

ADVENTURE IN Thailand

2019 ASIA CAMP LEADER'S GUIDE



*A camp adventure of Boy Scouts of America - Far East Council –
and BSA Troops from across the Asia-Pacific Region*

July 28-August 4th 2019

Asia Camp 2019

Welcome to the Far East Council 2019 Camp Thailand – a joint activity of scouts and adult leaders from across the region. The objectives of this Camp are to bring BSA members together from across Asia for a week of Adventure, Team Work, Advancement, and Fun – all while demonstrating the highest levels of the Scout Oath and Scout Spirit. Scouts from across the region represent many ethnic, religious and national backgrounds and live in a diversity of Asian cultures. Let us build off of the richness of these contexts; learn from each other’s scouting experience, and develop BSA friendships, which can lead us to greater collaboration in the future.

Our Journey in Thailand

‘The Adventure in Thailand’ involves six nights/seven days. We have invited a group of Thai Scouts and leaders who will join us for the event. Our camp location is at a Thai Scout Camp – a 35-minute bus ride from Chiang Mai international Airport (CNX), just outside Chiang Mai city.

- Best arrival airport is into Chiang Mai (CNX), there are numerous direct flight options from most cities in Asia
- Plan to arrive at the camp between noon and 4pm on the 28th
- Do not book outbound flights before 6pm on the 4th. All troops will be dropped at the airport by 4pm.
- If arriving before the 28th or departing after the 4th, should plan on starting or ending their pre- or post-travel from the airport.
- More arrival information is at the end of the document.

Thailand and Scouting

Thailand has a long and rich history with scouting. King Rama VI introduced scouting to Thailand in 1911 upon His Majesty’s return from studying in the United Kingdom. Thailand was the **third country** to start a scouting program (following the UK and United States) and is the only scouting program that was started by a king. Scouting in Thailand continues to enjoy the support of the Thai Royal Family. The Thai scout motto is “Better to die than to lie.”

Thailand and Elephants

One can not think of Thailand without thinking of elephants. The elephant holds a special place in the hearts and minds of the Thai people. Over the centuries the elephant has played important roles in labor, transportation, war, and as royal iconography. The elephant is the national animal of Thailand and was pictured on the flag of Siam until 1916. Today the elephant is almost exclusively a tourist attraction. It is a protected animal under Thai and international law. On the last day of camp scouters will visit the Elephant Conservation Center about an hour south of Chiang Mai. Scouts will learn about the historical and cultural



importance of the elephant, visit the elephant hospital, learn how paper is made from elephant dung, and take a 10-15 minute ride on one of these magnificent creatures.

* As a part of the Outdoor Code, we have done diligence in the research of the center to visit in an effort to ensure the betterment and ethical treatment of the elephants, while providing a great experience for Scouts.

Introduction to Camp Activities

The focus of the Camp is on Advancement, Adventure, Service, and Fun. In addition to First Class Trail – for junior scouts – there are more than 30 Merit Badge opportunities during the Camp. Other activities during the week include Dutch oven cook off, knots competition, campfire programs, community orientation, hiking, Camp Olympics and the “King Cobra” award (a patch earned by completing a series of activities).

Four Areas of Focus at Scout Camp

The Scout camp will be organized thematically into five focus areas. Merit Badges will be scheduled for the morning with the afternoon being open for scouts to explore and work on the “King Cobra” award.

- **Science and Technology**
- **Business and Development**
- **The Wilderness & Orienteering**
- **Scouting History and Principles**

Science and Technology

Here we will highlight one of the newest award programs in BSA – the NOVA awards. This program encourages advancement in areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

Science and Technology

Merit Badges Offered include:

1. Chemistry
2. Electricity
3. Electronics
4. Engineering
5. **Environmental Science**
6. Space Exploration
7. Weather
8. Aviation



Business and Development
Merit Badges Offered Include:

1. **Communications**
2. Salesmanship
3. Entrepreneurship
4. Law
5. Public Speaking
6. Fingerprinting
7. Journalism
8. Photography
9. Chess
10. Coin Collecting
11. Auto Mechanics
12. Moviemaking

Business and Development

Here we will highlight merit badges and activities related to operating a business and how successful businesses operate in today's environment.

The Wilderness & Orienteering
Merit Badges Offered Include:

1. Wilderness Survival
2. **Emergency Preparedness**
3. Pioneering
4. **First Aid**
5. Geocaching
6. Orienteering
7. Archery
8. Mammal Study
9. Geology
10. Woodcarving
11. Vet medicine
12. Fish & wildlife management
13. Search & Rescue
14. Animal Science
15. Fishing



The Wilderness and Orienteering

Here we will highlight a number of important merit badges in Scouting as well as offer numerous opportunities for skills development and practice.

Scouting Heritage & Principles
Merit Badges Offered Include:

1. Scouting Heritage
2. Indian Lore
3. American Heritage
4. **Citizenship in the Nation**
5. **Citizenship in the World**
6. Public Sneaking

Scouting History and Principles

Here we will highlight key elements of Scouting Heritage and the principles we demonstrate within Scouting. We will also provide a look into other cultures and communities

Trail to First Class will also be offered in this area. The morning is devoted to merit badges with four time slots offered in all camp areas. Afternoon at 'The Wilderness' will include knot ninja competition, pioneering competition, and other cool activities.

Thailand

Here we will highlight Thailand and Thailand Scouting – traditions, history & culture. Scouts can earn the Messenger of Peace Patch through their work at the 2019 Asia Camp.



Merit Badge information and Daily Schedule

Of the five full days at camp – each day has four merit badge sessions in the morning – and then the afternoon is open with many options listed below.

- **First Class Trail:** The FCT area will be open all morning as well as during free time for scouts to work on requirements leading to Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks.
- **Morning Merit Badge Sessions:** There will be four merit badge time slots in the morning – over five days – each session is 50 minutes in length.
- **Afternoon Activities:** Scouts will have a range of options to choose from at the five areas of the camp including, many of which go towards earning the “King Cobra” award.
 - Open time at the Archery Range
 - Knot Ninja
 - Pioneering competition
 - Tomahawk throw
 - NOVA opportunities

- **Evening Activities:**
 - Dutch oven cook-off (Units will face off with their best desert recipe)
 - Merit badge sessions (Tuesday/Thursday – 2-3 hours)
 - Camp fires

Adventure Day

Each scout and adult will participate in an adventure day – choosing one activity from three options

- Mountain Trek
- Mountain Biking
- Rock Climbing

While some merit badge requirements may be practiced on these activities – these events are not merit badge focused. That is to say no MB counselor will be tracking requirements. Each scout and each adult will spend all day – on the selected activity.

Visit to Elephant Camp – August 4th

On Sunday – August 4th – we break camp – and head for a Chiang Mai Elephant Conservation Center for activities related to learning about the Thai elephant and the care of these large mammals. We expect a ride will be included. The activities of this day will meet most – if not all, the requirements for Mammal Studies MB.

Merit Badge Procedures

All scouts should come to the first session of each merit badge with a signed and completed MB application - 'Blue Card'. The counselors will collect those at the first session, indicate completed items and initial as requirements are fulfilled, and then return to the Camporee staff by Saturday afternoon – August 3rd. The camp staff will sort the Blue Cards by troop. Each Scoutmaster will receive the stack of Blue Cards for their troop by 7pm on Saturday, August 3rd so they can review any partials with scouts and counselors as needed.

Specific Activities and Awards – Individual and Troop

A number of activities are also planned where individual scouts and troops can participate for fun and recognition.

- **Honor Troop – Camp Spirit Recognition:** We want to recognize troops for their camp spirit and dedication to scouting at the camporee. See the back of this guide for the detailed criteria.
- **Honor Scout:** See the back of this guide for the detailed criteria.
- **Dutch Oven Cooking:** Each troop will enter a 3-5 member Dutch Oven cooking team in the 'Cobbler Competition'. Selected Scoutmasters will serve as the tasting judges. Troops are required to bring a Dutch Oven and their ingredients – with the exception of perishable items which can be secured locally upon request.
- **Additional Activities:** Check out the afternoon activity list.

- **Camporee Olympics:** On our last day at camp all troops will participate in the 2019 Camp Thailand Olympics – with various events that will be designed and planned by the camp staff.

Program Schedule

At the back of this guide is the program schedule.

Weather at Camp

As indicated previously – expect rain – life in August in most of Asia. It will not rain all the time and I expect we will have some good Thailand weather – but that is beyond our control. All Merit Badge activities areas are enclosed – and well covered. Meals are in the main lodge building. As for temperature here is the current prediction – it will/could range from 22 C to 28 C at the scout camp.

Vaccinations

Please do check with your local health care provider – or the CDC web site for advice. Most typically focus on up to date Tetanus and Hepatitis vaccine. This, however, is a personal choice. You will see other options/recommendations on the CDC web site. There are varying views on this – we recommend families consult with their family doctor.

Emergency Contact Information

Contact details for the 2019 Camp Thailand:

- Lanna Development Center 66-53-965-197
- Jon Justine (Camp Director) 66-93-223-9501

What to Bring to the 2019 Camp

At the back of this guide is a packing list for scouts and adults, as well as for each troop. As a reminder tents are the responsibility of each troop – they are not provided by the Camp Team.

Troop Clean Up Duties at Camp

Each participating troop will have specific clean up duties to be completed each day – including the bathrooms and merit badge meeting areas. A sample Troop roster is included at the back of this guide to assist troop SPLs in planning for these responsibilities.

Troop Camp Fire Duties at Camporee

Each Troop will be asked to assist with the camp fire programs. Each troop should prepare for skits – with opportunities provided throughout the week to share various troop talents.

Personal Electronic Devices

In order to provide a quality outdoor experience, the use of personal electronic devices by scouts – including cellular telephones is not permitted during Camp. Any scout found to be in violation of the Camp policy will have their device taken from them for the remainder of the event. The Camp Staff will not be responsible for any device, which is lost while in the possession of the Camp Team. Scouts involved

in the Geocaching, Journalism, Moviemaking and Photography merit badge will be permitted to use appropriate devices for full filling these requirements. However, scouts who abuse this privilege will not be permitted to complete this merit badge at the Camp.

Check In Procedures – July 28th

All troops will arrive at scout camp on Sunday, July 28th

1. Upon arrival at the host facility, one unit leader should be prepared to begin the registration process with a Camp Staff member. Each unit will be asked to review and confirm their unit roster – scouts and adults; medical forms; and tour permit. Tour permit and medical forms will be returned to each troop upon check-out.
2. The rest of the troop will move their gear to the camp site – set up tents and store gear. They will be guided by a member of the camp staff.
3. Troops will be given tours of the facility once their camp site is established.
4. Those adults leading Merit Badges will receive orientation to their venue and resource materials and equipment. Any remaining requests for assistance should be identified at that time.
5. An SPL and Scoutmaster meeting will follow dinner on July 28th.

Check Out Procedures – August 4th

On August 4th – we will proceed with check-out as follows – specific times will be identified at the Camp.

1. Pack and move gear to designated area for loading buses – depending upon specific troop departure times.
2. Breakfast.
3. Leave no Trace.
4. Load buses for transport to elephant camp.
5. Tour permits, medical forms, completed blue cards, and event patches will be given to the unit leader on Saturday evening, August 4th.

Uniforms at Camp

- Class A (Full Field Uniform): Morning and Afternoon Flags; Evening Meal; other times as identified
- Class B (Activity Uniform): During the day

Class A is defined as scout shirt, neckerchief, slide, and appropriate shorts or pants. Class B is defined as BSA t-shirt/activity uniform of the troop. Closed toed shoes must be worn at all times at the camp, although sandals are fine for the showers.

Age – Rank Requirements for 2019

There are no age or rank requirements for the 2019 Camp. A scout must be appropriately registered with BSA meeting the BSA age requirement. Some Troops in the past have limited participation based on rank – for example – First Class and above. Some have required that each scout have the First Aid merit badge. Some have required a certain number of nights camping with the troop prior to participation. I highly recommend that at least five camping nights be used by a troop as a measure of experience in preparing a

scout for this event. Keep in mind we will be camping for 6 nights – some in the rain – in a country and environment that is new to most of the scouts.

Also – if you intend to bring many recent cross-over scouts – It is highly recommend you have the ASM that works with these scouts participating in the Camp. This has proven critical in past years.

Medical Information Form

All participants – scouts and adult leaders – must have completed BSA medical forms. Each medical form requires a physician’s examination and signature and parent or legal guardian’s signature (for scouts). According to BSA policy, all scouts and adults must complete parts A, B, and C to attend long-term camp or a camping event of more than 72 hours. The medical forms are valid for **one year**.

Medications

All prescription medications required for scouts are the responsibility of each unit leader – to collect, store, and administer. Refrigeration if needed is available – please identify this need upon check-in.

Emergency and Medical Care

The camp staff are equipped and trained for emergency care on site as needed. A vehicle will be available and on stand-by should a Camp participant require transport to Chiang Mai for further care. We encourage unit leaders to provide first aid for minor cuts, small blisters, etc. using your unit first aid kit.

Emergency Procedures

The Camp staff may sound an emergency siren/bell at any time due to a lost scout, severe weather, or other emergency. If you hear this alert you are to report to the appropriate meeting point as quickly as possible – for further instruction. These emergency procedures will be reviewed during orientation.

Special Diets

We can accommodate special diets, be it allergenic or religious/cultural, for campers. Each unit leader should identify this need within three weeks of the start of the Camp.

Camp Trading Post

A Camp Trading post will be available at the host facility, which will include Scouting Store materials, Camp items, as well as snacks. The trading post will not be open during merit badge sessions. Specific hours will be posted. The trading post will take cash only – US dollars and Thai Baht.

Troop Leadership at Camp

The Scoutmaster, or designated unit leader, is in charge of the troop at all times. The Scoutmaster and other adult leaders have the primary responsibility for the care of all unit Scouts while at the Camp. The discipline and organization of the troop is the Unit Leader’s responsibility. However, The Unit Leader should utilize and support the Senior Patrol Leader’s leadership during the Camp. While the ultimate responsibility for the troop rests with the Scoutmaster (or designated Unit Leader), each troop is under the leadership of the Senior Patrol Leader. The SPL with assistance from designated ASPLs and adult leaders

will ensure that all members of the troop are where they are supposed to be at various times during the day and that they follow the Scout Oath and Law. All Troop SPLs are expected to attend the daily SPL meeting as scheduled by Camp Staff.

Camp Leadership – Youth Staff

The Youth Staff have been identified and will lead us through this exciting week in Northern Thailand. They represent Scouting experiences from across the region and have held leadership positions in other events at the unit and district level.

I ask that all unit leaders please provide appropriate support for this excellent team, which has been selected for the 2019 Camp.

Adult Pre-requisite Training – YPT and Others

All registered Scouters participating must have a current Youth Protection Training Certificate. Certification is valid for two years and must be current through the Scouters entire time at the Camporee. This requirement is to be verified by the Scoutmaster before the Camporee. Additionally Scouters are encouraged to complete the additional on-line training opportunities available through scouting.org.

Camp Fees

The Camp Fee is \$600 USD – plus merit badges fees. This fee includes all camping costs, all meals, all domestic ground transportation, all adventure activities, and other normal camp services. It includes meals starting with lunch on July 28th and concluding with lunch on Sunday, August 4th. It does not include any hotel accommodations, which may be required on July 27th or August 5th– or meals outside the period described above.

Camp Fee Payment

We will only be accepting fees directly from each participating troop – no individual fees. Each troop is responsible for collecting the Camp Fee and Merit Badge Fees from each participant and transferring this to Far East Council as one block transfer for the deposit and one block transfer for the final payment(s).

Cancellation and Refund Policy

Please refer to the appropriate policies on the Far East Council web site.

<http://www.fareastcouncil.org/>

What to Bring to the 2019 Camp Thailand - Participant List

- **Class A Uniform (For specified times - includes neckerchief)**
- **For Order of the Arrow Members: Do bring you OA sash**
- **Class B Uniform shirt**
- Jeans/trousers (loose fitting and lightweight)
- Shorts (2-3 pairs)
- T-shirts (3-4)
- Long sleeve shirt
- Socks and undershorts
- Sweatshirt
- Raincoat or poncho
- Towel (recommend 2)
- Washcloth
- **FOOTWEAR - recommended - 2 pairs:**
 - For hiking - track shoes or hiking boots
 - For Scout Camp - sturdy sports shoes
 - Optional: Sandals for showers
- Hat
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Soap and personal hygiene items; Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Mosquito spray, anti-septic cream, Tiger Balm, Sun screen and lip salve

Additional Gear

- Tent (ground cloth highly recommended)
- Optional & Recommended: Tent Fan and spare batteries
- Optional & Recommended: Dry Sacs for clothing & other items to be kept dry
- Sleeping bag and pillow (temperatures projected 15-25 degrees C)
- Air mattress or sleeping pad (cots and tents are not provided)
- Personal first aid kit
- Personal refillable water bottle or bottles (2 liters total capacity)
- Personal camp cup
- Small back pack - for day hikes and field work
- Compass
- Flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Pocket knife and Totin Chip card
- Scout handbook - recommend a large zip log bag to keep dry
- Pens, pencils, notebook
- Merit Badge pamphlets & worksheets for all MBs for which scout is registered
- Camera (optional)
- Spending Money - Camp Trading post

What to Bring to the 2019 Asia Camp - Troop List

Camp site

- Ensure all troop participants have tent with ground cloth
- Troop flag
- Rope or twine
- Material to highlight tent tie-downs to prevent tripping
- Small tool kit (hammers for tent stakes)
- Lanterns or lighting for camp site
- Troop First Aid Kit

Advancement

- Merit Badge information - pamphlets if needed; blue cards; worksheets
- Paper, notebooks, clipboard
- Other handbooks or guides as desired

Senior Patrol Leader

- First Aid Kit
- Duty Roster Paper
- Plastic sleeves to keep Duty Roster dry
- Pens, Pencil, Notebook
- Cobbler recipe and ingredients
- Skit ideas

Scoutmaster - or Troop Lead Adult

- Cash for emergencies
- Pens, Pencils, Notebook
- Medical forms for all scouts and adult leaders

ARRIVAL/DEPARTURE INSTRUCTIONS

Vans will pick you up at the airport and take you to the campsite on July 28th. If you are arriving early and staying at a hotel, you will need to get to the airport from your hotel.

Vans will drop you off at the airport on Sunday, August 4th around 4 pm. If you are staying longer at a hotel, you will need to get to your hotel from the airport.

Vans **will not pick** up or drop off at hotels.

Arrival Instructions for July 28.

If arriving international, you will receive an entry card to fill out. You will need to put the address of where you are staying. You will be staying at: Lanna Human Resource Development Centre, San Kam Pang, Chiang Mai 50130. Phone number is 0-5396-5197.

Upon exiting the baggage claim, you will need to make your way to Door/Gate #12 at the far south end of the terminal. If you are exiting from the international terminal, you are there. Look to your right and there will be scouters in Class A waiting for you to help you get on your van. If you are coming from the domestic terminal, you will need to turn to your right and walk the length of the terminal building to Door/Gate #12. (200-300 meters)

DO NOT GO OUTSIDE THE TERMINAL: If you exit the terminal building, you will have to go through security to get back inside. This means all your luggage must go through x-ray, and you must go through the security procedure. Depending on when you arrive, the line to get back into the terminal can be very long. So please stay inside the terminal, go to Door #12, and wait for instructions before going outside to the van.

Money Exchange: Suggest you change any money to Thai baht while in the airport. There are many banks ready to change your money. Once at the Campsite there will be little opportunity to change funds. If you rely mostly on bank cards (credit/debit) it is easier as there are ATM machines all over the countryside. However you should not have much need for personal cash at the campsite.

David Filbeck is the transportation coordinator. If you have any questions or problems, flight delays etc. please contact him at 098 791 8626 or email dsfilbeck@yahoo.com

August 4th. Everyone will need to pack up and load the vans early Sunday Morning, August 4th. We will leave the camp between 7 am and 8 am for a day at the Elephant Conservation Center. We will drop you off at the airport around 4 pm after we visit the Elephant Conservation Center. **We will not be returning to the campsite. So everything must be packed and loaded on your van.**

2019 Camp Thailand Honor Troop Criteria

Unit _____

Criteria	Possible Points	M	T	W	TH	F		TOTAL POINTS
<i>Campsite Criteria (400 possible points)</i>								
1. Display a completed duty roster	20/day							
2. Personal/Troop gear stored neatly	10/day							
3. Activity shelter is neat and clean	10/day							
4. Campsite area and trail is clear of litter and brush	10/day							
5. Troop flag is displayed	10/day							
6. Campsite is free of hazards	10/day							
7. Garbage removed each morning	10/day							
<i>Scout Spirit Criteria (525 possible points)</i>								
1. 100% of troop wears field uniform to all evening meals	10/day							
2. Scout Spirit displayed	10/day							
3. On-time attendance at morning flag ceremony	10/day							
4. On-time attendance at evening flag ceremony	10/day							
5. SPL attends daily SPL meeting(s)	10/day							
6. Troop completes their daily cleanup responsibility on time and effectively	100							
7. 50% of Scouts complete requirements for at least 3 merit badges	50							
8. Provide a song or cheer prior to a meal on the parade ground	25							
9. Provide a song or skit for the campfire program	25							
10. Troop conducts a flag ceremony	25							
11. Troop provides a cobbler for Cobbler Competition	25							
12. Troop participated in one inter-troop activity not organized by the camp	25							
TOTAL POINTS	925							

- Troops earning at least 320 Campsite points and 420 Spirit points will be designated "Honor Troops." This is ~80% of possible points from each category.
- First, Second, and Third places will be awarded to troops earning the highest number of Total Points.

2019 Camp Thailand Honor Scout Criteria

Criteria	
1. Completes 100% of all assigned duty roster responsibilities on time and effectively	
2. Personal gear stored neatly each day	
3. Neat and clean personal appearance each day	
4. Wears complete Class A uniform to evening flag ceremony (100%)	
5. Scout Spirit displayed consistently	
6. On-time attendance at all scheduled events (90%)	
7. Completes 100% of MB or FCT pre-work prior to arriving at camp	
8. Completes 100% of all other possible MB or FCT requirements at camp	
9. Participates in at least one Troop flag ceremony	

- Scoutmasters and SPLs will rate each Scout against these criteria throughout the week
- Each unit can recommend 3 scouts as top honor scouts

2019 Camp Thailand - SAMPLE TROOP ROSTER

TROOP _____

SPL: _____ **ASPLs:** _____

ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBLE SCOUT (S)	COMPLETION
7/28: Camp site set up		
7/29: Camp site clean up		
7/29: Latrine/Meeting room clean up		
7/30: Camp site clean up		
7/30: Latrine/Meeting room clean up		
7/31: Camp site clean up		
7/31: Latrine/Meeting room clean up		
8/1: Camp site clean up		
8/1: Latrine/Meeting room clean up		
8/2: Camp site clean up		
8/2: Latrine/Meeting room clean up		
8/3: Camp site break down		
8/3: Storing/cleaning troop gear		
8/4: Loading of gear		
Cobbler Competition		
Skit preparation		
Flags Ceremony		
Other Duties as identified		