

# Scouts BSA & Venturing Programs & Activities 2020-2021 rev.4

## Dates are Tentative. Some May Change as the Pandemic Changes

ALL events will be done outside and have been redesigned to follow Covid-19 protocols!

The Longhorn Council cares deeply about the health and safety of all Scouts and their families. Our 2020-2021 weekend events have been redesigned to incorporate the latest CDC, State, and BSA guidelines and make them as safe as possible during the covid-19 pandemic. The updated event plans make it possible for Scouts, adults, and families to have fun in the outdoors while safely following current social distancing and hygiene protocols.

All events have new procedures for cleaning, sanitizing, hygiene, mask wearing, and social distancing to avoid crowds and to keep our Scouts outside where it is much safer than indoors. Here are some examples (note that a complete list of new safety protocols for each event will be published soon):

- Attendance has been limited as necessary to prevent crowding. Camping at events will be limited to one unit per campsite.
- Events are redesigned to make it easier to do the events as a Day Trip.
- Arrival, check-in, and program/start times will be spread out by appointment to avoid crowds.
- Canoe Races** have been redesigned to stagger start times by unit across the morning, to use only pre-packaged items in race lunches, and to avoid crowds by cancelling the spaghetti supper. Trail Mix lunches instead of sandwiches.
- Score-O** has been redesigned to have all day staggered start times by individual units throughout the morning and early afternoon turning one big start into hundreds of small team starts. The markers will be using codes this year, rather than hole punches (teams won't have to touch them). Arrival, check-in, & Start times by appointment. 8 Start lines & 4-8 finish lines.
- Spring-O** has also been redesigned like **Score-O** to avoid crowds.
- Any meals at events will be catered from the dining halls by appointment to avoid gathering even small crowds.
- For groups that are camping, each campsite will be issued cleaning and sanitizing gear for campsite bathrooms and showers.
- Public restrooms and portajons will be regularly sanitized.
- Masks are required.
- All events with frequently touched items have been redesigned for cleaning and sanitizing of those items between uses.

Events are open to Troops from any Council or District. Event calendars, schedules, training information, news, and maps of camps are at [www.longhorncouncil.org](http://www.longhorncouncil.org). For more info: [camping@longhorn.org](mailto:camping@longhorn.org). Look on the calendars for info and online registration links.

**Council Event Calendar:** [www.longhorncouncil.org/activity-event-calendars/council-calendar/](http://www.longhorncouncil.org/activity-event-calendars/council-calendar/)

**Training calendar:** [www.longhorncouncil.org/activity-event-calendars/training-calendar/](http://www.longhorncouncil.org/activity-event-calendars/training-calendar/)

- September 12** **Paddle the Brazos Fall Canoe Race #1.** Worth Ranch. 6-mile Race. Lunch, boats, equipment, & awards provided. Open to Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and adults. Trail Mix lunches instead of sandwiches.
- September 11-13** **Powder Horn High Adventure Training 1** Camp Tahuaya. **POSTPONED TO 2021.**
- September 19** **Paddle the Brazos Fall Canoe Race #2.** Worth Ranch. 6-mile Race. Lunch, boats, equipment, & awards provided. Open to Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and adults. Trail Mix lunches instead of sandwiches.
- September 25-27** **Powder Horn High Adventure Training 2** Camp Tahuaya. **POSTPONED TO 2021.**
- Sept 25-27** **Wood Badge Fall Course, Weekend 1.** Worth Ranch
- October** **Haunted Trail Spooks** - if your Troop or Crew would like to camp at SR2 or Tahuaya in the month of October during a Fall Festival, bring your scariest costume and help us spook the Cubs on the Haunted Trail. Contact [camping@longhorn.org](mailto:camping@longhorn.org) to sign up. **SR2 weekends: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24. Tahuaya weekends: Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24.**
- October 3** **Venturing Catalyst** at SR2. This Venturing shooting sports weekend is **POSTPONED TO 2021.**
- October 10** **Rock Climbing & Tower Training (& Rock/Tower Recert. Classes)** at SR2. This course is designed to certify ADULTS to lead climbing and rappelling activities on rock, as well as on SR2 and Basswood towers. Completion qualifies the participant as a BSA Level 2 Instructor, able to lead single or multi-unit activities. Course is Friday evening through late Sunday afternoon at SR2. There is no class size limit. Pre-registration required. Adults only. Recert training- begins at 8AM Saturday at the SR2 tower, ends when the participant demonstrates proficiency.
- October 10** **Tower Training (& a.m. Recert. Class)** at SR2. Approximately 10-hour class designed to certify ADULTS to lead SR2, Worth Ranch, and Basswood Tower climbing and rappelling activities. There is no class size limit, but pre-registration is required. Open to adults only. 8:00 a.m. to 6 PM – Must arrive on time. Does not include natural areas.
- October 17** **SCORE-O 2020** at SR2. **Redesigned with scheduled team start times.** Boy Scout and Venturing level Competition, with more difficult sport orienteering challenges for teams to solve. Units will sign up for individual arrival and check-in times, and will be given individual team start times to spread the event out and avoid any crowding. No mass starts. *Map training will be done online in 2020.* Teams get a SCORE-O map right before their start time. Then find the most flags and score the most points in 3 ½ hours of hiking. The 2020 map is a more difficult map with a larger area to hike and more than 75 markers to find. Markers will have codes this year, not punches (teams won't have to touch them). Arrival, check-in, and Start times by appointment. 8 Start lines, 4-8 finish lines. For teams of Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, adults, and Webelos. Webelos must camp with a Troop.

October 24-25	<b>OA Ordeal.</b> Worth Ranch
October 24-25	<b>Wood Badge Fall Course, Weekend 2.</b> Worth Ranch
Oct 31-Nov 1	<b>Wood Badge SPRING Course, Weekend 1.</b> SR2
November 7	<b>Deer Hunt.</b> SR2 closed.
November 14	<b>Highland Games #1.</b> Tahuaya. Limited to < 50% of normal attendance.
November 14	<b>Highland Games #2.</b> Tahuaya. Limited to < 50% of normal attendance.
November 21	<b>Wood Badge SPRING Course, Weekend 2.</b> SR2
November 21	<b>2020 Virtual University of Scouting.</b> Advanced “how-to” training courses on providing great programs. Designed to help you make your meetings and outings safer, more fun and rewarding for you & your Scouts.
November 29	<b>Deer Hunt.</b> SR2 closed.
December 5	<b>OA Ordeal.</b> SR2.
December 12	<b>Deer Hunt.</b> SR2 closed.
December 26-30	<b>Winter Camp - SR2.</b> POSTPONED to 2021.
December 26-30	<b>U.S. Cavalry Winter Camp: Frontier Living History -</b> 1872 U.S. Cavalry Outpost for youth age 13 and older. Cavalry Outpost includes authentic uniforms, food, and equipment of the 1870’s, including cannons, carbines, and a Gatling gun. Live the life of a frontier trooper for a week. Final night includes an overnight stay in the Historic barracks at Fort Richardson, 20 miles west of SR2. Venturers can earn the Living History requirement.
December 26-31	<b>Twin Arrows NYLT</b> at Camp Tahuaya. Applications are available on the council website in the Training section.
January 2	<b>Trout Tournament 1.</b> At Tahuaya. For Scouts, Venturers, adults. Limit 100 fishermen. Includes lunch & awards.
January 3	<b>Trout Tournament 2.</b> At Tahuaya. For Scouts, Venturers, adults. Limit 100 fishermen. Includes lunch & awards.
January 23	<b>Trout Tournament 3.</b> At Tahuaya. For Scouts, Venturers, adults. Limit 100 fishermen. Includes lunch & awards.
January 24	<b>Trout Tournament 4.</b> At Tahuaya. For Scouts, Venturers, adults. Limit 100 fishermen. Includes lunch & awards.
January 30	<b>Trout Tournament 5.</b> At Tahuaya. For Scouts, Venturers, adults. Limit 100 fishermen. Includes lunch & awards.
January 31	<b>Trout Tournament 6.</b> At Tahuaya. For Scouts, Venturers, adults. Limit 100 fishermen. Includes lunch & awards.
February 13	<b>Klondike Derby</b> at Camp Tahuaya. <b>TENTATIVE</b> Test your winter camping and outdoor skills at the Longhorn Council Klondike Derby. Open to Troops and Crews. Each patrol/crew must build and bring a sled.
March 14-19	<b>Twin Arrows NYLT.</b> At SR2. Applications will be available on the council website in the Training section.
March 27	<b>Spring-O Orienteering Meet</b> at SR2. Three events in one day: (1) individual competition, (2) team competitions, (3) Recreational Courses. Everyone can enter: Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, adults, families, Cub Scouts, ROTC units, and the public. Scout compete in 2 person Teams. Awards go to the top three finishers in each race class. Choose from 6 map courses from beginner to expert. Staggered start times throughout the morning and early afternoon to prevent crowding.
Mar. 20	<b>Wood Badge Spring Course, Weekend 1.</b> WR.
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April 17	<b>Wood Badge Spring Course, Weekend 2.</b> WR
April 24	<b>Spring Canoe Race #2</b> at Worth Ranch. 6-mile Race. Lunch, boats, equipment, & awards provided. Open to Scouts, Venturers, Explorers, and adults. Trail Mix lunches instead of sandwiches.
May 3	<b>OA Ordeal.</b> Tahuaya.
May 15	<b>OA Ordeal.</b> SR2.

Summer camp and high adventure dates are pending. They will be published as school calendars are finalized.

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