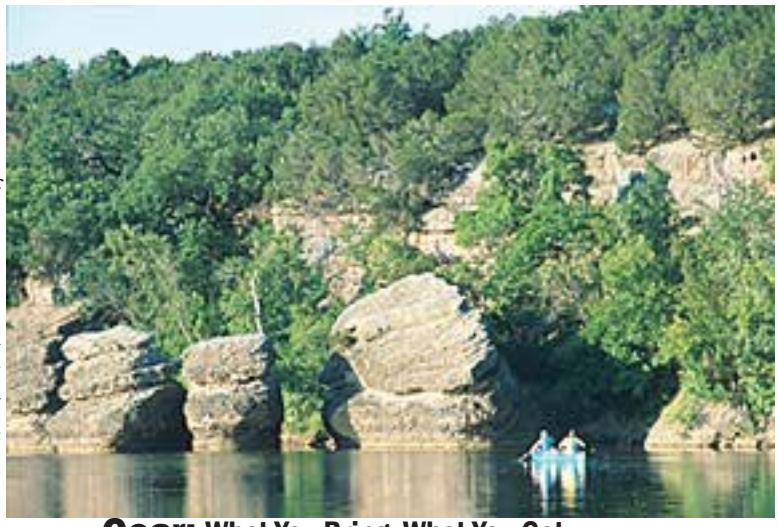
# Brazos River Canoe Trip

The Brazos River Canoe Trip (BRCT) is a 50-mile canoe camping trip that is a Worth Ranch high adventure tradition! Spend a week on the river, earn BSA's 50 Miler award, and test your canoeing, camping, and fishing skills. We do 4 miles of hiking and 47 miles paddling the scenic Brazos River from Possum Kingdom Dam to Oak's Crossing. **2014 High Adventure SPECIAL:** for each Scout attending one of our Boy Scout summer camps you get $20 off one person attending high adventure.



Any Troop, Team, Crew, or Post may send a crew on the Brazos River Canoe Trip. Some units use the BRCT as a shakedown for Northern Tier. Units doing their summer camp at Camp Tahuaya or Sid Richardson Scout Ranch may send a crew on the Brazos River Canoe Trip, but should make their own transportation arrangements to and from Worth Ranch for their canoeing group.

▼ *The Brazos River offers great scenery and lots of campsites. We have 200 canoes at Worth Ranch.*

## Crew Size

We recommend groups of 6 to 20 canoeists. Small or "partial" crews can be paired with other small crews (sign up early!). Combined crews from multiple units are welcome.

## Adult Leadership

Crews must have two adult leaders or pair with another crew to meet 2–deep leadership requirements. At least one must be 21, and one 18. All adults must have a BSA Youth Protection card. Coed crews need coed leadership. Adults pay the same camp fees as youth.

## Gear: What You Bring, What You Get

Your crew must provide your own tents and camping gear. Bring your favorite backpacking or two-burner portable camp stoves. The camp can furnish propane and propane stoves if requested. Other camping gear can be arranged if requested in advance.

▼ *We provide 8000 cu.in. outfitter drypacks to keep your critical gear dry.*

The camp provides 8000 cubic inch canoe drypacks for your clothes and sleeping bags and camping gear. **Each person gets one pack.** Be sure to pack light! Use heavy duty storage bags like trash compactor liners to put inside packs which are not waterproof. We provide, canoes, PFDs, paddles and Hydrosticks for water battles.

## Requirements

We recommend that Scout participants on the BRCT be at least 13 years old. The following are minimum requirements, which must be met in order to ensure a safe and fun experience:

**1. Swimming Ability:**

All participants must pass the swimmer's test. The standard BSA Swimmer's Test will be used to classify swimmers and determine those eligible to go on canoe trips.

**2. Canoe Handling Ability:**

Canoe trippers do not have to be "experts" before starting out. They should know the fundamentals of launching, paddling positions and strokes, general safety rules about wind and weather, loading and care of canoes, and canoeing safety.

**3. Safety Afloat:**

All users of Council canoes should be trained in safety afloat. Adults must bring *current* BSA Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat cards. The courses are offered by the BSA Online Learning Center.

▼ *Rock jumping and swimming are always favorites of paddlers on the BRCT.*

## Program

You'll canoe the river with experienced Worth Ranch river staff. In addition to canoeing, fishing, and low impact camping, Scouts can do several merit badges on the river, including Canoeing and parts of Cooking, Camping, and Wilderness Survival. Expect lots of fun and great campfires along the way.

### Hikes

Several hikes are part of the 50-miler. Hikes may include the side canyon at Keechi Creek and a Kyle Mountain sunset hike.

## Reservations

**2014 High Adventure SPECIAL:** for each Scout attending one of

our Boy Scout summer camps you get $20 off one person attending high adventure. **End of Summer SPECIAL: participants get $10 off for Week 3 and $15 off for Week 4.** Units registering a crew for the BRCT must send a registration form and a deposit of **$100 per person** attending in order to confirm the reservation. Each individual High Adv. deposit reserves one slot in BRCT. Deposits are credited to your account as a part of your total camp fees; they are **not** an

additional charge. Deposits are non-refundable. BRCT deposits are separate from deposits made for other camps.

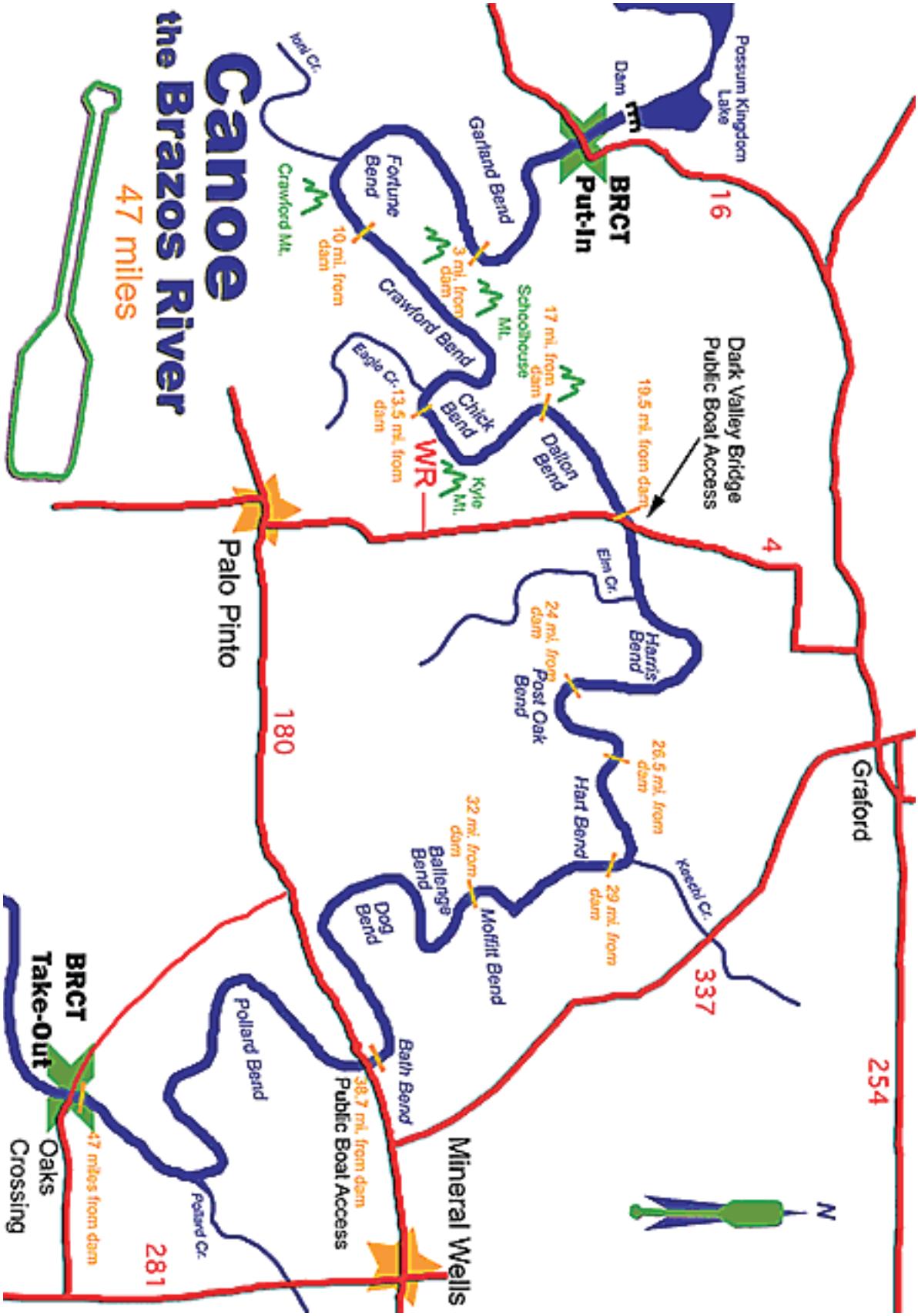
## Shuttles

The camp coordinates shuttles of people, equipment, and vehicles to the put in and takeout. Please be prepared to help with shuttling.

### BRCT Schedule: (subject to change)

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Sunday** | Check-in at Worth Ranch, Swim Tests, Med Checks, opening cookout, trip orientation and gear check. | Sunday Night Campfire. |
| **Monday** | Early morning shuttle to the put in at Highway 16 below Possum Kingdom Dam, paddle to Seven Rocks. | Camp at Seven Rocks campsite at mile 12. Great for group photos. |
| **Tuesday** | Paddle to Worth Ranch by noon. Lunch at Worth Ranch. Food & water resupply. Paddle to Post Oak Bend 6 miles beyond Farm Road 4 bridge. Nice side canyon hike at Keechi Creek on river left. | Camp on east or west side of Post Oak Bend - about mile 25. |
| **Wednesday** | Paddle to Ballenger Bend or Dog Bend. | Camp at a Ballenger Bend or Dog Bend campsite - about mile 35. |
| **Thursday** | Paddle to private campground near Mineral Wells. Food & water resupply. | Camp at private campground near Mineral Wells. Service project. |
| **Friday** | Morning: Paddle to Oak's Crossing takeout, mile 47. Shuttle to camp.<br>Afternoon: Fast Draw Competition at the Frontier log cabin. | Kyle Mountain hike and Friday night campfire. |

# Brazos River Canoe Trip Map



# What's New for 2013 - 2014

## Camp Improvements & our NEW Scout Exec.

Our new Scout Executive, John Coyle, is committed to improving our camp facilities and programs. John attended District Roundtables, camps, & events throughout the Longhorn Council to hear the views of Scouters so that their suggestions and concerns may be addressed. **Upgrading and adding summer camp bathrooms and showers is now one of our top facilities priority. Our projects include the campsite latrine privacy upgrade project, new tents for all camps, and professional boat overhauls, and more** (see the many projects listed below). Be sure to watch as we continue to push hard to improve our camps and facilities over the next few years.

## *NEWS UPDATE! January 2014*

Our executive board's current Strategic Plan emphasizes major improvements to our three big summer camp facilities and upgrading and adding bathrooms and showers. Many of the projects have been completed, more have started. ***Much more to come***!

## 2014 SPECIAL OFFERS

**Wakeboarding:** We reduced the price $61 for all youth & adults participating in the Steele Island Wakeboarding program.

**$20 OFF HIGH ADVENTURE:** for each Scout attending one of our Boy Scout Merit Badge Summer Camps you get $20 off one person attending high adventure (up to the # attending high adventure).

**Week 3 Special:** Troops and Crews attending during Week 3 receive a $10 per person discount. No Out-of-Council fees.

**Week 4 Special:** Troops and Crews attending during Week 4 receive a $15 per person discount. No Out-of-Council fees.

## New Showers & Bathrooms

The New adult shower and bathroom facility opened at Worth Ranch in June 2013. 2 New adult leader showers and bathrooms opened in 2012 at SR2 and Texas High Adventure Base. All the showers at Worth Ranch, Camp Tahuaya, and SR2 now have individual stalls. **MORE to come!!**

## Latrines Modernized and Rebuilt for Privacy

Our Rangers & construction workers have finished the huge latrine upgrade project at Worth Ranch and SR2. Each campsite now has individual stalls, modern toilet risers, and in-campsite shower stalls. Camp Tahuaya latrines will be upgraded to individual stalls in 2013.

## New TENTS and Frames

We built permanent pole frames for the 75 new tents at Camp Tahuaya, 100 at Worth Ranch, and over 100+ at SR2. The new tents are slightly wider to give campers more living space.

## Sailing Upgrade Project Complete (finally!!)

We are spent $20,000 to upgrade the sailboat fleet. The summer camp Sailing Base has 30 sailboats in 2014. Hulls are re-glassed and rigging & sails professionally refitted. Our Viking Ship is back (finally!!) from its major overhaul.

## ATV Program at SR2

ATV Safety Training program opened for older Scouts at the Chisholm Trail Adventure Base. We started with 14 ATVs included 3-4 hour trail rides.

## Pontoon Boat Upgrades

We continue to upgrade the furniture on our 23 pontoon boats. We have replaced all older engines. Our wakeboard boats now get complete annual overhauls.

## More Shooting Sports Improvements Coming!

We have funding for 3 new Shotgun & Sporting Clays ranges at SR2. We added a new pistol program at Tahuaya in 2013. All our camps have new Atlas Auto Throwers, rifles, Genesis bows, shotguns, and more. We now employ multiple Rifle & Shotgun instructors at Worth Ranch, Camp Tahuaya, & SR2 so that Rifle & Shotgun Merit Badges can be offered simultaneously. An all new state-of-the-art Shooting Sports Complex is being planned for Worth Ranch.

## New Tahuaya Warehouse & 15 Acre Property

Camp Tahuaya's equipment is being moved out of the old warehouse in the center of camp to the huge new warehouse on our new property. The old unsightly tin storage sheds will be torn down.

## Scoutmaster Steak Dinners Continue in '14

We are continuing our Steak Dinner for ***all*** adult Scouters at each of our summer camps.

## Robotics Merit Badge

Over 100 Scouts took Robotics Merit Badge at SR2 & Tahuaya in 2012 & 2013. Each camp is equipped with multiple Kits for teams of Scouts to compete with.

## New Merit Badges

We offer many new (& many traditional) merit badges at camp:

- 63 at Camp Tahuaya
- 58 at Worth Ranch
- 71 at Sid Richardson.

## Ski Kyle Mountain!

The new Wintersports MB downhill ski run, is almost complete. You've seen the Ski Kyle Mountain T-shirt, Now Scouts can do it!

## Kingsnake Collection & Snake Shows

Left: *A Speckled Kingsnake eats a Western Diamondback Rattlesnake at an SR2 snake show.* Our collection includes all 35 U.S. species of Kingsnakes, Snakes of Texas, and Rat Snakes of the American West. Kingsnakes are famous for eating rattlesnakes & copperheads. We offer popular weekly snake shows, including a Kingsnake feeding.

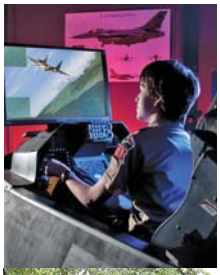
## Tahuaya Ranger House Finished

The new house is complete!!

## New Signs for Camps

The OA funded over 350 new sign boards for SR2's 25+ miles of roads. New Signs were installed at Worth RAnch and Tahuaya as well.

## New A/C for SR2 Flight Center



The SR2 Flight & Technology Center got a new air conditioning system in 2013. The Flight Center was featured in ***Scouting Magazine's*** October 2011 *COOL CAMP* article, with a full page photo of one of the SR2 Flight Center's sixteen networked F-16 cockpits.

## OA Shelter, Council Ring, Nature, & Projects

Our Order of the Arrow Lodge installed professional lighting & sound at each camp's council ring, upgraded our Nature centers, bought new stoves for Tahuaya, & built 4 shelters at our camps in 2013.

## New Kitchen Equipment

We continue to make major upgrades to our kitchens and dining halls. Tahuaya has new ice machines, new walk-in freezer, new walk-in frig, new stoves. Worth Ranch has new warmers, salad bars, and tilt skillet. SR2 haas new warmers, walk-in frig & freezer, and a new stove for Lakeview Lodge.

## Faster Internet for 2014 Camps

We are upgrading internet speeds for Scouters. In 2013 we installed a cell repeater at Worth Ranch.

## A Fleet of new Kayaks for Tahuaya

We bought a fleet of new kayaks & paddles for Camp Tahuaya in 2013 and are adding more for a kayak program in 2014.

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**CAMP ABBREVIATIONS:** **CT** = Camp Tahuaya **SR2** = Sid Richardson Scout Ranch **WR** = Worth Ranch

# 2014 Fees, Schedules, and Information

To reserve a space in **Boy Scout summer camp** make an initial **$10** ***per Scout*** **deposit** to confirm the reservation. To reserve a space in a **High Adventure Program** make a **$100** ***per person*** deposit for all youth and adults attending in order to confirm the reservation.

**Chisholm Trail Adventure reservations are made by pontoon boat, based on the carrying capacity of each boat. Each boat carries 9, 12, 13, or 15 participants. Fees for each boat are based on the boat's rated capacity.** When you reserve a pontoon boat you are agreeing to pay for its rated capacity. (Boats carrying one extra small person will pay the Composite Crew fee for that 1 extra person.) To reserve a **Chisholm Trail** trek make an initial deposit for the pontoon boat sizes needed. 1-2 boats are available for **Composite Crews** made up of small groups.

Please make separate reservations for *each* camp and High Adventure program your unit will attend. Deposits are credited to your unit's account as a part of the total camp fees and are **not** an additional charge. **Deposits are non-refundable.**

## 2014 CAMP SPECIALS

**Wakeboarding Fee Reduced:** price is reduced $61.

**Week 3 Special:** Troops and Crews attending during Week 3 receive a $10 per person discount. No Out-of-Council fees.

**Week 4 Special:** Troops and Crews attending during Week 4 receive a $15 per person discount. No Out-of-Council fees.

**2014 HIGH ADVENTURE SPECIAL:** for each Scout attending one of our Boy Scout Merit Badge Summer Camps you get $20 off one person attending high adventure (up to the # attending high adventure - this is a 1 to 1 match for your Troop or your Troop's sister Crew).

## 2014 Summer Camp Calendar

| | SID RICHARDSON SCOUT RANCH | WORTH RANCH | CAMP TAHUAYA | CHISHOLM TRAIL ADVENTURE | STEELE ISL. WAKEBOARD | BRAZOS RIVER CANOE TRIP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **June 8-14** | Staff | Staff | Staff | Staff | Staff | Staff |
| **June 15-21** | Week 1 | Week 1 | Week 1 | Week 1 | Week 1 | Week 1 |
| **June 22-28** | Week 2 | Week 2 | Week 2 | Week 2 | Week 2 | Week 2 |
| **June 29-July 5** | Week 3 | Week 3 | Webelos Week | Week 3 | Week 3 | Week 3 |
| **July 6-12** | Week 4 | TBA | AHG Week | Week 4 | Week 4 | Week 4 |
| | Aquatics MB Week | - - - - - - - | - - - - - - - | TBA | | |
| **July 13-19** | Flight/Shooting Sports Week | Aquatic School | | | | |

## 2014 Summer Camp Fees

| | In Council | | | Out of Council | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Youth:** | **Adult:** | **Deposit:** | **Youth:** | **Adult:** | **Deposit:** |
| **Worth Ranch** and **Camp Tahuaya** | $225 | $100 | $10 / Scout | $235 | $105 | $10 / Scout |
| **Sid Richardson Scout Ranch (SR2)** | $230 | $100 | $10 / Scout | $240 | $105 | $10 / Scout |
| **Maverick Scouts** (attending alone - SR2, WR) | $250 | $100 | $50 / Scout | $260 | $105 | $50 / Scout |
| **High Adventure Interns** (SR2, WR) | $240 | - - - | $50 / Scout | $250 | - - - | $50 / Scout |
| **Last Minute Fee** -Add $10 if paid after May 23 | + $10 | + $5 | | + $10 | + $5 | |

## Venturing High Adv. Fees

| | In Council | | | Out of Council | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Youth:** | **Adult:** | **Deposit:** | **Youth:** | **Adult:** | **Deposit:** |
| **Venturing High Adv. Week or Road to Ranger** | $370 | $370 | $50 / person | $380 | $380 | $50 / person |

## 2014 Specialty Camp Fees

| | In Council | | | Out of Council | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Youth:** | **Adult:** | **Deposit:** | **Youth:** | **Adult:** | **Deposit:** |
| **Flight, Technology & Shooting Sports Camp** | $245 | $100 | $100 / Scout | $255 | $105 | $100 / Scout |
| **Watersports & Aquatics Merit Badge Week** | $235 | $100 | $100 / Scout | $245 | $105 | $100 / Scout |
| **A-School** | $235 | $100 | $100 / Scout | $245 | $105 | $100 / Scout |

## 2014 High Adventure Fees

| | In Council | | | Out of Council | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Youth:** | **Adult:** | **Deposit:** | **Youth:** | **Adult:** | **Deposit:** |
| **Steele Island Wakeboarding** ($61 Price drop) | $299 | $299 | $100 per person | $309 | $309 | $100 per person |
| **Brazos River Canoe Trip** 50–Miler | $325 | $325 | $100 per person | $335 | $335 | $100 per person |
| **Tahuaya Caving & Kayak Trip** (Caving is extra fee) | $390 | $390 | $100 per person | $400 | $400 | $100 per person |
| **Last Minute Fee** -Add $10 if paid after May 23 | +$10 | +$10 | | +$10 | +$10 | |

(*Chisholm Trail fees - next page.*)

## 2014 Chisholm Trail Adventure Fees

Chisholm Trail fees are based on the number and size of pontoon boats reserved. Fee for each boat is based on that boat's capacity.
**Boat Fee = [# of people the boat can carry] x [$395 per person LHC / $405 OC]**

Chisholm Trail fees include a steak dinner, 9-color Chisholm Trail T-shirt, a patch, Chisholm Trail wall map, pontoon boat rental, gas for pontoon boats, equipment, program supplies, shooting supplies, program clothing and food. Chisholm Trail unit fees depend on the size of boats being reserved:

### Pontoon Boat Fees:

| | | In Council | | Out of Council | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | **Fee per boat:** | **Deposit:**** | **Fee per boat:** | **Deposit:**** |
| **21' 9-person boat*** | 8 boats available | $3,555 | $900 | $3,645 | $900 |
| **24' 12 person boat*** | 2 boats available | $4,740 | $1,200 | $4,860 | $1,200 |
| **25' 13 person boat*** | 11 boats available | $5,135 | $1,300 | $5,265 | $1,300 |
| **25.5' 15 person boat*** | 2 boats available | $5,925 | $1,500 | $6,075 | $1,500 |

****** Deposits are equivalent to $100 per person. For all new unit and youth registrations after May 23rd, add $10 per person. Crews that pack light and have a majority of smaller participants may add one more person per boat. **Add one more individual fee** if adding a 10th crew member to a 21' boat, a 13th crew to a 24' boat, 14th crew to a 25' boat, or a 16th crew to a 25.5' boat. **NOTE:** we keep 3 Pontoon Boats in reserve each week as replacements in case of breakdowns.

### Chisholm Trail Composite Crew Fee:

| In Council | | | Out of Council | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Youth:** | **Adult:** | **Deposit:** | **Youth:** | **Adult:** | **Deposit:** |
| $395 | $395 | $100 per person | $405 | $405 | $100 per person |

Only two boats per week are available for Composite Crews. Composite Crew boats are for small units with 5 or less participants. Units reserving larger boats that have 2 or three extra participants may add them to a composite boat (if available). Call our office first!

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE: Summer Camps and Specialty Camps

*Camp Tahuaya, Worth Ranch, Sid Richardson Scout Ranch, Road to Ranger Venturing Camp, and specialty camps.*

| | In Council | Out of Council |
|---|---|---|
| **Initial Deposit** | $10 / youth | $10 / youth |
| **1st Payment** - *due March 30* | $85 / youth | $85 / youth |
| **Final Payments:** | | |
| ❒ **On-Time Fee** - paid in full *by May 23* | Balance per youth + adult fees | Balance per youth + adult fees |
| ❒ **Last Minute Fee** - paid *after May 23* | add $10 / youth | add $10 / youth |

Final payment is due on May 23rd. All payments after 5PM Friday, May 23rd must add Last Minute Fee payments. Attach a copy of Summer Camp Payment Form to all payments. **When making payments be very specific about how much is applied to each Camp or High Adventure.** Pay all program fees & cot fees at camp (shotgun, climbing, horsemanship, cot rental, etc.). DO NOT include program fees in pre-camp payments.

## Extra Meals at Summer Camp

Breakfast: $6.50 Lunch: $7.50 Dinner: $8.50
When leaders rotate in camp, they may count as one person for meals if they are not attending the same meals.

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE: High Adventure - *Chisholm Trail, Wakeboarding, and Brazos River Trip*

**Note:** Chisholm Trail payments are **per boat**, and Steele Island, BRCT, & Chisholm Trail Composite Crew payments are **per person**.

| Payment Dates: | Steele Island Wakeboard Program | Brazos / Colorado River Canoe Trip | Chisholm Trail 21'/9-person Pontoon Boat | Chisholm Trail 24'/12-person Pontoon Boat | Chisholm Trail 25'/13-person Pontoon Boat | Chisholm Trail 25.5'/15-pers. Pontoon Boat | Chisholm Trail Composite Crew 2 Boats each week |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Deposit** | $100/person | $100/person | $900 | $1,200 | $1,300 | $1,500 | $100/person |
| **1st -Mar. 30** | $100/person | $100/person | $900 | $1,200 | $1,300 | $1,500 | $100/person |
| **2nd -Apr. 30** | $100/person | $100/person | $900 | $1,200 | $1,300 | $1,500 | $100/person |
| **Final -May 23** | Balance | Balance | Balance | Balance | Balance | Balance | Balance |
| **After May 23** | Add $10/person | Add $10 ea. | Add $10/person | Add $10/person | Add $10/person | Add $10/person | Add $10/person |

*If your Chisholm Trail crew adds an extra person in a boat (a 10th crew member in a 21' boat, a 13th crew member in a 24' boat, a 14th crew member in a 25' boat, or a 16th crew member in a 25.5' pontoon boat), please add one individual fee to the final balance: $395 for Longhorn Council (LHC), and $405 for Out of Council (O/C).

Attach a copy of the High Adventure Payment Form to all payments for high adventure programs. *When making payments be very specific as to how much gets applied to each person for Camp or High Adventure.*

Deposits are due with the reservation form. Each Individual Deposit of $100 per person reserves one participant slot in Steele Island or BRCT for your unit. Each Chisholm Trail Boat Deposit reserves one pontoon boat for your unit in Chisholm Trail - at $100 per person x the boat's capacity.

Add additional Individual or Boat deposits (and payments), as necessary, to keep new participants current on the payment schedule each time you add participants to a high adventure program. Check with our office to confirm there is still space available to add participants or upgrade pontoon boat size.

## 2014 Merit Badge and Program Fees - Please pay at camp.

Registrations for all fee programs are accepted on a first come–first served basis at summer camp. Program Fee Tickets and cot rental tickets are sold in the camp trading posts **at camp. DO NOT include Program Fees in the regular pre-camp payments.**

- ▲ Cot Rental Fee (Limited Quantities available) ..... $10
- ▲ Archery MB - includes Arrow Kit ..... $10
- ▲ Art MB ..... $5
- ▲ Climbing MB (WR, SR2) ..... $20
- ▲ Chemistry MB ..... $10
- ▲ Electronics MB ..... $25
- ▲ Electricity MB ..... $5
- ▲ Graphic Arts MB ..... $10
- ▲ Horsemanship MB (SR2, CT) ..... $60
- ▲ Metalwork MB (SR2, CT) ..... $20
- ▲ Motorboating MB (WR, SR2) ..... $10
- ▲ Painting MB ..... $5
- ▲ Pottery MB (CT) ..... $15
- ▲ Rifle Merit Badge ..... $20
- ▲ Rifle Free Shoot Ticket, 10 shots ..... $2
- ▲ Robotics MB (SR2, CT) ..... $40
- ▲ Sculpture MB ..... $5
- ▲ Space Exploration MB ..... $15
- ▲ Shotgun Free Shoot Tickets (5 shots) ..... $3
- ▲ Shotgun Merit Badge (*includes 50 shots*)
  - Worth Ranch (WR); Camp Tahuaya (CT) ..... $25
  - SR2 - on Sporting Clays Range ..... $35
- ▲ Watersports (SR2 Watersports Week) ..... $25
- ▲ Wilderness First Aid - Adults (SR2) ..... $75
- ▲ Standard First Aid - Adults (SR2) ..... $25
- ▲ CPR - Adults (SR2) ..... $15

**Merit Badge Kits:** We have kits for some merit badges that include everything needed to complete the requirements - available in the camp trading posts.

- ▲ Basketry MB complete kits ..... $20 - $30
- ▲ Indian Lore MB complete Kits ..... $25
- ▲ Leatherwork MB complete kits ..... $15 - $25
- ▲ Railroading MB complete train car kits ..... $45 - $75
- ▲ Wood Carving MB complete kits ..... $15 - $20

▼ *Medieval combat with padded weapons at the Chisholm Trail Viking Outpost.*

## REFUND POLICY for Long Term Camps

All refunds must be requested in writing. Refund requests must be made on the schedules listed below. Please note that we will make equipment, vehicle, and boat purchases, hire our staffs, and order supplies, shirts, etc. based on the number of participants that you have reserved with us. As we make our purchases and hire our staff, those funds are no longer available for refunds.

**Refunds are NOT available for vacations, sports, band, events, summer school, school events, or changing one's mind. All refunds must be requested in writing by the dates specified below.**

A. Deposits are nonrefundable.

B. Refunds are not available for vacations, sports, band, events, school events, summer school, or changing one's mind. All refunds must be requested in writing by the dates specified.

C. Unit paid fees are only transferable within the same unit to a Scout or adult leader not currently registered for that specific activity. (High Adventure fees are not transferable to summer camp.)

D. Written refund requests made thirty (30) or more calendar days prior to the event taking place will be assessed a service charge of twenty-five percent (25%) of the activity fee plus any non refundable deposits (where applicable) to cover the costs incurred in preparation of the activity.

E. Written refund requests made ten (10) or more calendar days prior to camp arrival at long-term camp are refundable at fifty percent (50%) of total fees, less deposit.

F. Written refund requests received less than ten (10) calendar days prior to, during, or after long-term camp will be considered up to fifty percent (50%) less deposit for medical reasons with doctor's written verifications, or death of immediate family member.

G. Any other written requests for refunds received less than ten (10) calendar days prior to, during, or after long-term camp will not be honored.

H. If request is approved refund checks will be issued to the individual or entity paying the original fee within thirty (30) calendar days of approval.

## Camp Leadership

All units in camp **must be under the leadership of 2 adults at all times**, one of whom must be over 21, the other at least 18 years of age. Leaders may rotate if necessary, but at least 2 adults must be with a unit each 24 hours in camp. **All adults arriving at camp must present the camp director a copy of their current Youth Protection Training card from BSA's Texas-approved YPT classroom course; OR, take the course on arrival (1hr)**. Troops may share leadership by prior arrangement.

## Health and Safety

Parts A, B, & C, of the current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record are mandatory for ALL youth and adult campers. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement is to be completed by each participant and by Scout's parents/guardians. The new BSA medical form no longer allows attaching another physical exam (ie: sports physical) to the form.

**All Scouts and adults in camp are now required to have their current BSA health form supported by a medical examination within the last 12 months. Youth medical forms MUST INCLUDE all required parental signatures, including those giving permission to treat in an emergency.**

**All youth and adults must have a medical screening upon arrival, including late arrivals.** All illnesses MUST be reported promptly. The camp reserves the right to refuse admittance to any camper who, in the opinion of the medical staff and Camp Director, has developed a physical or medical situation which could present a hazard to the camper, or to other campers, by their presence at camp.

**All Longhorn Council registered campers are covered by an accident and insurance policy. Out of Council units must provide a copy of their accident insurance.** All accidents and illnesses must be reported to the camp Health Officer. The unit leadership should file claims for all medical care not provided by the Health Officer. Medical expenses incurred after leaving camp, due to an accident taking place at camp and registered with the Health Officer, must be submitted immediately to the Council office for clearance with the insurance company.

## Pre–Camp Leader's Meeting

A pre–camp information meeting for all unit leaders will be held on Wednesday evening of the week prior to your arrival in camp at **7:00 PM at the Council office**. Meetings for Sid Richardson Scout Ranch, Worth Ranch, Chisholm Trail, Brazos River Trip, and Steele Island Wakeboarding are at the Fort Worth office. Meetings for Camp Tahuaya are at the Waco office. If your unit must travel a long distance you can do your final attendance updates and info by email or phone with the Camp Director or Camping Registrar.

▼ *Ultimate Tubing Wars at Chisholm Trail and Steele Island.*

## Arrival and Departure

Summer camp and high adventure check-in is 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM. Arriving troops will be met by a staff member (your Troop Guide) who will help with check-in procedures. Camp personnel cannot check units in before the scheduled times. Units which cannot travel on Sunday may check-in Saturday or early Monday morning. Normal summer camp departure time on Saturday is 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. NOTE: Chisholm Trail crews may finish program later on Saturday and often depart 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.

## Religious Services

Chapel services are conducted during camp. Check the camp's weekly schedule for times. Campers are encouraged to attend.

## Visitors, Extra Meals, and Family Night

The Family Night Campfire program is held at Camp Tahuaya and Sid Richardson Scout Ranch on Friday evenings, and at Worth Ranch on Thursday evenings. Units are responsible for purchasing guest Dining Hall meal wristbands in before campfire day. All visitors should be reminded that they must park in the camp parking lot and may not drive to the campsites. All vehicle traffic is prohibited in the campsite areas on Family Night. **Guests or visitors arriving at camp at any time other than Family Night *must* check in at the office and be approved by the Camp Director before visiting campsites and program areas, and before eating in the Dining Hall.**
**Extra Meal Costs:** Breakfast $6.50, Lunch $7.50, Dinner $8.50.

## Camperships

▼ *Scouts launching from the BLOB.*

Camper-

ships up to 50% of camp summer camp fees are available for Longhorn Council Scouts who need financial assistance. Applications available at Council service centers and website. Camperships are limited to Longhorn Council Scouts attending a Longhorn Council Boy Scout summer camp (only). DEADLINE: applications MUST be submitted by than the 4th Thursday in April.

## Camp Mail and Contact Information

Camp mail is delivered and picked up daily. Camper mail should be addressed with the **camper's name and Troop number *above* the camp address**. *EXAMPLE: Travis Scout, Troop 1910.* Mail received after a unit has left or is not picked up will be marked "RETURN TO SENDER" and mailed.

Do not use mailing addresses for GPS driving directions. Please use the GPS/Google Maps addresses on the right.

### Mailing Address:

**Camp Tahuaya**
2603 Tahuaya Rd
Belton, TX 76513
(254)-947-5525

**GPS/Google Maps Address:**
2603 Tahuaya Dr
Belton, TX 76513

**Worth Ranch**
P.O. Box 27
Palo Pinto, TX 76484
(940) 659-2195

**GPS/Google Maps Address:**
1514 Worth Ranch Rd
Palo Pinto, TX 76484

**Sid Richardson Scout Ranch - SR2**
183 Eagle's Trail
Jacksboro, TX 76458
(940) 575-4243 / 4561

**GPS/Google Maps Address:**
Boy Scout Road
Runaway Bay, TX

### HIGH ADVENTURE CAMPS

**Brazos River Canoe Trip**
c/o Worth Ranch
P.O. Box 27
Palo Pinto, TX 76484
(940) 659-2195

**GPS/Google Maps Address:**
1514 Worth Ranch Rd
Palo Pinto, TX 76484

**Chisholm Trail Adventure**
c/o Sid Richardson Scout Ranch
183 Eagle's Trail
Jacksboro, TX 76458
(940) 575-4243 / 4561

**GPS/Google Maps Address:**
Boy Scout Road
Runaway Bay, TX

**Steele Island Wakeboarding**
c/o Sid Richardson Scout Ranch
183 Eagle's Trail
Jacksboro, TX 76458
(940) 575-4243 / 4561

**GPS/Google Maps Address:**
Boy Scout Road
Runaway Bay, TX

▼ *Chisholm Trail crews sailing & Windsurfing on Lake Bridgeport.*

### Camp Ranger and Camp Director Contact Information:

**Camp Tahuaya**
662tahuayaRanger@bsamail.org
(254)-947-5525

**Worth Ranch**
TimLeggett72@gmail.com
(940) 659-2195

**Sid Richardson**
sr2ranger2@yahoo.com
(940) 575-4261

*NOTE: Camp Rangers may not be able to check their email until late at night during summer camp. The Camp Ranger phone numbers become the main summer camp office phone numbers once camp begins. Messages can be left at the camp offices.*

**Director of Camping**
jpeters@longhorn.org
office: 817-231-8503
cell: 817-706-1526

**Camping Registrar**
camping@longhorn.org
817-231-8537

## Special Awards at Camp

Our camps offer special recognition, conservation, and honor awards for Scouts and leaders, such as the Wrangler Award (all camps), Camp Tahuaya Scoutmaster Merit Badge, SR2 Scoutmaster Merit Badge, Worth Ranch Scout Award, Worth Ranch Leader Award, and Joe Taylor Ecology Award (WR).

## Prohibited Items and Actions

### Ammunition, Firearms, and Fireworks.

**Riding in the back of pick up trucks is forbidden.** Campers are **not allowed to bring fireworks, firearms, BB guns, pellet guns, or personal ammunition to camp.** Off-duty police officers should secure their weapon either in their vehicle or with the Camp Director. Sheath knives and axes are not allowed. Drivers who endanger Scouts, leaders, and staff by speeding in camp will lose their driving privileges and may be sent home.

▼ *A Venture Crew at Chisholm Trail taking a 3 hour ATV ride.*

# Guidelines for Pre-Camp Swim Tests

Units may elect to take swim tests before arrival at camp. Pre-Camp swim test significantly speeds up the check-in process on your arrival at camp.

## Requirements for Pre-camp Swim Tests

We can honor pre-camp swim tests only if the required paperwork is properly completed.

1. Tests must be performed in accordance with BSA Swimming test standards.
2. Must be supervised by a certified BSA, Red Cross, YMCA Lifeguard, or Swim Coach. **BRING A PHOTOCOPY of the Lifeguard's CERTIFICATION Card. This is required.** Be sure that the copy includes the expiration date of the lifeguard's certification – copy both sides if the card is 2-sided.

2. Bring a list of youth and adults who took the test showing the skill level they earned in the test: Swimmer, Beginner, or Non-Swimmer. The list must be signed by the unit leader and the certifying lifeguard and include a note attesting that the swim test was conducted according to the BSA requirements listed below.

## Classification of Swimming Ability

### The BSA Swimmer Test

The swimmer test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability required for safe deep-water swimming. The various components of the test evaluate the several skills essential to this minimum level of swimming ability: Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; then swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn. After completing the swim, rest by floating. The test administrator must objectively evaluate the individual performance of the test, and in so doing should keep in mind the purpose of each test element.

"Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming. . . ."

The swimmer must be able to make an abrupt entry into deep water and begin swimming without any aids. Walking in from shallow water, easing in from the edge or down a ladder, pushing off from side or bottom, or gaining forward momentum by diving do not satisfy this requirement.

". . . Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, or crawl; . . ."

The swimmer must be able to cover distance with a strong, confident stroke. The 75 yards must not be the outer limit of the swimmer's ability; completion of the distance should give evidence of sufficient stamina to avoid undue risks. Dog-paddling and strokes repeatedly interrupted and restarted are not sufficient; underwater swimming is not permitted. The itemized strokes are inclusive. Any strong side or breaststroke or any strong overarm stroke (including the back crawl) is acceptable.

". . . swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke . . ."

The swimmer must indicate the ability to execute a restful, free-breathing backstroke that can be used to avoid exhaustion during swimming activity. This element of the test necessarily follows the more strenuous swimming activity to show that the swimmer is, in fact, able to use the backstroke as a relief from exertion. The change of stroke must be accomplished in deep water without any push-off or other aid. Any variation of the elementary may suffice if it clearly provides opportunity for the swimmer to rest and regain wind.

". . . The 100 yards must be swum continuously and include at least one sharp turn. . . ."

The total distance is to be covered without rest stops. The sharp turn simply demonstrates the swimmer's ability to reverse direction in deep water without assistance or push-off from side or bottom.

". . . After completing the swim, rest by floating."

This critically important component of the test evaluates the swimmer's ability to maintain in the water indefinitely even though exhausted or otherwise unable to continue swimming. Treading water or swimming in place will further tire the swimmer and are therefore unacceptable. The duration of the float test is not significant, except that it must be long enough for the test administrator to determine that the swimmer is, in fact, resting and could likely continue to do so for a prolonged time. The drown-proofing technique may be sufficient if clearly restful, but it is not preferred. If the test is completed except for the floating requirement, the swimmer may be retested on the floating only (after instruction) provided that the test administrator is confident that the swimmer can initiate the float when exhausted.

## The Beginner Test

Jump feet-first into water over the head in depth, level off, swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply, resume swimming as before, and return to starting place. The entry and turn serve the same purpose as in the swimmer test. The swimming can be done with any stroke, but no underwater swimming is permitted. The stop assures that the swimmer can regain a stroke if it is interrupted. The test demonstrates that the beginning swimmer is ready to learn deepwater skills and has the minimum ability required for safe swimming in a confined area in which shallow water, sides, or other support is less than 25 feet from any point in the water.

**Reference: Swimming and Lifesaving merit badge pamphlets**

# 2014 Camp Reservation Form

## Longhorn Council Camps and Texas High Adventure Base

Troop/Team/Crew #_____ of _____ District of the _____Council reserves a spot for 2014.
Chartered Organization: _____.

**$20 High Adventure Special:** for each Scout registered to attend one of our Boy Scout Summer Camps you get $20 off one registered high adventure participant (youth or adult) up to the total # attending high adventure.

**Week 3 Special:** Units attending Week 3 (June 29-July 5), receive a $10.00 per person discount. No Out-of-Council fees.

**Week 4 Special:** Units attending Week 4 (July 6-13) receive a $15 per person discount. No Out-of-Council fees in Week 4.

**Reservations will not be accepted without deposit. All deposits are non-refundable. Deposits count toward each unit's total camp fee.**
Please check each program your unit is attending. Indicate youth and adult attendance in Deposits section.

| | Sid Richardson Scout Ranch | Worth Ranch | Camp Tahuaya | Chisholm Trail Adventure | Wakeboard & Watersports Pgm. | Brazos River Canoe Trip | Tahuaya Sea Kayak Trip |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **June 15-21** | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| **June 22-28** | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| **Jun 29-Jul 5** | _____ | _____ | Webelos Camps | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| **July 6-12** | _____ | | AHG Week | _____ | _____ | _____ | |
| **July 13-19** | Aviation, STEM, & Shooting Sports Camp Cub & Webelos Camps | Aquatic School | | | | | |

## SUMMER CAMP Deposits

A $10 per Scout reservation deposit is required for Boy Scout Summer Camp. Deposits count as part of each Scout's camp fee.

**Summer Camp:** ____ **youth** ____ **adults** *for Camp Tahuaya, Worth Ranch, or Sid Richardson Scout Ranch*

**Deposit = number of youth X $10 each = $_____.** *Attach Reservation deposit to form.*

**Campsite request:** 1st Choice: _____. 2nd Choice: _____. 3rd Choice: _____.

## CHISHOLM TRAIL ADVENTURE Deposits

**Please reserve these pontoon boats for our trek:**

Chisholm Trail deposits reserve one (or more) pontoon boats or individual composite crew slots. All deposits count as part of your camp fee. Boat reservations are first-come first-served. Reservation fees are equivalent to $100 per person for each spot on a pontoon boat.

**Reserve Full Crew Pontoon Boats:**

_____ 21' / 9-person boats X $900 = $_____. (8 available)
_____ 24' / 12-person boats X $1200 = $_____. (2 available)
_____ 25' / 13-person boats X $1300 = $_____. (11 available)
_____ 25.5' / 14-person boats X $1500 = $_____.(2 available)

**Reserve Composite Crew Pontoon Boat Slots:**

Please reserve space on a Composite Crew boat for
____ youth + ____ adults X $100 each = $_____.
(**Note:** Limited space available in Composite Crew boats. Composite Crew boats are for groups with 5 or less participants.)

## HIGH ADVENTURE Deposits

Each individual High Adventure deposit reserves one slot in the program. All deposits count as part of your camp fee.

**Wakeboarding & Watersports:** ____ **youth + ____ adults X $100 each = $_____.** *Attach Reservation deposit to form.*
**Brazos River Canoe Trip:** ____ **youth + ____ adults X $100 each = $_____.** *Attach Reservation deposit to form.*
**Tahuaya Sea Kayak Trip:** ____ **youth + ____ adults X $100 each = $_____.** *Attach Reservation deposit to form.*

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Unit Leader's Signature_____Position_____

Send all receipts, confirmations, and additional information to:

Name:_____ Home Phone_____ Work Phone:_____ Cell:_____

Address:_____ City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

**Email Addresses** (H):_____ (W):_____

*Please PRINT emails neatly. Official camp information, including MB Class Registration Information, will go to the email addresses listed here.*

Send completed forms with deposit to:

Longhorn Council, BSA
ATTN: Camping
PO Box 54190, Hurst, TX 76054-0190

Camping: 817-231-8537
camping@longhorn.org
Main: 817-231-8500; Fax: 817-231-8600

**No Reservation will be accepted without deposit. All deposits are non-refundable. Deposits count toward total camp fees.** *revision 2, 11-09-13*