

Film and Art Camp Rescue 911 Camp Shooting Sports Camp

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Camp Verdugo Oaks
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Welcome to 2023 Summer Camps for Verdugo Hills Council, BSA!

Verdugo Hills Council (VHC) is excited to bring together Scouts who are ready to learn more about a variety of merit badges, depending on which camp you selected!

This Camp Guide has been created to ensure a smooth and enjoyable camp experience for you. The Camp Staff is here to serve you. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please feel free to contact us at:

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Rescue911@vhcbsa.org

ShootingSportsCamp@vhcbsa.org

Yours In Scouting,

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Peter Basler, VHC Camping & Outdoor Programs Chair

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For Emergencies, please call or text.

If it goes to voicemail, please leave a message.



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GETTING READY FOR CAMP:

Be Prepared!

- Please read this Guide for pertinent information to help you prepare.
- Make sure you have had a physical exam in the last 12 months (i.e., since July 2, 2022) and that the health professional filled in and signed Part C of the Annual Health and Medical Record. A link to that going-to-camp form can be found [here](#).
- Buy and review the merit badge pamphlets for the merit badges offered by the camp you registered for. You can purchase the full-length merit badge pamphlets at your local Scout shop or find them online. Please make sure you have reviewed these merit badge pamphlets BEFORE coming to Camp.
- Merit Badge Applications: We will be using Scoutbook for tracking requirements that have been completed. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn all the merit badges in their camp.
- Camper Release Card: If it becomes necessary for a Scout to leave the camp during the week, this form designates who can pick up the Scout.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to contact us using the information on the previous page.

As you prepare for camp this summer, remember that all communication emails will be sent to the email address that you provide during registration.

CHECK IN (Sunday Afternoon)

- Arrive at camp between 1 and 2 PM (if you would like to request an earlier check in time, contact the Camp Director).
 - All vehicles must unload in the designated area—the parking lot just outside of the camp gate.
- Check-in with your Camp Program Director, bringing the following items:
 - Camper Release Card
 - Camper Behavior Form
 - Shooting Sports Release Form
- Check-in with the Health Officer, bringing the following items:
 - Completed and signed BSA health forms (Parts A, B1, B2, & C)

- COVID vaccination card or copy (if required at the time of camp)
- Prescription medications in a Ziploc bag. In the original container. Bring enough pills for your stay. Include a note on how many & when to take.
- Set up your tent in the assigned area- you **MUST** bring your own tent.
- Visit the pool to complete the swim check.

BSA Swim Check. 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Meals

- Meals are prepared and served by the staff. Meals are eaten at the picnic tables in front of the Dining Hall unless on an out-of-camp trip.
- Hand sanitizing stations are available at all program areas & activities.
- Hand sanitizers are available at the Dining Hall.
- The Field Uniform is required for dinner.
- The designated service patrol/crew will remain after dismissal to assist with cleanup.

Trading Post

Our trading post will be open throughout the day for many of your camp needs. Campers will find souvenirs, Scouting accessories, snacks, class materials, and other goods for sale. The average amount of money a Scout brings to camp is \$40. The Trading Post will be open during various times of the day and will be closed during meal times.

Mail Call

You can bring Camp Mail when you drop your scout off for camp and it will be distributed throughout the week. Mail delivery can include treats (non-perishable), prizes, and/or letters. Please be sure to clearly label packages with your Scout's name and the day you would like it delivered.

You can purchase items for Mail Call at our Trading Post at Sunday Check-In.

Uniform and Dress Code

The official field uniform is appropriate to wear to and from camp, during evening flag ceremonies and dinner. A more casual uniform such as Scout Shorts and a T-Shirt may be worn during most other activities. Close-toed shoes are required at all times except when in or entering the pool to swim. Shoes and shirts are a requirement for all meals.

HEALTH & SAFETY

A qualified Health Officer is on duty at all times at CVO. In the event of a serious accident or illness, transportation will be arranged to the closest, most appropriate medical care facility. At least two adults will accompany any Scout leaving camp property to obtain medical care. Parents will be contacted immediately in such cases.

Health Forms

Each Scout and adult at camp must have a health examination prior to arrival at camp. Campers should include a photocopy (front and back) of their health insurance card. Parts A, B1, B2, and C of the Annual Health and Medical Record are required for camp, with the physical examination by a health professional having been completed within the past twelve months (i.e., since July 10, 2022). Important: Bring a second copy of the AHMR so that you have a copy in your day pack. These forms are also available at: [Annual Health and Medical Record](#)

Prescription Medicine

Pursuant to National BSA regulations, all prescription medication must be kept locked up. Medications needing refrigeration will be collected during check-in. Emergency medications (e.g., rescue inhalers, EpiPens®, etc.) should be kept with the camper. While our Health Officer is not responsible for ensuring that a Scout takes his/her medicine, we will help them to remember. Ultimately, this responsibility resides with the Scout. The medical staff will be responsible for distributing medications according to the instructions on the label. Pursuant to State regulations, all medications must be in the original prescription container with the pharmacy label attached.

Dietary Restrictions

Our kitchen staff will work hard to accommodate any dietary restrictions that Scouts or adults may have. Please communicate your dietary needs to us no less than 14 days before the start of camp. Depending on the dietary restriction, we may ask that you bring your own food to camp to ensure a safe meal for you or your Scout.

This policy is effective April 3rd, 2023 and supersedes any prior policy of the Verdugo Hills Council, BSA as it pertains to Dietary Restrictions in our Summer Camp Kitchen.

(Please be advised that there is no reduced cost for bringing your own food. Scouts bringing their own meals should be advised to label all food items and bring them to the kitchen for storage, and to pack dry goods in containers with lids.)

Smoking: Camp Verdugo Oaks and the offsite locations are non-smoking facilities.

PERSONS LEAVING CAMP Verdugo Oaks

Adults

Any adult who must leave camp during the week must sign-out and sign-in at the camp office. A logbook will be available at all times for this purpose.

Scouts

Outside of planned, camp excursions, youth members may not leave camp without the permission of a parent or legal guardian. Any Scout leaving camp with anyone other than a parent or legal guardian must have that adult listed on Part A of the Annual Health and Medical Record and on the Camper Out-Of-Camp Release card. The Scout must also sign-out and sign-in the log book at the camp office.

Visitors

Visitors are welcome throughout the week at camp. Please inform anyone who is planning to visit camp that they must first report to the **camp office** where they will sign-in the logbook; giving their name, the name of the Scout and/or campsite they're visiting and/or the purpose of their visit. Remember to have visitors sign out when leaving camp.

CHECK OUT

On Friday evening, there will be a campfire program at 8 PM where awards will be distributed. Each patrol/crew will be asked to provide at least one song and one skit for the program, so bring some ideas to contribute. Parents are invited to attend this ceremony, and we will have parking attendants ready at 7 PM to guide them. Scouts may stay the night and go home on Saturday morning, or they may choose to leave on Friday evening after the program.

If checking out on Saturday morning, campers can be picked up starting at 9 AM.

Remember "a Scout is clean" & you will be dismissed once your campsite has been inspected and approved.

**Parents, if your Scout is leaving after campfire on Friday,
please check out prior to leaving camp property!**

**Parents, if your Scout is leaving Saturday morning,
please pick up by 11am and check out prior to leaving camp property!**

EQUIPMENT

Recommended Personal Equipment

- Tent and Ground Cloth – **REQUIRED**
- Alarm Clock
- Scout Handbook
- Lantern (i.e., Luci Light)
- Flashlight/head lamp
- Current Merit Badge Pamphlets
- (signed) Permission Slips
- All necessary camp paperwork
- Complete scout uniform (Field Uniform)
- Jacket/Sweatshirt
- Underwear
- Socks (at least 3 pair)
- Close-toed shoes
- Pool shoes
- Sleepwear
- Pants/shorts
- Shirts
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad/cot
- Raingear
- Handkerchief/Kleenex
- Water bottle
- Pencil and notebook
- Broad brimmed hat
- Sunscreen (over SPF 15)
- Sunglasses
- Lip balm
- Watch
- 10 Essentials
- Merit Badge Pamphlets
- Swimsuits (at least 2 for Aquatics Camp)
- Towel (at least 2 for Aquatics Camp)
- Washcloth
- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb)

Optional Personal Gear

- Compass
- Pocketknife (must carry Totin' Chip)
- Camera (required for the Photography Merit Badge)
- Bible/Prayer Book
- Musical Instrument

Leave at Home

- Fireworks
- Radio
- Sheath Knives
- Rifles/Handguns
- Archery Equipment
- Ammunition
- Drones
- Electronic Games
- Slingshots/Wrist Rockets
- Skateboards
- Roller Blades
- Scooters
- Bicycles
- Valuables
- Pets

CAMP EXPECTATIONS

Every community has a set of standards to function safely and comfortably while encouraging a fun learning environment. Below are important points to keep in mind while at camp. Remember: we follow the Scout Oath and Law.

Buddy System: Everyone must follow the buddy system while in camp and at offsite locations. Campers will be assigned to a patrol/crew for the week, and to the extent possible, patrol/crew members should work together as a team, including serving as buddies to each other in camp and at offsite locations.

Lost & Found: The camp's Lost and Found box will be in the Program Office. Please turn in any found items. Valuable or delicate items should be turned in to the Camp Director.

Prohibited Behaviors: Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity. All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited. Inappropriate public displays of affection are prohibited, and any sexual activity is prohibited. Appropriate attire is required for all activities. The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.

Off Limits Areas: We ask that all attendees at Camp Verdugo Oaks avoid certain areas of camp, including behind the Dining Hall and the Administration Building, and the staff areas.

Cleanliness: Please help us to keep camp clean. Scouts are responsible for keeping their campsites and other areas clean throughout their stay. Please use the trash cans. For any major cleanliness or restroom supply issues, please contact the Campmaster or Camp Director as soon as possible.

Electronics Policy: Electronic devices such as phones, tablets, walkie-talkies, handheld gaming devices, and other electronic media are NOT allowed at camp. Camp Staff are provided your contact information as well as emergency contact information in case you must be alerted for any reason.

Cell Phones: Unless a smartphone feature is needed for a merit badge class it should be left at home. If you have brought a cell phone for use during a merit badge please leave it turned off and stored with Camp Staff in its designated location. Devices will be turned off and stored during instructional time.

Cameras, Laptops, and Hard Drives: Any personal gear needed for merit badge work will be stored in a cool building when not in use. Make sure cameras, laptops, and hard drives are

CLEARLY marked with your Scout's name. Make sure that your Scout knows that these items are NOT to be kept in tents overnight.

Fun: Campers are expected to have a great time at their specialty camp!

Refund Policy For refunds on Summer Camp Programs:

A written request with a brief explanation for the cancellation must be sent to the Verdugo Hills Council Service Center (webmaster@vhcbsa.org). The request must be received by the Service Center at least 3 weeks prior to the event starting time.

Refunds are reviewed by the Verdugo Hills Council staff on a case-by-case basis. Individuals or groups that cancel a program reservation 3 weeks prior to the date of the event will receive a refund of fees paid, less a 30% administrative charge.

Refunds are only sent as checks back to the registration owner and may take up to 8 weeks to arrive.

This policy is effective April 3rd, 2023 and supersedes any prior refund policy of the Verdugo Hills Council, BSA as it pertains to Summer Camp Programs only!

(2023 Summer Camp Programs are: Cub Resident and Cub Day Camp, Shooting Sports/Rescue 911/Film & Art Camps, Cyber Film Camp and Ropes Academy. 2023 Jamboree DOES NOT fall under this policy)

Film & Art Summer Camp Specific Information

Peter Basler, Film and Art Camp Program Director

----- Required Equipment -----

Laptop/Chromebook

Camera (phone camera will work well!)

Paper and Pen, Basic Art Supplies

**All electronics will be stored in a locked area of the Camp office when not in use.
Please be sure to label ALL of your Camper's equipment!**

----- Activities -----

* Earn the Moviemaking, Animation, Art, and Photography merit badges.

* Campfires, camp-wide games, and general camp fun!

--- Prerequisite for Photography ---

1A. Show your counselor your current Cyber Chip Card (Please bring a copy – NOT the original!)

In Case of Emergency Please call David Potter at (818) 378-7249



Moviemaking



Animation



Art



Photography

Rescue 911 Summer Camp Specific Information

Pierre Landry, Rescue 911 Camp Program Director

----- Prerequisites -----

Several of the merit badges have requirements that are designed to be completed “at home,” before arriving at camp. Once you register, you will receive a list of these prerequisites. If you do not complete these before camp, no sweat. You’ll get a “partial pass,” and you can complete these requirements after camp. Then you will finish the merit badge.

----- Required Equipment -----

- Ten Essentials
- Tarp for an emergency shelter (Wilderness Survival MB)
- Survival Kit (for Wilderness Survival MB)
- Mirror (for Wilderness Survival MB)
- Personal Emergency Service Pack for a Mobilization Call (Emergency Preparedness MB)
- Paper and pen for taking notes and making lists

----- Activities -----

- Earn the Wilderness Survival, Fire Safety, First Aid, and Emergency Preparedness merit badges
- Learn how to prepare for and deal with all kinds of emergencies
- Campfire programs, camp-wide games, and general camp fun!

In Case of Emergency Please call David Potter at (818) 378-7249



Emergency Preparedness



Fire Safety



First Aid



Wilderness Survival

Shooting Sports Summer Camp Specific Information

David Chase, Shooting Sports Camp Program Director

----- Leave It At Home -----

Personal Gun, Rifle (including Air Rifle), Bow

Any of these brought to Camp from home will go back home with your Parent/Driver

----- Activities -----

- * Earn the Archery and Rifle Shooting merit badges.
- * Earn the NRA Marksmanship Qualification
- * Campfires, camp-wide games, and general camp fun!

----- Field Trip! -----

Wednesday and Thursday will be spent at the **Burbank Revolver and Rifle Club** (approximately 10 minutes from camp)

There is no cell service at this location. Every 20 minutes an assigned adult (pre-established with David Potter) will leave the area in order to check for message from Mr. Potter.

In Case of Emergency Please call David Potter at (818) 378-7249



Rifle Shooting



**NRA Marksmanship
Qualification**



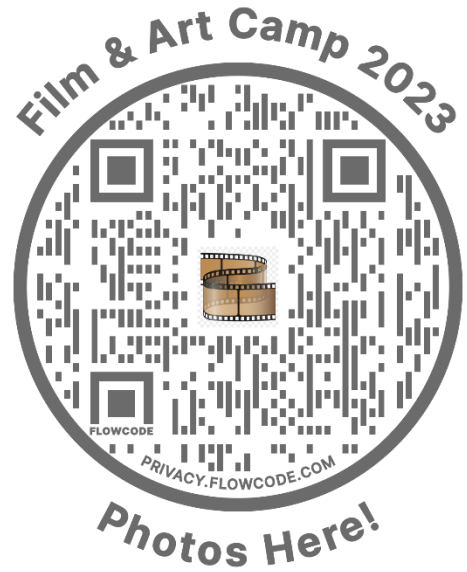
Archery

Links to Individual Camp Shared Picture Accounts (QR Codes)

**Rescue 911
Photos Site**



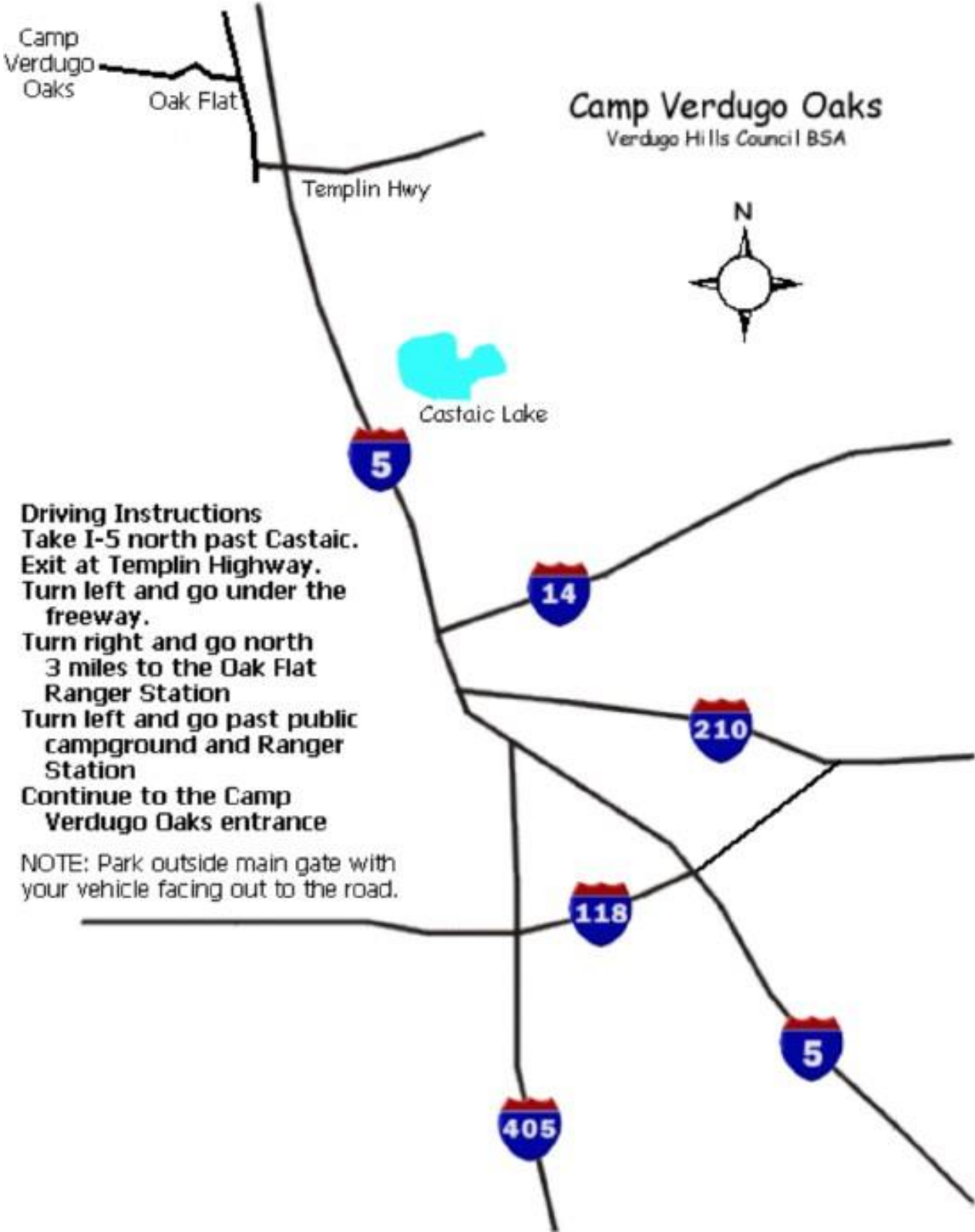
**Film & Art Camp
Photos Site**



**Shooting Sports Camp
Photos Site**



Map to Camp Verdugo Oaks



Driving Instructions
Take I-5 north past Castaic.
Exit at Templin Highway.
Turn left and go under the freeway.
Turn right and go north 3 miles to the Oak Flat Ranger Station
Turn left and go past public campground and Ranger Station
Continue to the Camp Verdugo Oaks entrance

NOTE: Park outside main gate with your vehicle facing out to the road.



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Scouts Shooting Sports Release Form

At VHC Summer Camp Programs, Scouts have the opportunity to participate in the Archery Range and Rifle Range programs. However, to participate, they must have the consent of their parent or legal guardian. Please indicate with a checkmark, those activities which will apply to your child.

Sign and date the form:

I give consent for (name of minor) _____ who is my child or ward, to use an approved air gun and/or approved archery equipment under the supervision of qualified, trained personnel while at Camp Verdugo Oaks, Boy Scouts of America, in accordance with California Penal Code Section 12552

(This form must be signed by the parent or guardian of a youth participation in air gun/archery activities)

_____ (name of minor) has permission to use the following equipment:

- Archery
- Rifle / Pellet / BB Gun

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

Date





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Camper Release Card

Camper Name: _____

Troop/Pack: _____ Rank: _____

Parents/Guardians Names: _____

Emergency Contact Number: _____

The following people have permission to pick-up my camper:

- 1. _____
- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____

Parent Signature Date

REMEMBER, EVERYONE MUST PRESENT PICTURE ID WHEN PICKING UP A CAMPER

Office Use Only

DN checked _____





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SCOUT CAMP BEHAVIOR AGREEMENT FORM

This form must be completed to attend all Summer Camps in Verdugo Hills Council

Scout's Printed Name _____

As a condition of my camper registration with the Verdugo Hills council BSA, I agree that I will follow the levels of behavior listed below.

Levels of Behavior

Outstanding

- Showing excellent Scout Spirit by following the Scout oath and Law
- Respecting the Rules of BSA and CVO
- Being self-responsible
- Acting as a role-model
- Working with others
- Doing your best

Satisfactory

- Following directions
- Having a positive attitude
- Taking care of equipment and facilities
- Always trying

Unsatisfactory

- Being out of control
- Not following directions
- Not participating
- Destroying equipment and property
- Arguing or fighting
- Use of inappropriate language
- Throwing rocks or sticks outside of the rock range
- Inappropriate use of knives, tools, etc.

Consequences for Unsatisfactory Behavior Level

1. Verbal Warning
2. Meeting with Camp Director
3. Scout Executive or Camp Director will request parents to pick up Scout from camp

Our goal is to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all Scouts. It is not the intent to remove any Scout from activities or Camp unless the safety of another participant is in question or if a disturbance creates a severe disruption in the Camp. If the violation is severe, the Camp Administration Staff reserves the right to have a child picked up from Camp without warnings.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Name (print) _____

Scout's Signature: _____ Date _____



Out of Council AB 506 Compliance

Unit leaders from out-of-council must complete this form and submit PRIOR to your arrival at a VHC summer camp program.

Please email to (webmaster@vhcbsa.org) and also bring a hard copy of this completed form with you for check-in at camp!

NOTES