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This guidebook provides programs, merit badges and activities of Scouts BSA Resident Camp at Camp Billy Gibbons.

Letter from the Camp Director

Dear Scouts, Adult Leaders, and Parents,

The Texas Trails Council, BSA summer camp 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.

Camp Billy Gibbons this year will provide a Two Weeks of Summer Camp, broken down in our Mini-Camp Program format once again, but with a new look. To a Scout, summer camp is the greatest adventure that Scouting holds. It can be particularly exciting for Scouts BSA attending CBG this summer. The program gives scouts the opportunity to work on several Merit Badges that we are offering this year.

During the course of the Camp Session, Scouts will have free time along with their busy class schedule. This affords them the opportunity to Climb the CBG Climbing Tower then jump off the top on one of the two Ziplines, go the Aquatics area and just swim or go boating, go to the Shooting Sports area for a little target shooting, or play in one of our camps' Tournaments while building teamwork, leadership, and Scouting skills along the way. However, the main goals are 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 Camp, each Scoutmaster will be emailed a list of the requirements that were covered in each Merit Badge class for each Scout. The staff will not sign-off in the handbooks of individual Scouts and this leaves the ultimate verification of each requirement up to the discretion of the troop leaders.

With the planning of the 2024 Summer Camp Program over the last year, we have chosen to bring back the First Year Camper Program at CBG Summer Camp. We have planned, talked, and read over numerous Surveys from Scoutmasters stating how hard it is for Unit leaders to get more than one week off in the same month for them to attend two different camps: one for the FYC and one for the older Scouts. So, we are happy to say we are bringing the FYC Program back together with the Merit Badge Summer Camp here in the Texas Trails Council. We are also starting a New Program called the Frontier Program. This program will be for those older scouts that may have the Merit Badges offered at Summer Camp but would still like to go to Camp. The Frontier Program is open to any Scout year 14+, as they will participate in Cowboy Action Shooting and 3D Archery and so much more.

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

Sincerely,

Bobby Goodson

Camp Director



2024 Summer Camp Program

The 2024 Summer Camp Management Team has worked hard since the end of the 2023 Summer Camp Season planning the 2024 Summer Camp Program. This year the Texas Trails Council BSA is going to offer two (2) different Summer Camp Formats. First, we are going to offer a Weeklong Summer Camp Program, and secondly, we are going to offer our Mini-Camp Format. Here is how each one of those Camp Formats will work for your Scouts BSA Unit. In addition, this year the Camp Management Team is bringing back the First Year Camper Program to these Camp Formats. The FYC Program will be set up a little differently than we have run it the last few years, but scouts will still work on Rank Requirements for Scout, Tenderfoot, Second-Class, and First-Class Ranks. Plus, this year we are introducing the Frontier Program. This Program is for Scouts that are 14+ years old. It will be held during the 4-day 3-night Sessions, so that Scouts can still work on Merit Badges. Read more about the Frontier Program later in this guidebook.

Weeklong Program

For this format of Summer Camp, it will work as most Summer Camps do across the country. We will start the Week on Saturday with Check-In, Swim Checks, and Campsite setup and will run camp through Friday. Starting Sunday through Thursday Scouts will start their Merit Badge Class Schedule with 5 Blocks of Classes all before dinner each day. On Friday Scouts will attend their 5 Merit Badge Classes, and Units will Check-Out on Friday Afternoon. During this weeklong camp each scout has the opportunity to earn 10 Merit Badges, as we will still be working and run Camp in two 3-day sessions per week. Each Scout will pick and work on 5 different Merit Badges in each of the two sessions during the week the scout comes to camp. In the evening time there will be several activities and competitions that your Unit and Scouts can participate in from Unit Swims in Brady Creek, Open Ziplining and even Open Rifle Shooting. The First Year Camper Program will only be during one of these Sessions of camp, so your FYC scout will have the opportunity to go through the FYC Program one session and then work on 5 Merit Badges the next session. Your new Scouts will have the opportunity to work on Rank Requirement and then work on any Merit Badge during the 5th Block period during this format.

Mini-Session Program

For this format of Summer Camp, it will be just like the Texas Trails Council has run the past few years of Summer Camp. We will start on Saturday with Check-In, Swim Checks, and Campsite setup. Starting Sunday through Monday Scouts will start their Merit Badge Class Schedule with 5 Blocks of Classes all before dinner each day. On Tuesday, Units will Check-Out after the last Block period and Closing Flags just as we do during the Weeklong Camp. During the evening time at Camp there are several activities and competitions being held at Camp that your Unit and Scouts can participate in: Unit Swims in Brady Creek to Open Ziplining and even Open Rifle Shooting. The First Year Camper Program will be this format of camp, so your FYC scout will have the opportunity to work on Rank Requirement and then work on any Merit Badge during the 5th Block period during this session.





MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Merit Badge classes form the backbone of the program at Camp Billy Gibbons. Each day is divided into 5 Block Periods of class instruction time during the day. With over 38 different classes to choose from, your scouts will be sure to find classes that will suit their needs. Each of our classes are taught by highly qualified staff dedicated to helping scouts earn their requirements. At CBG we pride ourselves on our commitment to providing your troop with the opportunity to complete your badge, staff are available to provide campers with extra instruction if it is needed.

Advancement is an integral part of Scouting and as such is important to any successful camp. The following are guidelines for planning your Scout's trail during your stay at Camp Billy Gibbons. There are two essential thoughts to keep in mind while counseling those who plan to attend camp.

- 1) the individual scout's skill and desires and
- 2) the schedule of times needed to complete any badge. Please be sure to counsel each scout individually noting the prerequisites that merit badges may have. These prerequisites are given to assist you and the Scout in completing the skill.

Scout's Advancement Progress

Check in the program areas about your Scout's progress as you feel necessary. During camp, you are encouraged to visit the program areas and discuss your Scout's progress with the instructors.

Only through counseling can you determine what badges a Scout needs to work on or in which they have the desires and skills. Here are some crucial steps in the planning process.

- A scout's physical skill needs to be considered especially in the aquatic badges. In shooting sports, the experience of shooting, archery, rifle, and shotgun need to be considered.
- Scouts should come to camp having read the requirements and reviewed the Merit Badge Book. Prerequisites should accompany them to their first class.
- Merit Badge applications should be readied prior to camp arrival, including signatures.
- Scouts who come prepared will be able to finish the badge in less time having additional time for open areas and Troop programming. Please be sure to carefully review pre-requisites for each Merit Badge.

WORKSHEETS

Merit Badge Worksheets will be available at the Camp Office upon request and at a \$0.50 charge. You are more than welcome to bring your own if you so desire.

PARTIAL COMPLETION

For all merit badges, a scout will receive a partial statement if they have completed any of the requirements. The partials will state the requirements that the Scout has accomplished. The philosophy behind a partial is for a scout to return home and complete the badge as soon as possible. The counselor has the right to review

all the completed requirements before signing for the merit badge. (If necessary, a return to camp during the same summer is possible, even for a day visit to complete the badge requirement).

Some merit badges allow for options to be chosen by the scout. Some options are NOT available at camp. Scouts who choose an option not available will be given a partial for work completed at camp.

MERIT BADGE PRE-REQUISITES & REQUIREMENTS NOT AVAILABLE AT CAMP

Scouts should prepare for class by reading the requirements for the merit badge classes they have chosen. Every Scout shall come to each class prepared. Bring pencil and any equipment suggested in the merit badge pamphlet. A Scout may want their own merit badge pamphlet. Merit Badge pamphlets will be available for purchase in the Trading post. Merit Badge requirements NOT available at camp may be completed prior to arrival. Proof of a requirement that has been completed prior to camp, MUST be notated by the Scoutmaster, and given to the MB counselor prior to the final day of class. This will allow the counselor to sign-off the completion of the badge.

If prior MB work is not notated and given to the counselor, the scout will only receive a PARTIAL for the work completed at camp.

First Year Camper Program











The 2024 Summer Camp Management Team wanted to bring back the First Year Camp Program to our regular Summer Camp. Scouts attending Summer Camp that are newly crossed overed from Webelos and AOL or that are just new to the Scouting Program is what the FYC Program is for. Scouts will attend FYC Classes working on Rank Requirement for Scout, Tenderfoot, Second-Class and First-Class through the first 4 Blocks of each day, then each scout will have the opportunity to pick a Merit Badge for their 5th Block. That how the FYC Program is setup for camp this year.








Aquatics Program










The 2024 Summer Camp Aquatics Program will be offering a New Class for Scouts and Adult Leaders aged 15 and above. With Scout Units all over taking advantage of the summer months to go on Weekend Camping Trip where Units are Swimming in a Pool or Natural Body of Water, our Aquatics Director has offered to Teach BSA Swimming and Water Rescue. This course is design to teach all the lifesaving techniques that one would learn taken the BSA Lifeguard Class. This Class is focused more for Unit Level Swimming Activities whereas the BSA Lifeguard is focused more on the Training for Summer Camp Staff.

MERIT BADGES OFFERED

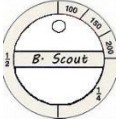







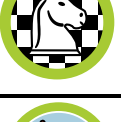

		Prerequisites or Requirements Not available at camp	NOTES
Trail to Eagle			
	Communication	Req: 5 & 7	If a Scout has earned this Merit Badge that is offered, they may join one other Class being taught during the class period this one is being taught.
	Emergency Preparedness		
CLIMBING			
	Climbing		Minimum age 13 Long pants recommended. Closed toe shoes are required. leather palmed gloves are recommended. Physically demanding, may be difficult for some Scouts.
	Open Climbing		Check the Camp Schedule during Camp Long pants recommended. Closed toe shoes are required. leather palmed gloves are recommended.
	Open Zipline		Check the Camp Schedule during Camp Long pants recommended. Closed to shoes are required. leather palmed gloves are recommended.
NATURE / ECOLOGY			
	Bird Study	Req: 8b	Req. 5 and 6 may be difficult to complete at camp. Requires observation & report writing to complete.
	Mammal Study	Req: 3	
	Environmental Science	Req: 1 & 2	If a Scout has earned this Merit Badge that is offered, they may join one other Class being taught during the class period this one is being taught.
	Nature	Req: 4d.2, 4f.2	Allow extra time for observations.
	Geology	Req: 5a, 5c, 6a-d	These Requirement all require visiting somewhere.











	Reptile and Amphibian Study		
	Sustainability		
	Weather	Req. 9a, 9b, 10	
	Insect Study	Req: 5b, 6a, 9, 10	
	Fishing		<i>Practice knots before camp. Recommend bring your own gear. Equipment is available, first-come-first-served. Some bait & tackle available for purchase in the Trading Post.</i>

SHOOTING SPORTS

	Archery		
	3D Archery		<i>Check the Camp Schedule during Camp</i>
	Long Range Rifle Shooting		<i>Check the Camp Schedule during Camp Purchase of ammunition token required. \$10 daily</i>
	Rifle Shooting		<i>Needs lots of practice.</i>
	Shotgun Shooting		<i>Veteran Campers only. Must be physically able to handle 12 & 20-gauge shotgun (auto-loading or pump action)</i>
	Cowboy Action Shooting		
	OPEN Shotgun Shooting		<i>Check the Camp Schedule during Camp Purchase of ammunition token required. \$10 daily</i>
	OPEN Rifle Shooting		<i>Check the Camp Schedule during Camp Purchase of ammunition token required. \$5 daily</i>
	OPEN Archery		<i>Check the Camp Schedule during Camp</i>

AQUATICS

	Instructional Swim		<i>For Scouts that Can not pass the BSA Swimmer Test</i>
	Kayaking		<i>Must successfully complete the BSA swimmer's test.</i>
	Swimming		<i>Must successfully complete the BSA swimmer's test.</i>
	Canoeing		<i>Must successfully complete the BSA swimmer's test.</i>
	Lifesaving		<i>Must be a First-Class Scout Must have earned the Swimming Merit Badge prior to this camp.</i>
	BSA Swimming and Water Rescue		<i>Be 15 years old or older prior to Camp Must successfully complete the BSA swimmer's test. This is for youth and adults.</i>
	OPEN Swim		<i>Check the Camp Schedule during Camp</i>
	OPEN Boating		<i>Check the Camp Schedule during Camp</i>
HANDICRAFTS			
	Art	<i>Req: 6</i>	
	Basketry		
	Pottery		
	Sculpture		
	Indian Lore	<i>Req: 3d, 5i</i>	
	Chess		
	Collections	<i>Req: 1 and 5e</i>	<i>Bring your Collection or bring Pictures of your Collection.</i>
	Leatherwork	<i>Req: 5b, 5d</i>	

	Woodcarving	Req:	
Outdoor Skills			
	First Aid	Req: 5a and 5b	Req: 5a-Make a personal First Aid kit Req: 5b-Go over the Troop First Aid Kit with scoutmaster
	Camping	Req: 5e, 7, 8d, 9	
	Wilderness Survival	Req: 5	Not for 1st year campers. Must spend the night in a shelter that you build.
	Orienteering	Req 7a, 7b and 10	Bring Compass to Camp
	Cooking	Req: 4a-4e and 5a-5h	
	Signs, Signals, and Codes		
	Pioneering		
Miscellaneous Merit Badges			
	Painting		Bring Clothing that can get paint on them. This is household painting not art painting.
	Plumbing		












The merit badges listed above are planned and scheduled for Scouts BSA resident camp 2023. The camp reserves the right to cancel, reschedule or otherwise change the merit badge offerings during the camp session.

Every attempt will be made to fulfill the schedule of all merit badges. Please understand that staffing and/or resources may be unavailable to realize all merit badge classes.

Camp Billy Gibbons Mini-Session Schedule

Day 1		Day 3	
Time		Time	
5:00 - 8:00pm	Check In / Setup / Swim Checks	7:20	Flags
8:15 - 8:30pm	Chapel Service	7:30-8:00	Breakfast
8:45pm	SPL / Leaders Meeting	8:15 - 9:30	Block 1
9:15-10:00	Opening Campfire	9:45 - 11:00	Block 2
11:00	Lights Out	11:15 - 12:30	Block 3
		12:45 - 1:15	Lunch
Day 2		1:20 - 2:30	Camp Wide Free Time
Time		2:45-4:00	Block 4
7:20	Flags	4:15 - 5:30	Block 5
7:30-8:00	Breakfast	6:00	Flags
8:15 - 9:30	Block 1	6:20-7:00	Dinner
9:45 - 11:00	Block 2	7:15-9:15	Camp Game Tournaments
11:15 - 12:30	Block 3	7:15-9:15	Troop Sign-up Activities
12:45 - 1:15	Lunch	9:30-10:00	Closing Campfire
1:20 - 2:30	Camp Wide Free Time	11:00	Lights Out
2:45-4:00	Block 4		
4:15 - 5:30	Block 5	Day 4	
6:00	Flags	Time	
6:20-7:00	Dinner	7:20	Flags
7:15-10:00	Camp Game Tournaments	7:30-8:00	Breakfast
7:15-10:00	Troop Sign-up Activities	8:15-9:15	Block 1
9:30-10:00	OA Social	9:30-10:30	Block 2
11:00	Lights Out	10:45-11:45	Block 3
		12:00-12:30	Lunch
		12:30-1:00	Camp Breakdown / Free Time
		1:00-2:00	Block 4
		2:15-3:15	Block 5
		3:30	Flags
		3:45-5:00	Check Out



Summer Camp Merit Badge Schedule		Block				
Program	Merit Badge Classes	8:15-9:30	9:45-11:00	11:15-12:30	2:45-4:00	4:15-5:30
Area		Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5
	First Year Camper Program	4 Blocks				
Aquatics	Swimming MB 					
	Kayaking MB					
	Canoeing MB					
	Lifesaving MB (2 Blocks) 	2 Blocks			2 Blocks	
	Aquatic Supervision (15+ year old)					
Climbing	Climbing MB					
Handicraft	Art MB					
	Basketry MB					
	Chess MB					
	Collection MB					
	Leatherwork MB					
	Pottery MB					
	Sculpture MB					
	Wood Carving MB					
Nature & Ecology	Bird Study MB					
	Sustainability MB 	2 Blocks				
	Fishing MB					
	Geology MB					
	Insect Study MB					
	Mammal Study MB					
	Nature MB					
	Reptile and Amphibian Study MB					
	Environmental Science MB 				2 Blocks	
	Weather MB					
Outdoor Skills	Camping MB 					
	Cooking MB 					
	First Aid MB 					
	Orienteering MB					
	Pioneering MB					
	Signs, Signals, and Codes MB					
	Wilderness Survival MB					
Shooting Sports	Archery MB		2 Blocks			
	Rifle Shooting MB					
	Shotgun Shooting MB					
Mis. MB	Communication MB 					
	Emergency Preparedness MB 					
	Indian Lore MB					
	Painting MB					
	Plumbing MB					
Frontier Program	3D Archery					
	Cowboy Action Shooting					
	Camping MB 					
	Climbing MB					
	Cooking MB 					
	Pioneering MB					
	MetalWork MB					
		<p>This Program is for Scouts 14+ year old only. Scouts will Work on different Skills throughout the Session. There is NO Merit Badges to be earned from this Program. The earning of MB is up to each of the Scout, but they will have the chance to work on MB Requirements.</p>				

FRONTIER PROGRAM

The Frontier Program is a New Program that we are starting at Camp Billy Gibbons for Older Scouts. This program is for Scouts 14+ years old only, the Scouts that sign-up for this program will camp with the other Scouts that sign-up for the program for that Session of Camp. Scouts will stay in Canvas Tent, Cook their Meals, work together to build a raft as a Pioneering project to float down Brady Creek. Scouts in this program will work on several different Merit Badges as a part of this program, but the program is not built to focus on all parts of those Merit Badges. This program will feature the following Merit Badges, Camping MB, Climbing MB, Cooking MB, Pioneering MB, and Metalwork MB. The Frontier Program will be the only way Scouts can take part in Cowboy Action Shooting and 3D Archery as we are putting them into the Frontier Program. Plus, there is so much more the Scouts will do as a part of the Frontier Program!!!



CAMP WIDE FREE TIME



As you read on the Daily Camp Schedule above, on Day 2 & 3, there is Camp Wide Free Time. This Free Time is built into the Schedule for everyone at Camp. During these 45 minutes of Free Time, none of the Program Areas will be open. This is a Time that the WHOLE CAMP has Free Time to rest, go hang out in the Campsite, go fishing, or swing by the Camp Trading Post for a nice cool drink & snack.

There are other scheduled activity times built into the Schedule for Units and Scouts to go enjoy Open Swimming, Open Rifle Shooting, Open Archery, and even Open Climbing and Ziplining.

RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

CAMP PATCH - All Scouts and leaders receive a souvenir camp patch before departure.

CLEAN CAMPSITE AWARD – This award is given to those Troops who maintain the high standards of living within the camp. The award is given to units that maintain a clean and safe campsite and whose SPL conducts the daily inspection of your campsite. The score that your SPL awards for each day's inspection is used to help to determine this award. An award is distributed to your Troop upon departure. If there is more than one Troop in the campsite, each individual Troop will have the opportunity to earn the Clean Campsite Award.



SCOUT CAMP SPIRIT AWARD – This award is given to the Troop who displays that true Scout Spirit during their time at camp. Does your troop follow the Scout oath & Law? Do they cheer, sing, and participate with enthusiasm? Are they allowing the Summer Camp experience to fuel their BSA passion? Be the Troop that everyone else wants to be, win the Camp Spirit Award!

2024 CAMPING SEASON FEES

	Early Bird Discount when Paid before April 15 th , 2024	On or Before May 25 th , 2024	After May 25 th , 2024
Youth Mini-Session	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$230.00
Youth Attending Weeklong	\$325.00	\$350.00	\$380.00
Leaders Mini-Session	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$180.00
Leaders Attending Weeklong	\$165.00	\$200.00	\$230.00

- There are no part-time youths at camp. All youth pay the full fee.
- A Late Fee of \$50.00 will be applied to all reservations received after June 1, 2024 (Scouts with walk-On registration at Camp).** The only exception to this policy will be for Scouts and Leaders joining Scouting for the first time on or after June 1, 2023. Any unit adding a Scout or Leader after this date must give the Council Office a specific name. This policy is intended to assist us in planning our food, supplies, and equipment orders in advance of your arrival.
- If a unit discovers that a Scout or Leader cannot attend summer camp, and alerts the Scout Center on or before May 20, 2024, \$50.00 of that person's camp fee will be non-refundable. **Scout and full-time leadership slots are interchangeable.**

REFUND POLICY

Units are asked not to over reserve places for Scouts and leaders. This often means that others will be denied spaces, which would have otherwise been available. **There are no refunds for “no shows”.** Only medical emergencies will constitute a valid reason for a refund. \$50.00 is not refundable in any case. **The Council will credit refunds to the Unit's, Unit Account at the Council Service Center for use by the Unit for Scout Shop purchases, registrations and Boy's Life fees, or event, activity, and training fees.**

If a Scout or leader becomes ill while attending camp and is sent home by the camp medical staff, they are eligible for a pro-rated refund (by day) of the “balance of fee.” (Remember \$50.00 is non-refundable.) If a camper leaves without being sent home by the camp medical staff, there is **NO** refund.

All refunds and overpayments will be processed after camp has been balanced by the Council Service Center. **All refunds and overpayments will post to the Unit's Account at the Council Service Center.** A notification of the deposit will be emailed to the Unit Leader and Committee Chairman.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The Texas Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America provides program, facilities, and services without regard to race, color, national origin, age, gender, or handicap. However, all leaders and youth on the camp **must** be current registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. All part-time leaders that will be camping overnight on the camp **must** be current registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. **No camper,**

youth, or adult will be permitted to stay in camp unless their full camp fees have been paid prior to the start of their camp session.

CAMPERSHIPS & FINANCIAL NEED

Financial aid is available to help Scouts and families in need of financial assistance. *Campership Application* forms are available at the Texas Trails Council office and in this guide. Financial aid is not designed to pay the entire camp fee for the Scout. The family, pack, and/or chartering institution should pool their resources first with a financial aid request designed to meet the balance required. Remember, every Scout should be able to attend camp regardless of his personal financial circumstances. *Thank you notes from those who receive aid are appreciated*



Staff Volunteers

Camp Billy Gibbons (CBG) is always looking for great people that live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law to volunteer in several positions. We need Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED. Wilderness First Aid, and BSA curriculum trainers. We are also looking for Chaplains and Commissioners. So, if you are interested in volunteering during your week at camp, please fill out the volunteer application and submit to schedule an interview or just let us know when you arrive at camp.

Atta-Staff for the CBG Staff! The staff at Camp Billy Gibbons (CBG) are a remarkable group of young ladies and men. At check-in you will receive 4 Atta-Staff Cards. Your assignment is not to keep them but give them to the Program Director or Camp Director with a staff member's Name on them that you see doing the right thing. You can make this decision on the spot, or you can let your Scouts help. The Atta-Staff will be counted and used as recognition of our Staff Member of the Week at our weekly staff meetings. Thank you for your help.

ADULT LEADER MEETINGS

Each Morning at 10:00am there will be a Scoutmaster Meeting in the Dining Hall with camp management team. These meetings will be short or long depending on the Topic of the Meeting, we will try and keep them as short as possible. These meetings are where you as a Scoutmaster can Report on your Concerns about Merit Badge Classes, Campsite Needs, Dining Hall Needs or just voice your Concerns. These meetings are important to help The Texas Trails Council and the Camp Staff at Camp Billy Gibbons to ensure that you and your Scouts have the best possible time at Summer Camp. This Scoutmaster Meeting is also a great time to Turn-In your At-a-Boys to the Program Director.



ADULT LEADER TRAINING

The Camp Management Team will set up with our Area Program Directors time to do some Training Classes for the Adult Leaders i.e.: Climb On Safely, Safety Afloat, and Safe Swim Defense. We'll also try and setup CPR Classes if you notify us a week ahead of your arrival at Camp and you desire to take that.

EQUIPMENT REQUEST

We at the Texas Trails Council, BSA have a few Campsites at Camp Billy Gibbons that we setup Tents for our guest. Each of the Campsites are a First Request, First Receive. So, if your Unit would like to Request one of our Campsites with Council Tents so that your Unit does not have to bring your own, you will need to let our Summer Camp Management Team know by May 15th, 2024. Just remember to get your Request in as soon as you can, as we only have 4 Campsites where we will be setting up Council Tents. The following is the breakdown of Campsites and the number of Tents and **Scouts** they will hold.

Crow Campsite: 10 to 12 tents, 20 to 24 Scouts. This Campsite will be Reserved for Female Scouts BSA Troop. (*Female Scouts BSA Troops ONLY*)

Blue Hole 1: 7 tents, 14 Scouts. This Site is at the end of the Bottom Creek Road East of the Fishing Dock.

Blue Hole 2: 7 tents, 14 Scouts. This Site is next to Blue Hole 1 and West of the Fishing Dock.

Kickapoo: 4 to 8 Tents, 8 to 16 Scouts. This Site is next to the ADA Shower House across from the First Aid Lodge.

CAMP WIDE GAMES AND COMPETITIONS

BASS TOURNAMENT – Join us for great fishing in Brady creek. Competition will be fierce! Winner will be Announced at the Closing Ceremony and given their prize. Be sure to take a picture of your catch.

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT – Pick your Teammate wisely, this will be a fierce Competition. This Tournament will be mixed with youth and adults. The winning Team will be announced at the Closing Ceremony and given their prize. Once the Bracket starts to fill up you can start the Tournament.

WIFFLE BALL TOURNAMENT – Each Troop can have as many 7 Player Teams as they want or need, but Teams must be made up by at least 6 Scouts and only 1 Adult Leader. There cannot be more than 1 Adult Leader per Team. There will only be 5 Players on the Playing Field at a time. The Tournament will Start Playing after dinner. The Winning Troop Team attending Camp will play against the Staff Team. The Troop Winner will be announced at Closing Ceremony.

LADDER BALL TOURNAMENT - Pick your Teammate wisely, this will be a fierce Competition. This Tournament will be mixed with youth and adults. The winning Team will be announced at the Closing Ceremony and given their prize. Once the Bracket starts to fill up you can start the Tournament.









ADULT SCRAP WOOD DERBY RACE – Adult Leaders that take part in this New Competition at CBG will have a Blast. Leader will go around Camp to find the perfect piece of Wood to Carve and make a Derby Car to Race. The Derby Car HAS to be made at Camp and CANNOT be made before arriving at Camp on Check-in Day.

DUTCH OVEN CONTEST – Adult Leaders have a Chance to enter two (2) Different Dutch Oven Contests or just one of them. We are going to have a Lunch/Dinner Entrée Contest on Day 2 evening. On Day 3 evening we will have a Dutch Oven Dessert Contest. Every Adult that wants to enter the Contest just need to remember to bring all your ingredients for either one or both contests that you want to enter.

CAMP SERVICE

CAMP OFFICE

The Camp Office is open daily from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. The office staff is eager to meet the needs of any leader. The following are important things to know about the office.

-  The "Lost and Found" is located here.
-  All Scouts and leaders must check-in and out with the office when coming to or leaving camp. See the check in and check-out procedures.
-  Toilet paper and hand soap for each campsite is available in the Camp Office.
-  Report any emergencies to the Camp Office immediately. Office staff will notify the proper personnel.
-  Incoming telephone messages are placed in your campsite's mailbox in the office.
-  All incoming mail for your unit will be handed out at lunch or evening flags.
-  Letters and postcards can be mailed from the Camp office.
-  Scouts are asked to stay out of the Camp Office except in cases of emergency, unless accompanied by an adult.

CAMP MAIL SERVICE

Mailboxes for each campsite, which should be checked by a leader daily, are in the Camp Office. Outgoing mail is also delivered to the Post Office from here daily. Letters for Scouts at camp should be sent to the following address:



Scout's Name & Pack Number
Camp Billy Gibbons
13397 County Road 360
RICHLAND SPRINGS, TEXAS 76871

CAMP PHONE SERVICE

The Camp Office telephone is used for **Camp Business and Emergencies Only**. The telephone number is 325-243-5234, and it is answered 24 hours a day.



SWIM CHECKS & WATERFRONT ORIENTATION

Following your Unit's Swim Check on your check-in day, each unit will receive a short waterfront orientation. During swimming orientation, Scouts will be shown how to "check-in" and will be informed about the rules and regulations that are to be followed during free swims. You will also be given a swim test during the orientation time, if your scouts haven't taken one before arriving at camp.

What to Bring

- Tent
- Sleeping gear (cot, pad, sleeping bag, blanket, sheets, pillow, etc.)
- Uniform
- Clothes (shirts, shorts/pants, socks, and undergarments)
- Personal Hygiene Products (showers are available)

- Towels
- Sleep wear
- Swimsuit
- Sturdy shoes [No open-toe Shoe (Open-toe shoe only allowed at Swimming pool and at the Shower House)]
- Shower shoes
- Rain gear
- Jacket
- Hat
- Bandana
- Canteen, Nalgene (for water)
- Sunscreen
- Pocket knife (if scouts have already earned their Totin' Chip)
- Compass
- Flashlight
- Personal First Aid Kit (Scouts need to bring this for the First Aid MB)
- Small day pack
- Medications (if any is taken daily, and it will be turned into the Camp Medic)
- Optional Gear
 - Sunglasses
 - Notebook/pen
 - Watch
 - Hiking stick
 - Insect repellent
 - Fire starter
 - Lantern
 - Camp chair

MEDICAL TREATMENT NOTES

The Health and Safety of all Scouts and Leaders attending Camp is the priority of our operation while they participate in outdoor programs at our summer camps. The following information is provided to familiarize you with camp medical policies and procedures.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS - All Scouts and Leaders going to camp must, upon arrival,

present a completed Part A, B and C medical form, signed by a licensed health-care provider/physician (MD, or DO) to the Camp Health Officer. A link is provided for the BSA Annual Health & Medical Record, Form 680-001, on the Texas Trails Council website.

NON-EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION - Each Unit must provide transportation to and from the Local Health facilities in non-emergency situations. If transportation is not available from the Unit, check with the Camp Director or Health Officer for assistance.

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION - All prescription medication will be kept in the Camp Health Lodge unless it is an Epi-Pen, rescue inhaler or other “immediate need” medication. Also, please note that needles used for insulin injections or other prescribed medications must be placed in the biohazard container located in the health lodge. The Health Lodge will provide cold storage for medications requiring refrigeration.

SPECIAL NEEDS - Any Scout or Leader with needs that require accommodation while at camp, need to tell us well in advance of those services of the type of need, i.e. physical, medical, dietary, food allergies, etc. **Food allergies and dietary requests should be turned in by May 25th, 2024. Please use the “Special request” form located in the appendix of this guide.**



UNIT FIRST-AID KITS - Everyone should be familiar with basic first aid. **It is important that each Unit be prepared to treat minor cuts, scrapes and abrasions.** Bandaged wounds should be kept clean to aid in preventing infection, especially in an outdoor setting. The following is a list of recommended contents for a Pack first aid kit:

One 4" Roll of Bandage
Two Triangular Cravats
One Box of Assorted Band-Aids
Six Pairs of Latex Gloves
Safety Pins
Index Cards

One 2" Roll of Bandage
Four Elastic Bandages
Twelve 4x4 Sterile Pads
Twelve 2x2 Sterile Pads
Sunburn Lotion
Scotch Tape

Two Rolls of 1" Tape
Antibacterial Soap
Scissors
Needle and Tweezers
Tylenol/Non-Aspirin Tablet

USAGE POLICY OF MOTORIZED CARTS -From time-to-time, youth members with disabilities may have a challenge with the amount of foot-travel that is required to participate in the programs at Camp and need special assistance in the form of a motorized cart while at camp. To protect all Scouts and Leaders while in Camp, the following guidelines have been established for the use of motorized vehicles such as golf carts, electric scooters, etc. for transportation of individuals with limited mobility. **On Scout's Camp Physical, the need for a motorized vehicle must be noted by the signing physician and Any person needed this request should be turned in by May 25th, 2024. Please use the “Special request” form located in the appendix of this guide.**

 Personal vehicles are not allowed, unless it is designed specifically for a scout with a disability.

Personal vehicles must be inspected by the Health Lodge and Camp Ranger prior to being used at the camp so that it can be determined safe to operate on the terrain found at both of our camps. Not all motorized vehicles are designed or are safe in this environment and could put a scout at risk of injury. When a personal vehicle is used, a Certificate of Liability Insurance covering the vehicle must be presented. This Certificate should name the Council as a co-insured.

- 🦋 The assigned driver of the vehicle shall be over the age of 21 and the youth member shall not operate the vehicle by themselves.
- 🦋 The vehicle is solely for the transporting the Scout with a disability. Additional riders or operating the vehicle for other purposes will NOT be permitted.
- 🦋 The camp will NOT provide vehicles for use.
- 🦋 Adults may bring their own vehicle to camp if the following criteria are met:
 - Their Camp Physical states that they need this type of assistance.
 - It is inspected by the Health Lodge and Camp Ranger to determine it appropriate design for the terrain of the reservation (Gators, mules, or any other type of UTV will not be allowed)
 - It is for the sole use of the owner. Additional passenger, drivers or scouts will not be allowed to ride or operate it.
 - Certificate of Liability Insurance which names the Council as a co-insured is presented.

TRADING POST

The Trading Post is stocked with various souvenirs, t-shirts, patches, camping gear, writing materials, stamps, refreshments, and toilet articles. The following hours of operation are subject to change due to staffing and camper traffic. The trading post is open after morning flags until approximately 8:30pm each evening. The specific hours of the trading post will be announced and posted.



SPENDING MONEY - It is suggested that Scouts bring spending money to camp. We have a very well stocked Trading Post. Some Scouts bring approximately \$50 or a prepaid credit card to camp. Troops may wish to operate a "bank" to hold money for Scouts while at camp. Only small bills \$1s, \$5s & \$10s should be brought to camp. The Trading Post cannot easily make change for larger bills. **The Trading Post also can process Credit Card payments for purchases over \$10.00 plus a 5% Service Charge! There will be NO Unit or personal IOU Taps started without the approval of the Camp Director!**

All personal items and spending money should be kept in a secure camp box while at camp. Clothing should be clearly marked with your full name and Troop number. The **Texas Trails Council, Camp Billy Gibbons and Staff are not responsible for**

securing or for the loss of personal items. It is your responsibility to keep track of all personal valuables while at camp.

CAMP T-SHIRTS







T-shirts are available to order for \$14 each for youth and adult sizes up to XL. Adult XXL –XXXL are available for \$17 each. Order Form is attached in this Guide. Pre-Order of Camp T-shirts are Due to the Scout Shop in Abilene by End of Business on May 1st, 2024

DRINKING WATER & ICE

Drinking lots of water instead of soda is important during hot weather. Scouts should be encouraged to drink at least one gallon of water a day outside of meals. Each program area will have a water cooler for convenience. Units are encouraged to bring water coolers to camp and keep them filled with ice water. Each Unit will get 2 Bags of Ice per day through a ticket system, additional Ice for coolers can be purchased at the Camp Trading Post for just \$1.50 per Bag.

RULES AND REGULATIONS AT CAMP

GENERAL SAFETY TIPS

-  Always hike in groups of three or more. Scouts need their leader's permission before going hiking. Note their route and ask them when they plan on returning to the campsite.
-  Closed-toe shoes are Required on Camp, In and Out of the Campsite to prevent cuts and bruises (no sandals).
-  Keep the latrine and campsite areas clean and free from hazards.
-  Place trash in waste receptacles and recycle when possible.
-  If you need to Leave Camp for Any Reason, Please Sign Out at the Camp Office and Sign back in once you arrive back on Camp.
-  **STAY OFF**, the rappelling tower when area is closed.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES & NARCOTIC DRUGS

The Texas Trails Council will NOT tolerate the presence and/or use of alcoholic beverages, narcotics, drugs, or persons obviously under the influence of same, at any of our Council Camps. Violators will be asked to leave camp immediately. **Leaders are expected to set an example for their boys to follow. Please announce to all parents coming to Camp as part-time leaders, or visitors, that alcoholic beverages are banned from Camp Property.**

SMOKING AND TOBACCO POLICY

THE USE OF ANY FORM OF TOBACCO IS PROHIBITED on any Part of the Camp Property.
Please See the Camp Ranger if you Have any Questions.

FIREWORKS, FIREARMS AND WEAPONS

Fireworks are NOT permitted at camp. Fireworks will be confiscated, and destroyed by the local fire marshal, and your unit may be asked to leave camp. Please make sure that your boys do NOT bring any fireworks to camp.

Personal firearms, archery equipment, and sheath knives are not allowed in any area of camp including the archery and rifle ranges. If brought to camp, these items must be turned into the Camp Ranger until the Unit checks out at the end of the camp session. Experience over the years has taught us that boys and sheath knives are not a wise combination. Please ensure that this type of personal equipment is left at home, and not brought to camp by your boys or adult leaders.

FIRE PROTECTION

In case of fire, notify the Camp Office immediately. Do not attempt to fight any fires yourself!

In addition, ground fires are allowed in the campsites after being approved by the Camp Ranger.

LIQUID FUEL POLICY

The use of liquid or jellied fuels such as gasoline, oil, sterno or kerosene for lighting, cooking, generators, or other motors other than automobiles **is prohibited at camp.** The storage of any type of liquid fuel in pack campsites is not allowed and strictly prohibited. The council health and safety, risk management, and camping committees have agreed that the storage and/or possession of such fuels constitute a safety hazard to our Scouts at camp. There will be no exceptions to the above policy.



Campership Application

MUST BE SUBMITTED, NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2023

1. Please PRINT all information. Parent and or guardian must complete ALL information. Unit Leader must sign this application.
2. Application must be mailed to: Texas Trails Council, BSA, 3811 North 1st St., Abilene, TX 79603.
3. Completion of this form DOES NOT guarantee a campership. Camperships are made based on verified need, Scout popcorn sales, family help, troop help, and chartered organization help and based on funds available.
4. Campers must be currently registered in the unit stated on this application and must be attending a Texas Trails Council, BSA summer camp during the CURRENT summer season.

5. The maximum amount of campership funds granted is 33% of the total camp fee, although a greater amount may be granted under exceptional circumstances if available. A granted campership in the applicant's name that is not used in the current year is not transferable to the following year.

6. Approved applicants will be notified in writing.

Pack # _____ Troop # _____ District _____ Date of application _____

Applicant Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____ Phone _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip _____

Dates attending camp: From: _____ To: _____

___ Cub Scout Day Camp

___ Scouts BSA Resident Camp

Total Household income ___ under \$25,000 ___ \$25,000 - \$50,000 ___ \$50,000 - \$75,000 ___ over \$75,000

Reason for campership request:(If more space is needed continue the back of this form or attach a separate sheet, signed by the parent/guardian.)

Signature _____

Total Camp Fee \$ _____

Scout's share of camp fees (Popcorn/Camp card sales/fundraising) \$ _____

Family's share of camp fees (Required) \$ _____

Share of camp fees from unit (Required) \$ _____

Share of camp fee from Charter Partner or another source \$ _____

Amount requested from the Campership fund \$ _____

Certification: I hereby certify that to best of my knowledge, the reason given for this campership request is accurate. Two signatures are required – **Unit Leader** and **Committee Chairman or District Representative**.

Print name: _____ Signature: _____

Print name: _____ Signature: _____

Office use only

Application approved for: \$ _____ Date: _____ Initials: _____

Application NOT approved. Date: _____ Initials: _____



Scouts BSA RESIDENT CAMP SPECIAL NEEDS REQUEST





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 _____



UNIT SUMMER CAMP T-SHIRT



PRE-ORDER FORM

We are offering Units, who are attending Summer Camp the opportunity to pre-order 2024 camp t-shirts. This will ensure that your unit will be able to purchase the correct sizes. The shirts will be packaged for your unit and will be available upon your arrival at camp. **PLEASE PLACE ONE ORDER PER UNIT.** All shirts must be paid at the time the order is placed. *T-Shirts may cost more and there will be a limited amount at the Trading Post.

Troop # _____ Council _____

Session 1: June 1 – June 4

Session 2: June 4 – June 7

Session 3: June 9 – June 12

Session 4: June 12 – June 15

Name of person placing this order _____

Phone number _____

Troop # _____

Week attending camp _____

The deadline for placing your order is May 1st, 2024

_____ Adult Small T-Shirts @ \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult Medium T-Shirts @ \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult Large T-Shirts @ \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult X-large T-Shirts @ \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult XX-large T-Shirts @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult XXX-large T-Shirts @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

Total # of T-Shirts _____

Total amount \$ _____



Climbing Registration



Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Age: _____

Telephone (home): _____ Alternate: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Medical Information

List any known allergies:

List any required medications:

Do you wear glasses or contacts? Y N

Ladies, are you pregnant? Y N

Are you allergic to insect bites? Y N

If yes, do you have a sting kit? Y N

Have you ever had, or do you have now?

Diabetes YES _____ NO _____ Angina YES _____ NO _____ Chest Pains YES _____ NO _____ Drug Reactions YES _____ NO _____

Heart Murmur YES _____ NO _____ Heart Attack YES _____ NO _____ If yes give date: _____

High Blood Pressure YES _____ NO _____ Physical Handicap YES _____ NO _____ If yes, what _____

Have you had a recent injury, serious disease, or surgery that may impair your ability to participate in this program?

YES _____ NO _____ If yes, give details: _____

Do you have any other medical condition (s) that the medical staff should be aware of?

Participant Requirements

Due to the physical activity involved, the following is required of all participants (please read and sign below).

- A current Part A, B and C Medical Form must be on file at the Health Lodge.
- Is 13 years of age, as of the start of the class.
- Wear comfortable clothing appropriate for physical activity.
- Pants and T-shirt are recommended.
- Gloves will be available, but participants are free to bring their own leather palm gloves.
- No open toed footwear. Tennis shoes or sneakers are recommended, shoes that lace up provide support.
- No jewelry, watches, bracelets, etc. is allowed, Injury or personal loss may occur if jewelry is worn.
- Remove all potentially dangerous objects from pockets and clothing. No pocketknives, pens, badges, pins, etc.
- Violence will not be tolerated. Fighting is grounds for dismissal.
- Equipment and facilities care are your responsibility. No vandalism.

Understanding that any physical activity involves risk of injury, I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary. I release Texas Trails Council, its employees, staff, and governing bodies from any claims or liability arising out of my participation. This release does not, however, apply to any harm caused by negligence or willful misconduct of Texas Trails Council or its employees.

Participants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scoutmasters Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

If participant is under the age of 18, parent or guardian must sign above.

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