



# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### - Helicopter Evacuation -

SANTA BARBARA, Ca. March 21, 2011 – At 8:30 am, Santa Barbara County Fire Department (SBC FD) responded to a request for assist from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department (SO).

A group of approximately 19 Cub Scouts hiking and camping in the area of Nira Campground became stranded as a result of the recent rains. The river crossings in the area are impassable due to the heavy flow rates of the river. The scouts are tired, cold and hungry and are requiring assistance.

SBC FD and the SO are working together to rescue the scouts with the use of helicopters. SBC FD helicopter 308 is currently in the area with firefighter paramedics and rescue swimmers on board. Once rescued, the scouts will be flown to Santa Ynez Airport where they will be evaluated by SBC FD firefighter paramedics.

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