



April Update

LEADER'S GUIDE 2022

2022 LEADER'S GUIDE

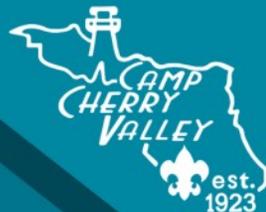


Table of Contents

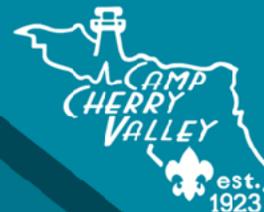
Table of Contents	1
From the Camp Director	2
Payment Charts and Information:	3
Camping Contacts	5
Visitors to Camp	6
Travel to Camp	7
Camp Policies	14
Leadership at Camp	15
Youth Protection	16
Camp Safety	17
Medical Information	22
Appendix: Forms and Check-In Process	26

Updates to Leaders Guide - April Update Edition

- Added packing list to CCV Form Packet
- Added CCV Form Packet Appendix
- Added Centennial Logo
- Added additional form requirement and resource information
- Design updates



WELCOME TO CHERRY VALLEY



From the Camp Director

Welcome to Cherry Valley 2022 our 99th year of operation. We are looking forward to hosting your Scouts and leaders to a wonderful Island adventure this summer. There is a lot of new and exciting programs in store for you and your Scouts. Starting with a renewed partnership with USC Science Department we will be offering some new Merit Badges, Chemistry, Composite Materials, Sustainability, Inventions and more. In addition we will be opening the new improved Leaders lounge, and some new camp-wide programs like Drone racing and Movie Night .Cherry Valley is well known for its welcoming staff and campsites under the Cherry trees and this year we have brought in the long time kitchen manager from Emerald Bay, Peter George, to step up our food service.

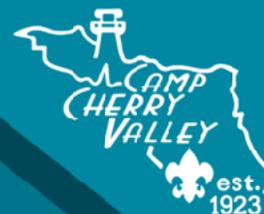
Derrick and I are excited about our young ,enthused staff and we are busy planning a great camp experience for all those who attend. Only a handful of camps in the country make to 100 years of service and the 2022 staff is committed to providing a memorable year this year to launch our 100th year in 2023.Please check the website for more information and see the Program guide for additional details. We want you to be a part of the Cherry family so welcome aboard and good Scouting ahead.

Yours in Scouting,

Matt Thorton, Camp Director



PAYMENT INFORMATION



Payment Charts and Information:

COST PER PERSON		
In-Council-Unit Member	Youth \$665.00	Adult \$485.00
Out-of-Council Member	Youth \$665.00	Adult \$485.00

2022 Camping Dates	
Week 1- June 5 th -11 th	Week 5- July 3 - 9 th
Week 2- June 12 th -18 th	Week 6- July 10 th -16 th
Week 3- June 19 th -25 th	Week 7- July 17 th -23
Week 4- June 26 th -July 2	Week 8- July 24 th - July 30

2022 Payment Schedule		
At time of making reservation	\$200.00	Initial deposit per unit. This deposit is non-refundable, but is applied to your final total
Thursday March 3th, 2022	\$200.00	First payment per person due
Thursday April 7th, 2022	\$200.00	Second payment per person due
Thursday May 5th, 2022	Total Balance	Remaining balance due

ALL UNITS THAT SIGN UP WILL RECEIVE ONE FREE ADULT!

There is a \$10 discount for pairs of siblings attending camp together. The price per pair can be reduced by \$10 (or \$5 per sibling). This discount will be applied to your reservation before the final balance is paid (not before April 7, 2022).



PAYMENT INFORMATION



Payment Methods

Payment methods include cash, check, VISA, MasterCard, Discover or American Express. Checks should be made payable to GLAAC – BSA 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 unit to budget for camp, as well as helping 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

All payments of non-refundable, and you will forfeit the money paid on spots you drop or neglect to make a payment on your unit's reservation. **Please view the GLAAC website for adjustments to our Cancellation Policy due to the Coronavirus:** <https://www.glaacbsa.org/files/39805/cancellation-and-payment-policies-plus-latest-on-covid-19.pdf>

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 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.

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 \$100.00 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.



VISITORS TO CAMP



Camping Contacts

Camp Director

Matt Thorton
(269) 753-2400
mthornto1984@yahoo.com

Camp Cherry Valley Ranger

Robert Zamora
310-510-9507
roberto.Zamora@scouting.org

Program Director

Derrick Schemel
(909) 217-4913
dj.schemel@icloud.com

Director of Support Services

Charlie Wilson
213-718-5968
charlie.wilson@scouting.org

Camp Emergency Contacts:

Camp Phone Numbers: (June 6 – July 31) Business phone: 310 510-2895

Camp Cherry Valley Website: campcherryvalley.org



Visitors to Camp

- Visitors are welcome at any time, reach out to our program office if you plan on visiting camp and we can discuss your options, 310-510-2895.
- All visitors must check in with the Camp Office upon arrival.
- Guest meals are available for the cost of \$12.00 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 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.



Travel to Camp

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 (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.

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 or Cabrillo with confirmation of your reservation.

Saturday Arrival & Accommodations

In order 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 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 Scouts BSA 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 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.



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.

Packing list can be found in form packet, please see appendix for more info.



Campsite Facilities

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

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.

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 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

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.

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.

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.



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 Phone Use

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

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:

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

Campsite Courtesy

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 Scouts BSA 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.



Quiet Hours

All campers will be provided with at least eight hours of quiet time. Between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., 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

- 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.

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. Note: See the “Youth Leaving Camp” Section under “Policies” for specific information regarding youth leaving Camp Cherry Valley property.





summer adventure



The search is over, the adventure, fun, and excitement you have been looking for is right here. All that's left for you to do is register. campcherryvalley.org

Camp Policies

By attending Camp Cherry Valley you agree to abide by the following policies.

Bikes in Camp

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

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. 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 in-voice 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

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 at Camp

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 two deep leadership as per the YPT/Guide to Safe Scouting policy. The recommended ratio is one adult for every ten Scouts BSA.
- 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 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 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 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.



Youth Protection

All adults participating with their unit at camp must be current with 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.

The Youth Protection policies of the Boy Scouts of 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 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 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 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 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
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, 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 BSA National Camp School at all times.

The Safe Swim Defense plan and Safety Afloat principles are followed at all times in the aquatic's 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.



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.

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 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.



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 BSA 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.

Reference: Scouter Code of Conduct

In addition, the Code of Conduct 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 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 Scouts and direct efforts into meaningful initiation programs. Hazing has no place in Scouting, nor does running the gauntlet, belt line or similar punishments. We strictly enforce a **ZERO TOLERANCE** for hazing of any kind.

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. 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 campfires.



Medical Information

All participants who come to camp must have a current BSA 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 (BSA Annual Health and Medical History form can be download-ed 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!!

Other National Forms: Visit FAQ Annual Health and Medical Record

- Immunization Exemption Request Form
- Request for Exemption from Medical Care and Treatment Form



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 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.



Medical Information

Special Requests/Needs: Matthew Thorton, Camp Director
Send to mtthorto1984@yahoo.com

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 arrive 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 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.

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 two deep leadership at all times in your troop's 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. 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 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 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.



Appendix: Forms and Check-In Process

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 3 copies to camp (one for the camp, one for health officer and one for yourself).
Individual Forms

- BSA Medical Form Part A, B and C: Included in the form packet are the BSA Medical Forms. Every camper must have a current health form signed by the appropriate medical personnel.
- Medications Administration: All medications dispensed at camp should be listed on each campers BSA 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 Minor to use Rifles and Shotguns: Yes, you will need 4 copies per Scout (one copy with youth at all times, one copy with the unit, one copy with medical form, one copy to rangemaster). Part A of the BSA Medical form is the release for all other activities, permission for medical treatment, photo/film/video/electronic release.
- Camper Early Release Form – must be completed if Scout is leaving early.

The speed of your unit's check in will be greatly improved if:

All forms are organized by type and readily available. Since the forms are processed and used in different locations at camp, have all medical forms grouped together and in alpha order by camper.

ALL FORMS ARE IN A PACKET AVAILABLE AT campcherryvalley.org





**CAMP CHERRY VALLEY IS A NATIONALLY ACCREDITED
GREATER LOS ANGELES AREA COUNCIL CAMP**

LEADER'S GUIDE 2022