What's New for 2014 at Longhorn Council Camps

Camp Improvements & our Scout Executive

Our Scout Executive & CEO, John Coyle, is committed to improving our camp facilities and programs. John has 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 our top facilities priority. Our projects include the campsite latrine privacy upgrade project, new tents for all camps, and professional boat overhauls, and more**. Be sure to watch as we continue to push hard to improve our camps & facilities each year. Send your comments & ideas to John at jocoyle@scouting.org.

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, many 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 by summer 2014.

New TENTS and Frames

We built permanent pole frames for the 75 new tents at Camp Tahuaya, 100 at Worth Ranch, and 125 at SR2. The new tents are slightly wider to give campers more space.

ATVs at Chisholm Trail

ATV Safety program opened for Scouts attending Chisholm Trail Adventure, including 3-4 hour trail ride on our 14 new ATVs.

More Shooting Sports Improvements Coming!

We have two major gifts for a new Shotgun Sporting Clays range complex at SR2 & have applied for several grants. We added a pistol program at Tahuaya. The summer camps all have new rifles, Genesis bows, shotguns, Atlas Auto Throwers, & more. We employ multiple Rifle & Shotgun instructors at Worth Ranch, Tahuaya, & SR2 so that Rifle & Shotgun Merit Badges can be offered simultaneously. We are working on plans & grants for a state-of-the-art Shooting Sports Complex for Worth Ranch.

Sailing Upgrade Project Complete (finally!!)

We spent $20,000 to refit 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 returned in 2013 from its major overhaul.

Pontoon Boat Upgrades

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

New Tahuaya Warehouse & 15 Acres

Camp Tahuaya's equipment is being moved out of the old warehouse in the center of camp to the big 18,000 sq.ft. warehouse on our new property. The old tin storage sheds will be torn down.

Scoutmaster Steak Dinners Continue in '14

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

More New Camp Work Trucks

In 2014 we are getting a new ranger truck for Worth Ranch and a one ton flatbed for SR2.

Kyle Mountain Ski Run

The new Wintersports MB downhill ski run, is almost complete. You've seen the Ski Kyle

Mountain T-shirt, Now Scouts can actually ski Kyle Mtn!

Kingsnake Collection & Snake Shows

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

Tahuaya Ranger House

General contractor Roger Wilson completed the new Tahuaya Ranger house in March 2013.

New Camp Signs

The OA sign project put 450 signs on the 50+ miles of roads & trails at our summer camps.

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*** Oct. 2011 *COOL CAMP* article, with a full page photo of one of the SR2 Flight Center's sixteen networked F-16 cockpits.

New Kayaks for Tahuaya

We bought 17 new kayaks & Stand Up Paddle Boards for Camp Tahuaya in 2013. More coming in 2014!

Faster Internet for 2014 Camps

We are increasing bandwidth at our summer camps. In 2013 we installed a cell repeater on the Worth Ranch office & leader's lounge.

More New Outboard Engines

We purchased new outboard engines for the Worth Ranch & SR2 Motorboating Merit Badge boats.

NEW Shelters, Council Ring, & Nature Projects

Order of the Arrow projects for 2013-2014 include an ATV shelter, a boat barn for our fleet of 23 pontoon boats, new campsite shelters at all 3 camps, new professional lighting & sound at each camp's council ring, and new stoves for Camp Tahuaya.

New Camp Kitchen Equipment

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

Lakeview Lodge

We continue to remodel our Lakeview Lodge & Conference Center, used for meetings, family reunions, church retreats, by

Scout units, and by other rental groups. We are finishing the Dorm shower upgrade. The 8 cabins, conference center, and the central dining hall have all been remodeled.

New Worth Ranch Museum Pavilion

A new teaching pavilion and a new roof were added to the Worth Ranch Museum in 2013.

Handwashing Facilities

We have installed new handwashing facilities at all camp dining halls to help eliminate transmission of communicable diseases.

SR2 Dining Hall to be Remodelled for 2014

We are remodelling the SR2 main Dining Hall for 2014 camp.

Basswood Activity Center Open for Rentals

The pool opened and a 32 foot Allosaurus skeleton Dino Dig was added. Available rentals now include climbing, swimming pool, meeting room, Pinewood Derby, Snake show, & Space Room.