

# SFBAC Family Adventure Camp Programs

Wente Scout Reservation, Willits, CA

Summer Camp Week 8: August 04 – 10, 2019

Tired of your Scout having all the fun at Summer Camp? Or are you looking for more activities than what is offered at our popular Family Vacation Camp Wknds? Well this is your answer for an exciting week in the great outdoors of scenic Mendocino County at Wente Scout Reservation! Shooting at the ranges, swimming and boating on the lake, horseback and mountain-bike riding along the trails, and challenging skills at Handicrafts or Rock-wall climbing; these are just some of the exciting programs that await your family at Adventure Camp Week! Our professional kitchen staff will take care of all the cooking, serving you classic camp meals in our large dining hall, and there will be evening campfire programs, ice-cream socials, and movie nights! So bring Mom & Dad, brothers & sisters along for some quality family time together. Stay the whole week or register by the day.

Our Wonderful Wente Camp Staff will open all regular Program Areas daily and begin instructional sessions on the hour (9am, 10am, 11am, etc.) when scheduled. You are welcome to stay for as long as you would like at each activity. Appropriate ages, any costs or registration requirements are identified at the end of each activity/event description below. Any events requiring reservations will be managed with online registration prior to the camp week; further details to follow.

## Shooting Sports Ranges

**Archery** – Learn to shoot a bow & arrow for the first time at 9:00am, or enjoy recreational target shooting during Open Shoot sessions. Ages 6+; FREE

**BB Guns** – Learn to shoot a BB Gun for the first time at 10:00am, or enjoy recreational target shooting during Open Shoot sessions. Ages 6+; FREE

**Rifle** – Learn to shoot a .22 rifle for the first time at 9:00am, or enjoy recreational target shooting during Open Shoot sessions. Ages 11+; \$1 per target (10 rounds) – purchase tickets at WSR Trading Post

**Sling-Shot** – Learn to shoot a sling-shot for the first time at 10:00am, or enjoy recreational target shooting during Open Shoot sessions. Ages 6+; FREE

**Shotgun** – Learn to shoot a 20-gauge shotgun for the first time at 9:00am, or enjoy recreational target shooting during Open Shoot sessions. Ages 11+; \$1 per target (2 clays) – purchase tickets at WSR Trading Post

### *Special Event*

**O’Riley’s Outpost** – Our premier Shooting Program is a Black Powder shoot and Tomahawk throw area, featuring a quality old-fashioned western-style grilled meal during your session with the legend of Finbar O’Riley! *Daily 11:45-2:00pm (lunch) and 4:45-7:00pm (dinner)*, **Reservations Required**. Ages 11+; \$25 per person

### *Rock-Climbing Ledge*

**Open Climb** – In the Climbing area at the top of the hill near Gilwell Field, staff members will show you how to gear-up, follow commands and safely challenge you to climb as high up our natural rock wall face as possible! Ages 7+; FREE

### *Mountain-Biking Center*

**Pump Track Skills-Building** – Afternoon sessions TBA in the Mountain-biking area; very popular with youth. Ages 11+; FREE

**Guided Trail Rides** – Starting from the Mountain-biking area, see the beautiful rolling trail network at WSR. **Reservations Required**. Ages 11+; FREE

### *Rising W Horse Corral*

**Arena Rides** – Enjoy a fun, introductory riding experience with our expert wranglers inside the Rising W corral area. **Reservations Required**. Ages 5-10 w/124” inseam, long pants and closed-toe shoes; \$15

**Guided Trail Rides** – Starting from the Corral, ride our fabulous western trail network. **Reservations Required**. Ages 11+ w/long pants and closed-toe shoes; \$40

### *Waterfront & Lake Stamos*

**Swimming/Lifesaving** - daily instruction at 11am and 3pm for swimming and lifesaving techniques. Open swim late morning and afternoons. Ages 5+; FREE

**Paddlesports** – daily instruction at 9am & 1pm for canoes, kayaks and stand-up paddleboards. Open boating late morning and afternoons. Ages 11+; FREE

**Sailing/Boating** – daily instruction at 10am & 2pm for rowboats and sailboats. Open boating late morning and afternoons. Ages 11+; FREE

### *Special Events*

**Woolly Wash** – are you up to the challenge of a chilly, early morning swim? See you at 6:30am down at the waterfront! Ages 11+; FREE

**Wentathelon Competition???**

## *Nature, Ecology & Conservation*

**Study Programs** – MB class subjects including Bird Study, Environmental Science, Insect Study, Mammal Study, Nature, Plant Science, Reptile & Amphibian Study, Weather, etc. See Schedule Posted. All Ages; FREE

**Nature Walks** – Casual meandering around the camp center and Lake Stamos to learn about the flora (wildflowers, poison oak, trees & tule reeds) and fauna (birds, deer, fish, lizards, skunks & snakes) found at WSR. Two different walks planned daily. All Ages; FREE

**Identification Hike** – This nature hike will take you to a few of the more remote and scenic areas of WSR where you will learn about the natural history, plants and animals of the Mendocino Hills. Ages 8+; FREE

**Fishing** – relax by the lakeshore or in a rowboat with your own gear, or some new tackle from our WSR Trading Post. Ages 6+; FREE

**Fly-fishing Instruction** – learn how to cast and fly-fish at Chapel Point with top angling instructors. Ages 11+; FREE

## *Handi-Craft Lodge*

Guarantee yourself a handicraft slot by signing-up online, or drop by to find a new craft activity that interests you!

**Art** – Use your creative talent to make something with our extensive art supplies, or with the guidance of our artful staff, that you can bring home. Several choices available. All Ages; \$5

**Basketmaking** – Learn the techniques to make a small basket project to finish at Handi-Craft or back at your campsite. Several choices available. Ages 9+; \$7-\$15 per kit

**Chess/Checkers** – Learn to play, play with your family, meet a new buddy or a friendly staff member. All Ages; FREE

**Indian Lore** – Create a craft that relates to Native American traditions and stick around for stories about the local tribes of the Mendocino woods. Ages 7+; \$5-10 per kit

**Leather Craft** – Learn the techniques to make a small leather project with guidance from one of our Handi-Craft staff. Several choices available. Ages 9+; \$5-\$20 per kit

**Make a Boardgame** – Develop a boardgame specific to your family that you can bring home to play, with the help with one of our staff game makers. All Ages; \$5

**Moviemaking** – Make a vacation camp narrative and movie for your family, a friends' group, or with a staff member to take home and share with your besties! All Ages; FREE

**Music** – Learn to play a short song, share melodic skills with friends and family, or enjoy the instruments we have at camp. All ages; FREE

**Photography** – Take beautiful landscape photos of scenic WSR, or get your perfect selfie with the help of our photography staff member who can show you tricks and suggest perfect spots. We will email any digital photos you take during this session. All Ages; FREE

**Pottery** – Make a small coil pot or stay for awhile and learn to throw clay forms on our spinning wheel. All Ages; \$5

**Woodcarving** – Learn woodcarving skills and make a project with guidance from one of our staff. You can try out a personal knife or use our woodcarving tools. Several choices available. Ages 9+; \$5-\$15 per kit

### **Scout Craft Meadow**

**Knots & Pioneering** – Learn to tie knots for a variety of occasions, or build pioneering structures with sturdy lashings. Ages 7+; FREE

**Pocket Knife & Woods Tools Safety** – An opportunity for children and adults to learn proper handling, safety tips and uses of pocket knives and various woods tools (bow saw, hatchet, axe). Program will be age appropriate. Ages 8+ or more; FREE

**Wilderness Survival Skills** – Challenge yourself to learn some of the skills needed to hunker down like a true survivor, navigate by compass, forage for food or build a shelter, as well as other tips and tricks from staff who love to sleep under the stars! All Ages; FREE

### **Special Event**

**Kali-Ama Orienteering Challenge** – A Wente Scout Reservation tradition for decades! Ages 11+; FREE (request site map & stamp pad from WSR Trading Post)

**Outdoor Cooking** – Learn the cooking tricks and techniques from the staff, and make and share a camp meal in a more rustic setting. **Reservations Required.** All Ages; FREE

### **Evening Festivities**

**Opening Campfire** – 7:30-8:30pm Sunday evening at the amphitheater. All Ages; FREE

**Astronomy Outpost** – Gilwell Field every evening weather-permitting. All Ages; FREE

**Movie Night** – Unwind at a family movie night with popcorn, or drop off your children here with our Staff before heading out to the adult reception at the Lodge (see below: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday only). Ages 5+; FREE

**Ice Cream Social** – 7:30pm-8:30pm Tuesday evening at the Dining Hall. All Ages; FREE

**Closing Campfire** – 7:30-8:30pm Friday evening at the amphitheater. All Ages; FREE

### **Chess/Checkers/Cribbage Tournaments - ???**

## **The Lodge Spa @ Wente**

**Therapeutic Massage** - Feeling the need to destress a bit on your adventurous vacation? Professional massages offered by local licensed vendors brought in to take care of your needs for 20min sessions. **Reservations Required** Ages 13+; \$35

**Manicure/Pedicure** – Get pampered at the Spa with a friend, family member, or sneak off for some alone time with a professional Manicure or Pedicure. **Reservations Required** Ages 6+; \$20 each or \$35 for both

### **Special Event**

**Wine & Cheese Reception** – relax on the front porch of the Lodge overlooking the Rising W Corral with scenic sunset views of the Willits Valley while you enjoy local Mendocino-grown wines and an assortment of specialty cheeses and charcuterie. **7:15-8:15pm Monday, Wednesday & Thursday. Reservations Required.** Ages 21+; \$15 per person

## **Out-of-Camp Tours**

**Historical Willits** – tour the Mendocino County Historical Museum exhibits and Roots of Motive Power train engine house, see the old Train Depot and world-famous Skunk Train near the Rodeo Grounds and Recreation Grove Park, go for a walk in the Ohl Redwood Grove and along the Haehl Creek path, or visit the KOA petting zoo. Offered Wednesday afternoon with docent immediately following lunch, **Special Event offered Wednesday afternoon with museum docents, departing immediately following lunch and returning before dinner.** All ages; \$10 per person.

**North Coast Highlights** – an all-day excursion you drive along winding Highway 20 from Willits to Fort Bragg, and return to camp for dinner. Tour the fantastic Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, scenic Noyo harbor fishing village, the Skunk Train Fort Bragg Depot, International Seaglass Museum, Pudding Creek Beach and Railway Trestle, Glass Beach and the Noyo Headlands Park & Coastal Trail. **Special Event offered Tuesday with tour guide, departing immediately following breakfast and returning just before dinner. Reservations Required.** All ages; \$45 per person includes a restaurant lunch by the sea and afternoon ice cream.

**Mendocino Wine Country** – a wonderful jaunt to nearby Redwood Valley and pastoral Calpella. Stop at Ridgewood Ranch, the retirement home of racehorse Seabiscuit on the way to three wineries for vineyard tours and tasting just 20 miles south of camp! **Special Event offered Thursday with your wine guide, departing mid-morning and returning just before dinner. Reservations Required.** Ages 21+; \$45 per person includes a relaxing country picnic lunch among the vines and winery discounts!