

Camp Fiesta Island 2023

Parent Information Guide

Welcome to Camp Fiesta Island!

We are excited that you have chosen Camp Fiesta Island for their summer camp program this year. For over 25 years, Camp Fiesta Island has been offering Scouts and leaders a unique summer camp experience. Whether it be swimming in Mission Bay, learning new Scout skills in the Mariners program, testing your survival skills in the Nautical survival program, or enjoying all that San Diego has to offer, we are confident that your Scouts and leaders will have an amazing time with us.

The camp is nestled in a protected cove on Fiesta Island in the heart of Mission Bay Park, San Diego, California. The beautiful facility is surrounded by sandy bay front beaches with access to the Pacific Ocean. Mission Bay offers plenty of space to take advantage of instructional and recreational opportunities in sailing, canoeing, rowing, kayaking, swimming and windsurfing.

This guide will help you and your Scout prepare for summer camp. If you need information that is not contained in this parents guide, inquire with your troop leadership as they have received our extensive leaders resource guide so they can help prepare the entire unit for summer camp.

COVID and Camp

Rest assured that the safety of our participants and staff is always our priority. One way you can help prepare your Scout for camp is to discuss with them the importance of hand hygiene, social distancing, and alerting adults to when they are feeling sick. We will follow the current San Diego County Health Department restrictions and guidelines at the time of your camp session. At this time masks are optional.

Required Forms

Along with your camp payments, your unit should be gathering completed forms for your Scout to attend camp. Needed forms for each Scout: **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Form, Scout participation form and merit badge prerequisite form.** These forms are on our website or can be obtained from unit leadership. Please make sure to also inform your unit leadership if your Scout has any special dietary needs or will have medication in camp with them as the unit has to submit a form with this information to the camp. **Dietary needs are due to camp leadership 3 weeks prior to your session or a \$120 fee will be assessed.**

Bringing Money to Camp

We have a Trading Post that operates Monday through Friday. Scouts can buy snacks, personal items, camp souvenirs and merit badge supplies.



The average amount of money a Scout brings to camp is \$60 but consult with your unit leaders to help decide what your Scout might need for the week. The Merit Badge and Class catalog lists the anticipated cost for merit badge kits.

Visiting Camp

Visitors are welcome throughout the week at camp. Please inform anyone from your troop who is planning to visit camp that they must first report to the camp office where they will sign-in the logbook; giving their name, the name of the Scout and/or campsite they're visiting and/or the purpose of their visit. At that time, they will be issued a colored wristband that they must wear the entire time they are in camp. Once their visit has concluded, they must stop by the camp office again and sign-out and surrender their colored wristband. If a visitor is planning to join your troop for any meal, please have them pay (if they haven't already done so) at the trading post and pick up their meal ticket **\$12 per guest meal.**

Day Trekkers are welcome to Friday night dinner and campfire –no meal charge for Day Trekker Scout and one adult.

Homesickness

An active program is the best defense against homesickness, so Scout leaders are urged to do everything they can to keep all Scouts engaged. However, there are still times when younger Scouts get homesick. From experience, we have learned that the more Scouts call home, the worse the problem becomes. If your Scout is homesick and calls home, please be supportive of them staying and finishing the week. If they feel you want them to be successful at camp, they are more likely to want to finish the week. Also, often after a Scout gets through the first few days and has bonded with other Scouts, they are more likely to feel better about staying.

A way to help Scouts that you suspect may become homesick is to mail them a short, positive note right away so they receive it on Monday. However, remember that telling them how much you miss them or that you wish they were home will only reinforce feelings of homesickness.



What to Bring to Camp

You should consult with unit leadership on what to bring to camp. Often, units have developed a comprehensive list of needed items so that Scouts have what they need without overpacking. Also, the Scout BSA Handbook is an excellent resource. **Be sure your Scouts name and unit number is on everything.**



Personal Equipment:

- ◆ **Tent—Required—Check with Unit**
- ◆ Complete Scout Uniform and OA Sash
- ◆ Jacket/Sweatshirt
- ◆ Raingear
- ◆ Underwear and Socks
- ◆ Closed Toe Shoes
- ◆ Shoes to get wet
- ◆ Sleepwear
- ◆ Pants/Shorts
- ◆ Shirts
- ◆ Swimsuits
- ◆ Wide Brimmed Hat
- ◆ Aloha Attire— Friday is Aloha day!
- ◆ Sunglasses
- ◆ Watch
- ◆ Sleeping Bag and Sleeping Pad/Cot
- ◆ Two Towels (one for the waterfront and one for showering)
- ◆ Cloth face coverings— optional
- ◆ Water Bottle
- ◆ Flashlight
- ◆ Ten Essentials
- ◆ Pencil and Notebook
- ◆ Scout BSA Handbook
- ◆ Merit Badge Pamphlets/Worksheets-



Optional Personal Equipment:

- ◆ Compass
- ◆ Pocketknife
- ◆ Camera
- ◆ Fishing Gear
- ◆ Bible/Prayer Book
- ◆ Sewing Kit
- ◆ Musical Instrument

Leave at Home:

- ◆ Fireworks
- ◆ Radio, Boom Box, CD Player
- ◆ Sheath Knives
- ◆ Rifles/ Handguns
- ◆ Archery Equipment
- ◆ Ammunition
- ◆ Electronic Games
- ◆ Slingshots/Wrist Rockets
- ◆ Skateboards
- ◆ Roller Blades
- ◆ Scooters
- ◆ Valuables



Contact Information

San Diego-Imperial Council Office
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SDICCamp@Scouting.org

Camp Fiesta Island
San Diego Youth Aquatic Center
1750 Fiesta Island Road
San Diego, CA 92109
619-298-6121 ext 227

****This is seasonal contact information
and only receiving calls and mail
during camp dates**

Camp Director:
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Robert.johnson049@scouting.org

Program Director:
Daniel (Dano) Ontiveros
Daniel.Ontiveros@scouting.org

Contacting Your Scout

Troop leaders are your main points of contact while the troop is at camp. Most leaders have cell phones, which can be used for non-emergency communications.

For emergencies, you can call the camp office. This phone is not always staffed and, although checked regularly, voicemail messages may not be retrieved immediately.

Directions to Camp

From the North:

- Take the 5 to exit 21 for Sea World Dr/Tecolote Road
- Take a right off the on ramp (signs for Pacific Highway).
- Take a right onto E Mission Bay Drive (first stoplight).
- Take an immediate left turn onto Fiesta Island Road.
- Follow the one-way road to the right.
- When the road forks, follow it to the right.
- The camp is on your right (Youth Aquatic Center).

From the South or East:

- Take 8 West to get to the 5 North (From south just take the 5).
- Exit 21 for Sea World Dr/Tecolote Road.
- Take a left over the bridge.
- Take a right onto E Mission Bay Drive (first stoplight).
- Take an immediate left turn onto Fiesta Island Road.
- Follow the one-way road to the right.
- When the road forks, follow it to the right.
- The camp is on your right (Youth Aquatic Center).

NOTE: The entrance to Fiesta Island is closed every night from 10:00 p.m. until 4:00 a.m. No cars are allowed to enter or exit the island during that time.

Mail Call

We encourage you to write to your Scouts while they are at camp. If you desire to send letters or packages to your Scout, we recommend sending the week's mail with unit leadership and having them distribute at the appropriate time. Just label letters/packages Day 1, Day 2, etc. If you choose to send letters/packages through the mail, it is best to mail at least a week prior to your Scouts arrival at camp.; otherwise they may not receive it in time.

Address items as follows:

<Scout or Leader Name>
Troop # _____ and <Council>
Camp Fiesta Island
1750 Fiesta Island Road
San Diego, CA 92109

