

SUMMER ADVENTURE AT CAMP TAHQUITZ

Dear Troop Parent:

This year our troop will be attending summer camp at Camp Tahquitz, a fantastic scout camp that is located in the San Bernardino Mountains.

This handout provides some key information that you might find helpful as you and your son prepare for their week at camp. If you have any questions, please be sure to speak with the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster. They have already received additional detailed material on planning for our summer camp experience.

OUR TROOP WILL BE GOING TO TAHQUITZ ON

WE WILL BE IN CAMPSITE

OUR ADULT LEADERS WILL BE:

OUR TROOP COORDINATOR FOR SUMMER CAMP IS:

THE TOTAL COST FOR CAMP WILL BE:

IMPORTANT TROOP DATES/REMINDERS:

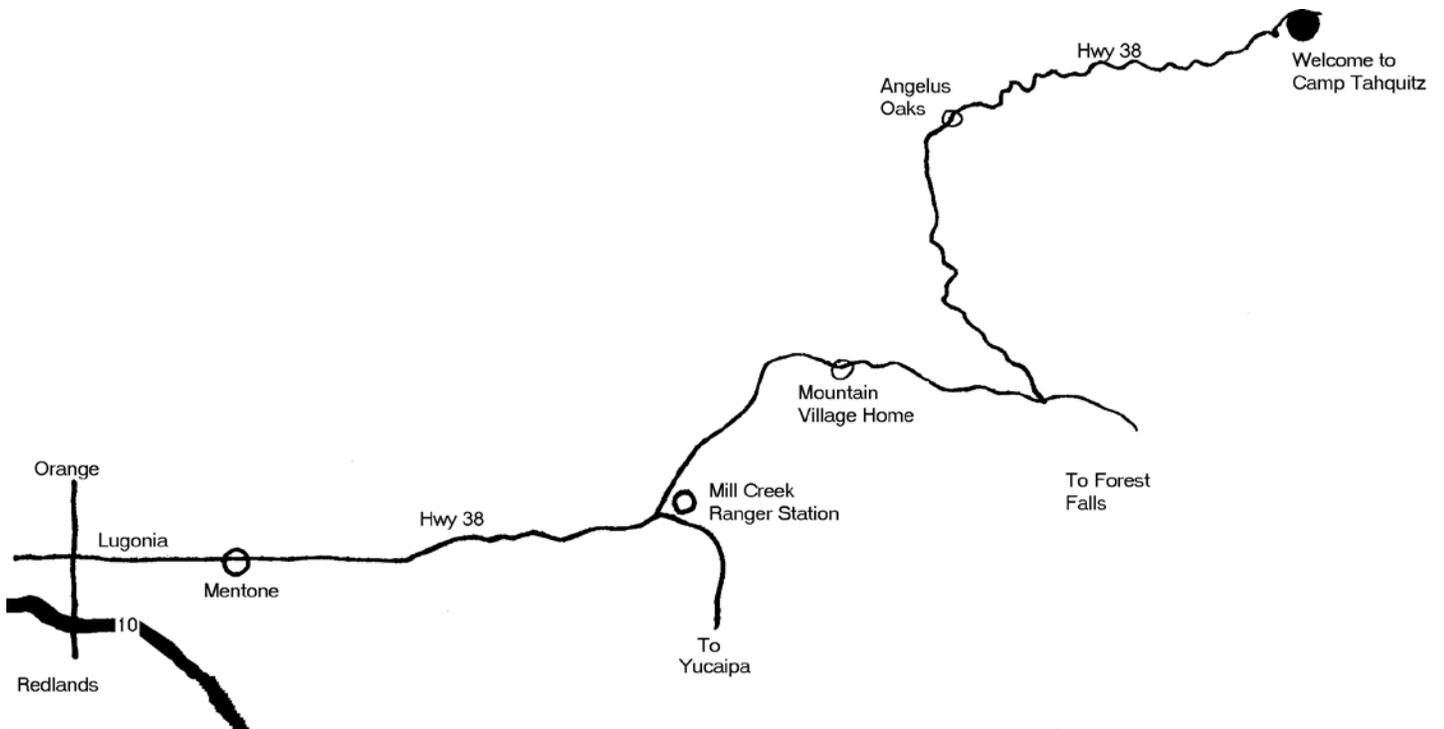
CAMP MAP

To get to Tahquitz:

Take the 91 Freeway; after Riverside it will merge into the 215 North.

From the 215 take the 10 freeway east. In Redlands, exit at Orange Avenue (State Highway 38). After exiting, turn left, going under the freeway on Orange Avenue.

Stay on Highway 38, which turns right on Lugonia Avenue in Redlands. Remain on Highway 38 through Mentone, Mountain Home Village, and Angelus Oaks. Tahquitz is 6 miles past Angelus Oaks on Highway 38



CAMP MAP



WHAT TO BRING

MANDATORY

1. Completed Medical form for **everyone** coming to camp
 2. Firearm Release form (if Scout is using Rifle or Shotgun)
- These are required to remain in camp!

MANDATORY!

SCOUT CAMPER EQUIPMENT

CLOTHING	
Scout uniform	
Jacket	
Rain gear, hat	
Swimsuit	
Extra pants or shorts	
2-4 pairs of underwear	
2-4 t-shirts	
3-6 pairs of socks	
Boots/walking shoes	
OTHER IMPORTANT ITEMS	
Scout Handbook	
Merit Badge Pamphlets	
Writing materials, stamps	
Pocket money	
Personal First Aid Kit	
Personal Medication/ Prescriptions	
MERIT BADGE SUPPLIES	
<i>Be sure to read all merit badge pamphlets to see if there are materials to bring from home</i>	

CAMPING GEAR	
Sleeping bag	
Ground cloth	
Pack or duffel bag	
Flashlight and batteries	
Sierra cup	
Pocketknife	
Eating utensils	
TOILET KIT	
Toothbrush & toothpaste	
Soap & detergent	
2 towels and washcloth	
Insect repellent	
Sunscreen	
Deodorant	
Chap stick	
OPTIONAL ITEMS	
Camera & Film	
Swim fins & mask	
Fishing tackle	
Musical instrument	

The Scout Uniform is appropriate dress at any time during the week. It sets the tone and acts as a common denominator and a unifying factor. The camp encourages Scouts and adults to wear their uniforms when arriving at camp, during dinner, at campfires and when leaving camp.

MEDICALS

Everyone must use the current National BSA medical form. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN CAMP WITHOUT A CURRENT MEDICAL FORM.**

WHAT IS THE BSA MEDICAL FORM?

The BSA Medical Form, officially called the Annual Health and Medical Record, is the single form that is used for all BSA activities and programs.

WHERE CAN I FIND THE FORM?

You can get a copy of the form from your scoutmaster, or you can go online and get a form from your Scoutmaster or from the national BSA website (https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf)

WHO NEEDS A MEDICAL FORM?

Every camper, scout leader, and staff member at camp needs a current (completed within the last 12 months) medical form. **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN CAMP WITHOUT A CURRENT MEDICAL FORM.**

DO I HAVE TO USE THE BSA FORM?

You **must** use the current BSA medical form. Since the BSA medical was developed specifically for scouting activities, we cannot accept medicals from other organizations, even if they have a health care professional's signature (for example, band or sport-team physicals).

WHICH IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PARTS A, B, C, AND D?

- ✓ Parts A & B are the medical update that you complete yourself;
- ✓ Part C is the annual physical; this requires the signature of a health care professional within the last 12 months.

IS PART C REQUIRED OF EVERYONE?

While Part A and Part B are required for any participant who comes to camp, Part C is only required for individuals who are at camp for more than 72 hours.

WHAT DOES NOT APPLY TO CAMP TAHQUITZ?

- ✓ Part D is ONLY for BSA National High Adventure Bases.
- ✓ The height/weight charts, while good general guidelines for overall health, are not required at Tahquitz since we are in close proximity and access to emergency medical response.

WHAT ABOUT PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS?

Be sure to complete the information for **all** medications that a participant will have at camp. The taking of prescription medication is the responsibility of the individual who has the prescription (or that individual's parent/guardian). A leader, after obtaining all the necessary information, can agree to accept the responsibility of making sure a youth takes the necessary medication at the appropriate time, but BSA does not mandate or necessarily encourage the leader to do so.

CAN I SUBMIT AN ELECTRONIC COPY?

While you can complete the form online, you must save and print it when you go to the health care professional. You will then give a hard copy to your scoutmaster before our troop arrives at camp. **DO NOT EMAIL AN ELECTRONIC VERSION OF THE FORM TO CAMP!**

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FORM AFTER CAMP?

We strongly recommend that parents make copies of their son's medical for their own records. At check-in the medical records will be taken to the Health Lodge where it will be stored for the week. At the end of the week our scoutmaster will pick up the forms at check-out.

At the end of the week any medical forms that have not been picked up will be shredded.

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ON MEDICAL FORMS?

For more information, please go to the FAQ Page on the National website. (www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Resources/MedicalFormFAQs.aspx)

DOES THE CAMP HAVE A HEALTH LODGE?

Qualified first-response personnel will staff the Health Lodge. Any injuries or illness must be reported to the Camp Director.

IS THERE A CAMP EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE?

In addition to any emergency procedures used by our troop, if an emergency should arise and you need to get a message to one of the troop adults, the camp office is staffed between 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. The camp number is (909) 794-2932.

Please be patient if you leave a message with the camp office. With 640 acres of camp, it may take a little bit of time to contact an individual from your troop!

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE CAMP MAILING ADDRESS?

Everyone at camp likes to receive mail. We encourage parents to write a letter to for their son to receive during the week. Remember, it takes at least two days for mail to get to camp! Write your letters early in the week.

Out-going mail leaves the camp office in the morning, and incoming mail is available for pick-up in the camp office later in the day. Mail should be picked up by one of the adult leaders for the troop. The mailing address for Camp Tahquitz is:

Scout's Name
Camp Tahquitz, BSA Troop #_____
Campsite #_____
41700 State Highway 38
Angelus Oaks, CA 92305

IS THERE A TRADING POST?

The Camp Tahquitz Trading Post is located near the center of camp and is stocked with many items useful in camp including souvenirs, supplies, recognition, and sundries. Our troop will have the option of pre-ordering our t-shirts before we arrive at camp (Check with the scoutmaster for more information)

ARE THERE ANY ADDITIONAL FEES?

Merit Badge books, BSA Lifeguard book, craft items: \$3.50 - \$15.00
Guest Meals: \$20.00 per day, \$8.00 per meal
Climbing Instructor Course: \$40.00 (recertification for \$25.00)

WHAT IF I NEED A REFUND?

Before our troop even arrives, the camp has invested a great deal of time and made many purchases based on the number of scouts who are expected at camp. If a scout cannot attend, the camp encourages each troop to use those fees to pay for another scout in the same troop.

Reservations and camp fees are made between the troop and the camp; therefore, parents need to approach the troop and not the camp to resolve issues with individual scout payments and fees. Full reservation policy for Troops can be found on the campsite reservation form. when asking about payments and accounts of individual scouts.

WILL THERE BE A TROOP PHOTO?

Once again, Camp Tahquitz is proud to be working with Burgess Photographics to provide professional photo services. Gary Burgess (a former Long Beach scout) and his staff are known throughout the mountain for their wonderful outdoor photos. You can check out his work at www.burgessphotographics.com.

Our troop will have an opportunity to receive an 8x10 troop photo. If you would like a copy of the photo, please contact our scoutmaster before our troop arrives at camp.

CAN I GET AN INDIVIDUAL PHOTO OF MY SON?

Scouts grow quickly – yesterday they were cubs, today they are scouts, and tomorrow they will be leaders. Catch this special week with an individual photo of your scout, or your scout with a group of his close friends.

Our scoutmaster has a list of packages and prices.

CAN FAMILY MEMBERS VISIT DURING THE WEEK?

Camp Tahquitz is primarily designed to provide program and camping facilities for registered youth members of troops, crews, and teams.

The purpose and the experience of scout camp is weakened when non-scout siblings and non-leader parents want to “visit” their scout. As such, camp policy is that only those scouts and adult leaders who are registered with the camp are allowed in the campsite and program areas from Monday through Friday morning.

If there are special circumstances that should be considered, please contact the Camp Director prior to arrival at camp.

WHAT IS FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT?

Friday is a wonderful time when parents and siblings are invited to join the troop for late afternoon activities, Friday night dinner, and the closing campfire.

ARE THERE ANY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE?

While the camp’s regular program activities and areas are only available to registered scouts, visitors are welcome to watch and cheer our troop in the water carnival and other campwide activities. You are also invited to eat dinner with our troop, and attend the closing Friday night campfire with us.

HOW DO WE ORDER MEALS FOR FAMILY MEMBERS?

If you would like to have Friday dinner with us, our troop will have to know as soon as possible since we need to notify the commissary of any extra Friday meals no later than the Wednesday morning that we are at camp.

WHO DO WE CHECK IN WITH WHEN WE ARRIVE?

All visitors MUST check in at the camp office prior to going to the campsite!

CAN WE STAY FRIDAY NIGHT AT CAMP?

The camp will allow siblings and parents to bring tents and spend Friday night in the campsite with their troop. However, this is subject to approval by the troop leader, so be sure to contact our Scoutmaster to find out our troop policy.

If allowed by the scoutmaster, parents and siblings may bring their own tent and spend Friday night in the campsite with the troop; however parents and siblings not registered with the troop may not stay in a tent with a scout. All non-scout minors must be under the supervision and control of their parents at all times. **REMEMBER - ALL YOUTH PROTECTION RULES APPLY!**

CAN I TAKE MY SON HOME ON FRIDAY?

To ensure that your scout receives the greatest benefit from the overall camp experience, the troop requires that all scouts stay with the troop to help clean and pack up. Scouts are not allowed to leave until they have been by our scoutmaster.

IS THERE ANYWHERE I CAN STAY IF I DON'T HAVE A TENT?

There are no visitor accommodations other than your troop's campsite. The closest public accommodations would be in Angelus Oaks or Redlands.

PROGRAM INFORMATION**AQUATICS**

Our pool overlooking the Tahquitz Meadow as well as our own Lake provides recreational and instructional aquatic activities. Before participating in any aquatic event the scouts are classified by ability as "learners", "beginners", or "swimmers".

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| ✓ Swimming | ✓ Merit Badges | ✓ Mile Swim |
| ✓ Water Carnival | | ✓ Polar Bear Swim |
| ✓ Rowing | ✓ Canoeing | ✓ Kayaking |

CRAFT LODGE

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| ✓ Crafts Activities | ✓ Leatherwork | ✓ Contests |
| ✓ Basketry | | ✓ Wood Crafts |

OUTDOOR SKILLS

Camping, cooking, fire building, Knife and Ax: that is what every scout remembers about Scouting in the outdoors. We offer all this and more! The Scout Skills area stretches across the Tahquitz Meadow.

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| ✓ Giant Pioneering Yard | ✓ Outdoor Skills Demos | ✓ Paul Bunyan Woodsman |
| ✓ Tot 'N Chip | ✓ Fireman Chit | ✓ Rank Advancement |

TRAIL TO FIRST CLASS)

This program is designed to help scouts earn their basic scouting skills. You do not need to pre-register; scouts needing these requirements only need to show up on the day the subject they need to work on will be presented.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Ever wanted to learn about how to shoot a .22 rifle? Would you like to test your skills at a bow and arrow? Are you an older scout who would like to take a shot at Shotgun program for older scouts? Test your marksmanship skills at the Tahquitz Ranges!

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| ✓ Rifle | ✓ Archery | ✓ Shotgun |
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HIGH ADVENTURE & CLIMBING

Because of the mountainous and forested location, Camp Tahquitz can offer a wide variety of High Adventure activities.

- ✓ Day Hikes
- ✓ Backcountry Hikes
- ✓ Hiking Awards
- ✓ Rappelling Tower
- ✓ Orienteering Courses
- ✓ C.O.P.E. Course

NOTE: The COPE Course is part of our Older Scout program, and is limited to scouts who are at least 13 years old or who have finished 7th grade

NATURE/ECOLOGY CENTER

Camp Tahquitz has the good fortune to be a 640 acre Nature Center with many different environments. Here a Scout, in a manner not possible in the city, can experience and learn to appreciate the wonders of the world in which he lives.

- ✓ Feeding Station
- ✓ Hands-On Museum
- ✓ Natural Resource Library
- ✓ Weather Station
- ✓ Conservation/ Projects
- ✓ World Conservation Award
- ✓ Evening Activities
- ✓ Good Turn Projects
- ✓ Reflector Telescope:

ONLY AT TAHQUITZ!

The following are exciting programs that can ONLY be found at Camp Tahquitz!

WRANGLER PROGRAM

In 2019 we are introducing a new Wrangler program. Scouts will have the opportunity to “adopt a horse” and learn riding, horse care, and experience parts of camp rarely seen by other campers. This is a unique experience that cannot be found in any other Scout Camp! Please see the “Wrangler” section of this guide for more information.

THUNDERBIRD OUTPOST

An exciting and dynamic program experience designed especially for older scouts. Another unique Tahquitz-only experience, this is for those scouts who have been to camp many times, and want a completely different experience.

TAHQUITZ RANCH

Step back into the 1890's and visit a pioneer ranch and the far outskirts of camp. Spend an afternoon at the ranch, enjoy a special pioneer dinner followed by a campfire. After spending the night at the Ranch, you will return to 2019 in time for morning program in the main camp.

HOW TO CONTACT CAMP:

Long Beach Area Council
401 E. 37th Street
Long Beach, CA 90807
562.427.0911

Camp Tahquitz
41700 State Highway 38
Angelus Oaks, CA 92305
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