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Camp Pico Blanco
Boy Scout
Leader's Guide



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Introduction to Camp

Greetings!

When was the last time you took your troop to summer camp and you saw and experienced things you'd never seen before? Whether it's the peaceful, primeval majesty of the Coastal Redwoods, the crystal brilliance of the many waterfalls, or the panoramic view from atop the dolomite peak that gives the camp its name, Pico is a very special place. Those who visit this remote and peaceful glen, enter a lost world, and are surrounded by the mystery and legend of Spanish explorers, lost silver mines, long forgotten native civilizations, and a forest ecosystem that cannot be found anywhere else in the world. But there's more. Those who choose to spend part of their summer at Camp Pico Blanco becomes a part of the place forever. Our program, our traditions, our location, and above all, our staff will introduce you to the Pico Spirit, and months from now, we guarantee, you'll be daydreaming about returning to your summer home in the Ventana Wilderness. So, if you are a faithful member of the Pico family, someone who's been away for a while and is planning to return, or if this will be your first time on the trail with us, we look forward to seeing you this summer. We'll have the fire going for you, good, hot grub will be on the table, and we will be waiting for you with a songwhere the winding Palo Colorado Canyon Road, meets the cool waters of the Little Sur. In the Spirit of Pico

Matt Fleming

Michael Wilson

Camp Director

Camping Director

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Camp Pico Blanco

Camp Pico Blanco is located in the Big Sur Coast area of Central California. It is just 11 miles south of Carmel off Coast Highway 1 and inland 13 miles on Palo Colorado Road. The camp is situated on over 800 acres of redwood forest along the North Fork of the Little Sur River and is surrounded by the Los Padres National Forest and bordered by the Ventana Wilderness area.

Owned by the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council- BSA, the camp was purchased in 1948 from the William Randolph Hearst Family. Since that date, many dollars have been spent for road development, buildings, and installation of pipelines and electrical systems, dam and other necessary camp development and maintenance projects.

A map to Camp Pico Blanco is provided in the Appendix.

RESERVING YOUR CAMPSITE

Campsites can be reserved if the troop **guarantees** to camp with the minimum number of people listed for the site. Troops that do not meet the minimum for a site may have to share with another troop. At the discretion of the Camp Director, troops may be moved to a more appropriate site as needs dictate. Site preferences are on a first come, first reserved basis. Signups are taken each Wednesday in camp for those attending in 2013 and opens to all units the following day (Thursday). Preference is given to current and active members of the Adopt Camp Site Program. Large troops that exceed a campsite maximum can reserve an adjacent site.

Your reservation has a guarantee and maximum number. The guarantee number is the **minimum number of Scouts your troop will bring to camp** and will be charged for. We use this guarantee number to plan for adequate overall camp usage, staffing, program supplies, and food. Please provide an accurate guarantee. **You cannot exceed your maximum without prior approval.**

Reduction of guaranteed youth prior to April 1 will be subject to a \$50 per youth fee

Reduction of guaranteed youth prior to June 1 will be subject to a \$75 per youth fee.

Reduction of guaranteed youth after June 1 will be subject to no refund and full fee paid, \$295/ \$325

A \$250.00 deposit per campsite is required with this application. This deposit can apply to a Scout's or adult's camp fee, but is not refunded or transferable if the troop does not attend camp, regardless of cancellation date.

CANCELLATIONS / REFUNDS:

All deposits and payments are applied to the final camp fee, not to individuals. All refunds will be issued after September 1. Written notice (not email) of cancellations must be made and refunds are subject to a cancellation fee. Cancellations are a whole troop or

Cancellations prior to February 1 will forfeit the campsite deposit.

Cancellations prior to April 1 will be subject to a \$250 per campsite and \$50 per youth fee

Cancellations prior to June 1 will be subject to a \$250 per campsite and \$75 per youth fee.

Cancellations after June 1 no refund will be given. This includes no refund for no shows at camp.

Refunds should only be requested for serious illness or injury (a doctor's certification may be requested), or death in immediate family. Other emergencies may be considered, however refunds are not given for no-shows, conflict of schedule (such as a sports event), weather conditions, or behavior issues.

YOUTH FEES:

Reservations made while at summer camp and before November 1:

Per Scout Fee
\$295

Reservations made after November 1:

\$325

ADULT FEES:** Adults Fees: \$175 early / \$200 late

1-10 Scouts: 1 adult free each (min 2 adults required)

Each additional 10 scouts 11, 21, 31,41,51,61, 71,etc one more free adult,
Additional adults pay \$175 / \$200 each

LATE FEES: All payments are due in full 6/1/14, if not paid in full an additional \$25 per person will be assessed.

Some units elect to arrive on Saturday afternoon (12:00 PM). The fee is \$10 per person.

Some units cannot travel on Sunday, so they arrive Monday morning. There is no discount for Monday arrivals.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$250 per campsite is due with the initial reservation

An initial payment of \$50 per youth is due by February 1, 2014

A payment of an additional \$100 per youth is due by April 1, 2014 (to date, \$150/ youth)

The balances of the fees, youth and adults are due no later than June 1, 2014. A roster of all participants (including name, address, home phone, date of birth) is due with this payment.

INSURANCE:

Units within the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council **do not** need to provide proof of their unit accident insurance.

All other units need to provide this information with their final payment.

RULES FOR ACCEPTANCE:

All youth must be registered with the BSA. Each unit must bring and have at least two adults in camp at all times. One of the leaders must be a registered adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America. One must have recently (within 2 years) attended Youth Protection Training. One adult must be at least 21 years of age. Rules for acceptance and participation in all programs are the same without regard to race, color, national origin, age, sex, or handicap.

Camp Policies

Camp Road

The road in and out of Camp Pico Blanco is narrow (in many areas only one lane), winding, steep and unpaved. Please use extreme caution when driving on the road. Please limit your speed on the dirt camp roads to 10 miles per hour. Expect 30 minutes travel time on the dirt road and 30 minutes from the highway to the dirt road.

Tour Plans

All out of council units attending camp must have a valid Boy Scouts of America Tour Plan. Tour Plans are processed through your local council office and must be present at check-in. Once presented, the Tour Plan will be kept in possession of the unit leader.

Parking and Vehicles

ALL VEHICLES SHALL BE PARKED IN DESIGNATED PARKING AREAS. ONE VEHICLE WILL BE ALLOWED IN EACH CAMPSITE FOR EMERGENCY PURPOSES ONLY. Only camp service vehicles are permitted in the campsite areas, or areas designated by the Camp Director or Ranger. Please make sure you do not block emergency vehicle access roads. **FOR THE SAFETY AND ENJOYMENT OF SCOUTS IN CAMP, VEHICLE TRAFFIC THROUGH CAMP, WHEN IN SESSION, IS LIMITED TO THE RANGER AND DESIGNATED STAFF MEMBERS.** Licensed drivers must be 21 years or older and only vehicles designed to carry passengers may be used. ALL vehicles MUST have minimum California insurance coverage. Seat belts must be used. **RIDING IN THE BED OF A PICKUP TRUCK IS ILLEGAL IN CALIFORNIA.** Travel across the two rock ford's into camp sites 3-5 and 6-12 are restricted by permission by the Ranger Staff or Camp Director.

Camp Telephone

We do not have a public telephone. The camp telephone is for camp business and emergencies only. Adults should plan not to have telephone access for the week. Parents may contact the camp by calling the Council Service Center at (408) 638-8300 Monday through Friday, 9:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. **After business hours you may contact the camp for emergency purposes only at (831) 625-4202. There will be limited Internet service available in camp, originating from the QM.**

Electrical Power

A generator provides on-site power to the buildings in camp but power is not available in the campsites.

Please do not bring rechargeable devices. Our generator is on for only a limited number of hours each day.

Please keep this in mind when selecting gear to bring to camp.

Mail

Pico Blanco's mailbox is approximately 8 miles outside of camp. Please allow 2 weeks for mail to reach your Scout. Please be advised that large packages are left sitting out beside the mailbox, therefore we cannot be responsible for your packages reaching your Scout. Please contact the Council Office to arrange for an alternative delivery for absolute necessities.

Camp Mailing Address:

Camp Pico Blanco, Scout's Name

Unit Number & Campsite

41352 Palo Colorado Rd.

Carmel, CA 93923

Shower Houses

There are shower houses in central locations throughout Camp. It is imperative these facilities be kept clean.

Troops will be assigned on a rotation basis to clean them daily.

Uniforms

All Scouts and leaders are encouraged to be in their Class A uniform for any chapel service, evening flag assemblies, and dinners. The activity uniform, Scouts shorts, socks, and a Scout, troop, or camp T-shirt is appropriate attire for morning flag assemblies and throughout the day.

Alcohol and Drugs

The Boy Scouts of America and the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. **Illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages are strictly forbidden at the camp. No exceptions. Scouts or leaders found in possession of illegal substances will be dismissed from camp immediately. We maintain a zero tolerance policy for drugs and alcohol and will cooperate with appropriate authorities in any investigation regarding violations of this policy.**

Smoking

The Boy Scouts of America urges that all Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants. Persons under age 18 are not permitted to smoke anywhere in camp including your campsite. If you are observed smoking and are under 18, you may be asked to leave camp. **The ONLY smoking area in camp is inside the vehicle that you came to camp in and out of view of Scouts.** Forest Service regulations prohibit smoking in the forest or along any trails.

Camp Visitors

Visitors are welcome at camp but there are a few things to remember before visiting. Scouts will be busy with their program and visitors may prove distracting. The best time to visit is the last full day of the session.

OVERNIGHT VISITOR ACCOMMODATIONS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT CAMP

- ◇ All visitors must check in at the Camp Administration Building immediately upon arrival at camp.
- ◇ All visitors shall pay for each meal they are served. Meal wristband shall be purchased from the Administration Office. Meals are available for \$7, \$8, \$10 for Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner. You will not be allowed to eat without a wristband.

- ◇ Visitors are to park in the main parking lot.
- ◇ Siblings and friends not registered to participate in the program are not allowed in camp. Visitors may not participate in camp programs. The Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council operates 2 family camps so everyone can experience Camp outside of summer camp operations. Contact the Council Camping Secretary or visit <http://camppicoblanco.org/> for more information.

Leaving Camp

- ◇ All units must check out at the Camp Administration Building before leaving camp on Saturday.
- ◇ Adults who leave during the week must checkout at the Camp Administration Building.
- ◇ Adults leaving camp and returning must sign out on the sign out sheet at the Camp Administration Building and sign in again upon their return to camp.

Boy Scout Provisional Camping

Provisional camping is available to any Scout who cannot attend camp with their unit, or would like to spend an extra week at camp. Please contact the Council Office for information on provisional camping. A provisional camper application can be found at <http://camppicoblanco.org/>. The Scout's family or unit is responsible for transportation to and from camp.

Early Release of Scouts from Camp Property

For the safety of all Scouts attending camp, it is the policy of the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council to follow these procedures in the event a Scout must leave earlier than his troop:

- ◇ **A Camper Early Release Form (provided in the Appendix)** must be filled out for each Scout leaving camp early, and must be turned in at the Administration Building at check-in.
- ◇ The adult with permission to pick up the camper must report directly to the Camp Administration Building upon arrival at camp. Identification will be compared to the information on the Camper Early Release Form.
- ◇ A staff member will accompany the person to the unit's campsite.
- ◇ Before leaving camp, the Scout, unit leader, and driver must report to the Camp Administration Building to check out.

In the event of an emergency situation, unit leaders will fill out a Camper Early Release Form. In such cases verification of authorized persons will be made through a phone call to the camper's parent or legal guardian.

Camperships

The Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council believes each Scout should be given every opportunity to attend camp. At times it can be hard for a family to raise the money needed to attend camp. Camperships can help cover part of the cost of a week of camp for members of the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council who are attending a camp operated by SVMBC. Applications are available at <http://camppicoblanco.org/>.

Insurance

Some type of accident and sickness insurance plan must cover each unit attending camp. Proof of insurance must be provided.

Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council units are covered under the council Accident and Sickness plan.

Out of council units are required to turn in proof of insurance coverage by June 3rd with all other forms required (see Final Payment Check List provided in the Appendix). All out of council units should bring a claim form to camp. This form is not necessary to go to the hospital but will provide helpful information in processing the claim.

Conservation

The camp setting is an excellent place to practice conservation. Plan to do one or more conservation projects at camp this summer. Please note:

- ◇ **Scouts cut no living trees without the approval of the Camp Director or Ranger.**
- ◇ **A Scout never rakes up redwood needles and leaves in the camp area except where a fire line is needed.**
- ◇ **Do not bring chainsaws to Camp Pico Blanco.**

Planning for Camp

Leadership

Scoutmaster/Troop Leader Responsibilities

The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters are some of the most important people in camp. You are with your boys 52 weeks a year and know them better than anyone else in camp. It is your responsibility as unit leaders to see that your troop has a quality long-term summer camp experience. It is the responsibility of troop leaders to do the following:

- ◇ **Monitor the behavior of their scouts and enforce camp rules and policies. Adults should know where their boys are at all times and be aware of the activities they are involved in. The 12 points of the Scout Law guide our camp. All campers and staff conduct is judged by how it measures up against these guidelines. We cannot tolerate and will not permit activities that do not meet the criteria of the standards set by the Scout Law.**
- ◇ **Enforce the buddy system. The buddy system is to be enforced at all times in camp. Scouts need to have a buddy in program areas, on hikes, and in any other activity they are engaged in.**
- ◇ **See that Scouts in your unit do not damage camp facilities and program materials. Units will be billed for any damage done to camp property. This will include the cost for materials, labor and any other cost in relation to repairs or replacement.**
- ◇ **Inform the camp, in writing, of any special needs a Scout in his unit may have in regards to disabilities, medications, or dietary needs for health or religious reasons.**
- ◇ **Inform the camp medic immediately, of any accidents, whether minor or major. Any cases of illness should also be reported to the medic as soon as possible. The camp medic will always be available and may be reached through the Health Lodge or Administration Building.**

In-Camp Leadership Requirements

Each unit must provide their own registered leadership. Mature leadership is vital to the success of a unit's stay in camp. There must be a minimum of two adult leaders with each unit and/or campsite. The unit leader or anyone serving as a unit leader is at least 21 years of age and a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. The second adult may be a registered Scouter 18 years of age or older, or a parent of a participating youth member.

Youth Protection

ALL ADULT LEADERS ATTENDING CAMP WITH THEIR UNIT MUST BE YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINED AND LISTED ON THE YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING ROSTER (provided in the Appendix). EVERY UNIT IS RESPONSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT EACH ADULT RECEIVES YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING BEFORE ARRIVAL. You can complete the training online at the National BSA Online Learning Center www.myscouting.org .

The Boy Scouts of America has adopted a number of policies aimed at eliminating opportunities for abuse within the Scouting program. These policies focus on leadership selection and on placing barriers to abuse within the program. The BSA has adopted the following policies to provide additional security for our members. These policies are primarily for the protection of our youth members; however, they also serve to protect our adult leaders from false accusations of abuse.

- ◇ **Two-deep leadership.**
Two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.
- ◇ **No one-on-one contact.**
One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youths.
- ◇ **Respect of privacy.**
Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- ◇ **Separate accommodations.**
When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian. Councils are strongly encouraged to have separate shower and latrine facilities for females. When separate facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers.
- ◇ **Proper preparation for high-adventure activities.**
Activities with elements of risk should never be undertaken without proper preparation, equipment, clothing, supervision, and safety measures.
- ◇ **No secret organizations.**
The Boy Scouts of America does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- ◇ **Appropriate attire.**
Proper clothing for activities is required. For example, skinny-dipping is not appropriate as part of Scouting.

- ◇ **Constructive discipline.**
Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- ◇ **Hazing prohibited.**
Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.

Male and Female Sleeping Facilities

Male and female leaders must have separate sleeping facilities. Married couples may share the same quarters if appropriate facilities are available. Male & female youth participants shall not share the same sleeping facility.

Program Development and Planning

Things to Think of While Planning Your Summer

Camping is the integral link to adventure in a boy's experience and Camp Pico Blanco's Summer Camping Program and Activities are the finest yet. Its qualified staff is excited to be of service to your unit's program this year. Before you go to camp, certain promotional and program information should be shared with the Scouts and parents in your unit. This can take place in many ways and forms. The basic reason for this kind of activity is to keep everyone informed, excited and prepared for the week ahead. Boys need to know what to bring, what activities to prepare for and what merit badges are offered. **Patrols need to get flags ready and sharpen certain skills for the inter-patrol competition.** Troop leaders need to remember the advancement and activity goals set by their Troop Leader's Council and plan their participation accordingly. Parents need to know how much camp costs, when it will be, where it is, how to send mail, and how to get in touch with someone in an emergency. Scoutmasters need to know all this and a lot more. Many troops hold PARENT INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS a few months before camp. This meeting can take place at a Court of Honor, a committee meeting, in place of a troop meeting, or at any other convenient time. It is here that the details of camp are presented to the parents for their information. Questions and answers take a majority of the program. Don't expect to have all the answers, but assure the parents that a reply can be found either from this guide or through the Council Service Center.

Five Types of Camp Program

The Boy Scout summer camp program offers fun and adventure with a specific goal. Camps provide a program for troop leaders to use in helping their Scouts grow and learn. This program is developed to provide activities for the individual Scout, for buddies, for patrols, and for the troop as a whole, culminating in a great total camp experience. All programs in camp have been designed with the following five types of program in mind:

Boy— Merit Badge programs and advancement opportunities are designed to help the Scout meet his own personal advancement goals.

Buddy— Scouts should always travel in at least a group of two, so certain activities have been planned during the week, which will encourage buddy pairs to work and have fun together.

Patrol— Baden-Powell once said that the patrol was the secret for the success of Scouting. One job of the summer camp is to strengthen patrols, and events are planned throughout the week to do just that.

Troop— Troops will also have the opportunity to compete and work with each other in demonstrating their unit pride and troop skill.

Total Camp Experience– There’s a chance to work with other troops and to make a contribution to the total camp experience through activities such as **camp-wide games, inter-troop campfires, Scout Vespers, outpost hikes and much more.**

Advancement

To have a successful advancement program, especially merit badges, your Scouts should begin before their arrival at camp. Camp Pico Blanco will make no substitutions for requirements in advancement. Since camp is a special outdoor oriented place, it is an excellent opportunity for your boys to earn outdoor oriented Merit Badges. **We do not guarantee that all badges offered could be completed during the week of camp, as many of these badges require advance work, have time requirements, or other such restrictions. Your prior preparation will be vitally important to the successful completion of the Merit Badges.**

When planning for your program at summer camp, you should ask the following questions:

What does our troop need?

What do our Scouts need and want?

What skills, practices, and advancement experiences could we use?

Camp staff members will be available throughout the week of camp to provide instruction and examinations in the various advancements offered. For those advancements requiring special instruction, classes will be offered and Scouts will need to attend. Each day there will be 3 sessions of scheduled classes and session 4 will be left open for individual and non-advancement related troop if there are no conflicts in the schedule over advancement classes. As always, every effort will be made by our staff to see that the Scouts of your troop receive the advancement they need and want.

Specific Program Opportunities

The Waterfront

Swimming, snorkeling, canoeing, rowing, lifesaving, the mile swim, and the Polar Bear and King Penguin Award are all taught at the waterfront. The water is great (but cold), the merit badges are fun, and the scenery is spectacular. In your free time come explore the waterfront. All you need is your buddy tag. Don't know how to swim? Our competent waterfront staff will give you lessons. The waterfront is available daily for recreational swimming, rowing, and canoeing, as well as instructional merit badge time. **YOU SHOULD PLAN ON BRINGING WATER SHOES, BECAUSE THE RIVER BOTTOM IS QUITE ROCKY.**

PLEASE NOTE: Fishing is not permitted anywhere within the boundaries of Camp Pico Blanco. The Little Sur River is home to the protected Southern Steelhead Trout. As Scouts, we must do our part to help protect this endangered species.

Shooting Sports

The Shooting Sports area offers archery, rifle, and shotgun merit badges. The ranges are also available for use during certain open sessions. Equipment and instruction is provided.

Ammunition/material charges are as follows: Archery \$15, Rifle \$20, and Shotgun \$35.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ORDER TO SHOOT, ALL SCOUTS WILL NEED THE FIREARMS/ARCHERY CONSENT FORM SIGNED (provided in the Appendix).

Shotgun shooting is restricted to youth age 13 and above, provided they are able to manage the weight and recoil of the firearms used.

Trail to First Class

The Trail to First Class is a first time camper program for younger Scouts. It is designed to work with Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Scouts. **PLEASE NOTE: This program is not intended to make boys First Class during one week at camp.** It is intended to supplement the troop skills training. Scouts will attend the Trail to First Class program during sessions 1 and 2 of each day. Activities have been developed to teach skills related to the rank advancement stated above. Camp counselors will work with boys in a Patrol setting. Each patrol will function separately with it's own Troop Guide. **There will be an overnight hike that all participants will take part in, so Scouts in this program will need to bring a backpack, ground cloth, sleeping bag, and anything else they will need for an overnighter. We will need adult leaders in camp to help supervise the overnight hike.**

Please encourage Scouts to attend if they are below 1st Class rank.

Handicraft

Our handicraft lodge and staff are waiting for you with lots of great recreational and merit badge opportunities. Leatherwork, basketry, woodcarving, Indian lore, and sculpture merit badges are all available for your Scouts. **The Trading Post will have materials for sale for the merit badges and other individual projects.**

Nature Lodge

Merit badges offered include environmental science, fish and wildlife management, soil and water conservation, geology, forestry, reptile study, mammal study, nature, and astronomy. Other activities include nature hikes, conservation projects, and ample time at our Nature Lodge for study and fun.

Scoutcraft

Our Scoutcraft area is the home of many exciting, challenging, and required merit badges, such as: orienteering, emergency preparedness, first aid, camping, wilderness survival as well as Firem'n Chit, and Totin Chip. Other activities that happen at the Scoutcraft area include lashings, pioneering projects, the ever-popular Scoutmaster Cook-off, and a Flying Fingers knot tying relay race.

Citizenship

Citizenship is an area for boys to work on Merit Badges that will get them that much closer to Eagle. The merit badges include all of the Citizenship required. **Please note every Citizenship merit badge has several prerequisites that must be completed and signed by your local merit badge counselor prior to coming to camp in order to complete the merit badges. Scouts that fail to do so will leave camp with a partial but are more than welcome to join the class.**

Camp Commissioners

The camp commissioners are adult Scouters with skill and experience who assist the staff in working with the Troops that come to Pico Blanco. Their job is primarily that of a liaison between the camp staff and the unit leader in the development of the troop program while at camp. Camp commissioners will assist you in becoming familiar with the facilities of the camp and the program available, so that each Scout will have the opportunity to fulfill his own expectations of summer camp. Commissioners will meet regularly with units to assist you in developing a quality program at camp.

Open Session

Open session is available for Scouts who need to complete partial merit badges, get extra one-on-one instruction with a counselor, start working on other merit badges, or have fun experiencing program areas that may not be in his specific merit badge schedule.

Please keep in mind that some Scouts may need to meet with their merit badge session group during Open Session to satisfy all requirements. During Open Session there will be unique activities to take advantage of. Please see the Open Session Schedule for a schedule of events. We have a full week of Boy Scout Camp at Pico and it's critical that we stay on schedule. Punctuality for flags, merit badge sessions and other activities is very important. Every Scout should have the opportunity to experience all of what makes Pico, Pico. Please make sure your stewards arrive on time for their duty.

Adventure Day

Adventure Day is devoted to making sure that troops and Scouts get the most out of their experience while at Pico Blanco Scout Reservation. All troops are encouraged to sign up for one of the many day hikes that explore the vast and world-renowned Ventana Wilderness. Troops may also choose to run their own programming during this day. If doing so, please let the program director know so as to help collaborate. Just remember, no matter how you choose to spend Adventure Day it will be a great adventure. Please see the Adventure Day Schedule included in this Leaders guide.

All Units will be preparing breakfast, lunch and dinner in their campsites on Adventure Day (Wednesday). The food will be provided. Each patrol will need a camp stove, plates, cups, eating utensils, pitcher, frying pan, 8-quart pot with lid, spatula, stirring/serving spoons and dishwashing supplies and equipment. All cooking/eating equipment must be washed and sanitized using the three-step process (wash, rinse, sanitize). All special food service requests will be accommodated. The new campsite-cooking program helps fulfill camp standard and cooking advancement requirements.

Scout Adventure Programs

Opening Campfire and Songfest Sunday, 7:30pm at the Campfire Bowl - As a precursor to this event come join in Scouting revelry in the tradition of song at the Songfest. The Songfest then spills into our Opening Campfire. Held in the outdoor amphitheatre (Campfire Bowl), this event is a spectacular exhibition of the Pico Blanco staff's theatrical talent. Sit back and relax as the comical skits and hearty songs from the Staff welcome you to your week long experience here at Pico Blanco Scout Reservation; the place where we put the "Outing in Scouting".

Mt. Pico Blanco Hike Monday, 4:00 pm at the Dining Hall - Approximately 3,700 feet tall, Mt. Pico Blanco is a mound of granite and limestone honeycombed with subterranean caverns. Named by the Spaniards who first landed in Monterey Bay, the "White Peak" is a daunting climb only to be attempted by the most courageous of Scouts.

The Mt. Pico Blanco Hike is an extremely difficult & physically demanding hike therefore participants must be 14 years of age or older & be in top physical condition to enjoy this rugged Ventana wilderness experience.

O.A. Night/Storytelling Campfire – Monday, 7:30 p.m. –Campfire Bowl- Years ago... in a much simpler day and age, there lived a group of people known as the Esselen Indians. They lived to reap the fruits of the land, and our own Order of the Arrow Lodge is founded in their name (The Esselen Lodge). On Monday evening, it is our esteemed pleasure to bring to you the Esselen White Bear Dancers. These dancers will leave you in awe after their stunning display of elegance and grace. The O.A. rededication ceremony will occur after the dances. This

is your chance to participate in our in camp "Call Out" Ceremony taking place in our Campfire bowl. As part of the ceremony experience the history of Pico Blanco and other tales of creatures and far away lands.....

Scoutmaster Shoot-Off Tuesday 4:15pm Rifle Range- Need to blow off a little steam? Want to earn respect from other troops, and fear from your own Scouts? Prove you're worth your salt as a Scoutmaster by competing against others in a Scoutmaster's Shoot-off! Let everyone know just how on-target you really are.

Staff vs. Scoutmasters Volleyball Tuesday 7:30pm Volleyball Court- Have you ever seen American Gladiators? Men and women with steel and iron will compete in feats of strength for glory and honor. Here at Camp Pico Blanco we carry the torch of gallantry and valor by hosting our own similar competition. The stage is set down behind the Trading Post where our "Court of Heroes" (Volleyball Court) resides. For years, the bravest of adult Leaders have tempted fate by competing in a head-to-head, no-holds-barred volleyball gauntlet. A three-game event where two teams enter as equals, but only one leaves as champion.

Game/Patch Collecting Night Thursday 7:30pm Dining Hall- Do you love playing board games? Think you have what it takes to outwit staff members at Risk? Come try your luck in an all out battle of intellect with board games in the Dining Hall. Not a gamer? Come anyways to trade patches or just plain hang out. Interested in joining staff? Come find out what it requires to be part of the team.

Vesper Service Wednesday 7:30pm Chapel- A non-denominational Scout Vesper service will be held in our Chapel area on Wednesday evenings. A camp chaplain will be on-call for any Scout in need of their services.

Scoutmaster Cook-Off Thursday 3:30pm Scoutcraft- Is there a chef hiding inside of you? Would you like the opportunity to flaunt your culinary prowess? Well wait no longer, for your time has arrived. Just as the swallows fly to Capistrano, every year there is one Scoutmaster who claims the title of "Iron Chef". Remember to bring your recipe and ingredients!!

Star Trek – Thursday, 8:30 pm – Meet at the Dining Hall- Here at Camp Pico we try and fill everyday with fun, exciting activities. Just because the sun has gone down doesn't mean the fun has to end. Everybody signed up for the Astronomy merit badge, or anyone who finds interest in the sky above, feel free to join us on a mild hike up Skinners Ridge to gaze at the glittering starry expanse. This is a nighttime excursion and it gets chilly, so be sure to bundle up. All are welcomed on this outing but it goes rather late, so don't feel bad if you turn in early for a full night's sleep. You must wear hiking footwear and carry a flashlight.

Water Carnival Friday 3:30pm Waterfront- Attention Scoutmasters and Scouts...Does your Troop have what it takes to rise to the challenge? Then take part in the Water Carnival and show your stuff!!! Have fun as you watch your Scouts show what it takes to be a true Boy Scout. Don't miss the ever-popular Scoutmaster Belly Flop at the end of the Water Carnival.

Closing Campfire and Song Fest Friday 7:30pm Campfire Bowl- Does your troop have a clown? A favorite song or skit? Coordinate with your Troop's SPL to get on the schedule for the closing campfire, which is entirely SPL lead. Enjoy the creativity and energy of your fellow Scouts in what will no doubt be a humorous evening. Presentation of awards from the Water Carnival will be made.

Outpost Hiking and Camping

Camp Pico Blanco is fortunate to be located in the Los Padres National Forest adjacent to the Ventana Wilderness Area. This location opens up many unique opportunities for outpost camping and hiking. There are many beautiful trails in Pico Blanco and the surrounding Los Padres Forest and Ventana Wilderness. We strongly encourage troops and patrols take advantage of the trails and the challenges of the backcountry. Some of the trails and hikes may require the use of a staff guide, so please plan accordingly and allow 48 hours notice for our Program Director to assign the appropriate Staff member. In addition to these overnight hikes,

there are day hikes that can be taken, some for as little as one hour, others for the entire day. Please check out with Administration before leaving camp. While the entire wilderness area and national forest are open to the B.S.A., certain restrictions do apply. Upon arrival at camp, please check with the Camp Administration for regulations that may be in effect while you are at Pico Blanco. It is extremely likely that open fires will NOT be permitted. Therefore, you should be prepared with backpacking stoves and fuel for these outpost activities.

Travel times are one way!

Pico Blanco Public Camp- 5 miles, 3 hours - Located on the south fork of the Little Sur River in a flat at the base of Mount Pico Blanco. Unlimited sleeping capacity.

Fish Camp- 2 miles, 1 Hour - Located in Diablo Canyon on the Little Sur River. Makes a good hike for the beginner. Leave Pico Blanco after lunch and cook breakfast at Fish Camp! Capacity of 25-35 people.

Jackson Camp- 2 miles, 1 hour, 5 minutes - Just a hop, skip and a jump across the river from Fish Camp. Plan meals the same. Capacity is 20.

Fox Camp- 5 miles, 2.5 hours - Rock hop from Jackson to Fox Camp that is located at the fork of the Little Sur River and Ventana Creek. A short hike up the Little Sur River from Fox Camp brings you to the beautiful circular pools and waterfalls. Leave Pico Blanco after lunch, eat dinner and breakfast at Fox Camp, and have a trail lunch on the way back. Capacity for 15-20 people.

Little Sur Camp- 2 miles, 1 hour - Leave Pico Blanco after lunch and rock hop from Pioneer Camp to this beautiful campsite. Cook dinner and breakfast at Little Sur and be back in Pico Blanco in time for lunch. Unlimited sleeping capacity.

Step-By-Step Preparation

As Soon as Possible:

- ◇ Choose the week you wish to attend camp. Submit Site Reservation Form
- ◇ Schedule a parents' night to promote and explain summer camp.
- ◇ For SVMBC Troops: Provide campership information for Scouts in need. Go to our website at <http://camppicoblanco.org/>.
- ◇ Provide Provisional Camper information for Scouts unable to attend camp with your Unit. Go to our website at <http://camppicoblanco.org/>.

Spring:

- ◇ Talk with Webelos and their parents who will graduate into your troop about going to camp.
- ◇ Refer to the Camp Pico Blanco Fee Policy for all due dates for fees due.

Two Months Before Departure:

- ◇ Check to see if all health records have been completed and are properly signed.
- ◇ Submit a Tour Plan (out of council units).
- ◇ Check on final transportation arrangements.
- ◇ Review suggested personal equipment checklist.

- ◇ Inventory the advancement records for each Scout.
- ◇ Counsel the Scouts on their personal goals for fun and advancement.
- ◇ Refer to Merit Badge Prerequisites list and help your Scouts prepare for their Merit Badges at camp.

3 Weeks Before Departure:

- ◇ Hold final Patrol Leaders Council.
- ◇ Unit committee meets to tie up loose ends: transportation, troop equipment, etc.
- ◇ Have unit rosters completed and send a copy to the Council Office.
- ◇ Distribute parent information including address, emergency phone number and travel plans.
- ◇ Notify Council office of Monday or Saturday arrivals.

Day of Arrival

Units should plan on arriving between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM with check-in beginning at 1:00 PM. Units arriving on Monday morning should arrive early so medical and swim checks can be finished before breakfast. It is recommended that you arrive by 6:30 AM. Saturday arrival is permitted, with approval from the council office. Please contact the Camping department to make these arrangements. Each request will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and will incur an extra charge. Units arriving on Saturday are responsible for their own program and meals until Sunday dinner. Camp will not provide any program until check-in begins on Sunday and all program areas will be closed and off limits. This includes boating and swimming at the waterfront.

Arrival time is between 1:00 PM and 2:00 PM

Our staff is returning to camp from their day off and the facilities will not be ready before 1:00 PM. Unit leaders may submit a request in writing for an early Sunday arrival to the Camp Director no later than one week prior to attending their session.

Once you reach camp, please park in the main parking lot. Send one member from your unit to check-in at the Camp Administration Building. **Carpooling is highly recommended.** **Parking space is limited.** We recommend that you select a minimum number of vehicles to transport your gear to your campsite.

Once you have dropped off your equipment, please return to the Administration Building with your entire unit prepared for the following:

- ◇ **Camp Tour – led by your Staff Guide.** Please make sure that you have all your documents with you, including medical and consent forms, permission slips, and other documents, because they will be collected during the Camp Tour. It is recommended that you change into swim attire, sturdy boots or shoes, and carry your towel and water shoes with you. The tour is extensive so you will want to have all of these things with you. Also, the unit leader will need to bring all of the registration forms.
- ◇ **Medical Re-Check at the Health Lodge — If you do not have a current Annual Health and Medical Record, with Parts A, B, and C completed within the past 12 calendar months for all leaders and campers in attendance you will not be allowed to remain in camp!**

- ◇ **Swim Check at the Waterfront**
- ◇ **Program Area Orientations**
- ◇ **Facilities Locations**
- ◇ **Quartermaster orientation**
- ◇ **Dining Hall Orientation**

FIRST DAY SCHEDULE

1:00 – 2:00 PM	Arrive at camp and check-in (Please have lunch before arrival or bring a sack lunch.)
2:00 – 5:00 PM	Camp Tour, medical re-checks & swim checks
4:30 PM	Scoutmaster & SPL meeting at the dining area
5:30 PM	Set Tables
5:45 PM	Flags & Dinner
7:30PM	Songfest
8:00 PM	Campfire
9:30 PM	Quiet Time
10:00 PM	Taps & Lights Out

PROVIDED IN EACH CAMPSITE

Campfire Pit & Fire Tools
Bulletin Board
Table(s)
Water
Flagpole
Trash Can(s)

Tents, Dining Fly's and cooking equipment - NOT PROVIDED

Forms Required for Camp Check-In

There are a number of forms **(provided in the Appendix)** that are necessary for attending camp . Check in will go more smoothly if these forms are completed properly and readily accessible. Some things that will make the check in process faster are:

- ◇ **Read and complete each form carefully.**
- ◇ **Look over each Scout's forms to make sure signatures and dates are completed.**

The following forms required for camp attendance:

Unit Forms

- ◇ **Approved Tour Plan (out of council units only):** Available at your council service center. Submit the form to your local council service center at least 2 weeks prior to your departure. Your approved Tour Plan will be requested upon arrival at camp.
- ◇ **Youth Protection Training Roster (provided in the Appendix):** Available in this guide. **Please make certain all adults attending camp have had youth protection training within the past two years, and record the names and dates on the form.**
- ◇ **Annual Health and Medical Record: A current Annual Health and Medical Record, with Parts A, B, and C completed within the past 12 calendar months is required for all staff, leaders, and campers in attendance. If you do not have a current Annual Health and Medical Record, with Parts A, B, and C completed within the past 12 calendar months for all leaders, and campers in attendance you will not be allowed to remain in camp!**

The record now lives on an interactive web page on Scouting Safely. Scouts, Scouters, parents and staff can download, fill in, and print it on standard paper, and can save an electronic copy for their personal files. The link is now live at: <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

- ◇ **Medication Information Form (provided in the Appendix)** - This form is required for all prescription medications that are brought to camp. There must be a form for each individual's medications.
- ◇ **Camper Early Release Form (provided in the Appendix)** - A Camper Early Release Form must be filled out for each Scout leaving camp early.
- ◇ **Firearms/Archery Consent Form (provided in the Appendix)** – This form must be filled out for each Scout wanting to shoot rifle, shotgun, or a muzzleloader any time during the week. **If this form is not signed by a parent or guardian the Scout will not be able to participate in any of these events.**

Your Week at Camp

Camp Safety

- ◇ All camps operate on the buddy system. Scout need to have a buddy in program areas, on hikes, and in any other activity they are engaged in.
- ◇ Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all time. The only exception to this rule is at the waterfront where sandals may be worn.
- ◇ No running in camp.
- ◇ Do not throw rocks.
- ◇ Please stay only on designated trails.
- ◇ Do not leave candy or other food in tents or campsites. This will attract unwanted attention from various animals around camp.
- ◇ Report safety issues to the Camp Director immediately.
- ◇ Please place all trash in garbage cans.
- The dam area is restricted to unauthorized personnel!
- The river is strictly off limits between the upper ford and the area 100 yards below the dam.
- Beware of hazardous conditions associated with any activity in or near the river!
- If you decide to use the river, you do so at your own risk! Use the “Safe Swim Defense”.
- Throwing rocks is prohibited.
- No bikes, motorcycles, dirt bikes, ATV’s or powered recreational equipment please.

Animals

No pets allowed in camp. You will find that wildlife is abundant at Pico Blanco. Please be aware that we have rattle snakes, mountain lions, raccoons, and skunks in camp. **Please do not try to catch, touch or go near these critters!** Do not leave anything in your campsite that would be attractive to animals.

Aquatics Safety

All aquatic areas are under the supervision of National Camp School certified Aquatics Instructor. Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat guidelines are followed at all times. All Scouts and leaders are required to take the BSA Swimmers Test before participating in any aquatic activity. In order to conduct a unit aquatic activity outside of camp, unit leaders must be trained in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. Unit leaders will have the opportunity to be trained in these areas at camp.

Shooting Sports

Scouts will have the opportunity to shoot bows, .22-caliber bolt-action single-shot rifles, and shotguns under the direction of a certified instructor. Permission from a parent or guardian is required for Scouts to shoot at any of our ranges. **Please make sure all Scouts fill out the firearms/archery consent form provided in the Appendix. Personal firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment are prohibited in camp.**

Pilot Pistol Program

The SVMBC Camping Committee is very excited to announce that the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council has been selected as one of 12 Councils in the nation to participate in a Pilot program of pistol shooting at summer camp. The Boy Scout Pistol Safety and Marksmanship Pilot Program will be offered this summer at Camp Pico Blanco to Boy Scout participants who are at least 13 years of age and come to camp with parental authorization forms specific to the program. The pilot program includes both a classroom setting instructional period as well as a shooting experience on the Pico Blanco range, closely supervised by BSA and NRA certified instructors. The program is closely modeled after the NRA FIRST Steps Pistol training program (Firearm Instruction, Responsibility and Safety Training) and utilize 22 caliber pistols. Although there is no merit badge for pistol shooting, participants will be among the first Boy Scouts in the nation to have the opportunity to shoot pistols at Boy Scout Summer Camp.

Fire Drills

Fire drills are held during each session of camp. When the alarm sounds, all Scouts and leaders are to report immediately to the designated assembly area. Units will then report to a designated staff member that all members are present or accounted for.

FIRE PREVENTION

All adult leaders and campers are required to become familiar and comply with the Camp Pico Blanco Campfire policy and procedures provided in the Appendix. Fire conditions change from day to day during the summer camping season at Camp Pico Blanco. Please check with the Camp Ranger or the Camp Director to find out fire restrictions for each day before you start a fire in your campsite.

1. At camp, fire is always a hazard and certain precautions should be taken to prevent and control fires.
2. Smoking is prohibited except in the car you came to camp in.
3. Each campsite has fire control tools. These should never be taken from the campsite. A fire chart will be posted on each campsite bulletin board.
4. Flashlights and battery-operated lanterns are recommended for general use in camp. Any gas lanterns or other open flame lanterns may not be used in any tent or shelter. Due to fire hazards and high fire danger these lanterns may be off limits for usage. Please check with Ranger or Camp Director before using lanterns that use liquid fuels and fuels in pressurized containers (propane, butane, etc.) each day. Fire conditions can change from day to day.
5. **NO OPEN FLAMES OF ANY KIND IN TENTS. NO EXCEPTIONS!**
6. All tents must be marked **"NO FLAMES IN TENTS"**. The camp office will be happy to provide you with tags to place on the outside of every tent.

7. **IMPORTANT:** Fireworks are especially dangerous in camp. **Fireworks are not allowed in camp** and if any are found they will be confiscated and not returned.

ANYONE having fireworks is subject to immediate dismissal from camp.

Fires are permitted only in the campfire rings in the campsites and should never be left unattended. Fires should always be under the supervision of an adult unit leader. Please check with the Camp Ranger or the Camp Director to find out fire restrictions for each day before you starting a fire in your campsite.

Unit Fireguard Chart

Each unit must post a completed “Unit Fireguard Chart” in their campsite. This is a National Council policy. These forms will be provided on the day you arrive in camp.

Guidelines for Safely Using Chemical Fuels in Stoves and Lanterns

- ✓ Use compressed– or liquid-gas stoves or lanterns only with knowledgeable adult supervision and in Scout facilities only where and when permitted. Adult supervision must be provided when Scout are involved in the storage, lighting or handling (in the filling of stoves or lanterns) of liquid fuels.
- ✓ Liquid fuels and fuels in pressurized containers (propane, butane, etc.) may be used when supervised by knowledgeable adults only. Liquid fuels **must** be kept in a locked facility while in camp
- ✓ Operate and maintain stoves and lanterns according to manufacture’s instructions included with the equipment.
- ✓ All liquid fuels shall be kept in well-marked, approved containers (never in glass container) and stored in a ventilated, locked box at a safe distance (a minimum of 20 feet) from building and tents. Keep all chemical fuel containers away from hot stoves and campfires, and store below 100 degrees.
- ✓ The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited.
- ✓ Let hot stoves and lanterns cool before changing cylinders of compressed gases or refilling from containers of liquid gas.
- ✓ Refill liquid-gas stoves and lanterns a safe distance from any flames, including other stoves, campfires, and personal smoking substances. A commercial camp stove fuel should be used for safety and performance. Pour fuel through a filter funnel. Recap both the device and the fuel container before igniting.
- ✓ Never fuel a stove, heater, or lantern inside a cabin; always do this outdoors. Do not operate a stove, heater, lantern, or charcoal grill in an unventilated structure. Provide at least two ventilation openings, one high and one low, to provide oxygen and exhaust for lethal gases. Never fuel (example: all liquid fuels, charcoal, etc.), ignite, or operate a stove, heater, or lantern in a tent.
- ✓ Place the stove on a level, secure surface before operation. On snow, place insulated support under the stove to prevent melting and tipping.
- ✓ Periodically check fitting on compressed-gas stoves and on pressurized liquid-gas stoves for leakage, using soap solution before lighting.
- ✓ To avoid possible fires, locate gas tanks, stoves, etc., below any tents since heavy leakage of gas will flow downhill the same as water.

- ✓ When lighting a stove, keep fuel containers and extra canisters well away. Do not hover over the stove when lighting it. Keep your head and body to one side.
- ✓ Do not leave a lighted stove or lantern unattended.
- ✓ Do not overload the stovetop with heavy pots or large frying pans. If pots over 2 quarts are necessary, set up a separate grill with legs to hold the pot, and place the stove under the grill.
- ✓ Take empty fuel containers home for disposal. Do not place in or near fires. Empty fuel containers will explode if heated and should never be put in fireplaces or with burnable trash.

Flammability Warning

No tent material is fireproof, and it can burn when exposed to heat or fire. Follow these rules:

- ◇ **Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. NO FLAMES IN TENTS is a rule that must be enforced.**
- ◇ **Chemical-fueled stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches, or other flame sources should never be used in or near tents.**
- ◇ **Do not use flammable chemicals near tents: charcoal lighter, spray paint, or insect repellent, etc.**
- ◇ **Be careful when using electricity and lighting in tents.**
- ◇ **Always extinguish cooking and campfires properly.**
- ◇ **Obey all fire laws, ordinances, and regulations.**
- ◇ **Keep informed on a daily basis of your camp's fire danger.**
- ◇ **Keep cans of water and dirt next to your tent at all times.**

Camp Pico Blanco Emergency Procedures

In the case of most emergencies the air horn will be sounded. THE SIGNAL IS ONE LONG BLAST FOLLOWED BY TWO SHORT ONES. In case this is sounded, troops need to assemble at the central parade grounds. All leaders will need to have everyone present and accounted for. The following situations may be the case:

- 1. Fires-** Fires are the greatest hazard to Pico Blanco. In the event of a fire, we will follow the fireguard plan as outlined.
- 2. Severe Storms-** Storms are unlikely this time of year. If there are high winds, you should seek shelter as much as possible, especially from the possibility of falling trees. If a storm occurs, all persons in camp will be instructed to go to the dining hall.
- 3. Flood-** There is very little likelihood of floods at this time of the year, but in case of heavy rains in the watershed area, staff and campers would be instructed to move to higher ground, especially campsites which are located along the Little Sur River.
- 4. Major Accidents and Health Emergencies-** There are medical personnel in camp in case of a medical emergency. The camp director must be notified immediately of any major medical emergency that may occur in camp. The Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula and the West Med Ambulance Service are our points of contact for additional medical support.
- 5. Lost Camper-** In the event of a lost camper report, a staff team will be immediately assembled to check the camper's campsite and immediate area, as well as any last known locations. In the event that the camper is not

found, staff teams will be sent to search upstream, downstream, and in the camp area. The waterfront staff will also begin a lost swimmers drill. In the event that the camper is still not located, the camp may be assembled at the parade grounds in order to account for all persons in camp. The Monterey County Search and Rescue Team and other rescue units would be called to assist.

6. Earthquake- In the event of a severe earthquake causing damage to facilities or forest landscape, the camp will be assembled at the parade grounds and all persons in camp would be accounted for.

7. Youth Protection- All cases of child abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, physical abuse or emotional abuse shall be reported to the camp director immediately. An investigation will be initiated to look into the allegations of abuse. The Scout Executive will be notified immediately if cause further involvement is warranted. The Scout Executive will contact local authorities.

Camp Health

Health Lodge

Camp Pico Blanco Scout Reservation provides a well-equipped Health Lodge run by a qualified Health Officer. **All injuries and illnesses must be immediately reported to the Health Officer.** The Health Officer can handle most minor injuries and illnesses. Serious injuries or illness will be taken to a local medical facility where the camp has made arrangements for treatment. Transportation to the medical facilities is the responsibility of the unit, unless emergency medical treatment is necessary. The Health Officer will always be available and may be reached through the Health Lodge or Administration Building.

Please let the Camp Medic know if anyone in attendance with your unit has medical training (physician, nurse, paramedic, etc.)

Accidents

Any accidents, whether minor or major, should be reported to the Camp Medic immediately. Any cases of illness should also be reported to the Camp medic soon as possible.

Medical Forms

On arrival in camp, everyone is given a private medical screening by a physician, health officer, or other adult approved by the camp physician. The camp director and unit leaders are informed of campers with limitations so that the appropriate staff members are alerted.

Health histories and records of required physical examinations for all staff members, leaders, and campers are on file while in attendance.

A current Annual Health and Medical Record, with Parts A, B, and C completed within the past 12 calendar months is required for all staff, leaders, and campers in attendance. Leaders, campers and staff without a current Health and Medical Record will not be allowed to stay in camp.

Medical forms are shared only on a need-to-know basis.

The Annual Health and Medical Record is required for participation in all resident camps and It should be updated no less than annually.

You can now access the medical record form on an interactive web page on Scouting Safely. Scouts, Scouters, parents and staff can download, fill in, and print it on standard paper, and can save an electronic copy for their personal files. The link is now live at:

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Part A: Health History completed by parent.

Part B: Hold harmless/release completed by parent.

Part C: Physical examination completed and signed by doctor.

Part D is a review piece for participants attending any of the national high-adventure bases.

Upon departure from camp, your unit's medical forms will be returned to the adult leader at checkout.

IF YOU DO NOT PICK THEM UP,
THEY WILL BE PROMPTLY DESTROYED.

Medications

Be sure to bring medications in sufficient quantities and the original containers. Make sure that they are NOT expired, including inhalers and EpiPens. You SHOULD NOT STOP taking any maintenance medication.

All prescription drugs (including those needing refrigeration) are to be kept in locked storage and in compliance with local and state laws. An exception may be made for a limited amount of medication to be carried by a camper, leader, parent, or staff member for life-threatening conditions, including bee-sting or heart medication, and inhalers, or for a limited amount of medication approved for use in a first-aid kit.

All medications and forms need to be available during the health screening. All medications for participants under age 18 will be kept in the Health Lodge under the supervision of the camp medic, unless otherwise stipulated by the participant's physician.

Dietary Needs

Special dietary need of Scouts and adults need to be submitted in writing using the **Food Service Request Form (provided in the Appendix)** to the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council office at least two weeks prior to arrival at camp. **Leaders should verify that kitchen staff has the information during check-in at camp.** Please include foods that can be eaten in addition to those that cannot. Scouts and adults may bring special food items to camp that can be stored in the kitchen.

Preventing Homesickness

One of the biggest challenges facing Scouts at camp is homesickness. This can be especially true for new or younger Scouts who may never have been away from home. A great way to prevent homesickness before arrival at camp is for families and unit leaders to stress the fun the Scout will have at camp with all the new experiences that are in store. It is a good idea for family members to avoid making comments about how much they will miss the Scout or how much the Scout will miss everything at home. At camp, the staff will help to fight homesickness by keeping the Scouts busy with fun and challenging activities. Unit leaders need to keep a sharp lookout for homesick boys and be sure to utilize the camp commissioner who can help with activities to keep the Scout busy.

Rest

An adequate amount of sleep is one of the keys to a great week at camp. Unit leaders need to see that the campsite is quiet from 9:30 PM until 7:00 AM to permit those who wish the chance to get at least 8 hours of sleep. There may be individuals who need time to rest during the day. Leaders need to be sensitive to this and provide opportunities for such time.

Final Payment Check List

All items listed on the checklist below must be turned in with your final payment or by June 1st, 2014.

- ◇ Total Fees Due
- ◇ Food Service Request Form
- ◇ Copy of Tour Plan please send a copy and keep original for your trip (For Out of Council Units)
- ◇ Proof of Sickness and Accident Policy (For Out of Council Units)
- ◇ Youth Protection Training Roster

**Camp Pico Blanco at the Pico Blanco Scout Reservation
41352 Palo Colorado Rd
Carmel, CA 93923
Phone: (831) 625-4202**

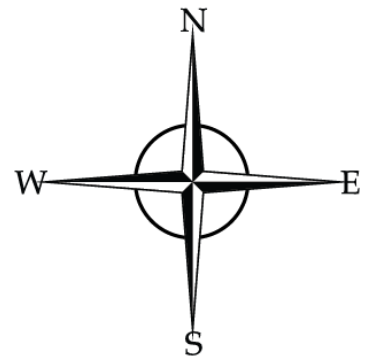
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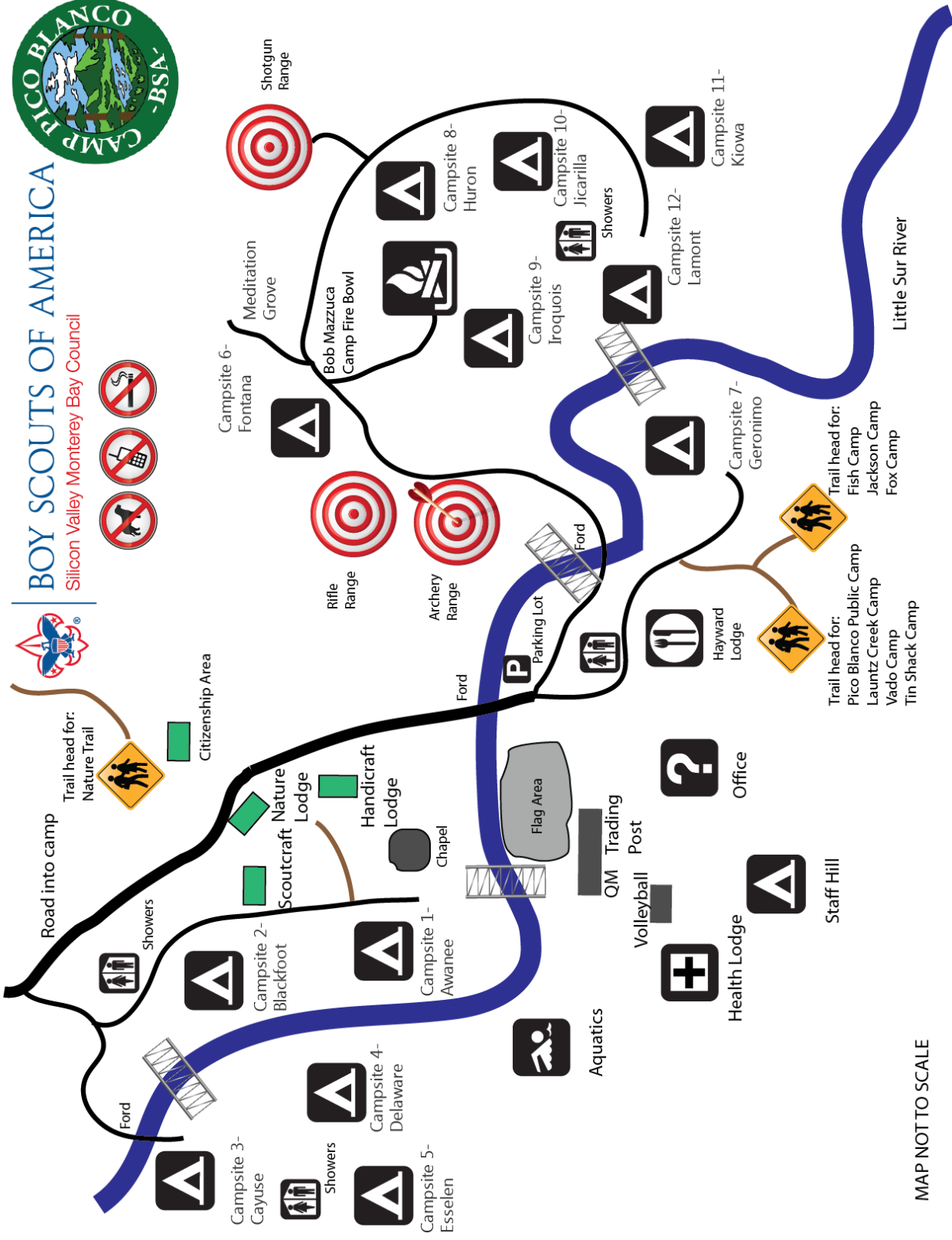
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From San Jose to Camp Pico Blanco
Approx. Drive Time 2.5 hours
Physical Address
41352 Palo Colorado Rd
Carmel, CA 93923





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MAP NOT TO SCALE

Camper Early Release Form

Who should use this form? ANY youth who is leaving camp before the rest of their Unit.

What do I do with the form? Turn it in at the Administration Building.

Unit Type and #: _____ Campsite/ Week: _____

Portion to be filled out by Parent or Guardian prior to arrival at camp.

Camper: first _____ middle _____ last _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State ____ Zip: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State ____ Zip: _____

Phones: Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Name of Person to Whom the Camper is released: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State ____ Zip: _____

Phones: Home (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Date camper is to be released: _____

Reason for early release: _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

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Portion to be filled out at camp.

Unit Leader: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State ____ Zip: _____

Proof of identity of person who camper is released to (filled out by staff member):

Date of Release: _____ Time: _____

Signature of Unit Leader: _____ Date: _____

Youth Protection Training Roster

Unit Type _____ Unit # _____ Unit Leader _____

Session _____

Adult Leader Names	Date of Training
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I verify that the above adult leaders have completed Youth Protection Training on the dates listed.

Unit Leader Name:(print) _____ Signature _____

Date _____

SILICON VALLEY MONTEREY BAY COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

THIS DOCUMENT AUTHORIZES PARTICIPATION BY A MINOR IN CERTAIN ACTIVITIES. DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM UNLESS YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE ACTIVITIES.

**PARENTAL FIREARM AUTHORIZATION FORM
CONSENT OF MINOR TO USE FIREARMS, AMMUNITION, AND B.B. GUNS & RIFLES***

I, the undersigned custodial parent or legal guardian of

_____, a minor, do hereby authorize the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council to furnish firearms, ammunition, and B.B. guns, as appropriate**, to the minor named herein for the purpose of instruction in the safe handling and shooting of firearms, target shooting, and related activities under the supervision of the shooting sports director, range master, or range staff.

I do further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Boy Scouts of America, Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council and all officers, members, employees, and volunteers thereof, from all suits or actions brought for, or on account of, any injuries or damages received or sustained by any person or persons by or from the consequences of any negligence or any act or omission of the above named minor occurring during the course of said instruction.

This authorization will remain in effect for said minor while participating in any Boy Scouts of America program or related activity related to firearms, ammunition, and B.B. guns or rifles unless revoked in writing by the undersigned and said revocation is personally delivered to the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council.

Scout's name: _____ Pack/Troop/Crew # _____

Parent's name: _____ Date: _____, 20____.

Parent's signature: _____

* The State of California has enacted legislation that requires the consent of a minor's parent or guardian before a firearm, live ammunition or B.B. guns may be furnished to the minor for the purpose of instruction in the safe handling and shooting of guns and related activities. It is necessary for you to give consent for your child to participate in the above listed activities. **Cub Scouts are restricted to using B.B. guns but Boy Scouts may use any equipment listed herein.

Parent Or Guardian Signature

Date

Relationship

(Reproduce for Unit use)

Forms Required at Check-in Check List

The adult leader in charge must have these forms ready to turn in or show the camp staff at check in.

- ◇ Up to date Unit Roster (listing everyone in camp this week)
- ◇ Medication Information Form (1 per each medication per person who is bringing any kind of medication to camp)
- ◇ Early Camper Release Form
- ◇ **A current Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A, B, and C completed within the past 12 calendar months is required for all staff, leaders, and campers in attendance. Leaders, campers and staff without a current Health and Medical Record will not be allowed to stay in camp.**
- ◇ Firearms/Archery Consent Form (**provided in the Appendix**) – This form must be filled out for each Scout wanting to shoot rifle, shotgun and archery equipment any time during the week. **If this form is not signed by a parent or guardian the Scout will not be able to participate in any of these events.**
- ◇ Tour Plan (Out of council units must have while traveling to and from camp)
- ◇ Youth Protection Training Roster

Please DO NOT mail any medical forms to the council office.

You must have these forms in hand for every person at check-in.

Persons not having medical forms at check-in will be asked to leave.

General: The policies contained herein are applicable to all campfires built in the Pico Blanco Scout Reservation. These include campfires made and burned during summer camp, those made and burned

during organized council Scouting events, and those made and burned during individual unit camping events. There are no exceptions to these policies.

- ◇ **Purpose:** The purpose of these policies is fire safety, and to ensure the safety of PBSR and all who utilize its facilities. Consistent with Boy Scouts of America values and risk management doctrine, these policies are also intended to promote the proper use and preservation of the outdoors.
- ◇ **Promulgation:** These policies will be promulgated by the following means:
 - ◇ Publication in the annual *Pico Blanco Summer Camp Leaders Guide*.
 - ◇ Inclusion in the *Pico Blanco Emergency Plan*.
 - ◇ Attachment to all applications for use of PBSR for special events or council events.
 - ◇ Attachment to all *Pico Blanco Year Round Camp Use Sign-Up Sheets*.
 - ◇ Publication on the Monterey Bay Area Council's website.
- ◇ **Applicability:** The policies contained herein are applicable to **all** users of the PBSR, without exception.
- ◇ **Policies:**
 - ◇ All Boy Scouts of America policies and guidelines will be in effect and complied with at all times.
 - ◇ Permission to build and burn campfires may be rescinded by the Scout Executive, the Camp Ranger, or the Camp Director, if summer camp is in session.
 - ◇ The guidance and/or direction of the U.S. Forest Service will be complied with at all times.
 - ◇ An annual "Pre-Camp Inspection" of the PBSR will be conducted by the Risk Management Committee with special attention given to ensuring the condition of campfire sites and/or "fire rings", and the clearance of overhead limbs and canopy above campfire sites.
 - ◇ The building of all unit campfires will be supervised by a qualified adult leader. Campfires built in the Fire Bowl or in training areas for scheduled summer camp activities or organized council activities will be supervised by a qualified adult leader or a qualified staff member.
 - ◇ Campfires will be conducted only in designated campfire sites, or "fire ring", training areas, and the Campfire Bow. There will be a minimum of one (1) campfire site per Campsite. Campfire sites are defined as rock enclosures one (1) to two (2) feet in height and approximately three (3) to six (6) feet in diameter. A "fire ring" is defined as a commercially constructed, metal fire enclosure anchored to a concrete base or anchored to the ground by metal stakes. To the extent possible, campfire sites and "fire rings" will be situated on level ground.
 - ◇ The area around the designated campfire site, or "fire ring", will be cleared of all fuels, debris, leaves, pine needles, duff, etc. to a distance of five (5) feet from the outer edge of the site or "ring" **before** the campfire is started. A "bare earth circle" should extend five (5) feet outward from the edge of the site or "ring".
 - ◇ Canopy and/or overhanging branches above the campfire site will be cleared to a height of twenty (20) feet and maintained.
 - ◇ A minimum of two (2) filled number ten cans or equivalent sized containers of water will be present at the campfire site before a campfire is started. At sites where a hose bib is available (i.e. the Fire Bowl), a hose will be available within ten (10) feet of the campfire.

- ◇ Before a fire is started, three (3) hours of firewood (fuel) should be readily available.
- ◇ Fires will be kept small. Fires with flames above three (3) feet are discouraged. With the exception of scheduled campfires conducted by Summer Camp Staff in the Campfire Bowl, large fires or bonfires will not be permitted.
- ◇ All campfires will be tended by a minimum two Scouts, who possess their “Fireman Chit” qualification, or by a qualified adult leader. Campfires of any nature or in any location will not be left unattended.
- ◇ Inflammables, pyrotechnics, and any incendiary substance will not be placed in a campfire, nor used to start a campfire. Only natural fuels will be burned in campfires.
- ◇ Whatever flammable item is placed in a campfire will remain in the campfire. Nothing will be placed in the campfire, lighted, and brought out of the fire. Stirring sticks will remain within the confines of the campfire site or “ring”. Non-flammable cooking items and utensils may be placed in a cooking fire and removed.
- ◇ There will be no running, games, or physical activities conducted within twenty (20) feet of the campfire. Persons participating in a campfire event should be seated in the vicinity of the campfire.
- ◇ Campfire sites and “fire rings” will be periodically cleaned and ashes removed from the campsite. The dumping of ashes in trash cans or within the campsite is prohibited.
- ◇ All campfires will be completely extinguished to a “cold-to-touch” status prior to the supervising qualified adult leader leaving the site.
- ◇ When vacating a campsite, all campfire sites will be checked to ensure a “cold-to-touch” status and the campfire site marked with a vertical stick in the center to indicate that the campfire has been properly extinguished and is safe.

Preparation and Review: These policies have been prepared by the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council Risk Management Committee. They will be reviewed and revised if necessary at the first committee meeting of each year.

Personal Gear

Units and Scouts must bring their own tents!

Be sure all personal items are clearly marked with full name and unit number. Adult volunteers, the camp or camp staff, or the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Clothing

- Uniform, uniform hat
- T-shirts
- Jeans (optional)
- Swimsuit and towel
- Pajamas or sweat pants
- Jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt
- Underwear (at least 1 pair per day)
- Socks (at least 1 pair per day)
- Tennis shoes
- Sturdy hiking boots
- Handkerchiefs
- Watch
- Swimming shoes

Camping Gear

- Tent
- Sleeping bag
- Ground cloth
- Foam pad or air mattress
- Pillow (optional)
- Daypack
- Canteen, water bottle, or camelback
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Compass
- First aid kit
- Pocket knife (need Totin' Chip)

Bathroom Necessities

- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ◇ Comb or brush
- ◇ Soap
- ◇ Wash cloth and towel
- ◇ Shampoo
- ◇ Deodorant
- ◇ Shaving gear
- ◇ Sunscreen
- ◇ Chapstick
- ◇ Non-aerosol insect repellent

Merit Badge Items

- Boy Scout Handbook
- Merit Badge Pamphlet
- Pens or pencils
- Notebook or paper
- Partial

Paperwork (signed and dated)

- Annual Health and Medical Record, No. (Parts A, B, C)
- Firearms/Archery Consent Form
- Medication Information Form
- Camper Early Release Form
- Food Service Request Form

Optional Items

- Camera
- Musical instrument
- Sunglasses
- Money for Trading post (\$40—\$80)

UNAUTHORIZED
*(DO NOT BRING THESE ITEMS TO
CAMP)*

Firearms and/or ammunition
Archery equipment
Fireworks
Illicit drugs
Alcohol
Electronics (*Radios, MP3 players, I-pods, Gameboys, etc*)
Cell phones (there is no service at camp)
Knives with blades longer than 3"
Fixed-blade knives
Weapons of any kind
Expensive jewelry
Animals— brought to or from camp
Underage siblings
Un-Scout-like attitudes

Open Session Activities

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Safety Afloat & Safe Swim Defense (Aquatics)		Adventure Day		Water Carnival
Leave No Trace (Nature)	Guided Nature Trail Hike (Nature)		Scoutcraft Games	
Climb On Safely (Climbing)	Scoutmaster Shoot-Out (Rifle Range)		Scoutmaster Cook-Off (Scoutcraft)	
Mount Pico Hike* (Hayward Lodge)				

Open Session Merit Badge Schedule To Be Determined

* The Mount Pico Blanco Hike is an extremely difficult and physically demanding hike therefore participants must be 14 years of age or older and be in top physical condition to enjoy this rugged, Ventana wilderness experience.

Adventure Day Activities

In Camp Activities					
Time	Shooting Sports	Waterfront	Scoutcraft	Handicraft	Nature
8:30 A.M. to 9:45 A.M.	Troop Shoots (schedule with Range Master)	BSA Lifeguard Training	Lash-O-Ramma	Open Crafts	Nature Trail Work Party
10:00 A.M. to 11:15 A.M.			Outdoor Cooking 101		(TBA)
11:30 A.M.	Set Tables				
11:45 A.M.	Assembly				
12:00 P.M. to 12:45 P.M.	Lunch				
1:30 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.	Troop Shoots (schedule with Range Master)	BSA Snorkel, Mile Swim, Open Swim, BSA Lifeguard Training	Orienteering Contest	Outdoor Paining	Captain Chipmunks: Leave No Trace 101
3:00 P.M. to 4:15 P.M.			Scoutcraft Games	Open Craft	Nature Busters