## **SAMOREE Day-Camper Instructions**

For troops who are coming up for the day Saturday and not camping overnight:

**Timing:** The park entrance is open from 8 am to 10 pm; Samoree starts at 9:30 sharp but it's a good idea to arrive 45-60 minutes early to avoid the morning line, find a parking space, find your campsite, and walk to the Opening Ceremony.

**Chaperones:** Consult <u>Volunteer Essentials</u> for chaperone requirements. We encourage troops to keep chaperone numbers close to the recommended number to avoid overcrowding the campground and to maximize the girl and troop experience. We also recommend that each attending adult have a specific role (First Aider, Camping Skills Adult, Driver, etc) to make sure that Troop Leaders are getting enough help (and not just getting more humans to look after).

Directions: Malibu Creek State Park is located at <u>2028 Las Virgenes Rd</u>, <u>Calabasas</u>, <u>CA 91302</u>. From Santa Monica, go north on PCH about 11 miles to Malibu Canyon Rd, turn right on Malibu Canyon Rd. Malibu Canyon Rd becomes Las Virgenes Rd. About 6 miles from PCH, you reach Malibu Creek State Park; turn left onto Park Entrance Rd. If you reach Mulholland, you missed it. A safer option–especially for anyone driving at night or hesitant about mountain travel–is to take the 405 north to the 101 north to Las Virgenes Rd south. As always, it's a good idea to check road conditions and traffic.

**My Troop Campsite:** \_\_\_\_\_ (get from troop leader). Present your campsite reservation at the Ranger Station. Parents dropping off or picking up scouts: tell rangers you're dropping off girls with the Girl Scout group to avoid being charged a Day Use Fee--must exit in less than 15 minutes.

Parking: The campsite your troop reserved last Fall comes with 2 adjacent parking spots (one free and one for \$12); these should go to attending leaders; additional cars (\$12 each) must park in one of the lots near the park entrance and walk 3/4 mile (15 minutes) to the campground.

**Dropping Off:** After the Ranger Station, continue past the parking lots until you see a sign that says "Camps" and "Group Camp." Continue straight ahead towards the "Camps" area. The campground is a large one-way loop; turn right and proceed to your campsite. Dropoff and move on promptly to avoid backing up traffic.

## **Full Schedule of Events is <u>here.</u>**

**Morning Activities:** Assemble your group at your campsite; prep for Opening Ceremony and Sharing Circles (camping skills stations) and locate restrooms. Allow 10 minutes to walk to the park's Campfire Center (between sites 52 and 53 at the north end of the camp). Big Sisters (our most senior Girl Scouts) will be assigned to lead your troop though the Sharing Circles. A few adults should follow but generally the fewer the better.

**Afternoon Activities:** Lunch is on your own at your troop campsite; we recommend having each girl bring a sack lunch and having leaders bring extra snacks. If the ranger allows, you may build a fire in your firepit. Potable water is available at the campground.

**Picking Up/Leaving:** 2:30-3 pm is a good time for Daisies to leave if not attending Saturday Night Campfire (Skits & Songs) from 4-5pm. Assemble your troop at your campsite before then so parents can find them easily for pick up. Pick up and move on promptly to avoid backing up traffic. If your troop stays for Girl Scout Round Up, be sure parents are OK driving home later: the 101/405 route is safer at night.

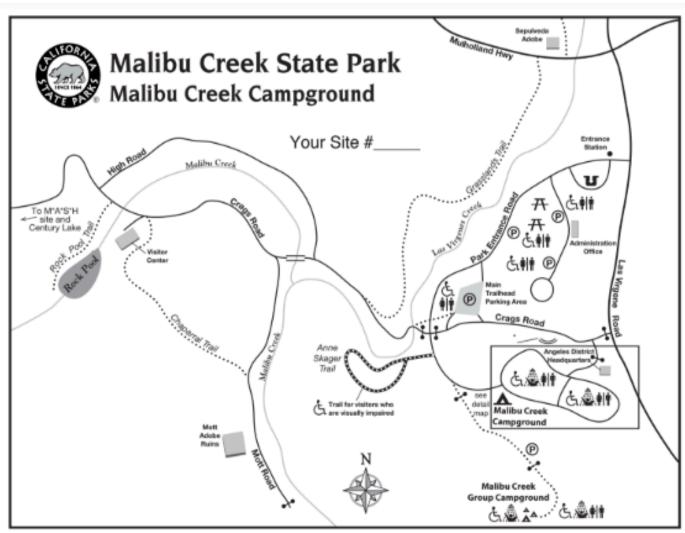
**Weather:** Can be cold and rainy in late March weather in the Santa Monica Mountains. Rain will not cancel. <u>Click here for forecast</u>.

## **Day-Camper Packing List**

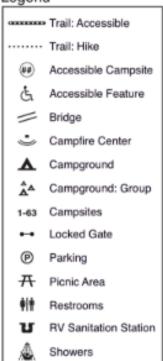
Wear:	
	Warm jacket
	Closed-toe sturdy shoes (sneakers are fine)
	Sun hat or cap
	Sunscreen applied
	navy blue Santa Monica Girl Scouts t-shirt + black bottoms (troop's choice)
Bring daypack containing:	
	Sack lunch & snacks
	Refillable water bottle (full)
	Rain jacket or poncho
	Sit-upon (or, leaders can bring plastic tarps to sit on)
	Ponytail holder (for food/campfire safety)
	Knit hat & gloves (in case it's chilly)
	Swaps (optional but fun, 5 per girl is a good number)
Leaders also bring:	
	Forms for each girl:
	Annual Permission form
	Health History form
	OTC Medication Form
	Provided Medication Form (needed only if girl brings her own meds)
	First Aid Kit (can delegate to First-Aid trained chaperone)
	Sunscreen
	Tarps for girls to sit on (if they don't have sit-upons)
	Extra snacks (potable water available on site)
	Roll of toilet paper (probably won't need but just in case)
	Soap or hand sanitizer
	Fully charged cell phone (no electricity on site, limited cell coveragelet parents know)
	Camp chairs (optional but nice for adults)

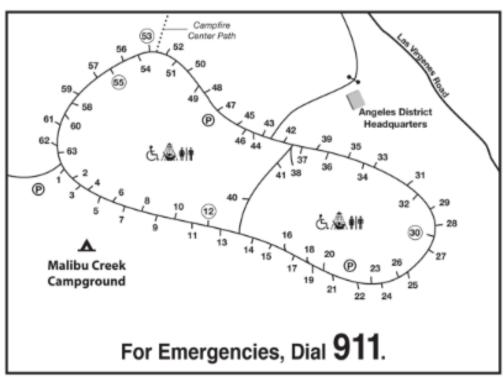
## **Emergency Information**

- In a true emergency, call 911 (cell coverage best near park entrance)
- Malibu Urgent Care: (310) 456-7551, 23656 PCH, Malibu, CA, 9:00am-7:00 pm
- West Hills Medical Center: 7300 Medical Center Dr, Los Angeles, 91307, (818) 676-4000
- LA County Sheriff Malibu/Lost Hills Station (818) 878-1808
- LA County Fire Department Station #67 (818) 222-1099



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Maps not to scale

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