

# Troop 648 – Summer Camp, 2008 – Information Bulletin

June 23, 2008

Summer camp is coming soon! This is going to be an exciting year at camp, taking Troop 648 to the San Diego-Imperial Council's Mataguay Scout Ranch (MSR) in California. The enclosed bulletin addresses many key points of information that parents should know about Summer Camp, 2008. **I will hold a quick Q&A session immediately following the Court of Honor on July 1, 2008 to cover any questions that parents might have regarding summer camp.** Or, feel free to email me at [jacob@jonesstudioinc.com](mailto:jacob@jonesstudioinc.com).

The following are key information topics to take note of:

## Schedule:

### Saturday, July 12, 2008

10:00 am Arrive at Blessed Sacrament (Loading Gear, Logistics, etc.)  
11:00 am Depart Blessed Sacrament  
6:00 pm Arrive at Mataguay Scout Ranch

### Saturday, July 19, 2008

8:00 am Check Out Mataguay Scout Ranch  
2:00 pm - 5:00 pm Arrive at Blessed Sacrament (We will call in with planned arrival time.)

**What to Bring:** Attached is a list of items to bring to camp. Please review.

## What NOT to Bring:

- 1) No electronics are allowed in camp. This includes radios, ipods, cell phones, game systems, etc. Any such items will be confiscated for the duration of camp. There is no cell phone coverage in MSR, so there is no need for "emergency cell phones".
- 2) Please do not send exorbitant amounts of junk food along to camp. It is acceptable to mail care-packages to your son, but think in terms of quantities that can be consumed in a day. There are animals in camp; we do not have any way to store food during the week.
- 3) No fire materials may be brought to camp. This includes matches, lighters, hot sparks, etc. Leave these items at home.
- 4) BSA approved knives are acceptable if you have your Totin-Chip. (Make sure to have your card PRESENT if you have a knife.)

**Uniform:** As always, all boys must have their full Class A Uniform for camp. (Pants, Socks, Shirt with appropriate patches, belt, neckerchief, and hat.) These will be worn while travelling, and during select events at camp. While not in Class A, we will wear Class B (Red T-Shirt) – We will have Troop Hats and T-Shirts available for sale prior to departure, if you need additional items.

**Money:** There is a trading post at camp, which has snacks, souvenirs, and merit badge supplies for sale. Please plan to bring around \$35-\$40 with your son to cover these sorts of costs. (Please review the specific expenses associated with particular Merit Badges, as shown on the Merit Badge form distributed a few months ago.) As always, the adults will collect and register ALL money prior to departing for camp and will keep it in a lockbox during the week. Boys will have an opportunity to withdraw money on a daily basis.

**Medication:** The Health Lodge will collect and administer all prescription medication while at camp. When you arrive on Saturday, please have your medication ready to check in to the adult leaders. California law requires that all medication be in its original container with prescription label attached. DO NOT send medication in plastic bags, unlabeled containers, etc.

**Communication:**

Emergency Contact Phone Number: 760-782-3768

Fax Number: 760-782-3667

**Mail:** Nothing beats getting a card, letter, or package from home during camp. It takes 4-6 days for mail to arrive at camp; it is advised that you send items prior to our departure, in order to ensure that they arrive at camp during our stay.

**Address:**

<Scout's Name>, Troop 648

Mataguay Scout Ranch

27955 Highway 79

Santa Ysabel, CA 92070

**Program Notes:**

**Mountain Biking Program:** Anyone participating in the Mountain Biking program must bring their own helmet. Bringing your own bike is optional; contact me in advance if you plan to do this, so we can ensure we have proper transportation available.

**Aviation Program:** Anyone wishing to participate in the Aviation Program/Glider flight MUST have completed both Aviation permission forms and MUST have \$40 to cover the cost of the flight. This cost is in addition to the cost of camp, and the suggested money covered above. DO NOT expect the leaders to cover costs/loan money for this expense, if you fail to plan ahead. (Cost for adults wishing to take a glider flight is \$65.)

**Merit Badges:** I have spoken to everyone regarding their merit badges for camp. Please obtain and READ Merit Badge books prior to camp. Don't forget, some Merit Badges have prerequisites. (Listed on Merit Badge sign-up form.) Ensure that these items are completed prior to camp.

**Rugged O Program:** All scouts will have the opportunity to participate in a “Rugged O” program which is an overnight activity program taking place Wednesday night. (Required supplies for this are addressed in the attached equipment list.) Some Merit Badges have a required Rugged O program, otherwise you may choose, (with a buddy) among the following:

- Stargazers – Hike out and spend an evening gazing at the stars. (Required for Astronomy)
- Wilderness Survival – Trek out and spend the night in a shelter that you have created yourself. (Required for Wilderness Survival.) Note: Those who have incomplete Wilderness Survival MBs from previous years can participate in this program.
- Pathfinders – Beginner course targets at those needing requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class
- Mountain Biking – Overnight Mountain Biking Trip
- Pirates – Aquatics based activity.
- Old West Adventure – Explore the barn and enjoy the evening playing western style games, singing songs, and telling old time tales.

**Merit Badge Bonus:** Railroading Merit Badge is being offered at MSR for our week only. Anyone wishing to attain this unique, 2-day merit badge may do so.

**Merit Badge Bonus:** If you are signed up for any of the following merit badges: Art, Basketry, Pottery, Sculpture, Leatherwork, Nature, Mammal Study, or Indian Lore, please note that each are taught as a ½ week session. This means that you will have an opportunity to couple with another one of these badges for the second half of the week. You cannot sign up for the second half until you arrive at camp, so think ahead if you want to participate in an extra Merit Badge.

## Personal Equipment Check List

**\*All articles should be marked with the Scout's Name & Troop Number\***

- Medical Exam Form completed & signed
- Sleeping Bag
- Small Pillow
- Foam Sleeping Pad or Air Mattress
- Plastic Groundcloth (for Rugged O')
- Pack or duffelbag (for Rugged O')
- Small Day Backpack
- Scout Handbook
- Scout Uniform Pants or Shorts
- Scout Uniform Shirt
- Troop Neckerchief with slide
- Scout Uniform Belt
- Scout Cap or Hat
- 3-5 pr Socks
- 3-5 pr Underwear
- 3-5 pr Undershirts or camp T-shirts
- 1 or 2 extra shirts (Scout related)
- 1 or 2 extra pants, jeans, shorts
- Pajamas/Sleepwear
- Sweater &/or Jacket
- 1-2 Towels, including one bath size
- Washcloth
- Hiking Shoes/Boots
- Sneakers
- Swim Suit
- Flashlight, small with new batteries
- Toilet Kit
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Hairbrush or comb
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste, small tube
- Dental Floss
- Metal Mirror
- Pocketknife
- Canteen or Water Bottle
- Sunscreen/lotion
- Personal First Aid Kit

### Optional extras

- Watch
- Mess Kit (Eating Equipment)
- Cup or Mug, Plastic or Metal
- Raingear/Poncho
- Camera & Film
- Swim Goggles
- OA Sash
- Clothes Pins
- Insect Repellent (non-aerosol)
- Sunglasses
- Compass
- Binoculars
- Work Gloves
- Notebook & Pencil or Pen
- Fishing pole and gear
- Mountain bike & helmet

The items listed above are recommendations. Scouts should also take into consideration what they may require for their merit badges, time in camp, and Rugged "O".

### Recommended Troop Equipment:

- 1st Aid Kit
- Hand Washing Station
- U.S. Flag
- Troop Flag
- Patrol Flag(s)
- Water Cooler with Cups
- Lantern
- Merit Badge Blue Card
- Current Merit Badge Pamphlets
- Rope and Poles for Gateway
- Clothesline
- Blue Cards
- Tour Permits
- All Camp Paperwork

***Mataguay Scout Ranch has a zero tolerance policy in regards to illegal and controlled substances. In accordance with BSA National Policy, Scouts and leaders found in possession of items such as alcohol, illegal drugs, tobacco (if under age 18), firearms, fireworks, slingshots/wrist rockets, and pornography will be immediately removed from camp.***



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