



**WENTE SCOUT  
RESERVATION**

**2009 PARENT'S GUIDE**

Dear Mom and Dad,

Thank you very much for supporting your son in scouting, summer camp is always the highlight of any young man's scouting year and this year will be no exception. Wenté Scout Reservation offers some of the most outstanding programs you can find in a summer camp experience.

Look over this guide with your Scout so can work together to ensure that he gets the most out of his camp experience. We currently offer over 60 merit badges in 9 different program areas. You will find a list of these badges with some basic information about each of them in this guide. The Scoutmaster of your Troop has more detailed information so please be sure to ask them about it. You can also visit [www.wente.org](http://www.wente.org) for more information on all of our camp programs and events.

I also want to stress that you and your son work together to make sure that he has the funds necessary to complete the merit badges he intends to take. Most of our badges are free, however some, such as, the shooting sports badges, the handicraft badges, and horsemanship have minimal fees associated with them so we can maintain a high quality program. You will find the badges with fees on the merit badge information page.

If you have any further questions or needs please work with your unit leader to contact me so I can help make your son's summer camp experience his best so far.

Have a Sizzlin' Day!

Jesse Louthain  
Camp Director



## TELEPHONE/FAX/MAIL

The camp phone is available **for camp business and emergencies only**..

Phone: (707) 459-2110 Fax: (707) 459-1527

Please remember that these are business lines. We ask that any correspondence from home be sent via regular mail services and not over our fax line or email. We realize that sometimes the dog or cat really feels like he needs to send a fax but you'll just have to tell him to mail it instead.

A phone for calling cards or collect calls is located outside of the Administration Building for personal use. Scouts must have an adult leader from their Unit present to use the phone. Calls are to be limited to 10 minutes.

Each Unit will be furnished with a mailbox. Incoming mail, messages, and some general camp information will be placed in it. Please make certain all mail has a return address in the event that it arrives after the Unit has departed. All mail should be addressed as follows:

Scouts name and Unit #  
Wente Scout Reservation  
PO Box 453  
Willits, CA 95490

Packages requiring a street address:  
Scouts name and Unit #  
5401 Canyon Rd  
Willits, CA 95490

## FOOD SERVICE

Wente is pleased to offer an outstanding food service for your Scout. Balanced and nutritious meals are served by a professional kitchen staff.

### SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS

Wente will do our very best to cater to special dietary needs. Such needs must be communicated clearly, in writing, at least three weeks in advance of your arrival. Please submit items you **can** eat as well as those you cannot. You can fax, email, or mail your information directly to camp. If you need to speak directly to the Camp Cook, please call the Camp Office. You should also make your Troop leader's aware of any special need your Scout may have.

## VISITING CAMP

Your Scout will have a very busy week at camp and may not have time to be a very entertaining host should you choose to visit. If you want to risk it there are a few things you need to know.

The best day to visit would be Friday when there will be more free time in the schedule. As you drive into camp you will see a large green sign that says, "Parking," and has an arrow. This is the main camp parking lot and this is where you should park. After parking your car you need to go

to the Camp Office to check in. The staff there will assist you in locating your Scout. If you will be joining us for meals we ask that you pay for them in the Tradin' Post located next door to the office. The prices for the meals are Breakfast- \$5; Lunch \$4; Dinner \$6 or \$12 for all three.

If you will be taking your Scout home before the week is over you will need to fill out an early release form which is found later in this guide.

### MEDICAL FORMS

All Scouts and adults attending resident camp at least one night are required to have a current and complete BSA Medical Form. If you do not have a current BSA Medical Form you may not attend camp. There are no exceptions to this rule. It is recommended that you bring photocopies of these forms to camp and that the Unit keeps the originals. These forms can be found in the appendix of this guide and at [www.sfbac.org](http://www.sfbac.org).

In instances where medical evaluation is against religious beliefs, the requirement for medical examination forms can be waived. This requires written statements from the camper's parent or guardian and church officials that a medical examination is a violation of religious belief.

### MEDICATIONS

Boy Scout national policy states:

*All prescription drugs (including those needing refrigeration) are to be kept in locked storage in the health lodge. An exception may be made for a limited amount of medication to be carried by a camper, leader, parent, or staff member for life-threatening conditions, including bee-sting or heart medication, and inhalers, or for a limited amount of medication approved for use in a first aid kit.*

A Medication Information Form must accompany each prescription medication taken at camp for Summer Camp. If you are using the newly issued BSA Medical Form this form is not necessary, as it contains the needed information. All medications and medication forms need to be available during the health screening. This form can be found in the appendix of this guide and at [www.wente.org](http://www.wente.org).

### THE AL ROBINSON TRADIN' POST

The Tradin' Post is kind of like a general store. You can find candy, Soda Pop, Gatorade, and other refreshments. There is also a wide variety of Wente Scout Reservation souvenirs including t-shirts, hats, sweatshirts, and even plush skunks (the skunk is the Wente mascot). Your Scoutmasters can help make sure your Scout's purchases are reasonable. Make sure you talk to your Scout about the purchase he may want to make. If you have any questions about this your Troop's leaders should be able to provide some guidance.

## MERIT BADGE INFORMATION

### PARTIALS

There are many badges that have requirements that cannot be completed at camp. Some of these are due to time requirements and others simply cannot be done in a summer camp setting. In those cases when requirements are not completed at camp, a partial indicating the requirements that have been done will be issued and given to the Unit leader. Many of these requirements can be completed before a Scout arrives at camp. There are a number of ways to handle work done prior to camp. A Scout can contact a merit badge counselor for that badge, go over the work he has done, and bring a partial to camp with him. In some cases camp counselors will require a partial from a merit badge counselor or a note from a Unit leader; such cases are indicated later in this guide. Some of the badges require notes from parents for work that a Scout has done. These are indicated on the merit badge information page and the note form is included later in the guide.



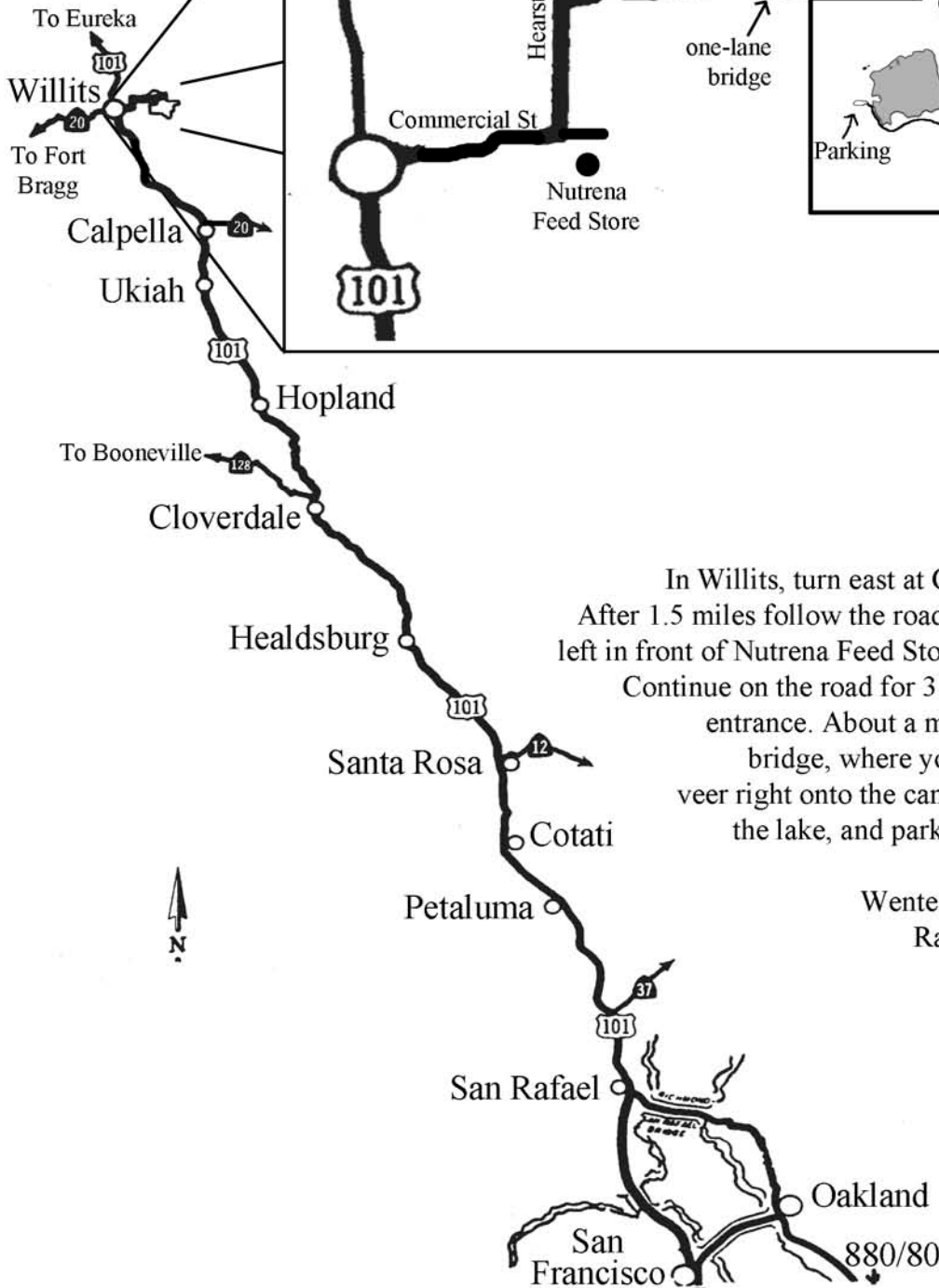
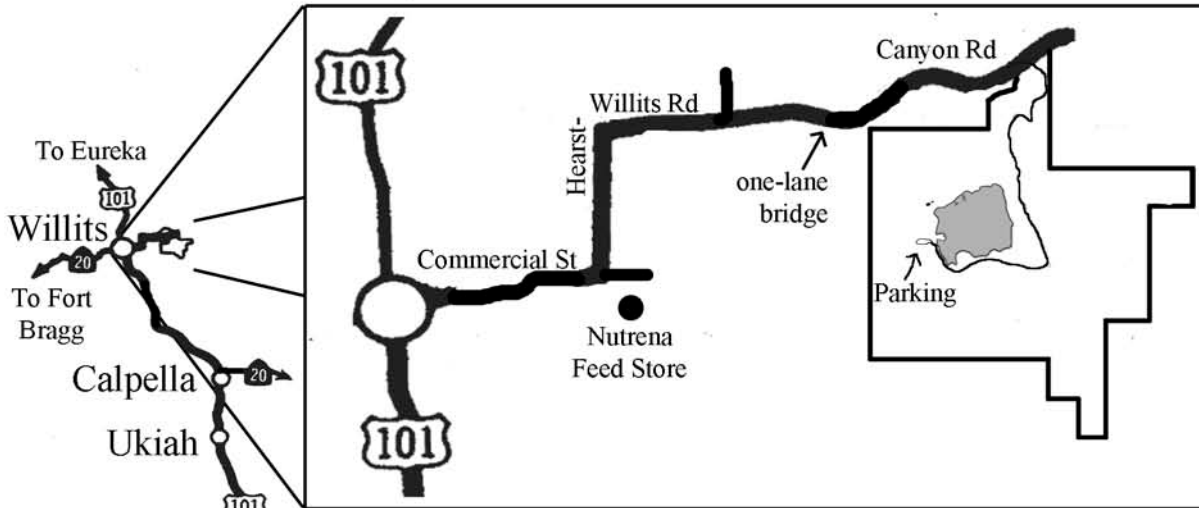
# THE RISIN' W CORRAL

If you love horses, the Risin' W Corral is the place for you. Our outstanding horse program includes Horsemanship Merit Badge, trail rides, meal rides and an overnight outpost ride. These rides can be purchased in the Al Robinson Tradin' Post for a reasonable fee. What's that reasonable fee? It might be this, but it might change.

Trail Ride: \$15 Breakfast Ride: \$20 Lunch Ride: \$20  
Dinner Ride: \$20 Outpost: \$30



# WENTE SCOUT RESERVATION

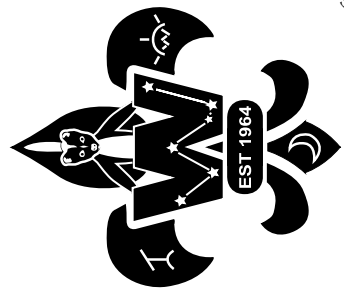
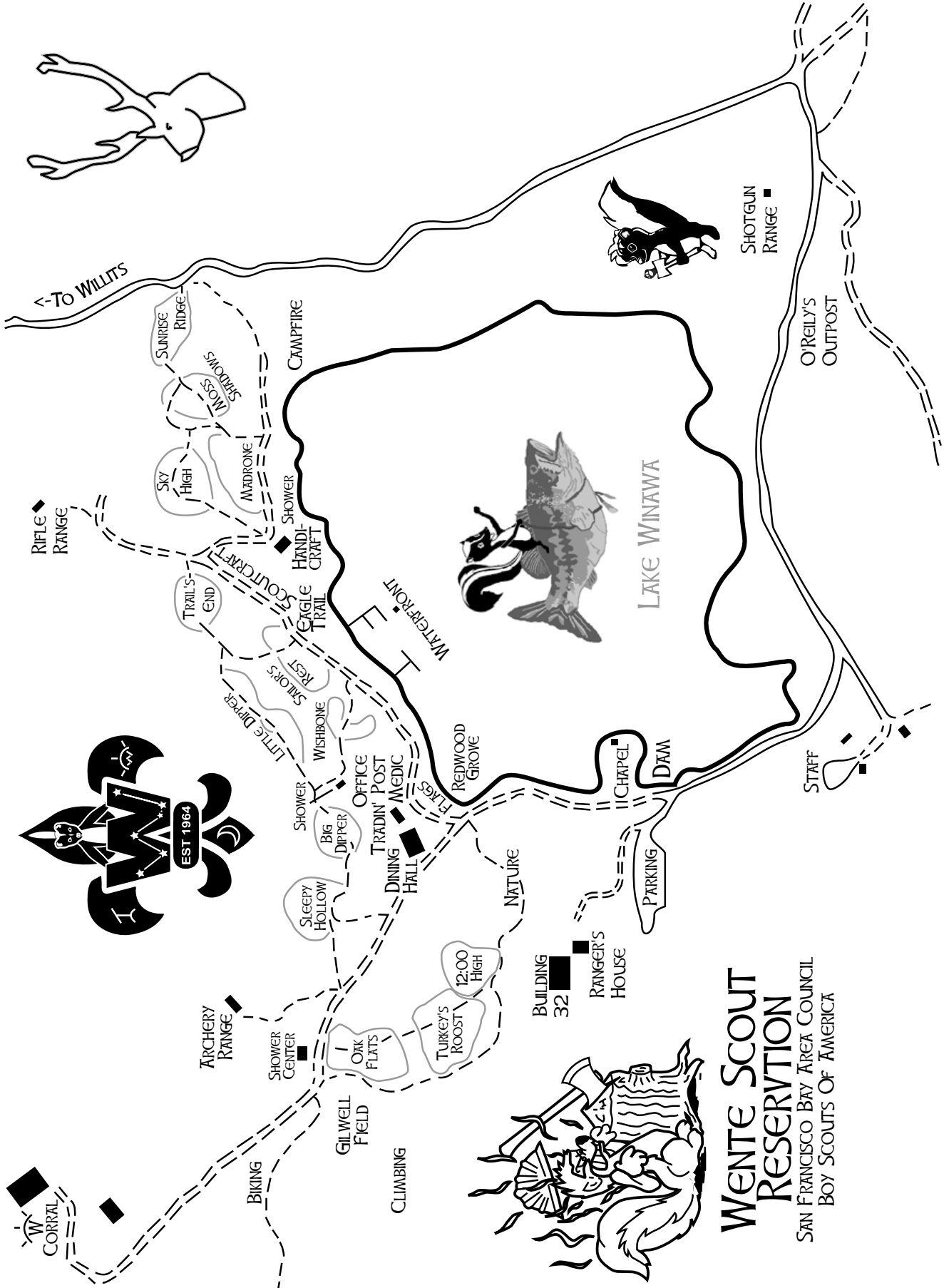


In Willits, turn east at Commercial Street.  
 After 1.5 miles follow the road as it takes a sharp left in front of Nutrena Feed Store. (15 mph curve)  
 Continue on the road for 3.9 miles to camp's entrance. About a mile past a one-lane bridge, where you see the big sign, veer right onto the camp road, go around the lake, and park in the parking lot.

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 Ranger John Tolman  
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Make all camp  
 Reservations  
 through the  
 Council at  
 (510) 577-9000

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