

How to Add Fishing to Your Program

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Introduction

Tom Sawyer lives in every young boy in America. Turn that desire to “*Go Fish’n*” into a meaningful outdoor experience in your Scout troop, Varsity team or Venture crew. Fortunately, fishing appeals to boys (and girls) of all ages. That is why fishing trips are a great lure (intentional play on words) for enticing parental participation. Sir Robert Baden-Powel was an avid fisherman, as was Waite Phillips.

Excursions to local reservoirs and alpine lakes in the Sierra Nevada Mountains provide a perfect venue for having fun while teaching ecology, soil and water conservation, environmental awareness, entomology, safety and even first aid. Oh, and don’t forget about Fishing and Fly-Fishing merit badges. Be cognizant, however, of the attention span and patience of the age group with which you are working. When fishing fails to produce much “catching”, even the most enthusiastic adult angler can succumb to boredom. Hence, you are wise to plan some alternate activities that will burn off plenty of pent-up energy among the young participants.

Of course, no high adventure backpacking trip would be complete without a couple of overnight stops, even a layover day, in locations conducive to fishing. Please keep that in mind while planning your next 50-miler. The same holds true if your unit is going to visit Philmont Scout Ranch, the Charles L. Sommers Wilderness Canoe Base or the Florida Sea Base.

Planning

On top of the planning steps your unit would normally follow prior to any function, you must:

Decide what species of fish you want to target.

- Assorted Saltwater Varieties
- Bass – largemouth, smallmouth or striped
- Bluegill
- Catfish
- Crappie
- Salmon
- Steelhead
- Trout

Determine the distance you are willing to travel?

- One-day excursion or
- Overnight campout
- Week-long high adventure

Identify the type of water that offers the best chance of connecting with your targeted fish species?

- Streams
- Rivers
 - Shoreline
 - Drift Boat
- Lakes/Reservoirs
 - Shoreline
 - Dock
 - Boat
- Ocean/Bay/Delta
 - Shoreline/surf
 - Pier/Dock
 - Boat

Pick a time of the year that will be conducive to fishing?

- Good weather conditions can never be guaranteed but put the odds in your favor.
- Do California fishing regulations allow fishing at the desired location on the date(s) under consideration?

Preparation

In addition to the normal preparation for an outdoor activity, including a **BSA Tour Permit**, you will want to consider the following steps/activities before the outing.

- Obtain fishing licenses for all participants *over* the age of 15.
[<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing>] (NOTE: Licenses are NOT required for anyone fishing on July 4 or September 5, 2011.)
- *If* you plan on using watercraft, obtain Safety Afloat certification for all of the adult participants and teach Safety Afloat principles to all youth participants.
- Practice tying fishing knots and rigging fishing equipment during meetings.
- Practice casting during meetings – have contests for accuracy and distance (use grassy areas -- NOT asphalt or cement surfaces. Be sure to start each practice session by removing all lures, hooks and flies from the casting lines.
- Generate interest in the upcoming outing by showing DVD/film clips of fishing activities. If your unit has conducted previous fishing trips, show pictures from those outings.
- Promote the fishing trip in the unit's newsletter, special fliers and during Courts of Honor, etc.
- Have your unit visit a fish hatchery – Silverado (Yountville), Warm Springs (Geyserville), Nimbus (Gold River/Sacramento) and Mokelumne River (Clements).
[www.dfg.ca.gov/fish/Hatcheries/HatList.asp]
- Ask the youth program director of a local fishing club for ideas and assistance in preparing the members of your unit for a fishing trip. NOTE: Troop 212 in Moraga teamed up with the Diablo Valley Fly Fishermen for hands-on casting and fly tying instruction followed by a fishing expedition to Kistler Ranch several months later. In so doing, many of the Scouts earned the Fly-Fishing Merit Badge.

Fishing Locations

Even if your own personal experience has enabled you to identify a number of good fishing venues, be sure to tap the following resources for potential spots.

- Scouts and adults within your unit.
- Sporting goods/fishing stores.
- Professional fishing guides
- Vendors at fishing shows.
- Friends, neighbors and relatives that belong to a fishing club or simply love to fish.
- Periodicals
 - *Western Outdoor News*
 - *Field and Stream*
 - *Outdoor Life*
 - *California Fly Fisher*
 - Newspaper articles written by the outdoor editors, e.g., Tom Stienstra and Brian Hoffman in the *SF Chronicle*
 - Fishing club bulletins
- Outdoor guidebooks
- California State Automobile Association (CSAA) publications
- Internet – Google It!

Included with this outline you will find a short list of fishing spots for those who need a place to start. If a particular location catches your eye, be sure to conduct your own research into that spot's features, facilities, costs and availability.

Fishing Equipment for Individuals

While all participants on an outing will want to have their own fishing gear, what are the basic essentials that the unit leader should ask everyone to bring? Keep in mind that the answer will depend on the targeted species and the location you plan to visit. If someone does not already own what is necessary, see if other participants have extra equipment that can fill the need on a temporary basis. Neighbors and relatives are another good source from whom eager young Scouts can borrow fishing gear.

Spin/Bait-Casting:

Basic paraphernalia needed for **spin/bait-casting** includes the following. (Of course, everyone has their own opinion as to what should be on this list.) Please keep in mind that fishing with spin/bait-casting gear is far more user-friendly for novice fishermen than a fly rod and reel. In addition, young Scouts may find it easier to borrow spin/bait-casting equipment from relatives and family friends because most fishing enthusiasts still own the relatively inexpensive spin/bait-casting gear they started with years ago and are willing to loan it to a youngster that shows interest in the sport.

- Fishing rod (6' ± long) and a reel loaded with 6 to 10-lbs test mono fishing line
- Leader material
- Half-dozen bare hooks if planning to fish with bait

- A few snap or barrel swivels and small bobbers
- Split-shot and/or barrel weights
- Long-nose pliers or hemostats
- Snips or fingernail clippers for trimming off excess leader
- Assortment of lures, power bait, salmon eggs and artificial worms

Fly-Fishing:

Participants that elect to practice **fly-fishing** during a unit outing would be well served if their equipment includes the following. Please note that this gear is considerably more expensive, on average, than spin/bait-casting equipment and more difficult to use. Therefore, unit leaders would be wise to avoid recommending the use of fly-fishing gear by young novices unless the outing is specifically intended as an introduction to fly-fishing. In the latter case, be sure that most of the accompanying adults are experienced fly-fishermen.

- Fly rod (9-feet long, 5-weight)
- Fly reel loaded with backing and 5-weight floating line – weight-forward or double-tapered
- Tapered 5X leader 7½ or 9 feet long
- Tippet material (5X and 6X)
- Split shot and a few small strike indicators
- Long-nosed pliers or hemostats
- Snips or fingernail clippers for trimming off excess leader or tippet
- Assortment of dry flies, nymphs and streamers

The items listed above in both general categories are available for purchase at the following locations.

- Big 5, Wal-Mart, Sports Authority, etc.
- Fishing Stores – Creative Sports in Pleasant Hill, Outdoor Pro Shop in Oakland, Fly Fishing Specialties in Sacramento and at most marinas located on major waterways and reservoirs throughout the state
- Catalogs from various fishing stores – Bass Pro Shops (Manteca), Cabela’s (Reno), Feather Craft, The Fly Shop (Redding), etc.
- Web sites for those same sporting goods and fishing stores

Personal Clothing and Equipment

In addition to being equipped with the appropriate fishing gear, anglers of all ages would be wise to prepare themselves as follows.

- Use sunscreen (minimum SPF 30) to cover the back of hands and all areas of exposed skin including neck, ears, face and nose. Remember, light reflected off the surface of the water carries UV radiation.
- Bring along a bottle of sunscreen to facilitate a second application early in the afternoon.
- Wear a broad-brimmed hat for sun protection as well as partial protection from errant casts.
- Wear polarized sun glasses to protect eyes from errant casts and to help spot fish.
- Wear a long sleeve shirt and full-length trousers to reduce UV radiation exposure.
- Bring rain gear and a warm jacket

- Bring insect repellent

Safety Considerations

Adult leaders need to be ever mindful that all water sports, including fishing, add an element of danger that deserves their full attention. The following is a partial list of reminders.

- Each youth participant **MUST** wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device (PFD) at all times while in a boat or wading in a stream, river, lake/reservoir, ocean surf or other saltwater location.
- Rigorously employ the “buddy system” and the related steps of Safety Afloat if using watercraft.
- Although wading is a common activity for many adult fishermen, it is **NOT** recommended for youth *unless* they use additional safety equipment and undergo further training not discussed in this outline.
- Teach all adult participants how to remove an embedded fish hook properly.
- Use barbless hooks or crimp down the barb on all hooks used by your anglers.

Catch-and-Release – With Care

Fish are a **VERY** limited resource that deserves respect and assistance. Unless you and your Scouting youth plan to cook and eat the ones caught, **PLEASE** practice the ethic of Catch-and-Release. The following steps will go a long way toward assuring that fish caught today will be available to thrill other anglers tomorrow and in the years ahead.

- Use artificial lures with a barbless *single* hook. Fish tend to swallow live bait more deeply and barbless hooks are easier to remove and do less damage than treble hooks.
- Retrieve a hooked fish as quickly as possible.
- Keep the fish in the water unless it is absolutely necessary to lift it into the air.
- If it is necessary to hold onto a fish, *first wet your hand(s)* and then grasp the fish without excessive pressure. Be sure not to poke a finger or thumb into its gills. (Ignore this step entirely *if* the next one can be accomplished without holding onto the fish.)
- Use the thumb and forefinger on your free hand to dislodge the hook by reversing the direction it followed to enter the flesh of the fish. (Hemostats are a great assist in accomplishing this task – especially with small hooks.)
- If the fish has swallowed the hook, cut off the line as close to the hook as possible. The hook will dissolve over the course of several days – unless it is stainless steel. **NEVER** try to remove a deeply embedded hook because you may damage the fish beyond recovery or make it more vulnerable to predators.
- Release the fish immediately unless it is necessary to revive it following a prolonged fight.
- When reviving a fish, hold it fully submerged facing into the current. Allow it to escape your gentle grasp only after it shows vigorous signs of wanting to swim away from you.

Please remember to **Limit Your Kill – Don’t Kill Your Limit**.

Resources Worth Your Attention

California Department of Fish and Game web site at www.dfg.ca.gov

- Fishing Regulations
- Licensing Information

Fishing Merit Badge book (BSA Catalog #35899)

Fly-Fishing Merit Badge book (BSA Catalog #35900)

Pro Fishing Tips for Kids (www.ehow.com/videos-on_5191_pro-fishing-tips-kids.html)

Attachments

Fishing Knot Diagrams and Instructions:

Improved Clinch Knot – used when connecting monofilament line to a hook or snap swivel

Uni-Knot – used when tying together two pieces of monofilament line, leader or tippet

Diagrams showing various ways to rig the terminal end of a fishing line. (4 pages)

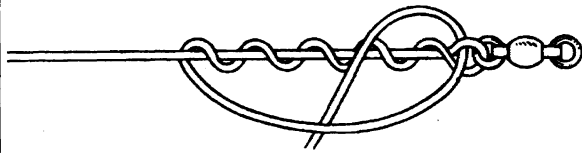
Emergency Hook Removal

DFG Fish Planting Schedules

DFG Catchable Trout Release Waters

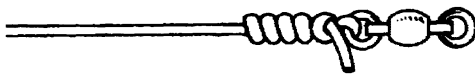
Places to Fish – a partial list of local and nearby venues worth considering, **including Boy Scout camps** and private water

Knot Tying - The Improved Clinch Knot



1. An old standby for fishermen. Pass the line through the eye of hook, swivel or lure. Double back and make 5 turns around the standing line.

Hold the coils in place; thread end of line through the first loop above the eye, then through the big loop as shown.

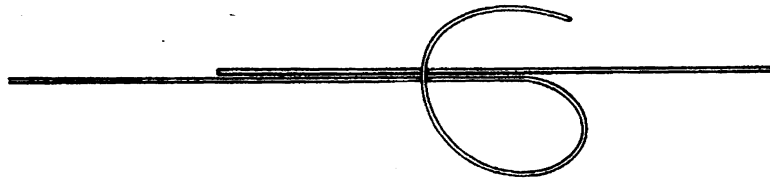


2. Hold the tag end and standing line while coils are pulled up. Take care that coils are in spiral, not lapping over each other. Slide tight against the eye. Clip tag end.

The Uni-Knot System

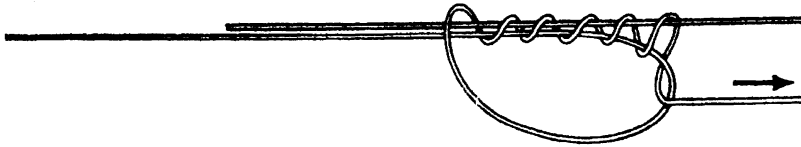
One basic fishing line knot which can be varied to meet virtually every knot tying need in either fresh or salt water fishing. That was the objective of Vic Dunaway, author of numerous books on fishing and editor of "Florida Sportsman" magazine. The Uni-Knot system resulted. Knot illustrations and directions thanks to Ande Monofilament.

Uni-Knot --- Joining 2 Lines (of Similar Diameter)

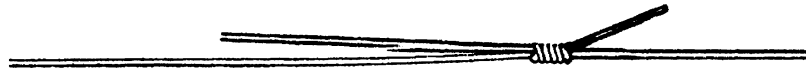


1. Overlap ends of two lines of about the same diameter for about 6".

Take one end, and form the Uni-Knot circle, crossing the two lines about midway of the overlapped distance.



2. Tie the Uni-Knot, making six turns around the two lines (leaving the loop free).



3. Pull the tag end to form a snug knot tight around the line.

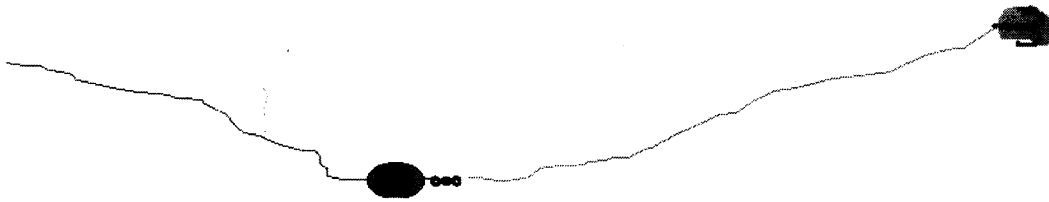


4. Use the loose end of the overlapped line to tie another Uni-Knot as shown above and pull snug.



5. Pull the two standing lines in opposite directions to slide the knots together. Pull as tightly as possible and snip ends close to nearest coil.

Egg Weight Rig for use with Dough Baits



Main Line: 2# to 4#- Smaller trout/ Bullhead Catfish/ Minnow/Small Carp; 8#-15#: Steelhead/Larger Catfish (channel catfish)/Large Carp; 20#+: Very Large Catfish (dough/worms/liver)/Sturgeon/Large Steelhead

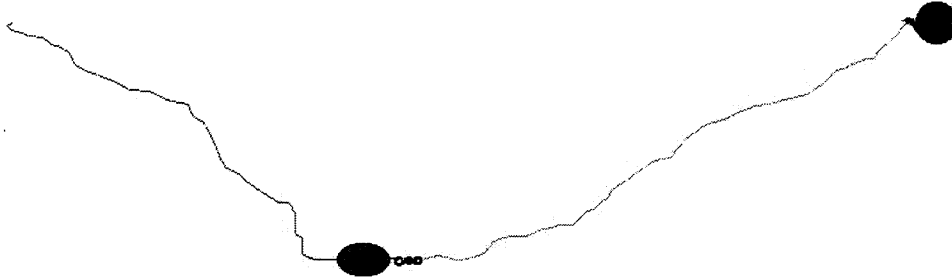
Leader: either pre-tied snelled hook (single or treble) or mono: 2#-4# for Trout or very clear water, otherwise the same strength as main line.

Hook:

FISH	Trout/Small Carp/Minnows	Midsize fish	Large fish
Treble	#14-#10	#8-#4	#4-#1/0
Single hook	#12-#8	#6-#2	#2+ (only if very firm dough bait)

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Natural bait (or Salmon Egg) Rig with Slip Lead for Freshwater



Main Line: 2# to 4#- Smaller trout/ Bullhead Catfish/ Minnow/Small Carp; 8#-15#: Steelhead/Larger Catfish (channel catfish)/Large Carp; 20#+: Very Large Catfish (dough/worms/liver)/Sturgeon/Large Steelhead

Weight: Smallest possible-from 1/4oz to 3 oz depending upon current.

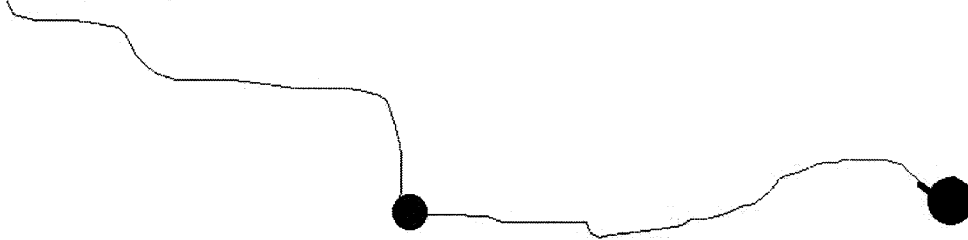
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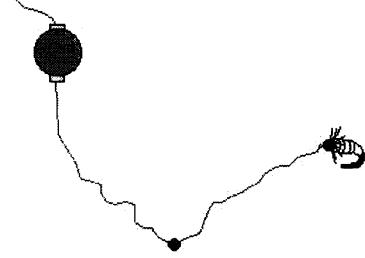
FISH	Trout/Small Carp/Minnows/Panfish	Midsize fish (inc. Basses)	Large fish (inc. Basses)
Single hook	#12-#8	#6-#2	#2+

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Split Shot rigging with Bait

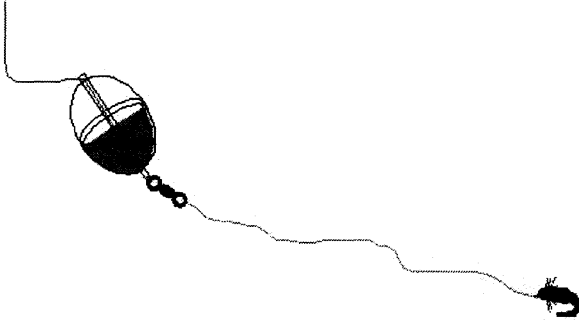


Note: Use small split shot up to 1/4 oz and pinch lightly 12" above the hook. Use a small enough hook that the intended bait completely covers the hook (a bait hook or salmon egg hook is recommended).

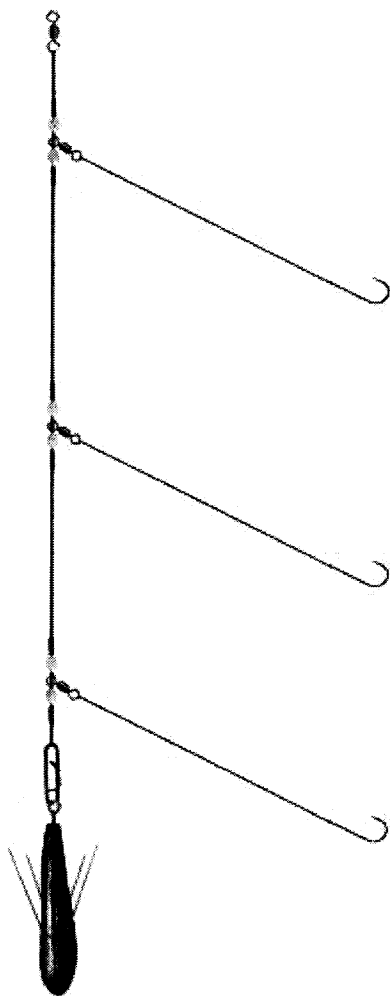
Nymphing Rig with Weighted Bobber

Notes: First try on the nymph, then pinch on the split shot (1/16 oz) 12" above the nymph, then clip the bobber so that the distance from the bobber to the splitshot is equal to the water depth. Use the smallest bobber possible (.5" to 1.5" diameter).

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Casting bubble with Fly

Notes: Run the main line through the Bubble and to a barrel swivel that is just arge enough not to slip though the bubble. Tie 24" or longer length of leader to the barrel swivel and tie the other end to the fly. This rig will work with any light lure (or soda straw and treble hook) and is used not only with light leaders (1# to 4# mono) for rainbow trout in freshwater, but with heavy leaders and larger lures for mackerels (40# mono) in saltwater.

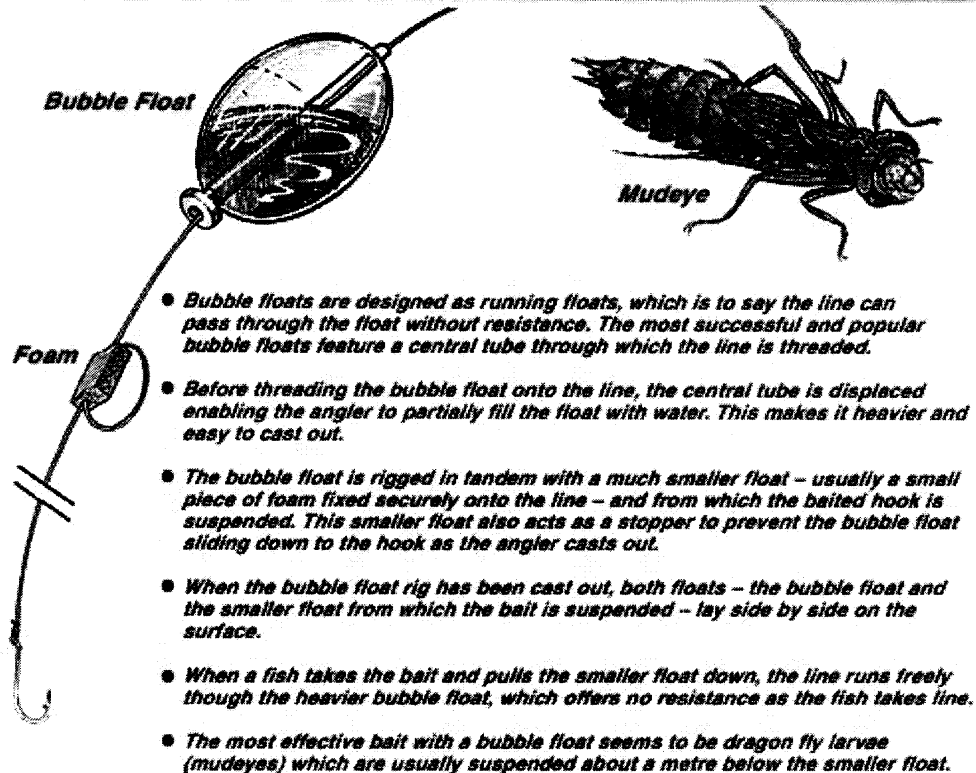


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We strongly recommend that you purchase a copy of Geoff's book, "The Complete Book of Fishing Knots & Rigs"Its money well spent!.....Available at all good tackle stores.

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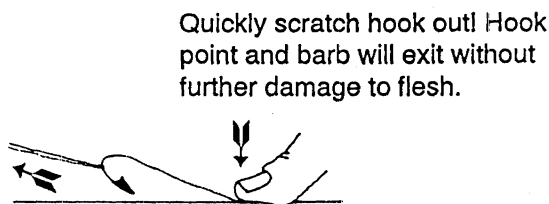
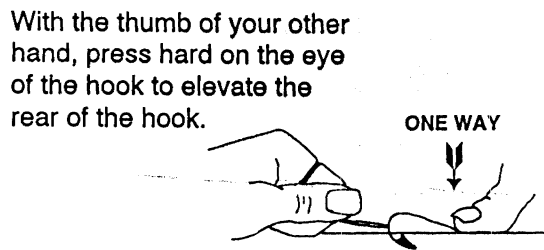
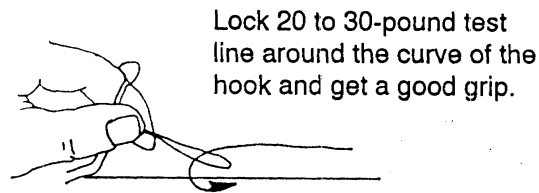
EMERGENCY HOOK REMOVAL

A fishhook embedded in the skin is a frequent outdoor injury. **Remember two things.**

1. Do **NOT** try to remove a fishhook from the face, an eye or an earlobe.
2. NEVER try to remove an embedded hook by pulling it back the way it went in.

Cut the fishing line and, if feasible, let a doctor remove the hook from the flesh. If it is impossible to obtaining help from a physician, you will have to do the job yourself. Start by cleaning you hands with soap and warm water. If nonlatex disposable gloves and protective eyewear are available, wear them to prevent contact with the injured person's blood. Then follow the steps outlined below.

The diagram shown below is for **hooks embedded in loose skin** such as an arm or neck.



If the hook is **embedded in tight skin** such as a finger or scalp, remove the hook as follows.

1. Following the natural bend of the hook, feed the hook *into* the wound until the barb is clear of the skin. (The worst is over now.)
2. Clip off the point of the hook and the barb with pliers or wire cutters.
3. Feed the barbless hook *back* through the wound.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you know for sure that the embedded hook is BARBLESS, step 3 immediately above is the answer in all situations EXCEPT a hook embedded in someone's eye. **ALWAYS allow a physician to remove a hook lodged in an eye.** Be sure to cover BOTH eyes of the injured person with a blindfold while transporting him/her to the emergency room of the nearest hospital. This last step will minimize eye movement and, therefore, help reduce additional damage to the injured eye.

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Fish Planting

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Fish Planting Schedules

Specific dates are not given so that fishing activity will not be focused right after the time of the plant.

Region 1 - Northern Region

Serving Del Norte, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties

Region 2 - North Central Region

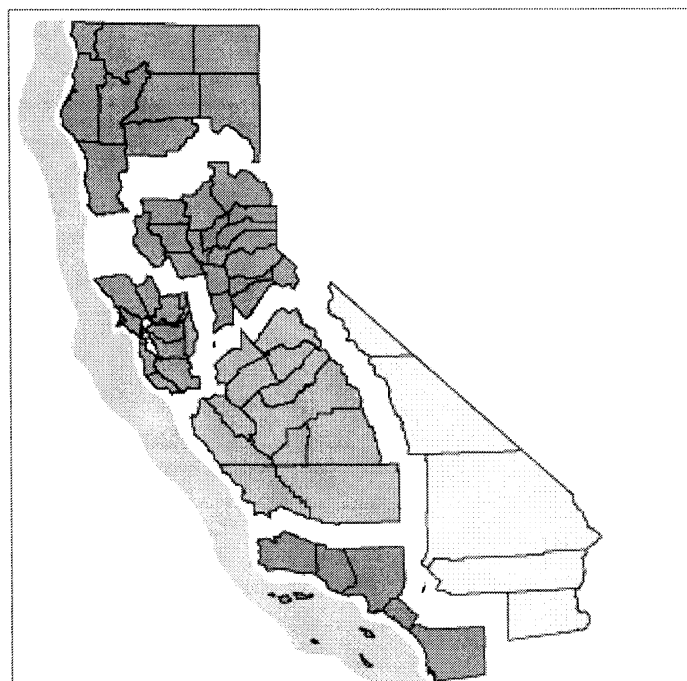
Serving Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa, El Dorado, Glenn, Lake, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba counties

Region 3 - Bay Delta Region

Serving Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Sacramento, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Francisco, San Joaquin, Solano, Sonoma, and Yolo counties. Portions of Sacramento, San Joaquin and Yolo counties that are south of I-80 and west of I-5 are in Region 3

Region 4 - Central Region

Serving Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Monterey, San Benito, San Luis Obispo, Stanislaus, Tulare, and Tuolumne counties



All plants are subject to change depending on road, water and weather conditions. If conditions permit, the listed lakes, reservoirs and ponds, will be restocked with catchable-size trout from DFG hatcheries.

Region 5 - South Coast Region

Serving Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura counties

Region 6 - Inland Deserts Region

Serving Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside and San Bernardino counties

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Department of Fish and Game Catchable Trout (1/2 lb fish) Release Waters as of November 17, 2010

(Viewers are also invited to visit the 'Fingerling Trout Release Waters' and the DFG 'Fishing Guide' WEB pages)

DFG recently responded to a legal action challenging its hatchery and stocking operations, and completed an Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) that considers species and habitats affected by hatchery-raised rainbow trout. One of the conditions of the EIR/EIS is that each water planted throughout California must go through a Pre-Stocking Evaluation Protocol. This evaluation requires DFG to consider each sensitive or listed species in each water relative to the stocking of trout. The waters listed below have been approved for stocking.

Region	County	Water Name
Region 1 - Northern Region	Del Norte	Dry Lake
	Del Norte	Muslatt Lake
	Del Norte	Sanger Lake
	Humboldt	Black Lake
	Humboldt	Blue Lake
	Humboldt	Fish Lake
	Humboldt	Freshwater Lagoon
	Lassen	Ash Creek, Lower
	Lassen	Bailey Reservoir
	Lassen	Blue Lake
	Lassen	Buckhorn Reservoir
	Lassen	Caribou Lake
	Lassen	Clear Creek
	Lassen	Crater lake
	Lassen	Cypress Lake
	Lassen	Deer Heart Lake
	Lassen	Dodge Reservoir
	Lassen	Eagle Lake
	Lassen	Eleanor lake
	Lassen	Emerald Lake
	Lassen	Evelyn Lake
	Lassen	Goodrich Creek, Lower
	Lassen	Goodrich Creek, Middle
	Lassen	Holbrook Reservoir
	Lassen	Long Lake, Highway 44
	Lassen	McCoy Flat Reservoir
	Lassen	Nelson Corral Reservoir
	Lassen	Pine Creek
	Lassen	Round Corral Reservoir
	Lassen	Upper Susan River
	Lassen	Shotoverin
	Lassen	Silver Lake
	Lassen	Smith Flat Reservoir
	Mendocino	East Branch Russian River
	Mendocino	Hammerhorn Lake
	Mendocino	Howard Lake
	Modoc	Annie Lake
	Modoc	Ballard Reservoir
	Modoc	Bayley Reservoir
	Modoc	Briles Reservoir
Modoc	Brown Pond	
Modoc	Delta Reservoir	
Modoc	Diamond Reservoir	
Modoc	Duncan Reservoir	
Modoc	Fee Reservoir	
Modoc	Lily Lake	

Modoc	Pine Creek Reservoir
Modoc	Rainbow Pond
Modoc	Reservoir C
Modoc	Reservoir F
Shasta	Baum Lake
Shasta	Burney Creek Lower
Shasta	Burney Creek Middle
Shasta	Everett Lake
Shasta	Eiler Lake
Shasta	Fall River Lake
Shasta	Grace Lake
Shasta	Grey Rock Lake
Shasta	Hat Creek Middle
Shasta	Hat Creek Upper
Shasta	Hufford Lake
Shasta	Iron Canyon Reservoir
Shasta	Kilarc Reservoir
Shasta	Magee Lake
Shasta	McCloud Reservoir
Shasta	Nora Lake
Shasta	Sacramento River
Shasta	Shasta Lake
Siskiyou	Eden Ponds
Siskiyou	Juanita Lake
Siskiyou	Kanagroo Lake
Siskiyou	Kelley Lake
Siskiyou	Kidder Cr. Orchard Camp
Siskiyou	Greenhorn Reservoir
Siskiyou	Medicine Lake
Siskiyou	Orr Lake
Siskiyou	Siskiyou Lake
Tehama	Battle Creek, South Fork
Tehama	Camp Tehama pond
Tehama	Deer Creek
Trinity	Boulder Lake Little, Trinity Alps
Trinity	Carrville Pond
Trinity	Emerald Lake, Trinity Alps
Trinity	Granite Lake, Trinity Alps
Trinity	Ewing Gulch Reservoir
Trinity	Ruth Lake
Trinity	Trinity Lake (Clair Engle Lake)

Region 2 - North Central Region

Alpine	Alpine Lake
Alpine	Blue Lake, Lower
Alpine	Burnside Lake
Alpine	Caples Lake
Alpine	Carson River, East Fork
Alpine	Indian Creek Reservoir
Alpine	Kinney Reservoir
Alpine	Markleeville Creek
Alpine	Mosquito Lake, Lower
Alpine	Mosquito Lake, Upper
Alpine	Red Lake
Alpine	Silver Creek
Alpine	Wood Lake
Alpine	Carson River, West Fork
Tuolumne	Spicer Meadows Reservoir
Amador	Bear River Reservoir, Lower

Amador	Camanche Reservoir
Amador	Pardee Reservoir
Amador	Lake Amador
Amador	Lake Tabeaud
Amador	Silver Lake
Butte	Desabla Reservoir
Butte	Paradise Reservoir
Butte	Philbrook Reservoir
Calaveras	White Pines Lake
Colusa	Letts Lake
El Dorado	American River, SF (Camp Sacramento)
El Dorado	Dark Lake
El Dorado	El Dorado Forebay
El Dorado	Folsom Lake
El Dorado	Icehouse Reservoir
El Dorado	Jenkinson Lake
El Dorado	Kirkwood Lake
El Dorado	Loon Lake
El Dorado	Stumpy Meadows Reservoir
El Dorado	Union Valley Reservoir
El Dorado	Walton Pond
El Dorado	Wrights Lake
Lake	Blue Lake Upper
Lake	Indian Valley Reservoir
Nevada	Boca Reservoir
Nevada	Donner Lake
Nevada	Faucherie Lake
Nevada	Fuller Lake
Nevada	Jackson Meadows Reservoir
Nevada	Lindsey Lake, Lower
Nevada	Prosser Reservoir
Nevada	Rollins Reservoir
Nevada	Scotts Flat Reservoir Lower
Nevada	Scotts Flat Reservoir Upper
Nevada	Weaver Lake
Placer	Coldstream Creek Pond
Placer	French Meadows Reservoir
Placer	Halsey Forebay
Placer	Hamilton Branch Creek
Placer	Hell Hole Reservoir
Placer	Lake Valley Reservoir
Placer	Sugar Pine Reservoir
Plumas	Antelope Reservoir
Plumas	Bucks Lake
Plumas	Echo Lake
Plumas	Feather River Middle Fork, Graeagle
Plumas	Feather River, North Fork, Beldon Ranch
Plumas	Feather River, North Fork, Almanor
Plumas	Jamison Creek
Plumas	Lake Almanor
Plumas	Lake Davis
Plumas	Little Grass Valley Reservoir
Sacramento	Gibson Ranch Park Pond
Sacramento	Granite Park Pond
Sacramento	Hagen Park Pond
Sacramento	Mather Pond
Sacramento	Rancho Seco Lake
Sacramento	Southside Park Pond

	Sacramento	William Land Park Pond
	Sacramento	Willow Hills Pond
	San Joaquin	Oak Grove Park Lake
	Sierra	Gold Lake
	Sierra	Little Truckee River Hwy 89
	Sierra	Packer Lake
	Sierra	Salmon Lake, Upper
	Sierra	Sardine Lake, Lower
	Sierra	Smithneck Creek
	Sierra	Stampede Reservoir
	Sierra	Yuba River North Fork
	Yuba	Bullards Bar Reservoir
Region 3 - Bay Delta Region	Alameda	Del Valle Reservoir
	Alameda	Horseshoe Lake
	Alameda	Lakeshore Park Pond
	Alameda	Shadow Cliff Lake
	Alameda	Temescal Lake
	Contra Costa	Contra Loma Reservoir
	Contra Costa	Heather Farms Ponds
	Contra Costa	Lafayette Reservoir
	Marin	Bon Tempe Reservoir
	Marin	Lagunitas Lake
	San Francisco	Lake Merced North
	Santa Clara	Cunningham Lake
	Santa Clara	Los Gatos Creek Park Perc Ponds
	Santa Clara	Sandywool Lake
	Santa Clara	Spring Valley
	Santa Cruz	Pinto Lake
	Sonoma	Ralphine Lake
Region 4 - Central Region	Fresno	Avocado Lake
	Fresno	Bearskin Creek
	Fresno	Big Creek, Huntington
	Fresno	Big Creek, Kings
	Fresno	Brave Lake
	Fresno	Courtright Reservoir
	Fresno	Dinkey Creek
	Fresno	Edison Lake
	Fresno	Hume Lake
	Fresno	Huntington Lake
	Fresno	Kings River, Below Pine Flat Dam
	Fresno	Mono Creek
	Fresno	Pine Flat Reservoir
	Fresno	Portal Forebay
	Fresno	Rancheria Creek
	Fresno	San Joaquin River, below Friant Dam
	Fresno	San Joaquin River, South Fork
	Fresno	Shaver Lake
	Fresno	Sports Complex Lake
	Fresno	Tamarack Creek
	Fresno	Tenmile Creek
	Fresno	Ward Lake
	Fresno	Wishon Reservoir
	Fresno	Woodward Park Lakes
	Kern	Brite Valley Reservoir
	Kern	Hart Park Lake
	Kern	Kern River, Section 1

Kern	Kern River, Section 2
Kern	Kern River, Section 4
Kern	Lake Isabella
Kern	Ming Lake
Kern	River Walk Lake
Kern	Truxton Lake
Kern	Woollomes Lake
Madera	Bass Lake
Madera	Big Creek, Madera
Madera	Chiquito Creek, Lower
Madera	Chiquito Creek, West Fork
Madera	Corrine Lake
Madera	Eastman Lake
Madera	Fish Creek
Madera	Granite Creek
Madera	Hensley Lake
Madera	Lewis Creek
Madera, Fresno	Mammoth Pool Reservoir
Madera	Nelder Creek
Madera	Rock Creek
Madera	San Joaquin, Middle Fork
Madera	Sotcher Lake
Madera	Starweather Lake
Madera	Willow Creek, North Fork
Mariposa	McClure Reservoir
Mariposa	McSwain Reservoir
Mariposa	Merced River, Sec II
Merced	Yosemite Lake
Monterey	El Estero Lake
Monterey	Nacimiento River, upper
Stanislaus	San Joaquin River
Tulare	Balch Park Lake, lower
Tulare	Balch Park Lake, upper
Tulare	Big Meadows Creek
Tulare	Bone Creek
Tulare	Bravo Lake
Tulare	Deer Creek
Tulare	Del Lago Park Lake
Tulare	Dry Meadow
Tulare	Freeman Creek
Tulare	Hedrick Pond (Redwood Lake)
Tulare	Kaweah Reservoir
Tulare	Kern River, Section 5
Tulare	Kern River, Section 6
Tulare	Nobe Young Creek
Tulare	Peppermint Creek
Tulare	Stoney Creek
Tulare	Success Reservoir
Tulare	Spear Creek
Tulare	Tule River MF
Tulare	Tule River NF/MF #1
Tulare	Tule River SF/MF #2
Tulare	Tule River SF/MF #3
Tulare	White River
Tuolumne	Beardsley Reservoir
Tuolumne	Beaver Creek
Tuolumne	Don Pedro Reservoir
Tuolumne	Herring creek

Tuolumne	Lyons Canal
Tuolumne	Moccasin Creek
Tuolumne, Calaveras	New Melones Reservoir
Tuolumne	Pinecrest Lake
Tuolumne	Powerhouse Stream
Tuolumne	Stanislaus Middle Fork
Tuolumne	Stanislaus River Clarks Forks
Tuolumne	Stanislaus River, South Fork
Tuolumne	Stanislaus River, North Fork
Tuolumne	Tuolumne River, South Fork
Tuolumne	Tuolumne River, Middle Fork

Region 5 - South Coast Region

Los Angeles	Alondra Park Lake
Los Angeles	Belvedere Park Lake
Los Angeles	Castaic Lake
Los Angeles	Cerritos Park Lake
Los Angeles	Downey Wilderness Park Lake
Los Angeles	Echo Park Lake
Los Angeles	El Dorado Park Lakes
Los Angeles	Elizabeth Lake
Los Angeles	Hansen Lake
Los Angeles	Jackson Lake
Los Angeles	Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area
Los Angeles	La Mirada Lake
Los Angeles	Lake in Hollenbeck Park
Los Angeles	Legg Lake
Los Angeles	Lincoln Park Lake
Los Angeles	Peck Road Park Lake
Los Angeles	Puddingstone Reservoir
Los Angeles	Resada Park Lake
Los Angeles	Pyramid Lake
Los Angeles	Sante Fe Flood Control Basin
Orange	Carr Park Lake
Orange	Centennial Regional Park Lake
Orange	Eisenhower Park Lake
Orange	Greer Park Lake
Orange	Huntington Central Park Lake
Orange	Laguna Lake
Orange	Mile Square Regional Park Lake
Orange	Ralph Clark Regional Park Lake
Orange	Trabuco Creek
Orange	Tri-City Park Lake
Orange	Yorba Regional Park Lake
San Diego	Chollas Reservoir
San Diego	Cuyamaca Reservoir
San Diego	Doane Pond
San Diego	Lindo Lake
San Diego	Morena Lake
San Diego	Murray Reservoir
Ventura	Rancho Simi Park

Region 6 - Inland Deserts Region

Imperial	Sunbeam Lake
Imperial	Weist Lake
Inyo	Big Pine Creek
Inyo	Bishop Creek Lower
Inyo	Bishop Creek Middle Fork
Inyo	Bishop Creek South Fork
Inyo	Bishop Creek, Intake II

Inyo	Cottonwood Creek
Inyo	Diaz Lake
Inyo	Georges Creek
Inyo	Goodale Creek
Inyo	Independence Creek
Inyo	Lake Sabrina
Inyo	Lone Pine Creek
Inyo	North Lake
Inyo	Owens River, Section 2
Inyo	Pleasant Valley Reservoir
Inyo	Rock Creek Lake
Inyo	Rock Creek, Section 3
Inyo	Sheperds Creek
Inyo	South Lake
Inyo	Symmes Creek
Inyo	Taboose Creek
Inyo	Tinnemaha Creek
Inyo	Tuttle Creek
Mono	Agnew Lake
Mono	Bridgeport Reservoir
Mono	Buckeye Creek
Mono	Convict Creek
Mono	Convict Lake
Mono	Crowley Lake
Mono	Deadman Creek
Mono	East Walker River
Mono	Ellery Lake
Mono	George Lake
Mono	Glass Creek
Mono	Gull Lake
Mono	Grant Lake
Mono	June Lake
Mono	Kirmen Lake
Mono	Leavitt Lake
Mono	Lee Vining Creek
Mono	Lee Vining Creek South Fork
Mono	Little Walker River
Mono	Lost Cannon Creek
Mono	Lundy Lake
Mono	Mamie Lake
Mono	Mammoth Creek
Mono	Mary Lake
Mono	McGee Creek
Mono	Mill Creek
Mono	Molybdenite Creek
Mono	Owens River, Section 3
Mono	Reversed Creek
Mono	Robinson Creek
Mono	Rock Creek, Section 1
Mono	Rock Creek, Section 2
Mono	Rush Creek
Mono	Saddlebag Creek
Mono	Saddlebag Lake
Mono	Sherwin Creek
Mono	Silver Lake
Mono	Swauger Creek
Mono	Tioga Lake
Mono	Topaz Lake

Mono	Trumble Lake (Trumbull Lake)
Mono	Twin Lake Upper, Bridgeport
Mono	Twin Lake Lower, Bridgeport
Mono	Twin Lakes, Mammoth
Mono	Virginia Creek
Mono	Virginia Lake, Lower
Mono	Virginia Lake, Upper
Mono	West Walker River, Section 2
Mono	West Walker River, Section 3
Mono	Woods Lake, Upper
Riverside	Diamond Valley Lake
Riverside	Hemet Lake
Riverside	Lake Cahuilla
Riverside	Lake Evans
Riverside	Lake Elsinore
Riverside	Lake Fulmor
Riverside	Perris Lake
Riverside	Rancho Jurupa Park Lake
Riverside	Strawberry Creek
San Bernardino	Arrowbear Lake
San Bernardino	Big Bear Lake
San Bernardino	Cucamonga Creek
San Bernardino	El Prado Regional Park Lake
San Bernardino	Glen Helen Regional Park Lakes
San Bernardino	Green Valley Lake
San Bernardino	Gregory Lake
San Bernardino	Jenks Lake
San Bernardino	Miller Canyon Creek
San Bernardino	Mojave Narrows Regional Park Lake
San Bernardino	Santa Ana River
San Bernardino	Seccombe Park Lake
San Bernardino	Silverwood Lake
San Bernardino	Yucaipa Regional Park Lake

Places to Fish

Local Counties

Alameda County:

Del Valle Reservoir, Chabot Reservoir, Don Castro Lake, Horseshoe Lake, Quarry lake, Shadow Cliffs Lake, Temescal Lake and Lake Elizabeth

Contra Costa County:

Contra Loma Reservoir, Heather Farms Pond, Hidden Valley Pond, Lafayette Reservoir, Los Vaqueros Reservoir and San Pablo Reservoir

Marin County:

Bon Tempe Reservoir, Lagunitas Lake, McInnis Park Pond, Scottsdale Pond and Stafford Lake

Napa County:

Lake Berryessa and Hennessey Lake

Solano County:

Lake Chabot, Putah Creek and Solano Lake

Sonoma County:

Lake Sonoma and Lake Ralphine

Nearby Counties

Amador County:

Amador Lake and Pardee Reservoir

Calaveras County:

New Hogan Lake and Salt Spring Valley Reservoir

Colusa County:

East Park Reservoir

El Dorado County:

Folsom Lake

Glenn County:

Stony Gorge Reservoir

Lake County:

Clear Lake and Lake Pillsbury

Mariposa County:

McClure Reservoir and McSwain Reservoir

Merced County:

Kelsey Reservoir, O'Neill Forebay and San Luis Reservoir

San Joaquin County:

Comanche Reservoir

Tuolumne County:

Don Pedro Reservoir

Yuba County:

Bullards Bar Reservoir and Collins Lake

Boy Scout Camps With Fishing Opportunities

Please note that some of these camps are available for units to use when summer camp is not in session.

Robert L. Cole Wilderness Camp on Lake Sterling 7 miles north of Cisco Grove off I-80 (Golden Empire Council)

Camp Hi-Sierra on the Tuolumne River NE of Sonora off Highway 108 (Santa Clara County Council)

Camp Kern on Huntington Lake near Lakeshore off Highway 168 (Southern Sierra Council)

Camp Lassen on Big Chico Creek NE of Chico off Highway 32 (Golden Empire Council)

Camp Marin Sierra on Chubb Lake off of Highway 20 immediately west of its junction with I-80 (Marin Council)

Camp Oljato on Huntington Lake near Lakeshore off Highway 168 (Pacific Skyline Council)

Camp Pico Blanco on the Little Sur River south of Carmel off Highway 1 (Monterey Bay Area Council) NOTE: Camp Pico Blanco sustained extensive damage due to the Basin Complex Fire in June of 2008. Fortunately, the council has been able to reopen the camp and will be conducting normal summer camp operations in 2010.

Camp Royaneh on Austin Creek near Cazadero off Highway 116 (SF Bay Area Council)

Wente Scout Reservation on a private 80-acre lake east of Willits off Highway 101 (SF Bay Area Council)

Camp Winton on Lower Bear River Reservoir NE of Jackson off Highway 88 (Golden Empire Council)

Camp Wolfboro on the North Fork Stanislaus River off Highway 4 (Mt. Diablo Silverado Council)

Private Water

Kistler Ranch 18 miles east of Oakdale along Highway 108/120 has three lakes/ponds loaded with Bass, Crappie and Blue Gill – catch-and-release only. There is an access fee.

Stonyford Ranch three-quarters of an hour drive west of Maxwell in Glenn County near East Park Reservoir. The ranch has a fishing lake, with a dock, that has been stocked with bass and catfish. A second impoundment is also open to fishing but lacks a dock. In addition, the ranch provides private access to several miles of Stony Creek and Little Stony Creek which both run through the property. Units may camp in a designated location on the ranch. If your unit is interested in visiting Stonyford Ranch, please contact **George Coughlin** at (925) 820-1918 or george@iraplanning.com for further details. George is the principal liaison between the ranch owners and Mt Diablo Silverado Council. This is the first year that Scouting units have been allowed access to this truly magnificent venue.