

Zoom Etiquette

- Please use the “Raise Your Hand Tool” for questions or use the Chat function
- Please be patient. Zoom sometimes reshuffles the screen order, so it can be difficult to keep track of the question order
- Please change your name to include the camp breakout you want to join

Summer Camp 2026 Leader's Meeting



Agenda

- Welcome
- Safety Moment
- Introductions
 - Council Support
 - Camp Royaneh
 - Camp Wolfeboro
 - Wente Scout Reservation
- Camp Procedures
 - Incentives
 - Refunds
 - Merit Badge Sign Ups
 - Leaders' Guide
 - Parents' Guide
- General Questions
- Camp Breakouts

Safety Moment

Don Kubik – Chair Enterprise Risk Management

NorCal Advance-O-Rama 2026

Join us September 18th-19th for NorCal Advance-o-Rama 2026!

Where: Contra Costa County Fairgrounds, Antioch

Who: for Scouts BSA members and adults

Why: To work on Scout through 1st class requirements and merit badges

NorCal Advance-o-Rama will be a fun-filled event for scouts and adults alike.

Scouts under the rank of Star will be able to work on a variety of requirements in the Trail to First Class.

A wide variety of merit badge sessions will also be offered for scouts to start, continue or complete.

Adults will have the opportunity to take training for Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, and Troop Committee.

For everyone, there will be a midway with information booths spotlighting organizations and events throughout the council.

Registration will open in early Spring.

Cost: \$65 per Scout until Aug 2.
\$75 per Scout from Aug 3 to Sep 7.
\$105 per scout after Sep 7.
\$20 per accompanying adult.

Merit Badge registration will open early Summer.

See <https://norcalscouting.org/advance-o-rama> for more information.



NorCal Advance-O-Rama

September 18-19, 2026

@ Contra Costa County Fairgrounds

Troop Registration opens April 15, 2026!

<https://norcalscouting.org/advance-o-rama>

Helpful Tips

Before Camp

- Show pictures and describe activities of camp
- Include Scouts in planning their days
- Address any fears of hazing/bullying
- Make everyone feel a part of the group

During Camp

- Immediately get everyone integrated into camp routine
- Ask an older Scouts and troop friend to help mentor Scout who exhibits signs of missing home
- Keep the Scout busy with activities that are enjoyable
- Encourage and follow up

Scouting Needs You

Summer Camp Retains Youth in the program

- Scouts BSA Retention has dropped almost 15%
- Cub Scout Retention is only 45%
- Over 94% of Scouts BSA come from Cubs
- The average Troop only brings 40% of its Scouts to camp
- 90% of Scouts who go to camp stay in the program
- We need to focus on getting at least 60% of our Scouts to a summer camp each year for Scouting to survive

Introductions

Council Support

- Joe Barton (P)
- Kara Posey (P)
- Bruce Mayfield (V)
- Tom Farris (V)
- Don Kubik (V)

Camp Directors

- McKenzie Llano – Camp Royaneh
- Connor Brock – Camp Wolfeboro
- Elijah Gonzales– Wente Scout Reservation

More Summer Camp Points

- Day Visitors are allowed
 - Can only stay overnight if on Attestation form
- Still have some positions available
- Anticipate Propane or Butane stoves and firepits, only!
 - No wood or charcoal campfires (per CalFire, USFS, and anyone in fire fighting)

Incentives

- We know camp is expensive, we have worked with our Executive Board to provide opportunities for discounted camp fees
 - 1st Time Scouts BSA Summer Camper \$100 discount – does not need to be a First Time Scout
 - Weeks 6 and 7 \$100 discount
 - 60% of your Registered Scouts attend camp, receive 2nd adult Free

Refund Policy

Youth Refund Policy

Deposit of \$350 per Scout is non-refundable.

- 30+ Days Prior to your arrival at camp you will receive a maximum refund of 80% (amt. paid $-\$350 \times 80\%$)
- 15-29 Days Prior to your arrival at camp a maximum of 60% can be refunded. (amt. paid $-\$350 \times 60\%$)
- Less Than 15 Days Prior to your arrival at camp a maximum of \$95 can be refunded.
- If your full week of camp is not completed your maximum refund will be \$95.
- If your Scout is sent home for behavioral issues, there is no refund under any circumstance.

Merit Badge Sign - Ups

April 28th 10:00am Camp Wolfeboro

April 29th 10:00am Camp Royaneh

April 30th 10:00am Wente Scout Reservation

Zoom Room Online Assistance will be available 9:00am – 6:00pm each day. We will have rotating support from volunteers.

[Merit Badge Sign Up Support](#)



Leader's Guide

LEADERS GUIDE – Summer Camp 2026

Last Updated: April 14, 2026



Golden Gate Area Council Mission & Vision

The camps of the Golden Gate Area Council are some of the longest running scout camps in the Western United States. Camp Wolfeboro in 1928, and Wente Scout Reservation in 1959. Each is a special place for Scouts of all ages.

The Mission of our Camp staff is to facilitate an environment where Scouts will be engaged in unique, evolving programs, while building character through the aims and methods of Scouting in a safe, outdoor environment.

The goal of our Camp staff is to promote a profound reverence for the outdoors. We establish, maintain, and provide a traditional camping environment that can be enjoyed by all ages for many years to follow.

The Scout Oath and Scout Law are at the core of our camps. As your Scouts participate in our camp programs, we help your unit utilize the "Patrol Method" so your Scouts learn and develop leadership skills. Additionally, we expect your Scouts to use the "buddy system" at ALL times.

The best aspect of program at camp is that it is YOUR program. The staffers of Camp Royaneh, Camp Wolfeboro, and Wente Scout Reservation are here to assist you in providing that program. so BE PREPARED!

Introduction

Jump to:

- GGAC Mission & Vision
- Youth Protection
- Camp Director's Letter
- Planning Calendar
- Registration & Camp Fees
- Refund Policy
- Scholarships (Camperships)
- Early Arrivals
- Provisional Camping
- Camp T-Shirts
- Update Log

Introduction

General Camp Info

Health & Safety

Merit Badges

Camp Royaneh

Camp Wolfeboro

Wente Scout Reservation

Appendices



- Leaders' Guide – <https://goldengatescouting.org/summer-camp/leaders-guide/Camp-specific>



Breakouts

- Main Room - General questions
- Camp Royaneh
- Camp Wolfeboro
- Wente Scout Reservation

**Thank You
See you at Camp!**