

Activities & Civic Service Event

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Activity Title:	Tripoli San Diego High Power Rocket Club Rocket Launches
Who should attend:	Boys scouts, Venture scouts and leaders
Date(s) of event:	First weekend of each month from October thru May
Time:	Friday to Sunday
Location w/address:	old Holtville, CA Airport at the East end of Norrish Road (From the west, the easiest route is I-8 to the State Route 111 North exit, right on Evan Hewes Highway (aka S80), left on State 115 before you reach Holtville, and then right on Norrish to the airport.)
Cost:	\$10 per scout per weekend
Registration:	Contact Dave Nord, d.nord@att.net

Details

- Tripoli Rocketry Association of San Diego provides launch pads, launch controllers, safety briefings, safety training for the leaders, portable toilets, FAA waiver, and launch site. Scouts launch their own rockets on what we call the low power pad. We normally do not have a vendor so scouts must bring their own rockets and motors. Discount Rocketry in Vista is a good local source for supplies or, of course, AMAZON.
- If adults launch either low power or if they are certified to fly high power and launch with the club, the cost is \$10 per day or \$20 for the weekend. Cash or Check made out to Tripoli San Diego. We require that all scouts and leaders attend a club provided safety briefing prior to flying.
- Camping is free, but the site is primitive. Bring your own water. We have Porta Potties onsite. There are no other accommodations. It is pack it in pack it out. Fires are permitted, however we request that they be completely extinguished and cleaned up prior to departure. The club uses a portable fire pit for safety. Access to the site commences on Friday evening and normally concludes around noon on Sunday. The small town of Holtville is located about 10 minutes away from the launch site, it has a Gas Station, Convenience Store, Grocery Store and a couple of small restaurants. The bigger town of El Centro is about 20 miles away that has everything.
- Because the launch site is on a closed airport, you can drive on concrete right up to the site. There is a gate that guards the airport, however on launch days, it is not locked. Please close upon arrival/departure and do not lock.
- We normally fly on the first weekend of each month from October thru May. There have been times when weather affects our launches. Commonly, if there is a big storm in San Diego, the desert areas get extreme wind, (gusts above 20 MPH and sustained winds above 15 MPH) which becomes a problem for us. If we cancel, we attempt to do so in on Wednesday or Thursday before the launch weekend.
- We do not provide insurance for scouts. The old tour system used by BSA is no longer being used, so the troop will need to research this. Normally the only thing that might happen is a rocket hitting a car, however u never know. There are no forms or anything else to fill out.

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