

Merit Badge Experience

2014 SCOUT EXPO

@ The San Bernardino County Sheriff's Rodeo



LEADER'S MANUAL

**California Inland Empire Council, BSA
GLEN HELEN REGIONAL PARK
Devore, CA**

SEPTEMBER 26-28, 2014

BOY SCOUTING



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Hello Fellow Scouters:

As we are about to embark on the many adventures sure to unfold during the 2014 Scout Expo, I am hopeful we all pause to reflect on the many blessings and opportunities this great weekend hold in store for all of us.

Please remember that all of us can make the Scout Expo all the more amazing by living the Scout Law over the coming two days. Each of us has the opportunity and responsibility to live up to the ideals Robert Baden-Powell started in 1907. We commit to making the most out of the 2014 Scout Expo for ourselves and those around us by being fellow Scouts we all know we can be.

I would like to thank all of the many staff members, leaders, and scouts who have worked tirelessly to make the 2014 Scout Expo a reality. We also need to express our gratitude to the San Bernardino County Sheriff's for allowing us to be part of this year's 15th Annual Sheriff's Rodeo.

I challenge each Scout to try something new and different this weekend; Find something you have not experienced and take advantage of the chance to expand your horizons.

Each year is a new experience for all of us. If you have been here the prior years, you will definitely enjoy the 2014 Scout Expo. We are working diligently to have all the aspects of Scouting represented at this event. You will leave with a new awareness of scouting and also with the new friendships that will be made during this weekend.

We all look forward to you at the 2014 Scout Expo.

Your friend in Scouting,

Joseph P. Fellin
2014 Scout Expo Chair
California Inland Empire Council
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WELCOME

The 2014 Scout Expo planning committee has been working hard to create a unique event for the Scouts of the California Inland Empire Council. Information in this guide will help Staff, Scouts and Scouters have a successful experience at this event.

Location: Glen Helen, just outside San Bernardino, CA and will host Cub Scouts, Webelos, Boy Scouts, Explorers, Venturers and Adults for a fun filled 2 ½ days. Scouts will come from all over the Inland Empire to participate in this Scouting Experience.

Dates and Times: Overnight Campers:

Arrive Friday, September 26, after 4 PM.
Depart Sunday, September 28, by 10 AM.

Day Only:

Arrive Saturday, September 27, by 12 Noon
Gates Open at 7 AM – Check In Opens at 8 AM
Parking is thru Gate #3 – Big Parking Lot
Check In at Meadowlark – Gazebo on the way to Water Park

Leadership: Two deep leadership - The Guide to Safe Scouting requires a minimum of 2 adult leaders with each unit during any activity. One adult must be registered and over 21 years old; the second must be 18 years or older. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.

Registration Information: All registered members of the Boy Scouts of America can attend.

1. Attendees are requested to register as a Troop.
2. Please indicate your district.
3. Do not register more than 1 troop per registration.
4. T-shirts are ordered separately – be sure to bring a copy of your order when you pick up your shirts at the T-shirt Booth.

Sub-camp Site Assignments

All Scout troops are assigned a campsite in the Boy Scout sub-camp at Glen Helen Regional Park.

Each sub-camp has a headquarters area staffed from Friday afternoon through Sunday morning.

First Aid, lost and found, communication equipment for contacting medical personnel, security, and main headquarters are located at the sub-camp headquarters.

Sub-camps will hold a cracker barrel Friday evening at their headquarters 1 adult leader and the SPL from each troop.

Agenda: Disseminate information for the weekend's events and answer questions.

Each sub-camp will have a gateway competition with first, second, and third place awards. Interested troops should build a gateway to the entrance of their encampment. Judging will occur Saturday afternoon, and awards will be presented during the closing campfire.

Remember, No parking at campsites – all vehicles must be moved to designated parking area – unit is given :30 minutes to unload by campsite.

Checklist for Check-In

Have documents out and ready to present when arriving at Check In station.

- Unit Roster of participants – Adults & Youth
- Tour Plan (If Camping Over Night)
- Youth: Parent Informed Consent Agreement For Climbing/Rappelling Activities
- Youth: Parent/Guardian Consent Form
- Health & Medical Record (A & B Only)
- Swim Level Certification Roster
- A copy of BSA Guide To Safe Scouting.

Arrival, Parking and Camping

Follow the directions to your assigned sub-camp. Upon arrival in Glen Helen, the unit will drop equipment at the assigned area and immediately move vehicles to the assigned parking area. Each unit will send a leader to the sub-camp headquarters (Meadowlark) to register. Sub-camp staff will escort unit leader to assigned campsite. Units will camp within the marked boundaries of their sites.

Troops are encouraged to bring trailers or vehicles with gear to Glen Helen as early as 4 PM Friday afternoon. This will help speed up arrival for passenger-only vehicles later in the day.

Cooperate with 2014 Scout Expo volunteers while moving around the park. Safety is the highest priority during the event. Vehicles may only park in designated areas and should not be moved again until departure.

Vehicles may be driven in the immediate program areas.

Remember, No parking at campsites – all vehicles must be moved to designated parking area.

Camping GEAR PASS – only needed if you are driving into park to unload camping equipment – Day Only participants do not need a parking pass – they will park in General Parking – Thru Gate #3.

Water

Each unit is expected to bring sufficient water for drinking, cooking, and cleaning—a minimum of one gallon/person/day is recommended. Designated water supply areas are very limited and may be a distance from the sub-camp. Bringing large containers to carry water and wagons or hand trucks to transport them is recommended.

Fires

Cooking fires will only be allowed off the ground in barbecues. *Propane stove on a stand is also acceptable.*

Food

Vendors with burgers, hot dogs, snacks will be stationed through out the park.

Trading Post

Scout Shop will have hats, flashlights, pens, and other items - on site location will have a limited supply of items.

Items to Bring

Water— bottles, canteens, jugs, containers, already filled. Allow 2-3 liters/person/day. Access to water on base is limited, warm/hot weather is likely, and shade is scarce.

Personal items—Scout uniform, hat, extra clothes, hygiene kit, sunscreen, hiking/walking shoes, sunglasses, spending money for Trading Post .

Closing Campfire —flashlight/lantern, blankets to sit on. NO CHAIRS!!

Items Not Allowed

Do not bring electronic games, weapons, pets, tobacco, sheath knives, ammunition, alcohol, drugs, radios, unregistered participants, valuable items, and electronic music devices.

Uniforming

The 2014 Scout Expo staff encourages Scouts and Scouters to wear their Boy Scout uniforms. We encourage you to wear the uniform shirt and pants to the opening ceremony, and the pack/troop/crew activity uniform (Class B) during the day. We ask that all participants wear the 2014 Scout Expo t-shirt to the closing campfire.

Early Check-out Procedures

These procedures apply to all units checking out early (Saturday night):

- Notify check-in team if your unit will be checking out early
- Individuals leaving Scout Expo early must make prior arrangements with the program area leader, unit leader, and parent/guardian.
- Units planning to leave after the “Closing Camp Fire” (Saturday night) shall Check-out at the sub-camp headquarters before the campfire and stage their cars in the parking lots to facilitate departure.
- When checking out, units send a leader to the sub-camp headquarters. Sub-camp staff will check the unit’s campsite to ensure that “Leave No Trace” conditions have been met.
- Once campsite conditions are approved, sub-camp staff will issue 2014 Scout Expo patches to the unit leader.

Full Event Schedule

Friday, September 26, 2014

4:00 PM-9:00 PM	Boy Scouts Check In
9:00-9:30 PM	Cracker Barrel at Sub Camp HQ
9:30 PM	Taps, lights out, quiet until reveille. Scouts in Sub Camps

Saturday, September 27, 2014

7:00 AM	Reveille
8:00 AM-11: 45 AM	“Day Only” - Boy Scouts Check In
7:00-9:00 AM	OA Breakfast or Breakfast at Campsite with your Pack/Troop/Crew
9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	Opening ceremony – bring your unit flag
10:00-11:00 AM	Program at the Rodeo Side
11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Merit Badge Activity
12:00 PM – 2:00 PM	Lunch
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Merit Badge Activity
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Merit Badge Activity
4:00 PM	Program Areas Shut Down
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Camp Wide Games
4:00-6:00 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Closing flags ceremony
6:30-7:00 PM	Mobilization to Campfire
7:00-8:00 PM	Closing Campfire
8:30 PM	Early checkout
11:00 PM	Taps, lights out, quiet until reveille.

Sunday, September 28, 2014

7:00-8:30 AM	Reveille, breakfast, clean-up Sub Camps
8:30 AM	Sunday Morning Worship service
8:30 AM-10 AM	Check out

Program Areas

Community Showcase

Community organizations that support the Scouting program will have booths.

Merit Badges

This is an area for Scouts to work on merit badge with experienced individuals.

Sports Clinics

This is an area for Scouts to have an interactive activity with a professional team: Baseball, Hockey, Soccer & Golf.

Closing Campfires

On Saturday evening, troops will mobilize near their sub-camp and begin march to campfire at approximately 6:30 PM. Troops should plan to walk together as a unit. A special light or flag is useful for keeping the unit together, especially after dark. Scouts and Scouters will sit on the grass for the entire show. A blanket or ground cloth will be useful to mark and cushion your area. No chairs are allowed at the show. Performances that excite and inspire will be featured on the stage.

BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS:

1. All Scouts and leaders are expected to follow the Oath and Law.
2. If a scout or their leader violate curfew, are caught without adult leadership or cause problems requiring discipline the unit may be escorted off the premises by the County Sheriff's Department.
3. All concerns are to be reported to the BSA Headquarters Area at the park.
4. Units are prohibited from bringing "walkie-talkies", as they interfere with the Sheriff's Scout Expo Staff communications.

WHAT TO DO BEFORE YOU ARRIVE:

1. BE FAMILIAR WITH THE HAZARDS AT THE SCOUT EXPO SITE:

- Snakes
- Bears
- Wasps
- Sun Burn
- Heat Stroke
- Trip and fall hazards

WHILE YOU ARE THERE:

1. **CAMPSITES:** All units are expected to keep their campsites clean. Each unit is required to bring their own trash bags and dispose of any garbage in the dumpster regularly. Frequent trash removal will help to avoid unwanted insects, animals and other unwanted visitors.

2. **MEALS:**

- Plan basic menus so food preparation doesn't consume activities.
- Food Concession stands will be available on Saturday.

3. **FIRES:** Cooking fires will only be allowed off the ground in barbecues. *Propane stove on a stand is also acceptable.*

4. TENTS / GEAR:

- Self-standing tents are recommended.
- Small stakes are permitted, nothing longer than 1 foot.
- Tents must be close together.
- Bring your Unit flag, Stand, Gateway and Banner.

5. FISHING:

- A state fishing license will be required for anyone 16 years of age or older.

6. DUTCH OVEN COOK –OFF:

- Units participating in the Dutch Oven Cook-Off must let registration know during check-in that you're participating and what category you'll be cooking in. You'll be told when and where the Judging will take place.

7. SPECIAL INFORMATION:

- Smoking is only permitted in designated smoking areas. **ALCOHOL IS NOT ALLOWED ON THE PREMISES AT ANY TIME.**
- Medical Emergency assistance is available at the Meadowlark Pavilion.

8. CHECKOUT:

After cleaning your campsite, go to the BSA Headquarters and request a commissioner to check your campsite and give you your patches.

- Saturday evening checkout will be arranged with the BSA Headquarters Staff.
- Sunday check out will be between the hours of 8:30AM – 10AM.

9. MERIT BADGES:

Merit Badges will be taking place through out the event - these are to be used to sign off on some of the requirements - and not designed for completion at the event.

10. ACTIVITIES:

The following BSA activities will take place Saturday the 27th from 10:00 AM – 3 PM:

- Canoeing
- Scout Skills
- Fishing
- Archery
- Order of the Arrow Village
- Dutch Oven Competition

11. VENDORS:

- Scout Shop
- Carl's Ice
- Carl's Jr
- Golden State Concessions

12. PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUNDRAISER:

Saturday the 27th at 7:00 AM – 9:00 AM, the Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser will take place near Meadowlark Pavilion. The cost is \$5.00 per person and includes sausage, coffee, juice and pancakes!!! Proceeds benefit your Cahuilla Lodge Order of the Arrow.

13. CRACKER BARREL INFORMATION:

- Friday night Cracker Barrel will be available at your Sub-camp at 9:00pm – 9:30pm.

14. THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Drink lots of water
- Wear sunscreen
- Always be prepared
- Always use the Buddy System

SEE YOU AT THE 2014 SCOUT EXPO!

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CAMPSITE INSPECTION SCORE SHEET

1800-2000 points AWARD OF MERIT AND HONOR
 1700-1799 points AWARD OF MERIT
 1600-1699 points AWARD

Unit Number _____ District _____ Campsite Number _____	Maximum Points	Earned Points
Camp by Unit/Patrol	100	
Unit/Patrol bulletin board	100	
Unit/Patrol duty roster	100	
Cooking by Unit/Patrol	100	
Cooking utensils cleaned and stored properly	100	
Method of off the ground cooking	100	
Menu posted	100	
Plan of events posted	100	
First aid kit labeled and available	100	
Unit/Den/Patrol flag displayed in campsite	100	
Unit gateway that displays members names	100	
Tents properly set up	100	
Personal gear stored neatly and clean	100	
Fireguard chart displayed and filled out	100	
Site clean, neat, and free of trash	100	
Site layout organized and practical	100	
Campsite map that shows North and individual campers tents	100	
Individual tents labeled with campers names	100	
Low impact camping techniques used (no digging etc.)	100	
Guide To Safe Scouting displayed or available	100	

Total	2000	
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DUTCH OVEN COOK OFF SCORE SHEET

90-100 points ACHIEVEMENT, DISTINCTION, HONOR

80-89 points ACHIEVEMENT, DISTINCTION

70-79 points ACHIEVEMENT

Unit Number _____ District _____	Maximum Points	Earned Points
APPEARANCE OF COOKS (Clean and in Uniform)	10	
ATTITUDE OF COOKS (Good Sportsmanship)	10	
APPEARANCE OF FOOD (visually appealing, pleasing aroma)	20	
TASTE OF FOOD (Good flavor combination, Appropriate seasoning, Spices and Herbs balanced for best flavor, texture is tender, moist or crunchy as appropriate)	20	
EXECUTION OF RECIPE (Cooked just right, not over or under done. Color, volume, too moist or dry) (per recipe)	20	
OVERALL APPEAL (Originality, Creative Ingredients, Good Recipe)	20	
Total	100	