




## The Rugged Adventurers Commitment

We promise to provide you the opportunity to explore your leadership potential and threshold for high adventure. We promise to help you lead your peers through a week of challenging and rewarding activities through one-on-one coaching with our highly trained staff as well as the daily rotation of leadership responsibilities amongst you and your partners in exploration. We promise to develop your status as a leader of character through our cutting-edge ethical-choice making curriculum. We promise a fun and exciting week of Rugged Adventurers.

Take us up on these promises by going to ***www.YouWillExplore.com*** and clicking the  to register now.



## ***Let the exploration begin!***

An established and growing reputation as reviewed by the May/June 2007 issue of *Scouting Magazine*.

*"It's fun, and it's rugged, and you have a great time."*  
– Eagle Scout Jordan Sharp, 19 of Newton, Kansas.

**Boy Scouts Of America**  
Western Los Angeles County Council  
16525 Sherman Way Unit C-8  
Van Nuys, CA 91406

Camping Dept.: 818.933.0130  
Council Office: 818.785.8700  
[www.YouWillExplore.com](http://www.YouWillExplore.com)

**EXPLORE**



*Rugged  
Adventurers*

***www.YouWillExplore.com***

# Rugged Adventurers

Imagine a place designed for adventure: An island with deserted beaches, towering cliffs, jagged peaks, endangered wildlife, and breathtaking scenery. Of course, there wouldn't be any rain or humidity, and there would be almost no insects to speak of; just abundant sun, warm temperatures, and cool breezes.

Imagine what you might do in such a place: Scuba dive, mountain bike, kayak, snorkel, traverse rugged terrain, cross open ocean—all while leading your friends and working on your tan.

**THE PLACE: CATALINA ISLAND**

**THE PROGRAMS: RUGGED ADVENTURERS**

**THE RESULTS: UNBELIEVABLE**



## RUGGED EXPLORERS

The ultimate leadership challenge that takes full advantage of Catalina Island's spectacular adventure environment. Kayaking, mountain biking, advanced GPS navigation, war canoe overnights, team building, night snorkeling, leadership coaching, and most of all, fun! This is what constitutes the Rugged Explorers' experience. Rugged Explorers leave Catalina Island more confident and capable leaders, while the pride of their accomplishment never leaves the Explorers.

## RUGGED SCUBA DIVERS

There are few better ways to get your basic open-water dive certification than through Rugged Scuba Divers. We don't have a pool for training; that would be a waste of the world-class diving that begins at the shores of the Emerald Bay base camp. Dive boats from all over Southern California bring their divers to what will be your underwater classroom. You will learn the essential dive skills required for your PADI certification as you explore the kelp forests that consistently rank Catalina as one of the top ten dive locations in North America. You will have the opportunity to swim with sea lions, barracuda, bat rays, moray eels, leopard sharks, and the occasional octopus just to name a few. Get dive certified as a Rugged Scuba Diver on Catalina Island and dive the world over.

## RUGGED CANOERS

Navigate your crew's eight-person war canoe through ocean swells and breaking surf. Rig sails from paddles and catch favorable winds. Visit isolated island villages, spread out on deserted beaches, and stop in or speed by the tourist destination of Avalon on your canoe expedition around Catalina Island. In Rugged Canoers you will be doing a lot more than canoeing; you will explore all sides of Catalina with your snorkel, lead your crew to the island's highest peaks for panoramic views, and if you're lucky, drop your jaw in awe as thousands of migrating dolphins surround your boat and delight your eyes with their natural acrobatics.

## RUGGED OCEANOGRAPHERS

Catalina Island has far too much incredible diving for just one underwater program. In Rugged Oceanographers, you will learn about and explore all of Catalina's unique underwater environments as you earn your PADI Advanced Open Water Certification. Our dive boats speed Rugged "O" participants to the best dive locations on Catalina Island. You will learn and practice advanced dive techniques, such as precision underwater navigation, deep dives to a strange world where the light seems to have no source, search and recovery dives, night dives lit only by your dive light and the glowing algae that swirls around you, and much, much more.

