

LEADER'S GUIDE

Camp Cherry Valley

Final Edition



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WELCOME TO CHERRY VALLEY

Welcome back to the original Catalina Island Camp after two years away. We are pleased that you are a part of the 101st year and our rededication to providing great memories, new skills, and friendships.

Thanks to our generous landlords, we are going to enjoy all new tents, cots, and equipment, and new buildings. Pacific Treasures Foundation has made major improvements to the facility and believes in providing opportunities for safe activities, meaningful memories, and skills for a lifetime.

In this guide, you will find the answers to many of your questions, and together with the Program Guide, will help prepare you for a great island adventure. We will conduct Zoom meetings starting in January to go more in-depth. You can also give a call if you need immediate answers. Always glad to chat.

See you at Camp Cherry Valley. We are thrilled to be back.

Yours in Scouting,
Matt Thornton
Camp Director



PAYMENT INFORMATION

COST PER PERSON

Deposit	Adult	Youth
\$500 non-refundable	\$750 Total (can be paid in two payments of \$188 & two payments of \$187)	\$1,000 Total (can be paid in four payments of \$250)

2026 Camping Dates

Week 1- May 31 st - June 6 th	Week 5- July 12 th - July 18 th
Week 2- June 7 th -June 13 th	Week 6- July 19 th - 25 th
Week 3- June 14 th - June 20 th	Week 7- July 26 th - August 1 st
Week 4- June 21 st - June 27 th	

2026 Payment Schedule

At time of making reservation	\$500.00	Initial Deposit for Unit is due.
1st Payment 2/3/2026	\$250.00	First payment per person due
2nd Payment 3/3/2026	\$250.00	Second payment per person due
3rd Payment 4/3/2026	\$250.00	Third payment per person due
Final Payment 5/3/2026	Final Payment	Final Payment is Due

Each Troop Registration gets 1 Free Adult

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Payment Methods

Payment methods include cash at the LA Scout Shop, check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. Checks should be made payable to Greater LA Scouting – Scouting America and mailed to 2333 Scout Way, Los Angeles, CA 90026, with a copy of your statement. Your help in following this schedule will allow the Scouts in your troop to budget for camp, as well as help our council provide the maximum number of spaces possible to Scouts who wish to attend. Thank you for your help! For more information or questions, please don't hesitate to contact the camping department at (213)718-5968.

Cancellation Policy

Refunds are not issued to anyone. We will offer a credit, which will last for a total of 6 months before it expires.

Camperships

A Scout is Thrifty and, as such, is encouraged to do all they can to help pay their way to camp. At times, however, it is difficult for a Scout and their family to raise the full fee for summer camp. Limited financial help is available from the Greater LA Scouting on an individual basis for Scouts who could not otherwise go to camp due to financial hardships. Scoutmasters in the Greater LA Scouting 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. Camp Fees: Adults who replace leaders during the week can share fees. Camperships are due February 28th, 2026, and there are **NO Late Submissions**. This is so they submitted BEFORE final payment. No refunds will be sent for payments made before camperships are applied.

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 \$125.00 per day, to be paid in the Program Office upon arrival. This price includes room, board, and use of the camp facility. Please notify Camp Cherry Valley administration of all leadership changes.

CAMP CONTACTS

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:

PLEASE CONTACT THIS PERSON FIRST

Camping Administrator

Andrea Villalobos

(213) 273-8902

Andrea.Villalobos@scouting.org

Camp Staff Contact Information

Camp Director

Matthew Thornton

(269) 753-2400

Matt.Thornton2@scouting.org

Program Director

Derrick Schemel

(213) 814-8610

Derrick.Schemel@scouting.org

Camp Website: **campcherryvalley.org**

VISITORS AT CAMP

Visitors are welcome at any time. Reach out to our program office if you plan on visiting the camp, and we can discuss your options. Please email **Camp Director Matt Thornton at Matt.Thornton2@scouting.org**.

- All visitors must check in with the Camp Office upon arrival.
- Guest meals are available for the cost of **\$15.00 per person/per meal**.
- Siblings and friends are not allowed at camp without prior permission. They cannot participate in program activities.
- No pets allowed in camp, except for Service 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.

BEFORE CAMP

Directions

Troops will arrive on Catalina Island via Catalina Classic. The boat fare is included in the cost of camp. Departure is currently being changed due to a change in ports, and Catalina Classic will be joining our Leaders Meeting in March to discuss in detail what will happen. 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 (800)613-1212. 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: (800)613-1212.

BEFORE CAMP

COMING FROM A LONG DISTANCE?

Troops can stay at Camp Trask before or after their trip. Sleep under the stars; enjoy swimming before you leave for your Cherry Valley adventure. We provide a list of local restaurants to eat from. Please contact Andrea Villalobos to plan your reservation. We will send directions to Camp Trask to confirm your reservation. Saturday Arrival & Accommodations to give the staff adequate time off; troops cannot plan to arrive on Saturday.

MONDAY TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

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 transportation 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 Scouts Scouting America 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. Troops that are traveling to camp on Monday must notify the Greater LA Scouting office of 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 Camp Director Matt Thronton at (269)753-2400.

BEFORE CAMP

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 \$10 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 via email 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 daypack 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.

AT CAMP

CAMPSITE FACILITIES	
Included in Campsites	Recommended Unit Equipment
Platform and Canvas	Lantern (Battery Only)
Tents Broom, Trash Can	Insect Repellent (Non-Aerosol)
Bulletin Board	Pushpins for your Bulletin Board
Flagpole	American Flag/Unit Flag/ Patrol
Picnic Table	Flag Tablecloth
	Lockbox (Medication)

Trading Post

The Camp Cherry Valley trading post, run 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, beverages, and MilkShakes. 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 \$70-\$100 throughout the course of the week. We do accept Debit and Credit. We are moving to a cashless camp, and one great idea would be to use a prepaid debit card, which can be purchased before camp starts.

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.

Showers and Restrooms

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 youth 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 another 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.

AT CAMP

Laundry

There are no laundry facilities available for campers at Camp Cherry Valley. There are, however, staff laundry facilities on-site. 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.

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 before the scheduled mealtime with washed hands.
2. Set the table with appropriate condiments and refresh them throughout the meal.
3. Wipe down the table and clean the area around the 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 cleanup after meals.

AT CAMP

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 leaders' lounge. WiFi is available to purchase at the Trading Post.

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 not bring cell phones to camp.

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 on 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. The address will be provided shortly.

Internet on Island

Internet access is available on the island for use, along with a designated Leader's Lounge that provides a dedicated space for work. Internet passcodes may be purchased at the Trading Post for nominal fee, which provides access for the entire week.

AT CAMP

Campsite Courtesy

The campsite and the camp are 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) belong.

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.

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

Sleeping Arrangements

Male and female leaders require separate sleeping facilities. Married couples may share the same quarters if appropriate facilities are available.

Bikes in Camp

Camp Cherry Valley does have a biking program. However, please **DO NOT BRING ANY PERSONAL BIKES ON THE BOAT.**

Insurance

Every unit attending camp must be covered by some type of accident and sickness insurance plan. All units registered in the Greater LA Scouting are covered under the Scouting America 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.

CAMP POLICIES

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 person showing any signs of intoxication will be expelled from camp. Note: See the "Youth Leaving Camp" Section under "Policies" for specific information regarding youth leaving Camp Cherry Valley property.

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 re-paired 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. **Any Damages to Camp Property will be charged for the Replacement Cost.** Please report any damage to camp equipment to your commissioner. In the event damages are discovered after you depart from camp, an invoice will be sent to your unit for payment. When a Scout causes damage, whether intentional or not, it will be charged to the Scout or troop. Please see the infraction and cost grid below for some of the most damaged items at camp

CAMP POLICIES

Leadership Requirements

- The role of adult leaders at summer camp is very important. In planning, supervising, teaching, and participating, their influence and support are 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 deep leadership as per the YPT/Guide to Safe Scouting policy. The recommended ratio is one adult for every ten Scouts.
- Two Deep Leadership: Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females. A registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over must be present for any activity involving female youth. Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.
- All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

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 them safe and enhance their overall camping experience. We ask our staff to lead by example, specifically by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law, and we ask that Scouts and adult leaders do the same.

- Adults should know where the Scouts are and should sit with them 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 LA Scouting expects full restitution, including the full cost of materials, labor, and other costs related to replacement or repairs.
- Unit leaders must follow instructions under the "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.

CAMP POLICIES

Youth Protection

All adults participating with their unit at camp must be current with their Safeguarding Youth Training 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. The Safeguarding Youth policies of Scouting America begin with selecting the best possible leaders. The policies provide additional security for youth in the program and protect adult leaders against false allegations of abuse.

Youth Leaving Camp Property

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

- The Camp Director must be notified in writing by 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 youth will then be contacted and released to the adult by the Camp Director.
- If an adult camp leader is taking a Scout home during the camp week, they must check out with the Camp Director and must inform the Camp Director upon their 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 emergencies 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.

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Camp Safety

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

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Personal Safety

- Wear shoes always (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 barefoot. Walking through the camp barefoot 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, pinecones, 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.

Aquatics Safety

Waterfront areas are under the supervision of adults certified by the Scouting America National Camp School at all times.

The Safe Swim Defense plan and Safety Afloat principles are always followed in the aquatic 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.

CAMP POLICIES

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 that everyone is accounted for.
5. Never remove the fire tools from your campsite.
6. In case of fire, the central alarm system or a camp staff member will notify you.

Range and Target Activities 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 that help build good character and physical fitness. To achieve these objectives:
 - The shooting ranges are under the supervision of adults certified by the Scouting America National Camp School at all times. Scouts have the ability to shoot .22 caliber rifles, 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 Scout handling any firearm or bow and arrow.
 - Personal firearms of any caliber, ammunition, hunting arrows, crossbows, throwing knives, and bullwhips 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.

CAMP POLICIES

Guide to Safe Camping: Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drugs

An important way adult leaders can model healthy living is by following the policies on alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. Leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youths, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any Scouting America activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking. Reference: Troop Leader Guidebook, Volume 1, No. 33009

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants. As outlined in the Scouter Code of Conduct, Scouting activities are not a place to possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies: alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana.

In reference to the Scouter Code of Conduct, which specifies that if you are taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing any functioning or judgment, you will not engage in activities that would put Scouts at risk, including driving or operating equipment. This policy will be strictly enforced for all those who use camp facilities.

Smoking

"Scouting 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 the control of the Greater LA Scouting 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.

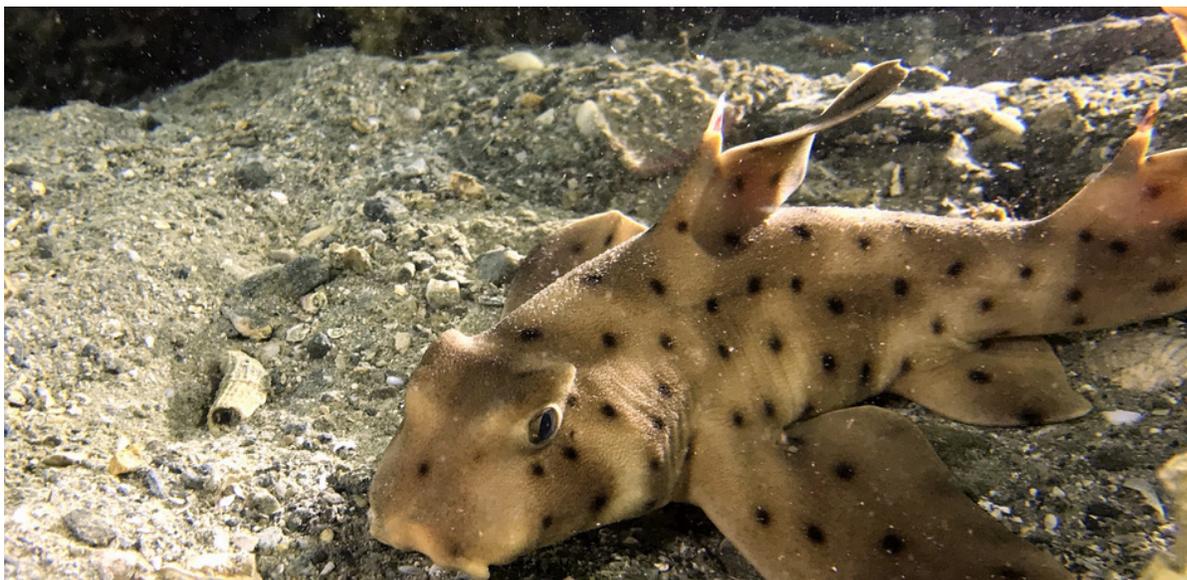
CAMP POLICIES

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 Scouts and direct efforts into meaningful initiation programs. Hazing has no place in Scouting, nor do 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, is 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. Liquid, gas, or jelled fuel is not permitted at Camp Cherry Valley. Battery-operated lanterns and flashlights are allowed. The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited. This includes damp wood, charcoal, and ceremonial campfires.



MEDICAL INFORMATION

All participants who come to camp must have a current Scouting America Annual Health and **Medical History Part A, B, and C**. Medical evaluation must be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine and must be current within 12 months (Scouting America 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 and photo release. 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 their insurance card or numbers in case of an emergency while at camp. Troops and Crews who are not members of the Greater LA Scouting 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! Other National Forms: Visit FAQ, Annual Health and Medical Record • Immunization Exemption Request Form • Request for Exemption from Medical Care and Treatment Form

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Camper Physical Fitness

The general program requires light physical activity, but there will be instances such as hike day, walking to the shooting ranges, or the 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's disabilities. As a facility, Camp Cherry Valley has all the 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.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Medical Information

Special Requests/Needs:

Matthew Thornton, Camp Director

Send to [**Matt.Thornton2@scouting.org**](mailto:Matt.Thornton2@scouting.org)

Food

Campers with special dietary needs will be accommodated to the best of the camp's 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. Once you or your Scout arrives at camp, please take a minute to meet with our Head Cook and discuss your dietary needs. As a camper with dietary needs, please be prepared to let the food line staff know what your needs are when collecting your meal.

Medical

Campers with medical needs (i.e., administering medication, power for a sleep machine, or any other medical needs) will be accommodated to the best of the camp's 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.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure)

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 two-deep leadership at all times in your troop's campsite in the absence of 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. Please note that the camp does not supply distilled water for the machines, and there is no supply to purchase at the camp. If needed, please bring it to camp with you.

Packing Medication:

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

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 emergencies. 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

APPENDIX: FORMS

Forms Required and Check-In Process

There are a number of forms – for the group as well as for individuals – required for camp attendance. Suggestions for successful forms management include:

Recruit a leader whose only role is to disperse and track forms required for camp. Read and complete each form carefully. Ensure that authorized signatures are obtained as required.

The following forms are required for camp:

Unit Forms

Camp Roster: List all youth and adult campers, with emergency contact names and telephone numbers. Bring three copies to camp (one for the camp, one for the health officer, and one for yourself)

Scouting America Medical Forms Part A, B, and C

Every camper and adult must have a current health form signed by the appropriate medical personnel.

Medications Administration

All medications dispensed at camp should be listed on each camper's Scouting America Medical Form under Part B. Medical Forms, as well as medications, will be collected by the Camp Health Officer.

Youth Firearm Authorization Form

Consent for a Minor to use Rifles and Shotguns: You will need one copy that is held by the Scoutmaster.

All Forms are in a packet available at campcherryvalley.org

