

# **CAMPING GUIDE 2023**

**WESTERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY COUNCIL**



# **GET OUTDOORS THIS YEAR!**

Get excited about camping in 2023! The 2023 Camping Guide is intended to help your unit or family determine which programs and events are best suited for you. It is brought to you by the WLACC Camping Department.

Are you looking for an all-inclusive family bonding experience? Cub Family Weekends at Emerald Bay, Whitsett, or Josepho would work perfectly. Looking for a new physical and leadership challenge for older scouts? Try Rugged E! Do you imagine camera angles, storyboards, and theme music while on activities with your Troop? Maybe you can join us at Camp Josepho for the Hollywood Experience. Emerald Bay, Whitsett, and Josepho run year-round programs that are suited to youth participants at any point in their Scouting careers.

Experiences at these camps augment the programs that your Pack or Troop provides. They allow Scouts to earn awards that would be difficult to work on independently, they expose Scouts to new aspects of Scouting and the outdoors, and they challenge Scouts to become leaders. Like us on Facebook or follow our YouTube channels to see what's new at camp and keep in touch.

Finally, you can sign up for the monthly camping newsletter at [www.bsa-la.org](http://www.bsa-la.org) to receive articles about camp, notifications of upcoming events or deadlines, and even recipes and packing tips. See you at camp!

Sincerely,  
The WLACC Camping Team



# 2023 CAMPING CALENDAR

## SCOUTS BSA AT EMERALD BAY

Week 1: June 11- June 17, 2023

Week 2: June 18- June 24, 2023

Week 3: June 25-July 1, 2023

Week 4: July 2-July 8, 2023

Week 5: July 9-July 15, 2023: Rugged Programs Only\*

Week 6: July 16- July 22, 2023

Week 7: July 23-July 29, 2023

Week 8: July 30-August 5, 2023

Week 9: August 6-August 12, 2023

## CUBS AT EMERALD BAY

March 17-19, 2023: Spring Cub Scout Adventure Weekend

August 6-9, 2023: Cub Scout Summer Adventure

October 20-22, 2023: Fall Cub Scout Adventure Weekend

October 27-29, 2023: Halloween All-Scouting Family Weekend

## CUBS AT WHITSETT

July 5-8, 2023. Webelos Resident Camp

July 19-22, 2023. Cub Family Camp

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## SCOUTS BSA AT JOSEPHO

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Week 2: July 2-July 8, 2023

Week 3: July 9-July 15, 2023

Week 4: July 16-July 22, 2023

## CUBS AT JOSEPHO

Spring Family Camp – March 24-26, 2023

Summer Adventure – Week 1: July 23-26, 2023

Summer Adventure – Week 2: July 26-29, 2023

Fall Family Camp – November 3-5, 2023





# CAMP JOSEPHO







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Camp Josepho, nestled in the canyon off of Sunset Blvd in the Pacific Palisades, is a true escape from the hustle and bustle of Los Angeles. Although you can find the traditional summer camp activities like hiking, swimming, and star gazing, Josepho is built around the theme "where dreamers become makers". Scouts get to explore our Invention Lab and create their own unique designs using 3D printers and engraving machines.

## CUB SCOUT EVENTS

Spring Family Camp – March 24th-26th

Summer Adventure – July 23rd-26th

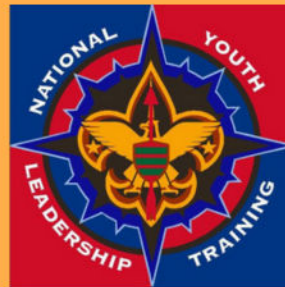
Summer Adventure – July 26th-29th

Fall Family Camp – November 3rd-5th

## NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

National Youth Leadership Training is the highest level of local council training available to Youth in the BSA. Scouts will learn how to effectively lead their Troops using the patrol method, outdoor skills, and teambuilding skills.

June 11-16, 2023



# CAMP JOSEPHO IS BACK FOR SCOUTSBSA SUMMER!



**WEEK 1: JUNE 25-JULY 1**

**WEEK 2: JULY 2-JULY 8**

**WEEK 3: JULY 9-JULY 15**

**WEEK 4: JULY 16-JULY 22**

Camp Josepho offers more than the traditional summer camp experience, allowing Scouts aged 11-17 to explore more than the abundant nature around them. The summer camp program is built around the Merit Badge Cluster program, where 4-5 Merit Badges are intertwined in a week-long course to best understand the nuances of each badge. The lesson plans were designed by experts in the field and many of the courses have guest speakers in the related industries to expand more on the importance of their studies.

In Hollywood Experience, Scouts will learn Moviemaking, Animation, Photography, and Communication while creating a short promotional video. In Innovation, Scouts will build a robot while covering topics from Programming, Robotics, Electricity, and Electronics. While exploring the outdoors, Nature Scouts will learn Forestry, Nature, Soil and Water Conservation, and Wilderness Survival. Learning the environment around them and what safety concerns should be noted are some of the basics in the First Responder Cluster, covering Fire Safety, First Aid, Public Health, Safety, and Search and Rescue. New Scouts with little experience will be walked through the ranks as they cover requirements from Tenderfoot, Second and First Class, Swimming, and First Aid.





# CAMP EMERALD BAY





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## SUMMER PROGRAMS

Camp Emerald Bay is one of the premier Scout Camps in the United States. Emerald Bay has been serving Scouts since 1925. Emerald Bay offers 31 Merit Badges in Aquatics, Handicraft, Scoutcraft, Nature, Marine Science and Field Sports. We have Eagle-required badges such as Environmental Science, Swimming, Lifesaving, and Camping as well as unique badges such as Energy, Pottery, Kayaking, Oceanography, and Small Boat Sailing. Our program includes many opportunities for troop activities such as kayaking, mountain biking, beach cookouts, and local hikes. Troops also develop leadership and unity during the War Canoe experience where they snorkel, swim, and hike during the day, and work together to cook dinner and dessert in a dutchoven. During free time, experience the flora and fauna of our local kelp forests at the Pennington Marine Science Center and learn how to compost and conserve resources at our sustainable garden!

## CUB SCOUT SUMMER ADVENTURE

This new adventure for tigers and above will show Webelos Patrols, Cub Scouts and their parents a true Scouting experience at Camp Emerald Bay. The Cub Scout/Webelos Summer Adventure puts your Cubs on the beach, at the ranges and in the beautiful emerald ocean during four days of excitement. Enjoy Catalina and all it has to offer. Just bring a sleeping bag and appetite for fun, our staff will do the rest. Don't miss the boat this summer. **AUGUST 6-9**

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# EMERALD BAY OUTDOOR ACADEMY

## ENVIRONMENTAL LITERACY AT THE GEM OF CATALINA

Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy is a top-notch science, conservation, and research outdoor education camp located on Catalina Island in California. We offer a curriculum focused on leadership, character development, marine and earth sciences. Students that visit Emerald Bay are never ready to go home! The Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy is a youth science education program based on Catalina Island and operated by the Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America. Our mission is to inspire the next generation of environmental stewards through overnight science programs and Educational Outreach Partnerships. The Emerald Bay Outdoor Academy program is built upon the values and methods of Scouting. The objectives of Scouting are character development, leadership development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. These are integrated into our program fabric through Social and Emotional Learning, outdoor activities, and focus on environmental stewardship. In addition, students participate in activities in their Animal Groups, which is our version of the Scouting Patrol Method. Students also learn how to join Scouting when they return home.







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## WHITSETT WEBELOS RESIDENT CAMP

Webelos Resident Camp is a four-day weekend that immerses Webelos in Scout level adventure! Earn Advancement Pins while participating in classic Cub Scout activities like BB Guns, Archery, Swimming, Campfire, and Camp-wide games in the majestic Sequoias. This experience will acclimatize Webelos to regular summer camp in peak season. Visit [www.campwhitsett.org](http://www.campwhitsett.org) for more! ***July 5th- July 8th, 2023***

## SUMMER PROGRAMS

Standing in the shadows of the Giant Sequoias, Camp Whitsett has operated continuously in the Sequoia National Monument since 1947. It is just an easy drive from the renowned "Trail of 100 Giants" and boasts exclusive access to Lake Ida (with its excellent trout stock) and Sentinel Peak. Whitsett's summer program is home to 35 outdoor merit badges, including Astronomy, Climbing, Canoeing and several Eagle-required badges.

Our setting is perfectly suited to California mountain adventure sports. Join us for Whitewater rafting on the mighty Kern River, high-flying COPE ropes courses, and unforgettable hikes and mountain bike rides. Scouts that attend camp can opt for a day of Whitewater. Our new Wolverton-Robbins Nature Lodge focuses on the natural history and ecology of the Sequoia Forest and the history of human settlement in the area. Scouts looking for a really unique trip can spend a week on a horse packing trip in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

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## **CUB SCOUT DAY CAMP**

What does it take to wear out hundreds of cub scout- age boys and girls with boundless energy and a penchant for adventure? It's not an epic sugar crash or extra servings of tryptophan-laden turkey at dinner... it's a week of Cub Scout Day Camp! Each day at your local Day Camp is brimming with activities, games, sports, woodworking, skits, songs, BB Gun shooting, Archery, and much more! Your child will come home tired, dirty, hungry, and thrilled for the next day at Cub Scout Day Camp!

# **CUB SCOUTS**



## **DAY CAMP SCHEDULE**

Camp Verdugo Oaks (Santa Clarita Valley)  
July 10– July 14, 2023

St. Mel Parish ( San Fernando Valley)  
TBD

\*Locations and dates subject to change\*

## **CAMP JOSEPHO CUB FAMILY WEEKEND**

Cub Family Weekends are a fantastic opportunity to bond with your Cub Scout in a one-to-one camping environment. Join us in the Spring or Fall at Camp Josepho for a weekend full of outdoor Cub Scout activities like BB Guns, Archery, crafts, cooking, and more! For more information and to register by clicking the link in the header.

**March 24 -26, 2023 | November 3 -5, 2023**



# CUB SCOUTS

## **CAMP EMERALD BAY FAMILY WEEKEND**

Bring the whole family out to Emerald Bay for a weekend of Cub Scout activities and island fun. Pet sharks at the Pennington Marine Science Center, snorkel in Kelp Forests, and explore neighboring coves and beaches. Tent or cabin camping available.

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**JULY 5-8**

## **JOSEPHO SUMMER ADVENTURE**

Where dreamers become makers! Cub Scouts are invited to tent camp at Camp Josepho, as individual families, dens, or packs. Activities include 3D printing, engraving, archery, guided nature hikes, astronomy star tours, and so much more. Parents, you'll be happy to know that rank advancement is offered throughout the jam-packed fun your kiddos will be having.

**JULY 23-26, | JULY 26-29**

## **CAMP WHITSETT FAMILY CAMP**

The Whitsett Cub Family Weekend has hosted Scouting families up at Camp Whitsett for generations. Bring the entire family for a mountain weekend to close out summer.

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# **FACILITIES & RENTALS**

## **FACILITY RENTALS**

You can host your next event at Camp Emerald Bay, Camp Whitsett or Camp Josepho, even if it's not a Scouting event. For information on facilities rental rates and availability, email [camping@bsa-la.org](mailto:camping@bsa-la.org) or visit the camp's website.

## **WOODBADGE**

Wood badge is the highest level of training available to adult leaders. They will learn outdoor skills, leadership, and how to effectively apply the patrol method to their home units. No matter your leadership position or experience there's something for you. Adult leaders from Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Cub Scouting are all welcome.

## **CAMPERSHIPS**

No Scout should be deterred from attending camp for financial reasons, which is why we actively promote our camperships programs. Paired with troop fundraising, these should put the cost of camp within reach of any family. Each of our camp websites has a downloadable Campership form.

Applicants will receive a response no sooner than mid-February

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