

White Stag Monterey Training Course Information

About the Program

The program teaches youth a specific set of leadership competencies. White Stag has its roots in Scouting, but in 2008 incorporated as a public benefit 501C3 non-profit corporation, White Stag Leadership Development Academy, Inc. The corporation is an all-volunteer entity which sponsors Scouts of America, Venturing Crew 122. The Crew volunteers run a year-round program to plan and present two, one-week leadership training sessions each summer. During the training week, participants get repeated opportunities to learn and practice leadership skills in small and large group settings. They develop plans for applying these skills in their home organizations, programs, family, and community. Experienced adults and trained youth leaders carefully monitor all elements of the program.

About Our Name

We take our name from the White Stag of Hungarian legend and the symbol of the 1933 World Jamboree held in Hungary. This Jamboree was the last one attended by the founder of Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell. The White Stag was the symbol of challenge to reach for goals beyond perceived limitations and a challenge to grow as individuals. It is a fitting symbol for a leadership program.

The History of the White Stag Program

White Stag was founded in 1958 by educational psychologist Dr. Bela Banathy. He conceived the idea of a program that defined and taught specific leadership competencies to youth. With the input of other social scientists and the assistance of a key group of fellow Scouters, Bela formulated and tested a method for managing the learning of leadership skills. The program was adapted in 1972 by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America as the official nationwide Junior Leader Training Program.

About the Leadership Competencies

Your child will receive hands-on learning experiences designed to help them use proven leadership competencies pioneered by White Stag. Our program challenges youth to develop leadership skills and apply these skills in their home Scouting units, schools, church groups, community, and within their families.

Each participant will acquire greater depth and breadth of knowledge in these leadership competencies:

- Getting and giving information
- Knowing and using your available resources
- Controlling your group's performance
- Understand group needs and characteristics
- Planning and decision making
- Managing the learning by using goals and objectives
- Setting the example
- Sharing leadership
- Counseling
- Representing your group
- Evaluating and process improvement

How Our Program is Organized

Participants who range in age from 10.5 -18 years naturally bring a wide variety of skills and needs to the leadership development program. Accordingly, the program is organized into three phases so that it may better meet the needs of all the participants.

Each phase level will teach a particular range of skills for the proper level of maturity. Our staff reviews each registration for correct phase placement.

All phases center on the development of leadership skills. The degree and emphasis with which the competencies are explored increase from phase to phase. Completion of Phase 1 is not required for acceptance into Phase 2. Similarly, completion of Phase 1 or Phase 2 is not required for acceptance into Phase 3. It is common for a participant to repeat a phase when they are not old enough to go on to the next phase. Repeating a phase can be very advantageous for the child. It gives them time to mature and to practice and use the leadership skills they learned the previous year with their peers before moving to the next phase level. No prior camping or backpacking experience is necessary for any level.

The following are the guidelines for the placement of candidates into a phase. Final candidate placement will be the decision of the White Stag Directors. *Applicants seeking age exceptions must attend C Day, and age exceptions are not guaranteed.*

Phase 1, Group Member Development

For youth ages 10.5 -13, entering grades 6th – 7th. Participants will experience the dynamics and power of a close-knit group. They are exposed to the responsibilities of group membership and to leadership skills. They go on an overnight backpacking trip.

Phase 2, Group Leadership Development

For youth ages 13 –15, entering grades 7th, 8th, or 9th (or 12 years with the approval of Phase Leader and Director, for youth who have previously completed Phase 1). Participants learn the skills of small group leadership. They are exposed to advanced levels of leadership competencies and have guided opportunities to lead a small group. They will go on a 1-2 night backpacking trip.

Phase 3, Large Group Leadership Development

For youth ages 15-17, grades 9th – 12th (or with approval of the Phase Leader and Director, for youth 14 who have previously completed Phase 2). Participants learn the skills of large-group leadership and small group leadership. They receive opportunities to practice leadership skills at a high level. They will go on a multi-night backpacking trip.

About Our Staff and Volunteers

White Stag Monterey is an all-volunteer organization. Our highly trained adult staff is made up of alumni, parents, and Scout leaders who have found value in the White Stag experience. Parents are welcome to participate. Many parents help in equipment and foodservice support roles or join our adult staff team. For information on how you can help, contact register@whitestagcamp.org or 1-800-559-3188.

Piney Creek Camp Facility

The rustic camp facility borders thousands of acres of wilderness and offers excellent opportunities for hiking and backpacking and an action-filled week of leadership development. Individuals learn leadership skills best through hands-on learning and practice in small groups. The experience of living and supporting each other in the outdoors is perfect. Participants also learn and practice the outdoor skills necessary to live in nature.

Participants

The program is open to boys and girls who are 10 ½ and are entering 6th grade in the Fall, thru the age of 17 at the beginning of each session. Space is available on a first-come, first-served basis for all phases.

How to Apply

Apply online at www.whitestagmonterey.com. It is our philosophy that the participant learns best by doing; therefore, we ask that the participant complete the entire "To be filled out by Participant" section on their own. If the participant has questions about the course, we strongly encourage them to contact us directly.

Training Sessions Days and Location

Drop off between 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Sunday
Pick up after the graduation ceremony at 1:00 p.m., Saturday
Family lunch & Post camp parent orientation 11:30 AM – 12:30
Departure between 2:30–3:00 p.m.
Piney Creek Camp 44890 Carmel Valley Rd. Greenfield, CA 93927

Family Lunch and Graduation Ceremony

Family members and friends are strongly encouraged to attend. A buffet lunch (\$7.00/person donation) served at 11:30 a.m. at camp, followed by a parent post-camp orientation and the Course Graduation Ceremony. (Please note: Ceremony length varies depending on the number of participants. Temperatures at camp can be hot; please make sure

you bring sunscreen, hat, water, and a camp chair if desired. **Dogs are not allowed at camp. It is too hot for them to stay in the car!**

Training Session Arrival & Departure

Participants may not arrive late or leave early.

Check-in is held on the first day of training, starting at 10:00 a.m.

Late arrivals after 11:00 a.m. is not allowed.

Each participant must attend the course in its entirety. Our program is dependent on each participant attending The complete course. If we allowed early departure or late arrival, it would hurt the experience of the child, and negatively impact the other children in their small group. There a **"No Refund Policy."** Please clear your calendar before signing up for the training course.

Orientation Day – "C Day"

Held the third Saturday of May 8:45 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Participants (Bring sack lunch, water, notebook, pen/pencil, light jacket)

Parent Orientation 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (Have lunch in beautiful Monterey)

POM Boy Scout Lodge in Monterey, CA, located at Ewing Rd. & Pvt Bolio Rd, Monterey, CA

INDABA – Reunion of Graduates, Youth Staff & Alumni

Held the second Saturday of September, 8:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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Equipment

There is an equipment list in this packet. If you have questions about what to purchase, outdoor sporting goods stores can be very helpful places to learn more about camping equipment. Do not buy expensive items.

The major brand department stores also sell adequate gear at reasonable prices. Each participant needs their own 2-person or smaller tent. Tents may not be shared with friends or siblings since they will not be in the same small group. Each group has designated camping areas. Participants will only take their sleeping bags, pads, a tarp, and change of clothes with them on the overnight backpacking trips. Most of their personal gear will stay at the camp inside their tents.

Uniforms & Clothing

It is important to have everyone wear uniforms while participating in the program. It creates a feeling of belonging, reduces distractions, and also instills discipline. Participants are required to wear tan or khaki pants or shorts while at camp. Each participant is provided with two uniform tee shirts. Extra shirts may be purchased during registration. Shorts must not be shorter than to the fingertips with their arm hanging straight down. Other, plain shirts from home can be worn during some parts of the day, but they may not contain graphics. All swimming suits must be modest. One piece for females and trunks or jammers for males. No bikinis or male speedo-type racing suites. SPF swimming tops are encouraged. Boots should be "broken-in" to avoid blisters. Everyone should bring sturdy tennis shoes that can get wet for creek crossings and water play. Old ones work great!

Refund Policy

Your registration fee is **NON-REFUNDABLE**. This policy applies to all participants and is in effect whether you have an unexpected family/business emergency, have a medical emergency, etc. There are NO exceptions.

You may request a donation receipt in the amount you paid towards your registration as a Charitable Donation for your income tax return. Contact register@whitestagcamp.org

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All fees go directly for facilities, insurance, supplies, learning materials, food, etc.

Registration fees are used months before the training sessions in preparation and support the program.

Non-Discrimination Policy

The White Stag Leadership Development Academy, Inc., BSA Crew, Troop and LFL 122/9122 in regards to administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships, and other administered programs without regard to race, creed, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, gender, orientation, physical or mental ability to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to other youth in the program.

Packing Information and Equipment List

Bring all your gear packed in a backpacking backpack and ready for a hike. Do not bring a suitcase or large duffle bag. It is important to bring all the items on the list.

Other than what is listed below, please do not bring anything else to camp, including cell phones and personal electronics. Camp is an electronics-free environment. There are no power plugs. Non-essential items will be taken and stored for safekeeping during camp. We recommend you put name tags in clothing and on gear to make it easier to return when misplaced. We are not responsible for any items lost, damaged, or misplaced.

Parents:

Do not purchase expensive equipment! The major department and sporting goods stores sell adequate items. For a good, comfortable fit, the child should try on the backpacking backpack before purchasing.

Personal Gear to Bring to Camp (Packed in a multi-day, 50-80 liter, backpacking pack)

You will not be backpacking with your full backpacks. During the overnight backpacking trip out of camp, your tent will stay in camp with your extra gear left inside. You will only take your sleeping bag, pad, and one plastic tarp, along with your overnight personal gear, water, and group cooking gear and food (provided)

Gear

- ___ Sack lunch and water for Sunday check-in
- ___ Backpacking Backpack - 50 - 80 liter with waist belt (adjusted to fit)
- ___ Sleeping bag (mummy type 15-20 degree)
- ___ Sleeping pad and small travel pillow
- ___ Day pack (school bookbag type)
- ___ Tent (small 2-person size not larger)
- ___ Small plastic tarps (approx. size 4x6ft.)
- ___ Eating utensils (spoon, fork, plate, bowl, & cup)
- ___ 2 Trash bags for dirty clothes and trash
- ___ Compass
- ___ 3 - 32 oz. reusable water bottles
- ___ Personal first aid kit (small)
- ___ Flashlight - small light with extra batteries
- ___ Whistle
- ___ Pens and pencils
- ___ Pocket Knife - locking 3-inch or less blade
- ___ Watch – Phase 2, Phase 3, NYLT only
- ___ Alarm clock (battery – travel size)
- ___ Small Sewing kit (Phase 3)
- ___ Sunscreen / sunglasses / hat (with brim)
- ___ Insect repellent
- ___ Camera (disposable — optional)
- ___ Hiking boots with ankle support (**broken in already**)
- ___ Sturdy Tennis shoes that can get wet – **Important!**

Clothing

- ___ 2 Tan or Khaki colored long pants (*No other colors except official Scout Pants*)
- ___ 2 Tan or Khaki colored shorts (*long length cargo type. No other colors. Mid-thigh. No shorter than the fingertips with arm down!*)
- ___ NYLT – Scout/Venturing uniform
- ___ 2 extra T-shirts (2 Uniform shirts are provided)
- You may purchase more during registration***
- ___ Underwear (6 pair)
- ___ Socks (6 pair)
- ___ Boot socks (2 pair)
- ___ Sleeping clothes – (*Always change at night*).
- ___ Warm jacket
- ___ Flip flops / sandals (for shower/pool area)
- ___ Swimsuit – *Modest = one-piece, tankini, trunks or jammers, a swimming shirt is encouraged.*
- No bikinis or speedo type racing bottoms!**

Personal Items

- ___ Toothbrush, toothpaste, & floss
- ___ Shampoo & soap
- ___ Comb / brush / hair ties
- ___ Washcloth & towel
- ___ Baby Wipes - for hiking days
- ___ Deodorant
- ___ Feminine products – *Just in case!*
- ___ Medications / inhaler / EpiPen

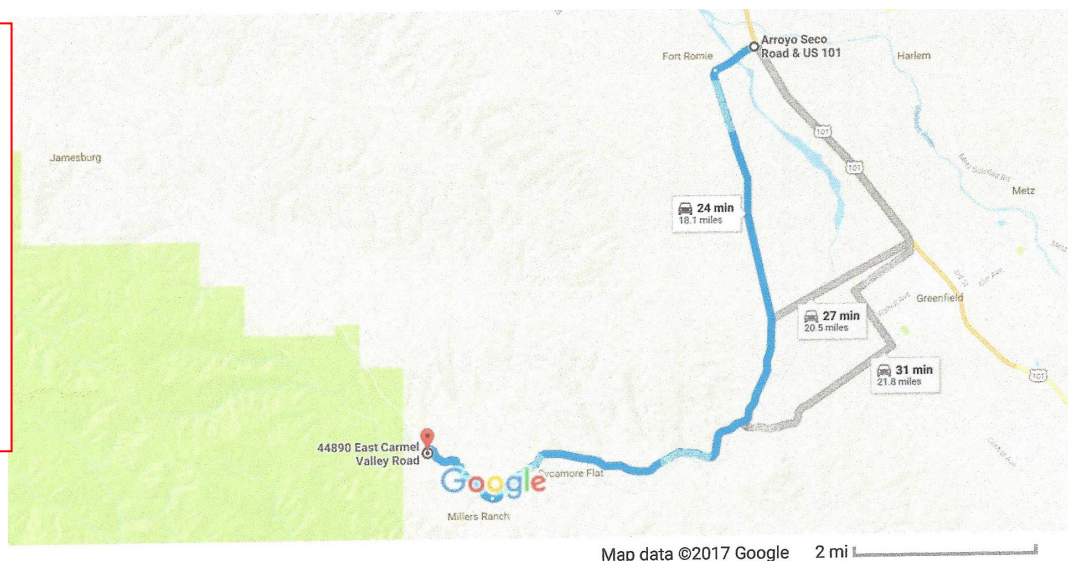
Questions? Email register@whitestagcamp.org



Presidio of Monterey Scout Lodge is located just above the Coast Guard wharf in Monterey. From downtown Monterey, take Del Monte Blvd. through the tunnel. Stay to the right and take the first slight right onto Foam St. Take the first left onto Reeside Ave., go one block and turn left onto Lighthouse Ave. Go one block and turn right onto Private Bolio, and turn left immediately. The Scout Lodge is the first building visible to you. Search Google Maps, POM Scout Lodge, Monterey, CA

Piney Creek Camp –
44890 Carmel Valley Road
Greenfield, CA 93927
From Highway 101 south
take Arroyo Seco Road in
Soledad. After approx. 17
miles turn right onto Carmel
Valley Road. Go 1.7 miles.
The driveway is on the left.

Google Maps Search
"White Stag Piney Creek,
Greenfield, CA"



via Arroyo Seco Rd
Fastest route

24 min
18.1 miles

via US-101 S and Arroyo Seco Rd

27 min
20.5 miles