

Hello Teams!

April 25, 2019

Baja SAE California is just around the corner! Hopefully your vehicles are all together and are ready to pass tech on the first try! Make sure you've read all the tech bulletins, the latest revision to the rules (Revision **C**), and have the latest tech sheets (Revision **B**).

I wanted to take this opportunity to remind everyone of some important notes:

1. Event Sites – Baja SAE California will be taking place at 2 sites, which are about 40 minutes apart.
 - a. Sales presentations will take place Thursday at the Dr. Dianne G. Van Hook University Center at The College of the Canyons, in Valencia. 26455 Rockwell Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91355. Parking requires a permit, attached. If you forget the permit, a pass can be purchased at a kiosk in the lot for a small fee. The parking lot can fill up in the mornings as classes are in session; be sure to allot sufficient time to park. There is not ample space for large trucks and trailers – bring a smaller vehicle if possible, or have somebody drop you off and park elsewhere if your hauler is your only vehicle.
 - b. All other events will occur at the Quail Canyon Special Events Area in the Hungry Valley State Vehicular Recreation Area (SVRA). 36000 Quail Canyon Road, Lebec, CA 93243. The site will not open for parking trailers earlier than Thursday at 7:00 am. Teams are encouraged to leave their vehicles overnight each night. A security patrol will be present.
2. [There is a new process for Engine Check!](#) Teams must now be paddocked AND checked in at the registration desk prior to lining up at the Briggs & Stratton tent for engine check.
3. For the Sales Presentations, please bring your presentations on a flash drive formatted for a windows PC. It's a good idea to bring paper backups for the judges in case of IT failures, as well.
4. While we all like to pretend we're the next Sébastien Ogier, please do not treat the entrance road to Quail Canyon like a rally stage.
5. If you are lining up outside the gate in the morning before we open up to teams, please pull as far to the right as possible on the entrance road. Organizing staff, sponsors, volunteers, Park employees, and emergency vehicles need to be able to get by.
6. All vehicles participating in Baja SAE California are required to run a Briggs and Stratton spark arrestor: Either the one that came with your engine, or part number 790153.
7. **All** attendees of **any** Baja SAE event must wear closed-toe shoes. This includes participants and spectators. Please make sure any friends and family coming to the event to spectate are aware of this rule.

8. Camping – There is no camping permitted within Quail Canyon Special Events Area. The QCSEA will close each night at the time listed on the official schedule on the SAE website. There are, however, plenty of camp sites located within the main portion of Hungry Valley SVRA for teams wishing to camp. Camp sites are available on a first-come first-served basis. There are also campsites available at nearby Pyramid Lake.
9. No Drone Zone - All operation of small UAS , i.e. drones, is **prohibited** in California State Parks. This includes operation by FAA Certificated Remote Pilots.
10. Parking - Parking in QCSEA is very limited, especially on Saturday and Sunday when the event attracts lots of spectators. Please carpool when coming to the site to reduce the number of vehicles. **Parking is prohibited along the entrance road**, as it can block access by emergency vehicles. Please utilize the lower overflow lot when the main lot fills.
11. If your vehicle is being delivered to QCSEA by a third-party shipping company, be aware that there is **no forklift available** to unload it. The shipping company will need to bring their own.
12. Food must be pre-purchased! If you have not yet submitted your teams order, please do so immediately! Orders are due by May 2nd. The order form can be found [here](#) under SAE/Baja SAE California
13. General site hazards. The California desert can be a hazardous place! Please make sure you take the proper precautions.
 - a. Weather – The weather in Hungry Valley should be on the cooler side – Lows in the 50s and highs in the 70s, with sunny skies. The sun can be very intense, and sunburn can set in quickly. Make sure to use sunscreen! Humidity is typically very low, and temperatures could be higher – it's easy to become dehydrated quickly! Some water will be provided, but it's a good idea bring your own as well. Be sure to check the weather when you pack.
 - b. Wind – While technically, this would count as weather, it's significant enough for its own mention. The wind in the event area can be extreme – with gusts as high as 50 mph. Wind is typically in the 10 to 20 mph range sustained. Please be sure to bring tie-downs for your pop-up tents.
 - c. Snakes – There are a few varieties of snakes in Hungry Valley, however only the [rattlesnakes](#) are venomous. As you walk around the site, particularly on spectator trails, keep your eyes (and ears!) out for the snake and its telltale rattle. If you see one, give it space. In the event of a bite, the medical command post is at the building along the northern fence of the parking lot.
 - d. [Yucca Plants](#) – There are many Yucca plants around Quail Canyon. While the Yucca is not poisonous like poison ivy, oak, or sumac, the leaves have sharp barbs which will break off under the skin. These barbs can be quite painful. Try not to walk into a Yucca.

14. Official event information and schedule can be found on the [SAE website](#) as well as on the official Baja SAE App. The App will also be used to push notifications during the event, so make sure to download it before you arrive!
15. Event T-Shirts are available [for sale here](#). Tell your friends! Tell your family! On-site pickup of shirts ordered online is **not available**.
16. Remember to use the hashtag **#BajaSoCal** in all of your social media posts!

We hope you enjoy the event. Best of luck to all of you!

Thank you,

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Baja SAE California 2019