NorCal Artic Adventure

November 21 – 25, 2020
December 27 – 31, 2020

NorCal Adventure Area
15356 Oregon Hill Road
Dobbins, CA
Welcome to Winter Camp in Northern California!

Dear Scouts and Scouters:

Welcome to the NorCal Arctic Adventure, the winter adventure at the NorCal Adventure Area. We are excited to have you as a part of the Arctic Adventure and have a tremendous facility available for you and your unit.

Many activities await you and your Scouts at NorCal! The thrill of experiencing Northern California’s natural beauty, finding yourself a new hobby or thrill, and immersing yourself in the fellowship of Scouting are a few of the adventures you’ll find. Leaders, whether on board for the entire session or just one night will also have plenty to enjoy.

Our camp staff is committed to providing the best possible experience. Our priority is to exceed your expectations on program, facilities, and service but we didn’t want to wait to roll out this amazing program while we complete NorCal! The staff has been carefully selected and trained to assist you. They are ready to help at any time.

NorCal Arctic Adventure is a true winter camp experience. Please take time to read this guide from cover to cover, absorb the information in it, and share it with your adult and junior leaders. This program is the premier winter camp in Northern California. Please take time to prepare for your winter adventure.

If you have any questions, special needs, or comments please feel free to contact us. We will be happy to work with your troop in any way we can. Again, we are glad to have you on board as a part of the NorCal Adventure Area experience.

Yours in Scouting,

Laura Lovell
Director of Camping
PLANNING INFORMATION

Winter Camp Details:

DATES: November 21 – November 25

December 27 - December 31

LOCATION: NorCal Adventure Area
15356 Oregon Hill Road
Dobbins, CA

RESERVATION DEPOSIT: $250.00 per unit

CAMP FEES: The basic camp fee includes campsite with pit latrine & shower facilities, eleven meals, nightly and program supplies & activities (excluding handicraft kits and adventure fees).

The deposit will be counted toward fees. 100% of fees is due by three weeks before camp. The following fee schedule is required for all troops:

- $50.00 Deposit due at time of registration
- $200.00 per Scout & $125.00 per adult due for Session 1 by November 6th and due for Session 2 by December 6th

Reservation Information:

Make a reservation by visiting camping@gec-bsa.org to complete the registration form and make your deposit of $50. Reservations must also include a projected number of adults, and youth that will be attending.

This is a tent camping only event until more Adirondacks are built at NorCal. Campsites may have more than one unit assigned to them. Campsites will be assigned by size of unit and size of campsite.
All campsites have access to pat latrine facilities. There is limited availability of electricity, therefore individuals requiring electricity for medical purposes (i.e. CPAP) may be separated from their unit. Reservation assistance available by calling 916-333-5434 or emailing camping@gec-bsa.org

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**Provisional Scouts**

Scouts may attend the NorCal Arctic Adventure on an individual basis as Provisional Scouts. Provisional Scouts will be provided with experienced adult leadership so that they can participate fully in the camp experience. Provisional Scouts must provide certification that they have accident/sickness insurance coverage. Provisional parent/child groups are also common. Sign-up for provisional Scouts must be done by contacting the camping department at 916-333-5434 or emailing camping@gec-bsa.org.

**If your unit is willing to host provisional Scouts during camp, please let us know.**

**Refunds**

Any overpayment of camp fees will be documented at check-in to camp. A check for the overpayment will be mailed from the Council Service Center. We are not permitted to issue refunds from camp. Please note our refund policy and make sure you let us know timely when your numbers change for camp so as to not forfeit any funds paid for campers that are unable to attend.

Reservation deposits are non-refundable but are applied 100% to camping fees.
cancellations made within three weeks of camp will be refunded 100%. Individual cancellations made within two weeks of camp will be refunded 75%. Individual cancellations made within one week of camp will be refunded 50%. No refunds will be made for cancellations after camp begins.

Registration and Insurance
Out of Council Troops must provide proof that they have troop and/or council accident/sickness insurance coverage. Accident/Sickness insurance is not provided by the NorCal Adventure Area nor the Golden Empire Council for units not registered in the Golden Empire Council.

Patrol Method
All unit camping is done in the “Patrol Method”. It is the responsibility of each unit’s Senior Patrol Leader to organize and run the unit. It is their job to ensure the campsite is ready for inspection each day, to post the duty roster and fire plan, to ensure the waiters’ responsibilities are completed at each meal, and to attend the Senior Patrol Leader meetings. We expect the adult leaders to support the camp staff, guide their unit’s youth leadership, and enjoy themselves at camp!

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Legend for Course Guide:

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The next few pages contain information on our camp programs for the NorCal Arctic Adventure. Our curriculum has been developed through a unique collaboration of Scoutmasters, camp staff, and our council’s camping and advancement committees. We are proud of the variety of programs we are able to offer, and with the highest quality found in Scouting!

Winter camping is primarily about fun and unit bonding! Too often, younger Scouts create an aggressive class schedule focused exclusively on advancement. Please work with your Scouts to help create appropriate schedules that mix advancement with adventure and fun.

Many of our programs have age-appropriate suggestions. We encourage you to use these
guidelines when Scouts are creating their class schedules.

You will find that some of our class offerings include prerequisites. Also, in some cases, a merit badge must already have been earned prior to camp. For example, in order to take the Emergency Preparedness merit badge, a Scout must already have earned First Aid. We do not permit Scouts to take these classes concurrently; the prerequisite must be complete before camp starts.

Prerequisites listed in our program guide will not be covered in class. Scouts may bring proof of completion on these prerequisites to class for the instructor to review before or after class. Or, the troop may review these items toward completion of the merit badge.

Please encourage your Scouts to take a variety of courses at camp! We believe that camp is about outdoor adventure and challenge; a Scout only enrolled in academic classes is missing out.

Occasionally, we may offer additional courses when skilled instruction is available. If any of your leaders are able to instruct a unique merit badge course to completion, please let us know!

**Program Departments**

We will be offering courses in the following program departments:
- Aquatics
- Ecology & Science
- Handicraft
- Life Skills
- Outdoor Skills
- Specialty Program
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When You Arrive

Check-In will be held from 1:00-3:00 pm. All camp facilities will be closed until 1:00 pm; the camp gate will be unlocked at 12:00 pm but check-in will not begin until 1:00.

Your unit will be greeted upon arrival at the camp and met by the Camp Commissioner. Two (2) completed copies of your unit roster are required for check-in (see attached). Pre-camp health screening forms must be turned in immediately and one of the leaders from your unit will conduct a quick arrival screening.

One adult leader from your unit will remain to complete the check-in process. Your camp staff guide, unit youth, and all other adult leaders will begin their camp tour and proceed to the campsite. Before entering the campsite, an inspection must be completed. The camp tour includes a brief history of camp, visits to all program areas, and a dining hall orientation. We ask that adult leaders participate in this tour with the youth. The adult completing check-in will meet with the medical officer to turn-in and review medical forms and medications. The unit’s insurance information will be required at this time. Before being cleared to officially enter camp this leader will receive a program packet and other check-in information. Merit Badge Class Changes will be offered after the first evenings opening campfire. If we have to update our medical check in process due to CoVID-19 or other issues, we will let our units know as soon as possible.

An adult leader orientation will be held following dinner in the administration building. A Senior Patrol Leader orientation will be held following dinner in the dining pavilion (check schedule for times). These sessions will include a review of the schedule and program areas. One representative from every unit is required to attend.
**Checking-Out**

Check-Out is on the final day of your unit’s scheduled session. All camp facilities will be closed at 9:00 am on closing day; all units must be out of camp and in the parking lot by this time.

Staff guides will be dispatched to your campsite immediately following breakfast to assist with check-out. They will inspect campsites in preparation for departure.

All trash must be removed from the campsite and placed in the dumpster.

After the campsite inspection is complete, an adult leader must report to the camp office to check-out and pick-up all medical forms. Medical forms left at camp will be shredded at 11:00 am on the day of departure.

**Camp Registration & Class Schedule Registration**

All camp registration, payments, and class scheduling will be completed online through the link at camping@gec-bsa.org. Additional assistance with any portion of camp registration is available by calling the Camping Department at 916-333-5434. Merit Badge Session registrations will be available on Double Knot on October 15, 2020 for both sessions.

**Our Philosophy**

We strive to create the scouting experience of the year for every Scout who attends camp. Leadership, personal growth and development, with duty and responsibility are the key ideas in Scouting and are the basis for everything we do.

**Our Mission**

Provide a week long, life changing opportunity for every scout.

Above all else, we will:

- Ensure that every Scout has a chance for a life changing experience.
- Help build memories with friends, leaders, and family that will last a lifetime.
- Teach fundamental skills to each Scout and develop leadership, citizenship, personal well-being, and self-confidence. Create a camp program that is exciting, innovative, and meaningful.

**Medical Information**

Every person who attends camp must submit a completed and signed BSA medical form, including a current and complete physical examination according to the standards on the form. These forms are due upon arrival at camp; do not mail medical forms to camp in advance. All medical forms must be turned in using the Annual Health & Medical Record (#34605). Any person with an incorrect or out-of-date form will not be allowed to enter camp until they can provide an accurate and up to date form that has been signed by a physician.
Review your youth and adult medical forms in advance of leaving for camp. Give special attention to dietary restrictions and prescribed medications, family history, and emergency contact information.

**Pre-Camp Screenings:**

All units are required to complete a pre-camp health screening using our form (see attached) within 72 hours of their departure to camp. The screening can be completed by any adult who is 21 years old or older; it may be done via phone through the parents. This form must be turned in immediately upon check-in and participants that do not pass the medical guidelines will not be allowed to enter camp.

**Arrival Screenings:**

Upon arrival one adult leader will be required to complete a brief health screening with their unit and sign the arrival screening form. Individuals who are symptomatic, will not be allowed to enter camp.

**Outbreak Procedure:**

*Camp Outbreak Procedures will be inserted once our new CoVID-19 Procedures for summer camp have been finalized. These plans have been reviewed by our Council Health Supervisor, Dr. Adams Jacobs and will be approved by Yuba County before camp begins.*

**Hospital or Doctor Visit:**

In the event a Scout requires medical attention from a physician or the hospital the following procedure will be followed:

1. It is the responsibility of the unit leadership to provide transportation for members of their unit requiring non-emergency attention.

2. At least one adult leader from the unit will accompany the Scout requiring medical services and must obtain the Scout’s medical form before leaving camp property. Two-deep supervision is required at all times.

3. Parents or guardians will be notified immediately by the Camp Director or unit leader of any serious illness or injury. Parents not at home while Scout is at camp must advise adult leaders of contact information in the case of emergency.

4. The Camp Health Officer must clear all cases requiring outside medical care.

5. The troop is responsible for providing proof of insurance upon arrival at the doctor’s office or hospital, or pay cash for services provided.
PLANNING INFORMATION

Pre-Camp Checklist

_____ Review the Leader’s Guide with the Patrol Leader’s Council, Troop Committee, and Scoutmasters. Make notes and record any questions, then contact our camping representatives at camping@gec-bsa.org or 916-333-5434.

_____ Ensure that all youth and adults complete the appropriate medical forms, collect them and review them. **Do not mail medical forms to camp;** bring them with you.

_____ **Communication with Parents:**
  * Collect all camp fees.
  * Communicate time, place, and date of departure for camp and arrival home.
  * Communicate the camp’s address:
    15356 Oregon Hill Road
    Dobbins, CA
  * The camp is unable to receive mail.
  * Communicate the camp’s emergency contact number: 916-333-5434.
  * Give blank copy of medical form and deadline for them to be complete and returned.
  * Communicate directions to camp (or direct to website: www.gec-bsa.org)

_____ Registration payment is $200.00 per Scout & $125.00 per adult.

_____ 100% of fees are due 3 weeks before camp; Session 1 is due 11/6; Session 2 is due 12/6

_____ **Troop Committee:**
  * Arrange for necessary adult leadership, minimum 2 adults at all times.
  * Arrange for necessary transportation to and from camp.

_____ **Patrol Leaders Council:**
  * Develop a list of troop and patrol equipment to take to camp.

_____ **Individual Registration:**
  * Register each individual (Scout and adult) online using Double Knot.
  * Discuss class schedules with each scout prior to camp.
  * Register for Merit Badge classes using Double Knot (opens on October 15, 2020 for those paid in full).

_____ **Going to Camp:**
  * Final review of checklist.
  * Collect and review medical forms for signatures and insurance information.
  * Complete unit roster (2 copies) for check-in with unit insurance policy number.
  * Conduct pre-camp health screening within 72 hours of departure.
What To Bring To Camp

**Personal Gear**
- Complete Scout Uniform
- Sweater and/or Jacket
- Swim Suit (Polar Bear Swim)
- Long pants and long sleeved shirts
- Scout related T-shirt (3 minimum)
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Hiking boots
- 3 Season Sleeping Bag and pillow (0 Degree Rating Optional)
- Sweatpants
- Belt
- Socks (4 pair)
- Extra footwear
- Underwear/Long Underwear
- Gloves
- Hat

**Toilet Articles**
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Wash Cloth/Towels
- Soap and Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Comb/Brush
- Sunscreen
- Canteen/water bottles
- Day pack
- Alarm clock

**Troop Gear**
- Firewood
- Portable Shelter with sides
- Water cooler
- Propane stove
- Silverware
- American and Troop flags
- Troop library
- Troop first aid kit
- Rope
- Shovel and other tools
- Coolers
- Lanterns

**Patrol Gear**
- Flags
- Patrol Leader’s Handbook
- Patrol First Aid Kit
- Patrol Cook Kit

**Advancement Materials**
- Scout Handbook
- Notebook w/pens or pencils
- Merit Badge pamphlets
- Completed merit badge work
- BSA Requirement book
- Scout Fieldbook

**Other Items**
- Flashlight w/new batteries
- Pocket Knife
- Spending money ($25 average)
- Personal first aid kit
- Fishing gear
- Sunglasses
- Compass
- Camera and film
- OA Sash
**Leave At Home:**

- Hunting & sheath knives
- Fireworks
- Firearms and ammunition
- Personal electronics (iPods, game systems, etc.)

**Focus on warm clothes & layers**

**Average temperature is 54 degrees at Day, 37 degrees at Night**

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**Camp Rules**

As a Scouting facility, the foremost rules for personal and group behavior are the ideals found in Scouting. Beyond these ideals, the following rules are enforced at the NorCal Adventure Area:

1. Fireworks are prohibited.
2. Throwing rocks is forbidden.
3. All cars must be parked in one of the camp parking lots.
4. Alcoholic beverages and illicit substances are prohibited.
5. Closed-toed shoes must be worn at all times. Sandals may only be worn at the waterfront and at the showers.
6. All campers and visitors must sign-in/sign-out at the camp office.
7. Two-deep leadership is required at all times for youth. BSA Youth Protection guidelines must be practiced.
8. No thru traffic in program areas.
9. No running on trails, hills, or stairways.
10. Bicycles are not permitted (unless enrolled in the mountain biking program).
11. No one may ride in the back of a truck or trailer; seat belts must be worn by anyone in a moving vehicle.
12. Speed limit in camp is 9 mph. Pedestrians always have the right of way.
13. No extension cords are allowed except for medical reasons with prior approval.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Cell Phone Service

Cell phone service at camp is very good, however Scout cell phone usage is not permitted during merit badge classes unless instructed by Merit Badge Counselor.

Phone Messages

Messages will be delivered to the troop’s mailbox. In the event of an emergency, we will attempt to hand deliver the message to an adult leader.

Litter

“A Scout is Clean”. Trash must be taken to the dumpster; there is no campsite trash service.

Pets

All pets are to be left at home. Pets of any type are not permitted; including those brought by parents or visitors. Registered service animals are the only animals allowed, and must be registered upon arrival at camp.

Chemical Fuels Policy

For safety, knowledgeable adult supervision must be present when Scouts are involved in the use, handling, lighting, or storage of chemical fuels (liquids, jellies, or gas). All fuels must be stored in a locked container. Battery operated lanterns and flashlights should be used by all Scouts in camping activities. No fuel, lanterns, stoves, or candles are to be used in or near tents and camp structures.

Emergency Procedures

The camp has its own alarm system. It is important that everyone in camp be aware of the camp system. Some emergency equipment is in each site. At the emergency signal, all personnel will assemble in their campsites and the staff guide will be dispatched to verify the headcount and provide detailed instructions.
**Emergency Signal:** One long blast—severe weather, seek immediate hardened shelter  
Three short blasts—report to campsite and wait for further instruction

**All Clear Signal:** Ringing of Bell

**Uniform**

The BSA field uniform is worn for evening flag ceremonies, dinner, and campfires. Activity uniforms are appropriate for the remainder of the day. Uniforms must always be worn buttoned up and tucked in.

![Uniform Image](image.png)

**Ammunition, Firearms, and Related Items**

Personal weapons and ammunition are not allowed at the NorCal Adventure Area. No hunting arrows, ammunition, or rocket engines may be brought on the property.

**Fishing**

A limit of two fish per person per day may be caught and released back into the lakes (no license required). Fishing in the river requires a license.

**Lost and Found**

Lost and found items will be turned into the camp office. Leaders should encourage Scouts to mark their belongings with name and unit number. Lost and found items will be kept for 1 week after collected, then donated to a local charity.

**Smoking**

The NorCal Adventure Area is a tobacco-free facility. A designated area for Adult smokers will
I, the undersigned parent/guardian of __________________________ (Scout) authorize his participation in the Golden Empire Council summer camp program at __________________________ on ________________ (Name of camp) (Dates of Camp) including travel to and from camp by motor vehicle. I understand the trip/activity will be under the general supervision of __________________________. (Registered Adult Leader’s Name)

In case of emergency, I understand reasonable effort will be made to contact me. In the event I cannot be reached, I authorize the physicians or hospitals selected by the adult leader to provide medical treatment, including, without limitation, hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, medication by injection or otherwise, and release to the adult leader.

_________________________ __________________________
(Signature of Parent/Guardian) (Date)

_________________________
(24-hour Emergency Phone Number)

_________________________ __________________________
(Medical Insurance Co.) (Policy Number)
SCOUT OATH
On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW
A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

OUTDOOR CODE
As an American, I will do my best to
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation minded.

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