

CHESEBROUGH SCOUT RESERVATION

LABOR DAY FAMILY WEEKEND CAMP

LEADER GUIDE

2024



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Dear Scouts, Scouters, and Families:

Chesebrough Scout Reservation is your camp. We welcome you to spend Labor Day Weekend with us, celebrating Scouting and all that nature has to offer in a majestic redwood forest and surrounded by a rich history born of the logging industry that created the Boulder Creek Area in the 19th century. You will experience a full camp program where your families may enjoy handicraft, nature, shooting sports, and climbing. On top of this, there will be a campfire, guided hikes, and ample time for recreation and relaxation.

This family camping opportunity is open to all Scouting families. The programs are varied enough to appeal to all ages and stages.

To help you better prepare for their outdoor experience, this guide contains resources including schedules, a description of programs offered, policies, and other general information to make the weekend as enjoyable as possible. Our staff and volunteers thank you for choosing to spend your Labor Day weekend with us at Chesebrough Scout Reservation. You will experience exceptional outdoor experiences that will allow you to learn a variety of life skills in a safe and fun environment.

Yours in scouting,

Dianne Betz
Camp Director

Sierra Boyanich
Camp Director

LOGISTICS

Labor Day Family Camp Dates for 2024

Friday, August 30 – Sunday, September 1

Arrival

Please arrive in camp no earlier than 5:00 PM on Friday so that staff can have time to prepare to serve you. If you arrive before 5:00 PM, please wait at Sempervirens Point, across Highway 9 from the camp entrance. From 5:00 to 8:00 PM, staff will be stationed at the parking lot entrance to check you in and direct you to your campsite. If you arrive after 8:00 PM, or on Saturday, please check in at the Administration Building. Carpooling is highly encouraged due to limited parking capacity.

Camp is located off Highway 9, 1.5 Miles from the Hwy 9 and Hwy 35 stop sign, across from Sempervirens Point and is adjacent to Castle Rock State Park and Long Ridge Open Space Preserve. Please drive slowly on the camp road!

Check-in Process

Please have all forms ready before arriving in camp. Upon entering camp, you will be greeted by a staffer who will confirm your registration, collect medical forms, issue you a wristband, and direct you to your campsite. There is no parking at the campsites; vehicles will only be allowed to drive to campsites to drop off gear. The campsites and roads can only accommodate several vehicles at a time, so please drive back to the parking lot after unloading your gear and before setting up your campsite. Drivers will be instructed as to where to queue their vehicles. Once gear has been dropped off, vehicles are to remain in the parking lot for the duration of the weekend. Only high clearance vehicles are permitted to drive to the upper campsites, so a gear shuttle will be available.

Shooting sports forms will be collected during the Shooting Sports Safety Briefing at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning

Departure

Please check out at the Administration Building before departing. Your medical forms will be returned to you. Please plan on departing no later than 12:00 PM on Sunday. A survey will be sent to you after camp.

Security

All persons on the premises must wear an issued wristband. Wristbands will be issued at check-in. If you arrive after 8:00 PM on Friday or lose your wristband, please report to the Administration Building within 30 minutes to be issued a new one. Wristbands will be checked at all program areas and meals. We want to make sure that everyone at Chesebrough is registered and safe to be around youth.

Communication

There is no cell service in camp and limited reception outside of camp. There is a phone in the Administration Building for staff business and emergency calls. Staff have two-way radios for staff communication only. The camp phone number is (408) 868-9278.

WiFi

WiFi is available in central facilities. WiFi tickets may be purchased in 300 MB increments for \$10 at the Trading Post. Please be respectful of the natural environment and use WiFi for essential purposes only and away from Scouts.

Emergency Drill

Recent natural disasters such as wildfires emphasize the Scout motto, "Be Prepared". We will be having an emergency drill on Saturday morning to demonstrate our emergency protocols. Upon hearing the alarm, all campers are to report to the Flag Meadow and line up by unit. Campers will be dismissed to lunch when the drill is complete.

CAMPING

Campsites

Campsites will be pre-assigned. You will be notified of your campsite before you head down to Camp. You will be sharing a campsite, including the fire pit and hutch, with other units and families, so please try to keep your group contained. A Scout is Friendly!

Gear

There are no tents or mattresses provided in the campsites. Please bring your own. Temperatures should be in the 40's at night and 70's and 80's during the day. Campsites have water but no electricity.

Bathrooms and Showers

To conserve water and as a courtesy to other campers, please limit showers to 3 minutes. Facilities are maintained by the camp, but your assistance in keeping them clean is appreciated. If you have a concern, please contact a commissioner and we will work to resolve it. Per Youth Protection Guidelines, shower facilities will be open to Youth under 18 for the first half of each hour and to 18 and older for the second half of each hour. These hours will be posted.

Meals

The following meals are provided in the dining area between the kitchen and the Valley Lodge. Before all meals, we will have an assembly at the Flag Meadow.

Friday – Cracker barrel

Saturday – Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Sunday – Breakfast

Dishwashing

Dishwashing is not allowed in washstands, sinks, or showers. Dishes should be washed in basins or pots. Dispose of all solid food waste in trash cans.

Fires

1. Chesebrough Scout Reservation is in a fire prone area
2. Fires may only be made in established rings
3. Fires must be below knee high
4. Fires must be supervised by an adult at all times
5. Fires must be cold out when not attended
6. All firewood must be dead and down
7. Do not bring firewood to camp. This prevents the spread of diseases and we have plenty of wood.

Patrols

We will be dividing the campers into 6 Patrols. Each Patrol will be assigned a meal for serving and cleaning and time slots each program area. Patrols will be assigned before arrival and are named after Santa Cruz Mountain wildlife.

Trading Post

The Trading Post will be operating out of the Administration Building with limited hours. Hours will be announced during camp.

PROGRAM

A schedule may be found on the following page.

Program Areas

The following program areas will be open. Time slots for each area will be assigned to each program patrol, with some open time also available. This will allow for everyone to have an opportunity to participate.

Climbing

The climbing wall will be open under qualified supervision. All ages may climb; Boy Scouts and Venturers may belay. If it rains, the climbing program may be suspended for your safety.

Handicraft

Handicraft will take place in the "Corral" area near the flag meadow. The area offers open craft making.

Shooting Sports

We will offer BB gun shooting and archery under highly qualified supervision. A firearm permission form, signed by the youth's parents, is required for all youth. A copy of this form is at the end of this Leader Guide.

The Forge

Learn the art of blacksmithing from an experienced team!

Sports

Sports meets by the flag meadow. Scouts will have the opportunity to try out several sports including human foosball and volleyball.

STEM

At STEM, Scouts will be able to explore all the fun there is to Science!

Campfire Program

On Saturday night, we will be hosting a full campfire program at the Campfire Bowl. If your unit has a skit or song, please sign up on the sheet outside of the Admin by 6:30 PM on Saturday.

Skits should not exceed 3 minutes and must be Scouting appropriate. The campfire program should take about 1 hour.

Flag Ceremonies

Flag ceremonies will take place in the Flag Meadow, morning and evening. After each ceremony, staff will provide important program announcements.

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Friday, August 30		
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Check-in	Entrance
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Cracker Barrel	Dining Area
8:30 PM – 9:00 PM	Leader Meeting	Valley Lodge
10:00 PM	Taps, Quiet hours begin	Camp Wide
Saturday, August 31		
6:30 AM	Reveille, Quiet hours end	Camp Wide
7:15 AM – 7:30 AM	Opening Flag Ceremony	Flag Meadow
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Dining Area
8:30 AM – 9:00 AM	Shooting Sports Safety Briefing	Flag Meadow
9:00 AM – 10:10 AM	Program Session #1	Program Areas
10:15 AM – 11:25 AM	Program Session #2	Program Areas
11:30 AM – 12:20 PM	Program Session #3	Program Areas
12:20 PM – 12:30 PM	Emergency Drill and Assembly	Flag Meadow
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch	Dining Area
1:50 PM – 3:00 PM	Program Session #4	Program Areas
3:05 PM – 4:15 PM	Program Session #5	Program Areas
4:20 PM – 5:30 PM	Program Session #6	Program Areas
6:00 – 6:15 PM	Flag Ceremony and Announcements	Flag Meadow
6:15 PM – 7:15 PM	Dinner	Dining Area
7:45 PM – 8:30 PM	Campfire	Fire Bowl
9:30 PM	Taps	Camp-wide
Sunday, September 1		
6:30 AM	Reveille, Quiet hours end	Camp Wide
7:20 AM – 7:30 AM	Flag Ceremony	Flag Meadow
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Dining Area
8:30 AM – 9:30 AM	Pack up campsites	Dining Area
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM	Open Program	Program Areas
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM	Check-out	Administration

SAFETY AND POLICIES

Emergencies

If you spot an emergency, please immediately report it to a staff member. In the event of a camp-wide emergency, you will hear three air horn blasts. Report to the Valley Lodge immediately for further instructions.

Medical Forms

All participants must have Part A and Part B of the BSA Medical Form completed and in camp with their unit leader.

Parking and Vehicles

ALL VEHICLES MUST BE BACKED INTO DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS. You are permitted to drive your vehicle to your campsite to unload equipment. However, after unloading gear, please return your vehicle to the main parking lot. Please make sure you do not block emergency vehicle access roads. ALL vehicles MUST have minimum California insurance coverage. Seat belts must be used. **RIDING IN THE BED OF A PICKUP TRUCK IS ILLEGAL IN CALIFORNIA AND THEREFORE NOT ALLOWED ON CAMP PROPERTY.** Due to limited parking availability, carpooling is highly encouraged.

Bicycles

Bicycles are not permitted in camp.

Insurance

The Council does not provide medical insurance for families attending Family Weekend Camp. Please have your family's health insurance information with you. A medic will be on site to assist with medical issues. The nearest hospital is:

*El Camino Hospital Los Gatos
815 Pollard Road
Los Gatos, CA 95032-1438
408-378-6131*

To access, return to Hwy 9 and turn left toward Saratoga. Continue on Saratoga Ave. Turn right onto Fruitvale Ave and go 0.3 mi. Turn left onto Allendale Ave and go 1.2 mi. Turn right onto Quito Rd and go 0.3 mi. Turn left onto Pollard Rd and the destination will be on the left in 1.4 mi.

Pets

For ecosystem protection, and for your pet's safety, pets are not permitted in Camp.

Camp Telephone

We do not have a public telephone. The camp telephone is for camp business and emergencies only. Adults should plan not to have telephone access while at camp.

Alcohol and Drugs

The Boy Scouts of America and the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

Smoking

Adult leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youth, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. **The ONLY smoking area in camp is inside the vehicle that you came to camp in and out of view of Scouts.** State Park regulations prohibit smoking in the forest or along any trails. This applies to both traditional and electronic products.

Marijuana

It is unacceptable for anyone to use or be under the influence of medical or recreational marijuana at or during any Scouting activity.

Illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden at the camp. No exceptions. Scouts or leaders found in possession of illegal substances will be dismissed from camp immediately. We maintain a zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol and will cooperate with appropriate authorities in any investigation regarding violations of this policy. Anyone under 18 observed smoking may be asked to leave camp.

Adult Leader and Parent Responsibilities

Adult leaders and parents are some of the most important people in camp. You are with your boys 52 weeks a year and know them better than anyone else in camp. It is the responsibility of troop leaders to do the following:

- ◇ **Monitor the behavior of their scouts and enforce camp rules and policies. Adults should know where their boys are at all times and be aware of the activities they are involved in. The 12 points of the Scout Law guide our camp. All campers' and staffs' conduct is judged by how it measures up against these guidelines. We cannot tolerate and will not permit activities that do not meet the criteria of the standards set by the Scout Law.**
- ◇ **Enforce the buddy system. The buddy system is to be enforced at all times in camp. Scouts need to have a buddy in program areas, on hikes, and in any other activity they are engaged in.**

- ◇ **See that Scouts in your unit do not damage camp facilities and program materials. Units will be billed for any damage done to camp property. This will include the cost for materials, labor and any other cost in relation to repairs or replacement.**

- ◇ **Inform the camp, in writing, of any special needs a Scout in his unit may have with regards to disabilities, medications, or dietary needs for health or religious reasons.**

- ◇ **Inform the camp Health Officer immediately, of any accidents, whether minor or major. Any cases of illness should also be reported as soon as possible. The camp Health Officer will always be available and may be reached through the Health Lodge or Administration Building.**

Personal Gear

Units and Scouts must bring their own tents!

Be sure all personal items are clearly marked with full name and unit number. Adult volunteers, the camp or camp staff, or the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Clothing

- Uniform
- Scouting T-shirts
- Pants and shorts
- Towel
- Pajamas or sweat pants
- Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
- Underwear (at least 1 pair per day)
- Socks (at least 1 pair per day)
- Tennis shoes
- Sturdy hiking boots
- Handkerchiefs
- Watch

Camping Gear

- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth
- Foam pad or air mattress
- Pillow (optional)
- Daypack
- Canteen, water bottle, or camelback
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Compass
- First aid kit
- Pocket knife (Totin' Chip / Whitlin' Chip)

Bathroom Necessities

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ◇ Comb or brush
- ◇ Soap
- ◇ Wash cloth and towel
- ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Deodorant
- ◇ Shaving gear

- ◇ Sunscreen
- ◇ Chapstick
- ◇ Non-aerosol insect repellent

Paperwork (signed and dated)

- Annual Health and Medical Record, No. (Parts A and B)
- Firearms/Archery Consent Form
- FARE Request Form

Optional Items

- Camera
- Musical instrument
- Sunglasses
- Money for Trading post

UNAUTHORIZED

***(DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS TO
CAMP)***

Firearms and/or ammunition
Archery equipment
Fireworks
Illicit drugs
Alcohol
Electronics (*Radios, MP3 players, I-pods, Gameboys, etc*)
Cell phones (there is no service at camp)
Knives with blades longer than 3"
Fixed-blade knives
Weapons of any kind
Expensive jewelry
Animals— brought to or from camp
Un-Scout-like attitude

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