

WORTH RANCH

2021 LEADERS GUIDE



92 Years of “The Big Adventure” 1929-2021

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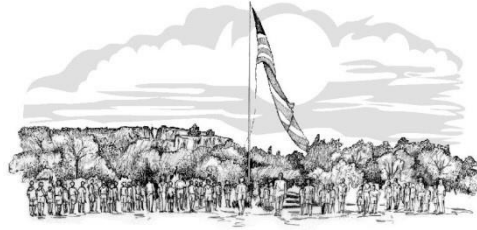
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Worth Ranch
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Dear Scoutmaster:

Summer is almost here and we're looking forward to seeing you at the "Big Adventure". In this Guide you will find valuable information to help you finish planning for your troop's stay at Worth Ranch. The information included will hopefully address any questions or concerns you may have. Our staff and I will happily deal with any other questions you have upon your troop's arrival.

The summer program is a mix of our tradition and some new and exciting additions to Worth Ranch. We've worked hard to assemble the best staff possible and we will do our best to make your stay with us unforgettable.

Also included is our Merit Badge schedule. The online merit badge signup information will be coming out soon via email to your registered summer camp contact. Online signups will start in May.

If there is anything we can do to help, please let us know. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, you can contact me at 407-913-9137 or email at cderose@scouting.org . If you are attempting to contact me during camp, please call 940-659-2195.

Yours in Scouting,

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Worth Ranch Summer Camp 2021

Why Worth Ranch?

Worth Ranch, "The Big Adventure," has been a Longhorn Council tradition since 1929. Worth Ranch is one of America's oldest and finest traditional Scouting programs. Located in scenic Palo Pinto County, about 60 miles west of Fort Worth, the camp is on the Brazos River at the foot of Kyle Mountain. The camp's historic stone and petrified wood buildings that encircle our parade ground showcase the rich and colorful history of Worth Ranch. Comanche Indians once lived on our parade ground and Quanah Parker, the last great war chief of the Comanche, was born only a few miles up the Brazos River. The chuck wagon was developed near here in 1866.

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Scout's Name, Troop #
Dates at Camp
Worth Ranch Boy Scout Camp
P.O. Box 27
Palo Pinto, TX
76484

Emergency Numbers

Please remember that these numbers are for emergency purposes only. All other calls need to go to the unit leader accompanying the unit.

Worth Ranch Boy Scout Camp: (940) 659-2195
Worth Ranch Ranger: (940) 329-0707
Longhorn Council: (817) 231-8500 Fax: (817) 231-8600

GPS Address

GPS Coordinates (the beginning of the Worth Ranch Rd):
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Longhorn Council Registered Scouts and Scouters

Longhorn Council Scouts and Scouters that are registered campers are covered by an accident and insurance policy. All accidents and illnesses must be reported to the camp Health Director. The unit leadership should file claims for all medical care not provided by the Health Director.

Family Night ****IMPORTANT CHANGE FOR 2021****

With the camp capacity restrictions, we are not hosting family night during 2021 Summer Camp. We encourage families to send postcards, letters, or packages to their scouters in place of not attending family night.

Merit Badge Program

Merit Badge Instruction Policy

Each scout should bring a correct and current copy of the merit badge book and they should read it thoroughly prior to their arrival at camp. Scouts must carefully study and understand all requirements. Individual units will be responsible to ensure each scout has successfully completed all requirements.

Out-of-Camp Merit Badge Work

Longhorn Council will only certify work completed during the Scouts stay at Worth Scout Ranch. If the Scout has completed a prerequisite for the merit badge prior to arrival, it is the scout's responsibility to provide the completed documents (essays, reports, etc.) or other proof (pictures, etc.) to the merit badge counselor.

Merit Badge Standards

Each Scout is expected to meet the requirements as stated in the most current edition of merit badge requirements, #33216: no more and no less! If it says to "show," "list," "make," "in the field," etc. that is what is necessary. If you become aware of any standards not being met, please let the Program Director or Camp Director know as soon as possible. Some merit badge requirements must be completed before or after camp with an approved merit badge counselor in the Scout's district.

Online Merit Badge Registration System

Online Merit Badge registration will begin in May. Watch the Longhorn Council Website for details. Instructions for using the system will be posted on the council website. Usernames and passwords will be emailed to each unit. ***Be SURE that we have the correct email address for your unit's leader!***

Week 1 (June 20-26) MB Selection	-opens Friday, May 21, 6:00 PM
Week 2 (June 27-July 3) MB Selection	-opens Friday, May 28, 6:00 PM
Week 3 (July 4-10) MB Selection	-opens Friday, June 4, 6:00 PM

MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

	Size	8:30-9:00	9:00-9:30	9:30-10:00	10:00-10:30	10:30-11:00	11:00-11:30	11:30-1:30	1:30-2:00	2:00-2:30	2:30-3:00	3:00-3:30	3:30-4:00	4:00-4:30	4:30-5:00	5:00-5:30	Notes		
Aquatics - POOL																			
BSA Lifeguard																	3		
Lifesaving	20																1,5,12,26		
Snorkeling																	1		
Swimming	30																1		
OPEN SWIM																	2		
Instruct. Swim																	11		
Aquatics - BOAT DOCKS																			
Canoeing	20																	1, 26	
Kayaking	20																1		
Motorboating	15																		1, 29
OPEN BOATING																	1,2		
Shooting Sports																			
Archery	20															4, 6, 26			
Rifle	20																		16, 26
Shotgun	15																4, 6, 26		
OPEN RIFLE																	2, 6		
OPEN TRAP																		2, 6	
OPEN ARCHERY																		2, 6	
Nature/Ecology																			
Astronomy	20																7, 26		
Bird Study	20																35		
Environmental Science	20																26, 27		
Fish & Wildlife	20																35		
Fishing & Fly Fishing	20																35		
Forestry	20																		
Geology	20																		
Insect Study	20																17		
Mammal Study	20																		
Nature	20																		
Reptile Study	20																18		
Soil & Water	20																		
Weather	20																		
Service Projects																			
Snow Sports																			
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Scoutcraft																			
Archaeology	20																		
Camping/Backpacking	20																		8, 21
Cooking	20																		
Emerg. Prepare	20																		19
Wilder. Survival	20																		10
First Aid	20																		20
Geocaching	20																		34
Safety & Fire Safety	20																		
Orienteering	20																		33
Pioneering	20																		9
Pioneering Proj.	-																		
Hammer Patrol	40																		14
Handicrafts																			
Woodcarving																			24
Pulp & Paper																			
Leatherwork & Basketry																			
Indian Lore																			
Photography																			
Climbing																			
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Free Climb																			2

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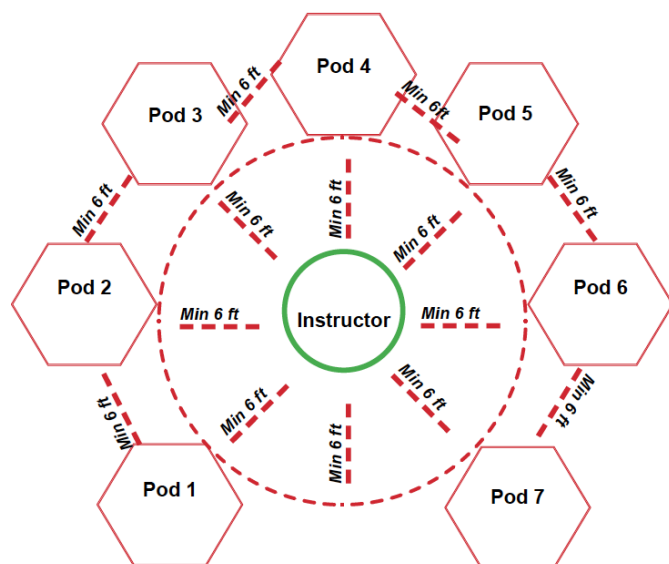
<u>Read all requirements carefully before camp.</u>
Some merit badges may have requirements which cannot be completed during summer camp. It is the Scout's responsibility to contact a qualified merit badge counselor to complete those requirements.
There are some merit badges that require the scout to research career fields, please look at your registered merit badge and bring your list of careers choices to show to your counselor at camp.
Note 1: Must be a swimmer
Note 2: Registration not necessary for "open" activities.
Note 3: All day class; schedule with Aquatics Director. Must be at least 15 years old.
Note 4: MB requires \$\$ fee
Note 5: Must have already completed Swimming MB.
Note 6: Must purchase extra targets and ammo, as needed \$\$EACH
Note 7: Requires some night classes
Note 8: Complete Req. 9 & 4b. before or after camp.
Note 9: Requires pioneering project hour daily
Note 10: Requires overnighter Tuesday night
Note 11: Any age, any classification

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Note 12: Bring proper clothing to meet requirements
Note 13: Must be at least 13 years old.
Note 14: First year campers - AM or PM
Note 15: Bring a Scouting approved knife
Note 16: Possible ammo fee \$\$
Note 17: Complete req. 7 outside of camp (raise larva); Begin req 4 (Scrapbook)
Note 18: Requirement #8 cannot be accomplished at Summer Camp.
Note 19: Must have First Aid MB
Note 20: Bring first aid kit
Note 21: Bring a camping backpack
Note 22: Complete Req. 5 outside of camp
Note 23: Bring or buy \$\$ leather project
Note 24: Bring or buy a \$\$ basket(prefer round)
Note 25: Complete Req. 11 outside of camp
Note 26: Not recommended for 1st year Scouts because of strenuous physical activity or advanced topics of discussion.
Note 27: Bring your own a camera bring it to camp.
Note 28: Complete Reqs. 5 & 6 outside of camp(Scouting Heritage)
Note 29: Limit 15
Note 30: Complete requirements 5 & 8 outside of camp(Comm)
Note 31: Complete requirements 2, 3, and 8 (write/mail letter) outside of camp
Note 32: Complete requirement 7 outside of camp
Note 33: Bring a compass if you have one
Note 34: Bring a portable GPS if you have one
Note 35: Bring fishing equipment if you have it
Note 36: Combined class
Note 37: Pants and long socks required
Note 38: Complete requirement 1a (Architecture) outside of camp
Note 39: Bring or buy woodcarving kit
Note 40: Requirement 4 needs to be completed at home.
Note 41: Require additional \$25 for ARC books & fees
Note 42: Require additional \$75 for ARC books & fees
Note 43: Require additional \$20 for scuba gear & tanks

Merit Badge Pod System

We plan to utilize what we are calling a “pod model” to allow individual Scouts to participate and enjoy the camp program. A “pod” is made up of one or more Scouts from a single unit. The diagram to the right shows how a typical merit badge class might look with Scouts from 7 different units. Each pod could have one or multiple Scouts from each unit.



The idea is that Scouts from a specific unit will be able to travel, camp, and attend merit badge classes and program together. Scouts from one unit (or pod) will be required to maintain proper social distancing while in camp as well as in merit badge classes, campfires, etc. This model would allow 3-5 (or more) Scouts from one unit to sit near each other while being distanced from Scouts from another unit (or pod). If a merit badge required interaction from the Scouts or for them to share tools, etc. items would be wiped down before and after use to avoid cross-contamination.

Opportunities for Adult Leaders

Summer Camp is also a great experience for adult leaders. Worth Ranch offers opportunities for adults to learn and to be part of the program. Check out how adults can make this a peak experience:

Training

Leave no Trace, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat, Swimming and Water Rescue, Paddle Craft Safety, Climb On Safely and Trek Safely training orientation will be provided. CPR/First Aid and Wilderness First Aid will be provided. The Longhorn Council Training Committee will also provide training opportunities for leaders in camp. Other trainings are offered as trainers are available. Trainers interested in helping with or leading a session during camp are encouraged to contact the Camp or Program Director.

Helping with Merit Badge Classes

We encourage adult leaders who can help with merit badge classes or who have special expertise that could add to the quality of the Scouts' experience at summer camp to contact the Camp Director or Program Director. Adult Volunteers are Scouting's best talent pool and all assistance would be deeply appreciated. When attending a class, please remember that our staff member is the instructor for the class. One of the key elements of camp is that the youth are taught by the staff – often older youth or young adults. They must remain in charge. Sometimes they will not cover a point as an adult might do it, but please take care if you are assisting to not undermine the staff member.

Hammer patrol - 1st Year Camper Program

We encourage adult leaders to volunteer to help in this program. Your experience in Scouting and life will help the new Scouts in the Hammer Patrol Program to have a great camp experience and start their adventure in Scouting. Please contact the Program Director if you are interested in helping.

Worth Ranch Program Fees

Affording Camp

It is very easy to say “we’re going to Summer Camp”, it can be another thing to pay for it. Each Scout should be encouraged to raise the funds necessary to pay for their summer camp week. This can be done at the unit level with fundraisers, the annual popcorn sale, or other means available to the individual Scout.

Summer Camp Fees – Worth Ranch

	In Council			Out of Council		
	Youth	Maverick	Adult	Youth	Maverick	Adult
Initial Deposit - with reservation	\$ 10	\$ 50		\$ 10	\$50	
1st Payment - due March 30	\$ 85	\$ 85		\$ 85	\$85	
Total Summer Camp Week - <i>If paid in full by May 22</i>	\$265	\$270	\$110	\$275	\$280	\$115
Last Minute Fee – <i>If paid after May 22</i>	add \$10	Add \$10	add \$5	add \$10	Add \$10	add \$5
Brazos River Canoe Trip	\$355		\$355	\$365		\$365
All adults who attend for a partial week will be charged \$25.00 a day.						

Additional Program Fees

Some programs offered at summer camp have large equipment, maintenance, and operating costs. In an effort to defray these costs, the Longhorn Council charges user fees for these programs. Fees for these programs appear when registering for summer camp and are included in your financial totals. Other program materials, such as basketry, leatherworking, woodworking, and cot fees are paid on arrival at camp at the Trading Post.

2021 Program Fees

Archery Merit Badge	\$10 (includes arrow kit)
Climbing Merit Badge	\$20
Cooking Merit Badge	\$15
Motorboating	\$10
Rifle Merit Badge	\$20
Rifle Free Shoot Ticket	\$2 for 10 shots
Shotgun Merit Badge	\$35 (includes 50 shots)
Shotgun Free Shoot Ticket	\$3 for 5 shots
Scuba BSA	\$40
Wilderness First Aid (adults)	\$75
Standard First Aid/CPR (adults)	\$25
Cot Rental Fee	\$10 (Limited Quantities Available)

Additional Program Materials

Some classes will require additional program materials that need to be brought to camp or can be purchased at the Trading Post. Here is a partial list with an approximate cost. In some cases, there are options for the kits and prices vary based on the item selected.

Basketry	\$20
Indian Lore	\$20
Leatherwork	\$20
Wood Carving	\$20

You will need to bring any out-of-camp merit badge work with approval documents.

Summer Camp Refunds:

Flash Update: these policies revised in COVID-19 policy on TOC page iv. Refund requests must be made based on the schedule below. Please note that we hire our staff and make equipment purchases based on the number of participants that you have reserved with us. All refunds must be requested in writing by the dates specified. No refunds can be made later than a week before the beginning of camp. No exceptions are made for vacations, sports, band, events, summer school, or changing one's mind. Becoming sick during camp will not qualify a Scout family for a refund. Deposits are nonrefundable.

- Thirty (30) or more days prior to arrival at camp, camp fees are refundable at 100% of amount paid, less deposit.
- Between one week (five working days) and 29 calendar days prior to arrival at camp, camper fees are refundable at 50% of total fees owed, less deposit.
- Any request for refund less than one week prior to camp arrival, during camp, or after camp, will not be honored. All refunds must be requested in writing.
- Fees are transferable to a new replacement camper for the same week of camp within the same unit.

*PLEASE NOTE: No-Show Policy: The number of Scouts who are reserved for camp two weeks (10 working days) prior to arrival at camp is the minimum number of Scouts who must be paid for on arrival.

Pre-Camp Meeting:

FLASH Update: Units will be invited to attend by free online ZOOM video conference call per CDC guidelines. A pre-camp information meeting for all unit leaders will be held on the Wednesday evening of the week prior to your arrival in camp at 6:30 PM. If you are unable to attend the meeting, reach out to the Camp Director, Chris DeRose, at 407-913-9137 (during the month of June be sure to call the camp phone at 940-659-2195) or email at cderose@scouting.org no later than Tuesday, the day before the meeting.

COVID-19 Policy Changes and Updates

As of mid-April the shelter-at home orders here in Texas and in most other states are still in effect. As the shelter-at-home orders are relaxed we will continue to follow the guidance from the CDC and other agencies on social distancing, personal hygiene, and sanitation in order to keep our Scouts, leaders, and guests as safe as possible. Obviously, as final health guidelines for this summer are issued by our public health leaders, some of our normal operating procedures, schedules, classes, instructional methods, and visitor policies may have to change. As we adapt our programs and schedules to changing guidelines and policies, we will notify you of these changes in separate COVID-19 Update communications.

Planning For Worth Ranch

A Few To-Do Helpful Hints

- Appoint a Summer Camp Coordinator.
- Encourage leaders and Scouts to get their physicals scheduled right away. Make sure all physicals are in two weeks before camp. All medical forms **MUST** be the current official BSA medical form.
- Verify parents have signed the section on Medical Form B2 indicating that the medic is allowed to administer non-prescription medication and have attached a copy of their medical card.
- Invite the Order of the Arrow to do a summer camp promotion and elections at a Troop meeting or Court of Honor prior to summer camp.
- Hold a parent orientation meeting.
- Set up a weekly payment schedule to collect summer camp fees.
- Collect fees and registration forms early enough to meet the registration deadline.
- Arrange for drivers to haul equipment to camp; recruit leaders to cover all days of summer camp.
- Encourage scouts to choose the merit badges they plan to earn at summer camp and begin working on the prerequisites.
- Schedule and do pre-camp swim tests.
- Come to camp and have a great time!

Holding a Parent Orientation Meeting

Parents' Orientation Meetings are a great opportunity to explain the benefits of their scouts attending summer camp with your unit. This meeting also helps to reassure the parents about the leadership provided by your unit and the camp. Some of the topics that may be addressed include;

- Why we chose Worth Ranch;
- Dates, fees, and payment schedule;
- Camp program; Opportunities for training and advancement;
- Camp leadership (youth and adult). Medical forms and other paperwork; All medication must be accompanied by a note from a parent or legal guardian giving permission for the medication to be administered at camp.
- If parents will not be home during the week of camp, they must provide written instructions including the name of a good local emergency contact, the contact's phone number and email. Please stress the importance of having a viable emergency contact for each scout.
- If the medical attention that you or your Scouts wish to receive differs from what would be commonly accepted due to your religious beliefs, you must provide a signed letter detailing the appropriate instructions.
- Fun and Adventure

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Preparing Scouts for Worth Ranch

New Scouts probably have no idea what to really expect at summer camp. One of your most important roles as leader is to set the expectation of their week at camp. Talk about the program areas and see what appeals to the individual Scout. Help them to make realistic goals for their week, and understand their needs and abilities when making program decisions. Review with the Scouts and parents the equipment list to ensure that they have everything they need to have a successful camp experience. Check the Program Guide located on the Black Pug registration site for the merit badges we are offering this season. Does the Scout meet the age and prerequisite requirements? Have the walking times between Merit Badge areas been considered?

Encourage them to complete listed prerequisite requirements before your unit arrives at Worth Ranch. This will insure they have the opportunity to complete the merit badge during your week in camp.

Policies and Procedures

The Worth Ranch Summer Camp Policies and Procedures (P&P) may be of general interest to parents and should be communicated to them prior to summer camp.

It is just as important that each Scout and adult attending summer camp have specific knowledge of these items. Please review these P&P with each camp attendee prior to your unit's arrival at camp. Note that these P&P have been established for the safety of all Scouts and require the full cooperation of all participants. For the safety and enjoyment of all Scouts in camp, anyone unwilling to observe camp rules and policies will be asked to leave. Any questions or comments of these policies and procedures can be addressed before camp by calling the Camping Registrar at 817-231-8537.

The Scout Oath and Law

The Scout Oath and Law are primary rules of individual conduct at Worth Ranch Summer Camp. The camp staff will not assume responsibility for, nor interfere with units unless behavior directly involves the health and safety of persons or the destruction of property, or if the Scout leaders are not present at the time of the problem. The Camp Director and/or Program Director will be notified by staff members of any problem and will then refer the problem back to the unit leader(s). Apparent violation of local, state, or federal laws will be referred to the appropriate authority.

Troop Leadership in Camp

Your unit must provide the appropriate leadership as dictated in The Guide to Safe Scouting: "Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females." All adults (18 years old and older) who will spend time at camp must comply with the Texas Youth Protection law. The most current online YPT certification and a background check on each is required. All adults who will stay at camp must be a registered scouter, listed on the Adult Roster (see later section), complete an Adult Leader Information Form, and provide a character reference.

Youth Protection

Texas and BSA standards for youth protection will be followed. Camp should be a "safe haven" for Scouting youth! See the section at the end on Texas Youth Camp requirements for adults 18 and older. Protection measures for leaders to implement will include:

- The "buddy system" of two or more Scouts who stay together to and from activities.
- One-on-one activities with a youth and adult are not permitted.
- Youth and adults will not share the same tent.
- Youth privacy is to be maintained in shower and dressing areas.
- A troop must have adult leadership at all times during the troop's stay in camp. The person in charge of your troop must be **at least 21 years of age**. There are no exceptions. In addition, it is the policy of Scouts BSA that, "trips and outings may never be led by only one adult. At least two adult leaders, who must be 21 years or older, are required for all trips and outings." Female troops must have at least one female leader 21 years of age or older at all times during the troop's stay in camp.
- Scouting is designed to provide a safe and healthy environment for all youth. Therefore, per BSA policy, **NO INITIATIONS OR HAZING ARE PERMITTED IN CAMP OR IN THE SCOUTING PROGRAM.**

Leaving Camp

Anyone leaving camp must check out with the Camp Director before leaving and check back in upon returning. **Per current COVID restrictions, no participant, youth or adult, will be allowed to return to camp without previous consent of the Camp Director.** A sign-in/sign-out log will be maintained in the office for recording departure and arrivals. It is important that you use this log. Except for special circumstances, troop members should have no reason to leave camp. Scouts leaving camp must be under the supervision of two adult leaders. Scouts will not be allowed to leave camp with someone other than their legal parent or guardian without expressed approval of the Scoutmaster/unit leader. Scoutmasters should be advised not to allow scouts to leave camp with someone other than their legal parent or guardian unless they have received a prior approval from, or verify approval with, the legal parent or guardian. All troops must check out with the Camp Director before leaving camp (see the section on Checking-out).

Prohibited Items

- Alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs
- Tobacco products
- Personal firearms or weapons, including: BB & Pellet guns, rifles, shotguns, handguns, ammunition, bows & arrows
- Sheath knives and axes
- Fireworks
- Pets

We rely on the leaders of each unit to assure that their Scouts and adults do not bring any of the prohibited items to camp.

Automobile Policy

- No person under age 18 may operate a motor vehicle within the boundaries of camp without the permission of the Camp Director.
- The maximum speed of all vehicles on camp roads is 25 M.P.H. In the main camp, the speed limit is 10 M.P.H.
- Seatbelts must be worn at all times.
- No riding outside of a vehicle's enclosed passenger compartment. This means no rides on trunks, hoods, fenders, or the back of open trucks.
- **Private vehicles are NOT permitted in campsites.** For the safety of all campers, all vehicles must be returned to the designated parking lot to park for the week (National Standards of the BSA M26). In addition, driving through camp during the week is not permitted – except with vehicle passes.
- Each unit can get vehicle passes as needed from the Camp Director for medical or physical reasons.

Special Accommodations

If an individual needs any special accommodations for physical or health related reasons, please coordinate with the Camp Director at least two weeks prior to arrival. Be aware that there is no access to electricity in the campsites. **If you must use a CPAP machine, please bring the necessary equipment to run on a battery. There will be places to charge up a battery, however, the camp will not be responsible for the security of the battery while it is charging.**

Off Limits to Scouts

- All fenced off areas
- All program areas during off hours or without staff supervision are off limits to Scouts.
- All camp Staff Living Areas. Camp Staff personnel have designated tent camping areas for their extended time in camp. Please instruct campers that they are not allowed in these areas at ANY time. We need the help of unit leaders in enforcing this policy.

Other Safety Rules

- The camp aquatics policy is Safety Afloat (No. 7368) and Safe Swim Defense (No.7369). We will follow these for all waterfront usage.
- When not in use, all fuel (L.P. gas, etc.) must be kept locked at designated camp storage areas.
- Throwing rocks is strictly forbidden.
- Running is prohibited.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. No open-toed shoes or sandals are allowed except at the pool and in showers. Worth Ranch is a rugged place and some careless past campers have discarded objects that can cause injury.
- Disturbing animals and plants is prohibited except as instructed by the ecology staff. The Outdoor Code should be observed at all times, not just for the safety of the plants and animals, but for the safety of the human as well.
- Collecting fossils and archaeological artifacts is not allowed except as directed by staff as part of a merit badge.
- In accordance to the Outdoor Code, all trash should be placed in the appropriate bins. Please enforce this policy with your scouts and leaders. If trash is found, please pick up and dispose of it in the various trash bins located throughout camp.

Uniform

The uniform is who we are. It puts all of our Scouts on equal footing. Regardless of their home, background, or anything else, we are all Scouts. Pride in the uniform and its history shows in its proper wear. Each day for the dinner meal, and retreat (flag lowering), the camp is expected to be in the complete summer field uniform. At other times a Scouting activity uniform would be appropriate (t-shirt and shorts).

Medical Policy

1. Each Scout attending camp must submit an Annual Health and Medical Record using the most current official BSA form, with Parts A, B, and C completed and dated showing the Medical Record was completed within the past 12 calendar months. This Medical Form is also required for all staff and leaders in attendance. A parent or guardian must attest to the validity of the health history and physical examination for each of those less than 18 years of age.

A very important portion of the Scout's medical is the "Parental Permission" signature block. No Scout will be allowed to remain in camp without a health history that includes a parental signature giving permission to treat in an emergency. Likewise, the immunization history portion must be completed. Health histories and records of required physical examinations for all staff members, leaders, and campers are on file while in attendance. We **strongly recommend** that all physical forms be collected by the troop's leader two weeks prior to camp to ensure that all scouts have a properly completed form.

2. All prescription medication must come to camp in the original bottle from the pharmacy. The label must contain:
 - a. The camper's name
 - b. Date of prescription
 - c. Doctor's name and phone number
 - d. Correct Dosage
3. No handwriting will be allowed on prescription medication bottles.
4. Prescription drugs may be maintained and administered by the unit, but they are to be kept in a secure, locked place and administered by the unit leaders. A bound log of the dispensing of these drugs must be kept; a suitable log book will be provided to the units at check-in and collected at the end of the week of camp. Daily medical supplies for life threatening conditions (such as inhalers, allergy kits, etc.) should be carried by the person needing them.
5. Worth Ranch has a Health Lodge staffed by the Health Director to treat minor accidents and illness. Arrangements for treatment of more serious cases have been made with the local hospital.
6. In the event that a scout or leader is referred to a doctor or the hospital by our resident Health Director:
 - a. A troop adult leader, accompanied by another adult, will provide transportation for the scout to the doctor. The exception to this is when the camp designated emergency transport is utilized or E.M.S. is called.
 - b. If the troop is from a council other than the Longhorn Council, your insurance information must be taken with you.
 - c. The Scout's health record must be taken to the doctor with you. The Health Director will provide this before leaving camp.
 - d. The Council, in the event of any serious illness or injury, will immediately notify the parent(s) or guardian(s). If parents will not be home during the week of camp, they must provide written instructions on who to contact and how.
 - e. The Health Director must clear all cases requiring outside medical care.
7. It's hot out so DRINK WATER! Mandate your scouts carry their canteens or a cup with them at all times. Everyone should know the signs of dehydration and report any observed dehydration to the unit's leader or a staff member immediately.
8. If an individual needs any special accommodations for physical or health related reasons, the Unit Leader must communicate and coordinate those needs with the Camp Director at least **two weeks** prior to arrival.
9. If the process of medical attention that you or your Scouts wish to receive differs from what would be commonly accepted due to your religious beliefs, you must provide a signed letter detailing the appropriate instructions during check-in. This letter will remain on file with the Health Director and shared with the appropriate medical staff.

Smoking

Smoking is not permitted at Worth Ranch. Tobacco products are a prohibited item at all BSA Camps. This includes vaping pens.

Discipline

Unit Leaders are responsible for the conduct of their Scouts. Discipline must be in accordance with applicable rules and policy of the BSA, state and federal laws, and accepted practice. Abuse will not be tolerated. If you need assistance from the camp administration, please ask.

Hazing has no place in Scouting and is not tolerated by the Longhorn Council. Report any suspected hazing issues to the Camp Director. Hazing in the State of Texas is a felony charge for each instance and individual involved.

Homesickness

Scouts are susceptible to homesickness. Adult leaders need to be alert for symptoms. Keep your Scouts engaged in activities at camp and discourage phoning home as it usually worsens the problem. Use the family to encourage a resolution, not make the problem worse. Staff members, the Camp Chaplain or other unit leaders are available for support and encouragement. We strongly discourage Scouts from bringing cell phones or other electronic devices to camp for a variety of reasons including homesickness. Worth Ranch and Longhorn Council is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged cell phones or any other electronic devices that the Scouts bring to camp. Electronic devices are prohibited in program areas and will be collected if used and will not be returned until checkout.

Insurance

For Longhorn Council units, your secondary coverage is provided at no additional charge. Out-of-council units must provide evidence of insurance during check-in.

Liquid Fuel Use and Storage

Adult leaders should supervise any use of liquid fuels in your campsite. In accordance with national policy, the storage of bulk liquid fuels in your campsite is not permitted. If you require storage of bulk liquid fuels (propane tanks), please contact the camp office or the Camp Ranger.

Curfew

Between 11pm and 6am, campers should remain in their assigned campsites. Quiet hours begin at 10:30pm. Please be considerate of your neighbors.

No campsite sharing

For Covid-19 regulations, we allow only one unit per campsite. Participants are not allowed to enter other units' campsites.

Campsite Assignments and Special Considerations

Any special needs a unit may have should be presented to the camp director at least **one week** before camp. The best way to do this would be to email the Camp Director at cderose@sccouting.org. The terrain at Worth Ranch is very rugged and rocky. This may present problems for some with physical limitations or health problems. As a general rule, vehicles are not allowed in campsites and only a few can have special waivers for access. If a unit needs access to a vehicle for emergency use, notify the camp director. **Likewise, none of the campsites have electricity available.** This is sometimes an issue for leaders using respiratory devices for sleeping. This need is best met using a deep cycle marine battery with an inverter. The campsites at Worth Ranch are not all the same size. Campsite assignments are made based on unit size and are not assigned until week before each camp. Any changes in participant numbers between registration and the start of camp should be sent to the camp director as soon as possible so there is time for the adjustment in the number of tents. **Due to COVID restrictions, changes in unit numbers will not be allowed without prior authorization.** Units cannot reserve campsites, but all requests will be taken into account. Due to limited space, we cannot accommodate the desire of many of the leaders to have a separate tent for each adult. While it might sometimes work out, we plan for two adults to occupy each tent except in case of a single female or male in a unit with all other leaders being of the opposite gender. In that case, a separate tent will be provided for the lone leader.

Cots

The camp does not supply cots for the Scouts; however, a limited number are available for rent on a first-come-first served basis at the Trading Post.

Classification of Swimming Ability

Guidelines for Pre-Camp Swim Tests

Units may elect to take swim tests before arrival at camp. The following are the requirements for pre-camp swim tests:

1. Tests must be performed in accordance with BSA Swimming test standards.
2. Tests must be performed by a certified BSA, Red Cross, or YMCA Lifeguard, or Unit leader certified in BSA Swimming and Water Rescue.
3. Swimmer designation must be on an official BSA swim roster found at https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Unit_Swim_Classification_Record_2016.pdf

How to Certify Pre-camp Swim Tests

We can NOT honor pre-camp swim tests if the required paperwork is not completed with the correct information. Please bring the following paperwork to certify your unit's pre-camp swim tests:

1. 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.
2. A photocopy of the certification card of the lifeguard, or certifying adult, who performed the test. Be sure that the copy includes the expiration date of the lifeguard's certification – copy both sides if the card is two-sided.

The Swimmer Test

The swimmer test demonstrates the minimum level of swimming ability required for safe deep-water swimming. The 100 yards must be completed in one swim without stops and must include at least one sharp turn.

1. Jump feet first into water over the head in depth, level off, and begin swimming.
 - a. Swim 75 yards in a strong manner using one or more of the following strokes: sidestroke, breaststroke, trudgen, crawl.
 - b. Then, swim 25 yards using an easy, resting backstroke.
2. After completing the swim, rest by floating.

* The swimming can be done with any stroke, but no underwater swimming is permitted.

The Beginner Test

1. Jump feet-first into water over the head in depth, level off.
2. Swim 25 feet on the surface, stop, turn sharply.
3. Resume swimming as before, and return to starting place.

* The swimming can be done with any stroke, but no underwater swimming is permitted.

Unit Swim Classification Record

This is the individual's swim classification as of this date. Any change in status after this date (i.e., nonswimmer to beginner or beginner to swimmer) would require a reclassification test performed by an approved test administrator. Changes and corrections to the following chart should be initialed and dated by the test administrator.

SPECIAL NOTE: When swim tests are conducted away from camp, the camp aquatics director retains the right to review or retest any or all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

Unit Number _____

Date of Swim Test _____

	Full Name (Print) <small>(Draw lines through blank spaces.)</small>	Medical Recheck	Swim Classification		
			Nonswimmer	Beginner	Swimmer
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8					
9					
10					
11					
12					
13					

NAME OF PERSON CONDUCTING THE TEST:

Print Name

Signature

Qualification

Council/Agency (Red Cross, YMCA, etc.)

Packing for Worth Ranch

Personal Gear List (be sure to label personal gear, clothes, & uniforms)

The following is a list of items recommended for you to bring to camp to be prepared for a week of challenging activities and fun.

Adults

Copy of BSA Youth
Protection Training Card
Copy of BSA Membership
Card

Clothes Gear

Complete Field Uniform
Shorts
- females must wear
shorts that goes to the
knees
Long Pants
Socks
Short Sleeve Shirts
Long Sleeve Shirt
Underwear
Swim Trunks
Sneakers or Lightweight
Boots
Hat
Belt
Sleeping Clothes

Housing

Cot and/or Pad
Sleeping Bag or Blankets
& Pillow

**Foot Locker with lock
(highly recommended to
keep valuables locked
up)**

Toiletry Kit

Washcloth
Towel
Soap & Shampoo
Deodorant
Toothbrush and Paste
Comb
Shower Shoes

Gear

Flashlight
Poncho or Rain Coat
Scout Knife
Batteries
Poncho or Raincoat
Merit Badge Pamphlets
Locking Blade Knife
Pencil, Pen and Notebook
Canteen or Water Bottle

Optional Extras

Ground Sheet (plastic)
Sunscreen (highly
recommended)
Watch
Bandanas
Bug Repellent (non-
aerosol)
Compass
Book of Faith
Boy Scout Handbook
Camera
Pre-Stamped Envelopes
Drinking Cup
Musical Instrument
Repair Kit (needles,
thread, etc.)
Wallet with Money and ID
Dirty Clothes Bag
Sunglasses

Troop Equipment

Troop flag and U.S. Flag
Lanterns/Fuel
Rope
Troop First Aid Kit
Alarm Clock
Patrol Equipment
Troop Records (if needed)
and all required forms

What Not To Bring

WR provides a refuge in the outdoors for everyone in camp. For that reason, we ask your cooperation in leaving items such as radios, televisions, gaming systems, iPods, cell phones, generators, or anything else that could detract others around your campsite from their enjoyment of their week in camp. Please leave radios, video games and other electronics at home.

Additionally for the safety of all participants, sheath knives, firearms, fireworks, alcohol, and drugs are not permitted on the camp property. Please consult the Guide to Safe Scouting for more information.

Merit Badge Extras

If you are taking Lifesaving MB, and BSA lifeguard, a long sleeve shirt, full-length pants and low quarter shoes are required. Cotton clothing is best. The clothes flotation requirement has been removed from the swimming MB, so these things are no longer required for Swimming.

Camping MB requires you bring specific items to camp. Please read the requirements before you leave for camp to make sure you will be prepared. Other Merit Badges, especially the Handicraft and Shooting Sports require supplies that can be purchased at the Trading Post. Consult your MB pamphlets to see what other supplies you may need.

Checking-in at Worth Ranch

Flash Update: these policies will likely be revised as CDC COVID-19 rules for 2021 camps are published.

Now that you're here, what happens next? In order to minimize the time waiting to process in to camp, there are several things that you can do prior to reporting to the camp office to formally check-in to camp.

Sunday Schedule

1:00 pm – 3 :00 pm	Unit is met by a staff “Troop Guide” assigned to Unit to begin check-in Troop escorted to campsite by Troop Guide (unload equipment, don't set up) Unit leader visit the Health Director for medical form recheck and identify any special health concerns. Meet with Camp Director to review/finalize YPT records and payment status Troop visits Aquatics area for water safety procedures and swim checks (submit pre-camp swim check forms or take swim test)
	Troop visits the Dining Hall Director for the meal time orientation Go on tour of camp led by Troop Guide
	Return to your site and set up camp
6:30 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Scoutmaster's Meeting at the Camp Office
8:30 pm	Staff Introductions and Flag Lowering at Jack Boyd Flagpole
9:00 pm	Opening campfire shift one hosted by the camp staff
10:30 pm	Taps (all campers quiet)

What to bring to Check-in

Check-in will begin at 1:00 pm on Sunday at the Camp Office and will continue until 3:00 pm. There is no early check-in. If it is not possible for your unit to check-in during this time period, please contact the Camp Director at least a week before arrival. The unit leader should have the following items:

1. Completed physical examination forms for all Scouts and adults.
2. Two copies of the camp roster (Four if you have a group on BRCT also) (page 31)
3. One copy of the Camp Adult Information Form for each adult attending camp. (page 32)
4. Certificate of insurance and claim information if outside Longhorn Council

5. Texas Adult Roster (page 29), BSA Membership Care and Texas Youth Protection Cards for anyone 18 years and older.
6. A check for any outstanding camper fees.

If these items have been checked and organized prior to check-in, the process will be greatly facilitated and can be accomplished promptly. A staff member will meet with leaders of a troop upon its arrival - the staff will get to know the troop members and prepare them to go to their campsites. One adult leader must check in and register with the Camp or Program Directors on arrival.

After check-in and registration troops will be escorted to their campsite. You can unload the equipment, but please do not set up camp yet. If you have completed swim checks prior to arrival, please take your forms to the swimming pool and give them to the Aquatics Director. **Anyone needing a swim check should change into swimsuits, put on shoes, and grab a towel.** Have the adults bring along the camp physicals for the medical check.

Your troop guide will take your unit on a camp tour. Along the tour you will meet with the Dining Hall Director for the mealtime orientation, the Health Director for medical checks and to take up all medications, and with the Aquatics Director for water safety procedures and swim checks. NOTE: The only medical form that is acceptable is the Annual Health and Medical Record, No. 34605, with Parts A, B, and C completed within the past 12 calendar months. You will also be shown the campfire arena, the Chapel, the Trading Post and any other area that might be of interest. Your troop guide should be able to answer most of your questions and direct your scouts to where each of their badges is taught. After completing the tour, you can return to your site and set up camp. The Trading Post will be open following dinner.

You will also have an opportunity to ask questions at the 7:30 pm Scoutmaster meeting in the Camp Office following dinner on Sunday evening. The agenda will include an overview of the week's programs as well as special announcements concerning the camp, its policies, procedures, and alarms. **One adult leader from each unit must attend.** The meeting room is not large, so please do not send more than one leader unless absolutely necessary.

An introduction of Key Staff will be a part of the Flag Lowering Ceremony at 8:30 pm.

Campfire Shifts

Due to Covid-19 regulations, we have decided to host opening and closing campfire into two-night shifts. Opening campfire: Shift one Sunday 9:00pm & Shift two Monday 9:00pm. Closing campfire: Shift one Thursday night 9:00pm & Friday night 9:00pm. Units will be assigned shift upon entering camp, please attend your assigned campfire shift to allow social distancing amongst participants at the council ring.

Merit Badge Reports

Merit badge progress reports will be done electronically, the leaders will have a QR code that will give them access to all their scouts merit badge progress. No blue cards will be printed at camp. Leaders can pull up the blue cards and print when they return home.

Any questions with the merit badge reports can be directed to the office manager or the program director. You can also speak with the merit badge counselor about progress during their off periods or before/after class.

Living your week at Worth Ranch

Flag Ceremonies

Flag ceremonies will occur prior to breakfast and dinner. Staff will serve as the color guard Sunday evening and Monday morning. Troop Senior Patrol Leaders will have the opportunity to sign up for one of the week's ceremonies at their daily meetings which happen daily after lunch at the rock in front of Duncan Dining Hall. Field uniform is required for evening flag ceremonies and for the color guard of each unit, breakfast and dinner.

Dining Hall/Meals

Enjoy our air-conditioned Duncan Dining Hall with great meals and fun songs. This is where camp truly comes together. Please be sure your scouts stay in the dining hall until dismissed from meal time. Important information is shared right before dismissal and, when the scouts leave early, they may miss vital information that can impact their summer camp experience.

Dining hall will be open for breakfast and dinner, while lunch this year will be prepped as to-go in a clamshell and will be eaten outside the dining hall to allow our staff time to sanitize the dining hall between meals.

Religious Services

Troops are invited to attend an interfaith chapel service on Wednesday morning at 8:00 a.m. Unit Chaplains and others are encouraged to participate and volunteer through the Program Director.

Trading Post

The Trading Post is a well-stocked store that has supplies for merit badges, uniform parts, camp and Scouting-themed clothing, as well as drinks and snack foods. Handicraft items, camp mementos, supplies and treats are available at the Trading Post. As a guideline, the average spent at the Trading Post last year was around \$50.00. Hours are posted outside of the Trading Post doors.

Order of the Arrow

An Order of the Arrow Call Out ceremony will occur on Thursday night for all units. A properly conducted unit election should be scheduled through your Order of the Arrow Chapter and be held before you come to camp. Elections cannot be scheduled or conducted at camp. Troops from councils other than Longhorn Council will be required to have a letter indicating permission to be called out at Worth Ranch. OA Day will be on Thursday, so be sure to wear your sash. An Order of the Arrow meeting will occur after lunch on Thursday. If you have anyone needing to be called out at camp, a representative from the unit must attend this meeting and notify the OA Camp Chief.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items will be placed in boxes at the Camp Office, Roeser Hall, Duncan Dining Hall, and the Collier Building. The boxes will be available all week and at check-out Saturday. Valuable items (wallets, money, jewelry, phones, etc.) or knives will be turned in to and secured by the Camp Director. Please visit the Camp Director if you have lost these items. Encourage all Scouts to mark possessions with their name and troop number. All unclaimed items at the end of summer camp will be brought to the Longhorn Council office.

Taps/Lights Out

Taps will be at 10:30 pm. All campers are expected to be in their campsites by that time. Properly supervised unit activities such as night hikes, astronomy, etc. constitute an exception. Remember that sound carries at night and respect your neighbors' privacy. Visiting the campsites of other Troops is commendable and encouraged, but please respect their wishes for quiet after Taps.

Typical Daily Schedule

Time Schedule

6:30 am	Reveille
7:00 am	Flag Raising
7:10 am	Breakfast
8:00 am	Chapel Service (Wednesday Only)
8:30 am	Adult Leaders' Meeting in Camp Office
8:30-12:00 am	Merit Badge Sessions in Program Areas
12:15 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	SPL Meeting Rock in front of Duncan
1:30-5:00 pm	Merit Badge Sessions in Program Areas
6:15 pm	Flag Lowering
6:30 pm	Dinner
7:30 pm	Evening Program (See details below)
10:30 pm	Taps (Lights Out and all campers quiet)

Schedule Details

Adult Leaders Meetings

Adult Leaders meet each morning at 8:30 am in the Camp Office to address any questions or concerns that come up throughout the week. Please be sure to have an adult representative from your troop present.

Senior Patrol Leaders Meetings

Senior Patrol Leaders meet every afternoon at 1:00 pm, immediately after lunch, at the rock in front of Duncan Dining Hall. They are encouraged to bring up any camp questions or concerns, volunteer for flag ceremonies, say grace at meals, or sign up for activities.

Kyle Mountain Sunrise Club

Become a member of the exclusive Kyle Mountain Sunrise Club! This Troop program combines the adventure of hiking, campfire, and Scouting lore at its best! Spend the night under the stars and get a Kyle Mountain Sunrise Club Certificate which will be emailed to your summer camp registered leader. Sunrise Club patches are available at the Trading Post for purchase.

Luau Dinner

A new addition to our dinner schedule is our Luau dinner on Friday. Scouts and adults are invited to wear their favorite tropical shirt or their most colorful, scout appropriate shirt to dinner. Leis and grass skirts (with scout shorts or pants underneath) are welcomed as well. Closed toed shoes are still mandatory footwear.

Evening Program Guide

Sunday

Opening Campfire Shift 1

Monday

Opening Campfire Shift 2

Frontier Night Shift 1:

(including branding) and Games/

Troop Night (Shift 1)

Scoutmaster Shoot shift 1

Evening MBs

Tuesday

3rd Year Canoe trip

1st Year Camper Ceremony (all shifts)

Evening MBs

Scoutmaster Shoot shift 2

Wednesday

Troop night (all shifts)

Open evening programs: pool, shooting sports, boat docks, climbing, tubing

Evening MBs

Thursday

Frontier Night Shift 2:

(including branding) and Games/

Troop Night (Shift 2)

OA Callout

Closing Campfire Shift 1

Friday

Closing Campfire Shift 2

All activities will start at 7:30 pm unless otherwise stated.

Third Year Canoe Trip

Scouts who have attended at least 2 summer camps may join senior staff for a special Tuesday night canoe trip to Seven Rocks - one of the most scenic spots on the Brazos River. Dinner will be a cookout by the river!

First Year Camper Ceremony

Scouts attending their first year at Worth Ranch are invited to a special campfire Tuesday evening to celebrate the history of Worth Ranch which will include historical accounts, songs, and a private branding ceremony.

Scoutmaster Shoot

Come and join other Scoutmasters and Leaders at the original "Worth Ranch Scoutmaster Shoot." This will be part of the Monday (shift one) and Tuesday (shift two) evening Adult Leader program and will be held at 7:30 pm at the rifle and shotgun range. The winner of this program event will be recognized as the "Top Gun" during the week with appropriate recognition from the staff. Experience the excitement of shooting different models of shotguns under the direction of Dennis Johnson, the Chairman of the Longhorn Council Shooting Sports Committee.

Services Provided at Worth Ranch

Our job at Worth Ranch is to support your summer camp program. We do this with staff, facilities, and program. Here are the details of some of the “other” magic that makes your week at camp a success.

Camp Mail

Scouts always love to get mail from home. Please have parents drop the letter in the mail by Tuesday – this ensures that all mail is delivered before you go home. Mail is delivered to your campsite mailbox in the Camp Office so stop in and check it! Stamps and postcards are also available for purchase from the Trading Post. The mailing address is:

Scout's Name, Troop #
Dates at Camp
Worth Ranch Boy Scout Camp
PO Box 27
Palo Pinto, TX 76484

Camp Telephones

The camp's business telephones are for official camp business only. Scouts must have permission of the unit leader to use the phone. Worth Ranch has limited cell phone coverage (it's pretty good on the parade ground but not so good in the camp sites), however, if you get a signal, please use your phone with consideration to others. We recommend that you highly discourage your Scouts from bringing a cell phone. If there is an emergency requiring assistance, please contact the nearest Camp Staff member. If, in your judgment, time is of the essence, make the 911 call; however, alert the camp office as well so we can direct the emergency response to your location. Data calls from any camp telephone line by Scouts, Leaders, or Camp Staff are expressly forbidden. The camp office phone number is 940-659-2195. Any phone messages for your unit will be left in your mailbox in the Camp Office so please check your mailbox regularly.

Camp Office

The Camp Office has a large meeting room for your use during the day. You will also find campsite mailboxes, snacks, coffee pots, beverage cooler, and air conditioning, as well as the offices of the Camp Director, Program Director, and Business Manager. Feel free to drop in and visit!

Wireless Capability

Wireless capability is available for Scoutmaster use while at camp. This capability is available at the Scoutmaster Lounge located at the Office Building, at Duncan Hall, and at Roeser Hall. If this service fails, Mineral Wells WiFi is the closest available wireless service. The password will be provided to leaders. We ask that you not share the password with your scouts. We have limited bandwidth. The number of scouts and their tendency to use data-intensive services would significantly limit the usefulness of the Wi-Fi capability.

Garbage

The maintenance staff will pick your trash up daily by the road next to the campsite. Please review the Check-Out section for additional instructions.

Showers

The shower facilities are available 24 hours a day. Discourage your campers from taking any money or valuables to the pool and showers. **SECURE LOCKERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE.**

Please remind your scouts the adult/staff showers are NOT for their use.

Camp Commissioner

Your Camp Commissioner is here to assist you with any questions or concerns you have during the week. You may see them in your campsite or around camp. Feel free to visit with them and all any compliments or issues you may have during your visit with us.

The Hammer Patrol

(First Year Scout Program)

A new Scout's first summer camp experience is a great indicator of how long he will stay in Scouting. If they have a great experience, they are much more likely to stay in Scouting and in your troop for a long time to come! Hammer Patrol is our First Year Camper program. It is a half day program and is designed for youth new to the Scouting outdoor program. The Patrol Method is at the heart of our Hammer Patrol program and is used to prepare young Scouts to be an integral part of their own troop's program. It is designed as a "hands-on" experience for Scouts so that they can begin to master their outdoor skills.

Hammer Patrol Program

Hammer Patrol is intended to supplement the Troop's skills development training and give young Scouts an introduction to Scouting's exciting outdoor program. It is not intended to make Scouts First Class Scouts during one week of camp. The activities planned for the program are based on the Tenderfoot through First Class requirements. The program is designed to be fun and exciting while meeting personal achievements.

Registration

Register for *either* the morning or afternoon session of the Hammer Patrol Program. It is recommended that during the alternate block Scouts sign up for Swimming Merit Badge and one other badge.

Pod System

Hammer Patrol will be using the same Pod system as the merit badges offered at Worth Ranch.

Conferences

Throughout the week, a unit leader should have conferences with each Scout and meet with the Hammer Patrol Director to get input on how the Scout is doing and what additional support may be needed.

Advancement Records

The Hammer Patrol staff will report the Scout's advancement requirement for the activities that have been covered. The camp staff will not sign a Scout's Handbook. Testing and signing off in the Scout's Handbook is a function that is reserved for the troop leadership.

Overnighter

The first year program will also go on an overnighter on Wednesday night (subject to change pursuant to weather). It is a great opportunity for the younger Scouts to try out their skills and get away for a night.

Hammer patrol Equipment Check List

These are the things that Hammer Patrol participants will need to bring:

Every Day Items

Water Bottle (Required for program)
Pencil and Notepad
Scout Handbook
Proper Socks and Shoes
Flashlight

Medications

Arrangements must be made with the Hammer Patrol Director for any medication that must be administered by an adult.

Overnighter Items

Small Tarp or Backpacking tent (every 2 scouts)
Water Bottle

Backpack
Ground cloth or pad
Sleeping Bag
Proper socks and shoes
Homemade first aid kit
Toiled paper
Extra shirt

What Not To Bring

While it is important that everything on this list be brought, it is equally important that scouts are not burdened with extras that cause distraction and or burden. For example: portable radios or a king size

Checking-out of Camp

You will be free to leave camp after completing the steps below. If you must leave camp before Saturday morning, please notify the Camp Director as early as possible. Check out is to be completed between 8:15 am and 10:00 am on Saturday.

- Pick up your troop's medical forms, swim test forms, and advancement information Friday night after the campfire. This will be covered in a scoutmaster meeting.
- Be sure your campsite and latrine are clean before you leave. Your Troop Guide will meet with you for a campsite inspection. You can only check out after your troop has passed the inspection.
- Check out with the Camp Director at the Camp Office. At this time turn in any camp evaluations and pick up your camp patches.
- Make your reservation for the next camping season if you have not already done so.
- Call roll and make a check to see that all youth are accounted for before you leave. Do not leave until all of your youths' transportation has arrived. CHECK OUT MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE 10:30 a.m.

Deciding on Next Year's Summer Camp/High Adventure

Worth Ranch Summer Camp

Sometimes we get the idea that a boy gets too old for the traditional summer camp program. In my many years of bringing scouts to camp, I have found that the older Scouts still enjoy a week at Worth Ranch. There are always some merit badges they haven't done, and there are the possibilities for the Worth Ranch Scout Award or other activities to fill their time as well as the third-year canoe trip.

Brazos River Canoe Trip

Troops camping at Worth Ranch may send a patrol to the Brazos River Canoe Trip - a High Adventure 50-mile canoe camping trip! You'll spend your week of summer camp on the river, earn the 50 Miler award, and test your canoeing, camping, and fishing skills! We'll do 3 miles of hiking and 47 miles on the scenic Brazos. Any unit may send a crew on the Brazos River Canoe Trip. We recommend a crew size of 6 to 20 canoeists.

Note: BRCT participants must be registered with a separate High Adventure Reservation.

Aquatics School

A week-long intensive program teaching Scouts how to teach, plan, and run unit aquatics activities and certifying youth as BSA Lifeguards. Open to Scouts 13 and older.

Established in 1954, [Aquatic School is the Longhorn Council's oldest week-long leadership program](#) for Scouts ages 13-17. Scouts learn the Four Goals of Aquatic School while participating in Swimming, Lifesaving, Rowing, and Canoeing merit badges. The Four Goals are: 1) Leadership Development, 2) Skill Proficiency, 3) Instructor Training, and 4) Time Management. Scouts develop and cultivate these skills throughout the course of the week. Scouts will not only learn these merit badges, but learn how to teach them as well! Using the patrol method, your Scouts will be divided into "Ships" & "Watches" to learn the skills necessary to be better leaders and aquatic resources for your unit.

Inscribed on the paddles in the dining halls of Worth Ranch and Sid Richardson are the names of the Scouts who attended past Aquatic Schools. You may recognize many of these names as leaders in your unit, summer camp staff, and other areas of Scouting. This unique, challenging, and rewarding course has been the training ground for over five decades of Longhorn Council leaders.

Book Next Summer's Reservation

Please pay any outstanding charges incurred during the week at this time. If you have not dropped off your [2022 reservation form](#) and deposit, do it now to be prepared for next summer or access the information online.

Worth Ranch Awards Wrangler Award

DO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- ____ 1. Demonstrate continuous Scout spirit during the week. ____ 2. Planned Troop and Patrol programs are posted in Troop site and/or Patrol site.
- ____ 3. The Scout Fireguard Plan is reviewed by troops, posted, and fire protection is able at each campsite.
- ____ 4. Troop site is neat, clean, and free from unnecessary hazards.
- ____ 5. Fly the United States flag properly in the campsite when the Troop is in camp; fly the Troop's flag if available.
- ____ 6. Follow all the camps procedures and policies.
- ____ 7. Select and perform a worthwhile Good turn or conservation project of camp wide importance approved by Program Dir. Each Scout must complete a minimum of two hours. ____ 8. Conduct Troop or inter-troop campfire.



THE TROOP IS TO COMPLETE 7 OF THE FOLLOWING 10 PROJECTS:

- ____ 1. Troop designs and erects a gateway or entrance into their campsite.
- ____ 2. Have a majority of troop members who need swimming advancement advance their swimming classification
- ____ 3. Average no less than 85% on formal campsite inspections conducted by the Camp Comm.
- ____ 4. One adult must be coached in a Troop Safe Swim. Must complete SSD and Safety Afloat.
- ____ 5. Scoutmaster of the troop or other registered adult leader spends the entire week at camp and gives continuing support to youth leading Troop activities and advancement.
- ____ 6. Patrol Leaders Council plans Troop program through daily meetings, with help from camp staff as needed. Camp staff must attend one of these P.L.C.s.
- ____ 7. Participate in ALL formal evening and camp wide activities. A few examples are Campfires and camp wide games.
- ____ 8. Develop Troop program to include the use of three of the following: Archery Range, Rifle Range, climbing gardens, Indian Village, Fishing, Boat Docks, Backpacking, Camping, Pool, or Cooking. Camp wide troop night may only count for **one** of these.
- ____ 9. Conduct a youth-run Flag raising ceremony for the camp.
- ____ 10. At least one adult participates in Adult Leader Training sessions. This may not include Safe Swim defense and Safety Afloat.

EACH PATROL IS TO COMPLETE 7 OF THE FOLLOWING 9 PROJECTS:

- ____ 1. Develop and produce a skit and song for Troop, Inter-troop, or camp wide campfire.
- ____ 2. Have and use a patrol flag throughout the week.
- ____ 3. Take a purposeful hike (nature, compass, follow-the-stream, etc.)
- ____ 4. Construct an approved pioneering project (bridge, table, gateway, etc.) Must be approved by pioneering instructor.
- ____ 5. All Patrol members wear the Field uniform daily for retreat ceremony, supper, and evening events, when appropriate.
- ____ 6. Complete some rank advancement for all scout, tenderfoot, and second-class scouts in the patrol.
- ____ 7. All Patrol members meet the requirements for the "WR Sunrise Club." ____ 8. All patrol members visit the Worth Ranch Museum.
- ____ 9. All Patrol members attend at least one chapel service. (Patrol, Troop, inter-troop, or camp wide) We certify that Troop ____ has qualified for the Wrangler Award, this date: _____

SPL _____

SM

Program Dir. _____

Joe Taylor Ecology Award

Prerequisites:

- 1) Scout must be 14 years old or attending their 3rd summer of camp.
- 2) Scout must be at least Star Rank.
- 3) Scout must have the approval of their Scoutmaster.
- 4) Scout must have approval of the Program Director.

****ALL REQUIREMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY AT 1:00****

Requirements:

- 1) Complete 20 hours of conservation work at Worth Ranch approved by Camp Conservation Director.
- 2) (a) Prepare a short-term (1 to 3 years) conservation goal list for Worth Ranch.
(b) Include a timeline for the completion projects.
(c) Place all of your projects in order of completion priority and detailed reason as to why you placed them in that order.
- 3) (a) Prepare a long-term (5 to 10 years) conservation goal list for Worth Ranch.
(b) Include a timeline for the completion projects.
(c) Place all of your projects in order of completion priority and detailed reason as to why you placed them in that order.
- 4) (a) Choose a project from requirement 2 and prepare a detailed outline to complete the project.
(b) Be sure to include a detailed list of ALL equipment that will be needed to complete the project.
(c) Include a detailed list of ALL materials that will be needed for the project.
- 5) In addition to the 20 hours of conservation work, supervise 4 hours of troop conservation projects. The Troop projects must be approved by the Camp Conservation Director.
- 6) (a) Spend 4 hours observing an area of camp.
(b) Log your observation time in a journal.
(c) Write a 500 word essay on your experience.
(d) In essay be sure to include any interactions with animals you witnessed.
(e) In essay be sure to include descriptions of how humans have influenced the environment and terrain in the area you are observing.
- 7) (a) Give a 15 to 20-minute presentation to your troop on the importance of low-impact camping.
(b) Provide examples and demonstrate techniques of low-impact camping
(c) Be sure to include examples of high impact camping and describe why they are bad for the environment.

Name: _____ Troop: _____ Date Completed: _____

Conservation Dir. _____ Program Dir. _____

Worth Ranch Scout Award

Eligibility:

- Be at least third session of long-term camp.
- Be star rank or higher
- Approval of Scoutmaster and Program Dir.



Complete ALL of the following:

- Swimming:** Demonstrate the following strokes in good form for 25 yards: Elementary Backstroke, Back Crawl, Breaststroke, American Crawl, Trudgen. 50 yards on each side for sidestroke. **Lifesaving:** Show in good forms the reach throw and go water rescues. 2 positions of reach with two different objects; throw a rope accurately 3 times in 60 seconds and demonstrate throwing a ring buoy; Go w/equipment on all three types of victims and without equipment on the three types of victims.
- Canoeing:** By yourself, properly launch and paddle a canoe over a designated course showing basic canoe strokes: complete solo canoe test for requirements.
- Rowing:** Properly row a rowboat over a designated course showing pivots, sculling, backwater, and rowing a straight line.
- Rifle and/or Shotgun:** Clean rifle, run range for three rounds, know and explain safety rules, shoot 2 qualifying targets with 5 shots or shoot 13 out of 25 target rounds (shotgun).
- Archery:** Demonstrate an understanding of range safety procedures and shoot at least two qualifying targets at long range.
- Pioneering:** Properly tie and identify 10 knots and the square, diagonal, and sheer lashings. Use lashing to make a camp gadget.
- Nature:** Identify (in the field) 15 species of wild plants and 10 animals by common name. This should include trees and edible plants.
- Astronomy:** Identify in the sky at least 5 constellations w/scientific name and assist in one astronomy observation.
- First Aid:** Earn First Aid Merit Badge. If already have it, review the following First Aid skill with the camp health officer: all first aid req. for tenderfoot, 2nd class, and 1st class; Explain how you would obtain emergency medical assistance from your home, on a wilderness camping trip, and during an activity on open water; explain signs and actions for heart attack, stroke, hypothermia, convulsions, frostbite, bruises, strains, sprains, burns, abdominal pain, chipped tooth, knocked-out tooth, bee stings, life threatening stings, severe lacerations on arm, leg, and wrist, broken bones, fractures; explain justification and dangers of tourniquet; Describe signs and procedure for dealing with compound fractures of the forearm, wrist, upper leg, and lower leg use improvised materials; Describe complications and symptoms and demonstrate proper procedure for treating suspected injuries to the neck, back, and head; explain what measure can be taken to reduce the possibility of further complicating above injuries; with help improvise stretcher and move presumably unconscious person.
- Climbing:** Properly identify and explore what a figure 8, carabiner, and ATV are. Demonstrate proper belaying of 3 different people. Explain safety rules and purpose of the safety rules in climbing gardens or climbing environment.
- Instruction:** Aid in the instruction of one merit badge for at least an hour per day during the week. See the Program Director for Merit Badge class assignment.

Note: A scout is not expected to know all of these skills when they arrive at camp. It is hoped that during the course of the week, along with the aid of the staff and their troop leaders, that the scout will accomplish these tasks. This award should not take away from the Scout's responsibility in their unit.

Name: _____	Troop: _____	Phone: _____
Address: _____	City, State: _____	Zip: _____
Aquatics Dir. _____	Pool Man. _____	BD. Man. _____
Shoot Sports Dir. _____	Archery Man. _____	NECO Dir. _____
Scoutcraft Dir. _____	Climbing Dir. _____	Health off. _____
Program Dir. _____	Counselor of class _____	S.M. _____

Worth Ranch Leader's Award

Eligibility:



- 2nd Long term camp session
- Must attend entire week of camp
- Approval of SPL
- Approval of Camp Director and Program Director

Complete ALL of the following:

- Pool:** Complete Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and participate and/or encourage Mile Swim.
- Boat Docks:** Plan a detailed river front activity to be completed after camp or during camp. (Attach copy)
- Rifle/Shotgun:** Participate in Scoutmaster shoot. Explain the purpose of the safety rules of the range.
- Archery:** Donate one free shoot session to serve as a range guard.
- Scoutcraft:** Assist all 1st year Scouts in your troop with the learning of five new knots and square, diagonal, sheer lashings. Use youth leadership in troop as well.
- Nature:** Plan and follow through a 6-hour conservation project, to be approved by camp conservation Director.
- Astronomy:** Assist in one nighttime observation.
- Homer Charlies:** Participate in the Homer Charlie game as a player or supporter.
- Dining Hall:** Serve 4 meals (one of which has to be Thursday night Parents Night). Sign up for meals with the Dining Hall Director. Assist one full afternoon with the cleaning of the dining hall.
- Climbing:** Complete Climb on Safely.
- Troop Leadership:** Serve as an ex-officio at all P.L.C.s.
- Scoutmaster meetings:** Must attend at least 3 meetings.

Note: Any Scouter trying for the Worth Ranch Leader's Award, must remember their troop is youth run. All of the above activities must be completed (unless medical condition prevents it), and the staff is readily available to help with completion of any of these tasks.

Name: _____ Troop: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City, State: _____ Zip: _____

Aquatics Dir. _____ Pool Manager _____ B.D. Manager _____

Shoot Sports Dir. _____ Archery Manager _____ NECO Dir. _____

Scoutcraft Dir. _____ Climbing Dir. _____ Health Off. _____

Program Dir. _____ Counselor of class _____ SPL _____

Captain Kidd Conservation Patch

Scouts who complete a certain number of hours on conservation work at Camp earn the Captain Kidd Patch. The Captain Kid patches are worn 2 inches above the right uniform pocket. Only one patch may be worn on the uniform at one time.

Frank 'Captain' Kidd, ranger at Worth Ranch for 21 years, came up with the idea of Scouts doing conservation work at camp. He would often recruit idle Scouts and set them to work on clearing brush and brambles or making retaining walls or other such helpful endeavors. After a number of years, it was decided to formalize this activity and give added encouragement to participate by creating a patch. The Council Camping Committee met at Camp to decide what to call this patch/activity. Many ideas were considered, but a consensus was not reached. Unbeknown to the committee, a group of would-be workers had assembled outside of the office waiting for their work assignment from Captain Kidd. An impatient staff member interrupted the committee meeting by announcing "Captain, your crew is out here!" Ever since, the patch has been known as the "Crewman" patch. After several years, most campers had earned the black bordered 'Crewman' patch so the 'Yeoman', 'Mate' and 'Skipper' patches were created with the different colored borders as described below. These patches signify that a Scout has done extra service at WR for the benefit of others.

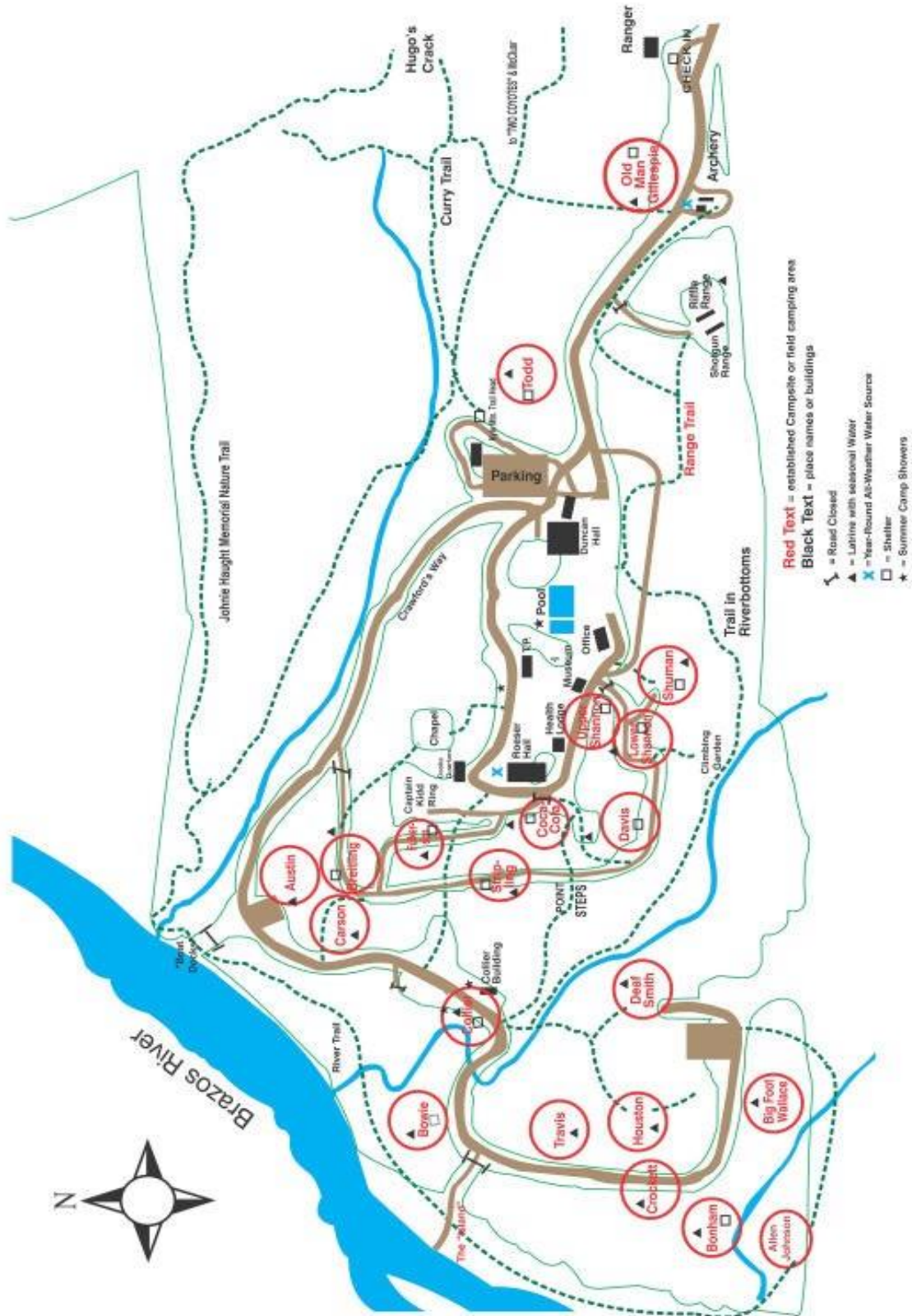
The patches are shown below and the requirements are as follows:

- *Crewman – black bordered patch -- requires 6 hours of conservation work
- *Yeoman – green bordered patch -- requires 12 hours of conservation work
- *Mate – red bordered patch -- requires 18 hours of conservation work
- *Skipper – gold bordered patch -- requires 24 hours of conservation work

Make arrangements with Worth Ranch Camp Ranger to sign up for Conservation Projects. During summer camp see the NECO Director. The Unit Leader may collect the patches from the Worth Ranch Ranger or, when at summer camp, the Program Director.



Worth Ranch Map



CAMP MENU

Sunday:

Breakfast

N/A

Lunch

N/A

Dinner

Chicken Fried Steak
Mashed Potatoes
Green beans
Roll
Salad Bar
Carrots
Strawberry Shortcake

Monday:

Breakfast

Pancakes
Sausage
Fruit
Oatmeal
Cereal

Lunch

Chicken Tenders
Mac & Cheese
Green Beans

Brownie

Dinner

Beef Stroganov
Pasta
Salad Bar
Broccoli
Strawberry Shortcake

Tuesday:

Breakfast

Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Biscuits
Cereal
Sausage Gravy

Lunch

Chicken Sandwiches
chips
Grapes
Jello Cups

Dinner

Soft Shell Tacos
refried beans
Spanish Rice
Churros

Wednesday:

Breakfast

French Toast
Sausage
Oatmeal
Cereal

Lunch

Meatball Subs
Chips
cookies
Fruit

Dinner

Tangerine Chicken
Asian Rice
Egg Roll
Cake

Thursday:

Breakfast

Breakfast Buritto
Cereal
Fruit

Lunch

Cold Cuts
Chips
Fruit

Dinner

Lasagna
breadsticks
Cake

Friday:

Breakfast

English Muffin
Egg Pattie
Sausage
Hash Browns

Lunch

Hamburgers
Potato Salad
Tater tots
Cookies
Fruit

Dinner

Huli huli Chicken
Grilled potatoes
Pineapple
Grilled veggies
Pineapple upside down cake

Saturday:

Breakfast

Muffins
Cereal

We have alternative menu options for vegetarians, Gluten Free, Pork Free and other options when requested through the Special Needs Request form found on page 36.

LONGHORN COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
REQUEST FOR PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS ASSISTANCE
******INCLUDES SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS******

SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST

Please Print or Type

Unit Number: _____ PACK TROOP CREW District: _____
(Circle one of the above)

WR Summer camp Date: _____

Unit Leader Making Request: _____ Phone #: _____

Request Made For (Name of Person): _____

Physical Arrangements: _____ Dietary Needs: _____

Please detail the specific needs below: We will make every attempt to meet your dietary needs.
Camp menu can be provided upon request.

For Camp Staff:

File Date: _____ Copy of Reservation by: _____

Copy to Dining Hall Coordinator on _____

Chris DeRose Camp Director
850 Cannon Drive, Hurst TX 76054 or email cderose@scouting.org

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can we do our Swim Tests before camp?

A: Yes. See the page on Pre-Camp Swim Tests for all information you need to do this. Please be sure to record the swimmer designation information is on a BSA Unit Swim Classification Record form on page 17

Q: Do Adults attending Camp need to go to a website and pay for a background check?

A: No.

Q: What Does the Texas Youth Camp Act Require of adults attending camp?

A: The Texas Youth Camp Law is NOT very complicated. Here is what ALL parents, adults, staff who are staying at camp for even part of one day need to turn in to the Camp Director:

1. Summer Camp Adult Roster Spreadsheet Form. MUST be turned in BEFORE arrival at camp
2. Photo copy of BSA membership card or Character Reference form letter for Adults-Parents
3. Adult Info Form. It asks your address and 2 questions - that's ALL you need for this!
4. Photocopy of BSA Youth Protection Training Card. YPT cards must be valid and the most current training available.
5. All adults need to be registered with the BSA.

Q: What Youth Protection Card is REQUIRED for all adults in camp?

A: The State of Texas requires staff and adult volunteers (18+) attending licensed youth camps in Texas to complete a State-approved Youth Protection Training (YPT). BSA's most current online YPT course now meets the state requirements for Texas camps 2020.

Q: Does the camp provide cots?

A: No. However, you can rent them for \$10.00 per week through the Trading Post. Supplies are limited though.

Q: Do we need to bring tents?

A: This question actually has two answers depending on what you are doing at camp.

*No, if you are staying at the main summer camp. There are wall tents on wooden or concrete platforms in the main summer camp which is why cots are recommended during your stay. *Yes, if you are participating in the Brazos River Canoe Trip.

Q: How much money do you recommend each scout bring to camp?

A: Up to \$50. The Trading Post will be open with many new items. Be mindful how many merit badge kits your scout may need to purchase and plan accordingly. Basketry, Woodcarving, and Leatherworking are all merit badges that require kits that can cost up to \$20 each.

Q: Is there a leader's meeting before we come out to camp?

A: Yes!

1. On the Wednesday evening prior to your week at camp there will be a leaders meeting at the Longhorn Council Hurst office for Worth Ranch. Office address is 850 W. Cannon, Hurst, TX 76054.
2. The pre-camp meeting will start at 6:30 pm.
3. We will discuss basic information, changes that you need to be aware of, and answer any questions you might have. Also, there will be an opportunity for pre-checks of your scouts' medical forms, which can identify potential issues and save time at check-in.

4. Be sure to check with us if your unit is located outside our council or must drive great distances and cannot be represented. Special arrangements will be made to cover the information.

Q: One of my leaders will be leaving in the middle of the week and be replaced by another leader. Will that cause a problem?

A: Not necessarily.

National policy requires two-deep leadership at all times. If one leader is going to leave he/she must wait until the other leader arrives to conform to national policy. If you have three or more leaders and one is going to leave, waiting for a replacement is not a problem. ALL adults in camp must give the Camp Director a photocopy of their 2020 BSA Youth Protection Course Card and comply with all requirements for the Texas Youth Camp Law for 2020. When leaving or arriving, be sure your adult leaders sign in or out through the office log book.

Q: I am requesting a specific campsite - will I get it?

A: Not necessarily. Campsites are assigned for each week a few days prior to arrival. We determine who gets a campsite by troop size and campsite capacity, and any special circumstances that require giving a particular campsite to a particular unit.

Q: I have several youth that want to bring their own bikes. Can they?

A: Yes! However, they must also follow BSA rules for bike safety. They must bring a helmet with them and wear it whenever riding their bike. They must also bring a way to secure the bike. The Longhorn Council and camp leaders are not responsible for stolen bikes or damage to them. The Scout is entirely responsible for the bike and understand that by bringing it, they agree to all camp transportation rules except the driving age.

Q: Can I check in prior to 1 p.m. on Sunday?

A: No. Summer camp staff spend a vast amount of time preparing for your summer camp experience and are addressing any last minute concerns. We need every moment available to be sure camp is ready for your summer camp experience.

Q: Can any adult attend summer camp with the troop?

A: All adults who attend summer camp must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America with valid Youth Protection Training. This is council policy.

Q: What if I have dietary needs?

A: We are more than happy to accommodate scouts and leaders with special diets. The best way to address dietary needs is with direct communication with our culinary team. Please email the Worth Ranch culinary team at dining.at.worthranch@gmail.com and cderose@sccouting.org. Please include the scout's name, troop number, week attending, and the special dietary needs that need to be address.

Q: Can I drop my trailer at my campsite:

A: We cannot guarantee there will be a spot for your trailer. Worth Ranch is a rugged land and sometimes it is hard to have a space for a trailer. Also, if weather is rainy, it is impossible to safely bring a trailer down to several campsites or bring it back up. We suggest unloading the trailer to one of our camp trucks and then park the trailer in the parking lot until the end of the week.

Q: I noticed I have a campsite assigned to me on the Black Pug system. Is that my campsite for summer camp?

A: Campsite assignments are made prior to your camp week. We decide on campsites based on the number of participants you will bring to camp. Although a campsite is shown on Black Pug, it is simply a reflection of your campsite preferences.