

Hi Folks – *Please read this information and pass it along to your family participants. The form at the end of this information is required by Camp Williams and Placer Pete’s Gold Camp for check-in. We cannot assign you a camping space unless this form is signed by the camping group/participant. All Participants leaders must provide a signed copy of this waiver before the group is allowed down the hill. In order to speed the registration process along we request that this form is filled out and signed BEFORE reaching Camp Williams. Each Driver should have a signed copy to present at check-in.*

CAMP WILLAIMS: Every year nature decides on just what Gold Camp will look like. This year is no exception. Nature has decided that the river is once again king. The winter provided limited water to the river. Camp Williams did not suffer any problems from this year’s winter. There was also a 2 ounce nugget pulled from the river in October near Camp Williams (Nugget Gulch!) in 2014. So please be prepared, and do not go anywhere in camp without a buddy. To get to the best panning spots you will need to get wet! Critters of all kinds are also returning to the area. Please be careful when venturing out north of camp this year. If you have won, one of the private panning lessons you will get wet getting to the panning area. You will need good river shoes, sun protection, a bucket, a pair of gloves (recommended) and **shovel** as well as all of your panning gear. Again, be prepared. Bug repellent with at least 25% Deet concentration is also recommended.

TOUR PLAN Camp staff does not require your unit to have a tour plan. This is your own decision.

#### MEDICAL CARE

Make sure you are able to provide proper paperwork to ensure medical attention for all participants just in case it is needed. If a youth is participating without a parent you must acquire parental permission and authorization for medical treatment to allow non-accompanied youth to attend! **Each unit or family is responsible for the welfare and safety of their participants.** The Gold Camp staff is not responsible for unit/family participant’s health and safety. Remember you are attending Placer Pete’s Gold Camp as an individual / family or Scouting unit. **Placer Pete’s Gold Camp is not a BSA Sponsored event.**

CHECK-IN: Each prospector is asked to come to the registration table to check-in located at the top of the campground entrance – you can’t miss it. At check-in you will be provided the location of your campsite (the camp is not very big. Usually you can count on troops turning right at the bottom of the hill and packs and others heading straight on, check with registration to make sure.). Some Cub Scout Units will be located right of the turn this year. Unit designation signs will be posted in camp indicating the location that their group will be camping. Check-in will be available on Friday from 3:00pm – 5:30pm and from 6:15p – 8:30pm. IF YOU ARE PLANING TO ARRIVE EARLIER THAN THAT - GREAT! (See early prospecting below) – HOWEVER YOU WILL NOT BE ASSIGNED YOUR CAMPING AREA UNTIL 3:00P and you will be required to present the necessary paperwork to the registration table at 3:00pm. Saturday arrivals must be arranged for in advance. Please contact Steve Scukanec to coordinate a Saturday check-in. Saturday Check in must be accomplished prior to the Saturday Activities (7:00 am– 7:45 am). If you arrive on Saturday, you may need to park at the top of the campground and come on down the camp to the staff area to check in before you are allowed to come down to camp. You will not be allowed to bring your cars into camp. Only Camp Williams and Placer Pete Gold Camp Staff Cars are permitted in camp on Saturday. It is up your group leaders to decide where individual members of their group will camp within their area. The rules for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Girl Scouts and Venturing Camping are different. Please consult your Guide to Safe Scouting for Cub, Boy Scout and Crew camping rules, and appropriate Girl Scout camping regulations. The Camping area will be divided into 5 distinct areas, one each for the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scout,

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Crews and Staff. Within each Scout Area there will be areas designated for each of the individual units within that Scout Program. **DUE TO BSA REGULATIONS WE WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCOMMODATE ANY CHANGES TO CAMPSITE ASSIGNMENTS.**

EARLY PROSPECTING: Showing up early on Friday is a great idea! You will find Placer Pete in the river as soon as the camp set ups are complete. Feel free to come on by and try your luck. Make sure your prospecting equipment and clothes are readily available. We will be unable to assign you a camping area until registration opens at 3:00. The river will be there and so will that gold so please stop on by and try your luck at panning. You will need to walk down to the camp area and find a staff member to get in early.

PARKING: OK, here's the tough one. There will be no parking allowed in the camping area. You are encouraged to unload your vehicle at the campsite and then move it to the designated parking area. We need to fit as many cars as possible into the space we have so parking will be tight. Please be advised that it may not be possible to move your individual vehicle from the parking area prior to the conclusion of gold camp. Parking will be allowed on the far north side of camp this year. Absolutely no overnight parking at your campsite is allowed. The camp is very full and we need all of the space for campers. Because of the parking restrictions, your unit / family should consider that food storage at the campsite will be outside of your cars. Critters at Camp Williams are pretty adept at opening coolers so **BE PREPARED**. Additional parking is only available along the roadway above camp and may be quite a walk from camp. Any parking along the roadway in the Forest Preserve requires a Wilderness Pass. Wilderness Passes may be purchased at most sporting goods stores and at many Azusa establishments. Look for signs posted in windows.

LEAVING EARLY SUNDAY? : Sunday morning is a great time to be at Camp. We really want everyone in Camp to enjoy the beauty of Camp Williams for as long as you can. Besides, Placer Pete wants to bid all farewells. However, we know that some of you are interested in getting out of camp on Sunday early, as are we, but due to several close calls in the past with our youth and adult participants; we must prohibit cars in camp until after the camp events on Sunday (about 10:30 am) . **This rule has always been in effect, yet we have folks violate this rule every year, and thus our close calls.** Consequently and regrettably we must enforce this safety rule this year with the following penalty:

**Anyone found driving their cars in camp on Sunday before the event is complete will forfeit their units invitation to next year's Gold Camp and be asked to leave the camp.**

Yes, unfortunately, this means that one person can spoil this event for the entire group next year. Please pass this along to each driver before the event. Please remember that a Scout is helpful and courteous and we are all Scouters; please be kind to all in camp.

If you must leave prior to the event's completion on Sunday you may be able to park your car up on the top lot (not much space). You will not be allowed to bring your car into camp until after the Sunday activities but you can bring your equipment to your car at the top of the road into camp and leave from there. Again this restriction is for the safety of the participants of the camp. Let's face it, getting out of camp early at the expense of an accident does not make for a good day.

PERSONAL GEAR: Camp Williams is located at approx. 2000 ft. Weather in the mountains can change rapidly. Placer Pete suggests you be prepared for hot days, cool nights and everything else in between. Sun protection is a must! This includes sun screen and wide brimmed hats. Water shoes and swim suits are also recommended. Remember – you will get wet! Please bring plenty of personal water. Ice is sold at the Camp Williams Café at the top of camp.

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**RECYCLING:** Camp Staff will be handing out separate recycling bags for your in camp usage and convenience, please use these bags for all your bottles, plastic and can containers. We ask that you bring your recyclables to the staff area when your group checks out. This is just another way to help out the Camp raise money for their Program.

**WHAT DO I NEED FOR GOLD PANNING?** Placer Pete will be providing you with a gold pan, tweezers and a gold vial to get you started. The gold will not jump out of the ground by itself however, prospectors need a shovel, a bucket (5 gallons is recommended), and possibly gloves to get the most from your personal gold quest. Remember to always carry drinking water with you.

**MEALS:** Placer Pete's 2015 Gold Camp provides you with the best Saturday night Miners' Feast anywhere. This feast will include BBQ chicken and pork ribs (or Brisket), cornbread, salad, beans, corn, dessert and drinks including a "Miners' Brew" for all. All other meals are left up to you.

**FRIDAY NIGHT LEADER MEETING:** At 9:15pm Friday we will have a short leader meeting at the staff area for each of the group's leaders. This will provide an opportunity to discuss the program and answer any questions you may have. Any last minute changes to the program (if required) will be discussed. This will not take very long at all, but we will not start until each group is represented. Please be prompt, bring your youth in charge if they are still awake! Please be prompt to this meeting we are all tired at this point in the day, we would like this meeting to start and stop on time!

**UNIFORMS:** Placer Pete understands that certain ceremonies (Flag raisings, interfaith worship, etc.) are the proper time for wearing your BSA / GSA Field Uniforms. Placer Pete loves to see all of the Scouts in uniform for these events, however the gold camp events are wet and dirty and the time to change from Field Uniforms to Activity uniforms can be limited. We leave it up to the unit leaders to set the uniform policy for their units.

**SATURDAY OPENING CEREMONY:** Getting up on that first day of camp can be a trying adventure. We will start the opening / panning lessons promptly. Please have your group ready to go so they won't miss any of the fun! Pans, sucker tweezers and vials will be passed out during the opening. If you are having any trouble finding a little color, just ask for some help from the panning guides. They are there to help.

**CAMPFIRES:** No open campfires are allowed in the National Forest this season due to the high fire danger.

**GOLD CAMP CAMPFIRE (Saturday night):** We are going to have a Hoot and a Blast but we would like to have your participation. Each group will be requested to provide 2 skits, one from your scouts and one from your adults. The youth really like the adult skits so please find a way to participate. The staff at Gold Camp loves to find ways to get you involved in the Campfire if you are stuck on ways to participate. After all folks this is just plain fun! Remember our group's ages. Please make sure your skit/song is age appropriate.

**STAGE AREA:** Please keep your prospectors out of the stage area unless invited. There is a lot of expensive personal equipment used in the stage area to help with your Gold Camp experience. Additionally, due to safety restrictions the audience must be a minimum of 20' away from any of the gunfight scenes. Please help us out and ask your prospectors to not adjust the stage boundaries or enter the stage unless invited.

**YOU WILL GET WET:** You cannot attend Gold Camp without getting wet. No matter how hard you try somewhere along the line you will get wet. Some will even be soaked. The first 15 ft closest to the

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stage is what we like to call the SOAK ZONE (just like Sea World). If you choose to sit there, great, you may be getting wet!

CHECK-OUT: After closing ceremonies and interfaith worship Sunday, camp will be dismissed for breakdown – each site must be inspected by a staff member before leaving, we really want Camp Williams to have us back next year! Checkout will be by group, each group site must be inspected prior to leaving. Please leave all sites in better condition that you found them. Remember – A scout is clean! The Camp Participation Patches will be given to the person checking out the group at the completion staff inspection.

HELP OUT THE Camp The Camp Staff has asked Placer Pete if they could conduct an opportunity drawing at this year's camp to help them raise funds for their summer activities. As such they are asking for donations with an opportunity to win a REAL GOLD NUGGET valued at about \$70- \$150. Three nuggets will be awarded and suggested donations are 1 opportunity for \$2 and 3 opportunities for \$5. Camp Specials are also run for extra tickets. The winners will be presented at the Sunday award ceremony. You must be present to win. These are genuine gold nuggets. The money raised through your donations will be used help keep gold camp going for years to come.

I hope this answers many of the questions you may have regarding Placer Pete's Gold Camp 2015  
See you at the River,

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**To be completed by each Participant 18 Years or Older.**

I have read and understand the information provided in the waiver regarding the Placer Pete’s Gold Camp 2015 activities. I understand the potential dangers of gold panning, and other activities in and around a rapidly running river. I understand that the Gold Camp Staff and Camp Williams are not responsible for the health and safety of the Unit/Family members while participating in Gold Camp 2015. No implied insurance or health benefits other than what is available by city, state, or Forest Department emergency response services has been offered to me or my participants. Applicable under-aged / youth medical consent to treat for un-accompanied youth have been obtained and are in my possession (as necessary). I will not hold the Staff of Placer Pete’s Gold Camp 2015 or Camp Williams responsible for personal injury or personal or unit equipment damage caused by personal use, natural occurrences, wildlife, theft, fire, or any other causes. I understand that I am in a wilderness area which are frequented by wildlife indigenous to the area and understand I am responsible for my own safety and wellbeing. I understand that in the case of an evacuation for any reason as determined by the local, state or other officials that this will terminate the camp and I will not be entitled to any refund of camp fees, personal properties or any damaged caused by the cause of the evacuation. I understand that the Gold Camp Staff is not responsible for the actions of my youth or other camper’s actions. I /We are attending this activity as a family and understand the guidelines above. We also agree to all parking restrictions imposed by the camp (as described above) and do not hold Camp Williams or the Placer Pete Gold Camp Staff responsible for any damage to personal vehicles.

**Signed / Print Name (All participants 18 years of age and older must sign below)**


List below the participants (under 18) traveling with me.


Unit \_\_\_\_\_

Camp Staff Initials \_\_\_\_\_

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