



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

VERDUGO HILLS COUNCIL

Dear Scouting Family,

Thank you for making reservations for the Cub Scout Family Spring Rocket Academy on April 28th-30th at Camp Verdugo Oaks. We are happy you will be joining us. Please find the schedule for Rocket Academy, map to Camp, equipment list, shooting sports permission slip, and rules for camp enclosed.

A very important form to fill out is the shooting sports permission slip. This is attached in your packet. Each person under the age of 18 in your group that would like to use the archery or BB gun range needs to have a permission slip on file at check in. This is a CA state law. Please feel free to make as many copies of this form as you need.

"Do Your Best" is the Cub Scout Motto so we should all Do Our Best to have fun, good food, adventure and a little relaxation. Be prepared for warm days and cool nights, as it could be chilly enough for coats or warm enough for a swim.

A very important item not to forget is a cup for hot and cold drinks. This is part of our plan to be more green at Cub Scout events. Be sure they are marked in a way you can easily identify your cup. We will NOT be providing cups. Cups will be available at the Trading Post for sale if you forget yours. There will be a wash station set up outside space station dining hall to wash out your cups.

The Trading Post will be open if you would like to purchase additional crafts, Scout items and snacks.

Remember, we are here for the Scout's so let's come ready to have a good time. Please be respectful of other campsites and tents. Lights out at camp will be 10:30PM and all quiet in camp by 11:00PM. Be sure that everyone understands that a tent is not like walls at home and sound

travels. If you would like to stay up later be sure to set the example by being quiet.

If we are given permission to have fires in the campsites remember to have a shovel and a water bucket standing by and never, never leave the fire unattended. Shovels and water cans can be checked out at camp. You will need to bring your own firewood. Camp Verdugo Oaks is a beautiful site and we are extremely fortunate to have it as our council camp.

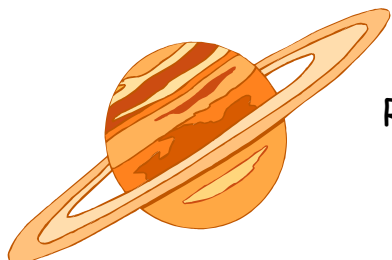
Please bring 2 canned goods items for each person in your group coming to the Rocket Academy. This food will be sent to local area food banks in our council. In this troubled time all the food banks are in great need. Remember that Scouting is always a service organization. Even the youngest Scouts can do a good turn by bringing canned goods. If you have seen the papers, the food banks in our area are running out. Please help out.

When parking at camp please remember parking is limited and tight. If possible, carpool. If you will need to leave during the weekend, we suggest you park on the main road so you will not be blocked by other cars. Everyone will be able to unload gear at the camp gate. Enclosed in your packet is a Camp Verdugo Oaks parking permit, please fill out and put in the dash of your vehicle. If you lose it you can get another one at camp, if your vehicle does not have a pass you will be ticketed.

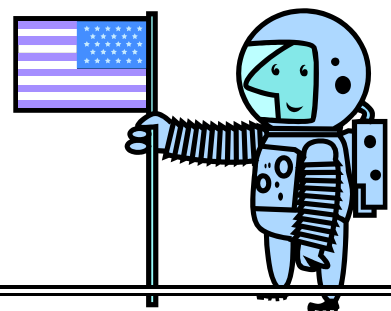
We would love your unit to bring your Pack Flag to fly at camp.

Please remember that at Scout camp as everywhere a Scout goes, we live by the Scout oath and promise.

Leave your troubles behind as you join your family and friends for the weekend. So Cub-On, Cub-On, let's all go to the Cub-On and have a great time.



Yours in Scouting,
Joe Wilke
Rocket Academy Director



WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Upon arrival on Friday or early Saturday morning, please park as requested (always park with car facing out). On Friday night you will unload your gear on the blue tarps then you will drive back down the road and park on Old Golden State Hwy. A shuttle golf cart will bring you back to check in. **It is very important before you go to any place in camp that you check-in. If you do not have wrist bands then you did not check in and will not be allowed in camp.** The check-in table is located under the tent right at the camp gate and entrance. If you arrive after 9:00AM you will check in at rocket base dining hall. We will be able to answer any questions you may have and get you off to a great start for the weekend. If you have any medical or food allergies, please let us know in advance. This would be for children and adults. It is required to have a copy of your BSA medical forms A, B1, B2 with you. Be sure to always keep your cars keys with you in case of emergency. You will need to fill out and put in your windshield a camp parking permit. You may arrive to set up anytime after 4:00 PM on Friday April 27th. **The camp gates will not open before 4:00PM.** Friday dinner is open from 6:00PM to 9:00PM. Be sure to bring a hot/cold cup, we do NOT provide cups.

WHILE AT CAMP

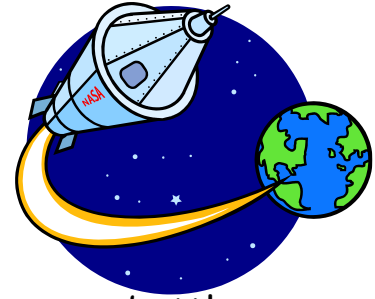
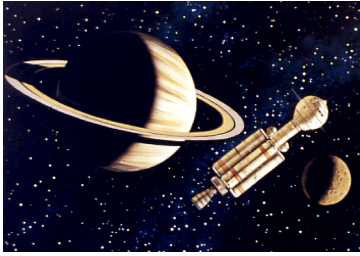


BUDDY SYSTEM:

Always use the buddy system when in camp. Children should travel in a minimum of two's when away from their campsite. They should NEVER travel outside of their campsite away from their parents or leaders after dark. Make sure to review what to do in case you are separated from each other.

OFF LIMIT AREAS:

Please pay attention to the areas at camp that are marked OFF LIMITS for anyone. These areas can be dangerous with or without supervision. Yellow caution tape will be posted in these areas.



FUEL - PROPANE ONLY:

Propane lanterns may only be used by adults. Extra propane bottles should be stored in your vehicle. Used propane tanks must be taken back with you and disposed of properly

If you wish to use the fire pit for campfires you should bring your own wood. Be sure to check with us if fires are permitted based on current fire danger. Always have water and shovel standing by if using the fire pit. Water buckets are available from the Quartermaster building. You are responsible for cleaning your fire pit Sunday morning.

NO LIQUID FUELED STOVES OR LANTERNS ALLOWED.

LOST AND FOUND:

Lost and Found items will be kept in the dining hall during Rocket Academy and then at the council office until July 1st and then donated to needy youth.

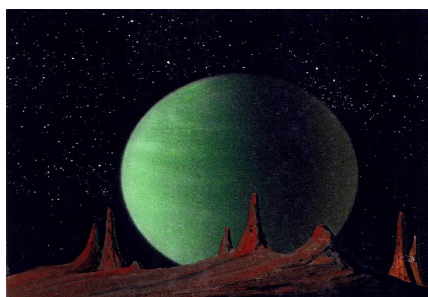
ALCOHOL AND SMOKING:

No alcohol, vaping or smoking is allowed at Scout camp or any event where Scouts are present.

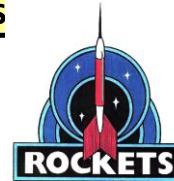
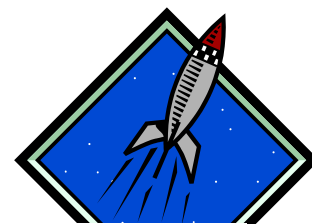
If you must smoke you must go to the parking lot.

ARCHERY, BB-GUN, ROCKET RANGE

Please follow all direction given by range masters at any of the ranges. No running, Please do not go under yellow tape or fences. You will be asked to leave the range if you do not follow instructions. If you would like to take pictures, please check with range master where it is safe to stand.



PREPARATION FOR CAMP



WHAT TO BRING: All participants should make arrangements to provide their own tents and bedding.

All youth members are encouraged to wear their full Cub Scout uniform. If a Scout has just joined and does not have a uniform, he should wear jeans or shorts and a Scout t-shirt.

We request that Cub Scouts and Scouters be in full uniform for dinner on Saturday evening.

Shoes are important: wear canvas or boots! **No flip-flops, sandals, or aqua socks should be worn because of sharp sticks and objects that could cause injury.**

A wagon or luggage carrier is useful to carry your gear from the gate to your campsite. A small amount of wagons are available during check-in.

We will have a Scout Interfaith worship service on Sunday morning. We request that everyone make it a priority to attend. We would like your group to also participate. The 12th point of the Scout law is a Scout is Reverent. If you can not attend we ask out of respect to be quiet in camp and play no games during the short services. There will be no check out or shuttle service during the service. Better yet come join us.

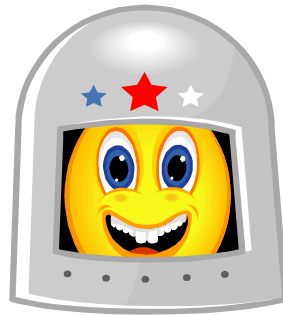
Participation in the campfire and Interfaith Service fulfills a requirement for the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Be sure to bring your skit and song ideas to add to everyone's fun.

There is a mandatory parents meeting (at least 1 parent from each family) on Friday night from 9:15PM to 9:45PM. If you been to Rocket Academy before we would still like you to attend, things change at every Rocket Academy.

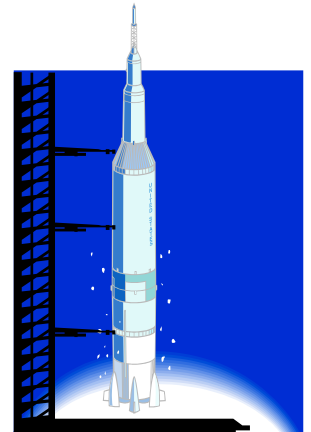
Be sure to live by the Scout Oath and Law when in camp.

Equipment List

Tent/Ground Cloth
Sleeping bag/Pillow
Cot/Air Mattress/Pad
Flashlight w/Fresh Batteries
Insect Repellant
Toiletries
Warm Cloths
Raincoat/Poncho
Clothes for 2 days
First Aid Kit
Drinking Water
Hat and Gloves
Your Favorite Stuffed Animal



Mallet or Hammer
Spending Money
Swim Suit
Extra Batteries
Towels
Sun Screen
Extra Socks and Shoes
Coat/Jacket
Cub Scout Uniform
Chap Stick
Star Gazing Charts
Pajamas
Chairs



Your own cup for hot or cold drinks (please mark)

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Alcoholic Beverages	Illegal Drugs	Fireworks
Butterfly Knife	Sheath Knife	Axe
Firearms	Hatchet	Chain Saw
Liquid Fuel Stoves or Lanterns		Bikes

**No above ground/self contained fire pits
Smoking only in designated area's**



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WARNING

The Verdugo Hills Council ENCOURAGES all participants to leave VALUABLES at home.

We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Please leave all radios and video games at home

Any questions, please contact Joe Wilke or any staff member.
Staff members will be in Red Baseball Caps and Blue Staff shirts

