

**Ventura County Council
Winter Camp 2023
Leader's Guide**



**February 3-5, 2023 / February 17 -19, 2023
Camp 3 Falls
12260 Boy Scout Camp Rd, Frazier Park, CA 93225**

General Information

WELCOME

We have a great program planned for your unit and intend to deliver a weekend of memorable fun and fellowship no matter what Mother Nature brings our way. This guide will provide information on the schedule of events, camp accommodations, how your troop should prepare and what you can expect to accomplish. We're looking forward to having you join us for Camp Three Falls is located in the Los Padres National Forest at the base of Mount Pinos in the northern portion of Ventura County. The camp lies approximately 50 miles north of Castaic Junction (Magic Mountain).

REGISTRATION

- All registration will be online on Tentaroo, which accepts payments via credit card at CAMP3FALLS.ORG/WINTERCAMP.
- Don't forget to have the *California Rifle And Shotgun Parental/Legal Guardian Permission Form* completed by the parent/guardian online before Winter Camp.

SCOUT SPIRIT

We aim for your winter camp experience to be positive, educational and most of all FUN! All units can contribute to that goal by ensuring that all scouts conduct themselves in keeping with the values of the scout oath and scout law during their stay at winter camp. There will be opportunities to help with various aspects of the camp program. Please encourage your boys to chip in and be helpful scouts when asked. Also encourage them to show their scout spirit through friendly participation in the various events especially the Saturday evening campfire! We look forward to seeing you here!

Our camp staff will be looking for signs of Scout Spirit from our participating troops. To that end, we will be entertaining a contest, of sorts, between the troops for: Best Uniform and Best Cheer (morning and evening assembly). Above all, we sincerely hope to make this "The Best Winter Camp Ever!"

It should go without saying, but....

This is a scouting event. Everyone (adults and Scouts) is expected to behave in accordance with the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Outdoor Code. Scouts should be exercising the Patrol Method whenever possible. We all should be following Safe Scouting guidelines. No alcohol, tobacco, liquid fuels, fireworks, matches, personal firearms, or other dangerous items are permitted. No pets are allowed. While electronics are an integral part of our everyday lives, they can be a distraction from the moment. Common sense would dictate that warm shoes are a good idea for winter camp but just in the event things are on the warmer side, for safety reasons, open toed shoes of any kind are NOT acceptable at Camp 3 Falls

CAMP STAFF

SESSION	HOST TROOP(S)	SCOUTMASTER(S)	PHONE # (S)
#1	Host Troop 642 Host Troop 689	Rich Rasmussen rerasmussen@sbcglobal.net	805-428-6089
#2	Host Troop 1808 Host Troop 1121	Diane Goodson scoutmaster1808@gmail.com	805-754-8004

CHECK-IN

Upon arrival, check-in with the camp health officer. When checking your unit in to camp, you will be asked to present:

- [BSA Medical Forms](#) Part A and B for all scouts attending.
- [Adult Roster](#)
- [Scout Roster](#)

HEALTH REMINDERS

If someone is not feeling well, they should stay home. Remind everyone to wash their hands frequently with soap and water for at least twenty seconds. Units must provide their own hand soap and it is strongly encouraged that each Scout have an individual hand sanitizer to use when hand washing is not practical.

FIRE SAFETY

BSA Camp regulations require all fuel (propane, butane, etc.) not connected to an appliance must be stored in our fuel storage building. To place fuel in storage, please mark it with your troop number and take it to either the Health Lodge or the kitchen, where a staffer will be happy to secure it for you. To get your fuel out of storage, simply return to the Health Lodge or kitchen, and a staffer will get it for you. No liquid fuels (kerosene, white gas, etc.) are allowed in our Council camps. In addition, no insect repellent coils or candles are allowed. Please use battery operated lights or propane/butane lanterns.

FIREARMS

Personal firearms (archery equipment, rifles, pistols, slingshots, ammunition, or any other type of firearm) are strictly forbidden in camp. As parking lots are part of camp property, firearms are not to be stored in vehicles during your stay at camp. No person is allowed to bring personal firearms for use on our ranges. There is no exception to this policy.

WHAT TO BRING:

Winter at Camp Three Falls can run the gamut from sunny and moderate to cold and snowy with any number of conditions in the middle. Units should plan for temps below freezing, January 3rd was 13 degrees overnight, with the possibility of snow and/or rain. Winter layering is the best way to prepare for colder conditions while allowing for comfort in warmer conditions and physical activities where shedding a layer may be desirable. Use fabrics whenever possible that stay warm even when wet such as polypropylene or wool. Below is a list of items that we HIGHLY recommend you include in your troop's pack list:

- *Tent, rain/snow fly, ground cloth*
- *Low temp (below 20°F) sleeping bag*
- *Insulating sleeping pad*
- *Heavy parka or jacket*
- *Thermal underwear*
- *Fleece or another mid layer top*
- *Water resistant shoes*
- *Waterproof rain wear*
- *3-4 pairs of warm socks*
- *Knit beanie or other warm head gear*
- *Warm, water resistant gloves or mittens.*
- *Scout Books*

Also, please be sure your Scout brings their Field Dress uniforms (Class A) for flag ceremonies and Activity uniforms (Class B) for Saturday's activity segment.

MEALS

Your camp fee covers Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast. There will be cracker barrel events both Friday and Saturday nights that will include various snacks. Please plan to feed your Troop dinner before arrival Friday night. Lunch to go may be available if your unit leaves camp for the day Saturday. Specific menus for each meal are indicated in the schedule table

CAMP FEATURES

In addition to the mountain atmosphere, Camp Three Falls has some unique features that, weather and staffing permitting, may be available to you during your winter camp experience, including:

- Rifle Range
- Archery Range
- Climbing Wall
- Fort Lockwood
- Mt. Pinos (a snow play destination if no snow at lower elevations).

If your troop chooses to leave camp on Saturday, we ask that you check out with the camp staff (SM or ASM) prior to departure and check back in with same upon return.

Camp Itinerary/Schedule

Friday	6:00 pm	Check In / Campsite Assignments
	8:30 pm	Cracker Barrel
	9:30 pm	Leaders Meeting in the Dining Hall Troop SPL, and one adult leader from each troop should attend. Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Program / Schedule • Call for volunteers for flags Saturday morning & evening • Call for volunteers for skits / songs for Saturday Campfire • Call for adult volunteers to supervise fort during Saturday activity sessions • Call for count of troops leaving camp on Saturday
	10:30 pm	Lights out, all quiet in camp
Saturday	7:15 am	Flags- Class A uniform required
	7:30 am	Breakfast (Dining Hall)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs and Bacon. Check in for Saturday arrivals begins (Dining Hall)
	8:30 am	Sack lunch materials are available for those leaving camp for the day
	9:00 am	Camp Activities- see Possible Camp Activities, weather permitting
	12:00 pm	Lunch (Dining Hall)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hamburgers, Tater Tots, Salad Bar items available
	1:30 pm	Camp Activities- see Possible Camp Activities, weather permitting
	4:30 pm	Return to camp- dress for Flags (Class A)
	5:15 pm	Flags- Class A uniform required
	5:30 pm	Dinner (Dining Hall)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spaghetti, Garlic Bread, Salad Bar items available
	6:30 pm	SPL Meeting- finalize campfire program
	7:00 pm	Campfire
	8:30 pm	Cracker Barrel / Movie (Dining Hall)
	10:30 pm	Lights Out, all quiet in camp
Sunday	7:30 am	Breakfast* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • French Toast, Hash Browns & Sausage Links
	8:30 am	Pack up / Check out- Please see Camp Scoutmaster
	10:30 am	Camp closed; all campers departed

* Menu is subject to change. If you have any food allergies, etc. please indicate in registration. We will accommodate you to the best of our abilities.

POSSIBLE CAMP ACTIVITIES

Morning	SUNNY WEATHER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capture The Flag • Hikes • Climbing Wall 	RAINY WEATHER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Game Round Robin • Charades • Whose Line Is It • Movies • Knot Relay 	SNOWY WEATHER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow Forts • Snowman Contest • Snow Hikes (Snowshoe) • Learn to build Snow Shelters
Afternoon	SUNNY WEATHER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climbing Wall • Team Relay Race • Shooting Range • Archery • Hikes 	RAINY WEATHER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movies • Rain Hike • Trail To First Class Skills • Indoor Scout Skill competitions 	SNOWY WEATHER <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snow Tracking • Snowman Contest Snow • Geocaching

HELMETS:

Please note that the Guide to Safe Scouting documents that unit members participating in sledding, skiing, and snowboarding are required to wear helmets (youth and adults alike). There can be no exception to this policy. Therefore, if your unit will be participating in one or more of these activities, please come prepared with helmets for participants.

MERIT BADGES:

Several of our adult support staff members are Merit Badge counselors and we suspect that some of your leaders may be too. As such, they have offered in the past, the following Merit Badges:

- Environmental Science
- Forestry
- Geology
- Weather
- Rock Climbing

While the time at Winter Camp is not likely sufficient to take one of the badges from start to finish, the location provides a great setting to make progress on those Merit Badges. If any of your scouts would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please send a note to the Camp Host Troops to see if they will be offering any merit badges. If one of your Scouters are Merit Badge counselors and would like to help, please let the Host Troop know as well.