

# The Big Ride 2018 High Adventure Boy Scout Cycling Event

Friday, June 1 through Sunday, June 3, 2018

Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area, 15501 East Arrow Highway, Irwindale, California

*Wow is this going to be fun!! -- Let's all go out and ride!!*

This outing is an opportunity for scouts (and scouters) to have a great time cycling in a big group on the biggest bike path system in Southern California. Here are some important things you will be responsible for and need to keep in mind for this outing:

- This event is only facilitated by the organizing unit(s). **This is your outing. Each unit participating takes sole responsibility for their unit members and all the necessary safety planning - and all the requirements in the Guide to Safe Scouting. The liability insurance requirements for your council must be followed. Any questions or concerns about these requirements should be directed to your unit and/or your council, not the event organizer. Two-deep unit leadership is MANDATORY for unit attendance – Units will be turned away without it.** At least one of the two unit leaders must be 21 years of age or older. Webelo outings must follow BALOO requirements for overnight activities and camping. *The Guide to Safe Scouting* must be followed.
- This is a High Adventure event in portions – youth and adults should be in good physical condition for the ride they choose. BSA rules require a Class A, B and C Medicals for any outing defined as strenuous. Units and unit leaders are separately responsible for medical information and adherence to BSA Policy on medical status.
- Unit leaders are responsible for compliance with any high adventure award or merit badge requirements. There may be some pre-requisites to receive awards which must be done prior to attending this event. All unit leaders will have read the general requirements for high adventure awards as well as specific requirements for each award and abide by them. Units are separately responsible for high adventure award applications, approvals and award patches.
- Helmets must be worn at all times when riding, including inside the park.
- The “buddy system” is a part of scouting and will be used on the rides. Riding in patrols is recommended.
- While the river trails are Class I bike paths (fully separated from motor vehicle traffic), some of the routes will require riding along and across busy streets. Riders should be experienced with street riding and exercise caution. In addition, there can be hazards on the bike paths.
- Refreshments (beverage and food) are available at the several rest stops on each route. However, it is strongly recommended that riders bring enough water for at least two hours of riding and a snack. The Webelo 25km ride may have separate refreshment arrangements. A simple “rider’s lunch” is provided.
- While every effort will be made to provide a “sag wagon” for the event, it is recommended that each unit try to provide one for their riders. First Aid kits, tools, spare tubes, patch kits, etc. should be carried by riders as appropriate. It is strongly recommended that at least one cell phone be carried by each set of buddies. Portions of the bike paths are over a mile from access to motor vehicles or any street crossing.
- Camping arrangements will be based on the space available upon arrival. Bring tents and other camping gear for your unit. Water filling points availability is limited. There are a limited number of picnic tables. Coolers are okay. Backpack stoves, Coleman-style stoves and charcoal BBQ’s are okay. The only open fire will be in the main fire circle as allowed by park staff. Units are responsible for all meals except for the (limited) refreshment stop items and the Saturday “rider’s lunch”.
- Entry into Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area requires a fee on a per-vehicle basis beyond the control of the event organizer. See the County of Los Angeles Parks & Recreation Webpage for more details: [http://parks.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpr/Parks/Santa\\_Fe\\_Dam\\_Recreational\\_Area](http://parks.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpr/Parks/Santa_Fe_Dam_Recreational_Area). **Group Campers may enter through the rear gate at the end of Peckham Road without cost on Friday night only, but prior notice MUST be made with the event organizer.** The main public entry gate closes at 8:00pm.
- Parking at Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area’s Group Camping is limited. Car pools are encouraged as parking must be contained on-site. Travel trailers are discouraged and large trailers may be problematic.

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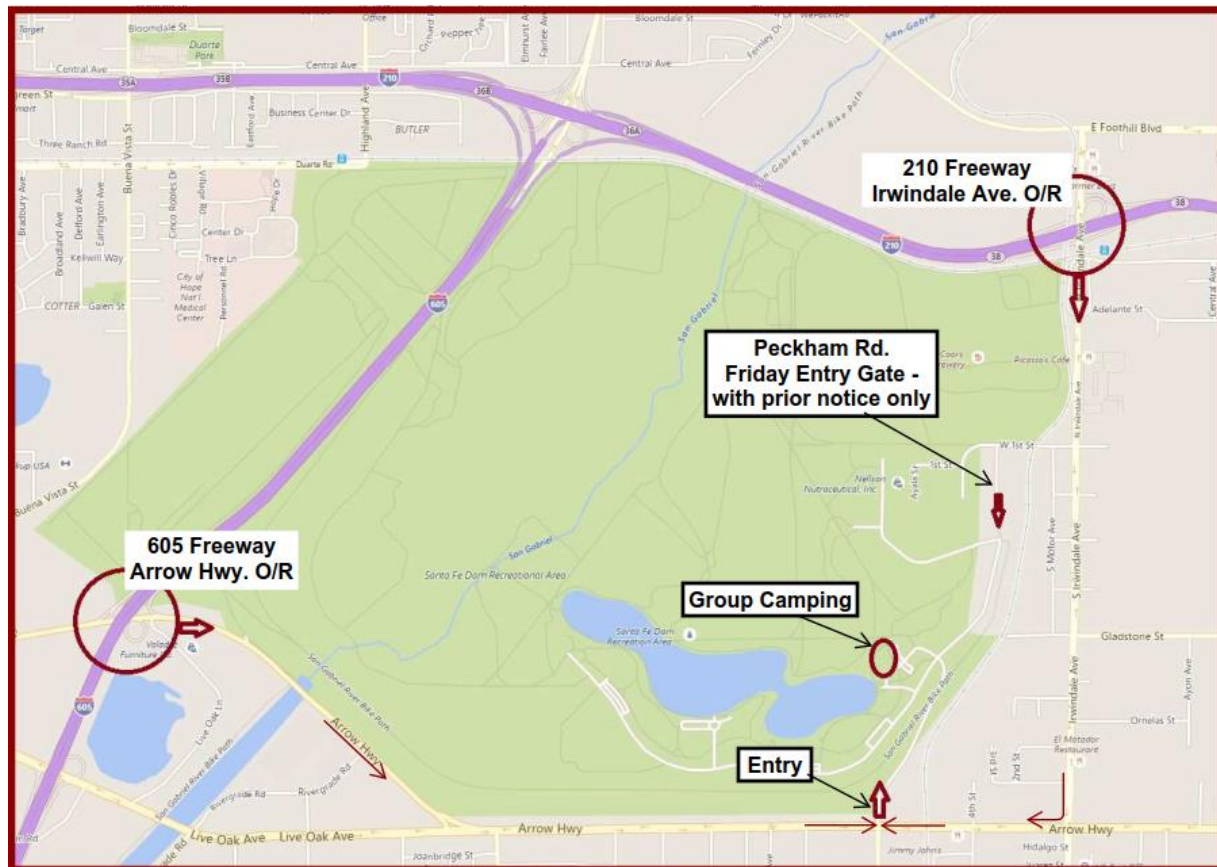
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- Restrooms are available close to the campsites. Units are responsible for their cleanliness. Restrooms will also be close to each of the designated rest stops on each route.
- Friday night: quiet hour is 9:00pm and sleep hour is 10:00pm. Saturday night: quiet hour is 10:00pm and sleep hour is 11:00pm.
- An early start on Saturday for riders is recommended: 100-milers by 7:30am; Other routes no later than 9:30am. Per the 100-miles-in-one-day Cycling Achievement Award: Official sunrise time on June 2, 2018 is 5:41am; Official sunset time on June 2, 2018 is 7:59pm. (Any riding in the dark will require additional safety equipment.)
- Prior to leaving the recreation area, the unit leader must check out with the event organizers.
- Registration must be by unit, not by individual --- All rides on Saturday.
- **No refund of fees after May 10, 2018. Event arrangements subject to change.**

**Please arrive between 4:00pm and 7:00pm on Friday to optimize organizing our big group. Check in with an event organizer. A safety meeting of all riders and leaders will be held near 9:00pm.**

**Event organizing chief: Vance Pomeroy – [vance@juniperpacific.com](mailto:vance@juniperpacific.com) – (661) 361-5619**



Santa Fe Dam Recreation Area is near the junction of the 210 & 605 Freeways, 10 miles east of Pasadena

**Read this entire packet. – fill out and sign the registration form. Cost is \$20.00 per attendee, riding or not. Make checks payable to “Troop 555”. Sign and mail form with the correct payment to the event organizing chief at: “The Big Ride, c/o Vance Pomeroy, 29319 121<sup>st</sup> Street East, Juniper Hills, California, 93543”.**

**Deadline for registration is May 10, 2018**

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## Registration Form

Troop  Crew/Team/Post  Pack # \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

(one form per unit)

City of Unit: \_\_\_\_\_ Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Responsible Unit Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Land & Mobile Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

(Provide additional Leader names & contacts/cell numbers/emails on the reverse)

Number of Vehicles (if known): \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Tents (if known): \_\_\_\_\_

**I have read the entire information packet and agree with the requirements; I also certify that I am authorized to sign on behalf of our unit:**

Signature of Outing Leader or  
Responsible Unit Leader:

X \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost is \$20.00 per attendee, riding or not**

	Quantity	\$Amount	How many of these are Adults?
25km-Webelos & Adults (@ \$20.00 each)	_____	_____	_____
25 mile-Scouts & Adults (@ \$20.00 each)	_____	_____	_____
50 Mile-Scouts & Adults (@ \$20.00 each)	_____	_____	_____
100 Mile-Scouts & Adults (@ \$20.00 each)	_____	_____	_____
Non-riding Adults (@ \$20.00 each)	_____	_____	_____
	Grand Total (\$)	_____	

Make checks payable to: **Troop 555** :::: Please memo check as: **The Big Ride**

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