WTC 2026 GRADUATION INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

Congratulations, you did it! Now join your group and others from Long Beach/South Bay, Orange County, San Gabriel Valley, and West Los Angeles for WTC graduation festivities!



A graduation diploma and the coveted WTC patch await you!

When: Saturday to Sunday, October 17 - 18, 2026
Where: Joshua Tree Lake (*http://www.joshuatreelake.com/*)
2601 Sunfair Road, Joshua Tree, California 92252
Who: All WTC Students and Staff
RSVP: Your Group Leader ASAP

Students can arrive at Joshua Tree Lake any time after 12:00 Noon on Saturday and camping Saturday night is paid by WTC. Checkout time on Sunday is 11:00 a.m. ***Friday night arrival is not paid by WTC and is not part of our arrangement with Joshua Tree Lake. Students and Staff are advised to camp elsewhere Friday. Ask your group leader!***

Joshua Tree Lake is a private recreation area that we have reserved for our graduation. It is close to Joshua Tree National Park and its many activities and amenities.

Directions: Take the 10 Freeway to Highway 62. Proceed on Highway 62 to the Town of Joshua Tree. Continue on Highway 62 four miles past the signal at Park Boulevard. Turn left on Sunfair and proceed 5.2 miles to the entrance to Joshua Tree Lake and turn right (east) into the facility. (Note: there are many streets in the area that start with "Sun.")

Designated Locations for Each Area



Each Area has a designated area for camping and for its graduation ceremony.

- Access to the tent camping area and lake area for graduation is being paid for by WTC. No need to check in at the Joshua Tree Lake Office. Look for WTC staff to direct you, provide you with a car pass, and direct you where to park. Head toward the **WTC Parking Areas** shown on the map below. Bring your own tent. Parking monitors will direct you from there. If you are arriving after 5:00pm on Saturday, park first, then find your area coordinator for a dashboard parking pass.

- RV spaces are available at your own expense and are in another area. No tents are allowed in RV spaces. For rates and more info, check out the Lake's website: http://www.joshuatreelake.com/rvs/

- The graduation ceremony will be held around the lake.

- Food and drink: expect to bring your own food and drink. Each group and area handles this differently and may have potluck to share. Ask your group leader!

- Pitch in to clean up and practice that Leave No Trace!

- **Bring: a camp chair – the lake has no seating areas. Bring cash for WTC merch!**

- **Your area and group will have more specific instructions.**

A map showing designated locations for each Area's graduation is on the next page.

Graduation Ceremony

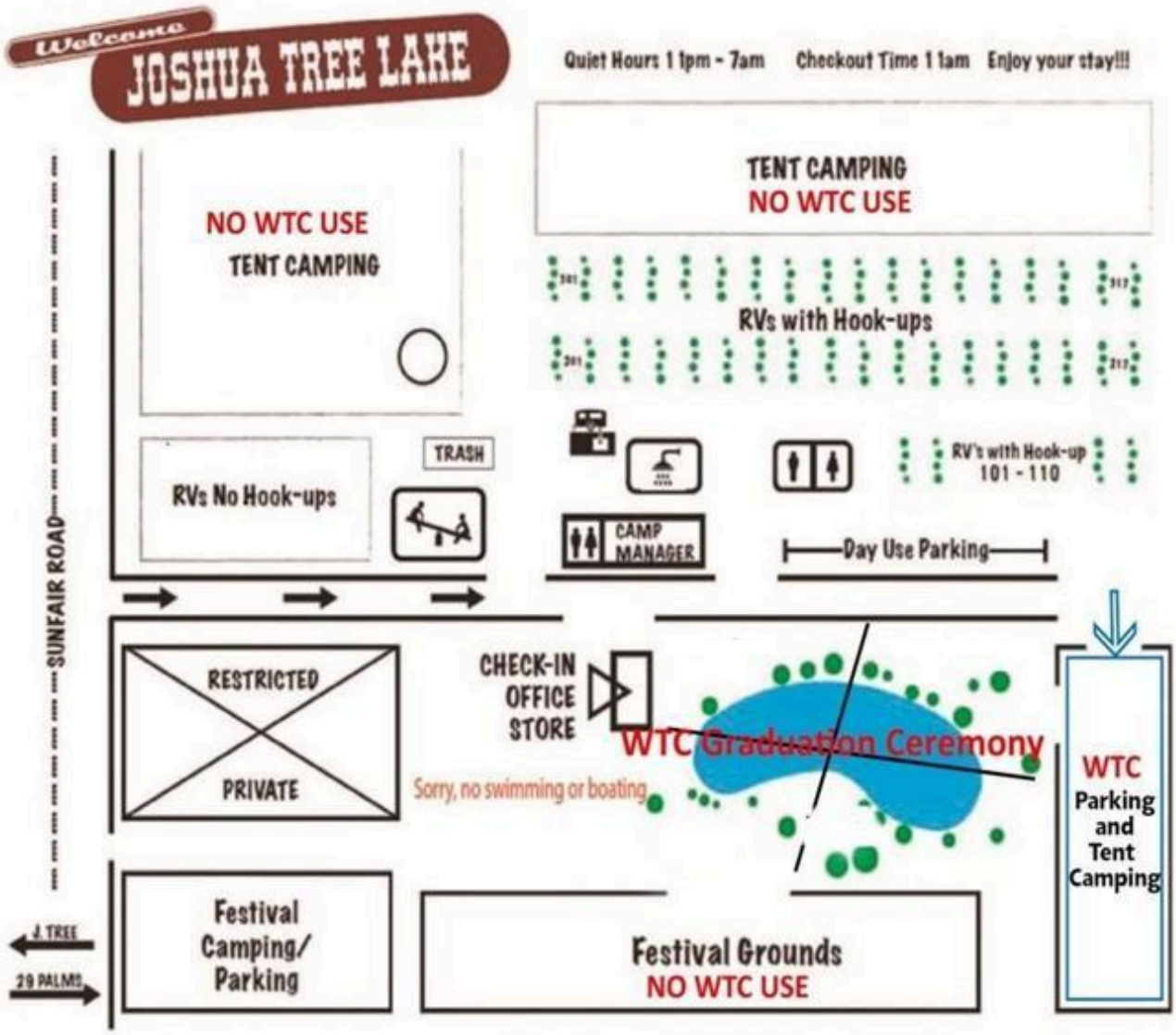
The graduation ceremony takes place on Saturday evening. Each Area has its own graduation ceremony, and the start times vary. Your Group Leader will let you know the starting time.

Graduation and Private Activities

During graduation weekend, you are free to engage in private activities. **If you decide to participate in a private activity, you should make sure that it is appropriate for you.** Consult with your group leader about the types of private activities that may be going on (e.g., hikes, rock climbing, etc.) **Any private activity conducted during the weekend is not a Sierra Club trip.** Climbing and similar activities are hazardous and can result in injury or death. If you decide to participate in a private activity, you assume all risks associated therewith.

IMPORTANT RULES

1. Go to the designated WTC camping location. Your area will be camping in the zone indicated.
2. Noise carries in the desert. Be considerate of your neighbors.
   ***** The park has quiet time for our event from 12:00 midnight to 7:00 a.m**.***
3. If you choose to drink, do so responsibly. Remember that sober people or underage people, including minors, may also be in the campground. Do not leave any alcohol unattended.
4. Do not enter the lake: no swimming, boating, or fishing in the lake. It's a no-contact lake.
5. No pets, no emotional support animals, no other animals. (Only ADA service animals are allowed).
6. No smoking or vaping of any kind (no tobacco, no marijuana, etc.) in the lake party areas at any time. If you must smoke, please be considerate and do so away from others and well away from any tents.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JOSHUA TREE LAKE
Quiet Hours 1 1pm - 7am
Checkout Time 1 1am
Enjoy your stay!!!
TENT CAMPING
NO WTC USE
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TENT CAMPING
RVs with Hook-ups
RVs No Hook-ups
TRASH
RV's with Hook-up
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CAMP MANAGER
Day Use Parking
SUNFAIR ROAD
RESTRICTED
PRIVATE
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WTC Graduation Ceremony
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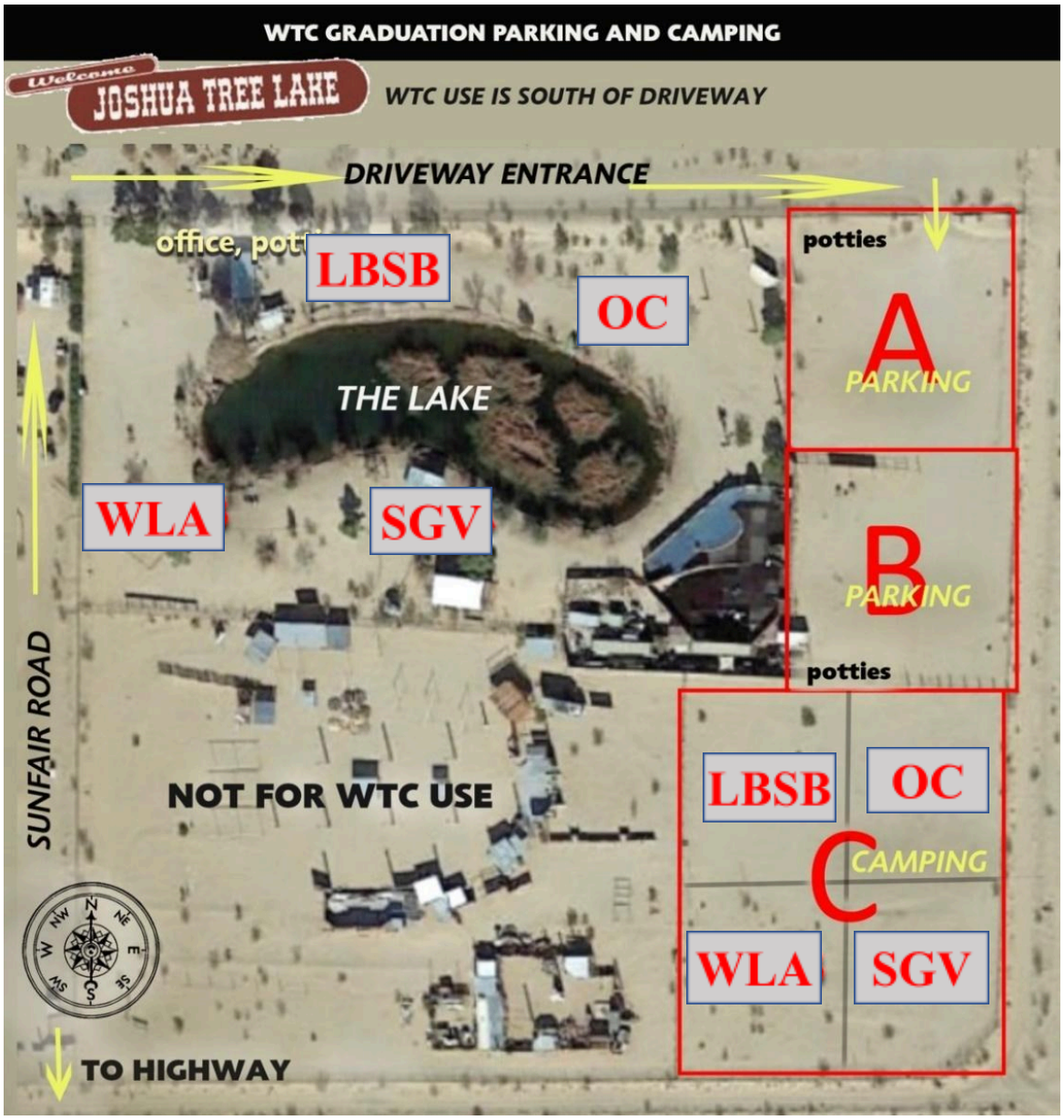
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