

Welcome to Verdugo Hills Council Advancement Committee's

Extreme Merit Badge Weekend

**Saturday, September 10, 2022 -
Sunday, September 11, 2022**

Camp Verdugo Oaks
38001 Golden State Hwy.
Castaic, CA 91384

Please review the schedule, prerequisites, and camp information.

If you are an adult who is interested in volunteering at this event and are at least YPT trained, please reach out to Brandon Mejia *before registering* for an opportunity to camp for free, meals included.

Contact Brandon at brandon.mejia@scouting.org

Questions? Contact Scott Wadler, Council Advancement Chair at scott.wadler@vhcbsa.org and District Executive Brandon Mejia at brandon.mejia@scouting.org.



Check List

These forms are found on the Extreme Merit Badge Weekend webpage and must be completed in full and turned in at camp check-in:

www.vhcbsa.org/EMBWFall22

- Annual Health and Medical Record Forms (A, B1, B2)
- CVO COVID-19 Screening Form (one per family)

- Review the VHC COVID-19 Protocols on pages 8-11. Check for the latest information at <https://www.vhcbsa.org/covactivityprotocols>

PREREQUISITES & COUNSELOR NOTES, pages 4-5:

- Complete all prerequisites.
- Review all Counselor Notes and add specified items to your packing list.

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Session Options

Key:

Indicates Merit Badge completion within ONE session.

Indicates Merit Badge completion within multiple sessions.

*If needed, Sunday morning may be used to complete particular merit badges.

MERIT BADGE	SESSIONS		
	SATURDAY 1 8am-12pm	SATURDAY 2 2pm-6pm	SUNDAY 8am-10am
Art			No
First Aid	ALL DAY Saturday only		No
Indian Lore			Maybe
Lifesaving	ALL DAY Saturday		TBD*
Pioneering			no
Public Speaking			no
Radio			
Search & Rescue	ALL DAY Saturday		TBD*
Swimming			no

Is a Merit Badge session full? Request to be added to the waitlist! Email Camping & Activities Registrar Wendy Tateishi at wendy.tateishi@scouting.org

For your convenience, workbooks may be found at:

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PREREQUISITES & COUNSELOR NOTES

*****All participants must bring course blue cards signed by the unit Scoutmaster*****

MERIT BADGE	PREREQUISITES = complete BEFORE attending
Art	<p>#4 - Bring the artwork with you for counselor to look over. #5 - Bring the artwork with you for counselor to look over. #6 #7</p> <p><u>Add to your packing list:</u> There will be a limited amount of art supplies available for use. It is highly advised that participants bring their own art supplies to accommodate their own artistic expression.</p>
First Aid	<p>GIVE YOUR SCOUTMASTER the document titled "A Note to Be Given to Scoutmasters by Scouts in the First Aid Merit Badge Class" found on the Merit Badge Weekend website: www.vhcbasa.org/EMBWFall22</p> <p><u>Add to your packing list:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scout T-shirt and comfortable clothes (you will be lying on the floor or ground at various points in the training) - Blue card (the merit badge application) signed by your Scoutmaster - First Aid merit badge pamphlet (for sale at the Scout Shop) - Scouts BSA Handbook - Towel or pad to kneel on for CPR - Water bottle - Note-taking materials (pen and paper)
Indian Lore	<p>#1 - Bring your completed assignment, written out in full. #5 - Bring proof of completion or be prepared to demonstrate during session.</p>
Lifesaving	<p>Completion of the <u>Swimming merit badge</u> PRIOR to enrolling in Lifesaving. Bring proof of completion (blue card, Scout Book, etc.).</p> <p><u>Add to your packing list:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extra set of clothes, including a long-sleeve shirt and long pants (no jeans). <i>These clothes may get wet.</i> <p>Notes continued on next page.</p>

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PREREQUISITES & COUNSELOR NOTES, continued

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MERIT BADGE	PREREQUISITES = complete BEFORE attending
Lifesaving, continued	BSA Swim Test administered at camp: Jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and 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 completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.
Pioneering	NONE.
Public Speaking	<u>Add to your packing list:</u> - Public Speaking workbook (review it in full for speech topic assignment). - Notebook and pen.
Radio	NONE.
Search and Rescue	<u>Add to your packing list:</u> - 10 essentials - Completed Search and Rescue workbook. - Walking stick with 3 rubber bands (check the Scout Shop if you need a walking stick). - HIKING BOOTS. Bring lug nut boots (not flat soles if possible).
Swimming	#1 #8 Review of 3 documents labeled "Swimming required Doc" on the Merit Badge Weekend webpage: www.vhcbsa.org/EMBWFall22 <i>Scouts need to be able to pass BSA Swim test administered at the beginning of class.</i> BSA Swim Test administered at camp: Jump feet first into water over the head in depth. Level off and 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 completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

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Camper Information

Know Before You Go

Times

- Check-in AND tent set-up is Saturday, 6:30AM-7:30AM
- Pick-up is Sunday, 9AM-10AM

Meals

- *Breakfast service on Saturday is conditional on arrival time. Sessions begin promptly at 8:00AM.*
- 4 meals and 1 cracker barrel are provided for weekend campers.
 - Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner
 - Saturday night cracker barrel
 - Sunday breakfast

Advancement and Session Needs

- *Complete all prerequisites BEFORE attending. See PREREQUISITES & COUNSELOR NOTES page in this packet.*
- Counselor Notes include required items and provisions to successfully complete your merit badge. See PREREQUISITES & COUNSELOR NOTES page.
- Have your Merit Badge blue cards signed by your unit leader before arrival.
- \$5 fee if the Scout does not bring a signed blue card; \$10 fee for replacement cards.
- Unit Advancement Coordinator will record/approve your completions/partials.

Safety

- Adults accompanying Scouts must provide a Youth Protection Training certificate of completion.
- Check out with Camp Staff before leaving camp premises.
- See below VHC COVID-19 Protocols, pages 8-11. Check our website for updates:
<https://www.vhcbsa.org/covactivityprotocols>

Electronics Policy

NO electronics use allowed at camp, unless specifically used for a Merit Badge and approved by the Merit Badge Counselor. Camp Staff will have emergency contact information and all parent/guardian contact information if needed.

VHC COVID-19 Protocols for In-Person Activities and Meetings

Please review on pages 8-11. The VHC COVID-19 Protocols for In-Person Activities and Meetings is subject to change at any time, in accordance with the CDC, State of California and Los Angeles County Department of Public Health requirements. **Check our website for updates: <https://www.vhcbsa.org/covactivityprotocols>**

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Camper Information, continued

Packing List

Scouts

Besides your 10 essentials:

- Merit Badge blue cards signed by your unit leader before arrival.
- Tent - No larger than 2-man tent. Scouts and adults do not share tents.
- Reusable water bottle
- Notebook and writing implement
- For Swimming Merit Badge and Lifesaving Merit Badge - 2 towels, swimsuit and flip flops or water shoes
- The pool will be open to all after lunch on Saturday. If you would like to use the pool, bring 2 towels, swimsuit and flip flops or water shoes. BSA swim test administered before recreational pool use.
- Check the course PREREQUISITES & COUNSEOR NOTES for specific Merit Badge items to pack.
- Completed in full - Annual Health & Medical Record Forms. Available at www.vhcbsa.org/EMBWFall22
- Completed in full - COVID-19 Screening Form for CVO, Available at www.vhcbsa.org/EMBWFall22
- Medication, if needed

Adults

- Adults accompanying Scouts must provide a Youth Protection Training certificate of completion.
- Tent - No larger than 2-man tent. Scouts and adults do not share tents.
- Reusable water bottle
- The pool will be open to all after lunch on Saturday. If you would like to use the pool, bring 2 towels, swimsuit and flip flops or water shoes. BSA swim test administered before recreational pool use.
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Questions? Contact:

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Verdugo Hills Council

Protocols for indoor and outdoor meetings, events, and activities

March 7, 2022

Please note updates are highlighted in yellow

These protocols will be reviewed and updated as we receive changes from the CDC, State of California, and Los Angeles department of Public Health

Please note that all BSA rank requirements that were altered for Covid have ended as of March 1, 2022

This document and protocols provide an update on what units can do now. We encourage and request that everyone comply with appropriate health guidelines, get vaccinated (everyone 5 and older) and be flexible in the planning and execution of all Scouting events.

Available now:

- Meet in person indoors or outdoors following all Los Angeles County Health Department guidelines. (Please refer to the next page for a review of Protocol's)
- Conduct overnight activities including camping and backpacking following the current County Health Guidelines in the county (Please refer to the following pages for a review of relevant protocols)
- Schedule outdoor unit meetings in parks and at your chartered organization if permitted.
- Attend VHC programs, reserve Camp Verdugo Oaks for unit overnight camping and for unit day events. Cub Scout units and individuals may sign up for Rocket Academy.
- Develop a unit program plan for the next 12 months. You can combine in-person and virtual activities to best suit your unit.
- Encourage all members 5 years or older to get fully vaccinated including boosters.

Updated VHC Protocols for In-Person Meetings and Activities

The following is a summary of Protocols for holding in-person Scout meetings and activities.

- Meetings and activities may be held indoors or outdoors; however it is recommended that units meet outside as much as possible.

- **Per the Los Angeles County Health Department EVERYONE participating in indoor meetings and activities is strongly encouraged to wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status.**
- For meetings and activities held outdoors, participants are encouraged but not required to wear face coverings when social distancing cannot occur.
- Talk with your Scout families. Not all families are ready or want to start in-person meetings now. Tell them they have participation options. Do not force families to attend.
- Conduct fun in-person meetings.
- Eagle Projects no longer need to follow cohort protocols. Participants should follow the protocols for meetings and activities as **updated on 3/7/2022.** If the Eagle project includes overnight activities, then participants should also follow the protocols for overnight outings.
- Isolate if you are sick, do not attend any meetings/ activities/ events, if you or anyone you live with or anyone you have been around feels unwell for any reason.
- Do not attend any meetings/events/ activities if you or anyone you live with has tested positive for Covid-19 or another illness and do not have their results back yet.
- If you are NOT fully vaccinated, wear a face covering or mask that covers your nose and mouth and stay at least 6 feet apart from people you don't live with.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water is not available.
- Until further notice international travel is NOT considered a Scouting activity.
- The State of CA and the LA County Department of Public Health have both issued an indoor masking directive.
- Units should not allow their participants to use neckerchiefs, single layer cloth masks, and gators. Neckerchiefs, gators, and single ply masks have been determined to be largely ineffective against the transmission of the Omicron variant.
- As always, follow the Scout Oath and Law.

Note: The main impact to Scouting activities of the relaxation of state and county COVID protocols is to eliminate the use of cohorts for meetings. Units should still encourage safe COVID practices which include minimizing close contact, wearing face coverings where the risk of transmission may be higher, hand washing and other sanitation measures. And emphasizing activities that are outdoor as much as possible. Per CDC recommendations the Verdugo Hills Council strongly encourages all adults and youth 5 years of age and older to get fully vaccinated. There may be some council events and activities that will require full vaccination.

Protocols for Overnight Outings (Unit Based)

Units can hold their own overnight camping activities effective June 13, 2021. The following is a summary of the overnight unit camping trips following State and County protocols.

- All protocols for in-person meetings outlined on the previous page apply to overnight outings. Additional protocols as outlined below also apply.
- All outing participants are strongly encouraged to be fully vaccinated if eligible. *
- Follow Youth Protection Training (YPT) guidelines.
- As much as possible, follow social distancing. Stress the importance of personal hygiene and camp sanitation to reduce the risk of infection.
- If sleeping in tents the current **VHC protocols** are that you follow the manufacturers recommend number of people in a tent. It is required that in the tent that participates sleep head to foot and foot to head.
- If someone develops symptoms of COVID then isolate them from the rest of the group and get them home as soon as practical.
- It is strongly recommended that all individuals in a carpool wear a face covering while in the vehicle. It is also recommended to have the windows open.
- Read the National reopening guidelines.
- When cooking at any activities the cooks must wear gloves, face shield or face covering. There can be no buffet type serving allowed. Cooks will serve all food.

People are considered “fully vaccinated” against COVID-19 two weeks or more after their second dose in a two dose COVID-19 vaccine series, such as Moderna or Pfizer or two weeks or more after a single dose COVID 19 vaccine , such as Johnson and Johnson. **All Scouts, Scouters, Scouts, and parents are encouraged to get a booster if they are of the age to be eligible to be considered fully vaccinated**

Frequently Asked Question (FAQ) for COVID-19 unit indoor and outdoor meetings and activities.

What health protocols is the Verdugo Hills Council following?

The Verdugo Hills Council is following the National Boy Scouts of America, CDC, State of California and the Los Angeles County protocols for all indoor and outdoor meetings and activities.

Do units still need to follow cohort protocols?

No units do not need to follow cohort protocols currently.

Do units need to continue with COVID related record keeping?

Yes, Verdugo Hills Council strongly recommends continuing to keep a record of all those in attendance at indoor or outdoor meetings and activities.

Are participants required to wear face coverings at meetings and activities?

NO

Are temperature checks required at the beginning of a unit meeting?

Temperature checks are no longer required at the start of a meeting. The Verdugo Hills Council strongly recommends continuing the practice of temperature checks for all unit activities.

Is carpooling for Scout activities and meetings permitted?

Private carpools with members of multiple households are permitted. Everyone is required to wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status; It is further recommended that windows be down to increase airflow.

Will sharing a tent be allowed?

Yes. The Verdugo Hills Council policy is to follow the manufactures number of people in a tent. It is also recommended that all participates sleep opposite each other.

Can units travel outside the council, county, and state for overnight camping activities?

Yes. Units must comply with all protocols for the county they are camping in and Verdugo Hills Council protocols.

Do I need to register unit meetings and activities with the Verdugo Hills Council?

No, it is not a requirement to register your unit meetings and activities with the council, currently.

Council camps and council run activities.

What is the vaccination/testing requirements for youth and adults attending council camps and activity programs?

It is **strongly recommended and may be required for some Verdugo Hills Council** events or activities that all people eligible to be fully vaccinated must be. For those not fully vaccinated it is required to have a negative COVID test 72 hours prior to attending camp or activities.

Will there be temperature checks at council events?

Yes, at all council programs and training activities there **may** be temperature checks.

Will we have to fill out the Camp COVID checklist?

Yes, for **some** council events and training it will be necessary to fill out the COVID precamp checklist and bring with you.

CAMP VERDUGO OAKS
COVID-19 SCREENING FORM

This form *must be completed* by each family participating in person in this Scouting activity to comply with the Protocols for Outdoor Scouting Activities and Outdoor Scouting Meetings. One form per family must be filled out prior to attending and brought to the event, or filled out on site. For questions, email VHCcovidregistration@vhcbsa.org. Click [here](#) for a copy of the Protocols.

Have you or any family present had any of the following symptoms within the last 10 days?

- Fever (at or over 100.4°F or 38°C)
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Difficulty breathing
- NONE OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS

Have you or any family present had contact with a person known to be infected with or suspected to have Novel Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) within the last 14 days?

- Yes
- NO CONTACT

CONCLUSION

CLEARED. If all the individuals have no symptoms and no contact to a known or suspected COVID-19 case in the last 14 days, they may participate in this Scouting activity.

NOT CLEARED. If any individuals have had contact with a known or suspected COVID-19 case in the last 14 days, they should be sent home immediately and quarantine at home. Quarantine instructions can be found at ph.lacounty.gov/covidquarantine.

If the individual is showing any of the symptoms noted above, they should be sent home immediately and asked to isolate at home. Isolation instructions can be found at ph.lacounty.gov/covidisolation.

Check One Based on Your Answers Above

- Cleared** to participate in this Scouting activity
- Not Cleared** to participate in this Scouting activity and will go home and quarantine or isolate.

NAME (Please print clearly)	UNIT & #	AGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			PHONE use ditto marks [""] if same as 1st
		<18	18-20	21+	

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