

Pack 207 Fall Camping Trip Information

Event contacts

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Please note: cell reception is very poor on site. Messages sent after 11:00 AM may not be received. You can add Joe LaTourette on Garmin inReach.

Getting there

Address: [537 Maher Rd, Watsonville, CA 95076](#)

[Map of Park](#)

We are located at the very end of the park in the Youth Overnight Area. Please drive until you reach the dead-end.

Parking

We are not allowed to park overnight in the main parking lots. We are allowed to park along the wooden fence as well as the dirt lot across from our campsite. Please back into the spots for easy egress in the event of an emergency, and please try to conserve space since we will have ~25 vehicles.

Check-in / Check-out

- **Campers should arrive and plan to set up camp between 1 and 2:30 PM.**
 - AOL's should plan to arrive closer to 1PM to complete required adventure work.
 - All other Scouts: [Review "Let's Camp" requirements](#) for your rank for opportunities prior to arrival and during camp setup.
- **You must bring completed [BSA Medical Forms Part A and B](#) for all participants.**
 - It is critical that we have these on file for an emergency. We will use these forms:
 - To inform emergency services in the event of an emergency and
 - To keep track of on-site headcount.
 - These forms will be returned to you when you leave the site - please do not forget to check out with us.

Schedule (subject to minor changes)

Saturday

10/18

Time	Event
12:00 PM	Leaders Arrive
1:00-2:30 PM	Campers Arrive + setup camp
2:30-2:50 PM	Opening Flag Ceremony/Orientation/Pack meeting
3:00-4:15 PM	Den Meetings
4:15-5:00 PM	Organized Games
5:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Skits/Cheer/Songs (with Dens)
5:50-6:00 PM	Evening Flags
6:00-6:45 PM	Dinner
6:45-7:15 PM	Dessert
	Brush teeth / prep for bed
7:30 PM	Campfire Program
	Return to tents for bed after campfire
9:30 PM	Lights Out

Sunday

10/19

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Meals (subject to minor changes based on availability)

Families that indicated allergies (gluten, tree nuts + peanuts) or dietary preferences (vegetarian): we have made every effort to accommodate these requests with substitutions.

Afternoon Snack	Breakfast Sunday Morning
Chips (Salted Potato Chips , Nacho Cheese Doritos , Flamin' Hot Cheetos, Dots Pretzels)	Pastries
Cookies (Oreos)	Oatmeal packets
Fruit (Bananas, Mandarins)	Milk, water, coffee, hot chocolate
Beef sticks	
Dinner Saturday Night	
Ziti noodles	
Meatballs	
Salad	
Dinner rolls and butter	Anytime meals
Water, Tang (or similar)	Peanut butter, strawberry jam, Nutella, and white bread
	Chips, cookies
Dessert Saturday Night	
Costco Pumpkin pie + Kirkland Caramel Apple Strudel Bites	Condiments
Water, Hot apple cider	white sugar, salt, pepper
Drinks	
Water (always) Tang - (Dinner only) Apple Cider (Dessert only) Coffee + Hot Chocolate (Breakfast only)	

Items Checklist and Things Not to Bring

Remember you'll have your car nearby so it's OK to have more than you may need and leave items in the car.

Things to Bring

Required

- ☐ Tent (see below for details)
- ☐ Sleeping bags and/or blankets warm enough for 30-40 degree nights
- ☐ Warm clothes (layers)
- ☐ Winter hat and gloves/mittens
- ☐ Flashlight (check the batteries)
- ☐ Rain gear or poncho (it may be wet due to fog/forecasted weather)
- ☐ Sun protection (hat, sunscreen, sunglasses)
- ☐ Water bottle (bring it full)
- ☐ Small First Aid kit
- ☐ Whistle

Recommended

- ☐ Lawn chairs (Highly Recommended)
- ☐ Ground cloth/tarp/footprint
- ☐ Foam pad/insulated air mattress/cot
- ☐ Small personal first aid kit
- ☐ Whistle

Optional

- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Lantern
- ☐ Earplugs

Not Allowed / Do Not Bring These Items

- **Weapons**
- **Fireworks**
- **Alcohol or drugs**
- **Smoking**
- **Pets**

Final Thoughts and Tips for Camping

More about Tents

- Each family must sleep in their own tent.
- **NO Scout may sleep in a tent with a non-family adult.**
- If you don't have a tent, let one of the leaders know and we will try to find one for you to borrow. (supplies may be limited)
- If you are looking to buy a tent, you can expect to spend \$100-\$150 for one suitable for Cub Scout style car-camping. Many people have good experience with inexpensive Coleman tents. Feel free to ask a leader for specific recommendations.
- Parts of this site tend to be moist due to irrigation. Consider a small rug or tarp to place outside of your tent to avoid wet/muddy Scout prints inside the tent.
- NEVER use a heater or open flame inside a tent.
- Avoid keeping food inside or around your tent to prevent unwanted pests.

Sleeping in the outdoors

The weather forecast for our trip overnight is to be in the upper 40's overnight. This might feel too cold for sleeping, especially for a child. Know the temperature rating of your sleeping bag and be prepared with multiple layers of warm clothes and lots of extra blankets. Also, understand that the temperature rating is not always the comfort rating; a 40-degree bag will not be comfortably warm at 40 degrees. A miserable night of not sleeping because you're too cold can ruin a camping experience for a child (or an adult). Better to have too many blankets and extra clothes than not enough; you can leave them in the car to avoid crowding your tent.

Entertainment

There will be some down time. Feel free to bring a deck of cards, football, or outdoor friendly games to entertain yourselves and others.

FAQ's

- Can I leave Saturday night?
 - Yes, but please be sure to see Mark O'Hara to collect your BSA medical forms/check out.
 - You should plan to attend the campfire, if possible. Campfire begins around 7:30 and will run approximately 1 hour.
- Can I arrive late on Saturday?
 - Yes, please let Joe LaTourette and your Den leader know your approximate arrival time.
- I've never been to a Cub Scout campfire program, what should I expect?
 - The campfire program is a time-honored tradition in Scouting. Scouts will participate in several ways, including: Den level cheers and skits, sing-alongs, and joke telling (all jokes must be pre-screened by a leader). The campfire will culminate with a story and a peaceful return to our tents for the night.
- How will last weeks rains affect our trip?
 - We haven't been on site the last week so we are unsure of exact conditions but the field is grassy so it may be muddier than last year.
- How is the weather expected to be?
 - Even though we are on the inland side of the mountains, last year we had a thick marine layer move in overnight that led to a wet and colder morning. Please bring layers to make sure you're warm.