

Camp Three Falls **Winter Camp 2022**



Leaders Guide

Kindly Hosted by in Council Scout Troops and Crews

Session #1 :

February 4 - 6

Hosted By: Troops 1808 & 262

Session #2 :

February 11 - 13

Hosted By: Troops 642 & 689

Session #3 :

February 18 - 20

Hosted By: Troop 761

GENERAL INFORMATION

WELCOME TO WINTER CAMP AT THREE FALLS!

We have a great program planned for your unit and intend to deliver a weekend of memorable fun and fellowship no matter what Mother Nature brings our way. This guide will provide information on the schedule of events, camp accommodations, how your troop should prepare and what you can expect to accomplish. We're looking forward to having you join us for a great weekend!

CAMP THREE FALLS

Camp Three Falls is located in the Los Padres National Forest at the base of Mount Pinos in the northern portion of Ventura County. The camp lies approximately 50 miles north of Castaic Junction (Magic Mountain). See page 6 for a map and driving directions.

The camp is situated at an elevation of 5,400 feet with scenery that includes pinion pine trees, chaparral and sage. In the winter months, snow is not uncommon, making this a prime site for the winter camp experience. But even without snow, the facilities here provide a unique opportunity for scouting fun and learning.

REGISTRATION

All unit reservations should be made as far in advance as possible. Refunds and registration capacity limits are governed by Council policy set forward on the Tentaroo Reservation Website. You may add campers to an existing reservation at any time (providing camper limits have not already been exceeded).

[Winter Camp | Ventura County Council \(vccbsa.org\)](http://www.vccbsa.org)

MEALS

Your camp fee covers Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast. There will be cracker barrel events both Friday and Saturday nights that will include various snacks. Please plan to feed your Troop dinner before arrival Friday night.

CAMP FEATURES

In addition to the mountain atmosphere, Camp Three Falls has some unique features that, weather and staffing permitting, may be available to you during your winter camp experience, including:

- Rifle Range
- Archery Range
- Climbing Wall
- Fort Lockwood
- Mt. Pinos (snow play destination if no snow at lower elevations).

If your troop chooses to leave camp on Saturday, we ask that you check out with the camp staff (SM or ASM) prior to departure and check back in with same upon return.

WHAT TO BRING

Winter at Camp Three Falls can run the gamut from sunny and moderate to cold and snowy with any number of conditions in the middle. Units should plan for temps below freezing, January 3rd was 13 degrees over night, with the possibility of snow and/or rain. Winter layering is the best way to prepare for colder conditions while allowing for comfort in warmer conditions and physical activities where shedding a layer may be desirable. Below is a list of items that we HIGHLY recommend you include in your troop's pack list:

- *Tent, rain/snow fly, ground cloth*
- *Low temp (below 20°F) sleeping bag*
- *Insulating sleeping pad*
- *Heavy parka or jacket*
- *Thermal underwear*
- *Fleece or other mid layer top*
- *Water resistant shoes*
- *Water proof rain wear*
- *3-4 pairs of warm socks*
- *Knit beanie or other warm head gear*
- *Warm, water resistant gloves or mittens.*
- *Scout Books*

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Also, if your Scouts would like to bring their Field Dress uniforms (Class A) for flag ceremonies it is always welcome but not required. We understand it can be quite cold and we would rather everyone be comfortable and happy so they can be at their best during flag ceremonies. Please be sure though they have some sort of Activity uniform (Class B) that can get dirty and/or wet for Saturday's activity segment.

CHECK IN DOCUMENTATION

When checking your unit in to camp, you will be asked to present:

- *A unit roster*
- *All relevant release forms*

All scouts and Scouters in attendance MUST have fully completed and updated **Medical Parts A & B** and ***the CA Firearms Permission*** forms on file to participate in Winter camp and the specified activities. Please make sure ALL sections of these forms are filled in and proper parental signatures are secured.

FIRE SAFETY

As per BSA regulations, all fuel (propane, butane, etc.) not connected to an appliance must be stored in our fuel storage building. To place fuel in storage, please mark it with your troop number and take it to either the Health Lodge or the kitchen, where a staffer will be happy to secure it for you. To get your fuel out of storage, simply return to the Health Lodge or kitchen, and a staffer will get it for you. No liquid fuels (kerosene, white gas, etc.) are allowed in our Council camps. In addition, no insect repellent coils or candles are allowed. Battery operated lights, propane/butane lanterns are allowed.

FIREARMS

Personal firearms (archery equipment, rifles, pistols, slingshots, ammunition, or any other type of firearm) are strictly forbidden in camp. As parking lots are part of camp property, firearms are not to be stored in vehicles during your stay at camp. ***No person is allowed to bring personal firearms for use on our ranges. There is no exception to this policy.***

COVID-19 Guidelines

Please, keep in mind that we must be fluid with the ever-changing conditions that COVID-19 brings. At this moment, all participants must wear masks when not actively eating or drinking. This includes, walking around the camp, both indoors and outdoors; however, masks may be removed inside a tent and for some programs if instructed to for safety. Please bring enough masks to have a new one each day and remember gaiters are not allowed. Please try your best to maintain a three-foot spacing between Scouts of the same Troop and six-foot spacing between Scouts of a different Troop. Remind everyone to wash their hands frequently with soap and water for at least twenty seconds and that hand sanitizer alone will not kill the virus. Units must provide their own hand soap and it is strongly encouraged that each Scout have an individual hand sanitizer to use when hand washing is not practical. For further information or COVID-19 concerns please contact the Camp Health Officer, Evan Hess, at camp3fallsstaff@gmail.com

WHAT NOT TO BRING

In keeping with the spirit of good scouting, we ask that all units leave the following items at home: *Video games, cell phones, iPods, MP3 players, matches, liquid fuels, firearms, fireworks, sheath knives, butterfly knives or any knife with a blade over 3 inches in length, alcoholic beverages, non-prescription drugs.*

Common sense would dictate that warm shoes are a good idea for winter camp but just in the event things are on the warmer side, for safety reasons, open toed shoes of any kind are NOT acceptable at Camp 3 Falls.

SCOUT SPIRIT

We aim for your winter camp experience to be positive, educational and most of all FUN! All units can contribute to that goal by ensuring that all scouts conduct themselves in keeping with the values of the scout oath and scout law during their stay at winter camp. There will be opportunities to help with various aspects of the

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camp program. Please encourage your Scouts to chip in and be helpful scouts when asked. Also encourage them to show their scout spirit

through friendly participation in the various events especially the Saturday evening campfire!
We look forward to seeing you here!

CAMP STAFF

SESSION	HOST TROOP(S)	SCOUTMASTER(S)	Phone #(s)
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#3	<i>Host Troop 761</i>	Bill Ackerman: ackfamily6@verizon.net	818-371-4956

CAMP SCHEDULE

CAMP PROGRAM *(subject to change depending on conditions)*

Friday Evening:

6:00 pm – 8:00pm	Check-in / Campsite assignments
8:30 pm	Cracker Barrel
9:30 pm	Leader's meeting – Troop SPL and one adult leader from each troop should attend. Meet in the dining hall. Agenda will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i>Review of program /schedule.</i>- <i>Call for volunteers for Flags Sat. morning & evening.</i>- <i>Call for volunteers for skits/songs for Sat evening campfire.</i>- <i>Call for adult volunteers to supervise fort during Saturday activity sessions.</i>- <i>Call for count of Troops leaving camp on Saturday.</i>
10:30 pm	Lights out

Saturday:

7:15 am	Flags – <i>BSA Field Uniform (Class A) optional.</i>
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 am	Material for sack lunch assembly available for those leaving camp.
<i>7:00 – 9:00 am</i>	<i>Saturday morning arrivals may check in – please check in at dining hall</i>
9:00am – 12:00pm	<u>Free Time:</u> (See page 6 for list of possible activities planned for different weather conditions).
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 – 4:30pm	<u>Camp Activities:</u> (See page 6 for list of possible activities planned for different weather conditions).
4:30 pm	Return to camp – dress for flags.
5:15 pm	Flags – <i>BSA Field Uniform (Class A) optional.</i>
5:30 – 6:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	SPL Meeting – finalize campfire program (skits songs etc.)
7:00 pm	CAMPFIRE! All troops encouraged to attend and participate.
8:30 pm	Cracker Barrel / Movie.
10:30 pm	Return to camp / Lights out.

Sunday:

7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:30 – 10:30 am	Pack up / Check out – Please see camp SM
10:30 am	Camp Closed.

POSSIBLE FREE TIME ACTIVITIES:

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNNY WEATHER</p>  <p>Capture The Flag Hikes Climbing Wall</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RAINY WEATHER</p>  <p>Board Game Round Robin Charades Who's Line Is It Movies Knot Relay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SNOWY WEATHER</p>  <p>Snow Forts Snowman Contest Snow Hikes (Snowshoe) Learn to build Snow Shelters</p>
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AFTERNOON CAMP ACTIVITIES:

<p style="text-align: center;">SUNNY WEATHER</p>  <p>Climbing Wall Team Relay Race Shooting Range Archery Hikes</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">RAINY WEATHER</p>  <p>Movies Rain Hike Trail To First Class Skills Indoor Scout Skill competitions.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SNOWY WEATHER</p>  <p>Snow Tracking Snowman Contest Snow Geocaching</p>
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Helmets:

Please note that the Guide to Safe Scouting documents that unit members participating in sledding, skiing and snowboarding are required to wear helmets (youth and adults alike). There can be no exception to this policy. Therefore, if your unit will be participating in one or more of these activities, please come prepared with helmets for participants.

Merit Badges:

Several of our adult support staff members are Merit Badge counselors and we suspect that some of your leaders may be too. As such, they have offered in the past, the following Merit Badges:

- Environmental Science
- Forestry
- Geology
- Rock Climbing
- Weather

While the time at Winter Camp is not likely sufficient to take one of the badges from start to finish, the location provides a great setting to make progress on those Merit Badges. If any of your scouts would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please send a note to the Camp Host Troops to see if they will be offering any merit badges. If one of your Scouters are Merit Badge counselors and would like to help please let the Host Troop know as well.

Scout Spirit: Our camp staff will be looking for signs of Scout Spirit from our participating troops. To that end, we will be entertaining a contest, of sorts, between the troops for: Best Cheer (morning and evening assembly). Above all, we sincerely hope to make this *"The Best Winter Camp Ever!"*

Menu

Friday

Cracker Barrel

Saturday

Breakfast

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, and bacon

Lunch

Hamburgers, tater tots, misc salad bar items available

Dinner

Spaghetti, garlic bread, misc salad bar items available

Sunday

Breakfast

French toast, hash browns, sausage links

Menu is subject to change. If you have any food allergies, please call Ranger Lee at 818-808-5246. A minimum of one week notice is required and we will accommodate you to the best of our abilities. Please have the Troop number, individuals name, type of allergy, and the session they will be attending when you call.



MAP TO CAMP THREE FALLS

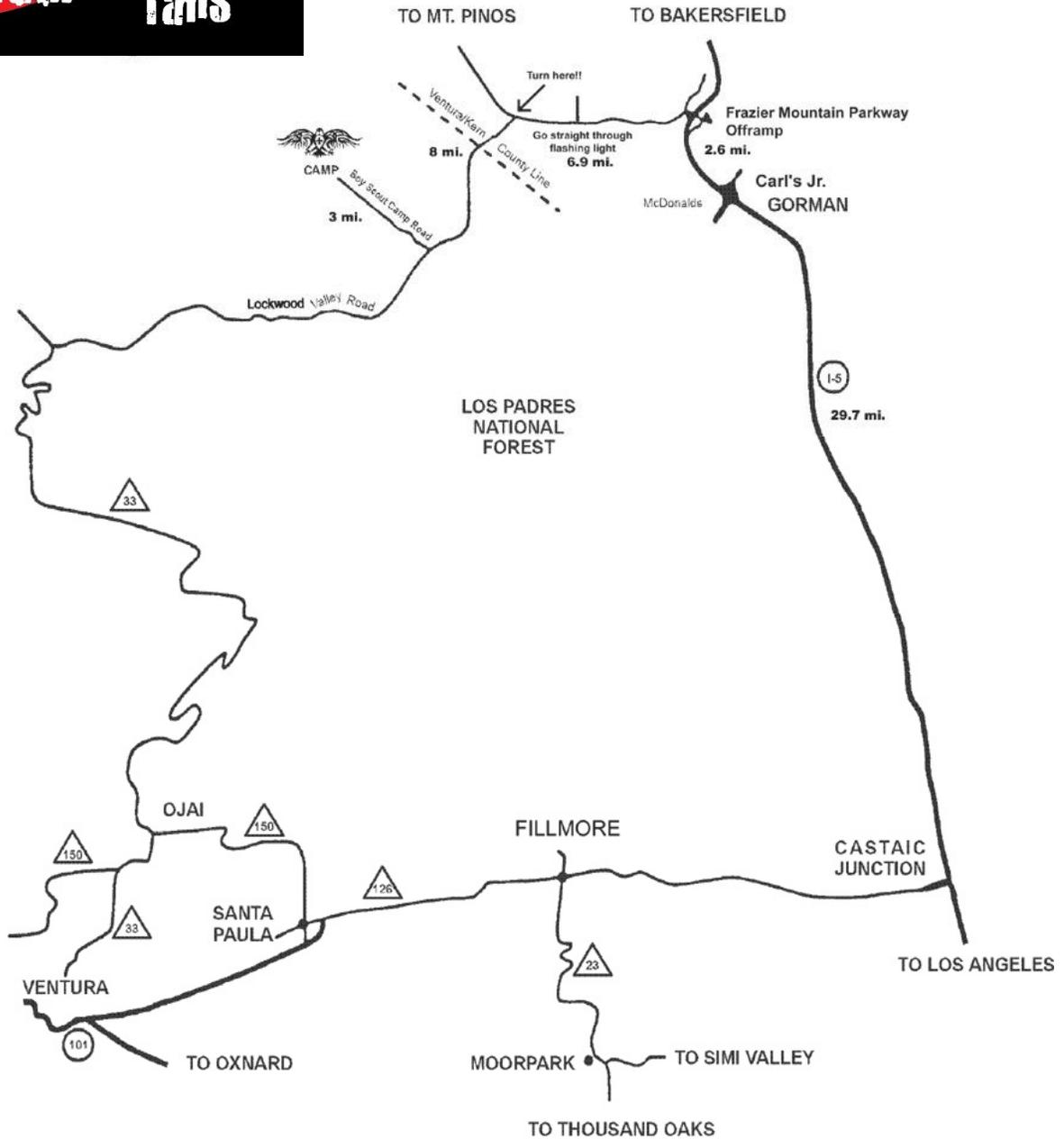
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 and Reservations Call: (805) 482-8938**

**For Non-Summer Camp Information
 and Reservations Call: (661) 245-1206**

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