

Buffalo Trail Council



Leader's Guide

Welcome Letter

Scouts,

First and foremost, thank you for participating in our Day Camp this year! We are truly excited that you and your Scouts will be attending our event.

Being a Cub Scout can be an incredible experience and Day Camp is one of the best opportunities to utilize the outdoor adventures. For your Scouts, this means multiple days of program and activities not otherwise accessible to this age group. Each camp has a unique theme and provides variations in activities based on the resources available, so no single year is alike!

Day Camp is a great opportunity to develop memories that last a lifetime. This year's Day Camp will be crammed full of themed related games and activities. The mission of our Day Camp, here at Buffalo Trail Council, is to provide Cub Scouts with the opportunity to learn and practice new skills, make new friends, gain confidence in the outdoors. With this in mind, we hope to better prepare your boys to advance through Cub Scouts and continue on the Trail to Eagle into Boy Scouts.

Our dedicated staff look forward each year to the excitement and fun of Day Camp! It is truly their favorite part of the summer; and we know you and your boys will feel the same way about this unique experience.

As part of our preparation, our staff has designed this Day Camp experience with the following goals in mind:

- Become familiar with and comfortable in the outdoors.
- To learn, use and refresh Scouting skills.
- Have fun.

Within this Leader's Guide is everything that you will need to know, from registration to checkout.

This event is completely organized and run by our volunteer staff. If this is something that you would like to assist with this year or in the future please email Gracie.Quintela@scouting.org or contact your District Executive.

Once again, thank you for your time and support. We are personally very grateful to you and your Scouts; and, we hope that you have a blast with us at camp. So welcome, relax, and enjoy your adventure at this year's Day Camp.

In Scouting,

Michael R Adam

Day Camp Staff Advisor

Important Dates

- Council Planning Meeting – January 7 3:00 PM @ Midland Office
- Council Planning Meeting – March 22nd 6:30 PM @ Midland Office
- Council Planning Meeting - May 3rd 6:30 PM @ Midland Office

Big Bend: June 3

Time: TBD
Location: AJ McCormick's Place
Address: 5401 Valley Street, Pecos TX
Camp Director: AJ McCormick (915-588-4878)
Program Director: Byron Welch (940-390-5205)
Staff Advisor: Mike Adam (432-553-3433)
Cost: \$20 (1 Day)

Comanche Trails: June 5-8

Time: 5:30 – 9:00 PM Daily
Location: New Life Church
Address: 7184 Club Drive, Odessa TX
Camp Director: Gary Callarman (432-254-9540)
Program Director: Erin Faulk (432-251-9889)
Staff Advisor: Mike Adam (432-553-3433)
Cost: \$45 (4 Days)

Chaparral: July 17-20

Time: 5:30 – 9:00 PM Daily
Location: TBD
Address: TBD
Camp Director: TBD
Program Director: TBD
Staff Advisor: Matt Vercher (432-638-4014)
Cost: \$45 (4 Days)

Lone Star: June 10-12

Time: TBD
Location: Camp Thomas
Address: 504 Driver Rd, Big Spring, TX
Camp Director: Andrea Oyler (432-816-7443)
Program Director: TBD
Staff Advisor: Zackary Mullins (432-212-3577)
Cost: \$35 (3 Days)

Overview

Day Camp Mission

The mission of Cub Scout Day Camp is to develop moral character and good citizenship, to encourage physical and mental growth, to provide opportunities for advancement, to learn new skills, to share old skills, to strengthen pack and dens and to have FUN!! These goals will be accomplished in a themed outdoor experience that is, above all, safe.

Introduction

Buffalo Trail Council will be conducting multiple Day Camps this year. A Pack may choose to attend any or all of these camps. Remember, attendance at Day Camp counts as an activity toward earning the National Summertime Pack Award. Outdoor activities are also a requirement to earn the Journey of Excellence, which may be partially met by attending Day Camp.

Most importantly camp provides an opportunity to put the OUTING in Scouting and contributes to our job of keeping the promise to the families who join Cub Packs. This guide has been designed to help you as you prepare for camp.

Themes:

Every year the Day Camp Committee meets and selects a universal theme that all camp sessions use to help fulfill Day Camp Mission Statement. Upcoming themes that you can look forward to are:

- 2017: Knights of the Round Table
- 2018: Cub-struction
- 2019: Space Adventure
- 2020: Wild West
- 2021: Olympics
- 2022: Pirates & Treasure Island

Camp Procedures

Special Needs:

If you have a scout with special needs, please inform the Program Director no later than 2 weeks prior to the start of camp and offer suggestions to assist the Scout in completing as much of the program task as he can.

Den Chiefs:

If your pack utilizes Den Chiefs, they are encouraged to attend day camp with their pack. Den Chiefs who attend day camp will assist the boys in their pack and will stay with the pack in all their activities. Den Chiefs cannot be counted as a Pack Coordinator. It is expected that all Den Chiefs will demonstrate appropriate Scout behavior at all times.

Adult Volunteers:

As explained in the information sheet, at roundtables, den and pack meetings, adult leadership is a necessity for a successful Day Camp Program. As a Pack you will need to recruit one FULL TIME adult volunteer for every 5 Cub Scouts your pack registers for Day Camp. This does not include Tiger Cub Partners, (a Tiger Cub requires a full time adult with them at all times)

Please start asking parents now if they can volunteer their time. Please let them know all placements are made at the discretion of the Camp Directors and Staff Advisor who will assign staff where they are needed most. There are also opportunities in the program areas and various jobs needing additional assistance for those who cannot volunteer their time fully; part-time volunteers DO NOT COUNT towards the 1 to 5 ratio so please be advised to check your numbers.

Adult volunteers must be 18 years of age and have a current BSA Youth Protection Training Certificate (within 2 yrs). Volunteers would need to go to my.scouting.org and take the Youth Protection if they have not already done so prior to camp. A copy of Youth Protection will need to be turned in on the first day of camp you are attending.

Pack Coordinator:

One of your Adult Volunteers will be designated as your Pack Coordinator. The Pack Coordinator for each pack needs to attend orientation meeting at check-in. During this meeting we will go over camp rules, pass out t-shirt, equipment den rosters, etc.

Check In/Out:

All parents/guardians will need to check in/out their Scouts. Please allow yourself ample time for checking in to arrive at opening ceremonies on time. Anyone leaving camp early must be signed-out at the camp headquarters.

Medications:

Boys who need to have medication administered will have to have medicines turned in each day to the Pack Coordinator. Written instructions must accompany the medicine, the medicine must be in the original bottle. Please put medication in a plastic bag. With magic marker write name of scout, instructions for medication, type of medication, doctor and phone number, and pack number.

All medication must follow this format whether they be routine/scheduled, "as needed", prescription, or over the counter medications. SEND ONLY ENOUGH MEDICATION FOR THE WEEK. Your pharmacy should be able to provide you with an extra bottle and label for this purpose.

Severe Weather

Should severe weather occur the Camp Director will advise you of what actions to take. During camp, there will be a person monitoring the weather and informing the Directors of incoming severe weather. Each Pack Coordinator is responsible for having an "at home contact person". Should camp become unsafe, the Camp Director will instruct Pack Coordinators to start calling parents to pick up their scouts.

First Aid

Should any member of your group, adult or boy, have any accident or health problem they must go to the camp headquarters or designated First Aid station.

Day Camp Rules

The following rules apply to all camps and we request that they be observed by everyone at camp, including visitors. Each individual camp will have rules that apply only to that camp and they will be reviewed on the first day of camp. A copy of the rules will be posted in the headquarters area.

1. No Scout is to leave his den without the permission of the den leader or without his buddy.
2. Parents/guardians are to check the boys out/in at Headquarters if they leave during the program time.
3. ONLY ATHLETIC OR HIKING SHOES ALLOWED! No Sandals, crocks, or half-shoes allowed for your safety!
4. Throwing objects is prohibited except as part of planned activity.
5. No swearing, obscene or abusive language.
6. No smoking in camp area. Smoking is permitted only in areas designated by the camp director {which should be out of sight of the boys}.
7. No firearms and No alcoholic beverages.

Day Camp Survey

Year: _____ Unit Number: _____ Youth/Adult/Staff: _____

How did you find out about this year's Day Camp?

Flyer Friend Pack Facebook Website Other _____

What did you enjoy most about Day Camp?

How can we best improve the for next year?

What activities should we add for next year?

Which staff member (s) had a positive impact on your group?

(1) Needs Improvement (2) Some Improvement (3) Meets Expectation (4) Above Expectation (5) Exceeds Expectation

Facilities	1	2	3	4	5
Staff	1	2	3	4	5
Patches	1	2	3	4	5
Registration	1	2	3	4	5
Activities	1	2	3	4	5
Schedule	1	2	3	4	5

Would you be interested in...

Helping with next year's Day Camp Planning? Yes No
Volunteering on next year's Day Camp Staff? Yes No

If yes for either of the above, please provide the following:

Name: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Email Address: _____
Home Address: _____
City State Zip

For additional concerns, please contact:
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