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# PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY

## BOSS Life Skills Trip

PRIMITIVE CAMPING, HIKING, and SURVIVAL  
VENTANA WILDERNESS  
LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST  
MONTEREY COUNTY, CA





# BOSS Life Skills Trip

**Purpose:** To safely conduct a BOSS event that provides opportunity for BOSS Service Members to gain valuable skills they can use throughout their lives, which provides for quality of life and mission readiness.

## **Key Tasks:**

**Presidio BOSS Council:** Serves as the overall lead for this event.

**Family & MWR Liaison:** Advises and assists with planning and coordination.

**MWR Outdoor Recreation:** Provides expertise, instruction, and directs the activity. Secures transportation to and from location.

## **Who/What/When/Where/Why**

**Who:** Presidio of Monterey BOSS Council

**What:** Life Skills Primitive Camping Trip

**When:** April 13 – 15 (See attached itinerary on Slide 6)

**Where:** Ventana Wilderness, Los Padres National Forest, Monterey County, CA

**Why:** Quality event providing development of lifetime skills including map & compass orienteering, fire construction, water purification, night-sky navigation, and cross-country hiking.



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### **The camping:**

Service members filter water from the Arroyo Seco River. MWR guide shall provide campfire blue-print, orienteering, and night-sky navigation seminar.

### **The Hike:**

Santa Lucia Peak: (5,910')

Difficulty: Strenuous

Distance: 6.2 miles

Elevation gain/ loss: 4,500' +

The 6.2 mile (12.4 round trip) Santa Lucia Trail from Memorial Park is a steep, strenuous climb through exposed chaparral, oak woodland, and coulter pine. The almost 5,000 feet of relief makes it popular for winter training when the Sierras are covered in snow. This is the highest peak in the Coast Range of California, and the highest peak in Monterey County.

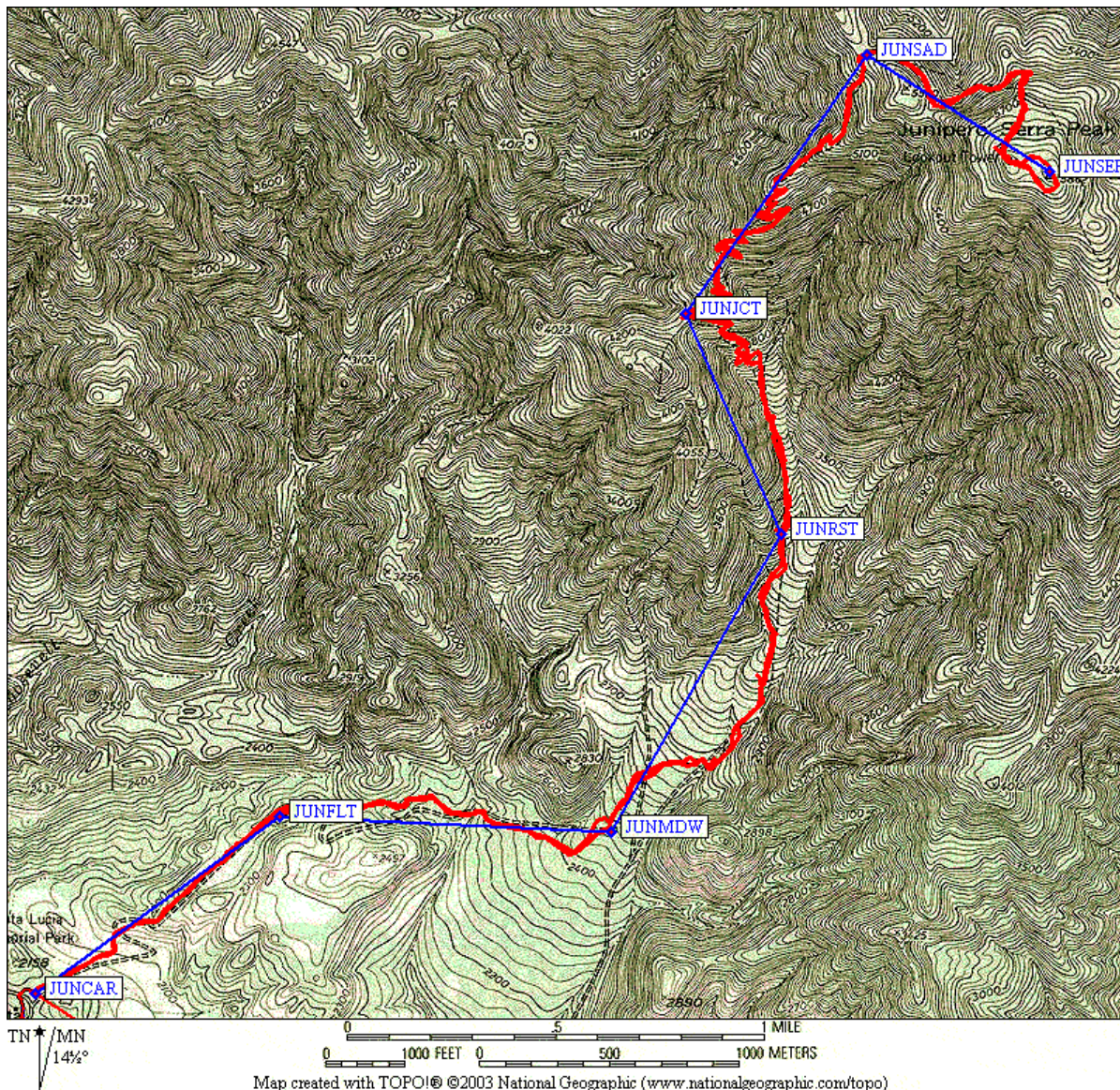
The summit area of Junipero Serra Peak offers far ranging views of the snow-capped Sierra to the East and the Pacific horizon to the West. From the peak you have commanding views of most of the Ventana Wilderness. The view to the southeast encompasses virtually all the lowlands making up Fort Hunter Liggett Military Reservation.

The high peak offers ample opportunity for orienteering by map and compass/ topo. This route is known for high spring and summer temps. There is no available water source on trail, and ample water supply must be carried in. Much of the trail is abandoned in parts and must be navigated cross-country.

USGS topo map

### Mission tasks:

- Establish base camp
- 12 mile round-trip hike (4,000' elevation gain/loss)
- Map & compass orienteering
- Night Sky navigation
- Campfire Blueprint (demo)

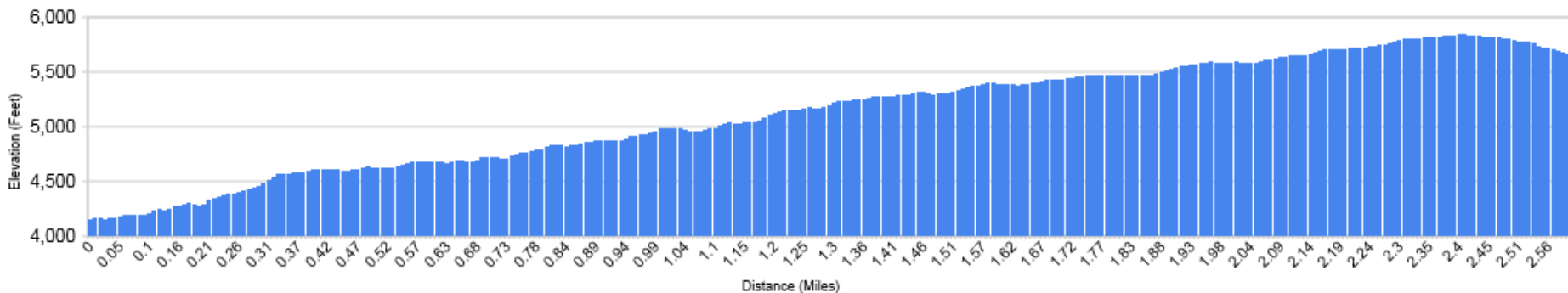




Santa Lucia Memorial Park Trailhead



Views of Junipero Serra Peak capped in snow



Relief map, saddle to summit



# Event days Timeline

## Event 1: March 02-04

Arrival Day Friday  
1700 Brief Service Members  
1800 Depart Presidio  
1945 Establish Base Camp  
2030 Campfire Blueprint Seminar

**Event Cancelled due to  
Hazardous Weather  
Conditions**

**Makeup Dates TBD  
at this time**

Hike Day Saturday  
0500 Breakfast and Bathroom  
0530 Orienteering briefing (hike)  
1500 NLT back to camp  
1530 Pump water and prep dinner  
1630 Dinner  
1900 Night Sky Navigation

Return Sunday, March 4  
0700 Late Breakfast  
0800 Break down camp  
0900 Depart for POM  
1030 Return to POM

## Event 2: April 13-15

Arrival Day Friday, April 13  
1700 Brief Service Members  
1800 Depart Presidio  
1945 Establish Base Camp  
2030 Campfire Blueprint Seminar

Hike Day Saturday, April 14  
0500 Breakfast and Bathroom  
0530 Orienteering briefing (hike)  
1500 NLT back to camp  
1530 Pump water and prep dinner  
1630 Dinner  
1900 Night Sky Navigation

Return Sunday, April 15  
0700 Late Breakfast  
0800 Break down camp  
0900 Depart for POM  
1030 Return to POM



# What to bring/ what to wear

## **Sleeping Bags, Tents, Kitchen all be provided by Outdoor Recreation**

### **What you must Bring:**

- Stout Hiking Boots/ Cross trainers
- Change of clothes for 2 days
- Rain jacket & extra warm layers
- Pillow
- Swim trunks/ towel
- Flashlight or headlamp (available for purchase at ODR)
- Backpack
- Water bottle/ bladder (3 liters)
- Personal Toiletries
- Any special dietary needs or snacks/ beverages you wish to bring
- Camera/ Book/ personal items



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