All operations information for the 2016 Summer Camp Season.

Camp Kern
2016 Operations Guide

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Camp Kern is a Boy Scout resident summer camp operated by the Southern Sierra Council, Boy Scouts of America.

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THE SUMMER CAMP ADVENTURE

Every hike and overnight campout is a rehearsal for the biggest event of the Scouting year: the Unit's summer camp. A time when the whole gang sets out for a week of real honest-to-goodness, out-of-doors scouting.

To a Scout, summer camp is the greatest adventure that Scouting can offer.

To you, the Unit Leader, summer camp is the greatest chance you have to get to know each of your boys, and by knowing him, help him to grow - to help him become physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Take a boy to camp and immediately you set out to work a multitude of influences. The activities of each camp day harden the muscles of his body, tan his skin, sweeps fresh air through his lungs, and teaches him new skills. He develops some of the resourcefulness and self-reliance of the pioneer while he learns teamwork and team play. He engages with boys his age while he develops a respect and a belief in the traditional values of his country.

Nature around him touches him deeply - the stillness of the forest, the freedom of the sky, the beauty of the sunset.

Life in camp has a way of bringing out the character traits of a boy, and the fact that you are there in camp with him, twenty-four hours a day, and can watch his reactions, gives you a clue as to what you can do for him.

You can give him, the shy boy confidence by encouraging him to mix with others. You can give the tongue-tied boy a chance to entertain the gang with a stunt at the campfire. You can confront the bully with the challenge to lend a hand to the boy he bullied; make the shirker realize that when he works for the good of his patrol he works for himself too; make the braggart see himself as others see him.

You can strengthen the unity of each patrol and bolster the leadership of each patrol leader by standing squarely behind him in his efforts.

The ideal method for Scout camping is Unit camping under its own leadership - its own leader, assistant unit leaders, and its youth leadership.

Best wishes on a super camp adventure in 2016!
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WELCOME TO CAMP KERN

Welcome to beautiful Camp Kern located at Huntington Lake, one of the most famous sailing lakes in North America. Located 7,000 feet above the San Joaquin Valley in the high Sierra Nevada Mountains of California, the camp operates under a non-discriminatory special use permit issued by the USDA Forest Department.

About a four-hour drive from Bakersfield, California, Camp Kern offers more than a traditional Scout camp experience. Under the guidance of an experienced staff you will enjoy an outstanding program. This will be the summer camp experience to remember for the rest of your life. Once you have had a taste of Camp Kern, you will want to return year after year.

Camping in the outdoors is the highlight of the troop’s annual program as Scouts apply the skills they have learned and practiced all year long. With hour-long Scout meetings each week, the average troop spends about 52 hours of Scouting in one year. One week at Camp Kern can provide 70 or more hours of concentrated programs. Summer camp is a years’ worth of skill practice and adventure in seven days! It’s no wonder you can’t spell “Scouting” without “outing.”

This leaders rules and regulations guidebook is designed to help you prepare for camp and to make your stay both easier and more enjoyable. If there are any questions or concerns for you or your troop please feel free to contact the Southern Sierra Council office at (661) 325-9063 or Camp Kern (559) 893-3387 after June 15th. We will be happy to talk with you or answer any questions you might have about camp. We are excited to have you at Camp Kern and we will work to make it the best Boy Scout camp experience you have ever had.

THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CAMP KERN

- Camp Kern experiences a broad range of weather conditions. Conditions can change from hot to cold, from dry to wet within a 24-hour period, so pack and dress appropriately.

- Depending on your scheduled week, the type of clothing you should bring may vary. Warm clothing is recommended for the morning and night, and lighter clothing during the day. Although we seldom experience rain, it is a good idea to be prepared. For updates on current weather conditions at Camp Kern, feel free to call us at 559.893.3387.

- There are no roads into camp; access is by boat only. All Scouts, leaders, gear, food, and supplies are transported to camp on our barges.

- Potable water for the camp comes from springs that have passed inspection by the Fresno County Health Department. As it comes straight from the mountain, Camp Kern’s water is extremely fresh and tastes great!

- You will be camping in the wilderness, so you can expect to encounter spiders, ants, mosquitoes, and other insects. Be sure to bring insect repellant.

- The Kaiser Wilderness is also home to bears, deer, birds, squirrels, and other assorted wildlife. It is their home, and they will occasionally visit Camp Kern. Please be aware of your surroundings, always do activities with a buddy, and respect Mother Nature and the wildlife therein.

- We provide tents, and in some cases, cabins for our campers. The assignment of campsites is completely logistical. That is to say, we assign campsites in a way which fits all troops in the best possible way. Please bring your own bedding. **It is highly recommended that you bring a comfortable bedroll, inflatable mattress, or sleeping pad. Cots are available only for adult leaders upon request.**
PREPARING FOR CAMP

Before you go to camp, certain promotional and informational data should be shared with the Scouts and parents in your unit.

SCOUTS
- What to bring
- What activities to prepare for
- What merit badges are offered & prerequisites

PATROLS
- Get Patrol Flag ready
- Sharpen skills for inter-patrol competition

PARENTS
- What are camp costs
- When fees are due
- Camp dates
- How to send mail
- How to contact camp for an emergency

UNIT LEADER
- Needs to know all of this and more
- Recruit transportation
- Recruit camp adult leadership
- Review ALL Medical forms for current signatures, dates, medicines your Scouts are taking and medical concerns
- Review ALL Firearms Permission Forms and know restrictions
- Know custody status of all Scouts

TROOP LEADERS
- Need to remember the advancement and activity goals set by their Troop Leader’s Council and plan their participation accordingly.

Many Units hold a PARENTS INFORMATION MEETING a few months before camp. This meeting can take place at a Court of Honor, a Committee Meeting, or in place of a Unit meeting. It is here the details of camp are presented to the parents. Questions and Answers will take up a majority of the program. Do not expect to have all the answers, but assure the parents that a reply can be found either in this leader’s guide, the camp specific guide or through the Council Service Center.

CAMP PROMOTIONAL IDEAS
- Encourage Webelos to cross-over in February, so that you may have time to prepare them for camp.
- Have fundraising projects to help boys earn their own camp fees.
- Initiate a program whereby boys who perform well in the Troop get a full or partial scholarship to camp.
- Invite former or current staff members to your Troop.
- Talk about the activities at camp to heighten interest.
- Have the Order of the Arrow Camp Promotion team make a presentation to your Troop.
- Review advancement goals of each boy and show them how they can meet these goals and still have fun at camp.

SUGGESTED AGENDA
1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Hand Out Information Sheet
3. Explain Date, Location, Costs
4. Explain Program Highlights
5. Describe Advancement Opportunities
6. Questions and Answers
7. Final Reminders and Adjourn
TIMELINE FOR PLANNING YOUR CAMP EXPERIENCE

**By February 1:**
1. Inform all Scouts and their parents of your camp dates.
2. Provide promotional information--video, presentation--at unit meeting.
4. Schedule Youth Protection training for all adults attending camp.
5. Note camp fee payment deadlines.
6. Assemble individual Scout/Adult packets from forms section and distribute to each camper. Parents update medical form/schedule physical exam as needed.

**By March 30:**
1. Review program guide for specific camp.
2. Begin working on any additional program items for camp--skits, flag, songs, etc.

**By May 1:**
1. Plan for the adult leaders attending camp to attend pre-camp meeting.
2. Inspect pack equipment and program items for camp.
3. Coordinate transportation to and from camp.

**One month before camp:**
1. Turn in Tour Plan to your local Council Service Center for processing.
2. Collect permission slips for travel to and from camp.
3. Collect medical forms for each Scout/adult as required. It is recommended that copies be taken to camp; parents should keep the originals for future use.
4. Notify Council Camping Registrar in writing of Scouts with medical/dietary restrictions.
5. Complete camp specific program forms as required.
6. Collect Camper Early Release Forms for all Scouts attending camp.

**One week before camp:**
1. Final check on transportation.
2. Prepare 3 copies of your camp roster (one for the Director, one for the Medical Staff and one for yourself)
3. Inspect individual and pack gear.
4. Remind campers to bring a sack lunch or money for lunch to and from camp.
5. Review items on Unit Leader Arrival Day Checklist.
GENERAL INFORMATION

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

Camp Registrar: Marisa Harrington Phone: 661-325-9036 Fax: 661-325-2122 E-mail: marisa.harrington@scouting.org

Camp Director: Dave Hopkins Phone: 801-589-0587 E-mail: dave@campworksinc.com

Camp Kern Website: www.sscbsa.org/CampKern

Camp Phone Numbers: (June 15 – August 8)
Business phone: 559-893-3387

Camp Emergency Phone Number: 661-325-9036 ext. 110, 111

Camp Kern Mailing Address
Scout / Adult Leader Name
Troop Number / Week #
Camp Kern, B.S.A.
PO Box 348
Lakeshore, CA 93634

2016 SESSION DATES

Week 1: June 26–July 2
Week 2: July 4 – 9 (Monday Start Week)
Week 3: July 10–16
Week 4: July 18–July 23 (Monday Start Week)
Week 5: July 24–July 30
Week 6: July 31–August 6

CAMP FEES

Weeks 2 & 4
Youth $295 (Out of Council $305)
Adults $175 (Out of Council $185)

Weeks 1, 3, 5, & 6
Youth $380 (Out of Council $390)
Adults $175 (Out of Council $185)

Adults who replace leaders during the week can share fees. Adults coming to camp who do not replace a leader in their troop are charged at a rate of $65 per day, to be paid in the business office upon arrival. This price includes room, board, and use of camp facility. Please notify Camp Kern administration of all leadership changes.

CAMP FEE DISCOUNTS

Out of Council 5% discount for all Scouts returning with the same unit that attended Camp Kern in 2015. This does not apply to Scout returning with different unit. This discount is given at time of final payment.
PAYMENT SCHEDULE

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<td>Camper Confirmation of $75.00 per youth and adult</td>
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<td>February 22, 2016</td>
<td>$150 per camper and additional leader, plus $75 per 2 adult leaders due</td>
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CAMPERSHIP

A Scout is Thrifty and as such is encouraged to do all he can to help pay his way to camp. At times, however, it is difficult for a Scout and his family to raise the full fee for summer camp. Limited financial help is available from the Southern Sierra Council on an individual basis for Scouts who could not otherwise go to camp due to financial hardships. Scoutmasters in the Southern Sierra 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 Southern Sierra Council only.

REFUNDS

The $200.00 reservation deposit is non-refundable.

Because the Southern Sierra Council must begin making financial commitments for staff, supplies, etc. many months prior to the camp sessions, all participants are required to make a financial commitment to summer camp of at least $50.00 by the deposit deadline. This per person camper confirmation deposit is non-refundable, but may be applied to an additional camper from the same unit, as long as the total number of youth scheduled to attend does not decrease.

If the camper confirmation deposit is not made by the deposit deadline, the unit will be charged in full for the number of reservations claimed on the original camp reservation.

The Council reserves the right to cancel the reservation if payments are not received in full by each of the payment schedule dates, and to adjust campsites or to add another unit to the campsite if campsite capacity is not met by the number of camper confirmation payments.

All fees become non-refundable after the full payment deadline. Individual fees, however, may be refunded at the discretion of the Southern Sierra Council in the following cases:

- camper/family emergency - serious illness, death or out-of-the-area relocation
- required summer school during the camp session

There will be a cancellation fee of $150.00 per camper; no exceptions.

Only the Unit Contact Person may make a refund request. Please provide the following information.

- unit type and number and district
- name of camp attended
- camp session attended
- reason for refund

Refund requests must be received at the Council Service Center in Bakersfield no later than August 31st. No refunds will be considered for requests received after this date. Refunds will be made payable to the unit only. It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to understand and abide by the Council Refund and Resident Camp Fee policies.
BOY SCOUT PROVISIONAL CAMPING

Scouts who cannot attend camp with their unit or who want an extra week at camp or units unable to provide two-deep adult leadership will become members of the provisional troop. Individual Scouts are encouraged to attend with a friend. Scouts attending with friends will be assigned to the same unit and site. You will still need to pay camp fees as above, just indicate on the application that you are a provisional camper or unit.

CAPACITY POLICY

PLEASE, if your camper numbers increase (or decrease) please notify the camp registrar and/or the Camp Director IMMEDIATELY. The US Forest Service limits camp properties to a certain number of campers per session. Increasing or decreasing the total number of campers affects every troop in camp that week. Every attempt will be made to place your troop in a larger campsite, but a larger site cannot be guaranteed and you may have to bring the extra tents necessary to accommodate the additional campers. Please be considerate when adding additional campers by informing the Camp Registrar or Camp Director at least 2 weeks before your scheduled session.

VISITORS TO CAMP

- Visitors are welcome at any time. However, certain days (such as the last full day of the session) will serve better than others.
- All visitors must check in with the Camp Office upon arrival.
- Guest meals are available at the charge of $5.00 per person.
- Siblings and friends are not allowed at camp without prior permission. They do not participate in program activities.
- No pets allowed in camp, except for Seeing Eye dogs.

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

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

MAIL SERVICE

Scouts may receive mail at Camp Kern from friends and family. Please encourage them to mail these things well in advance of your time at camp to ensure their arrival during your scheduled week. Letters and small packages should be sent via the United States Postal Service to:

Scout Name
Unit Number (Week Number)
Camp Kern
PO Box 348
Lakeshore, CA 93634

All large and small packages should be sent via UPS or FedEx to:

Scout Name
Unit Number (Week Number)
Camp Kern
61953 Huntington Lake Road
Lakeshore, CA 93634
ARRIVAL / DEPARTURE PROCEDURES

TRAVELING TO CAMP
Each unit is responsible for furnishing its own transportation to and from camp. Each Scout must have a signed Parent Authorization for Trip/Activity Medical Treatment for travel to and from camp. This signed form should be given to the driver of the vehicle in which that Scout rides, and collected by the unit leader on arrival at camp.

Traveling to camp in caravans is discouraged. Arranging for several checkpoints en route is preferable. Use cell telephones or CB radios in the front and rear vehicles to maintain contact during the trip. Most importantly, make sure all everyone has had a good meal and plenty of rest before making the trip to camp. Units traveling distances of more than two hours should plan at least one rest stop on their way to camp. Remember, in most cases the first meal the Scout will have could be as much as six hours after arrival at camp. Make sure your Scouts are physically prepared for the day.

Under NO circumstances are youth or adults to ride in the backs of trucks, trailers, or campers.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS
The shortest route from Southern California runs north on Highway 99. Take exit 131 to merge onto CA-41N towards Yosemite. Take exit 128A to merge onto CA180 E towards Kings Canyon and then take exit 60A to merge onto CA168 E towards Huntington Lake/Clovis.

From the north, drive south on Highway 99 towards Fresno. Take exit 133B to merge onto CA180 E towards Kings Canyon/Airport. Take exit 60A to merge onto CA168 E towards Huntington Lake/Clovis.

Follow Highway 168 east for about 90 minutes through the town of Prather and Shaver Lake all the way to Huntington Lake. Once you see the China Peak Ski Resort sign, you are almost there. Continue for about 5 minutes along the north shore of Huntington Lake and after passing the Rancheria Marina turn left into the Boy Scout parking area. If you pass the U.S. Post Office and Lakeshore store you have gone about a quarter mile too far. The staff will be there to welcome you to the parking area and help get your luggage loaded onto the barge beginning at 2:30 pm.

ARRIVAL TIME
Please plan to arrive at the Boy Scout parking lot no later than 2:00 pm on Sunday. Your punctuality allows for a smooth check-in process. Parking passes will be issued to vehicles that will be parking in the BSA parking lot. In cases of high camper attendance, parking spaces may be limited. In cases such as these, any excess cars will be relocated to an overflow and will be charged a daily parking fee. Barge loading will be done under the direction of our staff and according to available space. We will do all we can to get everyone to camp in a swift manner. Each barge is filled with campers and equipment to maximize each trip across the lake. If you know you will not be arriving on-time due to car troubles, traffic, or other reasons, please notify the camp at (559) 893-3387 or Dave Hopkins at (801) 589-0587.

PARKING
The parking lot used by Camp Kern is owned by the National Forest Service who has leased the rights to Rancheria Marina. As a result Camp Kern and Camp Oljato contract with Rancheria Marina for use of half of the parking lot during the camping season. Because we share half of half the lot with Camp Oljato only two vehicles per troop is allowed to park in the Scout parking lot. The rest of the troop’s vehicles must park in the overflow parking lot, which will cost $5 per vehicle/per day paid to Rancheria Marina. When you arrive on Sunday staff members will be there to direct you to the appropriate place to park. DO NOT park in the Rancheria Marina parking areas. Your vehicle may be ticketed or towed at the owner’s expense.
PACKING YOUR GEAR

We recommend one bag per person, and that it is a backpack, military style duffel bag, or another type of soft bag. No personal equipment should be attached to the outside of bags. Please do not pack items that could break easily. All fishing poles should be well-marked in a separate, hard case.

Luggage will likely pass through many hands before it ends up in your campsite, so it is **extremely important** that your entire luggage is clearly marked with at least your unit number. It might not be a bad idea to include contact information, as well. Any personal items that are left at Camp Kern will be taken to the Southern Sierra Council office. Camp Kern and/or the Southern Sierra Council cannot be responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged articles while in transport or while in camp.

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

MONDAY ARRIVAL

Troops that are traveling to camp on Monday must notify the Southern Sierra Council office with their intention to do so. Please be at the Camp Kern parking lot no later than 8:00 am. This will allow for a smooth check-in process. If you know you are not going to arrive on-time due to car troubles, traffic, or other reasons, please notify the camp at (559) 893-3387 or Dave Hopkins at (801) 589-0587.

SATURDAY ARRIVAL & ACCOMMODATIONS

In order to give the staff adequate time off, Camp Kern cannot facilitate troops arriving on Saturday. If you are planning on arriving on Saturday, you will need to make arrangements at one of the public campgrounds across the lake. There are seven public campgrounds at Huntington Lake which include: Upper Billy Creek, Lower Billy Creek, Catavee, Deer Creek, Kinnikinnick, College and Rancheria. At Badger Flat above Huntington Lake is a group campground which is available to reserve. You can make reservations at [www.recreation.gov](http://www.recreation.gov) or by phoning 1-877-444-6777. Reservations must be made at least one day in advance.

Camp Silver Fir, owned by the Verdugo Hills Council, is a Troop TENT CAMPING only campground that has bathrooms and showers. The camp is located in Lakeshore and works well with Troops to provide temporary housing for units coming to Camp Kern. Reservations may be made at their council office (818) 243-6282. During camp season, their camp number is (559) 893-6727.

CHECKING OUT OF CAMP

During your week at camp, troop leaders may want to leave camp to visit the town of Lakeshore. Camp Kern 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 program 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.
CAMP FACILITIES

CAMPSITES

Each campsite is supplied with the following equipment:

- Wood platforms and canvas tents
- Shovel, rake, broom, hose, fire buckets
- Campfire pit and fire tools
- Bulletin board

Flag Pole
Picnic Table
Water

Equipment each unit should bring:

- Lantern (battery, propane/butane or gas)
- First aid kit
- Patrol flag
- Tablecloth or cover
- Unit flag
- Air mattresses

Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
Pushpins for your bulletin board
American Flag

TRADING POST

The Camp Kern 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 $50-$60 throughout the course of the week. Trading post hours will be posted and announced regularly at camp.

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

SHOWER AND RESTROOM FACILITIES

Showers and restrooms are available for all campers at any time, but should be used before quiet time. These facilities consist of individual, lockable units which allow them to be used by both Scouts and adult leaders alike. 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 staff. In keeping with youth protection guidelines, adults should be aware of their troop’s behavior and maintain discipline by providing supervision while the boys are at the shower units. All campers must wear flip-flops or water socks when showering. If there are any mechanical problems or difficulties with other campers, please contact the staff. Due to the sensitive nature of our septic system units are prohibited from bringing their own toilet paper and paper towels to camp.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES

There are no laundry facilities available for campers at Camp Kern. 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 Kern. 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 fifteen 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 staff.

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

**PHONES AND PHONE USE**

Outgoing personal calls are not allowed on the camp telephone except in the case of an emergency. Some cellular service providers have excellent coverage at Camp Kern, namely Verizon and Sprint; AT&T does work in limited parts of camp. Please check with your service provider to determine whether you have coverage in this area.

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 Kern is not responsible for cell phones that are lost or stolen. Although we leave it to your discretion, we recommend that Scouts do not bring cell phones to camp.

**INTERNET AND COMPUTER USE**

The Camp Kern program office computer is for business use only. There is no internet access available to campers. There is, however, free wireless internet access at a local restaurant across the lake. In the case that you need internet access, we can barge you to the Scout parking lot from which you can drive to the restaurant.

**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 Scout troop to which the responsible person(s) belongs.

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

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

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

If you find something that needs to be repaired in your campsite, please notify your troop friend or commissioner, and they will notify the ranger staff. Our ranger staff prides themselves on meeting your needs in a timely fashion.

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These are just examples of the typical types of damage found at camp. Items not listed here will be dealt with on an individual basis. The camp director will determine all repair and replacement fees according to professional estimates.
POLICY INFORMATION

QUIET HOURS

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

DUTY TO GOD

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 Kern 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.

TOUR PLANS

Out of Council units must file a Tour Plan Application. Contact your local Scout office for the proper form and further information. This plan outlines safety procedures for troops as they travel on outings throughout the country. A copy of the tour plan will be asked to be shown upon check-in. The unit leader needs to hold on to the tour plan in case they leave camp with their Scouts for any reason.

Southern Sierra Council units do not need to file tour plans to attend Camp Kern.

INSURANCE

Every unit attending camp must be covered by some type of accident and sickness insurance plan. All units registered in the Southern Sierra 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.

All units from Councils other than the Southern Sierra Council must provide proof of Accident and Sickness insurance to the Camp Registrar no later than June 1st. Contact your local council office for proof of insurance. A council claim form may be acceptable proof. If proof is not received by June 1st, the Southern Sierra Council will purchase the BSA Campers’ Accident and Sickness insurance for the unit at a cost to the unit of $1.00 per person per day. The cost will be billed to the unit.

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

♦ The role of adult leaders at summer camp is very important. In planning, supervising, teaching, and participating, their influence and support is critical. Start recruiting your leaders early and have alternates standing by, in case of emergency or inclement events.
♦ Each unit is required to have at least two adult leaders. The recommended ratio is one adult for every eight to ten Boy Scouts.
♦ The primary unit leader at camp must be a registered adult Scouter at least 21 years of age, preferably the unit’s year-round leader or assistant leader.
♦ The second adult may be a registered Scouter, 18 years old or older, or the parent of a participating Scout.
LEADER RESPONSIBILITIES
Adult supervision is a critical component of a successful youth program. The leadership and guidance you provide your Scouts during your stay will keep much safe and enhance their overall camping experience. We ask our staff to lead by example specifically by living Scout Oath and Scout Law, and we would ask that Scouts and adult leaders do the same.

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

MALE AND FEMALE 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.

YOUTH PROTECTION
All adults participating with their unit at camp must be Youth Protection Trained and listed on the Camp Roster. Each unit is responsible for making sure all adults receive this training before arrival. Contact your district training chair for assistance.

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

♦ Two-deep leadership. Two registered adult leaders or one registered adult leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.
♦ No one-on-one contact. One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, the meeting should take place in view of other adults and youth. All youth campers are required to adhere to the buddy system at all times while in camp.
♦ Respect of privacy. Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes or taking showers at camp. Adults should intrude only to the extent that health and safety requires. They should also protect their own privacy in similar situations.
♦ Separate accommodations. When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in a tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian.
Proper preparation for activities. All activities should take into consideration the capabilities of the participating Scouts. No activity should be undertaken without proper preparation, equipment, clothing, supervision, and safety measures.

No secret organizations. The Boy Scouts of America does not recognize any secret organization as part of its program. All activities are open to observation by parents and leaders.

Appropriate attire. Proper clothing for activities is required—for example, skinny-dipping is not appropriate in Scouting.

Constructive discipline. Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting’s values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.

Hazing prohibited. Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.

YOUTH LEAVING CAMP PROPERTY

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

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

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

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

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

MEDICAL INFORMATION

All participants who come to camp must have a current BSA Annual Health and Medical History. Medical evaluation must be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine and must be current within 12 months (BSA Annual Health and Medical History form can be downloaded from the Southern Sierra Council 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, scraps, 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 Southern Sierra 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 at Lakeshore, who are never more than 10 minutes away from Camp Kern. 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!

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

With approval of the Camp Medical Officer, there are three options regarding dispersing prescription medications at camp.

- Parents at camp are entitled to distribute medication to their own children.
- An adult who is designated as the troop medic can be responsible for storing in a locked box and dispensing troop medications.
- If you would like, the camp medical officer will assume the responsibility of dispensing medication.

In any case, all troop medications should be locked up in a container which is accessible to adults only. All prescription and over-the-counter medications must be stored in their original containers and with clearly marked original containers. Any medications that require refrigeration must be checked with and dispensed by the camp health officer. Medications such as inhalers, EpiPens, insulin, etc. should be carried on the person who uses the medication.

In an effort to make the administration of medication as smooth as possible, we ask that you have parents fill out the Medical Administration Form. If the troop medic will be storing and dispensing medications they must consult with the health officer before doing so. If the Camp health officer will be dispensing your troops’ medications, this form must be turned in upon arrival at camp.
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 Lakeshore 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, but it is highly recommended that all troops come to camp equipped with a well-stocked first-aid kit. Over the counter medicine will be sold to adults only.

SPECIAL NEEDS

Scouts with special medical concerns:
♦ Must have a written record of the nature of ongoing treatment and care.
♦ May be required to have a parent accompany the Scout to camp.

Special dietary needs of Scouts or adults: If you have special dietary needs, such as allergies or religious observances, while at camp, please let us know in writing and/or by telephone at least two weeks before your arrival. We are happy to do what we can to meet your needs; however, since food is purchased in large quantities, those with very restrictive diets (e.g. gluten allergies) will need to make arrangements to bring specialty items to camp. Arrangements will be made to store and prepare foods brought to camp for those individuals.

Religious Waivers: in keeping with established policy, it is understood that there may be instances where the medical examination policy is in violation of the religious convictions of the individual. The requirement is waived with a written statement from the camper/camper’s parents and proper church officials that a definite violation of religious conviction is involved.

CAMPERS WITH DISABILITIES

Camp Kern 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 Kern has all amenities needed to assist a physically disabled camper. From a program perspective the staff is willing and able to accommodate campers with mental and emotional disabilities navigate their way through merit badge classes, swim checks, and any other program function.

CAMPER FITNESS LEVEL

Camp Kern is located at 7000 feet in the High Sierra Nevada's and requires campers understand the limits of their fitness level. The general program requires light physical activity, but there will be instances such as hike day, walking to the shooting ranges, or boating on Huntington Lake that will increase a camper’s heart rate and require more strenuous activity. Camp Kern 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 and altitude.
PREVENTING HOMESICKNESS

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

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

Another problem associated with homesickness is caused when a boy telephones home. Once a boy talks to mom or dad, if he was not homesick there is a good chance he will be after calling. Please have parents discourage their sons from telephoning home, except in an emergency. If the boy insists on telephoning home from camp, he should get permission from his unit leader. When unit leaders receive such requests, they should discuss the situation with a commissioner before allowing the boy to use the telephone.
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 camp’s emergency alarm system, the Camp Kern bell. 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 at Camp Kern and the Sierra National Forest. Everyone should do their best to ensure that all wildlife is treated with respect. Please walk only on designated trails and roads.
2. Pets: No pets of any kind should be brought to camp.
3. Plant Conservation: The vegetative life in the forest sustains a very fragile ecosystem. Please make every effort to stay on the trails. Do not pick the flowers or collect specimens unless directed to do so under the direction of a staff member. Do not use living, natural materials for camp construction projects. The trees are a particularly special part of Camp Kern. Please do not climb, carve into, hang items from, or do anything else that could damage them.
4. Fire: The smallest spark could potentially be a deadly threat to wildlife and campers alike. Please be responsible when handling or managing your campfire. No fireworks are allowed in camp.

Please help us keep the campers on the designated roads and trails, as this will help conserve the natural habitat and beauty of Camp Kern!

AXE YARD AND WOOD CUTTING

Upon arrival at your campsite, designate a safe area to cut wood, and construct an ax yard. All woodcutting must be done in this area. Please bring your own axes and hatchets to camp.

LIGHTNING

Thunderstorms storms occasionally strike Camp Kern. The waterfront and shooting ranges will be closed when lightning presents a considerable danger. During severe weather, stay away from tall trees and wires. Head for cover and follow the direction of the staff. For more information about how to handle inclement weather, see the BSA’s Weather Hazards training at myScouting.org.

WATER

Conservation and wise use of water is a top priority at Camp Kern. 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.

BEAR COUNTRY

Camp Kern is situated in a beautiful corner of the Sierra National Forest with a number of local animals and trees. One of the most spectacular and misunderstood of these creatures is the California Black Bear, several of which live near Huntington Lake. It is important for troops to remember that they are visitors in the bears’ natural habitat and should act accordingly. In particular, Scouts and leaders should
avoid keeping food or other attractants in their campsites. All attractants such as deodorant, toothpaste, and food products must be kept in a “bear-proof” (specifically designed for storing attractants) container or in the dining hall each night. It is recommended that each troop bring a can of bear spray with them to camp.

PERSONAL SAFETY

♦ Wear shoes at all times (except in the showers where beach thongs are recommended). An old pair of shoes or “water socks” may be worn at the waterfront to protect your feet.
♦ Do not run unless it is part of a program activity. Stay on the trails and out of the non-staffed program areas.
♦ Do not walk on or dislodge rock or wood trail outlines or markers.
♦ Please respect the privacy of the camp staff by staying out of their living areas.
♦ Do not throw rocks, sticks, pine cones, or other objects, except in designated areas.
♦ Report any maintenance problems to the Maintenance Director or Camp Director 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

♦ Aquatic 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 on the waterfront. Swim checks are required of all Scouts and Scouters 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) are limited and operate under the guidelines of Safety Afloat.
♦ Scout adult leaders are required to take Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training prior to any unit activity involving aquatics outside of Scout resident camp. For your convenience, these two training courses may be offered at camp.

FIRE SAFETY

Fire always presents a danger to the Sierras. For that reason, we ask that Scouts and Leaders pledge to be careful with fire by adhering to the following guidelines:

1. Campfires in unit sites must be under adult supervision at all times--fires must be dead out after use.
2. Scouts are not allowed to play with matches, lighters, or hot sparks.
3. Fires must always be kept at a reasonable height (approximately 24") and contained within the designated campfire rings. Please do not build new campfire rings.
4. Fires must always be managed safely under the direction of the designated troop fire warden. All troops must fill out and post the fire guard chart provided by the camp.
5. 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.
6. Flames from any source are not permitted in tents or within 10 feet of tents. Only battery operated lanterns or flashlights are allowed. All tents must be posted with “NO FLAMES IN TENTS”.

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7. If a fire starts in a tent, exit immediately and collapse the tent poles inward.
8. A Forest Service Campfire Permit, available from a ranger station or Forest Service Officer, is required for any campfire off camp property.
9. 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.
10. Never remove the fire tools from your campsite.
11. 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 cal rifles, black powder muzzle loading rifles, shotguns 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 Field Sports Director prior to any Boy Scout handling any firearm or bow and arrow.
- Personal firearms of any caliber, ammunition, hunting arrows, cross bows, throwing knives, and bullwhips may not be brought to camp.
- In order to maintain the safe operation of any firearms range and the archery range, the Field Sports Director will ask that all personal coaching be performed by the range staff only. This limits the distractions while Scouts are shooting and allows all participants to hear the range commands.
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ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

"It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America or at any activity involving participation of youth members."

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

SMOKING

The Boy Scouts of America's position on smoking strongly urges leaders neither to use tobacco products in any form nor to allow their use in the presence of youth. Therefore, due to medical evidence and growing community sensitivities, a smoke-free environment policy was developed. "All buildings and facilities under control of the Southern Sierra 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 the rock behind the dining hall only! Smoking will not be allowed in program areas, campfire bowl and all buildings.

HAZING

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

DISCIPLINE

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

FIREWORKS

Fireworks are especially dangerous at camp. Both State and County agencies prohibit their use in these mountains. NOTHING of this sort may be brought into camp for any reason. Seriously, fireworks will NOT be tolerated or permitted and any that are found will be CONFISCATED and not returned. Persons having fireworks are subject to immediate dismissal from camp.

POLICY ON USE OF CHEMICAL FUELS (LIQUID, GASEOUS, OR JELLIED)

For safety reasons, knowledgeable adult supervision must be provided when Scouts are involved in the storage of chemical fuels, the handling of chemical fuels, in the filling of stoves or lanterns, or the lighting of chemical fuels.
Battery operated lanterns and flashlights should be used by Scouts in camping activities, particularly in and around canvas tents. No chemical fueled lantern or stove is to be used inside a tent.

Kerosene, gasoline, or liquefied petroleum fuel lanterns may be used for outdoor lighting. Strict adherence to the safety standards and instructions of the manufacturers in fueling and lighting such devices must be carried out under the supervision of a responsible and knowledgeable adult.

Both gasoline and kerosene shall be kept in well-marked approved containers (never in a glass container) and stored in a ventilated locked box at a safe distance (minimum 20 feet) from buildings and tents.

The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited. This includes damp wood, charcoal, and ceremonial camp fires. Solid type starters are just as effective, are easier to store and carry, and are much safer to use for this purpose.

GUIDELINES FOR SAFE USE OF CHEMICAL STOVES AND LANTERNS

1. Use compressed or liquid fuel stoves and/or lanterns only with knowledgeable adult supervision, and in Scout facilities where and when permitted.
2. Operate and maintain regularly according to manufacturers’ instructions included with the stove or lantern.
3. Store fuel in approved containers and in storage under adult supervision. Keep all chemical fuel containers away from hot stoves and campfires, and store below 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
4. Let hot stoves and lanterns cool before changing cylinders of compressed gases or refilling from bottles of liquid gas.
5. Refill liquid gas stoves and lanterns a safe distance from a flame, including other stoves, campfires, and personal smoking substances. A commercial camp stove fuel should be used for safety and performance. Pour through a filter funnel. Recap both the device and the fuel container before igniting.
6. Never fuel a stove or lantern inside a cabin; always do this out of doors. Do not operate a stove or lantern in an unventilated structure. Provide at least two ventilation openings, one high and one low, to provide oxygen and exhaust. Never ignite fuel or operate a stove or lantern in a tent.
7. Place the stove on a level, secure surface before operating.
8. Periodically check fittings on compressed gas stoves and on pressurized liquid fuel stoves for leakage with soap solution before lighting.
9. When lighting a stove keep fuel bottles and extra canisters well away. Do not hover over the stove when lighting it. Keep your head and body to one side. Open the stove valve quickly for two full turns and light carefully, with head, fingers, and hands to the side of the burner. Then adjust down.
10. Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.
11. Do not overload the stovetop with extra heavy pots or large frying pans. If pots over 2 quarts are necessary, setup a separate grill with legs to hold the pot and place stove under grill.
12. Bring empty fuel containers home for disposal. Do not place in or near fires. Empty fuel containers will explode if heated.
PARENTAL FIREARM AUTHORIZATION FORM

I give consent for ___________________________ of Troop # ____________, who is my son/daughter or ward, to use all of the firearm equipment offered at Camp Kern except those circled below:

Muzzle-loading Rifles   .22 Rifles   Shotguns

I, the undersigned parent or legal guardian, do hereby authorize the Southern Sierra Council to furnish firearms, archery, and other appropriate equipment as marked, to the minor named herein for the purpose of instruction in the safe handling and shooting of firearms, target shooting and related activities under the supervision of the appropriate Area Director staff.

This authorization will remain in effect for said minor while he is participating in any Boy Scouts of America program or activity related to firearms, unless revoked in writing by the undersigned and said revocation personally delivered to the camp program office.

Parent/Guardian’s Name ___________________________________________ Date __________________

Phone Number (H) ___________________________ (W) ___________________________

Parent/Guardian’s Signature ___________________________________________

*California Penal Code Section 12522:
S12551. Furnishing Firearm To Minor Under 18 Without Permission of Parent. -- Every Person who furnishes any firearm, air gun, or gas operated gun, designed to fire a bullet, pellet, or metal objective, to any minor under the age of 18 years, without the express or implied permission of the parent or legal guardian of the minor, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

PHOTO RELEASE

I hereby give permission for the Southern Sierra Council and CampWorks, Inc. to use pictures taken of me and/or my son for the promotion of the Scouting program in the Southern Sierra Council and throughout the United States.

Full Name of Participant: ___________________________ Address: ___________________________

Signature of Participant: ___________________________ Date: __________________

Or

Father/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________

Mother/Guardian Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________
Camp Kern Medical Administration Form

Name of Scout: ___________________ Troop #: _____ Dates attending: ___________

Medications to be administered: __________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________

In the schedule below, please mark when each medication is to be administered:

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If you have any medications that must be taken at a specific time or at a time that is not listed in the chart above, please note it here:___________________________________________________________
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Note: The Camp Health Officer will approve ways to disperse medication. Adult leaders are highly encouraged to keep a copy of this medical administration form and to be present during the administration of their Scouts’ medications.
Camp Kern Barge Departure Schedule
(time listed is an approximate time at which the barge will depart)

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- To ensure that you get on a scheduled barge, please sign up in the Program Office.
- Special barge trips can be arranged for $20 if need be. Inquire at the Program Office.
- Actual afternoon barge time varies according to when our food shipment arrives.
PERSONAL GEAR FOR SCOUTS AND LEADERS

♦ High Sierra weather is unpredictable in the summer months and may change quickly. Bring clothing appropriate for heat, cold, and rain.
♦ The Official BSA uniform is appropriate dress any time during the week.
♦ Scouts wear full uniforms at evening flag ceremonies and dinner. BSA activity uniform is daytime wear.
♦ Be sure all personal items are marked with full name and unit number. Neither the adult volunteers, the camp, nor the camp staff are responsible for lost or misplaced items.

CLOTHING

Uniform, uniform hat
T-shirts
Shorts
Jeans (optional)
Swim suit and towel
Pajamas or sweats
Sweater, jacket, or sweatshirt
Tennis shoes
Sturdy shoes for hiking
Old tennis shoes/water socks for swimming
Underwear (1 pair per day)
Socks (1 pair per day)
Handkerchiefs/tissues
Pen, pencil, paper

OPTIONAL ITEMS

Camera and film
Musical instrument
Sewing kit
Money for trading post ($50-$75)
First aid kit
Watch
Sunglasses
Whistle on cord
Compass
Fishing pole
Pocket knife (need unit leader permission, and Totin’ Chip card required)

PAPERWORK (Signed, dated)

Health Form
Medical Administration Form
Trip/activity medical permission slip
Shooting Sports permission slip
Horsemanship Application & Waiver (as needed)

AND VERY IMPORTANT

Prescription medications (w/Medical Admin Form)
Sack lunch for drive to camp
Lunch money for return from camp

CAMPING GEAR

Sleeping bag or blankets
Ground cloth
Foam pad or air mattress
Pillow (optional)
Pack/duffel bag/suitcase
Day pack/fanny pack
Canteen or water bottle
Drinking cup
Flashlight, extra bulb/batteries
Clothes line--1/4"(10-20 feet) and pins
Matches, fire lighting devices (adults only)

TOILET KIT

Toothbrush and toothpaste
Comb
Sun screen
Soap (biodegradable)
Lip balm
Insect repellant (non-aerosol)
Towel, washcloth
Deodorant
Shaving gear (adults)

UNAUTHORIZED EQUIPMENT

Hunting bows, crossbows, arrows
Firearms, ammunition, Cap guns
Fireworks
Illicit drugs
Alcoholic beverages
Tobacco products
Matches, Fire Lighting Devices (Scouts only)
Knives with blades longer than 3"
Fixed blade, sheath knives
Open toed shoes
Expensive jewelry
Portable radios, tape players
CD players, computer games
FORMS REQUIRED AND CHECK-IN PROCESS

There are a number of forms--for the group as well as for individuals--required for camp attendance. Overall 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 2 copies to camp (one for the camp and one for yourself)

**Individual Forms**

- **Personal Health and Medical Record.** Available at all Council Service Centers and on the Internet at www.Scouting.org. Every camper must have a health form. See the Health section of this camp guide for further information.

- **Medical Administration Form.** All medications dispensed at camp should be listed on each Scout's individual form. Forms will be collected by the Camp Health Officer.

- **Parent Authorization for Trip/Activity Medical Treatment.** Provides leaders transporting scouts to camp permission to treat them. This form should travel to camp in the same vehicle as the camper, not be held together by the tour leader. It is the one form in this packet that should not be handed in at camp. The unit leader should collect them on arrival and hold them for departure.

- **Parental Firearm Authorization Form - Consent for Minor to use Firearms, BB Rifles and Archery Equipment.** Must be completed by a scout’s parent or legal guardian in order for him to shoot rifles, shotguns and bow and arrows.

- **Horsemanship Application & Waiver – as needed** - Must be completed by a scout’s parent or legal guardian in order for him to take part in the Horsemanship Merit Badge or trail rides.

*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, all shooting sports permission slips, etc. grouped together rather than by individual camper.
## CAMP ROSTER

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As the unit leader responsible for Youth Protection training in this unit, I verify that the above adult leaders have completed Youth Protection Training on the dates listed.

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*BRING 2 COPIES OF THIS FORM TO CAMP WITH YOU*
CAMPER EARLY RELEASE FORM

Camper: ___________________________________ Unit: ______________

Address: ___________________________________ City: _______________ Zip: _______________________

Unit Leader Name: ___________________________ Phone: (H)__________________________

Address: ___________________________________ City: _______________ Zip: _______________________

Unit Leader Signature Approval for Release: _____________________________________________

Date: _______________ Time: _____________ AM _____ PM _____

Name of Person to Whom Camper is released: ___________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________ City: _______________ Zip: _______________________

Phone: __________________

Date of Release: _______________ Time of Release: _______________ AM _____ PM _____

Proof of Identity of Said Person: _______________________________________________________

Reason for Release: __________________________________________________________________

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Camp Director’s Comments: __________________________________________________________

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Camp Representative’s Signature: _______________________________________________________

Date__________ Time__________
PARENT AUTHORIZATION FOR TRIP/ACTIVITY AND MEDICAL TREATMENT

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of ________________________________

(Scout)

authorize his participation in the Southern Sierra Council summer camp program at

______________________________ on ____________________________

(Name of camp) (Dates of Camp)

including travel to and from camp by motor vehicle. I understand the trip/activity will be under

the general supervision of _________________________________.

(Registered Adult Leader’s Name)

In case of emergency, I understand reasonable effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I authorize the physicians or hospitals selected by the adult leader to provide medical treatment, including, without limitation, hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, medication by injection or otherwise, and release to the adult leader.

__________________________________________  __________________________

(Signature of Parent/Guardian)  (Date)

__________________________________________

(Address)

__________________________________________

(24-hour Emergency Phone Number)

__________________________________________  __________________________

(Medical Insurance Co.) (Policy Number)