

# Camping Guide 2015



Western Los Angeles County Council

# Take up the challenge.

Get excited about camping in 2015! This will be a year of new adventures that will challenge you and your unit to go big.

The 2015 Camping guide is intended to help your unit or family determine which programs and events are best suited for you. It is brought to you in part by the Malibu Lodge of the Order of the Arrow, which supports summer camps through service, promotion, and staffing, as well as the WLACC Camping Department.

Are you looking for an all-inclusive family bonding experience? Cub Family Weekends at Emerald Bay or Whitsett would work perfectly. Looking for a new physical and leadership challenge for older scouts? Try Emerald Bay's Rugged E or Whitsett's CPT. Are you imagining camera angles, storyboards, and theme music while on activities with your Troop? Maybe you should join us for the Cinematography Experience at Camp Josepho.

Emerald Bay, Whitsett, and Josepho have programs running year-round that are suited to boys at any point of their Scouting careers. Experiences at these camps augment the programs that your Pack or Troop provides. They allow Scouts to earn awards that would be difficult to work on independently, they expose Scouts to new aspects of Scouting and the outdoors, and they challenge boys to become leaders.

Registration for each event is available on each camp's website. Like us on Facebook or follow our YouTube channels to see what's new at camp and keep in touch. Finally, you can sign up for the monthly camping newsletter to receive articles about camp, notifications of upcoming events or deadlines, and even recipes and packing tips.

See you at camp!

Sincerely,

The WLACC Camping Team





# 2014-15 Calendar

## Fall 2014

Cub Parent Weekend, Josepho: Oct 24-26  
Spookaree/Malibu Lodge Summit, Josepho: Nov 1-2  
Cub Family Weekend, Emerald Bay: Nov 7-9  
Cub Parent Weekend, Josepho, Nov 7-9  
OA Ordeal, Josepho: Dec 6-7  
Josepho Holiday Extravaganza Dec 13-14

## Spring 2015

Malibu Lodge Banquet, Josepho: Jan 3  
Cub Family Weekend, Emerald Bay: Mar 27-29  
Cub Parent Weekend, Josepho: April 10-12  
Cub Parent Weekend, Josepho: May 8-10  
OA Ordeal, Whitsett: May 15-17  
Memorial Day Pack Weekend, Whitsett: May 23-25  
OA Ordeal, Josepho: May 29-31  
Lodge Fellowship, Josepho: June 6-7

## Fall 2015

OA Ordeal, Josepho: Sept 5-7  
OA Conclave: Sept 18-20  
Cub Parent Weeked, Josepho: Oct16-18  
Cub Family Weekend, Emerald Bay: Oct 23-25  
Cub Parent Weekend, Josepho: Nov 6-8

## Summer 2015

### June

Emerald Bay Opens: June 7  
Whitsett Opens: June 14  
Josepho/CB Cub Day Camp 1: June 15-19  
Antelope Valley Cub Day Camp: June 15-19  
Josepho/CB Cub Day Camp 2: June 22-26  
Scoutreach Cub Day Camp: June 22-26  
Whitsett Webelos Camp Session 1: June 28-July 1  
Josepho Shooting Sports Camp: June 28-July 2

### July

Whitsett Webelos Camp Session 2: July 1-4  
Josepho Boy Scout/Webelos Week 1: July 9-12  
Las Colinas Cub Day Camp: July 13-17  
Josepho Boy Scout/Webelos Session 2: July 16-19  
Balboa Oaks Day Camp: July 27-31  
Cahuenga Day Camp July 27-31  
Emerald Bay Weeks 4-7  
Whitsett Weeks 3-6

### August

Emerald Bay Weeks 8 - 10  
Whitsett Week 7  
Cub Famly Weekend, Whitsett: Aug14-16



# Camp Emerald Bay

## Summer Programs

Camp Emerald Bay is one of the premier Boy Scout Camps in the United States. Located on the West End of Catalina Island, Emerald Bay has served Scouts since 1925. Emerald Bay offers 29 Merit Badges in Aquatics, Handicraft, Scoutcraft, Nature, Marine Science and Field Sports. We have Eagle-required badges such as Environmental Science, Swimming, Lifesaving, and Camping as well as unique badges such as Energy, Pottery, Kayaking, Oceanography, and Small Boat Sailing.

Our program includes many opportunities for troop activities such as kayaking, mountain biking, beach cookouts, and local hikes. Troops also develop leadership and unity on the War Canoe overnight to nearby Parson's Beach, where they snorkel, swim, and hike during the day, cook dinner and dessert in a dutch oven, and spend the night under the stars sleeping on the beach. During free time, Scouts can experience the flora and fauna of our local kelp forests at the Pennington Marine Science Center and learn how to compost and conserve resources at our sustainable garden!

Register before December 1st for the  
Early Bird Discount!

[www.campemeraldbay.org](http://www.campemeraldbay.org)



## Ethics and Leadership

We build good people. It is our mission to provide quality leadership training to as many youth as possible. Provisional can attend without their troops. With the SPL Program, SPLs or senior Scouts can participate in leadership training while exploring the West End over the four days before camp begins. We also emphasize the importance of the Scout Law with our Values Game!





# Step out of your element.



## Rugged Explorers

Our most popular High Adventure Program, Rugged "E" challenges older Scouts with a full course of island adventure. You will lead your crew up one of the highest peaks on Catalina Island, soar down hills on a unique mountain biking overnight, cruise through crystal waters in a canoe, and spend starlit nights on beaches around the island. Minimum age: 14.

## Rugged Canoe

Rugged "C" takes enterprising Scouts on a 66-mile canoe trek around the entire island. You will explore some of Catalina's hidden snorkeling spots and lead your team past magnificent palisades for stunning panoramic views. Minimum age: 14.

## Rugged Scuba

Rugged "S" introduces Scouts to the awesome underwater world of California Kelp Forests. Divers will earn the Scuba Merit Badge and their PADI Open Water Diving Certification while exploring one of the world's top diving spots, famous for its kelp forests and sea life. This is a skill that will last a lifetime! Minimum age: 12.

## Rugged Oceanographer

Rugged "O" takes certified divers deeper, darker, and longer dives than ever before. This PADI Advanced Certification course teaches divers to Night Dive, Deep Dive, and use advanced Navigation and Buoyancy techniques. Class is conducted on boat dives around the island. Minimum age: 14.

## Girl Scout Weekend

Girl Scouts will learn and earn while having fun boating, shooting archery & BB guns. Scouts will explore the "outback" where 88% of the island is conserved to protect more than 60 plant, animal and insect species found nowhere else in the world. Additionally, they can engage with more than 100 species of sea life at the Pennington Marine Science Center before jumping in one of the world's top snorkel and dive destinations Doctors Cove. At night, get lost in the cosmos as you see the stars often hidden by the city's bright lights. All this while Scouts can work on Junior, Cadet, and Senior awards.

March 20 - 22 & August 20 - 23







# Camp Whitsett

## Summer Programs

Camp Whitsett, standing in the shadow of the Giant Sequoias, has operated continuously in the Sequoia National Monument since 1947. Just minutes away from the renowned "Trail of 100 Giants", boating, with exclusive access to Lake Ida (with its excellent trout stock) and Sentinel Peak.

Whitsett's summer program is home to 35 outdoor merit badges, including Fly-Fishing, Climbing, First Aid, and several Eagle-required badges. Our setting is perfectly suited to California mountain adventure sports. Join us for Whitewater rafting on the mighty Kern River, high-flying ropes courses, and unforgettable hikes and mountain bike rides. Our new Nature Center focuses on the natural history and ecology of the Sequoia Forest and the history of human settlement in the area.

Whitsett is rooted in tradition, and on the cutting edge. When it comes to schedules, customized programs, and opportunities with innovative program, Whitsett is unmatched. Scouts that attend camp can opt for a day of Whitewater on the mighty Kern River, compete in C.O.P.E. and rock climbing, or even spend a week on a horse and pack trip in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

[www.campwhitsett.org](http://www.campwhitsett.org)

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for the Early Bird Discount!

## Tackle the heights of the Sierras.

### C.P.T.

C.P.T. is a full week, immersive high adventure program for older Scouts returning to Whitsett who want greater challenge and adventure. Participants will spend the entire week in high adventure activities like C.O.P.E., Mountain Biking, overnights, and team challenges and courses. It is designed to challenge even the most experienced camper. Minimum age: 14.



## Sierra Expeditions

Make Camp Whitsett the base camp for your unit's foray into the Sierra Nevada. Sierra Expeditions offers guided treks into the local ranges that are customized to the skill level of your group. Scouts can register for backpacking treks, cycling expeditions, or even horse and pack trips. All groups will receive training in Leave-No-Trace, Gourmet Backcountry Cooking, and Trek Planning. Any expedition can be customized to suit the interests of your unit, so this is your opportunity to dive head first into adventure. You can choose your Program at [www.campwhitsett.org/summer/sierra-expedition](http://www.campwhitsett.org/summer/sierra-expedition). Minimum age: 14.



## Whitsett Webelos Resident Camp

Webelos Resident Camp is a four-day weekend that immerses Webelos in Boy Scout-level adventure! Earn Advancement Pins while participating in classic Boy Scout activities like BB Guns, Archery, Swimming, Campfire, and Camp-wide games in the majestic Sequoias. This camp will acclimate Webelos to Boy Scout Camp in peak season. Cost: \$200/webelos, \$150/adult. Before April 1st: \$185/webelos, \$125/adult.

June 28-July 1

July 1-July 4





# Camp Josepho Programs

Located just minutes away from bustling Santa Monica, Camp Josepho offers specialized “Merit Badge Clusters” that uniquely integrate the requirements of several related merit badges in a single, all-encompassing program. Scouts can attend provisionally or with other members of their troops who share their interests. Webelos and Boy Scout Programs will be held simultaneously over 2 sessions.

## Shooting Sports Camp

This program provides intensive training with rifle, pistol, and archery in a small group environment that allows to the Scout to spend more time on the ranges, unlike a traditional summer camp. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the respective shooting related merit badges or NRA Marksman Qualification. Along with spending time on the ranges, scouts will get to enjoy the pool, hikes in the surrounding Santa Monica Mountains, campfires, and camp-wide games. Spaces are limited, so don't let this great opportunity slip away.

June 28-July 2



## NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training provides in depth leadership training. Scouts will learn how to effectively lead their Troops using the patrol method, outdoor skills, and teambuilding skills. Cost \$240/Scout, or \$200 before May 1st. Register at [www.bsa-la.org/events-and-activities/training/](http://www.bsa-la.org/events-and-activities/training/)

June 14-19



## Webelos Movie Camp

Webelos Movie Camp has grown over the years into one of the signature programs at Camp Josepho. Webelos will write, cast, direct, and act in their own short films under the guidance of visiting experts and professionals. Cost: \$225/Scout, \$70/adult. \$200/Webelos before April 1st.

## First Year Program

Designed to ease the transition for newly-bridged Scouts. Campers will work on First Year rank advancement and the Swimming and First Aid Merit Badges. Cost: \$240/ Scout, \$70/adult. \$225/Scout before April 1st

## Cinematography Experience

Scouts can make their own short films as they work on the Theater, Communications, and Moviemaking Merit Badges. Cost: \$240/Scout, \$70/adult. \$225/Scout before April 1st.

## Robotics, Programming and Game Design

Earn the Robotics, Programming and Game Design Merit Badges in this integrated program that focuses on technology and the outdoors. Scouts design their own games, robots, and programs. Recommended for Scouts who have reached First Class. Cost: \$240/Scout, \$70/adult. \$225/Scout before April 1st.

Session 1: July 9-12

Session 2: July 16-19

[www.campjosepho.org](http://www.campjosepho.org)

**Where technology  
and the outdoors intersect.**







Great journeys begin **with a single step.**

## Cub Scout Day Camp

What does it take to wear out hundreds of cub scout-age boys with boundless energy and a penchant for adventure? It's not an epic sugar crash or extra servings of tryptophan-laden turkey at dinner... it's a week of Cub Scout Day Camp! Each day your local district Day Camp is brimming with activities, games, sports, woodworking, skits, songs, BB Gun shooting, Archery, and much more! Your scout will come home tired, dirty, hungry, and thrilled with the thought of going back the next day. The theme for the 2015 Cub Scout Day Camp is Take Flight, Day Camps will be integrating this theme into all of our daily activities. Day Camp is also designed to make it easy for parents to share in the excitement at camp as volunteers or adult leaders. **Cost:** \$125/child before May 1st, \$150 after

### **Crescent Bay/Josepho\***

**Register at** [www.bsa-la.org](http://www.bsa-la.org)

- June 15-19
- June 22-26

### **Bill Hart**

- July 6-10
- July 13-17

### **Las Colinas**

- July 13-17

### **Antelope Valley**

- June 15-19

### **Balboa Oaks**

- July 27-31

### **Scoutreach**

- June 22-26

### **Cahuenga**

- July 27-31

**\*Josepho Cost:** \$170/child, includes lunch.  
\$50 shuttle upgrade/week.  
Register at [www.campjosepho.org](http://www.campjosepho.org)





# Cub Scout Programs

## Josepho Cub Parent Weekend

Cub Parent Weekends are a fantastic opportunity to bond with your Cub Scout in a parent/son camping environment. Join us in the Fall and Spring at Camp Josepho for a weekend full of outdoor Cub Scout activities like BB Guns, Archery, crafts, cooking, and more! \$110/parent-son pair.

Register at [www.campjosepho.org](http://www.campjosepho.org).

- October 24-26, 2014
- November 7-9, 2014
- April 10-12
- May 8-10
- October 16-18
- November 6-8

## Whitsett Cub Family Weekend

The Whitsett Cub Family Weekend has hosted Scouting families up at Camp Whitsett for generations. Bring the entire family for a mountain weekend to close out summer.

Cost: \$60/person.

- August 14-16, 2015

## Whitsett Pack Weekend

Camp Whitsett is thrilled to host its Annual Memorial Day Pack Weekend this spring. Activities include BB-Guns, Boating, Archery, Fishing, and Rock Climbing for everyone as well as C.O.P.E. and rifle shooting for adults. Register as an entire Pack. Cost: \$100/person, \$60/children under 6. Register at [www.campwhitsett.org](http://www.campwhitsett.org).

- May 23-25, 2014

## Emerald Bay Cub Family Weekend

Bring the whole family out to Emerald Bay for a weekend of Cub Scout activities and island fun. Pet sharks at the Pennington Marine Science Center, snorkel in Kelp Forests, and explore neighboring coves and beaches. Cost: \$185/tent camper, \$215/cabin camper, or \$1500/entire cabin (up to 8 people). Register at [www.campemeraldbay.org](http://www.campemeraldbay.org).

- March 27-29
- October 23-25







## Facilities Rentals

You can host your next event at Camp Emerald Bay, Camp Whitsett or Camp Josepho. For information on facilities rental rates and availability, email [camping@bsa-la.org](mailto:camping@bsa-la.org) or visit the camp's website.

## Wood Badge

Wood badge is the highest level of training available to adult leaders, where they will learn outdoor skills, leadership, and how to effectively apply the patrol method. Register at [www.bsa-la.org](http://www.bsa-la.org).

## Camperships

No Scout should be deterred from attending camp for financial reasons, which is why we actively promote our campership programs. Paired with troop fundraising, camperships should put the cost of camp within reach of any family. Each of our camp websites has a downloadable campership form. Applicants will receive a response no sooner than February 15th.

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