develop leadership skills. Additionally, we expect your scouts to use the "buddy system" at ALL times.

The best aspect of program at Camp is that it is YOUR program. The staffers of Camp Royaneh, Camp Wolfeboro, and Wente Scout Reservation are here to assist you in providing that program so, BE PREPARED!

On My Honor I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

A Scout is:

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient,

Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, And Reverent.

Youth Protection

The BSA's adult registration requirements mandate that **all adults** accompanying a Scouts BSA Troop to a resident camp or other Scouting activity lasting 72 hours or more **must be registered as an Adult Leader, including completion of a Criminal Background Check (CBC) and Youth Protection Training (YPT) prior to the start of the event.** <https://training.scouting.org/learning-plans/1179> In addition, the State of California passed AB506 that went into effect on January 1st, 2022. All registered BSA volunteers, employees, and other volunteers who are 18 years or older and who have direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours a month or 32 hours per year must complete a Live Scan background check and complete online mandated reporter training. Requiring registration, background checks, Youth Protection Training for all adults (18+, even if registered as a youth participant in Venturing or Sea Scouts) on Scouts BSA extended activities and complying with AB506 adds another dimension of protection for our Youth. To learn more please visit: <https://californiascouting.org/>.

- This requirement applies to any adult accompanying a Scouts BSA group on a single Scouting activity where they are present for three or more nights (not necessarily consecutive)
- Adults **must** be registered as leaders, **including the completion of a Criminal Background Check (CBC) and Youth Protection Training (YPT) before the activity** (CBCs cannot be expedited)

Note: under normal circumstances it can take up to 3 weeks for a CBC to be completed – with many new adult registrations across the country at that time, it may take even longer - BE PREPARED by registering and completing your YPT and CBC early so as not to be told you cannot attend camp because it did not come back yet.

In accordance with the National Youth Protection Policy, we have instituted the following Council policies:

- Adults must maintain two-deep Leadership in Camp at all times.
- Notify the Camp Administration prior to arrival if you will have difficulties doing so.
- Adults must respect the privacy of Youth members.
- Adults & Youth will not share sleeping facilities at any time and Scouts must be within two years of age to share sleeping facilities.
- All Youth will respect the privacy of others regardless of age, gender, or relationship.
- If private issues between a Youth and an Adult must be dealt with, two-deep Leadership must be maintained during the conference, health check, or other event.
- See the Camp Administration if you or your Unit need assistance or advice in this area.

COVID-19

To the Parents, Leaders, and Scouts:

Welcome to the 2023 Golden Gate Area Council (GGAC) summer camp season. GGAC volunteers and professional staff are diligently preparing an exciting and safe summer camp experience for our young men and women.

In this edition of the *Golden Gate Area Council Leader Guide*, we want to address the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. At the writing of this guide, the COVID-19 mitigation procedures necessary for our summer resident camps are undergoing a continuous review process, just as the COVID-19 landscape continues to evolve. We are enlisting the aid of a great number of key stakeholders including:

- Our Council Professional staff,
- Key Council committee volunteers,
- Each Camp's staff,
- The County and Local Health agencies in all eleven counties that encompass Golden Gate Area Council and its camps,
- The State Health agencies,
- American Camping Association (*Field Guide for Camps*), and
- Boy Scouts of America National staff.

Our program's elements will likely include a mix of testing and/or vaccination verification that will be required prior to your departure for camp. This will be coupled with health checks upon arrival and consistent monitoring of all camp personnel and campers with follow-up tracing after departure.

Since this is still a work-in-progress, we will be releasing updates to this guide when those policies and procedures are more substantive.

Our paramount concern is the health and well-being of all those at camp and their families at home.

Sincerely,

Mike Hale
GGAC Council Executive

Tom Weibert
GGAC Council President

Michael Allison
GGAC Council Commissioner

Camp Directors' Letter

Golden Gate Area Council proudly offers three outstanding Summer Camps for your Unit. Whether you've decided to attend the beautiful redwood setting of Camp Royaneh, the rugged Sierra mountains of Camp Wolfeboro, or the sprawling hills and lake of Wente Scout Reservation, this guide will help you make the most out of your Unit's Summer Camp adventure.

We take pride in the high quality of our Camp programs. At each Camp, a well-trained and enthusiastic Staff is awaiting the arrival of your Scouts and is eager to assist each Troop in developing its own program. You are still in charge of your Unit, and your Unit's program should reflect the needs and desires of your Scouts. After all, no one knows them better than you!

Your task as Unit Leader is to compress many years' worth of adventure into one week of Camp. With unique and unparalleled programs, and an experienced and handpicked Staff with an emphasis on customer service, all Camps offer you the best Scouting environment you could ask for in a Summer Camp. Come to Camp expecting and demanding a great time.

Your Unit's program can be tailor-made to meet your Unit's needs. The experience level of your Scouts and leaders will be important considerations in building your Camp program. The Camp Staff is available to help you make your individualized Camp program successful.

Read this guide *carefully* and use it to plan your week. If you have any questions, please contact us directly and allow us to answer them.

The Camping Program of the Golden Gate Area Council is proud to be a part of your Unit's effort in serving our youth.

Yours in Scouting,

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Planning Calendar

Fees	Dates
Pay Unit Camp Deposit	Year Prior
Pay Youth Camper Deposit	1/19/2023
Pay Youth Camper Balance	3/30/2023
Pay Adult Camper Fee	5/25/2023
Pay Bridging Webelos Fee	5/25/2023
Pay for Individual Meals	5/30/2023
Tasks	Dates
Follow your Camp on Social Media	ASAP
Register for Pre-Camp Leaders' Meeting (April 18, 2023)	April 17, 2023
Begin Populating Registration System with Scouts' Information	February 2023
Email Parents the Link to Parents' Guide	March 2023
Email Parents the Link to Annual Health and Medical Record	March 2023
Begin Merit Badge Scoutmaster Conferences	March 2023
Collect Dietary Restrictions and Allergies	April 2023
Collect T-shirt Sizing Information	April 2023
Register Scouts for Merit Badges	Beginning April 25, 2023
Collect & Review AHMR for All Campers	May 2023
Collect Firearms Use Permission Forms (p 49)	May 2023
Review Requirements Not Covered at Camp (Prerequisites)	May 2023
Distribute Packing Lists to Youth	May 2023
Review Troop Equipment Needs	May 2023
Review Travel Instructions	June 2023

Registration & Camp Fees

2023 Camp Fees & Payment Schedule

Who	Where	GGAC Units*	Out of Council Units
Youth Camper Fees	Wolfeboro per Scout per Week:	\$675	\$705
	Royaneh or Wente per Scout per Week:	\$685	\$715
Unit Camp Deposit	At time of Reservation	\$500 per Unit per Site per Week (ONLY REFUNDABLE IF CANCELLED BY COUNCIL)	
Item	Deadline	GGAC Units*	Out of Council Units
Youth Camper Initial Payment	1/19/2023	\$200 Deposit per Scout (ONLY REFUNDABLE IF CANCELLED BY COUNCIL)	
Youth Camper Fee Deadline	3/30/2023	Balance of CW \$675 CR or WSR \$685	Balance of CW \$705 CR or WSR \$715
Adult Leaders	5/25/2023	First 2 Adults are FREE Remaining Adults \$400 per Adult (Partial week Adults are \$80 per day)	
All bridging Webelos Payment Deadline	Must be paid in full by 5/25/2023	CW \$675 CR or WSR \$685	CW \$705 CR or WSR \$715
Late Registration Fees & Deadlines			
Youth Campers	After 3/30/2023	CW \$705 CR or WSR \$715	CW \$735 CR or WSR \$745
Webelos	After 5/25/2023	CW \$705 CR or WSR \$715	CW \$735 CR or WSR \$745
Adult Leaders	After 6/1/2023	\$400	\$400

- Your site and week are not guaranteed until your deposit with projected attendance is paid.
 - If your initial payment is for a different number of Scouts than you initially indicated, your Troop may be required to move to a smaller campsite or share your site.
 - Camperships are only available to GGAC Scouts attending Camp Royaneh, Camp Wolfeboro, or Wente Scout Reservation and may only be applied to one camp per year.
 - The deadline for applying for Camperships is March 30, 2023. No late applications can be accepted.
 - Webelos Scouts may apply for Camperships until May 25, 2023.
- *GGAC In-Council rates applicable to units coming from Councils without a functioning Summer Camp

2023 Camp Fees, Explained

Camp Fees are being raised just over 13% from 2022 to 2023. As a Council led by volunteers, it is important that all our parents and volunteers understand how we arrived at this fee increase.

Inflation has increased:	o Transportation 17.2%
o Energy costs: 25.9%	o Commodities less food & beverage 12.4%
o Gas and Diesel 32.1%	o Food 10%

- Based on current trends, we expect inflation to continue to raise these direct costs as we move into summer 2023.
- Additionally, the State of California has imposed a wage increase of 3.3% to the minimum wage.
- For Scouts from councils that do not have an In-Council resident camp option, Out-of-Council fees have been removed.

Food, energy, and wages are the largest expenditure categories for our camps. We will “Be Prepared” to have a sustainable and fun filled summer camp in 2023.

All fee increases were evaluated and approved by the Council Camping Committee and GGAC Executive Board.

Registration

NOW Online Stake a Claim and Payments...more information to come in Summer Camp eNews & Pre-Camp Adult Leader's Meeting.

Council Refund Policy

The Golden Gate Area Council has instituted a refund policy to ensure our Scouts receive high quality programs and activities. A great deal of advanced planning and purchasing takes place for programs and events of the Golden Gate Area Council during the months and weeks prior to an event.

The Council will refund up to 100% of the costs for any event it cancels due to COVID-19. In order to maintain the most cost effective and positive program impact activity, camping, and event refunds of 100% cannot be given. Refunds are not given for No-Shows, schedule conflicts, weather conditions, or behavior issues occurring before or during the event. Refunds are considered based upon the following criteria and timeline and are returned to the person or entity and in the manner in which they were received.

Time Until Start of Event	Percentage Refund
Up to 14 days prior	80% refund
Up to 7 days prior	60% refund
7 days or less	No refund*

*Participants who cancel from an event within 7 days will be considered for up to a 60% refund if the refund request is accompanied by a Doctor's note. Requests under these circumstances will not be considered if not received at the Council Service Center less than 14 days after the start of the event.

Camperships

The Golden Gate Area Council believes each Scout should be given every opportunity to attend Camp. At times it can be hard for a family to raise the money, and Camperships can help cover part of the cost of a week of Camp for Golden Gate Area Council members attending one of the Golden Gate Area Council Camps. Campership applications are due by March 30th for continuing Scouts and May 25th for newly bridged Arrow of Light Scouts. (<https://ggacbsa.org/resources/>)

Provisional Camper

No Troop.....No Problem! You don't have to miss out on all the fun just because your troop isn't going to summer camp or because other summer plans mean you won't be able to go to camp with your Troop. You may even want to do an additional week of camp just because you had such a great time.

New Friends.....New Experiences! Provisional Camping is just like camping with your home troop, except you'll have the opportunity to camp with new friends as you join Scouts from all over the council and beyond. You'll meet new people and have the opportunity to develop friendships that can last a lifetime. Provisional Scouts will partner with a selected Golden Gate Area Council Troop with an experienced leader. You'll have a full time Scoutmaster for the week that, just like your Scoutmaster back home, will make sure you have a safe and fun camp experience. Provisional scouts can participate in all of the camp's exciting programs including advancement, competitions, and patrol events. It's a great way to finish additional Merit Badges, or to try a new part of the program that you weren't able to try before.

NOTE:

1. First-year summer campers cannot attend as Provisional. Youth must have attended at least one Summer Camp at the camp prior to this year.
2. We will contact you after receipt of your reservation to coordinate registration into specific camp programs, get health forms, emergency contact info, permission slips, etc...
3. Adults attending with provisional Scouts must pay a leader fee.

SO, sign up now if you'd like to attend camp as part of the provisional camping program!

Provisional Camping is the creation of a temporary Troop or an opportunity to work with another unit. Provisional camping allows youth to attend camp without their home unit. Provisional camping is not new; it is used during many different Scouting events including National Jamborees and High Adventure trips.

The Scout's family is responsible for transportation to and from Camp. Please contact the Golden Gate Area Council Camping & Outdoor Programs Department (GGAC.Programs@gmail.com) for questions or more information.

General Camp Information

2023 Camp Dates

Sunday to Saturday	CAMP ROYANEH	WENTE SCOUT RESERVATION	CAMP WOLFEBORO
June 11 – June 17			<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1
June 18 - June 24	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2
June 25 - July 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3
July 2 – July 8	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 4
July 9 – July 15	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5
July 16 – July 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6
July 23 – July 29	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6	
July 30 – August 5		<input type="checkbox"/> Week 7	

2024 Camp Dates

Sunday to Saturday	CAMP ROYANEH	CAMP WOLFEBORO	WENTE SCOUT RESERVATION
June 16 – June 22	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 1
June 23 – June 29	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 2
June 30 – July 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 3
July 7 – July 13	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 4
July 14 – July 20	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 5
July 21- July 27	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6	<input type="checkbox"/> Week 6
July 28 – August 3			<input type="checkbox"/> Week 7

Sunday Check-In

Camp Check-In is scheduled from 12:00 noon until 2:00 PM on Sundays. Your assigned Camp Staff Member(s) will be awaiting your arrival and meet your unit at the Camp parking lot, and then assist you in settling into your campsite and starting your camp tour and check-in. Please do NOT enter camp without completing the initial Check-In.

Required Forms

BEFORE departing home please collect and double check the following documents are complete. Have them readily accessible at Camp to speed up the check-in process. **All campers (adults and scouts) must have all their paperwork and will not be allowed to enter camp without it.**

[BSA Annual Health and Medical Record](#) - ALL Campers, Youth and Adult, must have a current, completed BSA health form with all three sections (parts A, B, and C) and all appropriate parental & doctor signatures. The Health and Medical Record must be valid for the camper's entire stay. They must be renewed annually. None of the Camps are staffed with personnel capable of completing the physical on-site.

[Firearms Permission Slip](#) (see page 49): Youth campers are required to have an Official Firearms Permission Slip to participate in all Shooting Sports activities at Camp. Four (4) signed copies are required per Youth. Troops will submit 3 sets sorted alphabetically by last name. The 4th copy should be carried by the Scout any time they are at one of the ranges.

Transportation & Parking

Transportation to Camp

Each unit committee plans and provides its own transportation to and from camp. The Check In & Out sections of this guide should be used in planning your trip.

Parking

Camp speed limit is 5 mph. To protect the health and safety of Campers & conserve Camp property. Council policy states that personal vehicles are not to be used on In-Camp service roads. Leaders and visitors should park in the parking lot near the main area of Camp. ALL Vehicles should stop in this lot and Scouts should pack in all personal gear from this point. Parking in Campsites is not permitted.

All vehicles must back-in to park for evacuation purposes. Please remember our Camp properties are fragile environments, keep your vehicle on the main Camp Road. All vehicles should remain in each Camp's central parking lot throughout the week unless you are exiting or entering Camp. Everyone who brings a vehicle onto the property is responsible for keeping their keys on their person at all times in case of an emergency.

Any adults wishing to leave Camp during the week should ensure their Troop leadership know where you are going and when you will return. Leaders leaving Camp at any time need to check out and back in at the Camp Office. For emergency purposes, the Camp Administration must be able to account for each and every Scout and Scout leader at all times.

Camp Wolfeboro Note: There is extremely limited parking at the bottom and top of the hill.

Troop Trailers

All Troop equipment trailers at camp must be parked so as not to obstruct the free flow of traffic.

Tenting

Wente Scout Reservation provide traditional canvas wall tents. Each unit is responsible for providing adequate sleeping space for all members in attendance. Camp Wolfeboro does not provide platforms.

The entrance to each tent must be clearly marked with "No Flames in Tent" and have full dirt and water buckets nearby, per BSA regulations. (Camp makes every effort to have ample containers available.)

It is vital to respect and maintain the canvas wall tents. Due to past accidents, it is necessary to hold units accountable for damage to tents in use during your stay. Prime examples of damage include Scouts practicing woodcarving, using their pocketknives in their tent and cutting the walls of the tents. These types of accidents are irresponsible of the Scout and disrespectful of the equipment and Camp Property.

Upon arrival your Troop Leadership will inspect tents with your Troop Guide noting any previous damage. During checkout, if any new damage is found, Troops will be responsible for a charge of \$12 per inch up to the replacement cost of the tent. Normal wear and tear is understandable. The Camp Director has the final say on damage.

The additional \$10 per Scout fee for Camp Royaneh and Wente Scout Reservation is used for capital improvements for tent platforms and tent replacement.

Medical Checks

All Scouts and Scout leaders must go through a medical re-check with Camp personnel upon arrival.

All prescription medication brought to Camp must have original containers and original instructions for administration. At minimum, one adult leader will be required to work with Scouts to administer and track medications in the Troop medication log provided at Camp.

The camp Health Officer will review all prescribed medications listed on the Annual Health & Medical Record during the Med Check.

Incomplete health forms, **including the physician's signature** for Part C will delay the participation of Scouts in Camp activities until completed forms are faxed to Camp. A failure to supply a valid form will necessitate the Scout being picked up from camp.

Dining Hall

During your unit's Check-In and Camp Tour, your unit will receive a Dining Hall orientation. Please alert the Dining Hall Steward of food allergies or dietary restrictions. ***In 2023, we will be continuing with special Covid-19 protocols. Some dining may be "take-out", not the usual family or cafeteria style in the dining hall.***

The first meal served at camp is Sunday dinner, and the last meal served is Saturday breakfast. For 2023, your unit must provide two hosts for every table that is assigned to the unit. The hosts will come to the dining hall to retrieve each meal or set up the table for the meal. For 2023, the hosts should plan to report to the dining hall 15-20 minutes before each meal.

Dietary Needs – Please note ANY scout or Adult leader with food allergies or religious dietary restrictions during online registration. For severe allergies or more complex needs than can't be listed easily, email camping@ggacbsa.org three (3) weeks prior to arrival. Please submit items you can eat as well as those you can't.

NOTE: NO ONE is allowed in the Kitchen Area without permission from the Kitchen Supervisor.

Camp Administration

Wente Scout Reservation - the Administration Building is home to the Camp Office, Skunk's Den with camp history displays, Trading Post, Lost & Found, Health Lodge, and Unit Mailboxes.

Trading Post

If you're looking to purchase camping gear, a camp souvenir, or even a snack, the Trading Post is your one stop shop for all camp necessities. Forgot your toothbrush? Don't worry! Our Trading Posts carry toiletry products that you might have left at home. Trading Posts are stocked with Camp T-shirts! Our pocketknife selection is ever-changing, so make sure to bring money and check out the current stock. Don't forget to have proof that you earned your Totin' Chip with you when you get to the register!

The Trading Post, which is open after meals and during program time, is the place for you to pay for Open session project materials, Target & Range Sports tickets, and trail rides! You can also pickup patches, neckerchief slides, and belt buckles, many unique to specific years of camp. The Trading Post staff is happy to accept cash, check, and all major credit cards.

On average, a Scout spends \$100 during their week at camp. This amount will depend upon the Scout's personal needs and whether the Scout's interests require special purchases such as free shoot

rifle range targets or non-merit badge handicraft items. We ask that Scouts come with small bills to aid in making change. For \$100, we recommend one \$20, four \$10, six \$5, and ten \$1.

Target & Range Sports tickets are available for purchase at all Trading Posts. Tickets are \$2 each.

- Archery is Free
- Black Powder: 1 Ticket = 2 shots
- Rifle: 1 Ticket = 1 target, 5 shots per target.
- Shotgun: 1 Ticket = 1 clay pigeon, 1 shot per pigeon

Visitors

In 2023, Day Visitors will be allowed at camp. [REDACTED]

Visitors are welcome at each Camp; however, there are a few things to keep in mind before inviting visitors. Camp does not have separate visitor accommodations, and it's important for parents to remember that Scouts will probably be busy with Camp activities. Due to liability considerations, only registered participants may participate in Camp programs.

The best time to visit is the last full day of each session (Friday). The cost is \$80 per person per calendar day, meals included.

Uniforms

Field uniforms (a.k.a. "Class A") are worn at all flag ceremonies and at morning and evening meals. During the day and evening, Scouts should wear attire appropriate to the program area in which they are participating. Activity uniforms ("Class B's") are highly recommended. There are **NO laundry facilities** available to campers.

Scout appropriate attire is required at all times. Swimsuits & sleeping attire are **not** acceptable at meals.

Wente Scout Reservation Communications

Mail

Each Unit will be provided with a mailbox in the Camp office. Incoming mail, messages, and some general Camp information will be placed in them daily. Please make certain all mail has a return address in case it arrives after the Unit has departed. All mail should be addressed as follows:

For USPS:

Scout's Name and Unit #
Wente Scout Reservation
PO Box 453
Willits, CA 95490

For all other Carriers (No UPS at this time):

Scout's Name and Unit #
Wente Scout Reservation
5401 Canyon Rd
Willits, CA 95490

Telephone

The Camp phone is available for Camp business and emergencies only. Please let the families of your Scouts know these lines are only for emergency purposes, not to check up on their child.

Telephone: (707) 459-2110

Cell phones work in select locations (particularly near the dam bridge).

Internet

There is a Wi-Fi hotspot at the Administration building and password will be given to Adult Leaders at the Leader's meeting Sunday evening. This is confidential and **NOT** to be shared with any Youth! Our internet is *very limited* and intended for quick emails and such. It will be turned off as needed for Wente Scout Reservation business to be completed.

Check-Out

Leaving Camp Midweek

- All Units or groups of Scouts must check out at the Camp or Program Office before leaving Camp property, such as a day hike to Wolfeboro's Upper Falls.
- Adults who leave during the week must check out at the Camp or Program Office.
- Adults returning to Camp must check back in at the Camp or Program Office upon arrival.

Youth Early Release from Camp Property

For the safety of all Scouts attending Camp, it is the policy of the Golden Gate Area Council to follow these procedures in the event that a Scout must leave earlier than the whole Unit. The following must ALL be in the Camp Office together prior to departure (known at Camp as the Magic 5)

1. The Scout - The Scout must be present and sign out with the Adult Driver's signature.
2. Scout's Annual Health & Medical Record must list the driver as an Authorized Adult.
3. Adult Driver picking up the Scout must report directly to the Camp Office upon arrival.
4. Adult Driver's License and Insurance will be checked for validity.
5. Adult Leader Remaining in Camp verifies Unit knows when and with whom the Scout left.

In an emergency, these procedures can be suspended by mutual agreement of the Camp Director and the Adult Leaders of the Scout's Troop. If such an emergency is declared, Adult Leaders from the Scout's Troop will be solely responsible for verifying safe transportation for the Scout, and that the Scout leaves with an approved Adult. In an extreme emergency, an Adult Staff member may be appointed to transport the Scout. The Golden Gate Area Council, BSA is not responsible for Scouts leaving Camp on an emergency basis, regardless of who transports the Scout.

Troop Check-Out

Troops should plan on checking out by 10:00 AM on Saturday. Your assigned Staff Member will come to your Campsite directly after breakfast to check you out. The Staff Member, SPL, and an Adult Leader will inspect the site for any damage to Camp property. Troops will be charged for any damage that occurs. Be sure that some Scouts remain in the site to help with any final details:

- Tents/Cabins are swept clean, free of trash; tent flaps down; tents, poles & platforms are free of damage. (Camp Royaneh & Wente Scout Reservation)
- Trash is placed in dumpster by the Dining Hall.
- KYBO is swept & washed out with toilet paper stocked.
- KYBO Supplies are present, undamaged & cleaners are stocked.
- Fire Tools are present, undamaged & fire buckets are filled with water or dirt.
- Bulletin Boards are emptied of all Troop paperwork.
- All equipment checked out has been returned.

Tents, poles, and other Campsite equipment will be checked for damage. Your Troop will be charged for any damaged equipment. The Camp Director has the final say on damage. After your site is checked, bring the check-out form to the Camp or Program Office for final check-out.

Remember to:

- Turn in Camp Evaluations.
- Stake-A-Claim for 2024.
- Double-check your Troop mailbox.
- Pick up Medications and Medical Forms from Health Lodge.
- Pick up Camp Patches from Camp or Program Office.

Health & Safety

Communicable Diseases

With the Covid-19 Pandemic declaration expiring, we are shifting back to a common sense policy of preventing the spread of communicable diseases. In other words, if any camper (Adult or Youth) or drivers are showing the following signs and/or symptoms within the 24 hours of arrival at camp, please stay home: Running a fever (>100.4 °F), Vomiting, Diarrhea, or New Cough.

Pre-Camp Procedures

[REDACTED]

Procedures at Camp

[REDACTED]

Post-Camp Procedures

Health

Health Facilities

Each Camp has a well-equipped Medical Lodge with a Health Officer trained to handle minor accidents and illnesses.

For each camp arrangements for treatment of more serious cases have been made with medical clinics and hospitals in the surrounding communities. If such treatment is required, attempts will be made to notify the camper's parents. Their desires concerning further treatment will be accommodated wherever possible.

1. It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to provide transportation for unit member(s) requiring services from a doctor or hospital. The camp will provide transportation only when a unit has inadequate transportation, or if an injury requires medical personnel with emergency transportation.
2. One adult leader from the unit must accompany the unit member(s) requiring services to the doctor or hospital. The adult leader must obtain the Scout's health record and any insurance forms from the Camp Health Officer before going to the doctor or hospital. Also, two-deep leadership still applies.
3. Since parent(s) or guardian(s) will be notified of any serious illness or injury, they should provide information about where they can be located if they will not be at home during the week of camp.
4. The Camp Health Officer must clear all cases requiring outside medical care. This is an agreement with the local health services facility and usually required by insurance companies for claim procedures.
5. Those leaving camp **for any medical reasons** should check out with the Camp Health Officer. Upon returning to camp, they must check back in with the Camp Health Officer and show documentation of release and any medical restrictions and care.

If not returning to camp, notify your Unit Leaders at camp or leave a message with the Camp Office.

Health Personnel

A qualified Health Officer is on duty at all times during your stay. The Health Officer is located in the Health Office in the Camp Administration Building. The Camps have arrangements with a local clinic nearby and have access to an ambulance service and hospital in the event of an emergency.

Medical Emergencies

In the unlikely event of a medical emergency while at camp:

Wente Scout Reservation, the patient will most likely be transported to Howard Memorial Hospital in Willits, CA. Urgent Care cases will be sent to Urgent Care in Willits.

Medications

The Boy Scouts of America National policy states:

“All prescription drugs (including those needing refrigeration) are to be kept in locked storage and in compliance with local & state laws. An exception may be made for a limited amount of medication to be carried by a Camper, leader, parent, or Staff member for life-threatening conditions, including bee-sting or heart medication, & inhalers, or for a limited amount of medication approved for use in a first aid kit.”

All medications taken at Camp should be listed on the Annual Health and Medical Record and need to be available during the health screening. Lockers for Unit use will be provided in the Camp Health Lodge. The Unit leader will be given the combination to the locker. Adult Unit leadership will be responsible for seeing that the Scouts needing medication in their Unit take the necessary medications at appropriate times in correct doses. Medications must be recorded in the provided log. This log must be left in the locker at the end of the week.

Access to the lockers will be open 24/7 while Camp is in session to allow access to your Unit locker. Non-prescription medications must be kept under the supervision of the Adult Leaders.

Dietary Needs

See Dining Hall on Page [14](#).

Special Needs

Unit leaders should understand the limitations and strengths of the Scouts in their charge. In some cases, leaders may need additional guidance regarding the extent of appropriate physical activity from the Scout's health-care provider, physical therapist, or teacher, in addition to the parents or guardians. Where a Scout is known to have special needs, it is essential that their Annual Health & Medical Record accurately reflect that condition. Likewise, the camp experience should not be an opportunity for a “medication vacation” – the Scout should maintain the normal prescribed medication while at camp to ensure a positive experience for the Scout and others at camp.

Many Scouts with disabilities can accomplish the basic skills of Scouting, but they may require extra time to learn them. Working with these Scouts can require patience and understanding on the part of unit leaders and other Scouts. A clear and open understanding should exist between the unit leadership and the parents or guardians of a Scout with a disability.

Scouts with special needs will be given opportunities to camp, hike, and take part in other unit activities based on their capabilities and safety. Using accessible facilities is an invitation for Scouts with special needs to feel welcome and able to fully participate. Camp operations may be able to work with the unit leadership to design a program for Scouts with special needs if given adequate advance notice. Please provide the camp staff of your destination camp with as much advance notice as possible, so we can work together to provide the best possible experience for your Scouts. You can connect with them through our Camp Staff Coordinator (GGAC.Programs@gmail.com).

Insurance

The BSA's Annual Health and Medical Record form requests personal health & accident insurance carrier and policy number. This information is needed in the event someone has a life-threatening condition and is taken to the hospital and the emergency contact person cannot be reached. Doing so meets requirements set by the BSA's insurance provider.

All Units attending camp must be covered by accident insurance.

Drugs, Alcohol, & Tobacco

Prescription drugs must be checked in to the Camp Health Officer. Non-prescription medications (aspirin, cough syrup, etc.) may be used only with the approval of the Camp Health Officers. Local authorities will deal with those using illegal substances at camp. Alcoholic beverages are not allowed in camp! Anyone in possession of, or under the influence of, alcohol will be escorted from camp immediately.

Smoking/Vaping Policy—All buildings and facilities are designated as nonsmoking facilities. Smoking or vaping is not permitted anywhere in camp. All activities will be conducted in a smoke-free environment.

If any Adult must use tobacco, they may do so ONLY in the designated smoking area.

Safety

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, notify a member of Camp Staff immediately. Do **NOT** attempt to deal with the emergency yourself, regardless of the situation. If the situation seems at all dangerous, as in the event of wildfire, the priority is to evacuate all Scouts and Leaders from the immediate area. For all emergency assembly purposes, a siren will sound, fire bell rung, and ALL Campers should report immediately to the Camp Assembly Area to await further instructions. When your Troop arrives at the Assembly Area, take roll using your Unit Roster printed from Black Pug. A key member of the Staff will ask for a Troop Roll Call. If anyone is missing, Camp Staff or appropriate Emergency Personnel will initiate a search. More information on emergency procedures will be available on your first day in Camp. In all cases, vehicle owners are required to keep their keys with them at all times while in camp.

Emergency drills are held during each session of Camp. When the alarm sounds, all Scouts and Adult Leaders are to report immediately to the designated assembly area.

Fire Safety

National Camp Standards require that each Unit post a completed Unit Fireguard Chart in their Campsite. These forms will be posted on your Campsite's bulletin board prior to your arrival.

Each Campsite has buckets, a shovel, and a rake. Do not remove these tools from your Campsite. Proper means of extinguishing fires should be on hand at all times. In case of extreme fire danger, the California Department of Forestry or the US Forest Service may temporarily suspend our Campfire permit.

Liquid or propane fueled stoves or lanterns are to be operated only under direct adult supervision. Any large quantity of fuel must be stored with the Camp Ranger.

Extreme caution must be taken whenever an open flame is involved. Camp can be a very hot and dry tinderbox during the summer. Be sure that all lanterns used are of approved status.

Fireworks of any kind are illegal and strictly prohibited in Camp. Possession of fireworks will be grounds for immediate dismissal from Camp property and could result in criminal prosecution.

Campfires

It is possible that all campfires including charcoal fires will be prohibited. The final decision rests with CalFire, the US Forest Service, and local Fire Departments. We strongly encourage units to purchase and bring a portable propane firepit for their campsite.

Fuels

Only propane- and butane-based stoves, lanterns, and firepits may be used in camp. All extra fuel not used for meal preparation must be checked in with the camp leadership upon arrival for storage in the secured camp fuel locker. Each unit must provide its own fire extinguisher.

Program Safety

Aquatics

All Scouts and Adult Leaders are required to take the BSA Swimmers Test before participating in any aquatic activity, no exceptions. Waterfront is off-limits when no Staff is present. No swimming is allowed anywhere other than the official Waterfront.

Target and Range Sports

Permission from a parent or guardian is required for Scouts to shoot at any of our Camp ranges. Four (4) copies of the Firearms Use Permission Slip are required. Troops will submit 3 sets sorted alphabetically by last name. The 4th copy should be carried by the Scout. The blank form can be found in the Appendix (p [49](#)).

ALL personal firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment are prohibited in Camp.

Eye and ear protection will be required for all participants and spectators. **Personal protective gear will only be allowed with Rangemaster discretion.** Please present your eye or ear protection for the Rangemaster to inspect or be prepared to use what is provided. All safety equipment is inspected for safety and replaced as necessary.

Protective equipment for Archery is **required to be worn by all participants, Scouts or adults.**

Archers will wear finger tabs or gloves and arm guards while actively practicing archery, no exceptions. Failure to adhere to this policy will result in dismissal from range activities.

Red Flags are used to designate a Shooting Range

- If the flag is **DOWN**, the range is closed - - **DO NOT ENTER!**
- If the flag is UP, staff is present, and the range is Open
- Yellow rope or caution tape designates a restricted area - - **DO NOT CROSS!**

Personal Safety

- Closed toe shoes are required throughout all Camps. The ONLY exception is inside the pool or Waterfront areas.
- Travel only on designated trails.
- Report safety issues to the Camp Office immediately.
- All Camps operate on the buddy system. Scouts need to have a buddy in program areas, on hikes, and in any other activity they are participating.
- Initiations and/or hazing are strictly forbidden by BSA National Council Policy.
- Non-prescription drugs and alcohol have no place in Camp and are prohibited at all times.
- No flames of any kind are allowed in tents or outside a designated fire ring at any time.
- Fireworks are prohibited by County and State law at all of our Camps.
- Pets of any kind are not permitted at any Camp.

Personal Projectile Throwers

Please leave all personal bows, firearms, and ammunition at home! For the safety of Camp participants and to be in line with Camp Standards, our Shooting Sports Director must secure ALL designated Firearms on property.

If personal bows, firearms, or ammunition find their way to camp, they must be checked in with the Target and Range Sports Director who will safely store them on the Range until checkout.

Knives

Knives may be necessary in the successful completion of an activity. For these activities, Totin' Chip training is available. All Scouts who carry knives or use other wood-cutting tools must carry their completed Totin' Chip card with them. NONE of the programs offered at camp require the use of a knife with a blade longer than four inches.

Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES are SHEATH KNIVES NEEDED or ALLOWED for participation in the camp programs. Knives of that type will be confiscated for the duration of the week.

Plants and Animals

While most of the animals we have at Camp are harmless, there are some to be very cautious around. Rattlesnakes and cougars occasionally make their way into Camp. Yellow jackets, scorpions, ticks, and spiders can be found lurking just about anywhere; all of them bite or sting and are, in general, very annoying. Instructions on how to deal with each of these will be given at Camp.

Camp Wolfeboro has a real possibility of bears. Each Campsite is supplied with a heavy-duty bear locker. Full "smellable" precautions should be taken at all times as bears do make their way into camp from time to time. Each evening, all trash should be removed from Campsites and deposited in the appropriate location behind the Dining Hall. No food in any tents, as even mini bears (chipmunks and ground squirrels) can do considerable damage to tents and other equipment when searching out food.

Wente Scout Reservation have the perfect climate for growing **Poison Oak**, and we have some nasty patches around. Make sure your Scouts and Adult Leaders know what it looks like (after all, it's an advancement requirement). If you need help just ask a Staff member to point some out.

Valuables

None of the Golden Gate Area Council Camps are responsible for the security of campers' valuables. Leave unnecessary valuables at home; this includes items of sentimental value, such as a compass that has been handed down from father to son. Scouts should not take certain items (jewelry, money, etc.) to the aquatics or high adventure program areas. Some troops bring a "lock box" to store valuables for scouts at camp, but they need to be secured.

Lost & Found

Prior to coming to Camp, Scouts are strongly encouraged to clearly mark all personal items with their name and Troop number for easy identification. Should a Scout inadvertently bring a valuable item, it can be locked inside the Camp Office. Each Camp has a Lost and Found located in the Administrative or Program Office. Describe your lost valuables to the Camp Administration to retrieve them. The Golden Gate Area Council, BSA is not responsible for lost or stolen items at Camp.

Wente Scout Reservation's Lost & Found is kept at the Trading Post. Items left in program areas will be turned in if not claimed by end of day.

Damaged Equipment

Each unit is responsible for taking care of camp equipment that has been issued for their use. If this equipment is damaged, the individual or unit is responsible for cost of repairs or replacement at the discretion of the Camp Director.

General Merit Badge Information

A Merit Badge is recognition for what a Scout has learned and done. The Merit Badge program was designed to help Scouts become familiar with their world and stimulate interest in new subject areas. Furthermore, the program was designed to get Scouts out to meet new people in their community and gain a working knowledge of a given topic.

To earn a Merit Badge at Camp, a Scout must complete the requirements of that badge. A Scout must demonstrate the required knowledge to earn the badge, but we will give them every opportunity to satisfy the requirements they need. Simply showing up to each session does not earn the merit badge, and active participation is required. Completing a Merit Badge certifies the Scout's knowledge.

If the Scout does not complete the requirements, the Scout will not receive the Merit Badge (see Partial Policy). The responsibility for completing these requirements lies solely with the Scout.

Blue Cards

The Camp staff will utilize Black Pug for all merit badge tracking and your online access will allow you to print or re-print your own blue cards at home. Each camp will issue the blue card for each newly started merit badge. The unit leader can pick up signed cards on Friday for review, and corrections are done on Friday evening.

Partials

There are many badges that have requirements that cannot be completed at Camp. Some of these are due to time requirements, and others simply cannot be done in a summer Camp setting. It is the policy of the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America that there is no time limit (other than the Scout's 18th birthday) on a Scout completing a Merit Badge after receiving a partial. All Golden Gate Area Council Camps will honor partials regardless of date or location that requirements were completed. Counselors will ask Scouts to review requirements already signed off to ensure that they are able to properly complete the Merit Badge. It is necessary for Scouts to bring the Merit Badge blue card partial to Camp.

Prerequisites

In some cases, there are requirements cannot be completed at Camp, such as the time-bound requirements for certain merit badges. Many of these requirements can be completed before a Scout arrives at Camp. A Scout should contact a Merit Badge counselor for that badge, go over the work they have done, and bring a partial to Camp with them. To sign-off these requirements, Camp counselors will need a partial from a Merit Badge counselor or a printed record from the Unit's Advancement records.

Merit Badge Books

Scouts taking a merit badge are to provide their own copy of the merit badge pamphlet. The camps will no longer provide merit badge books/pamphlets for Scouts.

Wente Scout Reservation Program

Your program should be based on the needs and desires of the individuals in your unit. To ensure your unit's needs are met, we suggest that your unit have each youth decide, in advance, all the merit badges and other advancement and activities they want to do. Merit badge sign-ups will be accessed through <https://scoutingevent.com/023-WSR2023>. The list of merit badges offered at Wente Scout Reservation with prerequisites and the tentative schedule are located on Pages [33-35](#) and 72, respectively.

Climbing

Merit Badges

Climbing (2-hr session)

Special Programs

Troop/Patrol Climb—The Rock is available for Troop/Patrol Climbs during evening Open Climb, see the Climbing Director to sign-up. Be aware slots fill quickly during the week. Group size is limited to 12.

Night Climb—Learn climbing and rappelling techniques in this extended evening program under & above the lights. Tuesday at 8:30pm. \$5 per person, nummy snacks included!

Climb On Safely—Adults can learn BSA procedures for organizing and carrying out a safe Unit climbing activity...then get hands on experience while volunteering at The Rock!

Eagle Trail

When a Scout enters Eagle Trail, staff will guide them through requirements for rank advancement. The Scout will be taught the skill, then tested. If the scout is successful, he or she will be signed off on the Counselor Record which will posted to the Advancement Board for troop leadership to review. We highly recommend that troop leadership then test your Scout before officially signing off on a requirement in any handbook.

Eagle Trail can verify that a Scout has learned a skill, but the troop will have the ultimate authority to determine if the Scout has "passed the test". Similarly, our staff cannot sign off requirements that only can be completed in a troop setting (attending troop or patrol activities, etc.) all while utilizing the EDGE method.

Session Information

Rank	Limit	Requirements Covered at Camp	M	T	W	Th	Other Information
Scout	20	1a-f; 2a-d; 3a (discussed); 4a-b; 5	5	1a-f	2a-d; 3a	4a-b	Will earn Totin' Chip during Monday session.
Tenderfoot	20	3a-d; 4a-c (d discussed); 5a-c; 7a; 8	3a-d; 8	6a-b	4a-c	5a-c; 7a	Tuesday will be doing physical activities!
Second Class	20	2f-g; 3a-d; 5a-d; 6a-e; 8a-b; 9a-b	2f-g; 3a-d	6a-e	8a-b; 9a-b	5a-d	Thursday come in swim gear!
First Class	20	3a-c; 4a; 5a-d; 6a-e; 7a-f	3a-c; 5a-d	7a-f	4a	6a-e	Thursday come in swim gear!

Handicraft

Handicraft is the Center for the Arts - *and crafts*. Here a Scout can fulfill the classic notion of bringing home something crafty that they handmade throughout the week. It is also where creativity and a willingness to give something new a try can lead to a passion for creating.

Merit Badges

Architecture

Art

Basketry

Chess

Composite Materials (ODD)

Entrepreneurship

Fingerprinting

Leatherwork

Moviemaking

Music (EVEN)

Photography

Pottery

Salesmanship

Sculpture (ODD)

Textile (EVEN)

Wood Carving

Special Programs

Open Crafting—Need a bit of extra help with your project? Want to use Handicraft equipment & tools to work on an independent crafting project? Swing by during Open Crafting from 7-8pm M, T or Th.

Movie Night—Join our Staff just after evening program on Thursday for a full-length feature film with Root Beer floats all around. Additional snack bar items available for purchase.

Lumberjack Academy

The Lumberjack Academy aids older Scouts in their final push towards the rank of Eagle and the chance for those scouts who have “done everything at Camp” to explore new and exciting topics. Come study governments of the world in the Redwood Grove or grab your mic to interview contestants of the Wentethalon as a budding Wente Journalist.

Merit Badges

American Heritage (EVEN)

American Labor (ODD)

Citizenship in the

Community,

Nation & World

Communication

Emergency Preparedness

Engineering

Game Design

Journalism

Personal Management

Public Health *new*

Public Speaking

Special Programs

Finbar O’Riley’s Discovery Trail—Where camp history goes beyond Scouting back to when the Finney Valley was a thriving logging camp. This hike is great for a patrol outing stopping at different points around the lake then heading up the old logging road to the discovery site of Finbar O’Riley’s Axe. See any Lumberjack Academy Staffer to get your map!

Game Nights—Come discuss the wonderful world of card & board games. Are you an old school Dungeons & Dragons fan? Is Magic your thing? Want to continue to develop your own fictional world game and want to share ideas? Join us on the Veranda of the Dining Hall during Evening Program.

Flag Design—Does your Troop or Patrol want a flag with meaning and a flare for the dramatic? Come learn vexillology (the art and science behind flag designs) while creating a Wentastic flag for your Troop or Patrol. In the Dining Hall during Evening Program.

Mountain Biking

Challenge yourself on some of the best trails in Northern California. Mountain Biking at Wente is a unique, safe program for campers to explore, push their limits, and have fun! Wente offers an inspiring

trail system with over 13 miles of purpose-built single-track trails. Mountain Biking is open to all skill levels, and we encourage both Scouts and Adult Leaders to participate. All bikes are for recreational riding of designated trails, not for around camp transportation.

Merit Badges

Cycling (T & Th 7pm)

Special Programs

Trail Rides—Check-in at the Mountain Biking program area, where your skill will be assessed, equipment will be checked out and you will be sent on a trail ride. The Mountain Biking program is a drop-in activity where anyone can participate during Open Ride.

Pump Track—A fun bike course with rollers and berms designed to teach individuals bike-handling skills. While challenging at first, the pump track is quickly mastered and is loads of fun! Pump track skills translate directly to more effective and safer trail riding ability.

Skunk Works Trail Crew—Want to learn trail building technique, while helping build and maintain our awesome trail system? Ask a Staff in the program area!!

What to Bring

- Buddy to go on a ride with,
- Water container such as a water bottle or camel back,
- Closed toe shoes *worn on your feet*.

Do I *need* to bring my own bike? No. Wente has a fleet of high-quality mountain bikes of all sizes. Helmets are also provided.

May I bring my own bike? Yes. We encourage you to ride the bike you feel most comfortable with; however, your personal bike is required to be checked-in & stored in the Mountain Biking program building, for the entire week unless you are on the trail riding.

Nature

Learn to be a good steward of Nature while enjoying over 2,000 acres of new and old growth Douglas Firs, sprawling meadows, natural springs, hundreds of plant and animal species. You may even spot the Wente Woolly, our elusive resident sasquatch.

Merit Badges

Archeology (ODD)

Astronomy

Bird Study

Chemistry (EVEN)

Environmental Science

Fish & Wildlife Management

Fishing

Fly-Fishing

Forestry

Gardening

Geology (EVEN)

Insect Study (EVEN)

Mammal Study

Mining in Society

Nuclear Science (EVEN)

Oceanography

Plant Science

Pulp & Paper

Reptile & Amphibian Study (ODD)

Soil & Water Conservation

Space Exploration

Surveying

Weather

Special Programs

Kali-Ama—Enjoy the beauty of Nature while honing your orienteering and map reading skills on this self-guided challenging adventure in Nature. (hint: Sign-up for *Lunch Around the Lake* & the Dining Hall will pack you a sack lunch for your journey!)

- Speed Kali-Ama available strictly as part of Camp-wide Games on Friday
- Kali-Ama: the “basic” course achievable by most & only available during Summer Camp!
- King Kali-Ama: on a 5-yr rotation these offer a challenge not all are up to. Earn your map by completing the Kali-Ama early in the week. If you don't finish while at Summer Camp don't fret...you can finish those last points while weekend camping with your troop (or at Family Camp) in the off-season.
- Dali-Ama: still feeling the need to conquer even more the great outdoors? Earn your map by completing the King Kali-Ama. This course is not for the faint of heart!

Forestry Field Trip—Drivers needed! This merit badge session heads into Willits to tour the local working Lumber Mill during session and through lunch, typically on Thursday.

Fishin' the Lake—There's nothing like spending a day on the shore of a lake fishin' for that big ol' Largemouth Bass. Wente's 80-acre lake offers great fishing of both Bluegill and Largemouth Bass. We recommend bringing your own fishing gear; though, the Trading Post does stock a limited supply of bait, lures, and rods. Please note that the lake is Catch-and-Release ONLY!

BSA Complete Angler Award—Do you love all types of fishin' no matter what time of day it is? By earning all 3 Fish related Merit Badges and teaching a fishing skill to your troop you can earn the BSA Complete Angler Award while at camp!

Risin' W Corral

Do you love horses? the ol' West? *maybe even horsin' around a bit?* Mosey on down to the Risin' W Corral meet the herd, learn to ride, how to care for livestock and even a bit of lassoing. *Long pants and closed toe shoes are REQUIRED for all Scouts and Adults to ride horses.*

Merit Badges

Animal Science

Horsemanship

Special Programs

Lasso & Branding Night—An evening of all things cowboy from learning to lasso, pioneer-era games, country music and don't forget to bring something to brand with the Risin' W or Wente's Stick on a String or the BSA fleur de lis!

Trail Rides—A Wentastical way to see the many sights and sounds of Wente. The Trading Post will only sell one ride per person, and you must purchase your own ride. All rides go on sale Sunday evening. Sign up early because space is limited. Tickets sold only at the Trading Post!

Root Beer Float Ride—A 1-hr dessert trail ride just after lunch... 'cause who doesn't love ice cream and soda on a hot summer's day? Cost is \$25.

Sunset Rides—These hour-and-half trail rides weave through parts of camp the average Scout doesn't get to see, then head back as the sun sets and the light begins to fade. Cost is \$25.

Cowboy Breakfast (Th), Lunch (F) or Dinner (Th) Ride—Wentelicious food and a trail ride you won't forget! Cost is \$35

Be-A-Wrangler Outpost—The Risin' W Corral runs an exciting outpost ride up to the site of Finbar's family homestead. It begins late afternoon with a long, meandering ride up, a BBQ dinner and a sunset ride back to the Corral for a night of Wrangler fun and a sleepover in the barn or under the stars. In the morning, help feed the herd then head back to Camp in time for breakfast with your troop. Bring all personal gear with you to the barn. For Youth only. Cost is \$40.

Scoutcraft

Merit Badges

Backpacking (EVEN)

Camping

Cooking

Exploration (ODD)

Fire Safety

First Aid

Geocaching (EVEN)

Hiking (ODD)

Orienteering

Pioneering

Search & Rescue (EVEN)

Signs, Signals & Codes (ODD)

Wilderness Survival*

*There must be at least one (1) female adult leader present during the Wilderness Survival outpost on Wednesday night, if there are female scouts participating. If none are available, camp staff will have a female staff member instead.

Special Programs

Firem'n Chit—Earning the Firem'n Chit allows a Scout to carry fire-lighting devices. Covered as part of Eagle Trail rank advancement sessions.

Totin' Chip—Earning this give a Scout the right to carry or “tote” your own pocketknife and other wood tools. Covered as part of Eagle Trail rank advancement sessions.

Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award—Paul Bunyan, much like our own Finbar O'Riley, was a woodsman skilled in the use of a variety of wood working tools. An advanced axemanship course that requires extended time to complete. For older Scouts (14+) who want to learn more advanced woodsman skills. Long pants, boots, and Totin' Chip are required. It starts Monday and continues all week.

Fire Safety Field Trip—Drivers needed! This Merit Badge session takes a field trip to Willits' own Little Lake Fire Department during session and through lunch, typically on Wednesday.

S.T.E.M.

Special Programs

Designed to Crunch

Shoot!

Splash!

Start Your Engines!

Whoosh!

S.T.E.M.-Nova Award Prerequisites

Designed to Crunch

- 1) Watch and/or Read about three hours math-related shows or documentaries that involve scientific models and modeling, physics, sports equipment design, bridge building, or cryptography and prepare five questions from what you read or watched then be ready to discuss them with your Counselor.
- 2) Earn or have earned one of the following merit badges—American Business, Animation, **Chess**, Digital Technology, Drafting, **Entrepreneurship**, **Orienteering**, **Personal Management**, Radio, **Signs, Signals, and Codes**, **Surveying**, or **Weather**. Be ready to discuss how your merit badge used mathematics. (The merit badge used for each Nova Award must be different.)

Shoot!

- 1) Watch and/or Read about three hours science-related shows or documentaries that involve projectiles, aviation, weather, astronomy, or space technology and prepare five questions from what you read or watched then be ready to discuss them with your Counselor.
- 2) Earn or have earned one of the following merit badges—**Archery**, **Astronomy**, Athletics, Aviation, **Game Design**, **Rifle Shooting**, Robotics, **Shotgun Shooting**, **Space Exploration**,

Sustainability, or **Weather**. Be ready to discuss how your merit badge used science. (The merit badge used for each Nova Award must be different.)

- 3) Visit an observatory or flight, aviation, or space museum, talk to a docent about the science at the museum then be prepared to discuss your visit with your Counselor.

Splash!

- 1) Watch, Research, and/or Read about three hours of science-related materials that discuss water as it relates to the hydrologic cycle, primary sources, primary users, health, sources of pollution, waste treatment, and related sciences and technologies and prepare five questions from what you read or watched then be ready to discuss five of them with your Counselor.
- 2) Earn or have earned one of the following merit badges—**Chemistry**, Energy, **Engineering**, **Environmental Science**, **Fish & Wildlife Management**, **Fishing**, **Fly-Fishing**, **Forestry**, **Geology**, **Nature**, **Oceanography**, **Public Health**, **Soil & Water Conservation**, Sustainability, or **Weather**. Be ready to discuss how your merit badge pertains to water. (The merit badge used for each Nova Award must be different.)

Start Your Engines!

- 1) Watch and/or Read about three hours science-related shows or documentaries about transportation or transportation technology and prepare five questions from what you read or watched then be ready to discuss them with your Counselor.
- 2) Earn or have earned one of the following merit badges—Automotive Maintenance, Aviation, **Canoeing**, **Cycling**, Drafting, Electricity, Energy, Farm Mechanics, **Kayaking**, Motorboating, **Nuclear Science**, Programming, Railroading, **Small-Boat Sailing**, **Space Exploration**, or Truck Transportation. Be ready to discuss how your merit badge used technology. (The merit badge used for each Nova Award must be different.)

Whoosh!

- 1) Watch and/or Read about three hours of engineering-related materials that involved motion or motion-inspired technology and prepare two questions from what you read or watched then be ready to discuss them with your Counselor.
- 2) Earn or have earned one of the following merit badges—**Archery**, Aviation, **Composite Materials**, Drafting, Electronics, **Engineering**, Inventing, **Mining in Society**, Model Design and Building, Railroading, **Rifle Shooting**, Robotics, or **Shotgun Shooting**. Be ready to discuss how your merit badge used engineering. (The merit badge used for each Nova Award must be different.)

For Scouts that are ready to move beyond the Nova Awards and are interested in working towards the Supernova medals, they should speak with the STEM area Director, who can help guide the Scout in these further STEM explorations.

Target and Range Sports

Target and Range sports will discipline the mind and the body, so relax and have a great time. As with all program areas, the main aspect of shooting ranges is **safety**. The rules may seem strict, but are designed to ensure a fun, safe space for Scouts to hone their shooting skills.

All Youth who wish to enter any of the Shooting Ranges **MUST have a signed Firearms Use Permission Slip (See Page [49](#)).**

Merit Badges

Archery

Rifle Shooting

Shotgun Shooting

Special Programs

Open Shoot—Archery, Rifle and Shotgun Open Shoots are open to all Campers. Tickets for shotgun and .22 rifle targets must be purchased at the Trading Post or Handi-Post *before* going to the range. Tickets are \$2.00 each.

- Archery is Free
- O'Riley's Black Powder: 1 Ticket = 2 shots
- Rifle: 1 Ticket = 1 target, 5 shots per target.
- Shotgun: 1 Ticket = 1 clay pigeon, 1 shot per pigeon

Scoutmaster Shoot—Throughout the week each range will host a Scoutmaster Shoot for a bit of Adult-only range time and a little friendly competition.

O'Riley's Dinner Outpost - Black Powder — 2023 PROGRAM CHANGE Please read! Per BSA Policy this activity is for Scouts 14 and older only. We will enjoy shooting black powder rifles (scouts learn and load their gun), throwing tomahawks, and a rustic outdoor meal. Sign-ups are done in BUDDY PAIRS Sunday at 7pm in front of the Admin Office. If individual days do not fill an announcement will be made at Morning Flags and Adult leaders may sign up to for the morning slots. \$10 per Scout. (30 max)

Troop Shoots—Archery or Rifle are available for Troop Shoots during evening program. Due to limited capacity and high demand sign-ups are done at the Scoutmaster/SPL meeting on Sunday evening through the Special Programs Lottery.

Waterfront

Wente's Waterfront on the north shore of our private 80-acre lake simply can't be beat! Non-swimmers and beginning swimmers can take advantage of our wading areas and beginning swim instruction. **ALL Campers MUST pass the BSA Swimmers Test as a prerequisite for all Waterfront activities—whether they are merit badges or recreational activities.** If a camper qualifies as a non-swimmer or beginning swimmer, please see the Waterfront Director about your boating options.

Swim tests are offered soon after arrival, your Troop may perform swim tests prior to camp using the "Swim Classification Record" found online

(<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/outdoor%20program/aquatics/pdf/430-122.pdf>). The Wente Aquatics Director at camp will accept pre-camp swim classification test that are conducted following the procedures specified in Aquatic Supervision, No. 34346. The Wente Aquatics Director reserves the right to retest all participants to ensure that the swim standard have been met.

Merit Badges

Canoeing
Kayaking

Lifesaving
Rowing

Small-Boat Sailing
Swimming

Special Programs

Swim Instruction—Any camper who did not pass the BSA Swimmer Test can get extra help with swimming skills, by asking/coordinates with the Waterfront Staff. If a Scout is enrolled in a Waterfront Merit Badge and does not pass the BSA Swimmer Test, they will need to give up their slot allowing another Scout to take that session.

Lunch Across the Lake—For a change of scenery, Adult Leaders will have the chance to use their Safety Afloat training as they venture out in boats with their Scouts for a picnic lunch at Black Oak Point. Sign-up in the Trading Post at least one day before prior to your excursion.

Mile Swim BSA—Scouts and Scouters need to be in good physical shape to complete the rigorous requirements of this award. Before swimming the mile, all participants must attend 4 training sessions. Each swimmer must bring a rower and an accompanying spotter Wed - Friday. Join the Waterfront Staff Monday morning at 6:00 am to start your journey.

Adult Leader Float—Now on Friday mornings! Come enjoy some adult only time in the lake swimming or out on the water boating around while your Scouts are off doing merit badge make-ups.

Stand Up Paddleboarding BSA—T & Th from 7-8 pm. Due to limited equipment session size is 6; and Youth only!

Wente Wooly Wash—Early as the tulle fog rises off the lake the Wooly, will at times, sneak down from the hills for a refreshing dip. Come for a splash of fun and you may even see our elusive sasquatch! Attend any three mornings at 6:00 am to earn the Wente Wooly Wash patch!

Wente Scout Reservation Merit Badges

2023 Merit Badge Offerings

Merit Badge	Diff.	Limit	Age	Prerequisites	Information	Prog. Area
American Heritage	Hard	20	14+	Highly recommend Req. 5b (Read a biography)	Offered EVEN years only.	Lumberjack
American Labor	Med.	20			Offered ODD Years only. Complex discussions	Lumberjack
Animal Science	Med.	15			2 hour session.	Corral
Archaeology	Hard	30		Req. 10	Requires extensive work outside session.	Nature
Archery	Hard	24		MUST be able to pull a 25 lb. bow. (Sunday)	2-hr session. May require extensive practice outside session. Older Scout priority.	T & R Sports
Architecture	Med.	30				Handicraft
Art	Easy	20			May require time outside session.	Handicraft
Astronomy	Hard	25			Requires observation time outside session.	Nature
Basketry	Easy	25			Requires extensive time outside session.	Handicraft
Bird Study	Hard	30			Require observation time outside session.	Nature
Camping*	Med.	30		Req. 4b, 5e, 7b, 8d, 9a&b not covered at Camp.	Offered combined with Hiking.	Scoutcraft
Canoeing	Med.	20		Pass BSA Swim Test before start of badge.	MUST be able to launch, carry & store boat with partner!	Waterfront
Chemistry	Med.	20		Req. 2a & 4a.		Lumberjack
Chess	Med.	30			Will require time outside Merit Badge to complete tournament.	Handicraft
Citizenship in the Community*	Med.	20	14+	Req. 3, 4, & 7	3-day badge.	Lumberjack
Citizenship in the Nation*	Med.	20	14+	Req. 2		Lumberjack
Citizenship in the World*	Hard	20	14+		Req. 7 done in buddy pairs with counselor	Lumberjack
Climbing	Med.	12			2-hour session.	Climbing
Communication*	Hard	16		Req. 5 & 7 (only opt. 7a can be done at camp)	Req. 8 requires extensive time & planning outside session.	Lumberjack
Composite Materials	Med.	20				Handicraft
Cooking*	Hard	32		Req. 4 & 6	Session will overlap a meal shift. We can't accommodate all dietary restrictions.	Scoutcraft
Cycling**	Hard	24	14+		Riding requirements must be completed outside session.	Mtn Biking
Emergency Preparedness*	Hard	20	14+	Req. 1, 2b&c, 8b	Must have First Aid merit badge to complete.	Lumberjack
Engineering	Med.	15				Lumberjack
Entrepreneurship	Med.	25			Offered during ODD years only.	Handicraft
Environmental Science**	Hard	30			Requires observation time & extensive writing outside session.	Nature

Merit Badge	Diff.	Limit	Age	Prerequisites	Information	Prog. Area
Exploration	Hard	15			Requires overnight outpost. Offered ODD years only.	Scoutcraft
Fingerprinting	Easy	30			Only attend 1-day session.	Handicraft
Fire Safety	Hard	20			Field Trip to local Fire Station requires drivers, bring money for purchase of off-property lunch.	Scoutcraft
First Aid*	Med.	16		Req. 5a & 7a		Scoutcraft
Fish & Wildlife Management	Easy	35			Requires observation outside session.	Nature
Fishing	Med.	12		Req. 10	Fishing gear is provided by camp! Requires fishing outside session.	Nature
Fly Fishing	Med.	12		Req. 11	Fly Fishing gear is provided by camp! May require fishing outside session.	Nature
Forestry	Med.	15			Field trip Thursday to lumber mill.	Nature
Game Design	Med.	20			Requires technical writing & extensive work outside session.	Lumberjack
Gardening	Med.	15		Req. 2b, 5 & 8 not covered at Camp.	Offered combined with Plant Science & Surveying.	Nature
Geocaching	Med.	20		Req. 7 & 9. MUST bring own GPS.	Offered EVEN years only.	Scoutcraft
Geology	Med.	30			Requires collection & observation time outside session. Offered EVEN years only.	Nature
Hiking**	Med.	30		Req. 5, 6, & 7 not covered	Offered combined with Camping.	Scoutcraft
Horsemanship	Med.	TBD	13+	5-ft or taller, limit based on # of horses	3-hour session, meets Monday-Friday. Must wear long pants & closed toe shoes every day.	Corral
Insect Study	Med.	30		Req. 9	Offered EVEN years only.	Nature
Journalism	Med.	10		Req. 4	Requires extensive writing & time outside session. Field Trip.	Lumberjack
Kayaking	Med.	20		Pass BSA Swim Test before start of badge.		Waterfront
Leatherwork	Easy	25				Handicraft
Lifesaving**	Hard	12		Req. 2a (MUST have Swimming Merit Badge)	400 yard swim at start of class.	Waterfront
Mammal Study	Easy	30				Nature
Mining in Society	Med.	25			Offered ODD years only.	Nature
Moviemaking	Med.	20		MUST bring own digital video camera. (may not be shared)	May require filming & editing time outside session.	Handicraft
Music	Med.	25				Handicraft
Nuclear Science	Hard	20	14+	Recommend prior knowledge of basic Chemistry.	Offered ODD years only.	Nature
Oceanography	Med.	30			Requires observation time outside session. Offered EVEN years only.	Nature
Orienteering	Med.	20			May require extensive time outside session.	Scoutcraft
Personal Management*	Hard	20	14+	Req. 1, 2 & 8		Lumberjack

Merit Badge	Diff.	Limit	Age	Prerequisites	Information	Prog. Area
Photography	Med.	20		Req. 1a (Current Cyber Chip)	MUST bring own digital camera for use all week. May not share with others.	Handicraft
Pioneering	Med.	20		Working knowledge of Scout to First Class knots & lashings	2-hour session. Requires knot & lashing practice outside session.	Scoutcraft
Plant Science	Med.	15			Offered combined with Surveying & Gardening.	Nature
Pottery	Med.	12			Fee covers all materials needed.	Handicraft
Public Health	Hard	10	16+	MUST have First Aid & Emergency Preparedness		Lumberjack
Public Speaking	Med.	10			Requires time outside session. Requires speech writing & delivery with audience.	Lumberjack
Pulp & Paper	Med.	30			Requires work outside session.	Nature
Reptile & Amphibian Study	Med.	30		Req. 8	Requires observation time outside session. Offered ODD years only.	Nature
Rifle Shooting	Med.	32		Firearm Use Permission Slip	2-hour session. May require practice shooting outside session.	T & R Sports
Rowing	Med.	20		Pass BSA Swim Test before start of badge.		Waterfront
Salesmanship	Med.	25			Requires time outside session. Offered EVEN years only.	Handicraft
Scouting Heritage	Med.	25		Req. 5		Eagle Trail
Sculpture	Med.	20			Offered ODD years only.	Handicraft
Search & Rescue	Med.	20	14+	Req. 6a	Offered EVEN years only.	Scoutcraft
Shotgun Shooting	Hard	12		Firearm Use Permission Slip	2-hour session. May require extensive practice shooting outside session.	T & R Sports
Signs, Signals & Codes	Easy	20			Offered ODD years only.	Scoutcraft
Small-Boat Sailing	Hard	14	14+	Pass BSA Swim Test before start of badge.	Session limits based on operable boats.	Waterfront
Soil & Water Conservation	Easy	30			Offered ODD years only.	Nature
Space Exploration	Med.	20				Nature
Surveying	Med.	15			Offered combined with Plant Science & Gardening.	Nature
Swimming**	Med.	15		Pass BSA Swim Test before start of badge.	Water contains fish & lake weed.	Waterfront
Textile	Easy	20			Offered EVEN years only.	Handicraft
Weather	Med.	30		Req. 9a on Sunday	Requires observation outside session.	Nature
Wilderness Survival	Med.	30			Requires Overnight Outpost to complete, build your own shelter & spend the night in it.	Scoutcraft
Woodcarving	Med.	15		Totin' Chip (Sunday session if needed)		Handicraft

2023 Wente Scout Reservation Merit Badge & Activities Schedule rev. 4/25/2023

PROGRAM AREA		MORNING PROGRAM		AFTERNOON PROGRAM		EVENING PROG.		
		9:00 AM	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	7:00 PM
Climbing		Climbing 2hrs		Open Climb	Climbing 2hrs		Open Climb	Open Climb
Eagle Trail (1st Year)		new Scout / Tenderfoot	Scout / Tenderfoot	Scout / Tenderfoot	Scout / Tenderfoot	Scout / Tenderfoot	Scouting Heritage	
		Second Class	Second Class	new Second Class	Second Class	Second Class	new Firem'n Chit and	Open Scout Skills
		First Class	new First Class	Scouting Heritage	new First Class	new First Class	new Totin' Chip drop-in	
Handicraft		Art	Basketry	Architecture	Art	Composite Materials	Moviemaking	Fingerprinting (M or T or Th)
		Chess	Entrepreneur / Sales	new Chess	Chess	new Entrepreneur / Sales	Photography	
		Leatherwork	Leatherwork	Moviemaking	Leatherwork	Leatherwork	Sculpture	Open Crafting
		Photography	new Pottery	Pottery	Pottery	Pottery	new Pottery	
Lumberjack Academy		new Woodcarving	Wood Carving	Wood Carving	new Woodcarving	Wood Carving	Woodcarving	
		American Labor	Citizenship in the Nation	Communication	Citizenship in the Nation	Emergency Prep.	Cit. in the Comm. (M-W)	Game Night in D-Hall (M or T or Th)
		Personal Management	Engineering	Emergency Prep.	Game Design	Personal Management	Communication	
		Citizenship in the World	Public Health	Journalism	Public Health	Citizenship in the World	Public Speaking	Flag Design
Mountain Biking		new Emergency Prep.	new Game Design	new Public Speaking	new Emergency Prep.	new Communication	new Journalism	
		Trail Rides & Skill Sessions						
Nature		Reptile & Amph. Study	Bird Study	Astronomy	Astronomy	Astronomy	Nuclear Science	Cycling (T & Th)
		Soil & Water Cons.	Envi. Science	Envi. Science	Envi. Science	Envi. Science	Space Exploration	Mammal Study (M or T or Th)
		Space Exploration	Archeology	Forestry (trip Th)	Oceanography	Fish & Wildlife Mgmt.	Open Gardening & Surveying	Mining in Society (M, T & Th)
	at Peninsula	Gardening / Plant Science / Surveying			Pulp & Paper	Weather	Fishing	Open Fishing
Risin' W Corral		Fly Fishing						
		Horsemanship 3hrs						
Cowboy Breakfast Ride (Th 6:30 - 9am)		Animal Science 2hrs			RootBeer Float Ride (Wed 1:30-3pm)		Sunset Ride (M or F 6:30-8pm)	
		Cooking 8:30 - 10am		Lunch Ride (Fri 11:30am - 1:45pm)		Be-A-Wrangler Outpost (T 4:30pm - W 7am)		
Scoutcraft		Cooking 11 - 12:30			new Cooking 1:30 - 3		Dinner Ride (Th 4:30 - 8pm)	
			Camping/Hiking	Exploration	Exploration	Camping/Hiking		Firem'n Chit & Totin' Chip (M or T or Th)
		First Aid	First Aid	new First Aid	First Aid	First Aid	new First Aid	
		Pioneering 2hrs	Signs, Signals & Codes	Wilderness Survival	Fire Safety field trip	Pioneering 2hrs	Pioneering 2hrs	
new S.T.E.M (across from Gilwell Field)		Orienteering	Whoosh!	Open S'crafting	Orienteering	Signs, Signals & Codes	Wilderness Survival	
		Designed to Crunch	Whoosh!	Splash!	Designed to Crunch	Whoosh!	Splash!	
Target & Range Sports		Shoot!	Start Your Engines	Open S.T.E.M.	Shoot!	Start Your Engines	Open S.T.E.M.	Open S.T.E.M.
	Archery	Archery 2hrs	Archery 2hrs	Open Shoot ALL Ranges	Archery 2hrs	Archery 2hrs	Open Shoot Archery & Rifle	Troop Shoots
	Rifle	Rifle Shooting 2hrs	Rifle Shooting 2hrs		Rifle Shooting 2hrs	Rifle Shooting 2hrs		
Waterfront	Shotgun	Shotgun Shooting 2hrs	Shotgun Shooting 2hrs		Shotgun Shooting 2hrs	Shotgun Shooting 2hrs	closed	O'Riley's Blk Powder Outpost (4:30-7)
		Rowing	Small-Boat Sailing 2hrs		Small-Boat Sailing 2hrs	Small-Boat Sailing 2hrs		BSA Paddleboarding (M or T or Th)
		Canoeing	Canoeing	Canoeing	Lifesaving	Lifesaving	Open Swimming & Boating	
		Kayaking	new Kayaking	Kayaking	new Canoeing	Open Swimming & Boating (No Sailing)		Open Swim & Boating
		new Lifesaving	Lifesaving	Lifesaving	Kayaking			
		Swimming	Swimming	new Swimming	Swimming			

Camp-wide Games

On Friday afternoons, all program areas will transition to Camp-Wide Games. The games give Scouts the chance to have some well-earned recreation time at the end of the week. Things may get silly, messy, wet and sweaty - - so come prepared to have a barrel of laughs and a boat-load of fun.

Theme Days

Join our Camp theme days & show us your Scout Spirit!

- Monday is Scout Spirit/Troop Pride Day...wear your Troop Shirt *while it's still clean!*
- Timmmberrrr Tuesday, show us your Finney Valley Lumberjack Spirit.
- Wear Your Helmet Wednesday (show off your Safety gear),
- Alternative Uniform Thursday,
- Aloha Friday wear your tacky Hawaiian shirts,

Order of the Arrow - On Tuesdays, show your OA Pride by wearing your sash or an OA T-shirt. Then join us at the OA Evening Social at the Dining Hall for fellowship, news, fun, patch trading, and as with all good meetings, *snacks*.

Special Programs at Wente Scout Reservation

Adult Dutch Oven Cook-off

You can start your coals whenever you like...but your entry should be brought to the Commissioners for judging during Tuesday evening program! Entries can be in one or both categories: Sweet or Savory! Leaders may NOT accept help (prep, cook OR clean-up) from the Youth! Winners in each category will be announced at the Scoutmaster Dinner on Thursday! Wente has Dutch Ovens, but Adults must bring all of their own ingredients...just be careful not to give away that secret recipe!

Campfires

Troop Campfire night. Your Troop can settle into your campsite for a Wednesday night of bonding or reserve the Amphitheater and get together with other Troops (say from your home district) for a larger Campfire. Don't forget to invite your counselors!

Closing Campfire the Scouts can perform skits, Camp Staff presents awards earned during the week and our progressive camper Finney Valley Ceremony rounds out the evening.

Exploring Camp

There are many ways to explore the vastness of Wente safely while having an incredible time, whichever option you choose make sure both your Youth & Adult Unit leadership know your plans, take a buddy and plenty of water! See program area pages for more details.

Finbar O'Riley Discovery Trail

(Commissioners)

Kali-Ama (Nature)

Lunch Across the Lake (Waterfront)

Trail Rides (Mtn. Biking)

Trail Rides (Risin' W Corral)

Outposts

Outposts are a wonderful way to experience the adventurous activities outside of regular Merit Badge programs. Some can be done as a Unit, others as a Patrol and some on an individual basis. See program area pages for more details.

O'Riley's Outpost (Shooting Sports)

Be A Wrangler Outpost (Risin' W Corral)

Wilderness Survival Outpost (Scoutcraft)

Troop Cobblers

Does a bubbling fruit cobbler fresh out of a Dutch Oven sound good? Depending on fire conditions, we offer Units the chance to make Dutch oven cobblers in their Troop's Campsite. To take advantage of this great experience sign up the night before you want to make cobblers, at the Trading Post. Flavors available vary week to week.

Unit Expeditions (including all Kali-Ama!)

A group of Scouts or entire units may leave the main part of camp to explore the backcountry. Groups leaving the main part of camp must abide by the following:

1. Have permission from their unit Adult Leadership.
2. **Sign-Out at the Admin. Office** and provide an itinerary indicating route/Kali-Ama points and estimated time of return.
3. **Sign-In at the Admin. Office** upon return.
4. Travel in a group of no less than four people.
5. Swimming/playing in creeks must be supervised by an adult (21 or more years old) who has a current safe swim defense card. It is advised that at least one person be a certified Lifeguard.

Spirit of the Skunk Rocker

An exciting and **challenging** rocker program for all campers, outside of Merit Badges, that you may earn and proudly wear with the Wenté patches on your uniform. Wenté Spirit Rockers are unique because they can only be earned at Wenté in the span of the week that you are there.

Skunk (All Camp – YOUTH ONLY)

1. Participate in Wooly Wash (Waterfront)
2. Earn your Firem'n Chit & Totin' Chip (Scoutcraft)
3. Help mop or clean windows at the Dining Hall (Dining Hall Steward)
4. Be part of the Color Guard for Morning or Evening Flags (Eagle Trail)
5. Climb or rappel at The Rock & learn to tie a figure eight knot (Climbing)
6. Complete 1 trail ride (Mtn Biking)
7. Complete the Finbar O'Riley Discovery Trail & learn camp history (Lumberjack Academy)
8. Do one of the following (Nature):
 - a. Attend a Star Party,
 - b. Complete the Speed Kali-Ama during Camp-wide Games,
 - c. Participate in a Conservation Service Project for at least 1-hr.
9. Do one of the following (Handicraft):
 - a. Hand carve a neckerchief slide,
 - b. Weave a basket,
 - c. Make a leatherwork project,
 - d. Participate in the Chess Tournament.
10. Participate in Open Shoot or a Troop Shoot at any range (Shooting Sports)
11. Do one of the following *at the Barn* (Corral):
 - a. Learn to lasso,
 - b. Get something branded,
 - c. Muck a full wheelbarrow load from a stall or pasture with the Staff,
 - d. Help feed the horses (sign-up with Corral Director ahead of time),
 - e. Help groom/wash a horse (Friday).
12. Help your troop clean a showerhouse (Maintenance)

King Skunk (All Camp – ADULT ONLY)

1. Attend Scoutmaster Float - *now on Friday morning!* (Waterfront)
2. Volunteer during Open Scout Skills time (Scoutcraft)
3. Volunteer during one Rank Advancement session (Eagle Trail)
4. Volunteer during any Climbing session after earning Climb on Safely (Climbing)
5. Do one of the following:
 - a. Attempt the Pump Track,
 - b. Complete a Trail Ride,
 - c. Perform at least 1-hr of service with the Skunk Works Trail Crew (Mtn Biking)
6. Teach your Scouts the 1st verse of The Star-Spangled Banner (Lumberjack Academy)
7. Lead or complete a Conservation-based Service Project for at least 1-hr (Nature)
8. Volunteer during Open Crafting or join the Chess Tournament (Handicraft)
9. Participate in at least one Scoutmaster Shoot (Shooting Sports)
10. Hike to the Barn, *while recuperating*, learn the name of your favorite horse then complete one Wrangler task (Corral)
11. Complete a task off the Ranger's Adult Service Project List (Maintenance)
12. Don't forget to take a nap in the shade...*for your personal health!* (Medic)

Are YOU up to the challenge? For more information or to get started, swing by the Admin. Office, or talk to your Commissioner!

Special Awards

Honor Troop & Honor Patrol - At Wente Scout Reservation we feel that each unit should depart stronger than they arrived. The Honor Unit Awards Program one way we try and help this process. The Commissioner staff will work with your Unit Leadership on these requirements. Leaders submit Unit # and Patrol Names during Friday Roundtable.

HONOR PATROL

Complete ALL of the following:

1. Have and display a patrol flag.
2. Conduct a patrol meeting at camp.
3. Do a patrol yell at a camp-wide event or meal.
4. Each Scout earns a Finney Valley Rocker
5. Show Scout Spirit
6. Tent & Campsite kept clean & orderly.

Complete 4 of the following:

1. Go on a patrol hike, shoot or bike ride
2. All members in Class-A uniform for all evening Flags
3. Work on a Merit Badge or Rank Advancement as a patrol
4. Build a Pioneering project together as a patrol.
5. Perform a patrol song/skit at a Troop Campfire at camp
6. Participate in Camp-wide Games and turn in score sheet.

HONOR TROOP

Complete ALL of the following:

1. Conduct a Patrol Leader's Council at camp
2. Troop attends every Flag Assembly (unless on outpost as a Unit)
3. Demonstrate Troop Spirit
4. Represented at all Adult & SPL meetings
5. Conduct a Troop Campfire at camp
6. Each Scout earns a Finney Valley Rocker

Complete 4 of the following:

1. All patrols earn Honor Patrol.
2. At least 1 Camper earns a Spirit Animal Rocker
3. All Troop members in full Class-A uniform for all evening Flag Assembly
4. Complete a campsite improvement project (must have approval before starting)
5. Have 1 Troop Activity: hike, Troop Shoot, Lunch-Across-the-Lake, Outpost, Ride, etc.
6. Invite another Troop to an inter-Troop Activity!
7. Complete a Troop Service Project

Wente Scout Reservation Traditions

The spirit of Wente whispered its way into the Finney Valley long before the scouts arrived. It came with Finbar and the O'Riley clan, as they homesteaded in the southern hills foraging the plentiful forest, planting fruit trees, and drinking from the many springs to sustain life. Its voice grew as the Finney Valley Lumber Company logged the area leaving behind roads for future access to our beloved camp and beginning a long-standing relationship with the forest that continues today in the Wente Forest Health and Conservation. Scouting and the Wente land seemed destined to join forces to teach the youth then, now and into the future that we are all stewards of Nature...and what better place than this slice of heaven many of us consider our second home.

Wente prides itself on adapting to the needs of our campers and what program best suits their needs at that time. So, although we do have traditions, our favorite one is serving the Youth and giving back to our wonderful camp. Through the years Wente has steadily added new program areas, more campsites, adventures into the backcountry, more weeks of camp, and off-season opportunities for Units and scouting families to enjoy what many campers, Scouts & Staff alike, consider their second home.

Wente Scout Reservation Weekly Schedule

Time	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6:00	Have ready upon arrival: * BSA Health Form with all Medication in original containers * Firearms Use Slips	BSA Mile Swim		BSA Mile Swim with Rower and Spotter (5:30am on Friday)			
		Wooly Wash - - 6:30am daily - - earn your patch by participating 3 days!					
6:30				Corral Outpost returns	Cowboy Breakfast Ride (6:30-8:45am)	new 1st shift SPL Breakfast	1st Breakfast
7:15		Shift 1 Breakfast	Shift 1 Breakfast	Shift 1 Breakfast	Shift 1 Breakfast	Shift 1 Breakfast	
8:00		Morning Flags	Morning Flags	Morning Flags	Morning Flags	Morning Flags	Morning Flags
8:15		Shift 2 Breakfast	Shift 2 Breakfast	Shift 2 Breakfast	Shift 2 Breakfast	Shift 2 Breakfast	2nd Breakfast
9:00		Morning Program (9 – noon)	Morning Program (9 – noon)	Morning Program (9 – noon)	Morning Program (9 – noon)	MB Make-Ups (9-11:30am) Scoutmaster Float (10-12)	Troop Check-Out by 10:00am
9:30	Leader Roundtable	Leader Roundtable	Leader Roundtable	Leader Roundtable			
11:00	Staff Meeting				Forestry Trip (10:30 thru Lunch)	Corral Lunch Ride (11:30-1:30pm)	Staff Off-Duty
12:00	Troop Check-Ins Noon-2pm * Camp Tours * Medical Check * Swim Checks	Lunch Across the Lake (noon – 1:45pm daily)					Travel Home Safely! See You next Summer!
12:15		Shift 1 Lunch	Shift 1 Lunch	Shift 1 Lunch	Shift 1 Lunch	Shift 1 Lunch	
12:45				Fire Safety Trip			
1:15		Shift 2 Lunch	Shift 2 Lunch	Shift 2 Lunch Float Ride (1:30)	Shift 2 Lunch	Shift 2 Lunch	Come visit in the off-season
2:00		Afternoon Program (2 – 5pm)	Afternoon Program (2 – 5pm)	Afternoon Program (2 – 5pm)	Afternoon Program (2 – 5pm)	Camp-Wide Games (2-5pm) now with activities in ALL Program Areas	
3:00		Open Swim	Open Swim SM Shotgun	Open Swim			
4:00		CAMPSITE SET-UP	Open Swim & Boat Open Archery SM Shoot Rifle	Open Swim & Boat Open Shoot Archery & Rifle	Open Swim & Boat Open Shoot Archery & Rifle		Open Swim & Boat SM Shoot Archery Open Shoot Rifle
4:30	O'Riley's Outpost		Corral Outpost O'Riley's Outpost	O'Riley's Outpost	O'Riley's Outpost Corral Dinner Ride	O'Riley's Outpost	
5:15	1 ST Dinner	Shift 1 Dinner	Shift 1 Dinner	Shift 1 Dinner	Shift 1 Dinner	Shift 1 Dinner	* Family Camp * Troop Campouts * February Bonfire Weekend * April Good Turn Weekend *
6:00	Flags	Evening Flags	Evening Flags	Evening Flags	Evening Flags	Evening Flags	
6:15	2 ND Dinner	Shift 2 Dinner Corral Sunset Ride	Shift 2 Dinner	Shift 2 Dinner	Shift 2 Dinner SM Dinner	Shift 2 Dinner Corral Sunset Ride	Thanksgiving Work Weekend
7:00	SPL/SM Mtg	Evening Program	Evening Program	WENTETHALON!	Evening Program	Evening Program	
8:15		SPL Mtg & Social	OA Social		Wilderness Survival Outpost		Remember to submit your Stake-A-Claim for next summer!
8:30	Opening Campfire		Night Climb		Troop Campfires	Movie Night	
9:00		Adult Leader Pie & Coffee	Star Party (9:30)	Star Party (9:30)			
10:00	ALL QUIET - - All Scouts in Campsite with Two-Deep Leadership - - LIGHTS OUT						

Note: Waiters are due 15min before meal service. Staff performs waiter duty for Sunday Dinner.

Finney Valley Lumber Company

Our progressive Camper program is designed to guide **Youth** through the wonderful world of Wente. Below is each year's award & how to earn it. All Scouts who earn a rocker may join the Finney Valley Ceremony during Closing Campfire. Scoutmasters will pick up all rockers at the Trading Post during check-out and are asked to reimburse Camp for the awards' cost, just as they would a Merit Badge or other emblem. Scouts can only earn one per year. Cost is \$3.

1st Year (Choker Setter)

Do 6 of the Following:

1. Take the BSA Swim Test.
2. Be a Waiter.
3. Earn Totin' Chip.
4. Shoot at Archery or Rifle.
5. Attend a Star Party.
6. Ride the Pump Track.
7. Go to Branding Night or take a trail ride.
8. Earn Swimming MB or go to swim instruction.
9. Work on rank skills at Eagle Trail
10. Attend every flag ceremony.

2nd Year (Cedar Savage)

Do 6 of the Following:

1. Take the BSA Swim Test.
2. Be a Waiter
3. Hike the Finbar O'Riley Discovery Trail
4. Make a Handicraft project
5. Catch & release a fish out of the lake
6. Shoot for score at the Rifle Range
7. Earn Firem'n Chit
8. Pickup 20pcs of trash & take to your SM
9. Demonstrate tying the 8 basic knots
10. Attend every flag ceremony in uniform.

3rd Year (Straw Boss)

Do 6 of the Following:

1. Take the BSA Swim Test.
2. Be a Waiter
3. Groom, feed & water a Horse.
4. Earn an Eagle Required Merit Badge
5. Earn Archery, Rifle or Shotgun MB
6. Earn BSA Mile Swim or be a Rower/Spotter for someone
7. Take a Trail Ride at Mtn. Biking
8. Help a Scout learn First Class skills
9. Earn the Skunk Spirit Animal Rocker
10. Attend all flags on time, in uniform.

4th Year (Top Man)

Do 5 of the Following:

1. Pass the BSA Swim Test or improve one level during the week
2. Be a Waiter
3. Hike the Kali-Ama
4. Climb or rappel at The Rock
5. Shoot black powder at O'Riley's
6. Earn the Paul Bunyan Award
7. Help lead a Troop Campfire
8. Be in the Color Guard for a camp-wide flag ceremony.

5th Year (Bull of the Woods)

Do the Following:

1. Pass the BSA Swim Test or improve one level during the week
2. Be a Waiter
3. Earn a Spirit Animal Rocker
4. Participate in Wentethalon.
5. Help build a useful Pioneering project in your campsite

6th Year (Legend of Finney Valley)

Do the Following:

1. Pass the BSA Swim Test
2. Teach the Outdoor Code to a 1st Year
3. Teach 2 knots to a 1st year Scout
4. Help in a Restoration Service Project
5. Earn a Spirit Animal Rocker
6. Pledge to attend Good Turn Weekend with your Unit

7th Year (Legacy of the Stick on a String)

Do the Following:

1. Pass the BSA Swim Test
2. Help in a Forest Health Service Project
3. Earn a Spirit Animal Rocker
4. Sit on a Board of Review
5. Pledge to attend an off-season Wente Work Weekend

Appendices

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What to BRING to Camp...and what to LEAVE at home

VERY Important Paperwork

___ BSA Annual Health & Medical Record, *complete with Parent & Doctor Signatures! ALL CAMPERs!!*

___ **Signed Permission Slips** (especially Firearms Use Permission Slip, see Page [49](#))

___ partial Blue Cards for Merit Badges already started

Clothing

___ Full Scout UNIFORM
 ___ Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
 ___ T-shirts (at least 1/day)*
 ___ Long Pants or jeans
 ___ Underwear (at least 1/day)
 ___ Socks (at least 1/day)*
 ___ Hiking Boots
 ___ Shoes, lightweight
 ___ Pajamas or sweatpants
 ___ Shorts (*Hiking Shorts*)
 ___ Swimsuit or cutoffs
 ___ Hat or Visor*
 ___ Raincoat / Poncho / Raingear
 ___ Gloves

Hygiene Kit

___ Toothbrush*
 ___ Toothpaste*
 ___ Comb/Brush*
 ___ Soap*
 ___ Wash cloth and towel*
 ___ Feminine Hygiene Items (girls)
 ___ Sunscreen*
 ___ Chapstick or Lip Balm*
 ___ Shampoo*
 ___ Deodorant*

Camping Gear

___ Pack
 ___ Sleeping Bag
 ___ Sleeping Pad
 ___ Pillow
 ___ Day pack / Backpack*
 ___ Canteen, water bottle, etc.*
 ___ Flashlight* with fresh batteries
 ___ Personal First Aid kit*
 ___ collapsible Camping Chair
 ___ Pocket knife (Totin' Chip)*
 ___ Matches (Firem'n Chit)*
 ___ Coffee / Cocoa Mug
 ___ Tent (**Wolfeboro**)
 ___ Mess Kit with Utensils

Merit Badge / Rank Adv. Items

___ Scout Handbook*
 ___ Pens/Pencils*
 ___ Notebook and paper*
 ___ *Merit Badge Pamphlets*
 ___ pre-Stamped Envelopes*

Patrol and/or Troop Items

___ Troop & Patrol Flags and Poles
 ___ Patrol Boxes
 ___ Bulletin Board Push Pins
 ___ Clothesline and Pins
 ___ Lanterns

Unit Paperwork

___ Final Unit Roster
 ___ Troop Advancement Records
 ___ YPT Verification for ALL Adults
 ___ Unit Schedule from BlackPug
 ___ COVID-19 Documentation

Optional Items

___ Camera (Photo/Video)
 ___ Insect Repellent*
 ___ Musical instrument
 ___ Fishing gear*
 ___ Sewing Kit
 ___ Paracord or light Rope
 ___ Card or Board Games
 ___ Whetstone (sharpening stone)
 ___ OA Sash
 ___ Personal Eye & Ear Protection
 for Shooting Sports

Wente Specific optional

___ *Mountain Bike*
 ___ *Riding Helmet*

Items to LEAVE at Home!

Electronic games
Music Devices (including radios)
Keepsakes that can't be replaced
Expensive Items

Sheath Knives and Hatchets
Alcohol and Drugs
Tobacco (for Youth)
Pets

Ammunition, firearms
Archery equipment
Fireworks

* When available, these items are also sold in the Trading Post.

Merit Badge Glossary

* Eagle Required MB **Eagle Required MB Option

American Business—Learn how to start your own business!

American Heritage—For scouts who want to learn more about American History and Culture. Can be completed at camp, and friendly to scouts of all ages.

American Labor—Learn about all aspects of the American Labor movement, from concerns about work conditions, to the role of Labor Unions, to the history of working in America.

Archaeology—Learn about the ancient cultures that roamed the streams and mountains around our camps. Written work is required.

Archery—Shooting experience is highly recommended and time is needed to qualify. **Must have a signed Firearms Use Permission Slip (page 49).**

Architecture—Learn about the art and science of spaces we inhabit.

Art—Teaches different painting and drawing techniques, as well as artistic style.

Astronomy—Scouts will observe the beautiful night sky over Wolfeboro. Career opportunities in astronomy will be discussed.

Backpacking—Do you love to camp and hike? Why not do both and backpack. Learn the ins-and-outs of getting into the backcountry and seeing things you can't see from the road.

Basketry—This is a fun activity, good for all Scouts. This badge may not take all week to complete.

Bird Study—Learn about the feathered wildlife of our camps. Scouts should be prepared to spend some time making observations of birds at camp.

Bugling—Earn the least awarded merit badge in all of Scouting with our Camp Maestro. No experience is required, but you must be able to perform after instruction.

Camping*—This badge is required for Eagle. It requires an overnight camping trip. Scouts should bring appropriate camping equipment (backpack, sleeping bag, etc.)

Canoeing—Good physical strength and stamina are required for this merit badge. Must be a swimmer to start this badge.

Chemistry—Come and learn about the everyday chemistry of the world right in front of you. Explore topics like pressure, pollution, and fertilizers.

Chess—Expand your knowledge of chess beyond the simple moves. Learn about openings and the tactics of this classic game of skill and planning.

Citizenship in the Community*, Nation*, and World*—Scouts can earn their Citizenship Badges at camp if they complete the prerequisites. Citizenship in the World covers international government and foreign relations. Citizenship in the Nation covers the United States and Federal affairs. Citizenship in the Community covers local government.

Climbing—Throughout the week scouts learn about the preparation, safety, and equipment needed to climb and repel. For this exciting activity, Scouts must be at least 14+ years old. Session limit: 8 scouts.

Communication*—This merit badge is a good place to start for scouts who want to earn their Eagle-required merit badges. Along with the daily sessions, scouts will be expected to participate in activities at their campsite in order to complete this merit badge.

Composite Materials—Learn about how two materials are used to make a third, even better material that has the best aspects of both. What could be more concrete than that?

Cooking*—Sessions overlap meal shift. Scouts will not eat in Dining Hall with their troop starting Monday. Scouts sign up for 1 session only and meet all week. This badge is a partial.

Crime Prevention—Covers our legal system and crime prevention methods. Scouts will be able to participate in a loss prevention program at the Trading Post. It is a fun and educational session for those who complete it at camp.

Cycling**—Come explore the amazing mountain biking trails around Wente Scout Reservation and learn how to take care of these machines of fun.

Emergency Preparedness**—This badge can be used as an Eagle-required merit badge. Covers a great deal of written material, and there are skills to master. Familiarity with knots is extremely important. Older Scouts are recommended for this badge. First Aid merit badge is a pre-requisite.

Energy—Learn where energy comes from, what forms it takes, and how we use it everyday life.

Engineering—Scouts will explore the fundamentals of engineering and the role it plays in society.

Entrepreneurship—What is Entrepreneurship? Come find out what it takes to bring an idea from the drawing board to a product you can purchase in the store.

Environmental Science**—This badge can be used as an Eagle-required merit badge. It requires day hikes, field notes, and experiments. There is a great deal of written material and a great setting to earn this badge. This program is recommended for mature Scouts.

Exploration—The age of exploration hasn't passed you by. You will learn what it takes to embark on expeditions large and small then you will make that expedition.

Fingerprinting—The original forensic science-fingerprinting. Come learn about those ridges and whorls on the tips of your fingers.

Fire Safety—Fire has the power to give warmth and comfort, but it also has the power to destroy. Come learn about the science and safety of fire.

First Aid*—Scouts will learn safety and how to provide aid for all types of injuries and situations.

Fish & Wildlife Management—There is some written material for this badge. A conservation project is also required. Field trips are scheduled.

Fishing—Excellent for younger Scouts, requires some written work & fishing. Royaneh & Wolfeboro Note: A California State sport fishing license is required for all adults and youth over the age of 16. The Trading Post does NOT sell licenses, so these must be purchased prior to your arrival in camp. (Wente's private lake requires only a Wente Fish License & camp provides gear)

Fly-Fishing—Come join our special guests as they teach you how to fish with a fly rod and tie a fly then try your luck in the lake at Wente Scout Reservation.

Forestry—Our camps have excellent opportunities to learn about this topic. Scouts will learn about current issues in forestry, do a conservation project, and learn tree identification.

Game Design—Single-player. Multi-player. Board games. Video games. Ball games. It's all there in game design. Harness your gamer instincts and make a new game and challenge your Troop mates.

Gardening—Learn about growing food and flowers while defending your crops from pests and disease.

Geocaching—Learn more about GPS units and the fun of geocaching as a way to explore the world.

Geology—This badge requires a personal rock collection. Scouts will learn to identify rocks and minerals and how they are formed and used.

Hiking**—Get out and see the world with your feet.

Horsemanship—The riding instruction Scouts receive is only a small part of this unique badge. Care, feeding, grooming, and especially, safety are an integral part of the badge. Class size will be limited and varies with the number of horses in the herd. Scouts must be at least 13 years old and a minimum of 5 feet tall (due to equipment restrictions). A weight requirement is dependent on livestock. Cost: \$25

Indian Lore—This is good for Scouts of all ages. Learn about the fascinating history and culture of various Native American nations.

Insect Study—Scouts explore the miniature life of insects at our camps. Scouts will gather specimens for an insect collection and take hikes to discover unusual creepy-crawlies all over the camp.

Inventing—Necessity is the mother of invention. With this badge, scouts will learn what it takes to invent a solution to a problem. This is all about harnessing your creativity.

Journalism—Scouts will learn about the importance of the First Amendment and the role journalism in transmitting news and information.

Kayaking—Learn how to kayak on flat water. Good physical strength and stamina are required for this merit badge. Must be a swimmer to start this badge.

Leatherwork—A great Merit Badge for any Scout. This badge introduces many of the aspects of leather and leatherworking.

Lifesaving**—This challenging merit badge requires physical strength and stamina. Must have Swimming merit badge and be able to swim 400 yards at start of session.

Mammal Study—This badge is good for younger Scouts. Requires some written work, a small report, and a conservation project.

Metalwork—A challenging badge where scouts learn about the metals industry and the tools used in metalworking. Scouts will make several metal projects.

Mining in Society—Learn about the importance of mining to our society and the economy.

Moviemaking—Learn about the mechanics of movies then create your very own short feature film. Scout must bring their own digital device with charging cables to camp.

Music—Scouts will have the opportunity to sing, develop skits, and teach skits to others. Prerequisites should be completed prior to arrival at camp.

Nature—Take a deeper dive into the natural world and chose five areas of nature to explore.

Nuclear Science—Come explore the atom and the power it contains. Learn about the promises and perils of the power in that nucleus.

Oceanography—The wonders of the deep will come to light in this program. Scouts are required to do some field studies to complete this badge (yes, at camp).

Orienteering—Map and Compass is the name of the game. Scouts will complete four orienteering courses across camp. This badge is recommended for older Scouts.

Personal Management*—Money! Now that we have your attention. Come learn about money and budgeting with this Eagle-required merit badge.

Photography—Fun for those Scouts looking to learn about the growing influence of digital media. Scout must bring a digital camera with charging cables to camp. Scouts must have BSA Cyber Chip prior to arrival.

Pioneering—Scouts will put their knots and lashings skills to the test by building gadgets, towers, and structures with rope and poles. Lots of practice will be needed to complete this badge.

Plant Science—Learn what it takes to grow plants for food with agronomy, horticulture, or the botanical world around us.

Pottery—Learn how to form clay into functional items and create a work of art.

Public Health— Scouts will learn about the various aspects and importance of Public Health including how diseases are spread via animals and the environment.

Public Speaking—Scouts will learn how to address groups and give speeches if they take this course. Those taking this session should expect a lot of speeches in order to complete this course.

Pulp & Paper—Learn about what it takes to turn trees and plants into paper.

Railroading—Learn about trains and railroads and how they help the country grow and thrive.

Reptile & Amphibian Study—This badge requires drawings and night observations. Scouts will be able to handle live animals in this session.

Rifle Shooting—Shooting experience is highly recommended. Scouts should have strength to handle a rifle. Scouts will need time to qualify. **Must have a signed Firearms Use Permission Slip (page 49)**

Rowing—This session requires physical strength and stamina. Must be a swimmer to start this badge.

Salesmanship—Learn the important job of a salesperson to our economy then try your hand at selling.

Scouting Heritage—Learn the history and heritage of the Scouting movement from Baden-Powell to present, from its beginnings in England to your own unit.

Sculpture—Learn how to turn clay into art.

Search & Rescue—Learn about the various aspects of Search and Rescue (SAR) then go out and put those ideas and skills into practice.

Shotgun Shooting—This program teaches Scouts the basics of handling and shooting a shotgun and safety precautions for firearms. Scouts may need time outside of the merit badge sessions to qualify. **Must have a signed Firearms Use Permission Slip (page 49).**

Signs, Signals, and Codes—Learn how to communicate with others using methods other than speaking or traditional writing.

Small-Boat Sailing—Learn about sailing and the power of the wind. This merit badge requires physical strength and stamina. Must be a swimmer to start this badge.

Soil & Water Conservation—This badge requires drawings and a conservation project. It covers a lot of material and is recommended for mature Scouts.

Space Exploration—Come learn about how we are exploring that final frontier, space.

Surveying—Learn about the science and skills needed for measuring plots of land and create maps.

Sustainability**—Learn how to live more sustainably with food, Community, Energy, & waste.

Swimming**—Want to be more confident in the water? Swimming is a great life skill and it is a prerequisite for the Lifesaving merit badge.

Textile—Learn how we turn fibers into cloth then make some textile yourself.

Theater—All the world's a stage. Learn about the theater and acting in this merit badge.

Weather—Scouts will build a weather instrument and use it to track weather during the week. This badge covers a lot of material and requires observations.

Wilderness Survival—This badge requires an overnight camping trip where Scouts must build a shelter and sleep in it.

Woodcarving—Scouts will create wooden sculptures with just a knife. Knives are available or Scouts can bring their personal knives. Knives are also available for sale at the Trading Post. Remember to bring your Totin' Chip card or earn it at the Scoutcraft area Sunday evening! This is a more intensive badge for older Scouts looking to learn how to use a variety of woodworking tools.

Parental Firearm Permission Form

Consent for Minor to Use Firearms & Live Ammunition

Golden Gate Area Council

4 Copies are required at Camp

CALIFORNIA RIFLE, SHOTGUN AND ARCHERY PARENTAL/LEGAL GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM FOR OLDER SCOUTS (BOYS SCOUTS, ETC.)

I, _____, parent or legal guardian of _____
 (Print Name of Parent or Legal Guardian) (Print Name of Child)

hereby give my child express permission and consent to be lent and possess firearms (handguns and long guns) and ammunition to engage in lawful, recreational sport, including target practice, and/or a course of instruction in the safe and lawful use of a handgun. (Cal. Penal Code ** 27945, 29610, 29615, 29650 29655; 18 U.S.C * 922(x)). As used in this form, "firearms" includes any handguns, long guns, or shotguns that may lawfully be loaned to and possessed by a minor under state and federal law. I also give my child express permission and consent to possess, and for a person to loan to my child, a "BB device" as defined in Cal. Penal Code * 16250. (Cal. Penal Code * 19915), bows, arrows, and tomahawks.

(Please mark each applicable category of permission granted, and initial each entry)

- ☐ Archery (bow and arrow, knife, and tomahawk throwing) (Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers) _____ (initials)
- ☐ BB Devices (BB gun) (Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers) _____ (initials)
- ☐ Air Rifles (pellet gun) (Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers only) _____ (initials)
- ☐ Long Guns (rifle, shotgun) (Boy Scouts, Venturers, Explorers only) _____ (initials)
- ☐ Handguns (Venturers, Explorers only) _____ (initials)

This consent is valid, absent my express revocation thereof, for the calendar year of _____ (Calendar Year)
 A photocopy or facsimile of this written consent will serve as an original.

I represent that I am (1) the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above and (2) not prohibited by Federal, state, or local law from possessing a firearm. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Boy Scouts of America, and any local Council and all officers, members, employees, and volunteers thereof, from all losses, damages, causes of action, cost and expenses, arising from any false statements or representations made by me herein.

Please bring four (4) copies of this form to camp with your child. At least one copy must remain in your child's possession at all times while he or she possesses any firearms or ammunition.

 Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian

 Date

Campership Information & Application

CAMPERSHIP APPLICATION INFORMATION

Camperships will ONLY be awarded to Scouts registered with the Golden Gate Area Council.

Each year the Golden Gate Area Council grants a limited number of camperships. They are awarded upon proper application and certification to worthy Scouts, who for financial reasons are unable to enjoy a summer camp experience. Camperships are available for Golden Gate Area Council Camps and Scouts only. Camperships are designed to assist Scouting units and families by ensuring that no Scout is deprived of the camp experience because the scout's family lacks necessary funds. Camperships are awarded on a "matching funds" basis; the Scout, parents or guardian, and Unit (troop, ship, crew or pack) contributes supplementary dollars. Please note that the amount of the campership to be awarded is subject to review each year.

Campership applications MUST be received at the Council Service Center prior to the **early discount day** of the year you will attend camp. Please provide all required information. **Incomplete applications will be discarded.**

To apply for a Campership, the following steps must be completed. All information will be held confidential.

1. The Scout's Family completes the Campership Application.
2. The Unit Leader meets with the Parents or Guardian and determines the Family Contribution amount.
3. On advice of the unit leader, in consultation with the Chartered Organization, the Unit Committee determines the extent to which the Unit/Chartered Organization can support the camp fee. Opportunities for money-earning projects to offset the difference should not be overlooked. **The Scout must have participated in unit, district and council fund raising opportunities within the past year.**
4. The Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Advisor endorses the application and a letter explaining the unit position with any other information helpful in making a decision and mail/deliver both to the Golden Gate Area Council Outdoor Programs Office, 1714 Everett St, Alameda, CA 94501 or email to Nathalie.Bernabe@scouting.org with subject line 2023 Campership Application.
5. After a committee reviews the application, the Scout's family or the unit will be notified of the amount of financial assistance the council will provide. This notification will act as the official confirmation of the amount of the campership. **You must present this verification when making final camp fee payments.**
6. Camperships are good only in the Golden Gate Area Council camps.
7. **USE ONLY ONE FORM PER YOUTH.** More forms can be obtained at the Council Service Center, you can photocopy this one, and forms are also available on the council web site at www.ggacbsa.org
Please note that camperships are non-transferrable.
8. You must answer every question on the form and the youth, the parent/guardian, and Cubmaster/Scoutmaster/Advisor must sign the form.
9. Campership applications are NOT registration forms for camp; they are applications for financial aid: For Cub Day Camp, Cub Scout Family Camp, Camp Wolfeboro. You must sign up for camp through your pack, troop, ship or crew.
10. You must include the camp and date the Scout is attending. If you do not know, ask you Unit Leader.
11. A thank you letter from the youth who have benefited from these funds is appropriate. Thank-you letters may be addressed to the Golden Gate Area Council Outdoor Programs Office, 1714 Everett St. Alameda, CA 94501.

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE DISCARDED. ALL BLANKS MUST BE COMPLETED AND PROPER SIGNATURES OBTAINED.

RULES FOR ACCEPTANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CAMPING PROGRAM ARE THE SAME FOR EVERYONE WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN.

CAMPERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Camperships will ONLY be awarded to Scouts registered with the Golden Gate Area Council

Applications with missing information will **NOT** be considered! Please read instructions carefully before proceeding. Must be returned to the Council Service Center before final payment is made for the camp you are applying for. **(Please fill out digitally or print clearly in ALL CAPS)**

EVENT INFORMATION

Event Attending _____ Event Dates _____ Event Fee _____

APPLICANT INFORMATION

() Pack () Troop () Crew () Ship Unit # _____

Scout's Name: Last _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Current Rank _____ Gender _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

Is this Scout a Foster Child? Y N Is this Scout a First-Year Camper? Y N

Primary language spoken at home _____ Scout's Ethnicity _____

School Scout Attends _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent / Guardian's Name: Last _____ First _____

Tele # (____) _____ email _____

INCOME INFORMATION

Gross Monthly Income \$ _____ AND

Assistance Program Eligibility (national school lunch program, Foster Child, TANF, AFDC, etc.)

Number of persons in your household? _____

A few words describing the Scout and his/her background?

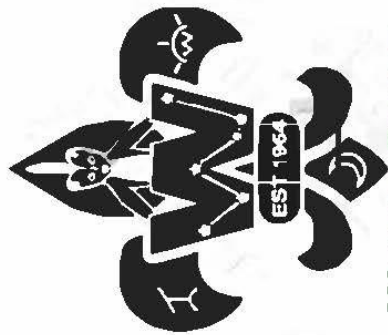
By completing this application, I hereby request financial assistance from the Golden Gate Area Council, BSA Campership Fund. I certify that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Parent/Guardian *Signature*

Unit Leader *Signature*

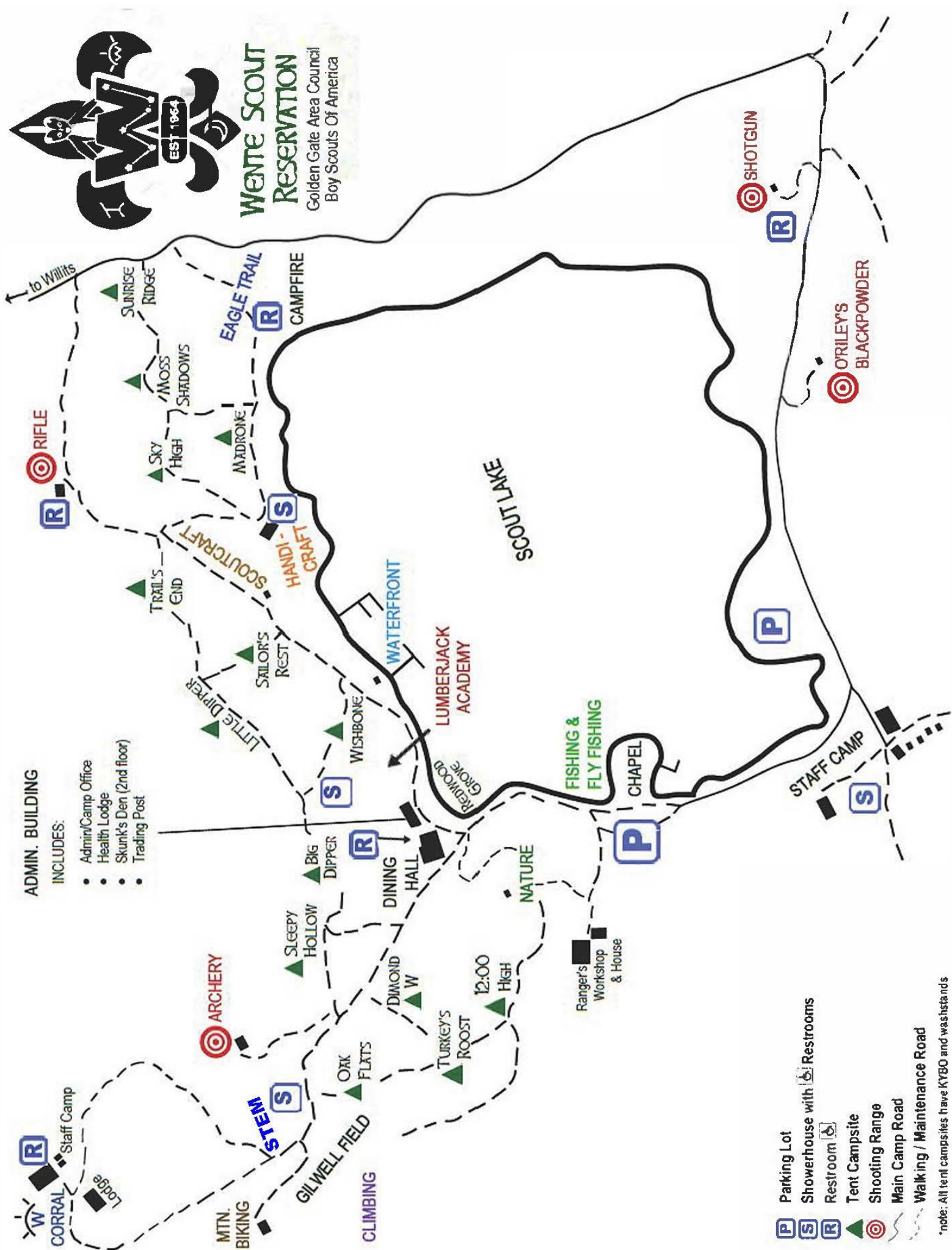
Parent/Guardian PRINT

Unit Leader PRINT



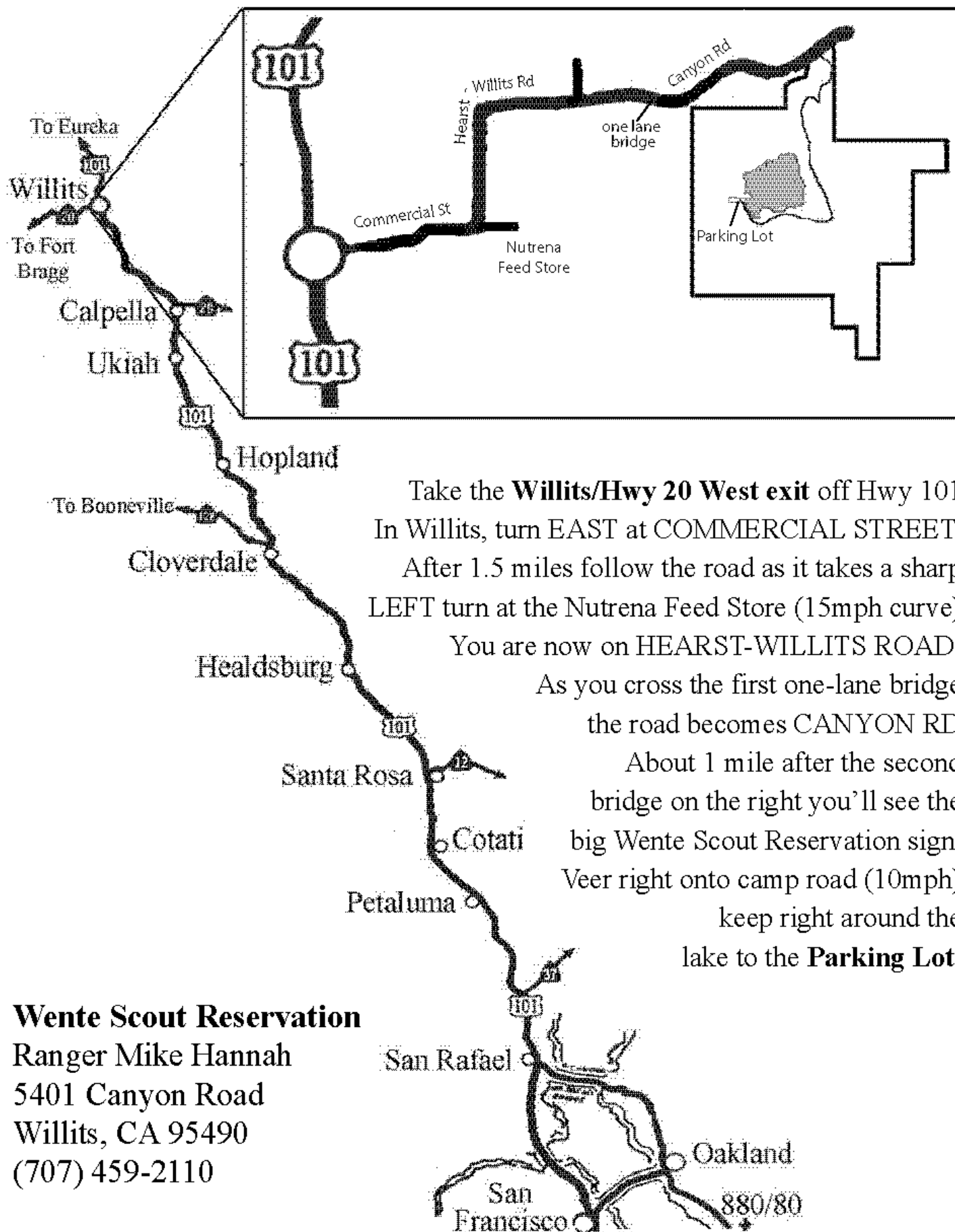
WENTE SCOUT RESERVATION

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- P** Parking Lot
 - S** Showerhouse with Restrooms
 - R** Restroom
 - T** Tent Campsite
 - Shooting Range
 - M** Main Camp Road
 - Walking / Maintenance Road
- *note: All tent campsites have KYBO and washstands

Driving Directions to Wente Scout Reservation



Wente Scout Reservation

Ranger Mike Hannah
5401 Canyon Road
Willits, CA 95490
(707) 459-2110