Mission and Goals

The Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement

To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Western Los Angeles County Council Vision Statement

We serve to support individuals, families, and community organizations by providing values-based recreational and educational program and activities that develop young people of character as defined by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

Camp Emerald Bay Motto

We build good people.

Camp Whitsett Motto


Camp Josepho Motto

Adventure as big as all outdoors.

Camp Administration Summary

TRICΔMP is owned and operated by the Western Los Angeles County Council, Boy Scouts of America. It is administered by a full-time Camping Department consisting of two Camp Directors, two Program Directors, an Camping Registrar and one Business Director during the summer months, all trained and certified by The National Camping School of the Boy Scouts of America. The camp is supervised by the Council Executive Board through the Council Camping and Outdoor Programs Committee.

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The Scout Oath

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my Country and obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all time;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

The Scout Law

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean Reverent
Welcome to TRICΔMP!

Thank you for choosing TRICΔMP for your 2020 virtual summer camp experience, known as so much more than just a merit badge camp. Knowing good things happen in threes, we have combined all three of our council camps and have developed three fundamental components to our program: Merit Badge Clusters, Social Interactions, and a Virtual World.

We offer this Leader and Participant Guide to help everyone truly understand the three main components of our summer and have a resource to reference throughout your whole experience from signing up, to participating in your week, until the after camp bookkeeping. Please read through this guide thoroughly and share it with your Parents and Scouts.

TRICΔMP will be utilizing Doubleknot for camp registrations. Troops and individuals will select their preferred week and choose the appropriate program for each of their Scouts through this system. Activities are geared towards the troop level, so we recommend signing up as a unit, but Provisional Scouts are more than welcome to join the fun.

Due to the Two-Deep Leadership rule regarding virtual meetings, if you are signing up your Scout as an individual and they would like to join our Provisional Troop, a parent or legal guardian must be available to attend the Campsite Gatherings each evening from 6:30-7:30 pm PDT.

All Scouts will be expected to complete the “BSA Cyber Chip” for their grade level prior to Sunday start date of camp, and all BSA Online Youth Protection policies will be strictly adhered to. The WLACC takes the safety and security of everyone seriously and will do everything possible to provide a positive online learning environment.

It is HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to experience this virtual camp in the outdoors as much as possible. To help orchestrate this, each Scout will receive a Hiking Guide and an Activity Guide that will get Scouts outdoors. If your local regulations allow and you can do so safely, we want everyone to camp outside the entire week! Get your Troop together for the week, camp in your backyard, get out, get active, and keep the adventure of Scouting at the forefront of your week!

**Summer Camp Schedule**

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Merit Badge Clusters – Social Interactions – Virtual World
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Youth Protection

The WLACC Camping Department takes our responsibility for the welfare of youth very seriously. Each of our Merit Badge Counselors and staff monitoring the virtual world will have Youth Protection Training Certificates up-to-date and on-file with the WLACC Scout Service Center.

Youth Protection Procedures

The following barriers to abuse within Scouting are used at camp to ensure the safety of our youth campers. We always expect everyone to follow these guidelines:

- All youth participants are required to show proof of an updated and age appropriate Cyber Chip.
- All youth protection policies still apply in an online environment. Ensure you always have two-deep leadership for online activities and meetings. Our ban on one-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth applies to all interactions – whether in-person, online, over the phone, or in any other form.
- All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents. The BSA suggests that parents take part in online activities and meetings.

- Regularly review and implement the latest security features of your chosen platform to avoid unauthorized visitors or other security issues in your meetings.
  - Each Scout will have their own login to the virtual world that must be on our approved guest list. When registering, the email address used on Doubleknot will be the same email approved for TRICΔMP. This will also be the email address that receives the Zoom information for each Cluster Course.
  - Meeting invitations will not be published in public forums and we ask that attendees do not pass along invitations either.
  - Our Zoom Meetings will have “waiting room” features to manage letting individuals into the proper space.
  - Private chats will be disabled, and all Zoom meetings will be recorded to ensure the safety of all youth.
- Please review the terms of service, safety and privacy features, and data collection policies of any platform you use, and review the [BSA Digital Privacy and Social Media Guidelines](https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/digital-safety-and-online-scouting-activities/).
Class Expectations
Our Merit Badge Cluster classes will operate with a minimum of 5 Scouts and a maximum of 25 Scouts, with at least 2 Cluster Instructors to ensure a quality program. Classes will meet daily Monday-Friday between 9am and 12pm PDT via Zoom. Some classes may require additional class time between 1-2pm and 4:30pm-5:30pm to work in patrols to finish the group project.

Scouts will arrive to the Zoom Classroom on time, daily. Anyone misbehaving, acting inappropriately, or creating a disturbance will be asked to leave the class. Zoom Hosts can remove a participant from the Zoom Classroom if needed. Homework assignments and projects will be submitted digitally via Google Classroom for the Merit Badge Instructors’ records. We ask that Scouts do not eat throughout the class and will be given bio-breaks throughout the session.

It is recommended for Scouts to work in a quiet place, away from distractions including siblings or other electronics. Scouts may be asked to wear headphones or mute their microphones, depending on the background noise and potential distractions. Scouts will be evaluated on their daily attendance as well as participation in addition to properly demonstrating understanding of the various requirements. Quizzes and homework assignments may be given to Scouts to ensure understanding as well.

Each lesson plan was created by professional volunteers in the related industry. Guest speakers will present various requirements throughout the week and can be available as networking opportunities for our Scouts interested in the career for their future. Each Merit Badge Cluster is comprised of 3-4 Merit Badges all taught in unison, so it is not obvious which requirement is covered when. This means that even if a Scout already has
one of the Merit Badges, they likely have not seen it presented with the overall theme of the cluster and will not know when it is covered in the specific lesson. We anticipate that Scouts who already have one or two of the Merit Badges in a cluster will benefit greatly and will have greater opportunities to work on leadership skills within their Cluster Patrol.

**Partials and Recordkeeping**
As you will see in the list below, some of our Merit Badges are not possible to earn start to finish in the week timeframe alone. Scouts are asked to complete the various requirements prior to their week in camp. If they are unable to complete the prerequisites prior to camp or do not complete the in-camp requirements throughout the week, they will be offered a partial for their week.

Blue Cards/Sheets will be digitally available to unit leaders at the end of the week by logging in to Google Classroom using their leader login. Leaders are encouraged to attend our Wednesday’s Leaders Lunch and Saturday morning Merit Badge Reconciliation to ensure all their Scouts’ Merit Badges were recorded appropriately. For any mistakes caught after the week of programming, unit leaders are encouraged to reach out to our Camping Registrar at camping@bsa-la.org to ensure the records are adjusted appropriately.

Please allow for a potential delay or mid-week changes to the schedule and course outline as we are all navigating this virtual world for the first time together and better practices may arise mid-way through the week. We appreciate your patience and are working to ensure all our youth are safe and the Scouting Values are used throughout the week.

**Business: Create a business model**

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<td>American Business</td>
<td>Time Consuming</td>
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<td>Research required</td>
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<td>Entrepreneurship</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Final projects have a chance of being submitted to Shark Tank for approval and funding</td>
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<td>Public Speaking</td>
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<td>Salesmanship</td>
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**Civic Involvement: Participate in a mock trail**

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<td>Crime Prevention</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Will need a pencil and tape for this project</td>
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<tr>
<td>Fingerprinting</td>
<td>Easy</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Law</td>
<td>Hard</td>
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<td>Study heavy, lecture based with group discussion</td>
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**Hollywood Experience:** Create a short movie

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<td>Animation</td>
<td>Hard</td>
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<td>Easy if you enjoy drawing and have experience with animation</td>
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<td>Movie Making</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Photography</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Must have camera that can upload to computer</td>
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**Innovation:** Make a robot from a kit. Students in this class must fill out their Innovation Booklet prior to the start of class on Monday.

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<td>Electricity</td>
<td>Hard</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>Material will be mailed</td>
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<td>Inventing</td>
<td>Hard</td>
<td>2b, 3, 9</td>
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<td>Programming</td>
<td>Hard</td>
<td>4, 6</td>
<td>Kits will be mailed</td>
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<td>Robotics</td>
<td>Time Consuming</td>
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**Entertainment:** Participate in a virtual concert

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<td>Digital Technology</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Easy if you already read and play music</td>
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<td>Music</td>
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<td>Theatre</td>
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<td>Scouts must read 3 full-length plays out of class time</td>
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**Podcasting:** Create a multi-episode podcast

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**Video Game Design:** Create a video game to play with friends

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<td>Chess</td>
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### Animal Studies: Learn the steps to become a veterinarian

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<td>Environmental Science</td>
<td>Hard</td>
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<td>Mammal Study</td>
<td>Easy</td>
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<td>Reptile and Amphibian Study</td>
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<td>Pet Care</td>
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### Environmentalism: Learn the steps to become an ecologist

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<td>Environmental Science</td>
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<td>Energy</td>
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<td>Soil and Water Conservation</td>
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### Nature: Learn the steps to become a park ranger

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<td>Oceanography</td>
<td>Hard</td>
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<td>Marine Science Staff available</td>
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<td>Sustainability</td>
<td>Hard</td>
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<td>Some requirements require record keeping for 14-30 days</td>
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### Public Health: Learn the steps to become a first responder

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<td>First Aid</td>
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<td>Requires second person in the room to practice skills</td>
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<td>Public Health</td>
<td>Medium</td>
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<td>Some requirements will be hard to fill during current times</td>
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<td>Safety</td>
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<tr>
<td>Search and Rescue</td>
<td>Time Consuming</td>
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Trail to First Class: First Year Program

Please note, because of both virtual limitations and the fact that your own Troop’s leadership team must approve all advancement, the following apply:

1. Not all requirements can be done virtually
2. We will not “sign off” on completion. Instead, we will offer you a report on what was worked on to show your Scoutmaster. You may still have to demonstrate the skills you learned to have Troop leadership sign off.
3. There will be no virtual Scoutmaster conferences or Boards of Reviews conducted by our Staff.

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Social Interactions
Throughout 2020, we have talked with hundreds of Scout Leaders who have shared the need to find activities for their youth to have real interactions again. Depending on your State and County during your week at TRICΔMP, we encourage you to get out, get active and keep the adventure of Scouting alive within your unit. If you are in a place that you can camp out in a park or backyard, we would love to see your photos! If shelter in place orders are still intact, we encourage you to build a tent in your backyard, patio or living room and post photos of your campsite.

Troop Activities
Troops are encouraged to sign up together and participate in the various activities throughout the week. Competitions and challenges will be presented throughout the week and units will have to submit their photos and videos to Google Classroom to compete. The top three videos/photos from each activity will be posted to the virtual world for everyone to see.

Songs and skits for the campfire must be submitted by the Sunday, the start day of Camp. Please have submission in by 5pm PDT. Troops that create their own Scout’s Own and mealtime prayers may be highlighted throughout the week as well.

Troops are given a Zoom Classroom (Pause and Reflect in Campsite) each evening where they can work on the various activities and competitions, check in with their youth and have a TRICΔMP representative collect constructive feedback in hopes to improve our program daily. If troops can be in person during the week based off their local laws and regulations, they are encouraged to camp together and update our TRICΔMP staff as they see fit.

Individual Scouts signed up without a troop can choose to join the provisional troop to participate in activities or keep their week only focused around the Merit Badge Courses. We ask that all Scouts provide a YPT certified adult leader to join the provisional troop to ensure safety for all our youth. This can be a parent or legal guardian or a registered troop leader. We will pair you with other Scouts and Leaders to create a new Troop for the week.

Themed Days

![Themed Days Graphics]

Spirit Packs can be purchased on Doubleknot to be mailed in the Camp-in-a-Box. Scouts are encouraged to wear Pajamas on Monday, Tie-dye on Tuesday, something Wacky on Wednesday, an old camper tee on Thursday, and Hawaiian on Friday. Scouts are also encouraged to invite non-Scout friends to the virtual world on Friday during the presentation time so they can show off what they completed throughout the week.
Program Planner
Visit our website for the Program Planner to figure out the weekly schedule:

https://tri-camp.org/program-planner/

Throughout the week, we encourage everyone to follow our suggested Program Planner. The only mandatory timeframes are the Camp Orientation on Sunday and the Merit Badge Cluster times Monday-Friday. Everything else can be complete at your leisure when you and your family have it available time throughout the week.

Prior to joining the festivities for the week, all participants must be registered in the BSA program. All youth campers must have an up-to-date Cyber Chip and Talent Release and all adults must be current with Youth Protection Training Certifications.

Camp Orientation must be watched prior to the week of camp. It will live in the Google Classroom for all to watch. The Orientation will also include a brief overview of the weekly schedule and walk participants through how to interact in the virtual world, upload photos to Google Classroom, and who to reach out to for issues throughout the week.

On Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday, there will be Zoom drop-in office hours for our staff to help with any additional questions and trouble you may be experiencing. Please refer to the email with the login for this information.

Sunday
Beginning in the evening is the Welcome Campfire, put on by the Camp Emerald Bay Staff! Suggested fire time is 7-8pm PDT. This is the first virtual world gathering experience and everyone must login using their TRICAMP email account.

Monday
Optional Morning Workout: 7:30-8:30am PDT
Join our summer staff in the virtual world as they guide you through a variety of workouts in the morning. These are recorded videos in the virtual world and can be viewed anytime within the week.

Breakfast: 8:30-8:50am PDT
We recommend everyone watches the recorded flag ceremony in the Parade Ground Scene and goes to the Dining Hall to see the meal schedule for the week.

Mandatory Merit Badge Cluster via Zoom: 9am-12pm PDT
This is where Scouts will earn the requirements for the Merit Badges they signed up for. It is mandatory time and participation will be graded. Bio-breaks will be given throughout the day.
Lunch: 12:30-1pm

This will be the first break from the screen. We want Scouts to eat with their families or friends when possible and to take a break from the devices during lunch time.

Additional Cluster Meeting Time: 1-2pm PDT

Free Time: 1-4pm PDT

Get outside! We want Scouts outdoors, following the guided hikes and craft guide. We ask that everyone practices local social distancing rules and keeps the values of Scouting in mind throughout their activities.

Additional Cluster Time: 4:30-5:30pm PDT

This time is allotted for Clusters to gather again, once they have had some time away from their screens, to discuss the next steps of their projects.

Dinner and Flags: 6:00-6:30pm PDT

We recommend everyone watches the recorded flag ceremony in the Parade Ground Scene and goes to the Dining Hall to see the meal schedule for the week.

Troops meet in Campsites: 6:30-7:30pm PDT

We encourage troops to meet in their Zoom provided campsites to discuss the day and share what each Scout was able to participate in. Zoom Classrooms will be provided for units to have a Staff member pop in and guide conversation, as necessary.

**Tuesday**

Everything from 7:30am-7:30pm PDT is the same as Monday.

Scout’s Own: 7:45pm PDT

Scouts are encouraged to participate in their own religious ceremony or view the one provided in the Chapel Scene.

Star Party: 8:30-9:15pm PDT

Scouts are encouraged to look outside and follow the provided link to see what constellations they may be able to see.

**Wednesday**

Everything from 7:30am-7:30pm PDT is the same as Monday.

Scout Campfire is put on by the Scouts, for the Scouts! Anyone that wants to participate in the Campfire must have their videos submitted by the Friday before their Week at 5:00pm PDT. We ask that videos are filmed horizontally and are between 30 seconds to 2 minutes long in order to save space for all Scouts. When submitting the video, please label it with your Troop Number and Hometown.
Thursday

Everything from 7:30am-7:30pm PDT is the same as Monday.

Order of the Arrow Retreat: 8:00pm PDT

On Thursday night, a social is held for any OA members from any Lodge. Just like in camp, we want to celebrate service and fellowship. To make this happen, we will have a “bring your own” ice cream social to our virtual gathering. You are expected to be in uniform with your sash! It will be an opportunity to see and hang out with the other members of the OA during that week.

Friday

Everything from 7:30am-7:30pm PDT is the same as Monday.

During the free time on Friday, the staff of the TRICΔMP will post and play videos of all the Camp Wide Games and troop competitions. The top three photos/videos from each of the week’s uploads will premiere in various scenes in the virtual world for everyone to ensure and view! Scouts are encouraged to bring a friend on Friday to join in the festivities and celebrate with each other! The friend can be a non-Scout, or a Scout not yet enrolled in the program.

Closing Campfire 7:30-8:30pm PDT

Scouts are encouraged to watch the closing campfire on Friday evening to wrap up the week.

Saturday

Scouts are encouraged to wake up early and catch the sunrise on Saturday!

Merit Badge Reconciliation: 8:30-10am PDT

This is an opportunity for leaders to let us know if there was a mistake with the Merit Badge Records. Unit leaders will be invited to a Zoom call on Saturday to meet with the various Cluster Leaders and share their thoughts on the program.

So Long Song: 10am PDT

Join our TRICΔMP staff in the final Zoom call as we wish farewell to all our campers.
Virtual World

We are proud to announce our Virtual World is supported by the Mozilla Hubs platform. Used for education and conferences, Mozilla Hubs is a great alternative to Facebook for getting resources and videos to our participants. Our virtual world is built up of nine common areas found in Scout Camps: Campfire Circle, Chapel, Aquarium, Parade Ground, Dining Hall, Waterfront, Nature Lodge, Trading Post, and Health Lodge.

Each of these areas was created with a fantasy feeling to try and capture the greatest qualities of all three camps. Scouts can create their own avatar and move around the virtual world at their leisure. They can click on videos and follow links to suggested activities. They can communicate with other Scouts via text or voice chat in a public setting. All Scouts are reminded to stay Scout appropriate and can be reported and removed by the adult monitors in each world.

Each participant is given a unique, secured login associated with their email address provided in the Doubleknot registration. Each Scout is required to turn in their Cyber Chip prior to participating in the virtual world. Each adult leader is required to turn in their YPT Certificate prior to participating in the virtual world.

Each participant will be given a Rules and Regulations booklet created by our Virtual World Designers. It is crucial that all participants follow the Rules and Regulations when interacting in the world to ensure the Scouting values are being followed, to see that all participants are treated with respect throughout the week, and to verify the platform is being utilized appropriately.

Mozilla Hubs supports all platforms, allowing participants to sign up on a phone, tablet, laptop, computer, or VR headset.
The cost of camp includes all the pieces of the Camp-in-a-Box, which will be shipped to Scouts at least one week prior to the start date of camp. We ask that when you sign up your Scouts for TRICΔMP that you fill in the address for the Scout so they can receive their box. Units are more than welcome to only put the Leader's address and distribute materials if they prefer.

All items are anticipated to arrive prior to camp starting, but we will be sending out the official Camp Patch post summer. Most materials needed to complete each Merit Badge in the Clusters will be sent out in the Camp-in-a-Box to ensure all Scouts have the accessibility to earn the requirements we will be teaching in class.

We are proud partners with the John Wayne Cancer Foundation and the Block the Blaze youth education program. Each camper will receive the 5 sun safe tips to prevent skin cancer, in addition to a hat, sunscreen stick, and informational pamphlets.

The Hiking and Craft Journal are available in either English or Spanish, so families can participate in the activities together with ease. The Video Game Design Chess Packet is also available in English, Spanish, Dutch, Indonesian/Malay, Romanian, and French, if a family prefers that to be sent to them instead.

A variety of surprises can be expected in addition to the above listed but may vary from week to week and program to program. We ask for patience with the boxes as they will be packaged and shipped by a dedicated team of youth and adult volunteers taking time from their normal day to make this program possible!
Participant Cost - $149 per Youth Scout (price dependent on cluster and week)

- Merit Badge Clusters
  - Innovation and Video Game Design have an additional fee for program supplies and materials
- Secure access to the Virtual World
- Camp-in-a-Box
- Access to all the activities for troops and individuals

Leaders registered with the troop will have access to the virtual world and the Zoom Campsite. Leaders must be registered with the BSA and have an updated Youth Protection Training Certificate.

Our Camping Department strives to ensure all youth who want to participate in one of our camping programs are not limited by financial restraints. Please fill out a Campership Application and follow the steps specified on the form if you have a youth in need.

We also strive to fully include all Scouts in all aspects of the camp program. Unit leaders or parents should contact our Camping Registrar for any Scouts or leaders that may require minor adaptations due to physical disabilities, learning disabilities, medical conditions, religious practices, or other special needs.

All participants in our virtual world need access to an internet connected device and reliable internet. We also ask that all youth complete an age appropriate and up-to-date Cyber Chip. Some of the Merit Badges require work outside of class or beyond the week in camp. Scouts can turn in prerequisites or leave camp with a partial and complete it with a Merit Badge Counselor later in the year.
Our Three Council Camps

Although we are proud of what we have created when asked to reinvent summer camp, we still want everyone to have the opportunity to come to our physical camps as soon as they are opened again. Please take some time to browse our camping websites. We love to attend troop meetings to present on the unique programming and special offers, so book one of our recruiters today by reaching out to our Camping Registrar, camping@bsa-la.org.
Frequently Asked Questions

Questions about Camp Schedule

Can my Scouts count camping nights with TRICAMP?
- Yes. Scouts are asked to send in photos of their tent, meals cooked outside, and outdoor activities to verify their nights for advancement and Arrow of Light. Refer to https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/ for specific regulations.

Do my Scouts need to participate in each of the activities on the schedule?
- No. Scouts are required to participate in the Merit Badge Cluster sessions daily in order to earn their Merit Badges, but the other activities are optional. We hope Scouts get out, get active and keep the adventure of Scouting alive by following our Hiking and Craft Guides.

Do we need to follow the meal schedule?
- No. Scouts are encouraged to cook similar meals to what we suggest so they can share it during the mealtimes and have one extra opportunity for social interactions. Posting photos of meal creations is encouraged for all participants!

Questions on Registration

Do you have to register with your unit?
- It is recommended to register as a troop or unit because our Camp Wide Games and Unit Competitions are built with units as the target. Scouts can register as individuals and we will pair them with a troop if they provide a registered unit leader or parent/legal guardian for the Troop Campsite activities (6:30-7:30pm daily).

When is the last day to register my youth for a program?
- Due to shipping the Camp-in-a-Box materials, we ask that all signups are in one week prior to the start date of camp. Week 1 registration closes on May 27, Week 2 registration closes on June 10, and Week 3 registration closes on June 24. Clusters will be capped at 25 participants, so a program may close prior to the week.

Can my non-Scout son or daughter join TRICAMP?
- All participants must be registered in the Boy Scouts of America, ScoutsBSA to earn Merit Badges and participate in our virtual world. If you have a youth 11-17 years old, we encourage you to sign them up to become a Scout and for TRICAMP.

Why do you have a minimum and maximum for each Cluster?
- We ask for a minimum of 5 youth and a maximum of 25 to ensure our Merit Badge Cluster Instructors can provide the best quality program. Each Cluster Patrol is broken into groups of 5.

What happens if there are not at least 5 Scouts in a Cluster?
- If the minimum is not reached, we will notify the participants signed up for that Cluster on the registration close date. The participate can either choose to transfer to a different cluster or roll their funds into a following week’s program.
What happens if there are more than 25 Scouts in a Cluster?
- A waitlist will be created for any Cluster that has more than 25 Scouts interested. If the waitlist gets to 10+ participants, we will work with our council volunteers to see if we can open a duplicate course to account for those youth. Otherwise, those on the waitlist will be encouraged to take another Cluster or roll their funs into a following week's program.

Questions on Merit Badge Recordkeeping and Reconciliation
Who do we reach out to if there is a mistake in our Merit Badge Records?
- If there are any concerns, leaders are invited to the Merit Badge Reconciliation on Saturday morning to make the adjustments. If they are unable to attend, leaders can send an email to camping@bsa-la.org to have the record reevaluated.

How will our Scouts receive their Blue Cards?
- Our WLACC Camping Department switched to electronic Blue Sheets in 2011 to make recordkeeping more streamlined. We will send out an electronic Blue Sheet Saturday morning for leaders to review.

Questions on Fees and Payments:
When is money due?
- We ask that money is paid in full at time of registration via Doubleknot.
Are there any extra fees?
- Some clusters have an additional fee associated for the extra materials in the Camp-in-a-Box.
Can I sign up for multiple weeks?
- The more the merrier! Scouts can sign up for as many weeks as they like. They can sign up for a different cluster each week. The programming will stay the same from week to week, so there is no discount for additional weeks.
What is the cancellation policy?
- Refunds are only given on a case-by-case basis. A letter requesting refund must be submitted to the Camping Registrar before the start date of Camp for consideration. Registrations are transferable to other weeks if there is room.
Is there financial assistance to families in need?
- Absolutely! Our Camping Department strives to ensure all youth who want to participate in one of our camping programs is not limited by financial restraints. Please fill out a Campership Application and follow the steps specified on the form.