

General Information

CAMPING CONTACTS

Throughout the process of preparing for camp, you may need to contact individuals associated with Camp Cherry Valley. The following is a list of whom to contact and the best way to reach them:

For All Camping Reservation questions/needs:

Camping Office Assistant's: Sonia Guerrero Kagan
626 351-8815 Ext 249
SoniaGuerrero.Kagan@scouting.org
Danette Verdugo
626-351-8815 ext. 241
Danette.Verdugo@scouting.org

Camp Cherry Valley Website: https://www.glaacbsa.org/cherry_valley

This number is to be used in case of an emergency while your scout /adult is at camp:

Camp Phone Numbers: (June 11 – August 5) Business phone: 310 510-2895

Council Contact Phone Number: Camping Director Paul Reyes 626 437-9936

Camp Refund Policy

Please note - all payments are non-refundable and are transferable only to a replacement scout or adult in your troop. Payment-in-full is expected no later than 30 days prior to the start of your camp week. Any drop in the number of scouts or adults, after that point, will result in no refund of money already paid and the remaining balance is still owed.

Camperships

A Scout is Thrifty and as such is encouraged to do all he can to help pay his way to camp. At times, however, it is difficult for a Scout and his family to raise the full fee for summer camp. Limited financial help is available from the Greater Los Angeles Council on an individual basis for Scouts who could not otherwise go to camp due to financial hardships. Scoutmasters in the Greater Los Angeles Council who know of any youth with a legitimate need for financial help are encouraged to help that Scout apply for a Campership. The Campership Application is available on the council website. Camperships are available for youth members of the Greater Los Angeles Council only.

[GLAAC Scout Member Campership Application](#)

Camp Fees

Adults who replace leaders during the week can share fees. Adults coming to camp who do not replace a leader in their troop are charged at a rate of **\$65.00 per day**, to be paid in the business office upon arrival. This price includes room, board, and use of camp facility. Please notify Camp Cherry Valley administration of all leadership changes.



Scouts walking back to their campsite from the waterfront.

“Come for summer camp, get the adventure of your life”



Waterfront view



Scouts walking back toward camp from the waterfront.

Visitors to Camp

- ❖ Visitors are welcome at any time. However, certain days (such as the last full day of the session) will serve better than others.
- ❖ All visitors must check in with the Camp Office upon arrival.
- ❖ Guest meals are available at the charge of \$10.00 per person.
- ❖ Siblings and friends are not allowed at camp without prior permission. **They cannot participate in program activities.**
- ❖ No pets allowed in camp, except for Seeing Eye Dogs.

LEADERS MAY NOT BRING THEIR CHILDREN FOR THE WEEK IF THEY ARE NOT A REGISTERED MEMBER OF A UNIT THAT IS ATTENDING CAMP THAT WEEK.

Scouts are not allowed to leave camp with any person unless the parent or guardian who has legal custody has granted permission. Unit leaders are advised to know the custody status of all Scouts.

Mail Service

Mail delivery to the island varies with the weather and other factors. **It is suggested that those parents wishing to mail their Scout a letter or care package do so the Wednesday or Thursday before the Troop leaves for camp.** Most packages mailed later than this will not arrive in camp during the week of camping. Please do not mail money, as it may get lost in the mail. An ATM is located in the town of Two Harbors for emergencies. Please address mail as shown below:



How to address your packages and letters for:

USPS
Scout Name/Unit Number
Camp Cherry Valley
PO Box 5067
Avalon, CA 90704

UPS or FedEx
Scout Name/Unit Number
Camp Cherry Valley
1 Cherry Valley Road
Avalon, CA 90704

ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

Travel Directions

Troops will arrive on Catalina Island via Catalina Classic Cruises. The boat fare is included in the cost of camp. The boat will depart from the Catalina Express Terminal, near the Queen Mary, at the Port of Long Beach, 1046 Queens Highway, Long Beach, CA. Departure times are located on the map at the back of this guide. As in all activities at Cherry Valley, you should be punctual. One hour early is not too early. Upon arrival, you will be met by two staff personnel who will take your official troop count and give you boarding instructions. The trip across the channel takes approximately two hours.

Any additional transportation costs are not provided. Travel mid-week back to the mainland, or water taxis from Two Harbors to camp must be paid for out of pocket. Any Adult leaders or parents who have arranged a mid-week visit or leadership swap should arrange their tickets with Catalina Express. They should call as early as possible to secure a reservation. There are usually tickets available, but there are luggage restrictions. Their number is 310 519-1212.

TO MAKE RESERVATIONS TO TRAVEL MID-WEEK, CALL AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE. STANDBY SEATS ARE USUALLY AVAILABLE. ALL SERVICES REQUIRE EARLY CHECK IN AND HAVE LUGGAGE RESTRICTIONS. ALL COSTS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL. BE SURE YOUR BOAT IS TRAVELING TO TWO HARBORS FROM SAN PEDRO. THE CATALINA EXPRESS TELEPHONE NUMBER IS: 310 519-1212.

PARKING **per day/night:**

- ❖ \$18 per day
- ❖ \$20 if left overnight
- ❖ If dropping off passengers, under 30 minutes it's FREE.
- ❖ Payable via Cash, MasterCard, or Visa.

There is an ATM available at the terminal.

Coming from a long distance?

Troops can stay at Camp Trask before or after their trip. Sleep under the stars; enjoy swimming, dinner and breakfast before you leave for your Cherry Valley adventure and a sack lunch for the boat! You can also stay at Cabrillo Youth Center in San Pedro, there are many places to eat near the center.

A reservation form is available at the end of this guide. We will send directions to Camp Trask with confirmation of your reservation.

Monday Travel

We are happy to arrange for Monday travel for those troops in need. Troops arriving in camp on Monday will be met in Two Harbors by the camp truck for the transporting of their gear to the camp. One adult leader will be driven to the camp for the purpose of registering their troop, while the rest of the troop hikes into camp. Remember, returning from camp on Saturday will be via Long Beach on the Boy Scout boat, so accommodations will need to be made to have transportation from Long Beach back to your vehicles in San Pedro. Monday travel boat time can be from 8 to 9:30 am, the time is assigned by the boat company.

Arriving at Two Harbors

Once in Two Harbors all Scouts and adult leaders will have their luggage transported by camp vehicles, while scouts and leaders hike the 1.5 miles into camp. Any leader or Scout with a disability that prevents them from hiking into camp will be transported to camp by van. Shore boats to camp are available at about \$6 per person each way. Please know that this service is provided only for those people who are unable to make the hike.

Those leaders traveling to camp via a private boat must contact the Camp Director at 310 510-2895 before arrival and arrange for their own moorings with the Harbor Master using Channel 9. **ALL PRIVATE BOATS ARE RESTRICTED FROM TYING ONTO THE CAMP CHERRY VALLEY DOCK OR ITS MOORINGS.**

Packing your gear

We recommend that you pack all your gear in a soft, military style bag that can be placed under your bed while at camp. Mark your gear with a red ribbon or tag, and the letters CCV. Once you get to Long Beach, your gear will be moved around many times and will not be under your supervision until you get into camp. Do not attach anything to your bag. Fishing poles must have a hard case.

Use your day pack to carry items you will need with you on the boat and on your hike into camp. This may include food, or snacks, but every scout should carry at least one water bottle. The Scoutmaster must collect all Medical Forms and present them to the Health Officer upon arrival in camp. This will ensure that every camper has their medical form in hand at the time of check-in. The Scoutmaster must also carry the troop roster and any fee payment receipts.

Note: Do not pack medical forms or other check-in materials (e.g. troop rosters, merit badge sign-up sheets, etc.) in gear bag. Every Scoutmaster should carry these items with them into camp.

Monday Arrival

Troops that are traveling to camp on Monday must notify the Greater Los Angeles Area Council office with their intention to do so. If you know you are not going to arrive on-time due to car troubles, traffic, or other reasons, please notify the council office at ext. 249 or 241.

Saturday Arrival & Accommodations

In order to give the staff adequate time off; troops cannot plan to arrive on Saturday.



Teepee at Cherry Valley near the mine and waterfront area

“Remember, you are in for a week of adventure!”



Merit Badge instruction

Checking Out of Camp

During your week at camp, troop leaders may want to leave camp to visit the town of Two Harbors. Camp Cherry Valley requires the following when adults leave camp:

1. Adequate adult leadership remains in camp to supervise the troop. Note: the two-deep leadership policy must always be followed.
2. Persons who are leaving must sign out on the provided check-in/check-out sheet in the administration office. This will allow us to account for people who are out of camp. Please remember to check-in when you return to camp.
3. Alcoholic beverages should not be purchased while in town as they will not be allowed back into camp. Furthermore, any persons showing any signs of intoxication will be expelled from camp.



Ready for adventure!

Camp Facilities

Each campsite is supplied with the following:

- Platforms and canvas tents
- Broom, Trash Can
- Bulletin board
- Flag Pole
- Picnic Table

Equipment each unit should bring:

- Lantern (**battery only**)
- Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- First aid kit
- Pushpins for your bulletin board
- American Flag/Unit Flag/Patrol flag
- Tablecloth or cover
- Lockbox (meds; fox population has increased)

Trading Post

The Camp Cherry Valley trading post, ran by our friendly and courteous staff, is stocked with a wide variety of program supplies, souvenir t-shirts, sweatshirts, hats, patches, pocketknives and much more. We carry general camping supplies, personal hygiene items, and an excellent selection of snacks and beverages. We encourage each Scout to bring an adequate amount of spending money. The trading post is open every day and the average Scout will spend \$60-\$70 throughout the course of the week. Trading post hours are on the camp week at a glance and will be posted and announced regularly at camp.

It is suggested that each unit have one or more adults acting as bankers, holding and disbursing money to each Scout as needed. They can also ensure that money allocated by the parent for a T-shirt or hat is used to make that purchase.

Shower and Restroom Facilities

Showers and restrooms are available for all campers at any time, but should be used before quiet time at 10:00 PM. We ask for your help in maintaining the good condition of our restrooms and showers by treating them with respect and immediately reporting any malfunctions to the camp administration. In keeping with youth protection guidelines, adults should be aware of their troop's behavior and maintain discipline by providing supervision while the boys are at the shower units. All campers must wear flip-flops or water socks when showering. If there are any mechanical problems or difficulties with other camper please contact the staff. **Due to the sensitive nature of our septic system units are prohibited from bringing their own toilet paper and paper towels to camp.**

Laundry Facilities

There are no laundry facilities available for campers at Camp Cherry Valley. There are, however, staff laundry facilities onsite. Should a camper have an "accident" or for another reasonable cause, special arrangements may be made to ensure a safe and sanitary environment for the Scout.

Dining Hall

We eat "cafeteria style" at Camp Cherry Valley. Everyone in the troop will have a chance to play an active role in food service during the week. Depending on the number of campers, the camp may be divided into two meal shifts. Each meal shift will gather at the assembly area for grace. From there, troops will be dismissed one by one in a predetermined order into the dining hall. Troops will sit at their assigned tables for the entire week. Troops will be joined by their troop friends at each meal. If you are sharing a table with another Troop, please work out a waiter rotation schedule with them.



Scouts at the Sea Lab

Waiter Duty

We ask that you provide one waiter for every table that is assigned to your troop. The duties of the waiters are as follows:

1. Report to the dining hall steward 10-15 minutes prior to the scheduled mealtime **with washed hands**.
2. Set table with appropriate condiments and refresh them throughout the meal.
3. Wipe down table and clean area around table after the troop has eaten.
4. Accept further direction from the dining hall steward.

Please assign one adult per troop per day to supervise the clean up after meals.

Phones and Phone Use

Outgoing personal calls are not allowed on the camp telephone except in the case of an emergency. While your service provider might tell you your cell phone and data should work well at camp please understand that because of the geographic position of Camp Cherry Valley at the scout reservation Verizon cellular service provides excellent coverage in limited areas while AT&T cellular coverage is spotty in limited areas of camp. Leaders may charge their phones at the Museum.

There is no public phone available. If campers wish to contact their parents they need to use either their own or one of their adult leaders' cell phones. Any leader bringing a cell phone can charge it in the business office on the power strip provided. Do not bring your own power strip. All leaders charging cell phones do so at their own risk. Camp Cherry Valley is not responsible for cell phones that are lost or stolen. Although we leave it to your Troops discretion, we recommend that Scouts do not bring cell phones to camp.

Internet and Computer Use

WIFI is available in Camp. Check with the program office for more details.

Campsite Courtesies

The campsite and the camp is your troop/unit home during the week. Your troop friend and commissioner are in camp to serve you; however, **troop conduct is always the responsibility of the adult leadership in the unit**. Please instruct your Scouts to respect the campsites of others. Do not enter them unless invited. Control noise, respect quiet hours, and leave other people's personal property alone. Damage to tents and campsite equipment will be charged to the Scout troop to which the responsible person(s) belongs.

During sessions with a large number of campers, it may be necessary for different troops to share the same campsite. In cases such as these, we ask for your understanding and help in maintaining a spirit of brotherhood and camaraderie in the campsite.

Damaged Equipment

It is expected that Scouts will properly take care of all equipment they use. Sometimes, however, equipment gets damaged and needs to be repaired or replaced. If members of your troop damage camp equipment due to misuse or negligence, the cost of repairing or replacing any damaged equipment is expected to be settled before your unit leaves camp. Please see below the base chart of fee charges for major items.

Please report any damage of camp equipment to your commissioner. In the event damages are discovered after your departure from camp, an invoice will be sent to your unit for payment. When a Scout causes damage, whether it is intentional or not, it will be charged to the Scout or troop. Please see the infraction and cost grid below of some of the most commonly damaged items at camp.

Units will be charged for damaged equipment using the following scale:

COTS Mattress replacement	\$70.00	Mattress cover replacement	\$50.00
Metal Bed replacement	\$250.00	TENTS Rips and tears per INCH	\$25.00
Writing on canvas per PANEL	\$150.00	Tent replacement	\$600.00
OTHER Discharge of fire extinguisher	\$75.00	Garden hose replacement	\$20.00



Scouts on Archery Range



View of the water front



Shooting archery

“A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.”

Lord Baden-Powell



View of a campsite

Policy Information

Quiet Hours

All campers will be provided with at least eight hours of quiet time. Between 10:00 pm and 6:00 am, each day we ask that you enforce this quiet period. If there is a problem in your campsite or with campers from another troop please notify a commissioner. Please do not take matters into your own hands. Let the staff deal with such problems.

Grace

The Boy Scouts of America is an *all-denominational* organization which encourages each member to actively participate in his religious beliefs and responsibilities as he sees fit. Camp Cherry Valley has a chaplain on duty and a chapel for Scouts, individuals, or groups to use for religious worship. An *all-denominational* religious service is a highlight of our Sunday evening program and all Scouts are encouraged to attend. Grace will be said before each meal and many campers will have an opportunity to participate. Please let your Scouts know they should feel free to pray as is their custom, and remind them of the importance of showing respect for all forms and traditions of prayer.

Insurance

Every unit attending camp **must** be covered by some type of accident and sickness insurance plan. All units registered in the Greater Los Angeles Area Council are covered under the BSA Campers' Accident and Sickness insurance plan. Some Councils also provide this insurance to their registered units; others offer the insurance to their units at a small fee. Some units are covered by their chartered partner.

Leadership Requirements

- ❖ The role of adult leaders at summer camp is very important. In planning, supervising, teaching, and participating, their influence and support is critical. Start recruiting your leaders early and have alternates standing by, in case of emergency or inclement events.
- ❖ **Each unit is required to have at least two adult leaders. The recommended ratio is one adult for every ten Boy Scouts.**
- ❖ The primary unit leader at camp must be a registered adult Scouter at least 21 years of age, preferably the unit's year-round leader or assistant leader.
- ❖ The second adult may be a registered Scouter, 18 years old or older, or the parent of a participating Scout.
- ❖ All adult leaders coming to camp must be registered with the BSA and youth protection certified.

Sleeping Arrangements

- All leaders are expected to reflect high moral standards established by custom, traditional values, and religious teachings.
- Male and female leaders require separate sleeping facilities. Married couples may share the same quarters if appropriate facilities are available.
- Parents and sons are permitted to sleep in the same tent.

Leadership Responsibilities

Adult supervision is a critical component of a successful youth program. The leadership and guidance you provide your Scouts during your stay will keep much safe and enhance their overall camping experience. We ask our staff to lead by example specifically by living Scout Oath and Scout Law, and we would ask that Scouts and adult leaders do the same.

- ◆ Adults should know where the Scouts are and should sit with the boys at meals and monitor the Scouts' behavior: Whittling on trees and "sword fighting" with sticks are unacceptable.
- ◆ Activity areas requiring specialized supervision--such as the waterfront, archery range and rifle range --are supervised by qualified, certified adult staff members. Any program supervisor may request the assistance of adult leaders.
- ◆ Enforce the buddy system: **Scouts are not to go off by themselves.**
- ◆ Damage to camp property is not tolerated. Greater Los Angeles Area Council expects full restitution, including the full cost of materials, labor, and other costs related to replacement or repairs.
- ◆ Unit leaders must follow instructions under "YOUTH LEAVING CAMP PROPERTY" section of this guide for any youth needing to leave camp early.
- ◆ It is the responsibility of the unit leader to inform the camp, in writing, of the physical or mental disabilities of any youth or adult camper, so that the camp can provide proper accommodations.
- ◆ Please help us follow all written, spoken, and implied rules and regulations as they are in place to protect the Scouts, adults, staff, facility, equipment, property, and the environment.



Scout Law path

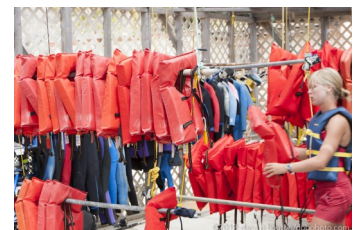
Youth Protection & Guide to Safe Scouting

All adults participating with their unit at camp are recommended to be Youth Protection Trained and listed on the Camp Roster. Each unit is responsible for making sure all adults receive this training before arrival. Contact your district training chair for assistance. Also all participants in official Scouting activities should be familiar with the Guide to Safe Scouting.

The Youth Protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America begin with selecting the best possible leaders. The following policies provide additional security for boys in the program and protect adult leaders against false allegations of abuse.

- **Two-deep leadership.** Two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.
- **No one-on-one contact.** One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, the meeting should take place in view of other adults and youth. All youth campers are required to adhere to the buddy system at all times while in camp.
- **Respect of privacy.** Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes or taking showers at camp. Adults should intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. They should also protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- **Separate accommodations.** When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in a tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian.
- **Proper preparation for activities.** All activities should take into consideration the capabilities of the participating Scouts. No activity should be undertaken without proper preparation, equipment, clothing, supervision, and safety measures.
- **No secret organizations.** The Boy Scouts of America does not recognize any secret organization as part of its program. All activities are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- **Appropriate attire.** Proper clothing for activities is required--for example, skinny-dipping is not appropriate in Scouting.
- **Constructive discipline.** Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- **Hazing prohibited.** Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.

Leaders Meeting-
April 29, 2017
10:30 am
Smiser Scout Center
3450 E. Sierra Madre
Blvd., Pasadena, CA
91107



Waterfront equipment

Youth Leaving Camp Property

Once a boy has checked into camp he is not authorized to leave the property except in an emergency, or if he is participating in a camp program. Authorization can be granted for a boy to be picked up by a parent or family member using the following guidelines:

- The Camp Director must be notified in writing from the parent or guardian having custody of the child through the Scout leader in charge of the unit upon check-in. If a camper is to be picked up before the end of the camping session, this notification must also say who is authorized to pick up the child. **The Camper Early Release Form must be filled out completely and signed.**
- Upon arrival of the adult having permission to pick up the camper from the camp, the adult must check in with the Camp Director at the camp office.
- The Camp Director will notify the adult leader of the unit who will verify whether this is the correct adult to pick up the camper.
- If the adult picking up the camper is the correct person confirmed by the adult unit leader, the boy will then be contacted and released to the adult by the Camp Director.
- If an adult camp leader is taking a boy home during the camp week, he must check out with the Camp Director and must inform the Camp Director upon his return to camp. If the child is not directly related to the adult leader, two-deep leadership guidelines as stated in the youth protection training must be followed. Upon returning to the camp property, the adult leader must check in with the Camp Director.

Note: Parents should be encouraged not to pick up a child until the conclusion of the total session program, usually following breakfast on the last day of camp.

The Camp Director will require the unit leader to complete the Camper Early Release Form when emergency situations occur, such as death in the family or serious injuries.

Verification of authorized persons to remove campers in case of emergencies shall be by telephone with the youth's parent or legal guardian. The Camper Early Release Form shall be kept as a part of the camp's permanent file. In the absence of the Camp Director, the Assistant Camp Director, Business Manager or Camp Program Director shall coordinate the early release of a camper. The above listed camp personnel shall be trained by the Camp Director.

Camp Health

Camper Fitness Level

The general program requires light physical activity, but there will be instances such as hike day, walking to the shooting ranges, or waterfront that will increase a camper's heart rate and require more strenuous activity. Camp Cherry Valley advises that all campers know their physical limitations and prepare for the camp by walking or hiking several months before camp begins. It is advised that once at camp all youth and adult leaders should take things slowly until their bodies have had a chance to adjust to the terrain.

Campers with Disabilities

Camp Cherry Valley is prepared to assist campers with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities in any capacity needed. Scoutmasters can phone prior to coming to camp or discuss with the Camp Director upon arrival of their specific troop disabilities. As a facility Camp Cherry Valley has all amenities needed to assist a physically disabled camper. From a program perspective the staff is willing and able to help campers with mental and emotional disabilities navigate their way through merit badge classes, swim checks, and any other program function.

Preventing Homesickness

One of the biggest problems for Scouts attending camp may be that of homesickness! Each family can be of great assistance to the unit leaders by stressing to their Scouts the fun they will have, the new friends they will meet, the fantastic Scouting adventure they will experience, and the achievements they will conquer! Family members should not mention how much they will miss the boys or that the boys will miss mom or dad, TV or video games.

Scouts will be kept busy with a variety of activities and the unit leaders and camp staff will look for signs of homesickness. The staff can be especially helpful in case of homesickness so that each boy will be able to remain in camp and have a positive experience.

Another problem associated with homesickness is caused when a boy telephones home. Once a boy talks to mom or dad, if he was not homesick there is a good chance he will be after calling. Please have parents discourage their sons from telephoning home, except in an emergency. If the boy insists on telephoning home from camp, he should get permission from his unit leader. When unit leaders receive such requests, they should discuss the situation with a commissioner before allowing the boy to use the telephone.



Waterfront view

Medical Information

All participants who come to camp **must** have a current BSA Annual Health and Medical History. Medical evaluation must be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine and must be current within 12 months (BSA Annual Health and Medical History form can be downloaded from the Camp Cherry Valley website). The approved medical form also contains an authorization form for medical treatment. The parent of all minors **must** sign this medical form. All Scouts and adults will go through medical rechecks and evaluations by the camp health officer during the swim-check process.

All troops should bring a complete first aid kit with them for minor injuries. Appoint an adult in the troop as the medic whose primary responsibility is to take care of Scouts with headaches, coughs, scrapes, minor cuts, and bruises, etc.

Each troop is required to carry adequate and proper liability and health insurance. Please prepare to verify that each camper is protected and brings a copy of his insurance card or numbers in case of an emergency while at camp. Troops and Crews who are not members of the Greater Los Angeles Area Council must bring proof of accident and sickness insurance from their local council.

Our Health Lodge is equipped with supplies to handle most injuries in camp. A licensed first responder, EMT, nurse, or physician will usually be on site 24-hours a day to handle such emergencies. Serious injuries, which require immediate advanced medical support, will be handled by the paramedics in Two Harbors, who are never more than ten minutes away from Camp Cherry Valley. For less serious injuries, but which still require medical attention, troop and unit leaders will be responsible for transporting the injured person to the nearest medical treatment facility.

Practitioners of the Christian Science faith must provide the camp with a written letter from the practitioner.

NO MEDICAL EXAMINATION – NO CAMP NO EXCEPTIONS!!

Packing Medication:

- ❖ We would like all medication in the original package.
- ❖ Please place medications in a large zip lock bag with the campers name in permanent marker.
- ❖ Please add a note if needed to explain process of medication dispensing while at camp.
- ❖ Medications will be stored in the Med Lodge and dispensed by the Health Officer.

Special Requests/Needs:

Send to SoniaGuerrero.Kagan@scouting.org

Food: Campers with special dietary needs will be accommodated to the best of the camps ability. Please let us know in writing (please provide as much information as possible for our staff) at least two weeks before your arrival. We are happy to meet your needs; however, if we need to order special/ substitute food items, we must know in advance.

Medical: Campers with medical needs (i.e. administering medication, power for sleep machine, or any other medical needs) will be accommodated to the best of the camps ability. Please let us know in writing (please provide as much information as possible for our staff) at least two weeks before your arrival. Every effort will be made to make your stay at camp a safe and wonderful experience.

CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) Machines

The tent sites have limited access to power. To accommodate those individuals who need to use a CPAP machine, we have reserved tent sites in R5 which have access to temporary power to run their CPAP Machines at night. During the day, the temporary power cord will be coiled inside the tent with the CPAP machine. Due to the proximity to power in R5 you may not be staying in the same tent sites as the rest of your troop. Please be sure that there are adequate adults to maintain 2 deep leadership at all times in your troops campsite with the absence on the individual who needs access to power for their CPAP machine at night. Please notify us ahead of time if you will be bringing a CPAP machine. We will work with you to make your stay as comfortable as possible and we look forward to seeing you at camp this summer.

First Aid

The Health Lodge is designed to meet the medical emergency needs of our campers. All injuries will be reported and properly recorded. We are ready with emergency support and will make necessary contact with the emergency medical response team in Two Harbors in cases that require such medical attention. Due to the high cost of over-the-counter medicine, such medicines will only be distributed from the health lodge in emergency situations. Persons who have non-emergency medical situations will be sent to their troop medic for assistance. Some medications for common ailments (i.e. colds, headaches, sore throats, coughs, etc.) will be sold in the trading post to adults only. Units are required to camp equipped with a well-stocked first-aid kit, cough drops, throat lozenges, Tylenol, Advil, TUMS, and any other medicine that your campers may need during their week at camp.

Camp Safety



Dining Hall

For the well-being of Scouts, leaders, and parents at camp, the camp staff encourages the following important practices:

Emergency Procedures and Information

As part of the first flag ceremony the camp will demonstrate the emergency alarm system. Any other alarms during the week will signify an actual emergency. If you hear the alarm, proceed to the assembly area, join your troop, and account for everyone therein. Further instructions will be disseminated at the assembly area. Be sure that your troop discusses and understands what to do in case of emergencies.

Ecology

1. **Animal Conservation:** Please make certain that all Troop members understand the delicate balance of plant and animal life on Catalina Island. Everyone should do their best to ensure that no animals are harmed or killed. This applies to marine as well as land life. Please walk only on designated trails and roads.
2. **Pets:** No pets of any kind should be brought to camp. Pets are a threat to wildlife and are in danger themselves.
3. **Plant Conservation:** The vegetative life on the Island and in the sea is very fragile. Please make every effort to stay on the trails, do not pick the flowers, or collect specimens. Do not gather firewood or use natural materials for camp construction projects. The cherry trees are our special charge. Please do all you can to prevent name carving, hammock hanging, and other acts that damage the trees.
4. **The Salina** is an environmentally protected area that is vital to the health and well-being of the cove. Please help us keep the Scouts from walking through it or destroying it in any way.
5. **Fire:** The smallest spark is a deadly threat to wildlife and campers. No fireworks, open fires, flame utilizing lamps, or other equipment can be allowed in camp.
6. Please help us keep the campers on the roads and designated trails, as this will help protect the animal habitat and plant life from destruction.

Water

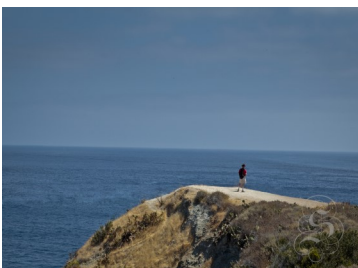
Conservation and wise use of water is a top priority at Camp Cherry Valley. We ask for your help in conserving water by taking short showers and turning faucets all the way off. Please stress this with your Scouts.

Wild Animals

Camp Cherry Valley is situated on the beautiful Catalina Island. It is home to a number animals such as deer and fox. Please be respectful of their habitat and do not feed the animals.

Personal Safety

- ◆ Wear shoes at all times (except in the showers where beach shoes, flip flops, or water socks are required). Flip flops or water shoes should be worn to the waterfront to protect your feet. Once there Scouts may play in the water barefooted. **Walking through the camp barefooted is prohibited!**
- ◆ Do not run unless it is part of a program activity. Stay on the trails and out of the non-staffed program areas.
- ◆ Do not walk on or dislodge rock or wood trail outlines or markers.
- ◆ Please respect the privacy of the camp staff by staying out of their living areas.
- ◆ Do not throw rocks, sticks, pine cones, or other objects, except in designated areas.
- ◆ Report any maintenance problems to the camp administration immediately.
- ◆ Do not leave food, candy, etc. in tents or unit campsites at night. Food smells attract unwanted camp visitors.
- ◆ The camp operates on the buddy system. Scouts should always be with at least one other Scout, including in the tent at bedtime.
- ◆ Help keep camp clean; leave camp better than you found it. Put all trash in garbage cans.



View from camp

Aquatics Safety

- ◆ Waterfront areas are under the supervision of adults certified by the BSA National Camp School at all times.
- ◆ The Safe Swim Defense plan and Safety Afloat principles are followed at all times in the aquatics areas. Swim checks are required of all campers before participating in aquatic activities. All aquatic activities follow the buddy system. Scouts are paired within the same ability groups.
- ◆ The aquatics program is primarily recreational. Boating activities (canoes, rowboats, and kayaks) are limited and operate under the guidelines of Safety Afloat.
- ◆ Adult leaders are required to take Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training prior to any unit activity involving aquatics outside of Scout resident camp. For your convenience, these two training courses may be offered at camp.

Fire Safety

Fire always presents a danger to Catalina Island. Los Angeles County prohibits fires in the campsites or in any area above the dining hall. For that reason, we ask that Scouts and Leaders pledge to the following guidelines:

1. Scouts are not allowed to play with matches, lighters, or hot sparks.
2. Adults wishing to smoke must only do so in specially designated areas away from the Scouts. Do not smoke while hiking or in any camp building or activity area.
3. If a fire starts in a tent, exit immediately and collapse the tent poles inward.
4. Fire drills are held during each session, in accordance with state law. Upon hearing the alarm, all Scouts must report immediately to the camp designated assembly area. Adult leaders then report to the Camp Director or staff designee that the unit is present and everyone is accounted for.
5. Never remove the fire tools from your campsite.
6. In case of fire the central alarm system or camp staff member will notify you.

*“See things from the
boy’s point of view.”*

Lord Baden-Powell

Shooting Sports Safety

Field sports training teaches skills, discipline, self-reliance, sportsmanship, and conservation--all elements of character that Scout leaders try to instill. Objectives to be learned are:

1. Skill in the activity.
2. Safety through self-imposed discipline.
3. Attitudes and habits which help build good character and physical fitness.

To achieve these objectives:

- The shooting ranges are under supervision of adults certified by the BSA National Camp School at all times. Boy Scouts have the availability to shoot .22 caliber rifles and bows and arrows.
- Permission slips are required from parents or guardians authorizing their Scout to shoot firearms. This form must be turned in to the camp administration prior to any Boy Scout handling any firearm or bow and arrow.
- Personal firearms of any caliber, ammunition, hunting arrows, cross bows, throwing knives, and bull-whips may not be brought to camp.
- In order to maintain the safe operation of the rifle and the archery ranges we ask that all personal coaching be performed by the range staff only. This limits the distractions while Scouts are shooting and allows all participants to hear the range commands.



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Alcohol and Drugs

"It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted 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."

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This policy will be strictly enforced for all those that use camp facilities.

Smoking

"The Boy Scouts of America's position on smoking strongly urges leaders neither to use tobacco products in any form nor to allow their use in the presence of youth. Therefore, due to medical evidence and growing community sensitivities, a *smoke-free* environment policy was developed. "All buildings and facilities under control of the Greater Los Angeles Council are to be designated as nonsmoking facilities. Smoking outside entrance/exit doors is prohibited at any location. In addition, all Scouting functions, meetings, or activities will be conducted on a smoke-free basis with permitted smoking areas located away from all participants."

The Camp Director will identify those limited outdoor areas where smoking is permitted once at camp. In most cases smoking is limited to an area behind the program office **only!** Smoking will not be allowed in program areas, campfire bowl and all buildings.

Hazing

"Older Scouts sometimes feel that new Scouts should be "initiated" into the Troop with a hazing activity. You should be alert to this desire of older boys and direct efforts into meaningful initiation programs. Hazing has no place in Scouting, nor does running the gauntlet, belt line or similar punishments.

Discipline

Corporal punishment will not be tolerated in camp. Physical abuse such as manhandling, pushups, and loud, abusive screaming are also not allowed as punishment for youths. For problems in camp please see the Camp Director for proper action.

Fireworks

Fireworks are especially dangerous at camp. Both state and county agencies prohibit their use on this island. NOTHING of this sort may be brought into camp for any reason. Fireworks will **NOT** be tolerated or permitted and any that are found will be **CONFISCATED and not returned**. Persons having fireworks are subject to immediate dismissal from camp.

Policy on Use of Chemical Fuels (Liquid, Gaseous, or Jellied)

Liquid, gas, or jelled fuel is not permitted at Camp Cherry Valley. Battery operated lanterns and flashlights are only allowed.

The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited. This includes damp wood, charcoal, and ceremonial camp fires.

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Camp Cherry Valley Program Opportunities

Welcome to the Camp Cherry Valley BSA summer program. Along with the great location and staff, Camp Cherry Valley offers outstanding camp programs that emphasize the aims and methods of scouting. The intent of the camp program is to build character, increase citizenship, and develop increased physical, mental, and emotional fitness in all campers. To ensure this the program specializes in building self-reliance, advancing others through service oriented activities, strengthening a Scouts belief in the Scout Oath and Law, incorporating the patrol method in all applicable activities, emphasizing the benefits of being out-of-doors through various skills and activities, encouraging positive adult role modeling for the youth campers, while at the same time increasing self-worth and positive identity, devotion to religious ideals, and strengthening leadership skills. Scouts and leaders will experience a myriad of activities that are fun, challenging, and designed to facilitate personal growth. Merit badge classes, troop time elective activities, and special programs will ensure that everyone in your troop is busy having a great time.



Out in the wide open ocean having fun!

General Overview of the Camp Program

Each day at camp, with the exception of Wednesday which is hike day, the program is divided into three sessions: morning, afternoon, and evening. Morning session consists primarily of campsite inspections, morning messages, and merit badge classes that each Scout signs up for. After lunch the afternoon session is primarily devoted to troop time, which allows Scouts to individually or as a troop participate in whatever program activities they wish. This can consist of taking extra merit badge classes that they have not signed up for during the class time, swimming in the temperate waters of Cherry Cove, shooting rifles, visiting the trading post, hiking, sailing, canoeing, or simply sitting in their campsite working on homework. This time is for the troop to enjoy the camp however they wish. After dinner an evening of activities are provided by the staff that allow Scouts to grow individually and to bond as a unit. The full week-long schedule can be viewed on the “Camp Cherry Valley Week at a Glance” provided at the end of this program guide.

“Merit badges are at the core of learning new skills at camp!”

Bikes in Camp

Camp Cherry Valley does not have a biking program nor does it allow bikes in camp.

BSA Lifeguard

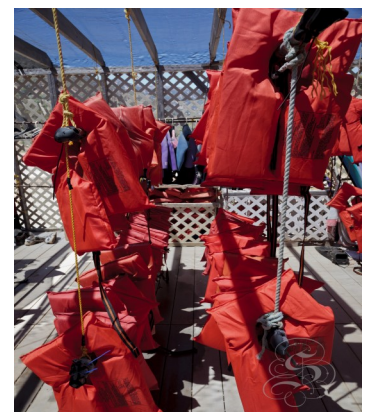
This program is for older Scouts (15 and older) and adult leaders. It will take about 40 hours to complete during the week and will require the person to work on requirements during all three merit badge hours, all day Wednesday, and most of the troop time throughout the week. The candidates will work closely with the waterfront staff throughout the week to learn all aspects of lifeguard skills and waterfront operation. If interested, please contact the waterfront director on Monday morning during swim checks.

****Note:** There has to be at least 4 participants in the program during the week in order to run the class**



Campfires Programs

“Camp Cherry Valley facilitates three different campfire programs throughout the week. The camp staff will perform an opening and closing campfire for the campers. The Wednesday night commissioner campfire allows each troop to participate along with the staff. Please come to camp ready to perform run-ons, skits, songs, and cheers as a troop. Your troop friends will be ready to help you, if need be. Please keep all performances scouting appropriate.



Waterfront supplies

Camper Totem

"Each camper will be given a leather totem. Throughout the week each camper will be recognized for participation in programs. This is done by presenting colored beads for each activity they have participated in. While some beads will be earned through program participation, other beads are elective. As part of our camp Intrusion Policy, the camp asks that each adult camper wear their totem at all times. This allows staff to quickly discern between adult campers and unwanted visitors.

TOTEM BEAD COLOR CHART			
COLOR	ACTIVITY	COLOR	ACTIVITY
RED	OPENING CAMPFIRE	DARK BLUE	SEA LAB TOUR
YELLOW	SCOUT'S OWN	BROWN	KYBO DUTY
WHITE	SERVICE PROJECT	PINK	TRASH/RECYCLE PICK-UP
ORANGE	TROOP FRIEND NIGHT	TURQUOISE	OCEAN ADVENTURE
BLACK	HIKE DAY	LIGHT BLUE	WAITER DUTY
GREEN	COMMISSIONER GAMES	GOLD	GRACE @ MEAL
ROYAL BLUE	HONOR TRAIL	PURPLE	SCOUTMASTER ROUND TABLE
DARK GREEN	NATURE TRAIL	SILVER	SPL ROUND TABLE
CLEAR SPARKLE	FLAG CEREMONY		

Honor Troop Award (Ribbons)

Each troop will have the opportunity to earn the Camp Cherry Valley Honor Troop Award as they participate and progress in the program during the week. This award honors those units who are proactive in promoting the values of Scouting through their service to others and the camp. This is not a competition between troops, but rather a goal to work toward while simultaneously building troop unity and facilitating personal development. Scouts, under the direction and encouragement of their adult leaders and the camp staff, will strive for success. Ribbons will be presented to each unit at the closing campfire so that participating troops may be recognized in front of the camp.

Honor Trail

After the Highland Games have been completed, the troops move onto the Honor Trail. Hiking at dusk up along the road that encircles Camp Cherry Valley, scouts will hear from the four commissioners, who will speak regarding the Scout Oath. Drawing on their personal experiences, each commissioner will relate to the troops how scouting has changed their life. This opens the door for serious, profound discussion back in your campsite.

Leadership Training

Roundtables will be held for Scoutmasters and adult leaders on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. These meetings are designed to keep you informed about the daily program while simultaneously infusing leadership concepts into your experience at camp. They are also a great time during which questions can be asked and answered. We highly encourage that **at least** one adult leader from every troop attends the daily roundtable so that they can relay the appropriate information to their troop.

Camp Cherry Valley also offers the following adult training opportunities:

- A. Safe Swim Defense - will be taught at the campfire bowl on Tuesday at 9:30 am.
- B. Safety Afloat - will be taught at the campfire bowl on Tuesday at 9:30 am.
- C. BSA Lifeguard - the class will begin on Monday after swim checks. It will take about 40 hours to complete during the week and will require the person to work on requirements during all three merit badge hours, and most of the free-time throughout the week. There must be at least four participants enrolled to run the class for the week.
- D. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) - This hands-on program gives adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Time and place will be announced at camp.

Mile Swim

This is an individual activity that will require a buddy who will need another to supervise and count laps. The BSA Mile Swim Award is a progressive award. Scouts or adult leaders can earn the BSA Mile Swim. To do so they must pass the swim check and swim a mile and complete the other requirements. Campers can complete these swims during afternoon troop free-time on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Swimmers wishing to complete the BSA Mile Swim Award are encouraged to meet with the Waterfront Director at the beginning of troop time on Tuesday to get started.



Nature Area and Trail

Camp Cherry Valley offers many opportunities to discover and learn about the environment and the unique ecology of Catalina Island. Take in the diverse terrain and abundance of wildlife in their natural habitat. Nature trail tours are offered during the troop time which are given by our nature staff.

Order of the Arrow

Camp Cherry Valley emphasizes the promotion of the Order of the Arrow (OA). This is done through a social for all current members of the OA Monday at 9:00 pm in the Dining Hall. Please bring either your sash or lodge flap to show membership. The OA is also emphasized and promoted on the ACE overnight campout at Shark Harbor.



Outdoor Ethics

Along with providing Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class advancement opportunities the Trail to First Class program will also teach Outdoor Ethics Training. All Monday classes will spend a portion of time teaching the Seven Principles of Leave No Trace and conducting several activities that emphasize understanding the Outdoor Code.

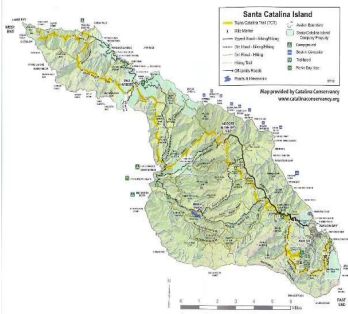


Senior Patrol Leader Roundtable

Roundtables will be held for the SPL's at 1:30 PM everyday but Wednesday in the Camp Cherry Valley Chapel. These meetings, under the leadership of the commissioners, are designed to keep the SPL's informed about the daily schedule while giving them additional tools needed to be better leaders of their troop.



Hike Day



Map of the island.

Hiking on Catalina Island is a unique experience. The Island boasts spectacular vistas with easy or difficult terrain that makes hiking challenging and enjoyable. Wednesday is hike day for Cherry Valley campers. Each troop selects one of several locations and spends the day hiking with experienced Troop friends. The hikes offered differ in difficulty, length, and terrain, so be sure to work with your Senior Patrol Leader and troop to select a hike that works for everyone. Each scout will be given a lunch to pack on the trail, with a sandwich option of turkey and cheese, ham and cheese, or peanut butter and jelly. Program areas will be closed all day. However, the trading post and the rifle range will open at 3:30 that afternoon. Pack inspections will be done by staff and leaders to ensure that every scout has the proper equipment for their hike. Please keep in mind that Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat policies will be followed at all hike day destinations.

Hikes

Silver Peak

This is a 17-mile hike to the highest peak on the West End of Catalina Island which reaches an altitude of 1804 ft. The hike takes the better part of the day, even for the physically fit. Hats, canteens, proper hiking shoes and sunscreen are necessary equipment and must be brought to camp by the hikers. This hike requires training prior to arrival at camp; it is NOT for scouts NOR adults who do not regularly hike or are not in hiking condition. Troop friends will inspect packs, shoes, footwear and water supply prior to departure from camp. The hike to Silver Peak offers many scenic vistas of the west end sights that most tourists do not see. This includes fabled Iron Bound Bay, the impressive Eagle Rock, and Land's End. Scouts participating in the ACE program for the week will use Silver Peak as their ACE hike.

Hike Day



Shark Harbor

This 16-mile hike is a challenging but highly rewarding hike. Starting early in the morning, hikers walk into Two Harbors, then follow the Banning Trail road up 1200' to the ridgeline. They then follow the ridgeline traveling southeast until they reach Little Harbor. On clear days hikers may see San Clemente Island on the way. Once to Little Harbor, it's a short distance to neighboring Shark Harbor, where the swells from the open ocean will greet them. Various water toys (boogie boards, skim boards, etc.), may be available for play once they arrive. After lunch and water time, hikers will travel back to camp by the main road, through the interior of Catalina Island. It is not uncommon for Shark Harbor hikers to come across Catalina's famous bison. Those who go on the ACE overnighiter will do this hike. Adults or scouts over 14 wishing to join the ACE overnighiter hike may do so, even if they are not participating in the rest of the ACE program. Proper adult leadership is expected to be with the rest of the troop. Although not as physically demanding as the Silver Peak hike, it is required that all hikers be in hiking shape, with the proper hiking attire and gear (hat, broken in hiking shoes, canteen, etc.).



View of the dock.

*Emerald Bay

A moderately flat 6-mile hike round trip. This adventure allows the scouts to combine an ocean war canoe adventure with a hike along the scenic West End coast hills. Troops will be assigned on Tuesday evening by their commissioner to hike to the beach and then take a war canoe back to camp OR to war canoe to the beach and hike back. The canoes do not have seats. All Scouts and adult leaders will be on their knees or in the bottom of the canoe paddling. The paddle takes approximately 30-45 mins. Campers should take their swimming gear, dry hiking boots, and water shoes. Plan to enjoy the beautiful beach and waters of Emerald Bay. We do recommend bringing your snorkeling gear. This is a great hike for first year scouts or those looking to enjoy a day in the water and relaxation on the beach. Goats Whiskers Loop may be added if a more difficult hike is preferred.



Sailing in the wide blue ocean.

*Parson's Landing

An approximate 8-mile round trip hike along the scenic West End coast hills, to one of the more popular West End beaches on the island. Campers should take their swimming gear, dry hiking boots, and water shoes. Plan to enjoy the sandy beach and waters of Parson's Landing. Goats Whiskers Loop may be added if a more difficult hike is preferred.

Little Fisherman's

An approximate 5 mile round trip hike up the Goat Whisker trail and down into Catalina Harbor. From Catalina Harbor, you will hike past the town of Two Harbors to Little Fisherman's Beach. Bring your snorkel gear and experience sea life that the Pacific Ocean has to offer. Bring Frisbees or footballs for a fun day in and out of the water on the beach. Then change back into your hiking clothes for the short 2-mile hike back to camp.

*Goat Whisker's Loop Alternative

This hike adds approximately 2-miles round trip to either the Emerald Bay hike or the Parson's Landing hike. Campers will begin their hike day by summiting the peak that overlooks Cherry Cove. At an altitude of 1224 feet, enjoy scenic views of Isthmus Harbor, Cat Harbor, as well as stunning views of the windward side of the island. Continue down the fire break road until you meet the west end road and enjoy the remainder of your hike through the canyons of the West End.

"In Scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed"

Lord Baden Powell



Shooting Ranges

Rifle and archery ranges are available for use by all campers who have a signed parental release form. All participants must participate in a safety orientation from the range instructor prior to using any of the shooting sports equipment. Any camper using the rifle or archery ranges must show their totem prior to use. All ammunition and arrows are provided at the range. All .22 ammunition is provided for free at Camp Cherry Valley. Scouts taking archery must purchase an arrow pen kit that is sold at the trading post in order to qualify for the merit badge.



Special Opportunities

The following are special opportunities for boys to improve their skills and serve others. To have a chance to earn special recognition in these fields you must meet the requirements written next to the award. Those who participate and complete the requirements will be recognized at the end of camp and be eligible to purchase the patch or carry the card that correlates with the award.

- **Firem'n Chit:** Taught in the Handicraft or Trail to First Class area during the free-time and is available to all adults and boys.
- **Totin' Chip:** Taught in the Handicraft or Trail to First Class area during the free-time and is available to all adults and boys. Scouts must have this certification before they can handle knives at camp.
- **BSA Lifeguard:** See BSA Lifeguard requirements above.
- **Mile Swim BSA:** Available to all Scouts & Adult Leaders. See Mile Swim requirements above.
- **Snorkeling BSA:** Taught by the ACE program and is available to all adults or boys 14 years or older



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Swimming

Camp Cherry Valley has the most premiere swimming areas on the entire West Coast! The Waterfront is operated in strict accordance with BSA policies and is used for general swims during troop time, merit badge classes, and rank advancement instruction. If you have scouts that are beginners or non-swimmers, they will have the opportunity during troop time to work with our waterfront staff to pass their swim test. It is the goal of the Camp Director and Waterfront Director for every scout at Camp Cherry Valley to pass their swim check.

To pass the BSA Swim Check you must jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, scouts rest by floating.

Because the waterfront is on the ocean all campers who use any part of the waterfront must swim check. Recent troop swim checks in a pool at another camp are not valid.

Tribe of Torqua



Camp Cherry Valley has its own in-camp honor society known as The Tribe of Torqua. Scouts who meet the rank-appropriate requirements will advance in the Tribe of Torqua and will be given the corresponding arc, which symbolizes their standing in the tribe. Adult leaders can also advance in the tribe as they complete requirements at camp. The Tribe of Torqua round patch can be purchased in the trading post for \$4.50 per patch. The senior patrol leader, under the direction of the Scoutmaster, is ultimately responsible for keeping track of the each Scout's progress. The rank advancement requirements are found at the end of this program guide and forms can be filled in before camp and brought to camp. Scouts and leaders returning to Camp Cherry Valley year after year who participate in the program and fulfill all of the requirements for that rank will advance as follows:

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|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1st year: Brave | 4th year: Chief |
| 2nd year: Warrior | 5th year: Tribesman |
| 3rd year: Medicine Man | 6th year: Junior Tribesman |
| | 7th year: Elder Tribesman |

Troop Service Project

Camp Cherry Valley provides opportunities for your unit to participate in service projects while in camp. This is an important part of the camping experience and helps Scouts feel a sense of ownership in Camp Cherry Valley. The ranger staff will tailor projects to your troop's skill, overall age, and ability level. If you have any ideas about the service project you would like to perform, simply let us know. Tuesday evening Troop Friend Night is designed for Scouts to have a chance to work on service projects with their troop friends. This service participation also helps the Scouts advance in the Tribe of Torqua.



Swimming!

Open Time

Every day, except Wednesday, Scouts and their leaders will be able to participate in open time. This time is designated for Scouts and troops to do what they want to at camp. Leaders who want to organize troop activities can do so at this time. Scouts who wish to go to the waterfront and swim, boat, or sail can do so with a buddy. Scouts can use their time to visit the handicraft area and work on a project, take a sea lab tour, or shot at the archery or rifle ranges. Scouts can also take additional merit badge classes if they wish.

Open time is also a good time to complete requirements for partial merit badges which may have been received from the previous year. Depending on the time and requirements that need to be completed, our counselors may be able to assist your Scouts in completing their partial merit badges.

Advancement at Camp Cherry Valley

Rank advancement is primarily the responsibility of the unit leaders and the unit committee. Camp Cherry Valley can assist unit leadership by providing the finest in instruction and counseling. Although staff instructors and counselors will provide accurate records for information covered and skills accomplished, it is the responsibility of each unit leader to mark rank advancements in each scout's individual record (usually in his handbook). Camp counselors will also sign merit badge cards, but the unit leaders are responsible to ensure proper recording in each Scout's permanent record.

Advancement Policies

1. All advancement will be in accordance with BSA National Standards.
2. Merit badge counselors must be 18 years of age or older.
3. No substitutions for any requirements are allowed.
4. Blue cards for completed merit badges are provided by Camp Cherry Valley.
5. Those not completing all requirements for a merit badge will be given partial completion slips.
6. Boards of Review may be conducted in camp if adequate adult leadership is available. Appropriate adult representation on the board, however, is the responsibility of each unit's leaders.
7. The Scoutmaster is responsible to prepare, monitor, and verify completion of a Scout's advancement.
8. Completing prerequisites for each merit badge by the Scout is highly encouraged and work done before camp is acceptable.
9. Any Scout receiving a merit badge from Camp Cherry Valley will know the subject matter and will have learned the practical skills associated with the merit badge.

Note: Unit leaders are given an opportunity to review all advancement records before leaving camp and are encouraged to review them at home and give the cards to the unit advancement chairman.