## TEXAS TRAILS COUNCIL

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA** 



# SCOUTS BSA Mini-CAMP PROGRAM GUIDEBOOK

Summer 2020



Dear Scout, Leaders and Parents:

Our staff is committed to making your summer camp experience the highlight of your Scouting year. The outdoor setting offers your Scouts the opportunity for outstanding adventures including swimming, camping, hiking, nature study, and more. We continually enhance our program to provide the best well-rounded camping experience for your Unit and your Scouts. Each Texas Trails Council Camp provides distinct characteristics to enhance your outdoor program opportunities. Both camps will be covered in this guide with the first being...

#### **Camp Billy Gibbons**

This year, camp Billy Gibbons will be offering an exciting opportunity for all scouts BSA. This year camp will be all about high adventure. With this being said, your scouts will be participating in swimming, boating, archery, shotgun, rifle, cowboy action shooting, climbing, and ziplining. On top of all that, both evenings we will have an activity for everyone to participate in and a fun campfire program.

All our staff is trained and certified for the program area they are running. If your scout wants to work toward a merit badge with the activities we are providing, they can talk with the instructors to get some of those requirements marked off, though this is not a requirement for all campers who attend. If this is what your scout is interested in, be sure to bring the merit badge workbook for your scout to go though.

#### **Camp Tonkawa**

Camp Tonkawa this year will provide our First Year Camper Program. To a Scout, summer camp is the greatest adventure that Scouting holds. It can be particularly exciting for first year Scouts BSA. The program offers the opportunity for Scouts to work on many of their early rank requirements. They'll practice knots, build fires, go hiking and swimming, First Aid and learn to use an ax and pocketknife.

During the course of the mini-camp, Scouts will build many of the skills necessary to earn the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class while also building teamwork, leadership, and Scouting skills. However, the main goal is for the Scouts to have fun and to leave camp with a positive camp experience and enthusiasm for the Scouting program.

At the end of the mini-camp, each Scoutmaster will be given a letter listing the advancement requirements that were covered. The staff will not sign-off in the handbooks of individual boys and leaves the ultimate verification of each requirement up to the discretion of the troop leaders.

#### **Safety precautions**

With COVID19 being a big concern this year, as a camp we have taken extra precautions to keep your scout safe while enjoying their time at camp. Our mitigation plan includes Pre-attendance education:

- Health screening conducted by your unit prior to travel to our camp, including a temperature check.
- Health screening upon your arrival at camp conducted by our camp health officers, which will also include a temperature check.
  - Note: should anyone in the unit not pass the arrival screening, <u>the entire unit</u> <u>will not be allowed to enter camp.</u>
- Limits on visitors in camp.
  - All visitors will be screened upon arrival before entry to camp.
  - Visitors will be limited to approved essential visitors, food venders, equipment venders for example.
- Hygiene reminders throughout the camp experience.
- Extra handwashing /sanitizer stations throughout camp.
- Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.
- An emergency response plan that includes isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.
- Check-ins with each unit/family one week and two weeks after the unit leaves camp to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

This is just a highlighted list of the precautions we are taking, we will be following the guidelines set by the state/cdc as posted on <a href="https://dshs.texas.gov/youthcamp/">https://dshs.texas.gov/youthcamp/</a>. We as a council take COVID19 seriously, and will do everything we can to keep your scouts safe while giving them the opportunity to enjoy the scouting summer camp experience.

This guide is constantly being updated to provide you with the latest information on our facilities, programs, and tools to help you plan your program for the week. For the latest information and changes, please visit our website at www.texastrailsbsa.com. Arriving to camp prepared for your stay will enhance your experience and ensure your safety.

We here at the Texas Trails Council are excited to offer this new program for ALL Scouts and look forward to an amazing summer adventure like no other.

Sincerely,

Erin Miller Program Director



## **Camp Schedules**

			Camp E	Billy Gibbons				
Day 1	Patrol 1	Patrol 2	Patrol 3		Day 3			
1:00-3:00	Check In			7:45-8:00	Flags			
3:15-4:00	Shooting sports	Aquatics	Climbing	8:15-8:45	Breakfast			
4:15-5:00	Climbing	Shooting sports	Aquatics	9:00-10:20	Climbing	Shooting Sports	Aquatics	
5:15-6:00	Aquatics	Climbing	Shooting Sports	10:30-11:50	Shooting Sports	Aquatics	Climbing	
6:15-6:20	Flags			12:00-12:30	Lunch			
6:30-7:15	Dinner		1:00-2:30	Aquatics	Climbing	Shooting Sports		
7:30-8:15	Evening Activities			2:45-3:00	Flags			
8:30-9:00	Opening Ceremonies			3:00-5:00	Check Out			
	D	ay 2						
7:45-8:00	Flags							
8:15-8:45	Breakfast							
9:00-10:5 0	Shooting Sports	Aquatics	Climbing					
11:00-12: 50	Aquatics	Shooting Sports	МВ					
1:00-1:30	Lunch							
2:00-3:50	MB	Climbing	Shooting sports					
4:00-5:50	Climbing	МВ	Aquatics					
6:15-6:20	Flags							
6:30-7:15	Dinner							
7:30-8:30	Evening Activities							
9:00-9:45	Closing Ceremonies							

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Day 1	Patrol 1	Patrol 2	Patrol 3	Day 3			
1:00-3:00	Check In		7:45-8:00		Flags		
3:15-4:00	Axe	Knife	Knots	8:15-8:45		Breakfast	
4:15-5:00	Knots	Axe	Knife	9:00-11:50	5 N	/lile Hike/ Natur	e
5:15-6:00	Knife	Knots	Axe	12:00-12:30		Lunch	
6:15-6:20	Flags			1:00-2:30	Fire	Fire Building/ Nature	
6:30-7:15	Dinner			2:45-3:00		Flags	
7:30-8:15	Evening Activities			3:00-5:00		Check Out	
8:30-9:00	Opening Ceremonies						
	Da	y 2					
7:45-8:00	Flags						
8:15-8:45	Breakfast						
9:00-10:50	Swim/Free	Whip/Fuze/ Lash	Orienteer/FI ags				
11:00-12:50	Orienteer/FI ags	Swim/Free	Whip/Fuze/ Lash				
1:00-1:30	Whip/Fuze/ Lash	Orienteer/FI ags	Swim/Free				
2:00-3:50	Camp Gadget Building						
4:00-5:50	Patrol Competition						
6:15-6:20	Flags						
6:30-7:15	Dinner						
7:30-8:30	Evening Activities						
9:00-9:45	Closing Ceremonies						

### What to Bring

- Tent (must tent alone or with someone you came with)
- Sleeping gear (cot, pad, sleeping bag, blanket, sheets, pillow, etc..)
- Clothes (shirts, shorts/pants, socks, and undergarments)
- Personal Hygiene Products (showers are available)
- Towels
- Sleep wear
- Swim suit
- Sturdy shoes
- Shower shoes
- Rain gear
- Jacket
- Hat
- Bandana
- Cantine, Nalgene (for water)
- Sun Screen
- Pocket knife
- Compass
- Flashlight
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Small day pack
- Parachute cord (20ft ish)
- Medications
- Optional Gear
  - Sunglasses
  - Notebook/pen
  - o Fishing gear
  - o Watch
  - o Hiking stick
  - Insect repellent
  - Fire starter
  - Lantern
  - Camp chair
  - Card games

#### BOY SCOUT COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING PROGRAM

#### PARTICIPATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Camp Billy Gibbons of the Texas Trails Council, BSA will be conducting a Scout cowboy action shooting program. In this program, Scouts will shoot a rifle, pistol, and shotgun under the supervision of an NRA Range Safety Officer and NRA certified instructors. Scouts will be required to wear eye protection and hearing protection always while on the range. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and rifle, pistol, and shotgun instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/ she will be removed from the program. I understand that any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded if my child is removed for not following the rules below.

- 1. Complete a range safety briefing.
- 2. Wear all safety gear while on the range.
- 3. Follow all the safety rules provided in the briefing.
- 4. Follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and rifle, pistol, and shotgun instructor(s).
- 5. Do not handle the firearms until instructed to do so by the instructor(s).
- 6. Is 14 years of age, or 13 and has completed the eighth grade, as of the start of the class and will be in full compliance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.

Participant printed name		Date:	
Participant signature		Date:	
Parent/guardian signature		Date:	
Parent/guardian printed name		Date:	
Home phone	Cell phone		
Email address			