

## IT'S MORE THAN A HIKE

We offer a five-mile compass hike at AdvanceCamp 2016. However, it is more than just a hike.

Led by experienced Scouters Angela and Laura Smith, Scouts are bused to Black Diamond Mines Regional Park in the morning. AdvanceCamp provides each Scout who attends plenty of water bottles and granola bars. Scouts are asked to bring sunscreen, a hat, a compass and a sack lunch.

Yes, Scouts learn how a compass works and how to orient a map. They use these skills to complete a five-mile hike.

In addition to these skills, Angela and Laura teach Scouts about the buddy system, safe rules of hiking, what to do if you become lost on a hike, and how to find directions without a compass during the day or night. They will also explain what injuries or hazards you could face on a hike and how to cope with them.

In addition to map, compass and hiking skills, Angela and Laura will help the Scouts with wild animal and plant identifications in the Black Diamond Mines park.

In all, a total of eight requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class will be offered on the five-mile hike.

Scouts will return to the Contra Costa County Fairgrounds by early afternoon, leaving them time to work on more Trailhead requirements at the fairgrounds.

So, sign up for the five-mile hike and receive much more for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

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