



CAMP CHAWANAKEE

“On the shores of Shaver Lake Since 1947”

2023 Parent and Leader Guidebook

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A Resource Guide to Your Great Week at Camp

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Welcome Letter From the Camp Director

Dear Adult Scout Leaders and Parents,

After many years away, I am excited to return to Camp Chawanakee in the role once-again of Camp Director. I previously attended camp as a Scout, Assistant Scoutmaster, Camp Staff Commissioner and Program Director. This amazing facility on the shores of Shaver Lake has been inspiring Scouts for over 75 years. I personally know of families that have had 3 generations all attend our camp.

This guidebook has been prepared to give you an overview of important information you will find helpful for your stay at Camp Chawanakee. It is designed for Adult Leaders, Parents, and the Youth Leadership of your unit. We've included program information and the necessary "steps to take" for you to make your summer experience exciting and enjoyable. Please review it completely.

Since joining the team in November, we have been putting together budgets, looking at our food services and the physical plant itself. Our goal is to build upon past successes in program and services so we can strive for even

greater heights in 2023. Camp staff interviews will be set soon. Please refer any of your top troop members our way, we want the very best. Do you have a talented Scout or Scouter in your unit? Perhaps a singer, musician, a great Master of Ceremonies or Speaker. We'd love to showcase those unique persons at our Vesper Services, Flag Ceremonies, and Campfires.

Camp Chawanakee is a special, magical place in the beautiful Sierra Nevada mountains of Eastern Fresno County. Come join us and experience it for yourself, and for the youth that you serve. You'll be sure to make some special memories that will last a lifetime. Feel free to reach me directly with any concerns or questions at roy.verduzco@scouting.org.

I look forward to meeting you all and working together for a wonderful summer camp experience.

Yours in Scouting,

Roy Verduzco

Camp Director

CONTACT INFORMATION

We look forward to working with your troop to make your summer camp experience an outstanding one.

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or needs.

Sequoia Council- (559) 320-2100

Email- Daphne.Ferguson@scouting.org

campdirector@seqbsa.org

Visit our Council Website at <https://www.seqbsa.org>

Get updated information at <https://www.seqbsa.org/camp-chawanakee>

Like Camp Chawanakee on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/campchawanakee>

Registration Administration

Keep all email notifications from the “247Scouting” system.

These emails contain the security links to allow login and modification of all facets of your camp registration.

Document Date / Version

This document is correct effective December 14, 2022.

It is subject to modifications and changes will be posted to camp website.

CAMP



CHAWANAKEE

PRE-CAMP TIMELINE

Paying for Camp

	In Council / Week	Out of Council / Week
Adult	\$330.00	\$360.00
Youth	\$575.00	\$625.00

- Each unit must have two 21-year-old or older registered adult leaders in camp. For units with female youth at least one of the leaders must be a female. There are also sibling discounts (\$50.00 dollars off for each sibling) and a returning youth for that season will get a discount of \$125.00 dollars off a second week. There are no sibling discounts after the fact. These must be anticipated by the unit before they arrive at camp.
 - If your unit wants to arrive on Saturday, there is an extra fee of \$10 per person
- **Commissioner:** Adults that want to help camp by being Volunteer Commissioners can come to camp for free. If you sign up to be a volunteer commissioner, you are expected to serve in that capacity. **There are a limited number of spots per week. Call the Fresno Office to find out more at (559) 320-2100.** Each unit can have only one Volunteer Commissioner.
- **Transfers:** You may transfer funds from one youth and adults/leaders in the same unit to another.
- **Health Care & First Response Professionals:** Adults that would like to help camp by being a Volunteer Camp Health Officer for the week will have their camp registration waived. If you agree up to be the volunteer camp health officer for the week you are expected to serve in that capacity. There is one slot per week. The professional credentials include licensed MD, DO, RN, LVN, LPN, RN, Licensed nurse practitioner, Licensed Physician Assistant, Paramedic or EMT. Please call the Fresno Office to find out more at (559) 320-2100.

Payment Dates

- Deposit of \$20 per person, Youth and Adults, on reservation form.
 - January 31st, a payment of \$125 per person (both youth and adults)
 - Feb 28th, a second payment of \$125 per person (both youth and adults)
 - March 31st, a third payment of \$175 per youth and \$50 per adult
 - April 30th, Paid in full
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- After April 30th, you may not lower your numbers and will pay for the youth or adult even if they don't come to camp. You may have last minute additions and that is fine.
 - There are no refunds.
 - If a unit misses their payment dates and does not contact the Sequoia Council Office your reservation may be cancelled, and all fees paid are forfeited and your site given to another unit.
 - To qualify for Merit Badge Signups, you must have both the January and February payments submitted.





Camp Chawanakee 2023 Campsite Reservation Form

An Outdoor Adventure Since 1947

Troop No. _____ Circle one Male / Female Home Council _____
Number of Scouts _____ Venturers _____ Adult Males _____ Adult Females _____

CAMPSITE SELECTION: In order to make a reservation call the Fresno Scout Office at (559) 320-2100 and ask for the Camping Department. That way you can discuss what sites are still available in specific weeks and find the best site that works for you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hupa (20) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mono (30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tehachapi (28) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Village (28) | <input type="checkbox"/> Paiute (28) | <input type="checkbox"/> Thunderbird (30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inyo (36) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer (36) | <input type="checkbox"/> Winton (30) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mariposa (28) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pomo (36) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yokut (22) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mirimichi (22) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sha-Cha-Quoi (16) * | <input type="checkbox"/> Yosemite (50) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Miwok (30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tachi (20) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yuki (20) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modoc (30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tah-Heetch (30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yuma (46) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mojave (30) | <input type="checkbox"/> Tamarack (28) | |

- Yes, we plan to arrive on Saturday after 3PM. We understand an early arrival fee will be assessed.
- We plan to arrive on Monday morning by 6AM. We understand there are no swim tests on Monday.

*Designated ADA/Special needs site

Session Requested: Please indicate the session you would like to attend below.			
Session 1: 6/11 - 6/17	_____	Session 5: 7/9 - 7/15	_____
Session 2: 6/18 - 6/24	_____	Session 6: 7/16 - 7/22	_____
Session 3: 6/25 - 7/01	_____	Session 7: 7/23 - 7/29	_____
Session 4: 7/02 - 7/08	_____		

BSA requires that all units must have a minimum of two leaders present at camp.

<p style="text-align: center;">PRIMARY CONTACT LEADER</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City: _____</p> <p>State: _____ Zip: _____</p> <p>Home Phone: _____</p> <p>Mobile Phone: _____</p> <p>E-Mail: _____</p>	<p>Within one to two weeks you will receive a confirmation email of your reservation. You can have more than one contact leader for camp. Please provide us with the names & emails of up to two additional people who you want to receive information about Camp Chawanakee for 2023.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Name</td> <td style="text-align: center;">E-Mail</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> <tr> <td>_____</td> <td>_____</td> </tr> </table>	Name	E-Mail	_____	_____	_____	_____
Name	E-Mail						
_____	_____						
_____	_____						

Deposit: Pay \$20 per person (youth and adult) that you put at the top of this reservation from.

Remember to use *conservative forecasting*, we **do not offer refunds**. Please make a copy for your records*

Please list **your unit number** and **council name** on all checks

Make all checks payable to **Sequoia Council Boy Scouts of America**

Mail to

Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America
6005 N Tamera Ave. Fresno, CA 93711

Visit our websites for more information
<https://www.seqbsa.org/camp-chawanakee>

Conservative Forecasting

When you make reservations for the summer, be conservative. Forecast on the lower end. You can always add more Scouts. **Caution:** if you bring a surprising 10 extra youth, you are wise to phone the Council Office with a “heads up”. Conversely, if you indicate you are bringing 12 youth and 2 adults (fully paid or not) and you arrive at camp with only 10 youth, we cannot make a refund. If not yet fully paid, you will be responsible to pay full fees. These fees cannot be pushed into the next camping year. If you overbook your site, units will need to provide their own tents and sleeping accommodations for their campers above camp site capacity.

Sharing a Campsite

If you reserve a campsite and do not take up all the spots in a site, we may put another unit in the campsite with you to share the site. We post all the units that are in the campsite online at the camp website, <https://www.seqbsa.org/camp-chawanakee> so you can see if you are sharing the campsite with another unit. If you are sharing a campsite, please wait for the other unit so that you may divide the site appropriately. We manage our campsites to make sure every unit can get to camp. We thank you in advance for your understanding.

Camperships

We believe that every youth should have the option to go to summer camp and we are committed to making this happen. We encourage units to participate in fundraisers to help defer the cost of camp such as Annual Popcorn Sales. However, sometimes a little extra is needed. Through the generous donations of people and businesses around the Sequoia Council we are happy to be able to offer scholarships “camperships” to summer camp for all youth attending. If you have a family that needs assistance have them fill out a campership application. You can download the application at <https://247scouting.com/forms/027-2023campership>

All applications must be in the office March 31st. Please note that for the unit to get the campership discount, the youth must go to camp. Camperships are announced in mid

April, if you applied for a campership you may want to refrain from paying your full balance until awards are announced.

Refunds

In general, there are no refunds at Camp Chawanakee. For unusual situation refunds will be considered on a “case-by-case” basis. Requests can be made by contacting the Council Office.

Program

This leader guide represents the plan and expectations for Camp Chawanakee regarding program and administration. The Sequoia Council, Boy Scouts of America reserves the prerogative to modify this operational and program guide in accordance with circumstances beyond council control. This would include but is not limited to local or regional public health or environmental disruptions and disasters.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome at Camp Chawanakee. Visitors **MUST** report to the Camp Office and comply with any required check-in procedures. Visitors will be given a wristband that must be worn during their entire stay at camp. Visitor meals are available, and meal tickets can be purchased at the Trading Post. Visitors cannot participate in program activities. If you are planning on staying the night there is a \$65.00 per night charge, regardless whether you eat in the dining hall or not.

YOUR SUMMER CAMP EXPERIENCE

There is something very appealing to our youth about packing up their gear and going camping for a week. Six nights and seven days in the woods to experience the mountains, sleeping in a tent near a lake; it is quite an adventure. An adventure that no troop can duplicate on their own back home. A week in camp builds memories that will never be forgotten. We look forward to another amazing camp season with you this summer!

AN ACCREDITED CAMP: Camp Chawanakee is accredited each summer by the BSA National Camp Accreditation Program. This means that the camp has met strict guidelines in health, safety, and programming. We are prepared for emergencies and understand that Scouts and Scouters are in our care. We take pride in making sure we meet these standards in all areas of our camp.

CAMP PROGRAM: To us, program is more than merit badge classes. It is also specialty programs and camp wide games. It includes flag ceremonies and campfires. It's the songs and the cheers. We believe that program is everything you experience, from the time you step out of your car until you are headed back home. We believe we are prepared to deliver one of America's best camp programs. New Scouts will enjoy our First Year Camper program, while your older Scouts can choose to be challenged in our High Adventure programs. We know that every troop is different and approaches merit badge work in their own way. We have developed a curriculum that has variety, and we are looking forward to helping you plan the program that is best for your members.

THE STAFF: We hire the best candidates for each position and complete a week-long staff training program before we see any Scouts. In addition, several of our Area Directors must be certified at a National Camp School Training session, prior to serving with us. We are dedicated, we are enthusiastic, and we are here to serve.

You will be hard-pressed to find a better staff than the people we are bringing together for this summer.

PRE-CAMP LEADERS' MEETING

Arriving prepared is the best way to ensure that your troop maximizes the opportunities for fun and adventure during your stay at Camp Chawanakee. To help you with any lingering questions, the Camp Director hosts a Leaders Meeting in the Spring.

Leaders Meeting Information:

Wednesday May 10th, 2023 - 6:30 pm

This will be a recorded Zoom Meeting.
A link will be sent out before the Meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Roy Verduzco at roy.verduzco@scouting.org.

This meeting will be filmed and posted on our Council and Camp website.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following forms are required by all participants attending Camp Chawanakee. Please ensure your troop has each form ready for submission at check in upon your arrival.

Troop Forms

Unit Roster: You will need to have **two copies** of your Roster. You will need **one copy for Medical Checks** and **one copy for your campsite**. The Roster must have name and phone numbers for each person at camp.

If you are changing your adults partway through the week, please make sure both adult names and phone numbers are on your unit's roster.

Shooting Permission Forms: As per California State Law anyone who is under the age of 18 and wants to use the Rifle or Shotgun ranges needs to have this signed form. You will turn these into the camp office during check in.

Council Verification of AB 506 Compliance:

[https://scoutingevent.com/Download/02794022/OR/AB506 Compliance Council Verification .pdf](https://scoutingevent.com/Download/02794022/OR/AB506%20Compliance%20Council%20Verification.pdf)

Individual Forms

The camp check-in procedure is currently listed in accordance with the 2022 policy, the 2023 policy will be based upon current Fresno County guidelines and modified accordingly.

Health Forms: The BSA Annual Health and Medical Record must be completed in its entirety for ALL Camp Chawanakee participants. Please ensure each Scout and Scouter has completed the form and attained the required physician physical within 12 months of attendance. The current health forms can be downloaded at:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/healthandsafety/ahmr.aspx>

The pre-event screening form is required of all campers (leaders & youth) at check in:

https://www.seqbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/680-102_PreEventChklist_Chawanakee.pdf

1. If you are asymptomatic (according to check in form) & fully vaccinated for COVID (see below) you are OK for check in.
 - a. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>
 - b. You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines when you have received all doses in the primary series and all boosters recommended for you, when eligible.
2. If you are asymptomatic (according to check in form) and not fully vaccinated, campers require a negative COVID (antigen test) within 24 hours of check in or a negative COVID (PCR) test within 72 hours of check in.
 - a. The Camp will accept a dated photo of a home antigen COVID test taken within 24 hours of camp check in.

Immunizations: The current health immunization policy can be reviewed at:

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/trail-to-adventure/immunization-policy-changes/>

California AB 506

As a Scouting volunteer, you understand the importance of keeping children safe. **A recent bill (AB 506) was passed by the State of California requiring volunteers and staff of Youth Service Organizations to complete training in child abuse and neglect reporting and undergo Live Scan background checks.**

AB 506 goes into effect on January 1, 2022. All registered BSA volunteer positions and employees including camp staff must comply with AB506. In addition, other volunteers who are 18 years of age or older and who have direct contact with, or supervision of, children for more than 16 hours a month or 32 hours per year must complete a Live Scan background check (the digital version of inked fingerprinting) and complete online mandated reporter training.

Information can be found at:

<https://californiascouting.org/>

<https://www.seqbsa.org/ab506training/>

Troops should review the FAQ's:

<https://californiascouting.org/faq/>

At check-in California Troops will need to provide a completed Council Verification of AB 506 Compliance:

https://scoutingevent.com/Download/02794022/OR/AB506_Compliance_Council_Verification_.pdf

All staff and volunteers, age 18 or over at Camp Chawanakee will be in compliance with AB 506.

An out-of-state troop is planning a visit to Camp Chawanakee. Is the troop subject to AB 506?

AB-506 applies to all California youth service organizations. Out-of-state troops who visit California are not subject to AB-506. While those troops are not subject to AB-506, visiting troops must follow both BSA policies and the laws of their own state. Failure to comply with BSA policies and/or the laws of their own state may restrict an out-of-state troop's ability to visit California.

BSA Youth Protection

Units are reminded of National BSA Youth Protection Policies:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/>

All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

WHAT TO BRING

Troop Gear List

Your campsite will be your home away from home. Each Troop or patrol will need to set up its area. Please refer to the following lists to ensure you are well prepared.

Uniforms

We encourage your youth to wear full uniform for evening flag ceremonies each day. Youth should arrive and leave camp in full uniform. We do not mandate a unit wear the official uniform as it is the unit's decision to make.

Troop Gear

Unit flag, US flag, Patrol flag, First Aid Kit, Patrol cook kit (pot or kettle, spatula, tongs, frying pan, ice chest, charcoal chimney) and a small shovel. You can request an American Flag for your unit to perform your own flag retirement ceremony. We suggest you bring a water cooler for your camp site for easy access to more drinking water. A pop up for shade would be a good item to bring for your tables.

Personal Gear to Bring to Camp: (see next page)

The weather at Camp Chawanakee for most of the summer is sunny and warm. It can be cooler in the early morning and evenings so "Be Prepared" for all kinds of weather including cold and rain. Pack appropriate clothing for the season, outdoor essentials, extra shoes/boots (closed toed recommended), a pack (a backpack is suggested), sleeping bag, pillow, foam pad or air mattress, ground cloth, eating kit (spoon, fork, knife, plate, bowl, and a cup) toiletries (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, comb/brush, wash cloth, towel), full uniform (Field and Activity). Flip flops should not be worn walking around camp, but only in the shower room areas or in Waterfront Area.

Personal Gear-Extras to Enhance Your Stay

Watch, camera, insect repellent, sunglasses, binoculars, OA sash, fishing pole and tackle, swimsuit, water shoes. Anyone 16 years of age or older requires a valid California Fishing License. Camp Chawanakee does not sell fishing licenses. You will need to go into the town of Shaver to purchase one. Please consider purchasing prior to arriving.

NOTES

This equipment list is meant to serve as a general guide. Please use your own discretion in choosing what to bring to camp and what to leave at home. We recommend that Scoutmasters inspect all backpacks to ensure proper safety. We are in an Extreme High Risk Fire Area, please be careful!

WHAT TO BRING (continued)

Scout Uniform
Sweater/Jacket*
Hat or Visor*
Jeans
Class B T-Shirts
Shorts
Swimsuits
Hiking Shoes
Tennis Shoes
Water Shoes
Undergarments
Sleeping Bag/Pillow

Notebook, Paper, Pens*
Scout Handbook
Mess Kit*
Flashlight*
Toothbrush and Toothpaste*
Soap and Shampoo*
Medications (if needed)
Bath Towels/washcloths
Deodorant*
Shaving Gear*
Comb*
Sunscreen*- Very Important
Chapstick*

Miscellaneous
OA Sash
Camera
Compass*
Knife*
Water Bottle*
Daypack
Watch
Fishing Gear*
Spending Money (\$50-\$60)

**These items can be purchased in the Camp Trading Post*

What Not to Bring

Personal firearms (including Peace Officer weapons), ammunition, personal archery equipment, slingshots, wrist-rockets, fireworks, alcohol, illegal drugs, ATVs, motorized dirt bikes, electric bikes or scooters, skateboards, personal watercraft (without prior clearance with the Camp Director/Aquatics Director) and pets, except for service animals.

Marijuana is not allowed in any form in Scouting activities.

GETTING TO CAMP

Directions to Camp Chawanakee

Google Link:

<https://tinyurl.com/wn2nfzpv>

Weather:

<https://tinyurl.com/ncjut85j>

Please hold a familiarization meeting with your youth and their parents. This is a good time to complete the necessary paperwork. Make sure that each participant (including adults) has a B.S.A. Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A, B, & C) filled out and signed by a doctor. Leaders should pay attention to Part B: Parental consent regarding nonprescription medication administration.

Saturday Arrivals

Units can choose to arrive Saturday after 3 PM. Units are required to provide their own food until Sunday Dinner. Aside from Chapel, Showers and Restrooms, there are no program areas or facilities available to units that arrive on Saturday. Please do not go swimming in the lake. Camp Management staff members are on site in case of emergencies only. **The Camp Office is closed on Saturday afternoons, please go directly to your site, but please make sure to do your official check in on Sunday at the Camp Office.**

Transportation

Each unit is responsible for arranging transportation for their youth to and from Camp Chawanakee. Cars must be parked in the Camp parking lot, **PLEASE BACK THEM IN**. Due to limited parking space, car-pooling is highly recommended. Those arriving by bus should advise their driver to turn right at the top of the parking lot and proceed to the front of the warehouse. Arrival at camp is advised to be between 12:00 noon and 1:00 pm on Sunday. No passengers can be transported in truck beds or trailers. Motorcycles, ATV's, Jet skis are not permitted at camp. Personal boats may not be docked at campsites. If you have a watercraft and would like to dock it at the camp waterfront, please contact the Camp Director (campdirector@seqbsa.org) prior to arrival at camp for discussion. For Emergency Considerations, and to avoid high gas prices in the local area, we recommend all vehicles staying in camp have at least ½ tank of gasoline. You may want to fill up on your way to camp. Prices are considerably higher nearby.

Camp Chawanakee does not have the capacity to charge electric vehicles.

*The camp road is now asphalt.
The speed limit is 15 mph while driving on the camp road.*



USAGE POLICY OF PERSONAL MOTORIZED UTV Vehicles

This policy is available from the Fresno Scout Office

Daphne.Ferguson@scouting.org

(559)320-2100

CAMP CHAWANAKEE

THE HAPPIEST PLACE IN THE SIERRAS

MAP KEYS

- ♨ SHOWERS
- ♣ CHARCOAL BINS
- ⛛ CAMP HEALTH LODGE
- 🚻 Restroom
- 🏠 Cabins



IN-CAMP ADMINISTRATION

The adventure begins once you arrive at Camp Chawanakee. The first day's activities will set the tone for your Troop's week at camp.

First Day

Sunday check-in is at the Camp Office. Your unit needs to call the Camp Office during business hours at 559-841-2117 to make an appointment of your confirmed arrival time. The Adult Leader most familiar with your youth and the unit's finances should check in.

Each unit will get a camp staff guide assigned to them to provide an orientation of camp and act as your buddy for the week. This orientation will include medical, Dining Hall orientation to find out your eating session and table numbers, and a swim test (we recommend that participants wear their swim trunks under their uniform). You can conduct Swim Tests prior to your arrival. We will be doing Medical Arrival Screening. While on the tour please ask questions, it is the best way to learn about Camp Chawanakee. Your guide will take you on a detailed tour of camp.

A UNIT LEADER/YOUTH LEADER meeting is scheduled Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm at the Chapel.

Unloading Gear at Camp and Camp Site Vehicle Parking:

Cars will not be allowed to stay parked in campsites. Troop equipment trailers may be parked at campsite, but the tow vehicle must be parked back in the parking lot. Each unit will still be allowed to bring one vehicle (at a time) in to unload troop gear on arrival. All other vehicles must be parked in the camp parking lot. There will be no exceptions to this policy outside of specific authorized unit needs. Units leaving on Friday night will be allowed to bring a vehicle into campsite to pack up. You will be able to bring one vehicle in at a time between 1:00PM and 4:00PM. Units leaving Saturday will wait until that morning to bring a vehicle in.

CAMPSITES

Each campsite is equipped with tents, cots, and mattress for all attendees, a table, and bulletin board. Rakes, brooms, and shovels can be checked out at the Camp Office. Please only take one of each per Troop. There will be a sign out sheet at the office. Patrol site equipment consists of on average four two-person tents, eight cots, eight mattresses, one stand-alone BBQ and one picnic table. It is recommended that units bring their own dining canopies. Garbage cans will be strategically placed for easy access by patrol sites. Do not put charcoal or campfire ashes in the trashcans. Units who damage camp property will be charged an amount to repair and/or replace that property. The cost of a new camp tent is \$1200 and the frame that supports it is another \$700.

Early Swim Check: Saving Time on Sunday Check In

To speed up your Sunday arrival process, we highly recommend that your Troop do swim checks before coming to camp. **Buddy tags will be mailed out to the units in April.** Fill out buddy tags in advance. Keep in mind that our camp is located at an elevation of 5,300 ft. above sea level and the water is cold. The aquatic staff also may retest a person if they feel this is necessary.



DINING HALL PROCEDURES

The Dining Hall at Camp Chawanakee can feed over 400 people. Please help us by following these procedures to ensure a safe and efficient mealtime.

Breakfast, lunch and dinners are served cafeteria style in the Dining Hall each day. During lunch, we will provide a “grab and go” sack lunch option. Please do your best to be on-time for your shift. The Friday dinner is a Hawaiian-themed B.B.Q. meal. At the Sunday tour you will be assigned a table(s) and given details for clean-up. Each table accommodates eight people. Units are asked to invite a staff member to join them if there is an open seat. Milk is always available at breakfast and dinner.

For safety reasons, we are not providing “cook in camp” lunches as in recent years. Should you need to work on specific needs for Cooking Merit Badge, speak to our Food Services Director upon arrival, and we will accommodate your needs to the best of our ability.

Troop Bus (table steward)

After the troop is finished eating each unit is responsible for completely bussing their tables as instructed by the dining hall steward.

Entry:

Troops will line up on the outside of the Dining Hall, on the side closest to the Training Center. The Dining Hall Steward will open the doors for entry. Hand sanitizing stations are provided, and we ask each participant to make use of these before entering for each meal.

Seconds:

At most meals, seconds will be called after a short delay from the time the last person was served. Please be respectful and responsible when lining up for seconds. We never expect anyone to go hungry at camp.

Special Meals/Dietary Concerns:

Camp Chawanakee accommodates vegan, vegetarian & gluten free diets on a routine basis. Campers requiring other or religious dietary meals need to contact the camp director at campdirector@seqbsa.org at time of registration and a minimum one month prior to arrival. You may wish to bring food/meals for your needs. We will store these for you at the Dining Hall. food allergies must be indicated at time of camp registration Please let us know if you have a birthday in your unit during your stay in camp.

Guest Meal Prices:

If you have a guest, they can purchase meal tickets at the Camp Trading Post. Breakfast and Lunch are \$10.00, and dinner is \$13.00. Children age 5 and younger eat for FREE.

MAIL SERVICE

Letters or postcards can take anywhere from two to five *extra days to* get to camp. Address your mail in the following manner (**be sure to include unit number, session, and campsite**) also be sure parents are aware of this information, so they can write their youth at camp.

When mail is received at camp it is sorted into boxes for each campsite in the office. It is up to the units to come by daily and check for mail in the afternoon. Any mail that isn't picked up will be put in the unit's check out packet at the end of the week. If mail comes after your stay at camp is over, we will return it to the sender. **It is suggested that you print a copy of this page and distribute it to all parents prior to leaving for camp.**

Mailing Address:

If sending through the US Post Office:

(Name of person) Troop #, Session # and Campsite
C/O Camp Chawanakee
P.O. Box 713
Shaver Lake, CA. 93664-0713

UPS/FED EX:

(Name of person), Unit #, Session #, and Campsite
43485 Dinkey Creek Road
Shaver Lake, CA 93664-9643

CAMP PHONE NUMBERS

CAMP OFFICE..... (559) 841-2117
FRESNO OFFICE..... (559) 320-2100

CELL PHONE COVERAGE: With the exception of inside certain buildings like the Dining Hall and Training Center we have found ATT, Verizon, T-Mobile, and Google Fi all have good cell coverage up at camp.



CAMP CHAWANAKEE TRADING POST

The Trading Post is your “one-stop-shop” for all your needs at camp. From snacks, drinks, and candy, to camping sundries, Scouting supplies, merit badge items, and souvenirs, the Trading Post has everything you’ll need to make your week at camp a memorable one.

We recommend that Scouts bring between \$50.00 to \$60.00 each to pay for souvenirs, snacks, and supplies during the week. Remember that certain merit badges do require the purchase of supplies (See Merit Badge listings). Many troops have an adult leader supervise a banking system to help Scouts monitor their spending. While we have no requirements for the use of a banking system, it is recommended, and helps develop spending skills.

In the Spring, we will announce details of our Trading Posts pre-order program. By pre-ordering your 2023 camp t-shirts, you can ensure your troop is fully outfitted during your stay at camp.

CAMP EXPECTATIONS

Every community has a set of standards to function safely and comfortably while encouraging a fun and learning environment. Camp Chawanakee is our community for the summer. Below are some important points to keep in mind while in camp.

Uniform: The uniform helps to establish a sense of belonging and a certain measure of safety in the camp environment. As such, Scouts and leaders must wear the field uniform for evening colors and the activity uniform for breakfast/lunch and during program hours. The activity uniform can be any Scout t-shirt and shorts. During the day, all Scouts are encouraged to wear some type of Scout shirt.

Buddy System: Everyone must follow the Buddy System while in and out of camp. Guests should have a buddy for all activities and may be asked to return to their campsite if found without a buddy.

Hazing: Hazing is prohibited both at Camp Chawanakee and by law. Defined as any action taken or situation created which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of any person or which willfully destroys or removes public or private property in order to initiate, admit into, or affiliate a person with an organization or membership; hazing will not be tolerated at Camp Chawanakee and may be grounds for immediate dismissal from Camp.

Off-Limits Areas: We ask that all attendees of Camp Chawanakee avoid certain areas of camp. Those areas include:

Staff Areas: lounge, cabins and living quarters, laundry area.

Any program or service area that is designated as Closed: Waterfront, Field Sports, Program Areas.

Other troop campsites: please only send an SPL or adults into another campsite if necessary.

The camp maintenance yard and warehouse (unless with a class).

Cleanliness: Please help us to keep camp clean. Troops are responsible to keep their campsite, tent platforms, and other areas clean throughout your stay. Please make sure Scouts use trash cans and recycle when possible. For any major cleanliness issues please contact the maintenance crew as soon as possible.

Internet Access: There will be limited wireless internet access for adult leaders located in the adult lounge daily from 9:00am- 12:00pm.

Smoking Area: Smoking is absolutely forbidden for any Scouts in camp. Adult smokers may partake in one area of camp only, which is behind the Dining Hall near the dumpster pad. We ask that you help us maintain vigilance. CAMP CHAWANAKEE IS AN EXTREME FIRE DANGER ZONE AND WE ASK EVERYONE'S HELP IN MINIMIZING RISK. You can do so by ensuring all who smoke do so only in the designated area.

Fires: Use only the designated campfire circle in the traditional campsites to build fires. Fire control tools are located at each campsite. No fireworks in camp. New fire pits *may not* be constructed in the patrol sites. Campsite fires must be kept small. Flames should be no higher than two feet.



EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

We will practice an Emergency Drill on Monday. When you hear the sounding of the fire bell all Scouts and Leaders will report to the Waterfront Area, quickly and safely. Once each unit has assembled in a line the Scoutmaster or SPL will report their attendance to the designated staff member. All units will remain at the Waterfront Area until the ALL CLEAR has been sounded or further instructions are given.

Major Accidents and Emergencies

In the event of a major accident, health-related emergency, or serious illness please report the incident to the nearest camp staff member. Be as specific as possible and relay only factual, pertinent information.

If medical attention is required during the night, please contact the Camp Health Officer directly. The Camp Health Officer will provide a cell phone contact, and there is a camp radio in the Health Lodge available to call for help. If 911 is called, the Camp Director, or his designee, must be notified immediately. In general, camp staff should be activating the 911 call.

Fire Bell

The fire bells are located at the Training Center and on the rock behind the parade area by the Trading Post. The fire bell will be rung in the event of an emergency that may require either a full camp head count, and/or evacuation. I.E. Fire, lost swimmer, lost person, or another emergency. Any other tampering or use of the fire bells is STRICTLY forbidden.

Drivers of vehicles should carry vehicle keys on their person in case of emergency.

What to do if you encounter an out-of-control fire

Do not attempt to put out the fire yourself! Take the most immediate and safest route to a fire bell and begin to ring it loudly. Continue to ring the bell until a staff member relieves you.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

PLANNING YOUR PROGRAM

Online Registration

Scouts should be registered online at www.247scouting.com for all merit badges before coming to camp. Changes can be made through Monday at Lunch, but we recommend all schedules be established prior to arrival.

The following pages provide a brief overview of Camp's various programs. A complete chart of merit badges, together with any prerequisites and their schedule, is listed in this leader's guide.

MERIT BADGE PROGRAM & INSTRUCTIONAL AREAS

The purpose of the Camp Chawanakee merit badge program is to offer programming that is not readily available at home and utilizes the outdoor experience. Each merit badge is assigned an area in camp that is responsible for its instruction. All in-camp questions about specific Merit Badges should be brought to the attention of the Area Director.

The day is divided into morning sessions and open study in the afternoon or evening. Most merit badges are offered during the first four sessions of the day, with many troop or individual activities being offered during the afternoon and evening sessions.

Some merit badges can only be completed if certain requirements are done prior to camp. If a Scout has not completed these requirements the merit badge will have to be completed at home.

Scoutcraft Located next to Archery Range/ Offers:

Camping, Cooking, Fire Safety, Fishing, Orienteering, Pioneering, Search and Rescue, and Wilderness First Aid.

Eagle Point Located at the Lodge on the Point/ Offers:

Chess, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Geocaching, Robotics, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Game Design, Disabilities Awareness, Signs, Signals and Codes.

Nature Lodge Located East of Archery Range/ Offers:

Astronomy, Bird Study, Environmental Science, Fish and Wildlife, Geology, Mammal Study, Pulp and Paper, Nature, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Mining in Society, Soil and Water.

Handicraft Lodge Located Next to the Bridge/ Offers:

Basketry, Fingerprinting, Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Photography, Pottery, Wood Carving

Shooting/Field Sports Located at the Ranges/ Offers:

Archery, Rifle, Shotgun

Waterfront Located at Aquatics Area/ Offers:

Canoeing, Kayaking, Lifesaving, Rowing, Small Boat Sailing, Swimming, BSA Lifeguard

Climbing Wall & C.O.P.E. Course Located Near Flag Assembly Area

Welding Located on Staff Hill

First Year Camper Program Located at the Chapel

Horsemanship Located at the Corrals South of Archery Range

Merit Badge Sign-Up

Please make sure registration is done prior to arrival at camp. Unit Leaders will be able to sign up youth/adults for classes on or after March 20th, 2023. You will have to have your February payment receipted in the Fresno Office. Certain classes have size restrictions. Classes are filled on a first come first serve basis.

Open Study

Afternoon (2:15pm - 4:30pm) and Evening Open Study (7:00pm - 8:00pm) are times campers can experience program areas in an open format. Every program area (except for COPE and Climbing) will be open. Youth can work on merit badge requirements or just have fun.

Merit Badge Advancement / Blue Cards

Camp Chawanakee uses the Black Pug Camp Management system to keep track of merit badge progress. Troop Leadership can follow progress during camp using the Black Pug Mobile App. Each youth who is working on merit badges will have their progress recorded during the week.

Camp will have some blue cards on hand. If your unit chooses to use blue cards, they will be completed.

If you get home from camp and find that there was a problem with a blue card or the advancement report, contact Sequoia Council at campdirector@seqbsa.org. This goes for any past summers as well. Let us know the youths name, unit, council, what week they attended, what merit badge you need and your mailing address.

Registration Cut Off and Class Changes at Camp

Each session of camp, merit badge sign-ups will be closed Thursday at midnight ***before*** you come to camp so that we can get the rosters ready for the next week. Once this happens, you won't be able to change any more classes online. If a camper decides they want to change a class at camp, they can still do so. When adding a new class on site your Scout is required to talk to the counselor and let them know they want to add the class. The switch will be dependent on the available class size roster.

Merit Badge List

Merit Badge	Class Size	Cost	Periods Taught	Information
Archery	30	\$5.00	1, 2, 3, 4	May require extensive practice outside of Merit Badge. Must be able to pull back a 25 lb. bow Must purchase arrow kit at Trading Post.
Art	30	None	Open Study	Offered during Open Study
Astronomy	30	None	2	Will require observation time outside of Merit Badge Class Req. 5b, 8a, 8d, & 8e will not be covered at Camp.
Basketry	40	\$5-15	1	Will purchase a Basketry Kit from the Trading Post
Bird Study	40	None	1 2	Will require observation time outside of Merit Badge Class Req. 8 will not be covered at Camp.
Camping	30	None	Open Study Tues or Thurs	Reqs. 4b,5e,7b,8c,8d,9a, and 9b not covered at Camp
Canoeing	15	None	1 2	Must pass BSA swimmers test before starting merit badge
Chess	40	None	3,4	Will require time outside Merit Badge to complete tournament
Citizenship in the World	30	None	1,2	Req. 7 will not be covered at Camp
Climbing	12	None	1 2, or 3 4	2 Class Periods
Communication	30	None	3,4	Req. 5 & 7 will not be covered at Camp
Cooking	30	None	Open Study Mon or Wed	Reqs. 2c,4, 5 & 6 will not be covered at Camp
Disabilities Awareness	30	None	Open Study Mon &Tue Or Wed & Thurs	Req. 2 & 4 will not be covered at Camp. This is a 2-day Open Study class. Must attend both days
Emergency Preparedness	30	None	1 2	Must have First Aid Merit Badge before starting Merit Badge. Req. 2c,6c,8b & 9 not covered at Camp.
Environmental Science	30	None	1, 2, 3, 4	Will require observation time outside of Merit Badge. Requires extensive writing outside of Merit Badge.
Finger Printing	30	None	Open Study	Only need to attend 1 day.
Fire Safety	40	None	2	Req. 11 not covered at Camp
First Aid	30	None	1 2, or 3 4	Bring a first aid kit from home to fulfill req. 5a
Fish and Wildlife	40	None	4	Req. 5, 7, & 8 not covered at Camp
Fishing	30	None	3,4	Bring own fishing gear to Camp; requires fishing time outside of Merit Badge.
Game Design	30	None	Open Study Mon -Thurs	Requires extensive writing outside of Merit Badge. Must attend all week to earn Merit Badge
Geocaching	30	None	1	Req. 8 & 9 will not be covered at Camp.
Geology	30	None	Open Study	Hands will get dirty
Horsemanship	30	\$40	1, 2, 3, 4	Must wear long pants and closed toed shoes everyday
Indian Lore	30	\$5-15	4	Will purchase a Indian Lore Kit at the Trading Post
Kayaking	15	None	3, 4	Must pass BSA swimmers test before starting badge
Leatherwork	30	\$5-15	1, 4	Will purchase a Leatherwork Kit from the Trading Post
Lifesaving	20	None	1 2, or 3 4	Req. 1 must be completed before starting Badge
Mammal Study	30	None	Open Study	Req. 5 will not be covered at camp Will require observation outside of class

Mining in Society	30	None	Open Study	Offered during Open Study
Nature	30	None	3	Will require observation time outside of class
Orienteering	30	None	1	Req. 7 will not be covered at camp
Photography	30	None	3	Bring your own camera. Must have cyber chip card.
Pioneering	15	None	1, 2	Working knowledge of knots and lashings
Pottery	30	None	2, 3	Req. 7 will not be covered at Camp
Pulp and Paper	30	None	Open Study	Req. 7 will not be covered at Camp.
Reptile & Amphibian Study	30	None	Open Study	Req. 8 not covered at Camp
Rifle Shooting	15	\$15	1 2, or 3 4	May require extensive practice outside of Merit Badge, fee covers all materials needed.
Robotics (Monday-Thursday)	20	\$20.00	Open Study	Only need to attend 1 day
Rowing	10	None	4	Must pass BSA swimmers test before starting badge
Soil and Water Conservation	30	None	Open Study	Req. 7 will not be covered at Camp
Search and Rescue	30	None	4	Req. 6 will not be covered at Camp
Shotgun Shooting	15	\$40	1 2, or 3 4	May require extensive practice shooting outside of Merit Badge. Fee covers all materials needed
Signs, Signals and Codes	30	None	2	Requirement 7 will not be covered at camp
Sustainability	30	None	1,3,4	Req. 1 will not be covered at camp
Small Boat Sailing	10	None	3 4	Must pass BSA swimmers test before starting badge
Swimming	30	None	1, 2, 3	Must pass BSA swimmers test before starting badge
Weather	30	None	Open Study	Req 9 will not be covered at Camp
Welding	30	\$24	1, 2, 3, 4	cotton pants/slacks, cost is for welding project
Wilderness Survival	30	None	3	Bring a personal survival kit from home for req. 5
Wood Carving	30	\$5-15	2,3	Will purchase a Wood Carving Kit at the Trading Post Totin' Chip required before carving

MERIT BADGE LIST SUBJECT TO CHANGE BOLD= NEW FOR 2023

*Prereq's may change before start of camp.



CAMP ACTIVITIES

Opening Campfire

Start your week off right on Sunday night when our staff puts on the opening campfire at Eagle Point Campfire Bowl for your entertainment and enjoyment.

Unit Campfires

Your unit can have a campfire in your campsite during the week. You can use only downed wood that you find at camp. Do not damage, trim, or cut standing trees. If a tree appears hazardous, inform a staff member right away.

Tribe of Chawanakee Campfire

On Thursday night the spirit of the Native Americans who inhabited this land when Camp Chawanakee was just a dream, will come out to induct new members into the tribe and to advance in rank those who have returned. The highlight of this campfire is the reading of the legend followed by an induction ceremony for the Tribe Honor to which you are advancing. The evening ends with all the Tribe members listening to the sage advice of the mighty Sachem. Members must either have completed their service hours prior to this campfire or promise on their honor they will have them done before leaving camp. Adults are encouraged to participate too!

Closing Campfire

Friday evening at the Eagle Point Campfire Bowl there will be a variety show to remember and our troops provide the songs and skits. That's right, units and youth are the main attraction here, so plan to participate.

Nature Trail

This self-guided tour takes you through the beautiful meadows of Camp Chawanakee. Along the trail you will find signs that will explain the flora and fauna that can be seen throughout camp. If you have any questions, ask the staff at the Nature Lodge.

Fishing Derby

Measure your fish either caught or “catch and release.” The longest fish (or photo with ruler) each week will be recognized.

This competition is a youth-only competition. Youth aged 16 and older require a valid California Fishing License. We do not sell licenses in camp.

Adult Leader Information

Adult Leader Trainings

While in camp, we have several opportunities to help Adult Leaders impact the lives of your Scouts. Camp Chawanakee offers multiple programs to help maximize your time and continual learning. Leaders can complete the following trainings at Camp Chawanakee: Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training and Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills. For completion, this requires almost a full day of work each day at camp.

Medical Support

A First Aid trained staff (Camp Staff Member – Camp Health Officer) is present at camp to treat medical emergencies and handle minor problems. For urgent and emergency care, not requiring ambulance transport, it will be necessary for leaders to transport youth to a local Urgent Care or Emergency Room. Medications must be kept in a locked container. Units must bring their own locking container. Unit Adult leaders are responsible for logging the proper medication at the time given to Scout. If you are a medical professional, please identify yourself to camp management for emergency purposes. For those adults who need to use a CPAP machine, there is no electricity at any of the campsites, please bring your own power source.

Commissioner Service

Commissioners are one of the key ingredients for the unit to have an outstanding week. Any needs, concerns and/or suggestions should be directed to your commissioner. Campsites will be inspected by your commissioner daily. Campsite inspection scores are a key component to determining who wins the coveted “thumb-stick” award. The Council has a limited number of paid Commissioner spots for each week. If you want to volunteer to help you need to contact the Fresno Scout Office and talk to our camping department.

Adult CPR & AED Training

Each Tuesday AM (9:00 – 11:30 AM) at the Training Center there will be Adult CPR Training. The Training is certified by ECSI. The cost is \$25 paid at the Trading Post. This training does not meet the requirements for BSA Lifeguard certification. The Lifesaving First Aid and CPR class is held each Monday at 8:00 PM and Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Training Center. The Lifesaving First Aid and CPR class is subject to change.

<https://www.ecsinstitute.org/aboutus/aboutus.aspx>

For Adult Leaders, we also offer the following:

Safe Swim Defense	Safety Afloat
Climb on Safely	Leave No Trace 101
Trek Safely	CPR & AED
C.O.P.E.	Camp Golf Tournament
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills	Black Powder
Tomahawk & Knife Throwing	

Bocce Ball

Test your lawn bowling skills Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 pm at the volleyball court. You can also check out the set from the office and play when you want to as well.

Volleyball

Feel free to schedule a match against another troop, or if you feel daring enough, against the camp staff. Warning, our Camp Director is a Hall of Fame Volleyball Coach. We are sure to see upgrades to our volleyball games in 2023!

C.O.P.E.

C.O.P.E. (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience), is held during free time on Wednesday and Thursday. Through games and physical challenges, you learn the importance of working together, while at the same time, learning of your own limits and potential.

Leaders Shoot & The Wall (Friday afternoon activity)

Leaders are invited to the rifle range to try their hand at Black Powder Shooting, shotgun range or you may want to find your way to the climbing wall - 52 feet of vertical fun. This is available to all adults on Friday from 2:00PM-4:00PM.



ADULT ACTIVITIES

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8:45 AM					Climb on Safely @ The Wall
9:00 AM		CPR Training @ Training Center 9-11:30	Flag Etiquette @ Training Center		
9:30 AM				Dutch Oven Cooking	Wrap Up Session @ Training Center
2:15 PM	Outdoor Ethics /LNT 101 @ Training Center	Woods Tools & Finding Your Way @ Scoutcraft	ADULT COPE & IOLS Makeup Sessions	ADULT COPE & IOLS Makeup Sessions	
3:15 PM	Ropes @ Scoutcraft	Cooking @ Scoutcraft	Plant & Animal ID/Nature Hike @ Training Center	Fire Site Preparation & Campsite Selection @ Scoutcraft	
7:00 PM	Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat @ Waterfront Pavilion	Lifesaving First Aid and CPR II @ Training Center	Trek Safely / Packing & Hiking Techniques @ Training Center 7:30 PM (after Vespers)		
8:00 PM	Lifesaving First Aid & CPR @ Training Center				

Schedule is subject to change

To be certified as having completed the **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills** the leader must at the end of the week present documentation that all required training sessions have been attended.

OTHER PROGRAMS

Order of the Arrow

Wear your sash on OA Thursday and at 7:00pm come join fellow arrow men at the Waterfront Pavilion for an ice cream social.

First Year Camper Program

Location: Camp Chapel

This is a camp staffed activity, first year campers should attend one of two sessions (period 1-2 or periods 3-4). Adults are strongly encouraged to accompany their Scouts to this program area. New or younger Scouts along with their adult leaders will receive an opportunity to learn the skills needed to achieve the rank of First Class. They will work together on a variety of activities and skills including nature, hiking, orienteering, pioneering, first aid, and more. Recording advancement for Ranks First Class and below are handled entirely at the Troop level. You do not need a blue card for First Year Camper. Scouts will be able to also work First Year Camper Program requirements during free time and open time at various program areas. Further information will be available at the opening adult leader meeting.

Polar Bear Swim

Each Tuesday through Friday mornings, all the brave souls in camp will meet at the waterfront and swim in sub-arctic waters. Don't worry, we won't let such bravery go un-rewarded.

Mile Swim

This test of strength and endurance is a four-day event. To adjust to the altitude of Chawanakee, participants will be required to swim increments building up to the full mile. All must be successful on each preceding leg to advance to the next. Each leg MUST be accomplished on different days. Each swimmer will be required to provide a skilled rower and spotter to ensure their safety and success. Only one swimmer per boat is allowed.

B.S.A. Lifeguard

Adults must have equivalent skills to merit badges.

Cost: \$50.00 (Purchase ticket at the Camp Trading Post)

If you already have the appropriate CPR & Advanced First Aid Training, you do not need to pay \$50.00 to get recertified. Must show proof of certification (Appropriate CPR & Advanced First Aid).

Cost includes required CPR / Advanced First Aid Training & Certification.

Period Held: 2 through 4 plus Free Time.

CPR & First Aid Training Monday & Tuesday Eve 6:30 – 9:30 PM CPR Training Location: Camp Training Center

A BSA Lifeguard can be a vital part for unit outings. Our staff will help show your future lifeguards the proper techniques on how to keep a safe waterfront. A requirement is to be a strong and responsible swimmer age 15 and older. Adults are welcome to participate. B.S.A. Lifeguard is a two-year certification.

C.O.P.E.

Ages 13 and Older

Periods 1-2, 3-4 Mon-Thursday Location: Camp C.O.P.E. & Climbing Wall

Chieftain Run

Youth and Adults can wake up early to take a jog at 6:00 AM on Thursday or Friday. You will meet at the Trading Post. Show your strength and ambition and join us for the Chieftain Run!

Iron Bear

The Iron Bear takes the Chieftain Run course to the next level, right after you complete the Chieftain run, then plunge into the lake for a Polar Bear Swim! This is a test for the fittest and bravest amongst us!

Canoe Outpost

Sign up with the Commissioner at the YOUTH LEADER meeting

Pre-requisite: For Canoe- Pass Swimmer Test

For Rowboat- Arrange with Commissioner

Meet at Waterfront at 7:00 PM

The Canoe Outpost is a chance to get out of camp and see other parts of beautiful Shaver Lake. Participants can paddle or row across the lake and camp under the stars. A cracker barrel will be provided. While on the other side, you can spend an evening enjoying leisure activities such as fishing, practicing your skills or just have a good ol' campfire. Two Deep Leadership is required for the Canoe Outpost. Canoe Outpost is subject to weather conditions. Sorry, swimming is not allowed. You will need to bring your own sleeping bag, ground cloth, mat and water. You will need to provide your own waterproof or dry sac bag. Please clean up your litter at Canoe Outpost.



Mountain Bikes

We allow personal bikes in camp. Everyone must wear a helmet, shoes, and eye protection. Please use caution while riding your bike in camp, especially around other campers, and near buildings and structures. Be a courteous cyclist. Camp Chawanakee does not provide bikes.



AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Pioneer Hiker

This honor is bestowed upon a youth that has exemplified the Scout Oath and Law. The Pioneer hike takes place after Friday's campfire. Pioneer hikers meet at the Camp Office after the Friday evening Campfire when further instructions will be given. Each unit can send one youth. Turn in the name to the Program Director at the 10:00 am Friday Leader's meeting or anytime before 4:00 pm.

Honor Troop/Crew

An honor unit is one that adheres to the Scout Oath and Law in all their dealings. Honor units demonstrate superior Scout spirit, have consistently high inspection scores, use the patrol method, and participate in programs and meetings. All honor units will be recognized at the closing campfire. Turn in Honor Unit paperwork to the office anytime during the day on Friday. The requirements for the Honor Unit Program are at the end of this leader guide.

Spirited Arrow Award

The purpose of the Spirited Arrow award is to encourage Scout Spirit. The unit with the most enthusiasm, that is always doing their best, will be given this award. Judgment will be based on Patrols having flags, patrol yells, doing good turns and youth simply doing their best to take pride in Scouting, but most of all, HAVING FUN! The award will be given out at the closing campfire.

Thumb Sticks

Each evening, the Camp Commissioner will each give out a special award known as a Thumb Stick. Thumb Stick winners will keep and add to the Thumb Stick until the next evening's flags, where it will be returned to the Commissioner. At the end of the week, one unit will take home the Thumb Stick. The additions to the Thumb Stick, your unit's own personalization, should not make it larger than your smallest youth can carry.

Tribe of Chawanakee

The Tribe of Chawanakee is our in-camp service organization. Initial tribe patch is purchased at Trading Post. Segments are awarded at no cost. This program is designed to recognize Youth and Adults who exemplify Chawanakee's ideals. All Youth and Adults who attend camp are eligible for membership. On Thursday night, all the hard work from the week will culminate in a ceremony and campfire. The segments that go around the patch are given to you at checkout. If you want to receive your segments you must turn in your Tribe Roster Form by Friday to allow time to sort out all the segments. The ranks and corresponding requirements are:

- Hunter:**
- 1) One summer at Camp Chawanakee
 - 2) One hour of work on service projects
- Warrior:**
- 1) Earned Hunter
 - 2) Two summers at Camp Chawanakee
 - 3) Two hours of work on service projects
- Chief:**
- 1) Earned Warrior
 - 2) Three summers at Camp Chawanakee
 - 3) Three hours of work on service projects
- Medicine Man:**
- 1) Earned Chief
 - 2) Four summers at Camp Chawanakee
 - 3) Four hours of work on service projects
- Sachem:**
- 1) Earned Medicine Man
 - 2) Five summers at Camp Chawanakee
 - 3) Plan, organize, and complete an approved service project or complete 5 hours of service. (Please contact the Camp Commissioner for assistance by Wednesday at 12:00 PM.)



2023 Camp Chawanakee Schedule

Sunday

1:00 pm-	4:00 pm	Check In
5:00 pm-	5:30 pm	Youth Leader/Adult Leader Meeting @ Chapel
6:00 pm-	6:45 pm	Dinner Shift 1
6:45 pm-	7:00 pm	Evening Flags
7:00 pm-	7:45 pm	Dinner Shift 2
8:45 pm-	9:45pm	Opening Campfire at Eagle Point Campfire Bowl
10:00 pm-	6:00 am	Quiet Time

Monday-Friday

6:30 am-	7:15 am	Breakfast Shift 1
7:30 am-	7:45 am	Flag Raising
7:45 am-	8:30 am	Breakfast Shift 2
8:45 am-	9:35 am	Merit Badge Period 1
9:45 am-	10:35 am	Merit Badge Period 2
10:45 am-	11:35 am	Merit Badge Period 3
11:45 am-	12:35 pm	Merit Badge Period
12:45 pm	1:15 pm	Lunch Shift 1
1:15 pm	1:45 pm	Lunch Shift 2
1:45 pm-	2:15 pm	YOUTH LEADER Meeting at the Waterfront Pavilion
2:15 pm-	4:30 pm	Open Time
5:00 pm-	5:45 pm	Dinner Shift 1
5:45 pm-	6:00 pm	Evening Flags
6:00 pm-	6:45 pm	Dinner Shift 2
7:00 pm-	8:00 pm	Open Time
8:45 pm-	9:45 pm	Evening Activities
10:00 pm-	6:00 am	Quiet Time

Friday Schedule

10:00 am-	10:30 am	Adult Leader Meeting @ Trading Post
2:30 pm-	4:15 pm	Blue Card Pick up @ Camp Office
7:00 pm-	8:00 pm	Merit Badge Q&A @ Dining Hall
8:45 pm-	9:45pm	Closing Campfire at Eagle Point Campfire Bowl

Saturday

6:00 am-	8:00 am	Open Breakfast
7:30 am-	7:45 am	Flag Raising
6:00 am-	9:00 am	Check Out

**Schedules are subject to change upon arrival in camp.
Changes will be submitted in writing as you check in.**

Camp Chawanakee Special Events and Training Schedule

Sunday

5:00pm Youth Leader/Adult Leader Meeting @ Chapel
8:45 pm Opening Campfire (Eagle Point Campfire Bowl)

Monday

10:00 am Optional Adult Leader Meeting (Dining Hall)
2:15 pm Outdoor Ethics/LNT 101 (Training Center)
3:15 pm Ropes (Scoutcraft)
7:00 pm Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat (Waterfront)
8:00 pm Lifesaving First Aid & CPR (Training Center)

Tuesday

6:00:32 am Polar Bear Swim (Waterfront)
9:00 am CPR / AED (Dining Hall)
10:00 am Optional Adult Leader Meeting (Dining Hall)
2:15 pm Woods Tools @ Finding your way (Scoutcraft)
3:15 pm Cooking (Scoutcraft)
7:00 pm Lifesaving First Aid and CPR II (Training Center)
8:45 pm Commissioners' Campfire (Point Campfires)

Wednesday

6:00:32 am Polar Bear Swim (Waterfront)
9:00 am Flag Etiquette (Training Center)
10:00 am Optional Adult Leader Meeting (Dining Hall)
2:00 pm Adult Cope and IOLS Make up Sessions
3:00 pm Bocce Ball Tournament (Volleyball Court)
3:15 pm Plant & Animal ID/Nature Hike (Training Center)
7:00 pm Vespers (Chapel)
7:30 pm Trek Safely/Packing & Hiking Techniques (Training Center)

Thursday

Order of the Arrow Thursday

6:00:32 am Polar Bear Swim (Waterfront)
6:00 am Chieftain Run (Meet at Trading Post)
9:00 am Dutch Oven Cooking
10:00 am Optional Adult Leader Meeting (Dining Hall)
10:00 am Chawanakee Open (Trading Post)
1:30 pm Scoutmaster Meeting (Training Center)
2:15 pm Adult Cope and IOLS Make up Sessions
3:15 pm Fire Site Preparation & Campsite Selection (Scoutcraft)
7:00 pm OA Fellowship (Waterfront Pavilion)
8:45 pm Tribe of Chawanakee Campfire (Eagle Point Campfire Bowl)

Friday

Surf's Up Friday!

6:00:32 am Polar Bear Swim (Waterfront)
8:45 am Climb on Safely (Climbing Wall)
9:30 am Wrap Up Session (Training Center)
10:00 am Adult Leader Meeting (Trading Post)
1:45 pm Chawanalympics Assembly (Waterfront)
2:00 pm- 4:00 pm Chawanalympics Camp-wide Games
2:30 pm Merit Badge Blue Card Pick-Up (Office)

7:00 pm Merit Badge Q & A (Dining Hall)
8:45 pm Closing Campfire (Eagle Point Campfire Bowl)

LAST 24 HOURS OF CAMP

Surf's Up Friday "Time to Say Aloha!"

Come to morning flags wearing your Hawaiian shirts, board shorts and leis. Make sure you bring plenty of items to decorate yourself and your campsite in the true Aloha spirit!

Friday Morning Leaders Meeting

We will cover the day's activities including Chawanalympics, check out procedures, and Merit Badge procedures.

Chawanalympics

This is our exciting, fast-paced, camp wide games! After our opening ceremonies at the Waterfront, units will break up into their patrols and compete in competitions that will test leadership, athleticism, and skills. Awards will be presented, on a Patrol basis, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each event. Information about events will be given out Wednesday at the SPL meeting.

Friday Barbecue

Camp Chawanakee Friday dinner is a Hawaiian-themed Luau BBQ for youth and leaders in our Dining Hall. Families and other guests are invited. Guests may pay for a Dinner Ticket at the Trading Post.

Blue Card Pick Up

Come to the Camp Office between 2:30-4:15pm and we will return all the Merit Badge Blue Cards to each unit.

Merit Badge (Q & A)

If there are any questions either about lost cards or why a card may not be completed, Unit Leaders can come to the Camp Dining Hall Porch at 7-8:00PM to talk with the Area Directors.

Any parents desiring to spend a single night in camp on Friday night may do so by reserving a site at our Family Camp Facility. Call Fresno Scout Office at 559-320-2100.

SATURDAY

A camp staff guide will help check your unit out of your campsite. The Camp Commissioner will send staff guides to your campsites at an agreed upon time between 6:00 am - 9:00 am. Earlier departures can be arranged. Schedule your time at the 10:00 am Friday Adult Leader's meeting, held at the Trading Post. After your staff guide has checked out your unit at the campsite, you will then need to make your way to the Camp Office to do a final check out.

Before your unit leaves it is required that the camp satisfaction Evaluation Forms are completed. The camp requires that each unit complete at least one survey from a Scout and one from an Adult Leader. Units may complete multiple surveys. Surveys can be completed either online or the paper surveys turned in at the Camp Office during the checkout procedure.

At the Camp Office, turn in your Check Out Sheet, check the lost and found, you will get back your medical binder(s), and you can make reservations for 2024. One car (at a time) per unit will be allowed in the campsite on Friday after 6:00 pm to load up your troop gear. Please return the vehicle to the parking lot once loaded before bringing in an additional vehicle.

2024 CAMP RESERVATIONS

During your week at camp, you can make reservations for 2024. The 2024 deposit will be \$20 per person.

UNIT DUTY ROSTER

Unit # _____

YOUTH LEADER _____

Monday:

Breakfast Table Bus _____
Lunch Table Bus _____
Dinner Table Bus _____
Clean Shower/Latrines _____
Other _____

Tuesday:

Breakfast Table Bus _____
Lunch Table Bus _____
Dinner Table Bus _____
Clean Shower/Latrines _____
Other _____

Wednesday

Breakfast Table Bus _____
Lunch Table Bus _____
Dinner Table Bus _____
Clean Shower/Latrines _____
Other _____

Thursday:

Breakfast Table Bus _____
Lunch Table Bus _____
Dinner Table Bus _____
Clean Shower/Latrines _____
Other _____

Friday:

Breakfast Table Bus _____
Lunch Table Bus _____
Dinner Table Bus _____
Clean Shower/Latrines _____
Other _____

HONOR UNIT CRITERIA

Unit # _____ Council _____

Campsite _____ Week _____

An Honor Unit is one that adheres to the Scout Oath and Law in all their dealings.

Honor Unit Must:

Leader Initials/Date

- _____ 1. Show Scout Spirit at all camp functions and adhere to the Scout Oath and Law.
- _____ 2. Participate in all camp wide events. (i.e. campfires, Chawanalympics, etc.)
- _____ 3. Maintain a tidy and safe campsite.
- _____ 4. Participate in a camp service project. (Tribe hours count)
- _____ 5. Organize and hold at least one youth leader meeting during the week.
- _____ 6. Attend all scheduled leader and YOUTH LEADER meetings. (5:00 pm on Sunday, adult leader Meetings are 1:30 pm Thursday and 10:00 am Friday, YOUTH LEADER meetings are 1:45 pm Monday-Friday)
- _____ 7. Attend and be on time to all flag ceremonies.
- _____ 8. Do not put holes in the camp tents.
- _____ 9. Participate in an inter-unit campfire or activity during the week.
- _____ 10. Do ONE of the following:
 - 100% of the unit advances one rank in the Tribe of Chawanakee
 - Unit attends Vespers (7:00 pm Wednesday at the Chapel)
 - Unit participates in a camp Flag Raising or Lowering or Retirement ceremony (YOUTH LEADER can sign up at the YOUTH LEADER meetings)
- _____ 11. Invite a camp staff member to participate in a unit activity.
Name of staff member _____

Camp Commissioner will determine completion of the requirements and will recognize the Honor Units at the closing campfire on Friday night.

CAMPSITE INSPECTION SHEET

Unit # _____ Campsite _____ Commissioner: _____

Inspections will be completed each day between 9:00 AM and 12:00PM (NOON)

ARRANGEMENT OF CAMP: (22 pts.)	M	T	W	TH	F
U.S. Flag flying at entry	3	3	3	3	3
Unit Flag flying at entry	3	3	3	3	3
Proper placement of large fire bucket nearby campfire ring w/ water	4	4	4	4	4
Small fire buckets nearby tents (one w/ water, one w/ dirt)	4	4	4	4	4
Ax yard well defined, all tools in sheaths	3	3	3	3	3
"NO FLAMES IN TENTS" posted on any <u>personal</u> tents	4	4	4	4	4
Defined entrance to unit's tents	1	1	1	1	1

NEATNESS OF TENTS: (15 pts.)	M	T	W	TH	F
Platform tents in good repair, open and properly secured	3	3	3	3	3
Bedding and personal gear neatly stored in tents	3	3	3	3	3
Tents are swept clean and generally in neat condition	3	3	3	3	3
Tents are free of new unmarked holes	6	6	6	6	6

OVERALL CLEANLINESS OF SITE(S): (30)	M	T	W	TH	F
Proper disposal of garbage in cans	5	5	5	5	5
Full garbage cans/bags placed near road	2	2	2	2	2
No food particles next to water spigot	3	3	3	3	3
Proper storage of equipment/food	3	3	3	3	3
Fires out or properly attended (Barbecues included)	3	3	3	3	3
Site free of litter	4	4	4	4	4
Latrines in clean condition	5	5	5	5	5
Showers in clean condition	5	5	5	5	5

BULLETIN BOARD: (16 pts.)	M	T	W	TH	F
Duty Roster	2	2	2	2	2
Unit Fireguard Plan and Camp Fire Plan	2	2	2	2	2
Camp site Inspection form	2	2	2	2	2
Unit Merit Badge Sign-up	2	2	2	2	2
Camp Schedule	2	2	2	2	2
Camp Map	2	2	2	2	2
Camp Special Events Schedule with unit activities added	2	2	2	2	2
Camp Mealtimes	2	2	2	2	2

CAMP IMPROVEMENTS: No permanent changes (7 pts.)	M	T	W	TH	F
New Pioneering Project or camp gadget each day. Bring own rope 10 pts. are only recommended, the scaling could be higher	7	7	7	7	7

SPIRIT: (10 pts.)	M	T	W	TH	F
Cooperation, quietness after taps, example set for all, on time at flags.	10	10	10	10	10
Campsite Commissioners will judge behavior, willingness to follow YOUTH LEADER 15 pts. are only recommended, the scaling could be higher	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Total: _____

SCORING: 100+ Excellent! 90-99 Good 80-89 Fair 70-79 Needs Improvement 0-69 Unsatisfactory

TRIBE OF CHAWANAKEY ROSTER

Tribe Ranks _____

1st Year Hunter

Unit: _____

2nd Year Warrior

Week: _____

3rd Year Chief

4th Year Medicine Man

Campsite

5th Year Sachem

	Name (Please Print)	Tribe Rank Completed					Spirit	Service	Location of
		H	W	C	MM	S	Yes / No	Hours	Service
1									
2									
3									
4									
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25									
Total Ranks									

Unit Swim Classification Record

This is the individual's swim classification as of this date. Any change in status after this date (i.e., non-swimmer to beginner or beginner to swimmer) would require a reclassification test performed by an approved test administrator. Changes and corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test administrator.

SPECIAL NOTE: When swim tests are conducted away from camp, the camp aquatics director retains the right to review or retest any or all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

Unit Number _____

Date of Swim Test _____

	Full Name (Print) (Draw lines through blank spaces.)	Medical Recheck	Swim Classification		
			Non swimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					
14					
15					

NAME OF PERSON CONDUCTING THE TEST:

Print Name

Signature

Qualification

Council/Agency (Red Cross, YMCA, etc.)

UNIT LEADER:

Print Name

Signature

SWIM CLASSIFICATION PROCEDURES

The swim classification of individuals participating in a Boy Scouts of America activity is a key element in both Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. **The swim classification tests should be renewed annually, preferably at the beginning of each outdoor season.**

Traditionally, the swim classification test has only been conducted at a long-term summer camp. However, there is no restriction that this be the only place the test can be conducted. It may be more useful to conduct the swim classification prior to a unit going to summer camp.

All persons participating in BSA aquatics are classified according to swimming ability. The classification tests and test procedures have been developed and structured to demonstrate a skill level consistent with the circumstances in which the individual will be in the water (e.g., the swimmer's test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability for recreational and instructional activity in a confined body of water with a maximum 12-foot depth).

In April we will mail each unit their buddy tags to fill out before arriving at camp.

The various components of each test evaluate the several skills essential to the minimum level of swimming ability. Each step of the test is important and should be followed as listed below:

SWIMMER'S TEST:

Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

BEGINNER'S TEST:

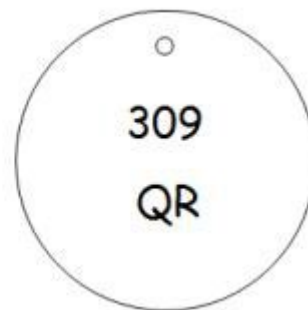
Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

Beginners (red on top):

- ✓ Jump into deep water.
- ✓ Swim 25 feet.
- ✓ Turn.
- ✓ Return.
- ✓ Total: **50 feet** with entry and turn

Swimmers (red on top blue on bottom):

- ✓ Jump into deep water.
- ✓ Swim 75 yards with strong forward stroke.
- ✓ Swim 25 yards with restful backstroke.
- ✓ Rest by floating.
- ✓ Total: **100 yards** with entry and turn



Properly filling out a buddy tag:

The swimmer's name is put on the front in the middle section. On the backside is written their Unit Number and Campsite.

- **Non-Swimmer** (did not pass to the Beginner level): Buddy Tag left without color
- **Beginner** (passed Beginner level but did not complete full swim test or did not complete test to the satisfaction of the test administrator): Color the top half circle with a red permanent marker.
- **Swimmer** (satisfactorily completed the full swim test): Color the top half circle with a red permanent marker and color the bottom half circle with a blue permanent marker.



Early Release From Camp

Once a Scout has checked into the summer camp program, they are not authorized to leave the camp property except in emergency situations, and with proper verification and authorization. Emergency situations which may cause a request for "early release" include illness, family emergencies, or unavoidable outside activities. The following procedures are followed whenever any "early release" request is made:

- If any person other than the parent or legal guardian will pick up the Scout, a **written authorization** from the custodial parent or guardian must be supplied to the Camp Director. This authorization must state who is authorized to pick up the Scout.
- Upon arrival at camp, the adult picking up the Scout must **check in with the Camp Director** at the Camp Office. After verification, the Camp Director will contact the Adult Leader and the Scout.
- The **identity of the adult picking up the Scout must be verified** by the Adult Leader in camp and/or by the presentation of proper identification. If a parent or legal guardian must be contacted via telephone to verify authorization; it must be at a telephone number supplied by the Adult Leader in camp, or at a telephone number listed on the health record of the Scout.
- If an adult leader is taking a Scout home during the camp week, they must check out with the Camp Director and they must inform the Camp Director upon their return to camp. If the Scout is not directly related to the adult leader, **two-deep leadership guidelines** must be followed.

Identification of camper to be released:

Date	Name of camper to be released	Unit
Reason for release		Campsite

Identification of person picking up the camper:

Name	Telephone
Address	
Signature	Date

Verification and approval by unit leader:

Leader's Name	Telephone
Address	
Signature	Date

Camp Director's approval:

Family Camp at Camp Chawanakee

The Current Plan, as of Dec 2022:

Family Camp Usage and Policy is being reviewed.

It is expected that more information will be available by early March 2023.

Please call (559) 320-2100 for further information.