



Unit Leader's Guide

2017 CATALINA COUNCIL

CAMP LAWTON

Celebrating 96 years of building more than just campfires!

Dear Unit Leaders,

Welcome to Camp Lawton and thank you for choosing our unique mountaintop experience. Camp Lawton is one of the longest running Boy Scout Camp west of the Mississippi and still holds the traditional values of Scouting. Scouting is more than simply the earning of merit badges and advancing in rank. Scouting is about personal growth, building character, and developing leadership skills. A Scout that has the opportunity to advance while having fun is truly getting the most out of Scouting.

Our mission is to give Scouts a chance to truly enjoy the Scouting experience. We are constantly seeking ways to make a mark on the Scouts that come to camp and create fond memories that will stay with them throughout their lives. Our instructors are trained to provide interesting classes while providing complete and detailed instruction. Additionally, the many camp games and activities are designed specifically to build character on the individual level, the patrol level, and the troop level.

Even though Camp Lawton is smaller than most Boy Scout summer camps, our size brings some great advantages. With a maximum of around 150 Scouts in camp, our staff is able to sustain a ratio of one staff member for every 6 or 7 Scouts! This means class sizes stay small and every Scout can get the guidance they want and deserve. This also allows us to be extremely flexible and not have to require advanced sign-up for most classes. Best of all, the Scouts get to interact and socialize with our friendly staff, which gives them a wonderful opportunity to bring positive role models into their lives.

Camp Lawton has been accredited by the National Camping School, the official accreditation of The Boy Scouts of America, every year since 1962. This means that we meet the high national standards of the Boy Scouts of America in both safety and staff training. Our many program areas offer a wide variety of merit badges, advancement opportunities and activities for both the most ambitious Scout and those who simply want to enjoy their week away from town. We offer a renowned Model Camp where new Scouts can earn, at their own pace, most of the requirements up to First Class within the one week of camp. There is truly something for everyone at Camp Lawton.

In the past year, we have more than doubled the Camp's water capacity; today Lawton has more water than all the other camps on the ridge combined. In addition, all of our KYBO facilities have been completely renovated. For the future, we are making plans to replace our canvas wall tents with wooden tents.

We look forward to having you and your units join us for a great adventure at Camp Lawton this summer!

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Lake-Wright
Camp Director

Tess English
Program Director

IF YOU DO NOT READ ANYTHING ELSE IN THIS GUIDE - READ THIS

- Check out the guides on pre-planning - especially pre-requisites Scouts need to complete for merit badges prior to camp.
- When you park at camp, back your vehicle in to meet the requirement for quick evacuation if required. Units need to have transportation for all youth and leaders. Drivers must carry keys with them at all times.
- **Anyone staying in camp for more than 72 hours MUST have a current BSA Health and Medical Record Form with Parts A, B and C Completed. Anyone staying overnight must have Parts A and B completed.** Parents must sign Part A, page 2 to allow any medications, even over the counter medications, to be given to their child .
- Any adult staying in camp must have completed the Youth Protection Training and Weather Hazard Training.
- **THERE MUST BE AT LEAST TWO TRAINED ADULTS WITH YOUR UNIT AT ALL TIMES DURING CAMP.**
- Bring a lock box for your unit for all medications.
- Special dietary needs (food allergies, sensitivities, and medical conditions) can be addressed. We will have an alternate menu available. If that menu does not suit your needs, you may bring your own food.
- Camp Lawton sits at **8050 feet of elevation**. Every place you go in camp requires walking uphill. All adult participants should be **capable of walking** every place they must go during their stay in camp.
- **Campers should not to come to camp if they exhibit flu like symptoms in the 7 days prior to camp; Fever of 101 degrees or greater and cough or sore throat. This includes any vomiting in the 24-36 hours prior to camp.**

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Planning For Camp- You've Chosen Camp Lawton, Now What?

Unit Pre-Camp Timetable

All forms are available at the Catalina Council Service Center or on the website
<http://catalinacouncil.org/outdoors/camp-lawton-summer-camp/>

As soon as your unit decides to go to Camp Lawton:

- Choose your week and what campsite you would prefer.
- Register on-line at www.catalinacouncil.org with the appropriate fees.
- Mark calendars and request time off from work if necessary.

Two Months Before Departure:

- Leaders and the unit committee should review the Leader's Guide.
- Adult leaders must complete the BSA Youth Protection Training Course and Weather Hazard Training.
- Obtain commitments from other adult leaders assisting with in-camp leadership.
- Determine if your unit has special dietary needs and make arrangements to meet the needs.
- BSA Health and Medical Record Forms should be distributed to Scouts. **All adults and Scouts must have a physical each year. Parts A, Band C must be completed.**
- Scoutmasters supply each Scout with an Equipment Checklist. Unit committee procures technical necessities (transportation, unit equipment, a camp library, etc.).
- Hold a Parents Night orientation for parents of Scouts coming to camp. **Camp staff members are available to speak and answer questions at these events, given at least 2 weeks of advance notice. Contact Catalina Council at (520) 750-0385 to make arrangements.**

Four Weeks Before Departure:

- Submit your unit camp roster to the council office with your final camp payment.
- Submit any dietary needs to the Catalina Council office.
- All medical examinations should be completed.
- If out of Council, submit your Tour Plan to your council for approval.
- Verify final transportation arrangements.
- Inventory each Scout's advancement records.
- Inventory unit and patrol equipment.
- Counsel Scouts on their personal goals for fun and advancement at camp.
- Each Scout should make a plan of which merit badges they want to take for the week. You will receive the schedule upon arriving in camp.

Ten Days Before Departure:

- Hold a final Patrol Leader's meeting to make sure your leadership is ready for camp.
- Collect literature for merit badges your Scouts intend to take.
- Your unit committee should meet to finalize transportation plans.
- Verify payment of camp fees with Catalina Council Service Center.
- **Unit rosters are verified as correct.**
- All Scout and leader medical forms are completed, signed by parents and in the hands of the Scoutmaster.
- Hold a "shake down" meeting to check each Scout's equipment. (FYI: Make note of this meeting for all new Scouts; this will count for Tenderfoot requirements!)
- Pack all unit and personal equipment.
- Double check that all Scouts and Scouters have a current registration.

- Verify that all adults have current Youth Protection Training and Weather Hazard Training.

Scoutmaster’s Final Checklist Before Leaving For Camp:

- Are your Camp fees paid? If a unit pays for a Scout after May 6, 2016 the fee is \$310.
- Has transportation been arranged to and from camp? Are all Scouts and adults covered in the event of an emergency evacuation?
- Have you planned to pack all unit and personal equipment from the parking area to the campsite?
- Do you have verification of accident insurance if you are from outside the Catalina Council?
- If out of council, has your tour plan been approved by your council?
- Does every Scout/Scouter have a current and complete medical form signed by parents and doctor?
- Have you met the two-deep adult leadership for the entire week? Are plans made to always overlap when changes in adult leadership occur during the week?
- Is your adult and youth leadership in place and trained properly (Youth Protection, Weather Hazard and leader specific training)?
- Do you have all necessary equipment to conduct a good camp?
- Are you aware of all Forest Service regulations in effect this summer (particularly regarding fire)?
- Are you aware of the distance from the parking lot to your campsite?

Information and Payment Schedule

**Deposit– A \$45 DEPOSIT FOR EACH YOUTH IS REQUIRED UPON RESERVATION.
NO RESERVATION WILL BE TAKEN WITHOUT DEPOSIT**

\$100 per unit to reserve your spot & week at camp

\$100.00 per youth due by Friday, March 10th, 2017

\$195.00 per youth due by Friday, May 5th, 2017(Final Payment)

\$195.00 per youth due by May 6th, 2016 (Final Payment)

\$90.00 per Adult due by May 5th, 2017

\$20.00 late fee begins May 6th, 2017

Adult Fees

\$90.00 is charged for each leader. **Two adults are required for any scout troop attending camp.** As defined by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America, a minimum of **ONE** adult leader (Scoutmaster) must be 21 years of age or older and an Assistant Scoutmaster who must be 18 years of age or older. **All adult leaders must be current in their Youth Protection and Weather Hazard Training.** Persons under the age of 18 at the time the troop attends camp must pay the established youth camp fee. **Each troop needs to plan and schedule their adult leaders to ensure two deep leadership at ALL times.** Be sure to plan for any leader switches during the week and that they overlap appropriately. During leadership overlap, additional meals must be paid for (\$10 per day) at the Trading Post.

Refund Policy

The 1st and 2nd deposits are nonrefundable, but are transferable within the current reservation until the May 6th payment deadline of the year your unit attends camp. After May 6, 2016, the full fee is charged as “a no show fee” if your number is lowered. Fees paid above the first and second payment amounts are refundable only upon written request by unit leadership under the following conditions: (use Catalina Council refund form)

-Illness of the Scout prevents his attendance at camp

-Illness or death in the family

-If the family relocation makes camp attendance impossible

-If a Scout becomes ill, while attending camp and is sent home by the camp medical personnel, the Scout shall be entitled to the pro-rated refund based on the fee minus the first and second payments

Provisional Scouts Policy

Some Scouts cannot attend with their unit due to scheduling conflicts or wish to remain for an extra week. Any Scout can attend camp individually by being included with another troop. Coordination for this must be made through the Council Office **prior to paying fees**. There is no specific week for this attendance. The fee for a provisional Scout is \$295

Camperships

Camperships from the Catalina Council are available to Scouts in need of financial assistance. Application forms are available at the Council Service Center or on the website, www.catalinacouncil.org. Early filing (prior to the second payment date for camp) is encouraged to ensure equitable distribution of designated funds. We want all Scouts to be able to attend camp, so don't hesitate to apply. These funds have been made available through the Arizona Daily Star Sportsman's Fund and the Burt Lazar Foundation.

Camp Forms

Tour Plan

A tour plan is required by the BSA for all **out of council units**. It must be completed and turned into your council for approval no later than 2 weeks before camp. The approved Tour Plan must be brought to camp.

Unit Roster

The roster must be submitted with the final camp payment. Please bring five (5) copies to check-in; one is for your use and the others are for camp use.

Accident and Sickness Insurance (Out of Council Units)

Unit insurance is required for attendance at camp. All units outside of Catalina Council must indicate their unit insurance program on their registration form. Units must bring a certificate of insurance to camp if they have accident and sickness insurance through their church, group or organization.

Medical Forms (BSA Health and Medical Record) (BSA Form 680-001 2014 Printing)

Anyone staying in camp for more than 72 hours MUST have a current BSA Health and Medical Record Form with Parts A, B and C Completed. Anyone staying overnight must have Parts A and B completed. These forms give our Health Officer important information about safe treatment in case of an accident, which includes a “Permission to Treat” if medical treatment is required, and a photo release. Parents must sign Part A, page 2 to allow medications, even over the counter medications, to be given to their child. Medical forms are only valid for 12 months. The current BSA Medical Form is the only acceptable form. Bring these forms to camp and turn them in to the camp medic upon check-in. Scoutmasters, please respect the privacy of the Scouts and the information in these forms. **THESE FORMS MUST BE PICKED UP PRIOR TO DEPARTING CAMP.**

Directions To Camp- We're ready to go – How do we get to camp?

From far east Tucson or the south/east on westbound I-10.

- Take Houghton north.
- Turn right (east) on Catalina Highway (blinking red light intersection).
- Continue on Catalina Highway up the mountain to Organization Ridge Road just before the Palisades Ranger Station.
- Turn left onto Organization Ridge Road to the camp parking lot.

From west Tucson or from the north/west on Eastbound I-10.

- Take Speedway east to Pantano. (If north of Grant take Grant to Tanque Verde)
- Turn left (east) on Pantano to Tanque Verde Road.
- Turn right on Tanque Verde and follow it to Catalina Highway.
- Turn left on Catalina Highway and continue up the mountain to Organization Ridge Road just before the Palisades Ranger Station.
- Turn left onto Organization Ridge Road to the camp parking lot.

Alternate route from the north on I-10

- Exit toward the east on Orange Grove and almost immediately take a right on Thornydale/River Road.
- Follow River Road east (Turns into Alvernon).
- Turn left on Grant.
- Take Tanque Verde east (left) and turn left onto Catalina Highway.
- Continue on Catalina Highway up the mountain to Organization Ridge Road just before the Palisades Ranger Station.
- Turn left onto Organization Ridge Road to the camp parking lot.

From Oro Valley, Marana and neighboring towns

- Take Ina Road east (though the name changes to Sunrise and Skyline) to the Kolb intersection.
- Turn right on Kolb (which becomes Sabino Canyon Road) to Tanque Verde Road.
- Turn left on Tanque Verde and go east to Catalina Highway.
- Turn left on Catalina Highway and continue on Catalina Highway up the mountain to Organization Ridge Road just before the Palisades Ranger Station.
- Turn left onto Organization Ridge Road to the camp parking lot.

Arrival At Camp - What do we do when we get to camp?

PLEASE BACK IN TO ALL PARKING SPACES

Sunday Arrivals: Check in time for camp is between 2PM **and 4 PM** on Sunday. Please be respectful of the camp staff preparations for your arrival and remain in the parking lot until 2PM.

Monday Arrivals: Check in time is 7:00 AM (let us know if you are arriving on Monday when you send your final payment on May 9th).

For Both Arrivals:

1. Upon arrival, you will be greeted in the parking lot by a staff member. His or her job is to make sure that your first impression of camp is a good one and that all your initial needs and questions are satisfied.
2. Once your unit is unloaded, the staff member will direct the unit to the Health Lodge for check in, including medical checks.

Be sure to bring to check-in, your unit's:

- ✓ Tour plan for Out of Council units -validated prior to leaving home by your service center.
- ✓ Unit roster sheet (5 copies).
- ✓ Remaining camp fees.
- ✓ Insurance verification for out of council units
- ✓ Medications.
- ✓ Current medical forms for each person (Parts A, B, & C.)

5. After this station, you will gather your equipment and be escorted to your campsite so that everyone can change into their swim suits. All unit and personal gear must be carried to your camp site. **No unit vehicles are allowed into the camp.** Time is limited, so please do not begin setting up your campsite at this point.

6. As soon as everyone is ready, your guide will take you on a tour of the camp that will include your swim check. A swim check is necessary for anyone who intends to be in the pool/pool area at any point over the course of the week, including Troop swims, Penguin Swim, **Cardboard Boat Regatta** and **Scoutmaster Belly Flop**.

7. Return to your campsite for setup. Make sure everyone is in Field uniform and at the parade grounds by **5:15 PM** for evening flags.

8. After setup, spend at least an hour with your Scouts planning their week's schedule based on the merit badges they should have already decided on and the schedule you received at check in. If there are any major conflicts between badges they really wanted, be sure to talk to the program director. If not already done, have Scouts fill out Merit Badge cards at this time.

Scout Identification

All Scouts and leaders in camp must have the identification wristband on their wrist **at all times**. The wristband is proof that the Scout or Adult Leader belongs at camp and is entitled to all the meals and services paid for, such as merit badge classes. The wristband must be worn on the dominant wrist in order to attend classes and to be served meals. If a youth or adult loses their wristband, the Scoutmaster needs to speak with the Medic to obtain a new one. Anyone who doesn't have a wristband may purchase meals at the Trading Post. The cost for meals is \$10 per meal.

Camp Staff will be wearing activity shirts or a green Venturing shirt.

Gear

All equipment must be carried from the parking lot to the campsite. **Vehicles are not allowed past the parking lot at any time.**

Parking

Parking for all vehicles is provided in the camp parking lot only. Space is limited so please carpool when possible while still insuring you have transportation for your entire unit should an evacuation become necessary. Vehicles are not allowed inside camp, so plan to hike and carry all of your equipment to your campsite. **Please back your vehicle into your parking spot for quick exit.** If your car is parked outside of the parking lot gates you are subject to fines by the Forest Service. **Campsite parking is not allowed.**

In Camp

Unit Leadership

Each Troop registered for camp must provide its own leadership. **We require 2 deep leadership at all times.** The Troop leader must be at least 21 years of age, and the second leader must be at least 18 years of age. **All Youth Protection Policies will be followed at all times. All leaders must be registered members of the BSA.**

Arrival Procedure for Changing Leaders: If there is a Leader change during the week, Incoming Leaders are required to pack gear **from** the parking lot **AND check-in** at the Health Lodge to receive a wristband. **Outgoing Leaders** are required to **check-out** at the Health Lodge before **packing out** of camp. Any additional fees are due at the Trading Post at this time.

Disciplinary Policy

Discipline is the responsibility of the troop leadership. However, major transgressions will be dealt with by the camp administration. The main camp rules are the **Scout Oath and Law**. In addition, the following is a list of restrictions that will be strictly enforced. These rules apply to all Leaders and Scouts. This is not necessarily a complete list.

- No fireworks, firecrackers or any other fire based devices, including loud noise makers.
- No possession of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages of any kind by anyone.
- No non-prescribed regulated substances or drugs. Prescription medications must be kept in the Health Lodge (or in a unit provided lock box, if parental permission is included on the Medical Form.)
- No food or drink of any kind, other than water, is permitted in the campsite or outside of the Dining Hall and Trading Post areas.
- No personal weapons, firearms, ammunition, air rifles, archery equipment, "airsoft" weapons, nerf type" launchers, or other projectile devices.
- All Youth Protection Policies must be strictly followed at all times.

Smellables

What is a “Smellable” ? A smellable is anything that has an odor that might interest a bear (or a skunk). Bears are not attracted by human scent. Below is a list of smellables that must be stored in the site bear box except when in use.

- Deodorant
- Toothbrush and paste
- Floss
- Shampoo, hair products (gels and sprays)
- Cologne
- Soap
- Hand sanitizer
- Candy, gum and/or any food
- Lighters and extra fuel. White gas is not a smellable.
- Any knife that has touched food
- Any water bottle that has EVER had anything besides water in it.
- Body or foot powder
- Bug spray
- Sunscreen
- Lip Balm
- Pens
- Matches
- Inhalers*
- Medication*
- First-aid kits
- Hand warmers
- Face wash or scrub or alcohol-based cleaning wipes
- Cleaning wipes
- Forks, spoons and knives
- Mess kits
- Clothes that may have had food on them
- Anything that may have come in contact with food (spills or has the possibility that food was on it)

Don't use anything with an odor at least two hours before sunset. Remember bears and skunks are most active at night.

*The only reason you can keep any inhalers or medication is for medical reasons that may arise in the night and it must be kept inside a locked metal box or a boot or shoe covered by a DIRTY sock.

Civil Rights Statement

In keeping with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America, the rules for acceptance and participation in camp programs are the same for everyone without regard to race, creed, color, national origin, sex, or handicap. Females are welcome in camp and will never be refused access to anything in camp, but strict Youth Protection guidelines must be followed in regards to shower facilities, bathroom facilities, and housing situations.

Individuals with Disabilities

Camp Lawton is equipped to serve all individuals, including those with disabilities. Wheelchair accessible tents and restrooms are available; please let the camp management know on registration if you will need access to these facilities. Understand that Camp Lawton is an outdoor camp with some primitive trails, so in the event of mobility disabilities, it is advisable to have help available.

Special food needs can usually be met through our alternative menu or by a unit bringing the required foods. Please let us know of the specifics at the time of final registration. We are unable to provide special meals on short notice or for visitors.

Emergency Procedures

Within the first 24 hours of Camp, there will be an emergency procedure drill. This is to inform everyone what the policies and procedures are for Camp Lawton.

Each Scoutmaster must do a head count of their entire unit, including adults and visitors. The camp administration will take roll and ensure all persons are accounted for. Instructions will follow.

In the event of an emergency in camp, the camp emergency bell on the dining hall will sound continuously calling all persons in camp to the parade grounds. Emergencies can include fire, missing persons or an intruder on the grounds.

Fire instructions are posted in each campsite Adirondack. Report all unplanned fires, intruders or other emergencies to the camp administration. Fireguard charts must be used, even when fire restrictions are in place.

If the camp is evacuated, ALL will meet at the Pima County Sheriff Sub-Station at Tanque Verde and Catalina Highway. Roll will be taken again.

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Meals

Our state-of-the-art kitchen is run by an excellent kitchen staff who are ready and eager to provide some of the best camp food your Scouts will ever have. All food is cooked on-site and is served fresh, hot and in reasonable serving sizes. Special food needs can usually be met through our alternative menu or a unit bringing the required foods. Please let us know of the specifics at the time of final payment. We are unable to provide special meals on short notice or for visitors.

Mail

Mail is picked up from and delivered to the Post Office daily. Scoutmasters should check in the Trading Post each day for incoming mail. Be aware that mail can sometimes take up to 3 days from being sent to being received, so be sure to plan accordingly. Care packages are welcome but remember that all food must be eaten in the dining hall and trading post area and stored in the unit's bear box. Write generously and write often as mail call can often be the highlight of a Scout's day.

Scout's Name - Unit Number ### - Week #

Camp Lawton, BSA

PO Box 786

Mt. Lemmon, AZ 85619

There is an outgoing mailbox in the Trading Post. Envelopes and stamps are available for purchase at the Trading Post.

Trading Post

The Trading Post is well stocked with just about everything a Scout in camp will need or want. Along with merit badge supplies such as arrow and basket kits, the Trading Post has camp shirts, camping equipment, snacks, and drinks. We recommend that each Scout bring \$50-\$80 to cover all their recreational interests. Check the merit badge offerings for a detailed list of costs. Scouts should bring their spending money in small denomination bills, to help them budget their money, and to mitigate the strain on the Trading Post. Credit cards and checks are accepted.

Religious Services – A Scout is Reverent

The Clayton Herbert Memorial Chapel is open to all units for observing the twelfth point of the Scout Law at any time. An interfaith service is scheduled each Sunday. All units are strongly encouraged to attend. The Field uniform is the appropriate attire. It is a short but inspirational service. During the service a free will offering for the World Friendship Fund will occur. Units are encouraged to hold their own service at any time.

Lost & Found

Items are often lost in camp. Valuable items should always be boldly marked so that they can be returned if found. Found items should be taken to the Trading Post to be claimed by their owners. Items of high value must be claimed with an adult leader present. At the end of the camp season, all lost and found items not claimed (including items left in camp when Scouts leave each week) are taken to the Council Service Center where they will wait to be claimed. If items are not claimed by August 15th, they will be donated to charity.

Camp Duty Roster

There are several duties around the camp that are shared by the camp sites on a rotating basis. The duties are assigned each week based on how many units and scouts are in camp. The duties are: Morning Flags, Evening Flags, Set-up for each meal, Clean-up from each meal, cleaning of the Youth Showers, cleaning of the Youth Shower KYBO, and cleaning of the visitor KYBO. The Lead Commissioner will give out the duty roster for the session at the Sunday 8PM Scoutmaster Meeting. Instructions for cleaning the areas are posted in each area.

Flag Ceremonies

A key aim of Scouting is to build citizenship in the youths of America. In order to achieve this goal, there will be camp-wide flag ceremonies at Breakfast and Dinner. We suggest that all Scouts be in field uniform for these ceremonies. After the flag ceremony, the staff will provide some very important bulletins about camp that day. The Activity uniform may be worn after morning flags for breakfast. The Field uniform will be worn for dinner. Please have your units in place on the parade ground so the ceremony can start on time. If your unit would like to practice their flag ceremony, please contact the Camp Commissioner.

Visitor Policy

Visitors are welcome in camp at anytime. However, it is imperative that immediately upon arrival they sign-in at the Health Lodge, receive a visitor wristband, and pay for meals (\$10/day) at the Trading Post..

Shower Facilities

Camp Lawton has two shower house facilities that are designated for youth and adults. The youth shower house is the brown building to the north of the Dining Hall. There are eight individual stalls, with warm water throughout. For water conservation, we ask that each shower be limited to 3 minutes, on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays only. An adult leader must accompany each troop to the showers to monitor behavior and water usage. Each unit will be asked at least once during the week to take on the responsibility of cleaning the youth shower house. The Adult or "ADA" shower house is behind the Nature Lodge and has a Men's and Women's side. These facilities have Americans with Disabilities Act compliant shower facilities as well as flush toilets. Adults are responsible for cleaning this shower house. Flush toilets should be **used sparingly due to our limited water supply in camp. No youth are permitted in the adult shower house at any time.** The Camp Director will construct a schedule for the adult shower house in the event that a youth needs to use the adult shower house due to a disability.

Definition of Uniform In Camp

Uniforms are a highly recognized part of the methods of Scouting and are vital to your Scouts getting the best experience out of camp. **We strongly encourage the nationally approved Field uniform to be worn by all Scouts to dinner, flag ceremonies, Scouts Own, and campfires.** The proper Field uniform consists of an official Scout uniform shirt (tan for Boy Scouts or green for Venture Scouts), a Scout belt, official Scout pants or shorts (green for Boy Scouts, grey for Venture Scouts), and official Scout socks (optional when wearing long pants). An "Activity" uniform, to wear the rest of the day, consists of a Boy Scout related shirt such as a unit t-shirt or camp t-shirt, and a pair of Scout pants or shorts. **Closed-toe shoes must be worn at all times in camp.** It is the prerogative of each unit to decide how uniforming will be treated; **the staff will not enforce uniforming policies.** We ask that as a unit *you* establish standards that you feel are appropriate and enforce them appropriately.

Campsites

The heart of the camp is the unit's campsite. Each campsite contains our NEW Wooden Tents, a picnic table, a water (fire) jug for each tent, 2 brooms, 2 dustpans, and a rake. Most campsites also have an Adirondack (a 3 walled building.) Other tools can be obtained for service projects. These facilities are yours to use and keep clean on a daily basis. KYBOs are located near each campsite.

Commissioner Service

There are at least two Commissioners on the Camp Lawton Staff for each session. All Commissioners are trained Unit Commissioners and can assist units in many Scouting areas. The Camp Commissioner Service has many duties, the most important of which is to be the liaison between the units and the camp. Commissioners are your first line to get questions answered or help for your unit. Any issues you have with camp can be discussed with him or her at any time. The Commissioner will also be visiting campsites every day and checking to make sure the campsite is clean, healthy, and safe. The inspections will be scored and the best campsite will be recognized. When the Commissioner is not doing those duties, he or she, may be running Scoutmaster training and activities throughout the week.

Your Commissioner is a friend, a counselor, and an expert in many areas. Their primary job is to help troops meet their goals and have a good time at camp.

Camp Ranger

Our Camp Ranger's job is to keep the physical facilities in camp up to the highest standards, but he is not a custodian. If you have any issues that you would like the Ranger to take care of, please contact your Commissioner.

Medical Treatment

Our camp has a Health lodge and a Health Officer who is prepared to treat most medical issues. All injuries, including minor ones, must be logged by the medic for insurance reasons. In the event of an emergency that our medic cannot handle, the Mt. Lemmon paramedics are just minutes away.

Medication Distribution

If a unit has a lock box and a parent's signature on the Health Form authorizing the Scoutmaster to distribute medications, the medications can be stored in the campsite. Otherwise, all medications, except as-needed medications such as asthma inhalers or epi-pens, must be stored in the Health Lodge. This includes over-the-counter (non-prescription) medications as well. The Health Officer will distribute medications as needed. **All medications must be in the original prescription bottle or packaging with the correct dosage.**

Phone Messages/Internet Service

There is one phone line going in and out of Camp Lawton. It is not feasible to answer frequent non-emergency calls. If you have questions about camp, please contact the council office at (520)800-0385. If it is *necessary* to contact the camp directly, you may call (520)576-1263. If you are attempting to contact a specific person, please leave a message and we will get it to the recipient as soon as possible.

Cell service in camp is virtually non-existent, so do not plan to use your cell phone in camp. Internet service is available to adults only to check email. The narrow available satellite bandwidth will not allow downloads other than messages. The current password will be available at Scoutmaster meetings. Electronic email devices may be charged at the dining hall.

Campsite Fire Restrictions

Each campsite contains a campfire ring. If the US Forest Service deems fire conditions high, there may be a ban on open fires. Fires must stay within the established campfire rings, always be attended, and be no taller than 3 feet. Any violations of these guidelines will be dealt with immediately, as we prize our good relationship with the Forest Service and their firefighting crews.

Individualized Advancement

At Camp Lawton, we use an Individualized Advancement Program, meaning that our top priority is providing each individual Scout the best possible program. Merit badges are scheduled at specific times during the day. Scouts wishing to earn a merit badge should plan to attend those classes every day or they may not complete the badge. Thanks to Camp Lawton's size, advance sign-ups are not necessary. **Scouts sign up for Merit Badges by attending the first session of that Merit Badge during the week.** If there is a maximum enrollment for a class, enrollment will be on a first come, first served basis, unless otherwise announced at the Sunday night Scoutmaster's meeting. On occasion, classes may conflict or personal goals may get in the way of a class. In that case, be sure to speak to the area director. Very often, we can be flexible enough to help you meet your goals despite our schedule. The Troop will need to provide **blue cards** for their Scouts. Scouts are required to bring **blue cards** with them to their first day of class. Assist your Scout by ensuring that pre-requisites are complete before camp.

Camp Trails

There are 3 major trails in the Camp Lawton area.

The Palisades Trail was the original route up the mountain for the first Scouts attending camp in 1921. With the help of mules, they hiked the length of the telephone line that is since defunct up through camp to the Palisades Ranger station just to our north. With the construction of the road, Scouts no longer *need* to use it to get to and from camp, but it is an excellent hike for interested troops. Some troops even choose to hike up overnight from Tucson on Saturday getting into camp at the regular Sunday time. For regular day hikes from camp, the trailhead is about a quarter mile down Organization Ridge Road on the right.

The Bigelow Trail is our most popular trail as it quickly and fairly easily takes you to some very impressive views. It is about 2 miles round trip and gains an elevation of 1000 ft. The area surrounding the radio towers is open but the towers cannot be climbed. The parking lot area is an excellent place to see a sunset (usually occurring around 7:30 PM during the summer). The trail also splits about 2/3 of the way up leading to the Butterfly Trail (an advanced loop) and to Mt. Kellogg (easier and very nice from which to watch the sunrise).

Shower's Point is accessible up to the Shower's Point campground road and then up the dirt road about a mile. It's the shortest and easiest trail and leads to an impressive rock outcropping. However, climbing that rock outcropping is strictly prohibited. It is extremely dangerous and without a certified climbing instructor, the rock is off limits to any scout group.

For Tribe of Papago, any of these trails as well as the Eagle Trail, compass courses will count for the "Hike a camp trail" requirement.

Visit Outdoor Skills or the Scoutmaster's Lounge for a look at a map and some specific tips. Every member of your unit **MUST** sign out at the Health Lodge prior to leaving camp at any time.

Program Features

Outdoor Skills

This area offers several merit. Our multiple camp orienteering “night-eye” courses are also based out of this area. The Merit Badges in this area require Scouts to have mastered the skills required for advancement to First Class rank prior to beginning the Merit Badge.

Trail to First Class Advancement Program

Our Model Camp is our premier “Trail to First Class” program. The program is completely open and caters to both Scouts needing only a single requirement and Scouts needing everything. It is also self-paced which encourages self-motivation and self-esteem. We are also willing and eager to teach any skills a Scout or adult (as time permits) may want to know for either advancement purposes or merely personal curiosity. Please bring the Scout’s Boy Scout Handbook on the first day so we can record his current information on our tracking sheets so we can better serve their individual needs. Model Camp is also a great place for leaders to help out by volunteering to teach a skill in which they are proficient. Contact the Area Director to volunteer. Group hikes will be offered throughout the week.

The name “Model Camp” refers to its setting as the ideal campsite for a new Scout in a troop. For many boys, Camp Lawton is their first camp out with a troop, and Model Camp serves as the very model of a modern Boy Scout campsite. Scouts are taught skills at Model Camp, and this is reflected on their tracking sheets. It is up to the individual unit to ensure that Scouts have developed the requisite proficiency at these skills before signing off the requirement in the Scout’s Boy Scout Handbook.

Aquatics

Camp Lawton’s pool is the largest and warmest, pool on the ridge. We offer swimming, lifesaving.

Field Sports

Our recently renovated and improved rifle and archery ranges make the best of Camp Lawton’s capabilities. The Archery and Rifle Shooting merit badges can be completed in camp provided Scouts are able to meet the required shooting score. We use CO₂ air rifles that shoot pellets. These fulfill the requirements of the rifle merit badge completely and comply with fire restrictions in the forest.

Ecology

Ecology focuses on the natural world around us. The Santa Catalina Mountains are a rich ecosystem and the instructors are eager to show Scouts just how amazing nature is. Ecology features everything from the Eagle required Environmental Science to 2-day badges such as Fish and Wildlife Management and Mammal Study.

STEM

STEM focuses on merit badges related to science, technology, engineering and math. All the technology will be provided at little to no cost to the participants. Scouts should **not** bring their own computer for the Digital Technology merit badge.

Handicraft

For artistic and relaxation pursuits, Scouts may spend their time in the Handicraft area to learn skills such as Art, Basketry, Wood Carving, Leatherwork, and Indian Lore.

Eagle Quest

Once Scouts reach the rank of First Class, their climb to Eagle begins in earnest. Our Eagle Quest area is there to help them on their way by providing them guidance toward their Eagle rank as well as earning Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Citizenship in the Community, and the Communications Merit Badges. Due to the complex nature of many of the Merit Badges in this area, Scouts should be at least 1st Class rank before attempting these Merit Badges.

Camp Lawton Specific Programs – What else is there to do?

Funday

Friday afternoon is known as Funday which is an entire afternoon of fun games and activities to help Scouts get the most out of their camp experience. We believe that camp should not only be about merit badges, but also a chance to build character and make memories that Scouts can take home and remember throughout their lives. A Scout grows through experiences. Funday activities include both competitive and non-competitive events.

Cardboard Boat Regatta

Units will have the opportunity to build a fully functional boat that can hold one or more Scouts out of nothing but cardboard and duct tape. Boats will be judged on the boat design, and how well it floats (or how well it sinks – an entertaining sinking is sometimes better than a good float). Cardboard will be available in the cage behind the pool, but each unit must supply its own duct tape. Duct tape may also be purchased at the Trading Post. Designs may be made before camp but the entire boat must be constructed on-site.

Scoutmaster Belly Flop Exhibition

Scoutmasters don't often get a chance to really shine at Boy Scout camp, but in this case they will have the chance...to shine red, anyway. During the Scoutmaster Belly Flop Exhibition, Scoutmasters will match wits and courage to prove that they are the toughest in camp. They will be scored on several criteria including (but not limited to) style of dive, horizontal entry, redness of the belly, and general attitude. Bring the whole gang and cheer them on as they face the pain of competition.

Scoutmaster Tomahawk Throw

Have your Scoutmaster test his Wild West skills at the Scoutmaster Tomahawk Throw.

SPL Tomahawk Throw

Senior Patrol Leaders can also participate in testing their skills at the Tomahawk Throw.

Blast Car Derby

New this year is our Blast Car Derby. We will provide the launcher, track, and CO₂ cartridges. Each troop or patrol builds its own Blast Car (available at The Scout Shop before Camp, or at the Trading Post during Camp.) Competitions will be held during Funday to determine the fastest, most creative, and most llama-like car. Cars may be built during your week at Camp, or you may bring them to Camp ready to race! Please note we do not have woodworking tools available at Camp.

Eagle Trail

Join one of our staff members early one morning for an inspirational hike along the Eagle Trail. The staff member leading the hike will take Scouts and Scouters along the trail to Scouting's highest rank – the Eagle! Whether you are an Eagle, or have just begun your climb, this hike will be a memorable experience.

Night Eye Courses

Buddies, patrols, and units can test their orienteering skills anytime on one of our long distance compass courses designed for both day and night use. Course guides and preparation for the courses can be obtained at Outdoor Skills.

Campfires

The campfires are often among the most memorable events for Scouts and Scouters. Monday night is our staff campfire where our staff will entertain you with skits and songs to have you rolling in the aisles... or at least rolling your eyes. Campers will have the opportunity on Friday night to showcase all of their talents.

Llama Lunge

Wake-up right with a jump in the pool at 6 AM! The frigid early morning air nearly makes the almost 70-degree water feel warm in comparison and challenges you and your Scouts to brave their anxieties and face the cold. Attend three times over the week, and you can earn the patch and call yourself a true Penguin Swimmer.

Order of the Arrow Day

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society. All members of the OA are encouraged to bring their sashes and wear them on Thursday.

Has it been 10 months since you became an Ordeal member in the OA? Why not seal your membership in the OA by completing your Brotherhood and complete your full membership in the Order? On Thursday, the Order of the Arrow will hold Brotherhood classes followed later by a Brotherhood Ceremony. Check the camp schedule for exact times and places of OA events. There will be a cost for the sash that can be paid in the Trading Post. A Camp-Wide ice cream social is held after the Brotherhood ceremony. Everyone in Camp is welcome to come congratulate the new Brotherhood members and learn about the OA.

AWARDS

Tribe of Papago

The Tribe of Papago is a long-standing tradition at Camp Lawton that was formed in 1923 by Camp Director and Scout Executive Harry Ogle. It is an organization devoted to the improvement of the camp and those that visit it, and in a way, is our alumni association. As such, our hope is to expand and improve this tradition and use it to encourage participation in camp by individuals and units.

Each year a Scout attends Camp Lawton, he is eligible for a new rank in our camp honor society. By participating in the camp program and attending service projects, a Scout can progress through the ranks of Hunter, Warrior, Medicine Man, Chief, and Elder and be recognized at a special ceremony at the end of the week. Records are kept on a troop level and are at the discretion of the troop leadership.

Ranks -

Hunter – First year in Tribe

- Complete a one hour service project for Camp Lawton.
- Earn one merit badge or “Graduate” (complete all the requirements possible to complete) at Model Camp.
- Hike one camp trail (Mt. Bigelow, Eagle Trail, Compass Course, etc.)
- Show Scout spirit.

Warrior – Second year in Tribe

- Participate in two hours of service projects for Camp Lawton.
- Earn two merit badges or “Graduate” Model Camp.
- Hike one camp trail.
- Show Scout Spirit.

Medicine Man – Third year in Tribe

- Complete three hours of service projects.
- Earn two merit badges.
- Demonstrate leadership by volunteering in a program area for three hours during camp (or tutor for 3 hours during Funday).
- Hike two camp trails.
- Attend a camp Chapel service or a unit-run spiritual meeting.
- Show Scout spirit.

Chief – Fourth year in Tribe

- Complete four hours of service projects.
- Show appropriate advancement as determined by the Scoutmaster.
- Demonstrate leadership by volunteering in a program area for four hours during camp.
- Hike two camp trails.
- Attend a camp Chapel service or a unit-run spiritual meeting.
- Show Scout spirit.

Elder – Adult leaders

- Encourage and support Scouts in earning rank in the Tribe of Papago.
- Complete four hours of service projects.
- Hike one camp trail.
- Volunteer to help in a program area for at least one hour.
- Attend a camp Chapel service or a unit-run spiritual meeting.

Merit Badge Programs

Merit Badges

Many merit badges and programs are offered at Camp Lawton. Sometimes it is difficult to determine which merit badges are appropriate based on the Scout's experience. Please check the Catalina Council website www.catalinacouncil.org for updates before you come to camp. Our sincere hope, however, is that the only changes made are additions and not subtractions.

Current and detailed merit badge requirements are available in the 2016 Requirements book available at the Scout Shop.

Blue merit badge cards are available at the Trading Post for purchase.

Checking Out – It's been a great week – now what?

Blue Cards

Unit packets will be distributed at Friday dinner in the Dining Hall to Scoutmasters. When picking up the packets, please check to confirm that all of our paperwork matches your records. Area directors will be available to discuss any inconsistencies in the Dining Hall after the campfire. You can shorten your time doing this if you visit the program areas during the day on Friday to verify your records in advance.

Evaluations

On Thursday the Scoutmaster will receive a camp evaluation survey. These evaluations are not only helpful but also vital to helping us plan future years of camp. This is your chance to let us know what you liked and what you didn't like about camp, and how we can better meet your needs and goals. The Council Camping Committee, the Council Executive Board, and the Scout Executive read these evaluations, so rest assured that ANY comment you make will be carefully weighed.

Patches

Llama Lunge, Tribe of Papago, and many other patches will be available in the Trading Post for purchase before your departure from camp. Be sure to bring your records with you so you can be sure to purchase the correct number of patches. Camp patches will be in your closeout packet on Saturday Morning.

Friday Night Check-Out

Although we recommend staying until Saturday, units desiring to leave camp early may check out on Friday night. Putting safety first, please ensure that drivers are rested and capable of a safe trip home. Please see the Camp Commissioner to arrange to get your advancement information and to pick-up your unit medical forms. Schedule a time before dark with your Commissioner to complete your final campsite clearance. All unit and personal equipment must be out of the site before you can be cleared.

Saturday Check-Out

On Saturdays, the schedule is designed to help units efficiently depart camp. We encourage you to pack early and leave as soon as you like on Saturday with a Continental breakfast (7-8:30 AM) entirely optional. There will be no morning flags on Saturday. On Friday, schedule a time for your final inspection with your Commissioner. Units must clear campsites not later than 9 AM on Saturday. In order to get campsite clearance, units must 1) Pack up and clean your campsite, 2) Load all personal and Unit gear into vehicles, and 3) contact the Commissioner for inspection.

After getting your campsite clearance from the Commissioner, go to the Health Lodge to complete check out with the Camp Director and the Camp Health Officer. This is your formal check out. Thank you for coming to Camp Lawton and we hope to see you again very soon.



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

SCOUTS

- ✓ Full Scout Uniform
- ✓ Jacket and/or sweater (*It gets cold on the mountain at night*)
- ✓ Merit badge books & Supplies (*Merit badge pamphlets will not be available in the Trading Post*)
- ✓ Pack or duffel bag
- ✓ Sleeping clothes
- ✓ Long pants
- ✓ Pencil & note pad
- ✓ Personal first-aid kit
- ✓ Pocket knife
- ✓ Totin' Chip & Firem'n Chit
- ✓ Boy Scout Handbook
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Sleeping bag (pad, cot optional)
- ✓ Socks
- ✓ Underwear
- ✓ Swim suit
- ✓ T-shirts – Scout related

- ✓ Tennis shoes and/or hiking boots
- ✓ Towels & washcloth
- ✓ Spending money (\$50-\$80 recommended)

Optional Gear

- ✓ Compass
- ✓ Laundry bag
- ✓ Hiking Staff
- ✓ Laundry soap
- ✓ Sewing kit
- ✓ Sharpening stone
- ✓ Sunglasses
- ✓ Twine or light rope
- ✓ Musical Instruments

Recommended Unit Gear

- ✓ Advancement Records
- ✓ Rope
- ✓ Pioneering Poles
- ✓ Pop-Up Shade
- ✓ Lanterns
- ✓ Matches/Kitchen Lighter
- ✓ Unit library
- ✓ Camera
- ✓ Chargers for phones and email devices
- ✓ Duct Tape

- ✓ Merit badge supplies
- ✓ Extra Batteries
- ✓ Broom
- ✓ Two-Way Radios (*for leaders only*)
- ✓ Folding Tables
- ✓ Tools (rakes, shovels, etc.)
- ✓ First Aid Kit

DO NOT BRING!

- ✓ Electronic Games
- ✓ Butterfly, throwing, assault, or other non-pocket knives
- ✓ Fireworks
- ✓ Firearms/ammunition
- ✓ Any items that launch pellets or missiles of any type
- ✓ Open-Toed Shoes or Sandals
- ✓ Food and Snacks
- ✓ Pets
- ✓ **Any and all items inconsistent with the Scout Law and Oath**