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## Family Camp

Looking for something fun and exciting to do on Memorial Day weekend? Bring the whole family to Lost Valley for some fun in the outdoors.

Something special for all ages has been planned. Activities can be found at most of Lost Valley's program areas: swimming, horseback riding, rifle, shotgun, BB and archery shooting, hiking, nature walks, mountain biking, campfires, movies, sports, tournaments and more! (Some fee and age restrictions apply).

Arrive as early as 3 p.m. on Friday and departure is by noon on Monday. Bring your own tents and food, we'll supply the fun.

Come as a Pack, Den, Troop, or family, Holiday Family Camp is open to all currently registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.

For more information on Family Camp or to sign up please visit [www.ssrlv.org](http://www.ssrlv.org)

## Geocaching Lost Valley

Are you a Geocacher?

Be sure to bring your GPS to camp this summer. You will be able to search for three geocaches hidden throughout Lost Valley, or you can test your skills on our three multi-cache courses.

Whether you're a novice or experienced cacher, you'll find these caches to be both fun and challenging. We hope to have patches for Scouts who complete the advanced multi-cache course and for Cubs who complete one of the two training courses. This is also a great way to practice for the newly introduced Geocaching Merit Badge.

## Program Area Focus... Horsemanship

Horse programs have always been one of Lost Valley's signature programs, and with 20 horses on hand for the summer of 2010 there will be plenty of opportunities for Scouts to earn Horsemanship Merit badge, take trail rides, and even go on a horse overnigher.

Horseback is the best way to travel around Lost Valley! Our hour long trail rides are for all experience levels from those who never ridden, to experienced riders.

Overnight Rides are one of our most popular events. Horses will take campers down the trail to the overnight site for a bbq cowboy dinner, games, and a night under the stars. Bring along your sleeping bag and stretch out



on the ground for a night of cowboy-style camping, just like the cattle drivers of the old west.

### Lost Valley Calendar

May  
21-23 Order of the Arrow Ordeals  
28-31 Memorial Weekend Family Camp

June  
4-6 Open Camping Weekend  
11-13 Order of the Arrow Ordeals  
27- 7/1 Summer Camp week 1

July  
5-10 Venturing Summer Camp  
7-10 Cub / Webelos Summer Camp  
11-17 Summer Camp week 3  
18-24 Summer Camp week 4  
25-31 Summer Camp week 5

August  
1-7 Summer Camp week 6  
20-22 Open Camping Weekend

# Summer Camp Merit Badge Programs

## Aquatics



Lost Valley has two 25 yard swimming pools that offer a variety of aquatics activities including merit badges, BSA Mile Swim, Swimming and Water Rescue Course, as well as time open swimming. For the adventurous people out there we also have the 6:00am Polar Bear morning swim.

Lake Virginia offers Rowing and Canoeing Merit Badges, and Paddle Craft Safety Course along with Open Boating time.

Lake Virginia has undergone maintenance to increase water capacity by 1.3 million gallons to better prevent low water levels caused by the recent drought conditions.

- \* Swimming Merit Badge
- \* Lifesaving Merit Badge
- \* Rowing Merit Badge
- \* Canoeing Merit Badge
- \* Swimming and Water Rescue Course (Formerly BSA Lifeguard)
- \* BSA Mile Swim
- \* BSA Snorkeling
- \* Paddle Craft Safety Course (New for 2010, for Unit Trips Afloat)

## Field Sports



The Field Sports areas teach Scouts the skills to become proficient marksmen while learning proper safety techniques. Your Scouts can partake in the Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery Merit Badges taught by our N.R.A. and NAA certified instructors.

- \* Rifle Merit Badge
- \* Shotgun Merit Badge
- \* Archery Merit Badge

## Hiking & Biking



Our Hiking and Mountain Biking program, headquartered at the Bike Lair behind the Grace Trading Post, offers hikes and mountain bike rides throughout Lost Valley and the surrounding area.

A regular hiking schedule will be available at the start of each week and will include hikes to some of our most popular destinations, like Agua Caliente Falls. There is also time for troops to schedule their own day hikes and trek program overnights.

- \* Hiking Merit Badge
- \* Cycling Merit Badge

## Wiatava Nature Center



The Wiatava Nature Center is full of resources to help Scouts learn about nature and how we interact with it. Merit Badges offered at the Nature Center include:

- \* Astronomy Merit Badge
- \* Environmental Science Merit Badge
- \* Fish and Wildlife Management Merit Badge
- \* Forestry Merit Badge
- \* Geology Merit Badge
- \* Mammal Study Merit Badge
- \* Nature Merit Badge
- \* Reptile and Amphibian Study Merit Badge
- \* Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge
- \* Weather Merit Badge

# Summer Camp Merit Badge Programs

## High Adventure



High Adventure is the place for older Scouts. It encourages personal growth, leadership, and team building skills, while challenging the Scout's physical abilities.

### Rock Climbing:

Scouts climb our 65 foot rock face with 3 climbing routes and a range of difficulty ratings. We also have an indoor climbing wall for those days when the weather does not permit outdoor climbing.

- \* Climbing Merit Badge
- \* Climbing Instructor Training for adults will also be offered each week.

### Project COPE:

Scouting's Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience is a combination of physical and mental challenges, beginning with simple initiative games, and building towards our "high wire" course, with its 375-foot zipline. Other special opportunities for COPE participants include Black Powder Rifle shooting, repelling, and a hike through the Water Caves on Agua Caliente Creek. We recommend this as a special activity for older Scouts who have already been to camp several times.

## Cupeño Indian Village



The Cupeño Indian Village is modeled after a native Cupeño village, the tribe who once used Lost Valley as a hunting and food gathering area. Lost Valley is one of the few summer camps in California to offer the Archaeology merit badge.

- \* Indian Lore Merit Badge
- \* Archaeology Merit Badge

## Scout Skills Area



Lost Valleys Scout Skills area offers rank advancements from Scout to First Class through the Passport Program, along with Totin' Chip, Fireman' Chit, and Paul Bunyan Woodsman awards. The Scout Skills area also offers the following merit Badges

- \* Camping Merit Badge
- \* First Aid Merit Badge
- \* Orienteering Merit Badge
- \* Pioneering Merit Badge
- \* Wilderness Survival Merit Badge

## Handicrafts



This is a great area for younger Scouts just getting started in the merit badge program, or for anyone who'd like to make their own camp souvenir to take home with them. All Handicraft Merit Badges are Walk-In, meaning the Scout can work through the requirements at his own pace, during the normal program times.

- \* Art Merit Badge
- \* Basketry Merit Badge
- \* Fingerprinting Merit Badge
- \* Leatherwork Merit Badge
- \* Pottery Merit Badge
- \* Woodcarving Merit Badge

## Stables



The Horsemanship program is one of Lost Valley's signature attractions. Besides Horsemanship Merit Badge, we also offer trail rides and special overnight meal rides. Horseback is the best way to travel around Lost Valley! Our hour long trail rides are for all experience levels from those who never ridden, to experienced riders.

\* Horsemanship Merit Badge

## Aviation



Aviation Merit Badge has been one of our most popular attractions. Learn about thrust, lift drag and gravity- all the things needed for an airplane to fly.

\* Aviation Merit Badge

## Radio Merit Badge



Radio Merit Badge: is offered for all those HAM's out there. Talk to someone not in the Valley. Limited to 20 participants. Radio is a double session afternoon Merit Badge.

\* Radio Merit Badge

## Metalwork Merit Badge



Scouts will be using a blacksmithing forge to create projects using steel, hammers, an anvil, and lots of heat to earn their Metalwork Merit Badge

\* Metalwork Merit Badge

## Meet the Man...

### David Daniels



My Lost Valley experience started way back in 1999. I attended summer camp at Lost Valley Scout Reservation, as it was then known, with my Troop from Bakersfield, CA. We stayed on the Irvine side of camp and I remember the long hike to the dining hall from Lakeview campsite. I had an amazing experience!

Lost Valley was the best summer camp I had ever been to. I returned with my Troop the next summer in camp Grace, and the Troop returned for a total of 7 years in a row.

I wanted to become one of the 'cool' staff members I envied so much as a camper. In 2002, I returned to Lost Valley on staff. I have been on staff ever since, this will be my 9th summer. I have worked Trading Post, Rock Climbing, Nature, Scout Skills, and spent three sunny summers hanging out as Irvine Pool Director. Back in 2007, I helped to start our internet presence at [www.ssriv.org](http://www.ssriv.org). In 2009, I moved up to Grace Program Director, in charge of an entire side of camp. I have had the full Lost Valley experience; it is a place that creates memories and friendships to last a lifetime.

David will be the Reservation Program Director for the 2010 Summer Camp

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