The Oljato Trek is a program that is designed by the Stanford Area Council, Boy Scouts
of America, to take older Scouts (14 years old or older, or third-year Campers) to the
High Sierras out of Camp Oljato, either to the Sierra National Forest, John Muir Wild-
erness Area, or King's Canyon National Park. Participants must be registered campers
at Camp Oljato. Besides several merit badges, either the 50 Miler Award or the Oljato
Trek Medal may be earned.

An adult Hikemaster, a member of the Camp Oljato staff, is in charge of this Trek and
accompanies all groups. But the best thing about the Oljato Trek is the good time that
all of us have on the hike. The number of boys is small so that you do not feel lost
in the crowd. We usually cover about 50 miles on our adventures and many of the miles
are cross-country (to keep the scenery even more sensational).

Many of the merit badges that you can earn in camp can also be earned while out on the
Oljato Trek. These include Cooking, Hiking, Camping, Wilderness Survival, Environmental
Science, Astronomy, Nature, Fishing, Forestry, etc.

Part of having a good time on the Trek is having the proper equipment. A good pack,
shoes, sleeping bag, and other necessities are an important part of a great backpack-
ing experience. When you sign up for the Oljato Trek, you'll receive more information
about what to bring and how to get ready for a great experience.

Older Scouts wanting to go on the Oljato Trek need not have extensive backpacking ex-
perience, but the desire to learn backpacking and share in the outstanding mountain
ranges that surround Camp Oljato. We investigate wild edible plants and wilderness
survival techniques, and also do much swimming in mountain lakes and streams.

So, if you are interested in good clean air, good food, good sights, good walking, good
company, and just good fun, the Oljato Trek is good for you. So you can participate,
sign up for Camp Oljato with your troop or the provisional troop offered every session.

The Oljato Trek is offered only during the two-week sessions. However, during the new
and exciting Adventure Week, August 20 – 26, for older members of your troop, the Trek
is an opportunity to return to camp again or to schedule a different week if you can't
attend with your troop.
Outpost Hikes

Camp Oljato is located in one of the most beautiful spots in the whole Sierra-Nevada range. The area surrounding Huntington Lake offers unlimited opportunities for hiking and camping, and the staff of Camp Oljato would like to encourage all the troops that come to camp to take advantage of the location.

Many suggested hikes and directions for them are posted in the Orienteering Circle at camp. We suggest that Scouts and Leaders alike take a look at them, and that the decision as to where the troop goes, if it plans to leave camp, be made by the Patrol Leader's Council.

During the two week sessions, trail foods are provided for all day Thursday, of the first week. This would be a good day for a day hike. During the second week, trail foods are provided for four meals -- Monday noon through Tuesday noon. This time could be used for an overnight outpost camping experience. We would like to emphasize that troops don't have to leave camp (although it would be a shame to pass up this fine opportunity), and the days that trail food is provided for cooking are just suggested days for hikes and camps. Additional trail food days may be arranged.

During your stay in camp, a specialist known as the Hikemaster is available for giving instruction in hiking and camping. He has vast knowledge available for packing techniques, care of the feet, the proper way of hiking, where to go for a hike or outpost camp, and many other things. It might be a good idea to invite him to talk to the troop about hiking and camping possibilities while at Camp Oljato.

When the troop has decided if, where, and when the unit is going on a hike or overnight camp, the Scoutmaster should notify the Program Director. Also, the troop might like to invite its Staff Host or another staff member along.

Possible destinations have exotic names such as Jewell Lake, Twin Lakes, Upper and Lower Indian Head Falls, and Indian Pools. Camping is a great experience. Not only do Scouts enjoy the beautiful surroundings, but it's fun to catch and cook - a fish, climb a mountain, stalk wild animals, identify the vegetation, and work on some requirements such as map and compass, signaling, lashing, and first aid. Then there are campfires, big appetites, warm sleeping bags, and a chance to stretch your legs. Sound like fun? It's there for the taking.
Mountain Men
ADVENTURE WEEK
at
Camp Oljato

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, TO SATURDAY, AUGUST 26, 1978

The spectacular backcountry trails that originate out of the Huntington Lake area offer a real challenge to experienced campers. The Mountain Men Trek will be limited in size and will assemble at Camp Oljato as a base for orientation and preparation.

The Camp Oljato Hikemaster along with top leadership will direct these trips. Trail food, cook gear, and shelter will be provided. Meals at the start and finish will be in the Oljato Dining Hall.

Scouts wanting to go on the Trek need not have extensive backpacking experience, but the desire to learn backpacking and share in the outstanding mountain ranges that exist in Camp Oljato's backcountry. You'll investigate wild edible plants, wilderness survival techniques, and also do much swimming in mountain lakes and streams. Scouts can also earn such merit badges as Cooking, Hiking, Camping, Wilderness Survival, Environmental Science, Astronomy, Nature, Fishing, Forestry, and a variety of others.

Those enrolled will receive advance instructions as to personal equipment, program features, and when to report for buses to go to Camp.

Each member will receive the Oljato Trek medal and a special Mountain Men Certificate on completion of the Trek.

HOW TO SIGN UP

The $65.00 fee covers all meals, health and accident insurance, adult leadership and bus transportation from the Scouting Service Center.

Any boy at least 14 years of age or in the eighth grade at the time of the hike may sign up. Fill out the enclosed application and send it to the Scouting Service Center along with a $10.00 non-refundable, but transferable, deposit. Balance of $55.00 is due on August 1, 1978.

A NEW ADVENTURE AT CAMP OLLJATO