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EMERALD BAY - SUMMER CAMP 2009

Camp Emerald Bay, on the arresting island of Santa Catalina 20-miles off the southern California coast, is dedicated to providing experiences that build character, foster citizenship, and provide for personal growth through a challenging and electrifying program. We envision a world where young people are committed to improving the lives of family, friends, and community. We recognize the value of the summer camp as a catalyst for your troop's leadership to fulfill the goals and aspirations established for the year: as such, we want to play an active role in fulfilling your troop's needs.



A dedicated, enthusiastic, and well-trained staff pledges to work for your unit, providing a dynamic learning environment to help younger Scouts with rank advancement, merit badges and other exciting, fun activities. Older Scouts can immerse themselves in activities that are challenging mentally and physically through our High Adventure programs (to enroll in our High Adventure programs please fill out the Rugged Adventurers Application).

A keen effort has been made to ensure that the facilities and program equipment fully support and surpass the needs of campers. The Pennington Marine Science Center offers scouts a chance to experience over 200 species of sea life, view microscopic organisms, and gain insight into the challenges facing our oceans. The Solursh Field Sports Area makes the most of high quality Kimber and Mossberg military target rifles to support ethical and responsible gun use. The aquatics program is a diverse mix of multiple island sites coupled with a broad range of boating and in-water activities. The camp offers scouts the chance to overnight using canoes, practice safe motor boating habits, become a certified lifeguard or SCUBA diver, sail, snorkel, and just play in the water.



Camp Emerald Bay will provide Scouts experiences and memories to last a lifetime. If you are looking for leadership development, self-confidence building, advancement opportunities, or just plain fun with an emphasis on aquatic activities in a seaside location, Emerald Bay is the camp for you.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Thank you for your interest in attending Emerald Bay. We hope to be a part of your troop's summer camp experience. Due to Emerald Bay filling up very quickly the application process differs from most camps. We expect the application and registration processes are as simple as possible, but please pay attention to the due dates and time schedules.

Myths of Emerald Bay Registration:

1. Emerald Bay always fills up. Not True, most of our weeks reach capacity, but if a unit is flexible in dates we can usually find room towards the beginning and end of the season.

2. Units must first attend Camp Whitsett. Not True, this may help by allowing registration in the second wave (as with any WLACC Camp), but is not a requirement in its own right.

2009 CAMP SESSIONS

Session EB 1 : June 7 - 13	Session EB 2 : June 14 - June 20	Session EB 3 : June 21 - June 27
Session EB 4 : June 28 - July 4	Session EB 5 : July 5 - July 11	Session EB 6 : July 13 - July 18
Session EB 7 : July 26 - Aug 1	Session EB 8 : Aug 2 - Aug 8	Session EB 9 : Aug 10 - Aug 15
Session EB 10 : Aug 16 - Aug 22	Session EB 11 : Aug 23 - Aug 29	

Units check-in at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday and return at 2 p.m. on Saturday. Emerald Bay is unable to provide or arrange transportation to or from the island other than our standard Sunday and Saturday arrival and departure. Both leaders and Scouts are encouraged to treat this as a weeklong camping experience. Units that need to make alternate transportation arrangements for religious observation must contact the camping office.

CAMP FEES

Camp Fee: \$499 for Western Los Angeles County Council units Adult rate \$324
\$539 for out-of-council units Adult rate \$349

You must have a minimum of 2 adults for your troop to attend camp. All adult leaders pay the rate listed above (There are no partial-week rates: but, adults may split the week). Camp fees include round trip transportation on the scheduled Sunday departure and Saturday return. There is no discount for alternate travel to and/or from camp. We do not provide transportation for any day or time, other than those listed.

Camperships: Financial aid is available for youths in need. Applications are available for Western Los Angeles County Council units. For more information please contact the camping department.

2009 RESERVATION SCHEDULE

Western Los Angeles County Council Units – Online application will begin for WLACC units starting at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 26, 2008. All reservations filled on a first come first served basis.

Summer Camp Units – Online application will begin for units who attended any of WLACC's summer camps in 2008 starting 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 10, 2008. All reservations filled on a first come first served basis.

All Other Units – Online application for all other units will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, October 24, 2008. All other unit reservations will be filled on a first come first served basis.

1. Applications will only be accepted online. Paper applications are not available.
2. If you experience any problems with our online system please email camping@bsa-la.org

PLEASE NOTE: WE DO NOT ACCEPT WALK- IN RESERVATIONS.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

DEPOSIT - A non-refundable non-transferable deposit of \$300.00 is required to Apply (Returned if no space available). The deposit is applied to the final payment, not to individual Scouts.

PAYMENTS - A total of 3 payments are made before arrival in camp. The payments are based on the total number of campers not the individuals. Please pay attention to the cancellation policy regarding numbers.

January 7, 2009: An additional \$100 per camper attending (including adults) is due.

March 19, 2009: An additional \$200 per scout and \$100 per adult attending is due.

16 Days Prior to Arrival at Camp: Final balance due.

ADDITIONAL CAMPERS - Initial billing is based on numbers from the 2009 Application Form. Any increase or reduction in numbers must be submitted to the camping department in writing by one of the contact persons listed on the front of the 2009 Application Form. Scouts may only be added if space is available.

CANCELLATIONS - Each payment is based on the total number of campers, not individuals. **If there are any reductions in total numbers (Scouts or Adults) after each payment there is no refund for previous payments. Payments for cancelled spots are not credited to the troop balance if unit numbers are reduced.**

LATE PAYMENTS - A 10% fee may be added to any late payments.

It is most important that parents be made aware of cancellation and late fees right from the outset, in order to avoid complications later on.

ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE

UNIT ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE IS REQUIRED FOR ATTENDANCE AT CAMP.

This insurance is secondary to the individual's family medical insurance. Avalon Hospital requires that all campers must have a copy of the front and backside of their medical I.D. card showing insurance coverage. In the event that a Scout's family has no medical insurance, the troop insurance becomes primary. In this case, a copy of the unit insurance must be brought to camp and will need to be presented at Avalon Hospital for the Scout to receive medical attention.

PROGRAM

Camp Emerald Bay offers a wide variety of program choices appealing to the adventurous, artistic, technical, etc. nature of Scouts. The camp balances the needs of advancement with the wide variety of other camp activities. Patrol and troop development is also incorporated into the program, encouraging the spirit of team-work in a challenging environment.

PROGRAM FEES - Some merit badges and programs require additional expense.

MERIT BADGES OFFERED

Merit Badges offered in 2008 (May be subject to change in 2009):

<i>Art</i>	<i>Archery</i>	<i>Astronomy</i>	<i>Basketry</i>
<i>Bird Study</i>	<i>Camping</i>	<i>Canoeing</i>	<i>Environmental Science</i>
<i>Fish & Wildlife Man.</i>	<i>Geology</i>	<i>Leatherwork</i>	<i>Lifesaving</i>
<i>Mammals Study</i>	<i>Motor Boating</i>	<i>Nature</i>	<i>Oceanography</i>
<i>Orienteering</i>	<i>Pioneering</i>	<i>Pottery</i>	<i>Rifle Shooting</i>
<i>Rowing</i>	<i>Shotgun Shooting</i>	<i>Small Boat Sailing</i>	<i>Soil/Water Conservation</i>
<i>Swimming</i>	<i>Water-Sports</i>	<i>Wilderness Survival</i>	<i>Woodcarving</i>

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Special programs offered in 2008 (May be subject to change in 2009):

BSA Lifeguard	BSA Naturalist	BSA Oceanography	Mile Swim, BSA
Snorkeling, BSA	Kayaking	SCUBA	Mountain Biking

Details of prerequisites for merit badges and special programs will be found in the Emerald Bay Leader's Guide that is mailed out to all registered units by the end of December. Units are strongly encouraged to have all their Scouts complete Swimming merit badge BEFORE coming to camp.

SCUBA DIVING AT EMERALD BAY We offer ½ day programs for non-divers and local dives for certified divers at an added cost. All participants must be aged 14 or older (½ day program 12 or older)

HIGH ADVENTURE PROGRAMS Please see the Rugged Adventurers website: www.YouWillExplore.com for more information as all High Adventure programs (including week long SCUBA programs) at Emerald Bay require separate registration.

CAMPSITE ASSIGNMENTS

<u>SITE NAME</u>		<u>SITE NAME</u>		<u>SITE NAME</u>		<u>SITE NAME</u>	
BIG SUR	(28)	CARMEL	(24)	NEWPORT	(20)	DEL MAR	(24)
LA JOLLA	(56)	LAGUNA	(28)	MALIBU	(46)	MONTEREY	(20)
MORRO BAY	(32)	OCEANSIDE	(36)	PALOS VERDES	(32)	REDONDO	(30)
SANTA BARBARA	(26)	SANTA CRUZ	(22)	SANTA MONICA	(20)	ZUMA	(18)
VENICE	(34)	CORANADO	(12)				

Allocation of campsites will be made by the Camp Commissioner during the summer, based on final numbers (paid for) at that time. Your preference of site will be taken into account, as will other factors including payments being made on time, Scouts with disabilities, and your past history with the camp. Smaller troops may be required to share a large site. Larger troops may be allocated to more than one site. Choose a preferred campsite, which fits a REALISTIC projection of your camp attendance. Each site is set up for patrol camping, with platform tents that sleep 2 people. All tents are equipped with cots and mattresses. Each campsite is fully equipped and ready to go when you walk into camp.

NOTE: Site allocations are made a few days before units arrive. We reserve the right to move troops to a different site if needs dictate.

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Begin your recruiting efforts early. In accordance with BSA policy, Camp Emerald Bay requires at least two registered leaders must be in camp at all times. One must be at least 21, the other at least 18 (Venture Crew requirements are different. Please refer to their policies).

REGISTRATION

All participants must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. Unregistered family members, Cub Scouts, spouses and siblings are not permitted to attend. Family members wishing to visit during the week must make their own arrangements for transportation and accommodation at Two Harbors.