



1508 Outdoor Activities for Cubs

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Course Objective

- **This course covers:**
 - How to plan a fun and safe outdoor program?
 - Where to take your den and pack?
 - What you can do when you get there?





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- Preparation
- Planning Template & Factors to Consider
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- **Training**

- Guide to Scouting
 - The purpose of the Guide to Safe Scouting is to prepare members of the Boy Scouts of America to conduct Scouting activities in a safe and prudent manner. The policies and guidelines have been established because of the real need to protect members from known hazards that have been identified through 100 years of experience
 - Download at <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx>
- Youth Protection
- Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
 - Ever pack should have at least one adult who has completed this training. It is designed for parents and others who are interested in learning how to have a better outdoor experience with Cub Scout-age youth and their families.
 - Live Class by Council (See Resource Guide at <http://www.pacsky.org/>)



Preparation

- **Tour Plan**

- Tour Plans establish health and safety standards for units while they are traveling, they help Scout leaders plan their outings and keep them safe and fun.
- A tour plan must be submitted two weeks in advance of the planned trip.
- Access the latest Tour Plan from:
<http://pacsky.org/eNewsArticles/Tour%20Plan%20Update%20and%20Clarification>
- Complete and email to tourplans@pacsky.org

- **Medical Forms for Scouts**

- **Identify Event Coordinator**

- Coordinator - Leader and/or Parent
- Assistant Coordinator – Leader and/or Parent
- *Practice Two-Deep Leadership*



Preparation

- **Promotion of Events**
 - Website
 - Meetings – Pack & Den
 - Process: Sign Up, Fees, Deadlines
 - Provide Details of Outing
 - Communicate Prior to Outing
- **Follow Up Actions**
 - Record Scout Participation in Pack/Den system
 - Pictures – Posting / Distribution
 - Feedback
 - Discuss at Den / Pack Meeting



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Planning Template & Factors

- **Who**

- Headcount - Scouts/Siblings/Adults
- Age Restrictions – Min/Max
- Capacity – Limit or Max on Outing
- Special Needs – e.g., wheelchair accessibility, dietary, etc

- **What**

- Indoor / Outdoor Outing
- Scouts only vs. family-oriented
- Planned vs. Pre-Planned
- Free vs. Nominal Cost



Planning Template & Factors

- **Where**

- Distance to Travel from Pack/Den Home |

- **When**

- Time Commitment
 - <1 Hour → Few Hours → Overnight → Days
- Seasonal
- Planning Considerations
 - Deadlines (Third-Party, Registration, Fee Collection, etc)
 - Backwards Planning (from Outing Date to Today)





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Cub Scout Camping

- **Camping**
 - Cub-On Family Camping (2 Nights) <http://www.pacsky.org/Activities>
 - Cub-Parent Weekend (1 Night) <http://www.pacsky.org/Activities>
- **Year-Round Cub Scout Camps (Boulder Creek)**
 - Cutter Scout Reservation
 - Details at: <http://www.pacsky.org/Camps/Cutter>
 - Boulder Creek Scout Reservation
 - Details at <http://www.pacsky.org/Camps/BoulderCreek>
 - Other Council Scout Reservations
- **Regional, State & National Parks in the Bay Area**
 - Ohlone Lodge published the “Where to Go Camping Guide”
 - Cub & Boys Scouts
 - http://www.ohlone63.org/downloads/OhloneLodge_WheretoGoCampingGuide2011.pdf





Cub Scout Outings

- **Air**
 - Chabot Space and Science Center
 - <http://www.chabotspace.org/scout-packages.htm>
 - NASA Exploration Center
 - <http://www.nasa.gov/centers/ames/home/exploration.html>
- **Land – Hiking**
 - Pacific Skyline Council – Historic & Nature Hikes
 - <http://www.pacsky.org/Activities/HistoricTrails>
 - SF Council - Trail Trekkers
 - <http://www.sfbac.org/programs/hiking>
 - Mt. Diablo Silverado Council - Highlander Program
 - <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/program/highlander-program>



Cub Scout Outings

- **Land – Other**
 - Orienteering – Bay Area Orienteering Club
 - <http://baoc.org/wiki/Welcome>
 - Treasure/Scavenger Hunt
 - GeoCaching – GPS Treasure Hunt
 - <http://www.geocaching.com> (smartphone apps available)
 - Golden Gate Park (CA Academy of Science) – Scavenger Hunt
 - <http://www.calacademy.org/apps/ggp/> (iphone app)
 - Alcatraz Overnight Program –
 - Sleep in a cell block in a prison on an island in the bay
 - <http://www.nps.gov/alca/playourvisit/permits.htm>
 - Applications accepted Nov 1-30 only for following year (lottery)!
 - Point Montara Lighthouse Hostel
 - <http://norcalhostels.org/montara/groups/>





Cub Scout Outings

- **Sea (visit or overnights)**
 - Aquarium of the Bay (visit or overnight) <http://www.aquariumofthebay.org>
 - Monterey Bay Aquarium (visit or overnight) <http://www.montereybayaquarium.org>
 - Sharks in the Dark (visit or overnight) Six Flags Discovery Kingdom
 - <http://www.sixflags.com/discoveryKingdom/Events/sharks.aspx>
- **Historic Ships Overnight**
 - Sailing Ships (San Francisco)
 - <http://maritime.org/edu/nmmaedu7.htm> (e.g., Balclutha)
 - USS Pampanito (World War II submarine) (San Francisco)
 - <http://maritime.org/edu/nmmaedu7.htm>
 - USS Hornet (World War II aircraft carrier) (Alameda)
 - <http://www.uss-hornet.org/groups/overnightscouts/>



Cub Scout Outings

- **Sports – Professional**
 - Baseball (San Jose Giants (June), SF Giants (July), Oakland A's (June))
 - Basketball (Golden State Warriors)
 - Hockey (San Jose Sharks (Nov))
 - Football – 49ers (Oct), Raiders (Oct)
 - Others
- **Sports – Amateur**
 - High School
 - Colleges & Universities
 - Council Stanford Football (<http://www.pacsky.org/Activities>)





Cub Scout Outings

- **Animals (visits or overnights)**
 - Oakland Zoo – <http://www.oaklandzoo.org/site/>
 - San Francisco Zoo – <http://www.sfzoo.org/>
- **Amusement Parks**
 - Santa Cruz Scout Night (Oct) - <http://www.beachboardwalk.com/>
 - Gilroy (Bonfante) Gardens – <http://www.gilroygardens.org/>
 - California's Great America - www.cagreatamerica.com
 - Six Flags Discovery Kingdom - www.sixflags.com/discoverykingdom



Cub Scout Outings

- **Museums**
 - Asian Arts Museum - www.asianart.org/
 - California Academy of Sciences - www.calacademy.org/etickets
 - Hiller Aviation Museum - <http://www.hiller.org/>
- **Community**
 - Visiting Senior Centers (Caroling during the holidays)
 - School/Community Clean ups (Save the Music (Sep)
 - Memorial Day Grave Decoration (May)
 - Golden Gate National Cemetery, San Bruno
 - Scouting for Food (Nov) (<http://www.pacsky.org/Activities>)





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Awards & Recognitions

- Patches – Hiking & Overnight & Special Patches
- Rank Achievements
- Academics & Sports Program – Belt Loops & Pins
 - Hiking, Travel, Wildlife Conservation, Map & Compass, Sports, etc
 - <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/Cub%20Scouts/UniformsAndAwards/sanda.aspx>
- Other Awards
 - <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/CubScouts/Cub%20Scouts/UniformsAndAwards/other.aspx>
 - Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award
 - Cub Scout World Conservation Award
 - Cub Scouting's Leave No Trace Awareness Award
 - <http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/BoyScouts/Resources/Conservation%20Good%20Turn.aspx>
 - Conservation Good Turn





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