



## Oso Lake Scout Camp Guest Orientation

1. **Check-in:** A group's reservation contact must check-in at the basketball court before continuing onto property. Guests must arrive within their scheduled arrival time. Adult supervision with the reservation must be present before any youth are able to unload. All guests on property for any length of time must complete an *Annual Health and Medical Record* and receive a wristband worn during the duration of the visit. Guests not able to arrive during their scheduled timeframe must prearrange with Oso Lake or wait to check-in until business hours the following day.
2. **Health and Safety:** To view the most recent COVID-19 update please visit: [COVID-19 \(ocbsa.org\)](https://ocbsa.org).
3. **Alcohol, Tobacco, Vaping, and Drugs:**
  - **Alcohol and illicit drugs, including marijuana,** are strictly prohibited as is arriving on site under the influence. Any violator will be escorted off property. If any alcohol beverage container(s) or other paraphernalia is discovered after check-in, a \$500 policy violation fee will be charged.
  - **Smoking and vaping** are not allowed on Oso Lake property. The entire Oso Lake facility is "smoke free".
4. **What not to bring:** **Pets; weapons** of any kind; **personal sports equipment** (unless permission is granted in advance). Closed-toe shoes are always required while on the property.
5. **Camp-wide Emergencies:** The Oso bell will be used to gather the attention of all guests and staff on property. If the sound is heard, immediately stop and await further instructions from staff. If you are not near staff, report to the Flag Field.
6. **Evacuation:** For any immediate disaster, call 911. Have another member of the group gather all members on the Flag Field. Create a list of all who are gathered as well as a list of those missing. Inform emergency personnel and Oso staff of the name, age, and identifying characteristics of the missing person(s). Wait on the field for further instructions. **Do not attempt to leave on your own!**
7. **Medical Situations:** In the event of a medical emergency, **CALL 911** and then contact Oso staff. Each group is to be responsible for their own minor first aid, non-life-threatening emergency transportation, and having a group member certified in First Aid and CPR. First aid kits as well as an AED are in the First Aid office and the aquatic office. All major illnesses and injuries **MUST** be reported to staff.
8. **Fires: Propane stoves and lanterns are permitted. Charcoal and wood burning is up to the discretion of the Oso staff based on weather and local fire warnings.** If you become aware of a fire – if you see/smell a fire or hear an activated fire alarm – call 911 immediately. Orange County Fire Authority and Orange City Fire Department will respond. Direct your group away from the fire and to the American Field.
9. **Vehicles:** You may drive and park in designated areas only. Do not pass any gates. No driving is allowed in camp, unless permitted in advance by Oso staff. Off-road vehicles are prohibited. When parking, park vehicles so they are "head out". The speed limit in camp after the metal gate is 5mph.
10. **Gates:** The Oso gate will open at 4:00pm on Fridays and close at 12:00pm on Sundays. It will remain open throughout the weekend.
11. **Buddy System and Supervision:** All Oso visitors must maintain groups of three (3) or more while on site, regardless of age. Minors must always be supervised. Please have a plan in place for disciplining those who cannot abide by the Buddy System.



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12. **Boundaries and Limitations:** Guests should not be on or near any program area without staff supervision. Guests should not enter other group's campsites. The nature trail and lake trail are closed at dark, and reopen at dawn.
13. **Keeping on Schedule:** It is imperative that your group arrives early to all program areas. Missed or late arrivals to program sites cannot be made up due to safety concerns and scheduling conflicts.
14. **Meals:** There is no meal service onsite. All meals, whether provided by Oso or guests, must be prepared, and served on site. Catering vendors are not allowed on site.
15. **Trash:** Keep trash in cans with lids on them to prevent animal and insect access. If more trash is generated than can be held in trash cans, tell an Oso staff member. Drink cans and bottles should be separated for recycling. Help us use our bins and dumpsters appropriately by following the signs located on each.
16. **Quiet Time:** Sunday through Thursday – 9pm; Friday through Saturday – 10pm. Keep noise to a minimum out of respect to our neighbors and fellow guests. Remember: Local wildlife may be visible if noise is limited.
17. **Light Pollution:** It can spoil everyone's experience, frighten away wildlife, and disturb our neighbors. Keep the use of flashlights and lanterns to a minimum and allow your eyes will adjust to the dark.
18. **Wildlife:** (Notify Oso staff)
  - **Rattlesnakes** – If you encounter one coiled to strike, stand very still until it uncoils and moves away – then move in the opposite direction. Keep as much distance between yourself and any snake as possible. Use caution when moving planks, rocks, or logs by hand. Don't reach into holes in the ground, rocks, or trees.
  - **Mountain lions** generally only move through this area between August and October when water is scarce. If you see one moving close to your group, flail your arms and legs, appear as large as possible, and make loud noises. If the lion continues to approach, throw rocks and other objects and make loud noises.
  - **Bobcats** will avoid you. Any loud noises will scare it away.
  - **Coyotes** live in packs and are nearby. If you maintain the Buddy System (group of 3 or more) you will have no problem with coyotes.
19. **Lost & Found:** Oso is not responsible for any lost or stolen items brought on property by guests. If an item is lost, contact Oso staff or check in the Trading Post. All items found will be held by Oso for seven (7) days.
20. **Furniture:** All furniture, including picnic tables, must not be moved by any guest or participant. Groups are allowed and encouraged to bring canopies and camp chairs.
21. **Site Check-out:** Oso staff will check your group out of the facility at departure time. The group leader and staff will inspect the facilities used by the group for damage and/or trashing. If found, guests will be responsible for paying the cost of repairs/clean-up. The amount established will be at the Oso's discretion.

**For late arrivals or an onsite emergency please call the duty cell phone: 714-307-0393.**

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I have read and reviewed the Health and Safety Guidelines and the Oso Lake Guest Orientation Guide. I agree to abide by the policies and procedures of Oso Lake. For additional questions and concerns, I will contact the Oso Lake duty phone provided above.

Group Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Leader Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Group Leader Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Orientation Commissioner (print): \_\_\_\_\_

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