

Results of “Where to go camping” brainstorming. Keep in mind that council has not officially “checked out” all of these places! Leaders need to verify insurance and appropriateness of any sites listed, and must consult the Safety Activity Checkpoints for the activities involved. Some activities are seasonal. This list supplements council properties and the “Non Council-Owned Properties” list. Remember that Let’s Cook is required for girls to participate in hot cooking or campfires.

Location Ideas	Might work for...	Prior Troop Experience Needed	Adult Camp Training Needed
Aqua Caliente, Anza Borrego—hot springs and cool hikes	Older girls	Some tenting	Let’s Tent
Dos Picos, Ramoa—playground, hiking, etc, cabins, 1 st tent experience, Ranger Activities (ask for Ranger Kyle)	All levels	Cabin camping	Let’s Camp (cabins) Let’s Tent (tenting)
Silver Strand State Beach—aquatic activities at Crown Cove, swimming, grunion, older girl encampment (need special permit)	Juniors and up	Some tenting	Let’s Tent
Indian Hills—gold panning, zipline, petting zoo, pool, cabins, tipis and tenting, playground, archery, 1 st tent experience	Brownies and up, troop camping or encampments	1-2 overnights, more for tipis or tenting	Let’s Camp (cabins) Let’s Tent (tenting)
Santee Lakes—fishing, boating, playgrounds, splashground, good for varied-level encampment, 1 st tent experience	Any level	Overnight at leader’s house for cabins	Let’s Camp (cabins)
Rancho Guajome, Oceanside—Mission exploration, cooking, 1 st tent experience	1 st time tenters, on up	Cabin camping	Let’s Tent
Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, Descanso, Green Valley, Paso Picacho—great outdoor experiences, hiking, etc	Juniors and up	Some tenting	Let’s Tent
Fiesta Island—youth-only tent campground with aquatics by separate arrangements at the Youth Aquatic Center, strict supervision needed	Experienced Brownies and up (supervise near water)	Cabin camping	Let’s Tent
Sweetwater Valley, Bonita—pavilion, big amphitheater, water park, hiking, 1 st tent experience	Brownies and up	Cabin camping	Let’s Tent
Lake Morena, Campo—kayaking, group site, gazebo, train, 1 st tent experience	Any level	1-2 overnights, more for tenting	Let’s Camp (cabins) Let’s Tent (tenting)
Mataguay Scout Ranch, Santa Ysabel—archery, canoeing, swimming, hiking, orienteering	Juniors and up	Some tenting	Let’s Tent
William Heise—hiking, wide games, nature studies	Brownies and up	1-2 overnights for cabins, 1-2 tent trips for tenting	Let’s Camp (cabins) Let’s Tent (tenting)
Chula Vista KOA—pool, cabins, skating, big kitchen, 1 st tent experience	Any level	1-2 overnights for cabins, 1-2 tent trips for tenting	Let’s Camp (cabins) Let’s Tent (tenting)
Pio Pico, Jamul—pool, biking, cabins, 1 st tent experience	Any level	1-2 overnights for cabins, 1-2 tent trips for tenting	Let’s Camp (cabins) Let’s Tent (tenting)

Laguna Mountain—hiking, geocaching, nature studies	Juniors and up	Some tenting	Let's Tent
Camp Surf, Marston and Raintree—YMCA camps with many program activities available	Varies depending on accommodations and activities	Varies	Let's Camp (cabins) Let's Tent (tenting)
Lilac Oaks, Valley Center--	?	?	?
San Elijo--	?	?	?
Rawhide Ranch—horseback riding (expensive), cabins	Brownies and up	1-2 overnights	Let's Camp
Featherstone, Barona—cabins, archery, zipline	?	?	?
Camp Stevens and other conference centers—often run by churches, may have cabins, pools, challenge courses, etc	Varies depending on accommodations and activities	Varies	Let's Camp (cabins) Let's Tent (tenting)
Catalina—Two Harbors or Avalon—beachcombing, swimming, kayaking, hiking, backpack to backcountry, sightseeing, snorkel, scuba, visit Wrigley Center (Two Harbors)	Mature Juniors and up	Several tent trips	Let's Tent (unless staying in hotel)
Lake Perris--	?	?	?
Borrego Palm Canyon, Borrego—hike, cook, Visitor Center, nature walk, hot springs nearby	Experienced Juniors and up	Several tent trips	Let's Tent
Colorado River—canoe trips, primitive, great for self-sufficiency. Must be experienced paddlers	Senior and up (some mature Cadettes, possibly)	Experienced tenters	Let's Tent, canoe training
Lake Poway—walk-in tenting, 1 st backpack trip?	Cadette and up	Experienced tenters	Let's Tent, Backpacking?
Mission Trails, hiking, history, 1 st tent experience	Juniors and up	Cabin camping	Let's Tent
Lake Dixon, Escondido—fishing, hiking	Juniors and up	Cabin camping	Let's Tent
Camp Del Mar, Pendleton—beach camping, boating, cabins or tents, strict supervision needed, military sponsor needed	Brownies and up	1-2 overnights for cabins, 1-2 tent trips for tenting	Let's Camp (cabins) Let's Tent (tenting)
San Onofre Beach, Pendleton—beach camping, cabins or tents, strict supervision needed, military sponsor needed	Brownies and up	1-2 overnights for cabins, 1-2 tent trips for tenting	Let's Camp (cabins) Let's Tent (tenting)