Dear Scouting Family,

Thank you for making reservations for the Cub Scout Family Spring Rocket Academy on April 24-26th at Camp Verdugo Oaks. We are happy you will be joining us. Please find the schedule for Rocket Academy, map to Camp, equipment list, shooting sports permission slip, and rules for camp enclosed.

A very important form to fill out is the shooting sports permission slip. This is attached in your packet. Each person under the age of 18 in your group that would like to use the archery or BB gun range needs to have a permission slip on file at check in. This is a CA state law. Please feel free to make as many copies of this form as you need.

"Do Your Best" is the Cub Scout Motto so we should all Do Our Best to have fun, good food, adventure and a little relaxation. Be prepared for warm days and cool nights, as it could be chilly enough for coats or warm enough for a swim.

A very important item not to forget is a cup for hot and cold drinks. This is part of our plan to be more “green” at Cub Scout events. Be sure they are marked in a way you can easily identify your cup. We will NOT be providing cups. Cups will be available at the Trading Post for sale if you forget yours. There will be a wash station set up outside space station dinning hall to wash out your cups.

The Trading Post will be open if you would like to purchase additional crafts, scout items and snacks.

Remember, we are here for the scout’s so let’s come ready to have a good time. Please be respectful of other campsites and tents. Lights out at camp will be 10:30 and all quiet in camp by 11:00. Be sure that everyone understands that a tent is not like walls at home and sound travels. If you would like to stay up later be sure to set the example by being quiet.

If we are given permission to have fires in the campsites remember to have a shovel and a water bucket standing by and never, never leave the fire unattended. Shovels and water cans can be checked out at camp. You will need to bring your own firewood. Camp Verdugo Oaks is a beautiful site and we are extremely fortunate to have it as our council camp.
Please bring 2 canned good items for each person in your group coming to the Rocket Academy this food will be sent to local area food banks in our council. In this trouble time all the food banks are in a great need. Remember Scouting is always a service organization. Even the youngest Scouts can do a good turn by bringing can goods. If you have seen in the papers that the food banks in our area are running out. Please help out.

When parking at camp please remember parking is limited and tight. If possible, carpool. If you will need to leave during the weekend, we suggest you park on the main road so you will not be blocked by other cars. Everyone will be able to unload gear at the camp gate. Enclosed in your packet is a Camp Verdugo Oaks parking permit, please fill out and put in the dash of your vehicle. If you lose it you can get another one at camp, if your vehicle does not have a pass you will be ticketed.

We would love your unit to bring your Pack Flag to fly at camp.

Please remember that at scout camp as everywhere a scout goes, we live by the scout oath and promise.

Leave your troubles behind as you join your family and friends for the weekend. So Cub-On, Cub-On, let’s all go to the Cub-On and have a great time.

Yours in Scouting,

David Potter
Rocket Academy Director

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Upon arrival on Friday or early Saturday morning, please park as requested (always park with car facing out,) then proceed to Check-in. It is very important before you go to any place in camp that you check-in. The Check-in table is located under the tent right at the camp gate and entrance. We will be able to answer any questions you may have and get you off to a great start for the weekend. If you have any medical or food allergies, please let us know in advance by contacting me. This would be for children and adults. It is not required but its okay to give us a copy of your medical forms to be returned when you check out. Be sure to always keep your cars keys with you in case of emergency and that you fill out and put in your windshield a camp parking permit. We will have additional information there. You may arrive to set up anytime after 4:00 PM on Friday April 24th. The camp gates will not open before 4:00PM. Friday dinner is open from 6:00PM to 9:00PM.
WHILE AT CAMP

BUDDY SYSTEM:
Always use the buddy system when in camp. Children should travel in a minimum of two's when away from their campsite. They should NEVER travel outside of their campsite away from their parents or leaders after dark. Make sure to review what to do in case you are separated from each other.

OFF LIMIT AREAS:
Please pay attention to the areas at camp that are marked OFF LIMITS for anyone. These areas can be dangerous with or without supervision. Yellow caution tape will be posted in these areas.

FUEL - PROPANE AND CHARCOAL ONLY:
Propane stoves, propane lanterns and charcoal may only be used by adults. Extra propane bottles should be stored in your vehicle.

If you wish to use the fire pit for campfires you should bring your own wood. Be sure to check with us if fires are permitted based on current fire danger. Always have water and shovel standing by if using the fire pit. Water buckets are available from the Quartermaster building. You are responsible for cleaning your fire pit Sunday morning.

NO LIQUID FUELED STOVES OR LANTERNS ALLOWED.

LOST AND FOUND:
Lost and Found items will be kept in the dining hall during Rocket Academy and then at the council office until July 1st and then donated to needy youth.

ALCHOL AND SMOKING:
No alcohol is allowed at scout camp or any event where scouts are present.
Smoking is limited to the parking lot just before you enter camp. Camp Verdugo Oaks is a tobacco free area. Smoking is not allowed in front of scouts at any scouting activity.

ARCHERY, BB-GUN, ROCKET RANGE
Please follow all direction given by range masters at any of the ranges. No running, Please do not go under yellow tape or fences. You will be asked to leave the range if you do not follow instructions. If you would like to take pictures, please check with range master where it is safe to stand.
PREPARATION FOR CAMP

WHAT TO BRING: All participants should make arrangements to provide their own tents and bedding.

All youth members are encouraged to wear their full Cub Scout uniform. If a scout has just joined and does not have a uniform, he should wear jeans or shorts and a scout t-shirt.

We request that Cub Scouts and Scouters be in full uniform for dinner on Saturday evening.

Shoes are important: wear canvas or boots! No flip-flops, sandals, or aqua socks should be worn because of sharp sticks and objects that could cause injury.

A wagon or luggage carrier is useful to carry your gear from the gate to your campsite. A small number of wagons are available during check-in.

We will have a Scout Interfaith worship service on Sunday morning. We request that everyone make it a priority to attend. The 12th point of the scout law is a Scout is Reverent. If you can not attend, we ask out of respect, to be quiet in camp and play no games during the short services. Better yet, come join us.

Participation in the campfire and Scout's Own fulfills a requirement for the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award. Be sure to bring your skit and song ideas to add to everyone's fun.

There is a mandatory parent meeting (at least 1 parent from each family) on Friday night from 9:15 to 9:45. If you been to Rocket Academy before we would still like you to attend, things change at every Cub On.

Be sure to live by the Scout Oath and Law when in camp.
Equipment List

Tent/Ground cloth
Sleeping bag/Pillow
Cot/Air Mattress/Pad
Flashlight w/fresh batteries
Insect Repellant
Toiletries
Warm Cloths
Raincoat/Poncho
Clothes for 2 days
First Aid Kit
Drinking Water
Hat and Gloves
Your favorite stuffed animal

Your own cup for hot or cold drinks (please mark)

Mallet or Hammer
Spending Money
Swim Suit
Extra Batteries
Towels
Sun Screen
Extra socks and shoes
Coat/Jacket
Cub Scout Uniform
Chap Stick
Star Gazing Charts
Pajamas
Chairs

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Alcoholic Beverages
Butterfly Knife
Firearms
Liquid Fuel Stoves or Lanterns
Illegal Drugs
Sheath Knife
Hatchet
Fireworks
Axe
Chain Saw
Bikes

No above ground/self - contained fire pits

WARNING
The Verdugo Hills Council ENCOURAGES all participants to leave VALUABLES at home.
We are not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Any questions, please contact David Potter, or any staff member.
Staff members will be in Red Baseball Caps