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FIRST CAMPOUT FAMILY PACKET

Troop [Number] — Hayfork, California
Chartered by VFW Post 9546

Campout: Indian Valley Primitive Site

Dates: July 24-26, 2026 (*Subject to final Scout vote*)

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THE DILEMMA & MISSION BRIEF

This is our troop's very first official campout. Because Indian Valley is a primitive site, there are no cabins, electricity, or running water. We are trucking in our own water via the Gear trailer.

The forecast calls for **HIGH HEAT** during the day and warm overnight temperatures. We will operate under strict heat-mitigation rules:

1. **Hydration is mandatory.** You must drink one full bottle every 2 hours.
 2. We will enforce a mandatory **"Shade Siesta"** during the hottest afternoon hours.
 3. Sleeping tent mesh must remain unzipped for ventilation at night.
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MASTER PERSONAL PACKING LIST

Label EVERYTHING with your name. Pack your gear inside plastic trash bags inside your backpack to protect it from dust.

[] THE ESSENTIALS (Must be at the top of your pack)

- Two (2) Reusable 1-Liter Water Bottles (Filled before departure)
- Small Flashlight or Headlamp (With fresh batteries)
- Personal First Aid Kit (Band-Aids, moleskin, personal medication)
- Whistle (For emergency signaling only)
- Sunscreen & Lip Balm (SPF 30+)
- Pocketknife (Only if you have earned your Tote'n Chip card!)

[] CLOTHING (Pack in layers — AVOID 100% cotton)

- 1 Complete Field Uniform (Class A) — Worn for travel and ceremonies
- 2 Activity T-Shirts (Class B or plain synthetic shirts)
- 2 Pairs of lightweight hiking shorts or convertible pants
- 3 Pairs of synthetic or wool hiking socks (Change them twice a day!)

- 3 Sets of underwear
- 1 Wide-brimmed sun hat or baseball cap
- 1 Lightweight rain jacket
- 1 Pair of sturdy, broken-in hiking boots or trail shoes (No flip-flops)

[] BEDDING & SHELTER

- Lightweight 3-season Sleeping Bag (Rated for 40-50°F)
- Foam or Inflatable Sleeping Pad
- Small camp pillow (Optional)
- Shared Troop Tent (Coordinated by Patrol Leader)

[] CAMP KITCHEN & HYGIENE

- Personal Mess Kit: Plastic plate, bowl, cup, fork, spoon
 - Mesh drawstring bag (For hanging mess kit to dry)
 - Small towel and washcloth
 - Toothbrush and toothpaste
 - Deodorant (Non-scented)
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THE 2-SCOUT BUDDY TEAM CAMPFIRE SKIT GUIDE

With 5 Scouts total, we perform in Buddy Teams of two. Patrol Leader jumps into groups so everyone has a partner. All scripts approved by Scoutmaster during Saturday rehearsal.

SKIT 1: “THE INVISIBLE BENCH”

Scout A squats as if sitting on an invisible bench. Scout B asks what he’s doing. Scout A says he’s sitting on the invisible bench. Scout B joins him. Scout A stands up and walks away. Punchline: “I moved the invisible bench this morning!” (Scout B collapses.)

SKIT 2: “THE CAMPFIRE ECHO”

Scout A yells into the mountains. Echo (Scout B hidden) repeats. Scout A tests with “Baloney!” Echo replies: “Scoutmaster’s Cooking!”

SKIT 3: “THE DOCTOR IS IN”

Scout A lies “dead.” Scout B (doctor with stick stethoscope) declares him gone. Scout A sits up: “I’m alive!” Scout B pushes head back down: “Be quiet! Who’s the doctor here?”

SKIT 4: “THE CANDY WRAPPER”

Scout A litters imaginary wrapper. Scout B panics thinking it’s a snake/bear. Punchline: “It’s trash. A Scout is Clean — practice Leave No Trace!”

MASTER CAMPOUT ITINERARY (CLIPBOARD VERSION)

FRIDAY, JULY 24: ARRIVAL, SETUP, & SAFETY

- 4:00 PM — Arrival & Unload
- 4:15 PM — Mandatory Camp Orientation & Infrastructure Build (Perimeter, Buddy System, Water Station, Latrine)
- 4:45 PM — Silly Time: Water Trailer Leak Relay
- 5:00 PM — Tent Pitching
- 5:30 PM — Field First Aid (Heat Safety & Hydration)
- 6:00 PM — Silly Time: Toilet Paper Mummy Race
- 6:30 PM — Dinner & 3-Bucket Wash System
- 7:45 PM — Evening Retreat Ceremony
- 8:00 PM — Night 1 Briefing & Campfire / Star Gazing
- 9:00 PM — Taps / Lights Out (Mesh unzipped for ventilation)

SATURDAY, JULY 25: TEAM BUILDING & PIONEERING

- 6:30 AM — Reveille
- 7:00 AM — Breakfast & Clean-up
- 8:00 AM — Knot Mastery Station
- 8:30 AM — Silly Time: Human Knot
- 9:00 AM — Main Event: Primitive Rope Bridge Build & Crossing
- 11:30 AM — Silly Time: Rope Tug-of-War
- 12:00 PM — No-Cook Lunch
- 1:00–4:00 PM — Mandatory Shade Siesta & Goofy Trivia
- 4:30 PM — Blind Tent Build
- 5:30 PM — Backward Shoe Race
- 6:00 PM — Dinner & Clean-up
- 7:45 PM — Evening Retreat
- 8:00 PM — Official Saturday Night Campfire (Skits + Veteran Stories)
- 9:00 PM — Scoutmaster's Minute
- 9:30 PM — Taps / Lights Out

SUNDAY, JULY 26: PACK-OUT & AWARDS

- 7:00 AM — Reveille & Breakfast
- 8:00 AM — Strike Camp & Latrine Fill
- 8:30 AM — Tent Bag Stuffing Championship
- 9:00 AM — Grid-Line Sweep (Micro-trash pickup)
- 9:30 AM — Inaugural Campout Awards Ceremony
 - Peer-Voted Excellence: Iron Chef, Bridge Engineer, Leave No Trace Warden
 - Peer-Voted Silly: Grizzly Bear (Loudest Snorer), Hollywood Star (Best Skit)
 - Leadership Commendation Certificates
- 10:15 AM — Retrieve the Colors

- 10:30 AM — Depart for VFW Post 9546
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Medical Forms Reminder: Parts A & B must be completed and turned in before departure.

Questions? Contact Scoutmaster Daniel Bowman at (530) 784-1299 or nexus2322@gmail.com

Leave No Trace — Be Prepared — Do a Good Turn Daily