

2015 LEADERS' GUIDE



BEAR CREEK SUMMER CAMP

Bear Creek

2015

Dear Scouter,

Welcome to the Bear Creek 2015 Leader's Guide. We continue with Project Oso this summer, a five year plan of camp improvements. This summer's Project Oso improvements include the big zip line, BMX, and the old kybos are finally gone. Future projects will include electricity to each campsite pavilion, pistol shooting, road upgrades and more.

This Guide contains important information about Bear Creek. Most of your questions about summer camp will be answered and all necessary forms are included in our Leader's Guide. Please, have each Scout review the requirements for his Merit Badges prior to arriving at camp.

We are assembling our staff for the camping season. Dedicated, motivated and experienced staff members are the key to providing the kind of program you deserve. Our goal is to make your visit an educational and memorable experience your troop will never forget.

On behalf of our staff, I would like to thank you for committing a part of your summer to the Scouts in your troop. We are working very hard to make this the best camping season ever. Share this Guide with parents of your Scouts and plan your summer experience. We look forward to seeing you at Bear Creek.

Yours in Scouting,
Ken Lamb
Camp Director

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WHY SUMMER CAMP?

The primary feature in Scouting is outdoor activities, which develop personal values and character. You can't take the outing out of Scouting. Summer camp is an experience all young men will remember for the rest of their lives. This adventure provides many opportunities individual troops cannot offer. The variety in the program, abundant facilities, and equipment are beyond the scope of troop activities. We provide dining facilities, trading posts, a large selection of merit badge offerings and a Ranger program (for new Scouts) that encourage advancement and promote a sense of self-pride often lacking in our young men. No two Scouts are alike. We will assist you in developing a program that suits your individual needs.

STAFF

Our staff is selected for their enthusiasm and knowledge. We reinforce that knowledge with regular training sessions prior to the camping season and create a sense of team spirit that is carried over to the Scouts visiting our camp. We are not successful unless you are satisfied with our program. We make every effort to provide the quality-learning environment you expect at Bear Creek. If you have Scouts interested in joining our staff, contact me at Ken.Lamb@Scouting.org or visit the council webpage for an application <http://www.alamoareabsa.org/Camping/BoyScoutSummerCamp/>.

NATIONAL CAMP STANDARDS

We are inspected each year by a team that represents the Boy Scouts of America. Our camp meets or exceeds all standards and regulations. We are also inspected regularly by the Texas

Health Department. We feature a Health Lodge staffed by a qualified professional for routine health checks and problems. Strict health and safety standards are maintained at all times.



New For This Summer!!!

- **The Big Zip**, a 1200' zip line, will be in place this summer. We will have sign ups at camp, serving older scouts first. To avoid distracting other programs, it will not run during merit badge times,
- **BMX** will be offered in one hour classes each morning. Scouts will earn a partial in cycling merit badge. We will also offer open BMX in the evenings when scouts can test their skills on the easy sections of the course.



FOOD

All meals are provided by professional cooks and served (cafeteria style) by our youth staff. Well-planned meals provide a balanced diet and seconds are usually available. If you have a scout with special dietary needs, please call Chuck at the dining hall, 830-238-4084. On the Rickenbacker side, troops bring and prepare their own food. We provide refrigeration.

CAMP PROGRAM

The Ranger program is for Scouts who have yet to reach the rank of First Class. This course is a great way for your new Scouts to get that advancement jump-start they need.

Merit Badge opportunities afford Scouts a wide variety of learning environments. We are constantly adding new merit badge classes to encourage young men to broaden their horizons. We recommend the more challenging merit badges be reserved for older Scouts. All classes are planned as educational and fun events rather than just classroom study.

Older Scout Program – We offer several high adventure opportunities at Bear Creek. Afternoon canoe trips are enjoyed each week during the summer season. Mountain biking allows all participants to see the scenic Texas Hill Country from a different perspective. Many of the trails and roadways traveled are not available to non-scouts. Climbing merit badge provides older Scouts with an experience unique to our camp.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CAMP:

1. Know each scout's advancement status before coming to camp.
2. Determine which scouts will participate in the High Adventure program.
3. Work on pre-requisites before coming to camp.
4. Set a goal for each scout. Challenge him to do his best.
5. Enter your Scouts information into the online registration system at least a few weeks before camp.
6. Collect physicals early.
7. Alert the camp to special needs such as diet, disabilities or medications at your earliest convenience. For dietary questions call 830-238-4084. For medical concerns call 830-238-5093.

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

All adults attending camp and staying overnight with a troop must comply with the following:

- 1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.**
- 2. Complete Youth Protection Training in person training and bring a copy of the card.**
- 3. Complete Health Form- Part A, B & C.**

Troops should bring copies of the Health Form and YPT card and turn them in at check in. We cannot return these at the end of the week. Please retain a copy of the original health form and YPT for future council events.



RANGER PROGRAM

Our Ranger program is an exciting introduction to scouting for all who have not completed the requirements for First Class rank. We encourage all Scouts to learn basic skills in an environment of fun and cooperation. Teamwork is emphasized along with team spirit. We encourage all leaders to get involved in this program.

The Ranger program is an all day adventure lasting from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., with a break for lunch. Along with completing a large number of rank advancement requirements, our Rangers are given the opportunity to complete the swimming merit badge, one of our selected crafts merit badges, and a merit badge of their choice during the 4:00 hour.

Ranger Outpost on Thursday evening takes the Rangers to the rustic portion of the camp and allows our staff an opportunity to share campfire stories while the Rangers earn their Firem'n Chit card. Participants will need a flashlight, ground cloth, sleeping bag, water bottle, and a small backpack for their hike and overnight stay. The Rangers will return to your Troops campsite before breakfast on Friday morning. Scouts will also need long pants and a long sleeved shirt for swimming merit badge.

- **Rangers will earn their Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit during the Ranger Program**
- **Signing off requirements is done at the troop level. Our dedicated staff cover the requirements listed. Troop leaders are encouraged to review these requirements before signing off on them.**

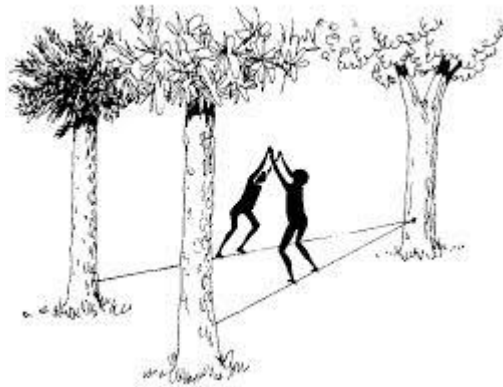
<u>Tenderfoot</u>	<u>Second Class</u>	<u>First Class</u>
1. Pre-camp presentation 2. Campout 4a. Whipping rope 4b. Hitches 4c. Square knot 5. Safe Hiking 6. American Flag 7. Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan 9. Buddy system 11. Identify poisonous plants 12a. Heimlich 12b. First Aid 13 Scout Oath and Law	1a. Compass 1b. Five mile hike 2. Leave No Trace 3. Wood tools 4. Flag ceremony 5. Service project 6. Wild animals 7a. Hurry cases 7b. First aid kit 7c. Basic first aid 8a. Safe swim 8b. Swim 25 yds. 8c. Swim rescues 9 Drug abuse prevention	1. Directions 2. Orienteering course 6. Identify native plants 7a. Using lashings 7b. Hitches and lashings 8a. Bowline 8b. Bandages 8c. Transportation 8d. Heart attack 9a. Safety afloat 9b. BSA Swim Test 9c. Line rescue

OLDER BOY OPPORTUNITIES

Several High Adventure programs are available to your older Scouts. Because of physical and skill requirements, these programs are limited to boys over the age of 13. Our purpose is to offer advanced activities to those Scouts that have already experienced the basic skills and merit badge classes. This is an opportunity to utilize techniques learned in previous camping sessions.

Climbing Merit Badge

A certified instructor trained at National Camp School teaches this course and all other instructors are climbing and rappelling trained. This one half day class is available to all boys that have reached their 13th birthday. Bear Creek has natural cliffs and outcrops that offer different levels of challenges for all Scouts. Participants will learn climbing safety and techniques in a classroom environment before donning a harness and hooking into a belay line. Our goal is to provide a sense of success and confidence for all participants. The objective is not solely in completing the climb but in mastering the technique and safe practices learned during the course. Gloves, climbing harness, safety helmet, carabineers and climbing rope will be provided. There is a \$25 charge for this program.



C.O.P.E.

Bear Creek offers COPE (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience) during the morning hours each day. This one half day class is available to all boys that have reached their 13th birthday. We charge a \$25.00 equipment usage fee and space is limited, so register early. A bandana is presented to all that complete the course. Candidates should be thinking of their COPE names. They will be asked to select a nickname that holds significance for them. All Scouts that register for COPE will be able to participate in other programs in the afternoon.



Hunter Safety

This course is offered to all scouts and leaders on Tuesday 7:00 – 11:00 p.m. and Wednesday at 8:00. Participants will also have to get 1 hour of range safety time during free shoots at 3:00 and/or 4:00. Hunter Safety is required for obtaining a hunting license if not born before 1972. There is a state mandated fee of \$15.00 for this class. **Bring this fee and your social security number to the class.** Your home address will also be needed. Both nights are required.

Mountain Biking

Enjoy the beautiful Texas Hill Country from vantage points few have ever visited. After an introduction to bicycle safety and maintenance, Scouts will travel the hills and valleys of Bear Creek and other nearby bike trails. This class will last for two hours per day and can satisfy some of the Cycling merit badge requirements. This class is physically challenging and restricted to Scouts thirteen years of age and older. Scouts are welcome to bring their own bikes or use the camps. There is a \$25.00 bike fee to use our bikes for this program.



Shotgun

This is an opportunity for all scouts to learn to properly handle and use shotguns. They will begin with a gun safety class, which includes lessons in cleaning and storing shotguns. Aiming techniques will be emphasized along with “leading” the target object. Safety glasses and ear protection will be provided. Scouts taking this merit badge should be prepared to spend about \$30 earning this badge. Tickets will be 3 shots for a dollar at the trading post. All instructors are Camp School trained and very knowledgeable. This class is very popular and is limited Scouts who are at least 13 years old.

ADULT TRAINING and ENTERTAINMENT

Adult Leaders will enjoy a comprehensive inventory of Scout Training tapes and courses throughout the week. Daily classes are offered in the Commissioner's pavilion. Scoutmaster's Dinner is a special treat each Thursday night. Adult leaders are always invited to stop by the Commissioner's Area and take a break during the program day.

Adult Training includes: -

- *Hunters Safety-Tuesday and Wednesday nights
- *American Red Cross 1st Aid & CPR
- *Eagle Board Training-Thursday morning
- * Wilderness First Aid

GENERAL INFORMATION

Drugs – Drug laws will be strictly enforced according to the criminal code of the State of Texas. Alcohol is strictly forbidden on all camp properties.

Merit Badge Records – Bear Creek will provide all leaders with a comprehensive record of accomplishments for your Scouts on Friday evening after campfire. We do not provide “Blue Cards”. The Alamo Area Council record department will receive all Merit Badge and Advancement information in a “soft copy” format.

Firearms – Firearms and ammunition are available at the camp for use **ONLY** at the rifle and shotgun ranges. No other firearms are permitted on camp property during the summer camping season. Do not bring your personal firearms or bows.

Immunization – All immunizations listed on the medical forms must be administered by a Physician prior to attending summer camp. These immunizations include measles, mumps and rubella. It is BSA Rules and Regulations that a Tetanus shot year is listed where appropriate.

Troop Leaders – All adults staying with a troop must be registered with the BSA. Each Troop must have two registered adult leaders in camp at all times. One leader must be at least 21 years old and the other must be at least 18 years of age. The Boy Scouts of America requires “two deep leadership” for the safety of your Scouts. **All Leaders must bring a copy of their youth protection training certificate and a completed health form** We recommend a ratio of 8 scouts or less per leader.

Flags – Troops should bring U.S., troop and patrol flags to be posted in your campsite. Camping is done using the patrol method. All campsites are graded daily by the Commissioner staff for neatness, symbolic display of flags and troop spirit.

Vehicles in camp – Vehicles may be allowed in the campsites to deliver camping equipment only if staff assistance is unavailable. Special permission may be allowed for physically challenged Leaders to keep a vehicle in camp for transportation to essential locations...not

sightseeing. All leaders, without special permits, **must** move vehicles to the parking lot for the duration of their visit.

No one should ride on fenders or in the bed of trucks. This is strictly prohibited by BSA policy. Seatbelts must be worn at all times. The camp speed limit is 15 miles per hour or less. Violators will be asked to leave the camp immediately.

DINING HALL OPERATIONS

The dining hall serves all meals cafeteria style with the exception of Wednesday night's Troop cookout (note below). The kitchen and dining hall staff work to ensure hot meals and good service. The kitchen directors will be glad to assist in any way they can to provide special meal requirements.

Please call Chuck Hoehne at 830-238-4084 one week prior to your arrival with any special dietary needs.

Parents and visitors are permitted to eat in the dining hall with their Scout and his Troop on Friday night. Meals may be purchased at the door for \$5.00 per person.

*** Wednesday Night Foil Dinners** – The evening meal will be cooked, by your Scouts, in your campsite. The Dining hall staff will provide all ingredients for foil dinners and dessert (including foil). You are invited to bring a Dutch oven if you choose.

Dinner items will be:

Foil
Hamburger meat
Potato
Carrot
Onion
Cabbage

Dessert items will be:

Peaches
Cake mix
Butter
Sugar
Cinnamon

If a burn ban is in effect, this meal will be replaced by a meal at the dining hall.

GENERAL CAMP FACILITIES

The buildings and developed areas of the Friedrich Camp provide 19 Troop sites, a central Dining Hall, Health Lodge, Trading Post, Computer lab, Astronomy lab, Environmental Center, Rifle range, Shotgun / Skeet range, Shower and bathroom facilities, Archery range, complete waterfront areas, Swimming Pool, Commissioner's pavilion, Leaders lounge, volleyball court, OA ceremonial amphitheater, parking lot, Forge, numerous learning centers, Ranger's Quarters, Quartermasters storage facility and Camp Administration building. All Friedrich campsites are provided with platform tenting and pavilions.

Rifle, Archery and Shotgun facilities have been designed and certified by BSA standards. The camp furnishes .22 caliber rifles for use on the rifle range, 20 gauge shotguns for use on the

Skeet range and recurve bows for use on the Archery range. Swimming is restricted to prescribed areas along the waterfront and in the Swimming Pool during posted hours of operation. "Free swim" is available to everyone during scheduled hours when lifeguards are provided. Additional items such as trash bags, toilet paper, twine, brooms, water hoses and fire buckets may be checked out by contacting the Quartermasters. The Camp Trading Posts offer a variety of Scout items such as socks, hats, shirts, merit badge books, handicraft provisions, toothpaste, candy, sodas, ice cream and a wide assortment of souvenirs.

The Rickenbacher Camp provides six primitive campsites and modern restrooms at the Conference Center. Troops camping here bring and prepare their own food. Refrigeration is provided.

Tents

Upon arriving at camp, troops camping on the Fred. side will find tents with platforms already set in their campsite. Rickenbacher campers may check out tents from the Quartermaster. Please take care of our tents. Your troop guide will inventory each tent with the troop leadership. Units will be charged \$10.00 plus \$2.00 per inch for each rip that occurs. Tents that are deemed unrepairable by the Camp Director or the Ranger will be charged to the troop \$275.00 for replacement

SCOUT COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION

Parents always want to know where their son is and how to reach him. We encourage sending mail but ask parents not to call except in the case of emergency. In an attempt to discourage homesickness, we ask that you tell your son to not call home. Our experience shows that a homesick scout doesn't improve if he calls home. The camp phone must be reserved for those individuals on camp business.

To send a letter to your Scout, please address mail to:

<p>Scout's Name, Troop # Bear Creek Scout Reservation 125 Bear Creek Scout Road West Hunt, TX 78024</p>

Camp Phones

Camp phones are for emergency and camp business only. The number is 830-238-4560, if no answer, call the Health Lodge at 830-238-5093.

MEDICAL FORMS AND PHYSICAL

Each scout and leader must submit a completed medical form upon arrival at camp. There will be no exceptions regardless of amount or degree of activity. An official copy of BSA medical form for youth and adults can be found on the last page of this guide. It is now the same form for all BSA activities.

Special Hint: Bring a photocopy of the original medical health form and leave the original at home!

Anyone arriving without a doctor's examination will be required to secure such at his / her own expense before he / she will be checked into camp.

Please be sure that the parents have signed the medical forms and accompanying notes when appropriate (see above). Religious exceptions are allowed.

Off Camp Medical Care

Occasionally, Scouts or leaders may require treatment at a local doctor's office or hospital. Medical expenses incurred by Scouts and adult leaders while in camp will be billed to the home of the person receiving treatment. **Please make sure insurance information is completed on the medical forms Attach a copy of insurance cards to the form.** If the family does not have appropriate insurance coverage, they may turn the bill over to the Troop to be paid by the Troop's insurance.

SWIM TEST

All Scouts and leaders must take the Boy Scout swim test before entering any swimming area. As soon as your Troop Guide leads you to your campsite, your boys should prepare to take the swim test. Upon arrival at the waterfront, your Troop will be issued "Buddy Tags". All Scouts and leaders will be classified according to their swimming ability on the following scale:

1. Non-swimmer: One who does not swim at all.
2. Beginner: One who can jump into water, over his head, and swim a minimum of 50 feet using any stroke, with at least one sharp turn, but has not met the Swimmer requirements.
3. Swimmer: One who can jump into water, over his head, level off and swim 75 yards in a strong manner using the trudgen, crawl, sidestroke, or breast stroke (with proper breath control). Then the person being tested should be able to swim 25 additional yards using the elementary backstroke and be able to float on his back with a minimum of movement.

Troops may conduct swim tests prior to camp. These should be done using the safe swim defense plan. Bring two copies of the results and a copy of the card of the lifeguard conducting the tests.

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR TROOP

All registrations are online and can be found at <http://www.alamoareabsa.org/Events/BSSummer2015>. Units that are unable to register online may use the form included in this Guide and send your deposit (\$150.00) and information to:

Bear Creek Reservations
Alamo Area Council, BSA
2226 N.W. Military Hwy.
San Antonio, Texas 78213-1894

If there are any questions about registration, please contact the Outdoor Camping Executive at 210-341-8611 ext. 122 at the Alamo Area Council office in San Antonio, TX.

Campsites are assigned based on troop size.

REFUND POLICY:

Site deposits are non-refundable.

To ensure the council can provide the best service to the Scouts and to make better investments into the lives of our youth the Alamo Area Council has adopted the following refund policy:

- Paid registration fees are refundable up to eight (8) days prior to the start of an event, less a 10% supply fee, upon written request with a copy of the receipt of payment.
- From the seventh (7) day up to 24 hours prior to the start of an event fees are 50% refundable, upon written request with a copy of receipt of payment.
- From 24 hours prior to the start of an event and up to seven days after the event, refunds will only be issued in the event of a valid medical emergency, summer school or military assignment. Proper documentation must be provided.
- Scouts are allowed to coordinate with other scouts to fill the position being vacated. Please notify Council of the change and we will update the roster, as required. (With the exception of events with Wait Lists).
- Transfers to another session within the same event and same year (ex. Bear Creek Session 1 to BC Session 4) are allowed but *funds cannot be transferred to another event or another year.*

We encourage troops to be careful not to overpay. If in doubt, consult the registration website or contact us. The council refund policy will apply to all overpayments.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE SUNDAY

Check in time is **1:30 p.m.** Troops will arrive at the Administration Building parking lot where a staff member will direct the Troop to their assigned campsite. The Troop's Staff Guide, who will await you in your campsite, will inform leaders of the check-in procedure. The Troop Guide will lead your Scouts to their campsite and facilitate setting up your camp, while adult leaders remove any empty vehicles to the parking area.

Requirements for check-in:

- All check-in is completed at the Environmental Pavilion after your troop has received their campsite assignment.
- Balances due for camp fees, merit badges and adventure programs, please bring your receipts.
- Medical Forms
- **Copies of Leaders youth protection training cards**
- **Health form-Parts A, B & C (Current form required)**
- Four (4) copies of Troop Roster

Special Notes for Session 3, LDS Week

Session 3 will be our LDS week. Troops should plan to arrive Monday morning, June 30th. Check in will begin at 8:00AM. We will do regular check in items at this time. Troops completing their swim checks prior to camp may arrive as late as 10:30. Lunch will be at 12:30 with the regular schedule resuming from there.

WHEN YOU DEPART SATURDAY

Each Troop is expected to return all camp provided items to the Quartermaster. These items include tools, flags, water jugs, etc., that may have been used during the week in your campsite or for service projects. Any items missing will be accounted for before a Troop is allowed to check out. A campsite inspection will be made to insure no waste articles are left for the next occupants to clean up. Each Troop is responsible for reviewing the computer generated Merit Badge completion list prior to departing camp. The time to resolve questions is when counselors are available and participants are present to discuss discrepancies. We do not expect to modify our records at a later date.

What Each Scout Should Bring

Clothing

Scout Uniform
Jacket
Rain gear
Hat
Rugged pants
Underwear
T-shirts
Socks
Hiking boots & walking shoes
Swim suit
Long Pants

Camping Gear

Sleeping bag

Cot

Ground cloth
Backpack
Flashlight with extra batteries
Personal 1st Aid kit
Drinking cup
Pocket Knife

Merit Badge Item

Scout Handbook
Writing Items (pen, pencil and paper)
Prerequisites done before camp

Toiletries

Toothbrush & toothpaste
Bath Towels & washcloth
Toilet Paper
Soap for body & clothes
Deodorant
Comb
Shaving gear (?)

Suggested Extras

Sunglasses
Camera & film
Compass
Spending money
Book of Faith

Items to Leave At Home

Sheath knives
Fireworks
Radios, CD Players
Skateboards & scooters
Valuables
Electronic games
Pets

Troop Items

Scout & Leader Medical Forms
Troop Flag
Rope & Twine
Dutch Oven & Utensils
Patrol Flags
Water Cooler for campsite

First Aid Kit
American Flag
Troop Library
Foot Locker for Valuables
Flagging Tape

2015 Merit Badges

<p><u>AQUATICS:</u></p> <p>Canoeing **Lifesaving Rowing **Swimming Kayaking</p>	<p><u>SHOOTING SPORTS:</u></p> <p>Archery* Rifle* Shotgun*</p>	<p><u>FIELD SPORTS:</u></p> <p>Orienteering Fishing Fly Fishing **Personal Fitness Geocaching</p>
<p><u>ECOLOGY:</u></p> <p>Astronomy ** Environmental Sci. Fish & Wildlife Mgt. Forestry Geology Nature / Mammals Reptile & Amphibian Soil & Water Cons. Space Exploration* Weather Bird Study Plant Science</p>	<p><u>HANDICRAFTS:</u></p> <p>Art * Basketry* Leatherwork * Photography Pottery* Woodcarving * Cinematography</p>	<p><u>SKILLS:</u></p> <p>** Camping **Emergency Prep. **First Aid Pioneering Wilderness Survival Cooking</p>
<p><u>COPE:</u></p> <p>Climbing BMX</p>	<p><u>American Heritage:</u></p> <p>Communications Citizenship in the World Citizenship in the Nation Indian Lore Metal Working</p>	

OTHER PROGRAMS AT BEAR CREEK

BSA Lifeguard (all day)
Hunter Safety
Totin' Chip

Mile Swim
Nature Hike
Mountain Biking

Service Hours
Conservation Projects
Kayaking BSA

HELPFUL HINTS FOR MERIT BADGES:

Many Merit Badges can be completed at Summer Camp; however, some cannot due to time requirements and special projects / visitations. Some Merit Badges require other pre-requisites or special skill levels. Please counsel your Scouts and use good judgment when selecting their Merit Badge courses for this summer. **We want happy campers!**

(A) Beginning Scouts

(B) Experienced Scouts, 2+ year campers

(C) Advanced, 3+ year campers

<u>Merit Badges</u>	<u>Prerequisites</u>	<u>Comments</u>
Archery (C)	Some experience with previous range time.	Scout must “qualify” by scoring a certain number of points to complete.
Art (A)	None	Fun easy MB for all ages.
Astronomy (B/C)	Requirement 6.2	This will involve night classes. Requirement 6.2 cannot be completed at camp.
Basketry (A)	None	Supply costs about \$10. Making baskets is fun but time consuming.
Bird Study (C)	Requirement 7	Time consuming but fun.
BMX (A,B,C)		Must be physically fit!
Camping (B)	Complete requirements 8c, 9a, and 9b.	With prerequisites done, this should be easy to earn at camp.
Canoeing (C)	Must pass BSA Swim Test and be classified a swimmer.	This class may be difficult for younger/smaller scouts.
Citizenship in the Nation (B/C)	Requirement 2.	Prepare for requirement 6 in advance.
Citizenship in the World (B/C)	Requirement 3 A & B	Come ready to discuss world events.
Climbing (C) 3 hrs.	Participants must be 13yo.	Bear Creek has some wonderful cliffs and climbs. \$25 fee.
Communications (C)	Complete Requirement 5 and 7. Prepare speeches beforehand.	Much time will be spent giving and critiquing speeches. Preparation must be done outside of class.

Cooking (C)	Complete requirements 6, and 7. Review menu planning.	Be prepared to spend extra time cooking and cleaning dishes. <i>See Note Below.</i>
Emergency Preparedness (B/C)	Complete requirements 1, 2c, 6c, and 8b-c	First Aid MB must be completed before starting this one.
Environmental Science (C)	Study the MB pamphlet	Much paperwork and outside observation. Scouts will need encouragement and supervision to complete this MB.
First Aid (B/C)	Review requirement 1 and bring a first-aid kit.	This is for mature scouts able to grasp the information. Must be able to perform CPR.
Fish and Wildlife Management (B/C)	Complete requirement 5.	Be prepared to write a paper.
Fishing (A/B/C)	Complete requirement 9	It is recommended that scouts bring their own poles or buy them from the trading post.
Fly Fishing (B)	Requirement 10	Bring poles if you have one. Camp has some.
Forestry (A/B/C)	None	Good experience for all ages.
Geocaching (B)	Requirement 7	Cannot be completed at camp.
Geology (B)		Outstanding opportunity for all scouts. Time consuming but interesting.
Indian Lore (B/C)	Review requirement 1.	Learn about the history and heritage of the Native American. Supply costs involved as well as time for projects. \$12 supply cost.
Insect Study (c)		NEW for 2012
Leatherwork (A)	None	Supply costs \$15. Fairly easy MB for all ages.

Lifesaving (C)	Complete requirement 1. Swimming merit badge is a prerequisite.	Very difficult for younger/smaller scouts. Physical size and strength required.
Mammal Study (A)	Complete written work.	This MB is combined with Nature. It is an opportunity to earn two MB's in one class.
Metalwork (B)	None	Register online early. This one fills fast.
Nature (A)	None	This MB is combined with Mammal Study. It is an opportunity to earn two MB's in one class.
Orienteering (B/C)	Knowledgeable and proficient with a compass. Complete requirement 7.	The perfect opportunity to hone your skills with a map and compass. A difficult but worthwhile endeavor.
Personal Fitness (B/C)	Requirement 8 will have to be done after camp.	Scouts will learn what it means to be physically healthy and how they can improve their physical health. It will take dedication to complete the 12-week exercise program they create for themselves.
Photography (A/B/C)	None	Learn that taking pictures can be fun and easy. Bring a camera and take your memories home.
Pioneering (B/C)	Scouts should already know the basic knots in requirement 3. Review requirement 4 and lashings for requirements 8-9.	Learn the challenging art of rope making and use. Splices can be difficult and time consuming. Great projects... great fun!
Plant Science (C)		This is a very challenging class.
Pottery (A/B/C)	None	Scouts will learn the art of pottery and experience using a kiln on camp.
Reptile Study (A/B/C)	Requirement 8	Learn the truth about these cold-blooded creatures.

Rifle Shooting (C)	Previous experience is a plus.	Additional practice time may be necessary to qualify. Not intended for younger scouts.
Rowing (B/C)	Must pass the BSA Swim Test and be classified as a swimmer. Bring clothes for requirements 7.	This MB requires physical strength and coordination.
Shotgun Shooting (C)	Previous experience is a plus.	Read about additional requirements for Shotgun Shooting on page 6. Expect to spend up to \$30 for ammo and targets.
Soil and Water Conservation (A/B/C)	Read the MB pamphlet.	Fun for scouts of all ages. A real confidence builder.
Space Exploration (B/C)	None	When the class starts firing rockets off on Friday, everyone wishes they were in Space Expl. \$15 supply costs involved.
Swimming (A/B/C)	Must pass be classified as a swimmer? Bring long pants and long sleeved shirt for requirement 4.	A chance to get in the pool and make yourself a stronger swimmer.
Weather (A/B)	None	Interesting and challenging.
Wilderness Survival B/C) -Overnight Required.	Prepare for requirements 8 and 9. Read the MB pamphlet.	An exciting opportunity to test your survival skills on a wilderness outpost. Very challenging... only for older scouts.
Woodcarving (A/B/C)	Must have knife and Totin' Chip with them. Study MB pamphlet	\$12 supply cost involved. Hone your skills as a whittler.

Cooking Merit Badge will have its class size restricted.

Since cooking became eagle required, class size has been a real problem for us. Therefore, it will be limited to third year campers. Leaders are asked to help us with this by only allowing scouts that are close to earning eagle to take this class.

Merit Badge Registration

Starting May 15, leaders will be able to register scouts for merit badge classes and other programs. The scoutmaster should assign one adult to do this. Registration is done online on Tentaroo. In January, a password will be sent to the e-mail address provided when your troop registered to attend camp. You may also pay fees using a credit card or check using this website.



AINA TOPA HUTSI LODGE

OF THE

ALAMO AREA COUNCIL, BSA

The Aina Topa Hutsi Lodge of the Order of the Arrow serves our council throughout the year, providing bridge ceremonies for Cub Scout Packs, setting up and putting away summer camp, and helping to maintain our two council camps at Bear Creek near Hunt, Texas and McGimsey Scout Park in San Antonio. We also do service projects for our community.

Our yearly activities include a Spring Fellowship at McGimsey, a Fall Fellowship at Bear Creek which includes a very impressive Vigil Call-Out Ceremony, our Winter Banquet in late January, ceremonies for the Induction of Candidates and Brotherhood Ceremonies at most all of our events.

Each Friday evening at summer camp, our Lodge ceremony team conducts a Call-Out ceremony for all Scouts and Scouters who have been duly elected this year as Candidates for membership in the Order of the Arrow. We have a spectacular setting which is backed by the Guadalupe River and a 120-foot cliff.

REGISTERING FOR THE CALL-OUT

Upon arrival at camp, units who had Unit Elections earlier this year may submit the names of those eligible to be called out to our Camp Chief during their unit's check-in. All names are subject to verification and additional names can be added up until Tuesday of your unit's week in camp.

Those elected to become members, called "Candidates," have a period of one year from the date of their *election* to complete their Induction or they must be re-elected to become a candidate again.

OUT-OF-COUNCIL UNITS

Units from outside the Alamo Area Council must provide a copy of their Unit Election Report or a letter from their home lodge which lists the names of those who have been elected from their unit this year. Only those with proper documentation will be called out.

FOLLOWING THE CALL-OUT

After the Call-Out ceremony, the Candidates will be led to a designated area. Those from the Alamo Area Council will be given information about their opportunities for induction into the Order. Those Candidates from other councils may return to their campsites and contact their home lodge when they return from summer camp.

CAMP SCHEDULE

Sunday

- 1:30 Arrive at camp, check in
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:30 Leader and SPL meeting at commissioner area
- 8:30 Flags in the valley
- 8:40 Campfire

Monday through Thursday

- 7:20 Flags followed by breakfast at dining hall
- 9:00 Merit badge session 1
- 9:15 Leaders meeting at commissioners area
- 10:00 Merit badge session 2
- 11:00 Merit badge session 3
- 12:20 Lunch
- 2:00 Merit badge session 4
- 3:00 Merit badge session 5
- 4:00 Merit badge session 6
- 5:20 Flags followed by supper at the dining hall
- 7:00 Evening programs
- 10:30 Lights out

Friday

- 7:20 Flags followed by breakfast at dining hall
- 9:00 Merit badge session 1
- 9:15 Leaders meeting at commissioners area
- 10:00 Merit badge session 2
- 11:00 Merit badge session 3
- 12:20 Lunch
- 2:00 Merit badge session 4
- 3:00 Merit badge session 5
- 4:00 Merit badge session 6
- 5:30 Supper
- 8:00 Flags in the valley
- 8:15 Campfire
- 9:00 OA Callout ceremony
- 10:30 Lights out

Saturday

- 7:30 Flags and breakfast
- 8:00 Check out

Other important times:

- Monday, 6:45 PM – OA meeting at the Eco Pavilion.
- Troop boating, swims and shoots at 7:00 and 8:00 Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.
- Camp wide chapel service will be Wednesday at 7:00 PM.
- Hunter safety meets Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

THE UNCLE DUDER HONOR TROOP AWARD

The Uncle Duder Honor Troop Award is an attractive Troop flag pennant that will be presented to all units meeting the Uncle Duder standards of good camping. When a unit meets or exceeds the camp standards during its week at camp it will be known as an "Uncle Duder Honor Troop" and awarded a Troop flag pennant at the Friday night campfire.

Uncle Duder Honor Troop Award Requirements:

1. At least one adult from the unit must attend all required meetings.
2. The SPL, ASPL or designated youth must attend all required youth meetings.
3. The troop must attain at least a score of 90 for three days on their Troop and Campsite Evaluation.
4. At least 75% of the unit must attend Vespers Wednesday evening.
5. Do one (1) of the following:
 - A conservation or service project approved by the Ecology Director and supervised by a Camp Commissioner. It should take at least one (1) hour and involve at least 75% of the unit and one troop leader.
 - A trash pick-up attended by 75% of troop and one adult leader. Duration to be determined by the Supervising Camp Commissioner.
6. Raise or lower the Dining Hall flag and say Grace for one (1) meal. (breakfast or dinner).
7. Participate in one (1) of the recognized troop activities below, with 75% of unit attending.
 1. Troop Shoot
 2. Troop Swim
 3. Troop Boating
 4. Troop Hike
8. Have all vehicles out of campsites by 9:00 a.m. Monday morning. The only exceptions are those with medical passes.
9. Comply with all camp policies, including vehicle parking, lights out and burn bans.

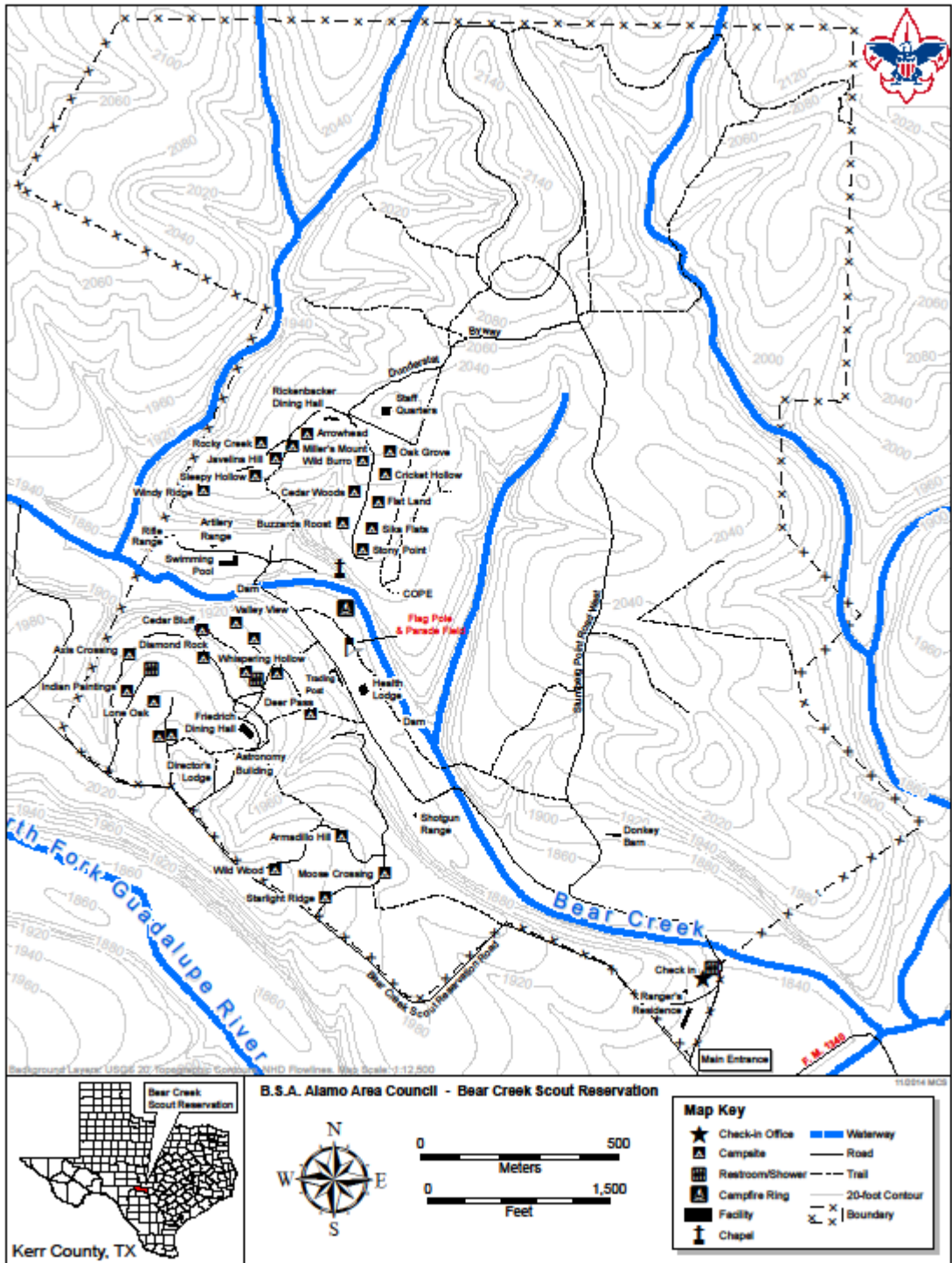
***** Campsite Improvements, Conservation Projects, Camp Improvement Projects and the Ranger Program Conservation and Improvements projects are all separate and may not be used to meet more than one requirement each.

2015 MERIT BADGE

Time	Aquatics	Boating	Shooting Sports	Crafts	Ecology	Skills	Field Sports	American Heritage	COPE
9:00 AM	Lifesaving Swimming	Canoeing	Archery Shotgun Rifle	Art Leatherwork Pottery	Env. Science Mammals / Nature Space Exp. Geology	Camping First Aid E. Prep	Mountain Biking Personal Fitness	Communications Cit. World Metal Working	COPE
10:00 AM	Instructional Swim Lifesaving	Kayaking MB	Archery Shotgun Rifle	Photography Wood Carving Moviemaking	Env. Science Forestry Reptile & Amph. Weather	E. Prep Pioneering Wild. Survival	Mountain Biking (cont.) Personal Fitness	Indian Lore Citizenship Nation Metal Working	COPE
11:00 AM	Instructional Swim Lifesaving	Rowing	Archery Shotgun Rifle	Photography Wood Carving Moviemaking	Plant Science Astronomy Mammals/Nature Space Exp.	1st Aid Cooking Camping	Orienteering Fishing Personal Fitness	Communications Aviation Metal Working	COPE
12:15	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
2:00 PM	Snorkeling Swimming Lifesaving	Canoeing	Archery Shotgun Rifle	Basketry Leatherwork Pottery	Rept. & Amph. Env. Science Insect Study Astronomy	E. Prep 1st Aid Wild. Survival 1st Aid	Fishing Fly Fishing Geocaching	Communications Citizenship World Metal Working	Climbing
3:00 PM	Snorkeling Free Swim	Free Boats	Free Shoot All Ranges	Art Photography Leatherwork	Fish & Wildlife Bird Study Plant Science Env. Science	Camping Wild. Survival 1st Aid	Orienteering Fishing Fly Fishing	Aviation Metal Working Citizenship Nation	Climbing
4:00 PM	Free Swim Mile Swim	Free Boats	Free Shoot All Ranges	Art Basketry Pottery	Fish & Wildlife Mammals/ Nature Soil & Water Geology	Camping Cooking E. Prep	Fishing Personal Fitness Orienteering	Communications Indian Lore Cit. World	Climbing

8:30 - 9:50 BMX

10:00 - 11:20 BMX



First Aid

We will offer American Red Cross 1st Aid / CPR Training on Tuesdays this summer! Cost will be \$40, Sign up on your troops Bear Creek registration page. Class sizes are limited. This will be followed by CPR for the professional rescuer Tuesday evening. CPR pro will be \$20. Scouts taking BSA Lifeguard will take this as part of their lifeguard class at no extra cost.



Followed by Wilderness First Aid on Wednesday and Thursday. Cost will be \$90. Class size is limited. Once again, sign up on your registration page in tentaroo.com.



Scouts and leaders not attending Bear Creek summer camp may participate in these classes by **special appointment** only. Contact the camp **director at least 24 hours before the class** at Ken.Lamb@Scouting.org.

2015 SUMMER CAMP CAMPSITE RESERVATION

TROOP # _____ DISTRICT _____

CHARTERED PARTNER _____ COUNCIL _____

A \$150.00 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED WHEN SUBMITTING THIS FORM. DEPOSITS ARE NON-REFUNDABLE OR TRANSFERABLE

2015 DATES – please put a checkmark by the week you would like to attend



- Session 1 – June 14-20
- Session 2 – June 21-27
- Session 3 – June 29-July 4 – Monday Start (LDS) Week*
- Session 4 – July 5-11 – Venturers Welcome**
- Session 5 – July 12-18 – Venturers Welcome**



* Session 3 begins on Monday morning for those units who cannot begin camp on Sunday
** In addition to Scout Troops, Venturers will also be welcomed sessions 4 & 5. These may be co-ed units

CAMPSITES – please indicate your 1st, 2nd and third choice of campsite type that you would like to reserve

CAMPSITES WILL BE ASSIGNED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF SCOUTS AND LEADERS ATTENDING CAMP
Note that Bear Creek offers two different camping experiences. Units on the Friedrich side of camp will have their meals provided in the dining hall. Units camping on the Rickenbacker side of camp will be responsible for bringing and cooking their own food for the week.

FRIEDRICH (Dining Hall)

We prefer a site below or near the dining hall. This zone includes valley view, deer pass, etc.

We prefer a site in the area above the dining hall. This zone includes Lone Oak, Diamond Rock Indian Paintings, Axis Crossing, etc.

We prefer the sites on the hill south of the dining hall. Note that we cannot guarantee that your troop will be assigned to any particular site.

RICKENBACKER (Patrol Cooking)

Arrowhead

Flatlands

Stony Point

Unit Primary
Contact Information – *please print legibly*

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE ____ ZIP _____

Phone (H) _____ (c) _____

E-Mail: _____

of Scouts Expected: _____

of Adults Expected: _____

Mail with deposit to Alamo Area Council, B.S.A., 2226 N.W. Military Hwy., San Antonio, TX 78213
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 6-15-2014

**BEAR CREEK
CAMP FEES
2015**

	FRIEDRICH SIDE (Dining Hall)	RICKENBACKER SIDE (Troop Cooking)
If paid before May 1, 2015, early bird special		
YOUTH (ALAMO AREA COUNCIL)	\$260.00	\$200.00
YOUTH (OUTSIDE COUNCIL)**	\$280.00	\$220.00
ADULT*	\$130.00	\$100.00
PROVISIONAL	\$280.00	NOT AVAILABLE

After May 1, 2015, regular fees apply		
YOUTH (ALAMO AREA COUNCIL)	\$280.00	\$220.00
YOUTH (OUTSIDE COUNCIL)**	\$300.00	\$240.00
ADULT*	\$130.00	\$100.00
PROVISIONAL	\$280.00	NOT AVAILABLE

OTHER FEES (PER SCOUT)		
COPE	\$25.00	
MOUNTAIN BIKE (using camp bike)	\$25.00	Bring Bike, No Charge
CLIMBING	\$25.00	

CAMPSITE RESERVATION FEE (Deposit)	\$150.00	
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OTHER IMPORTANT NOTES:

- **All Camp fees are due 7 days prior to camp.**
- Some additional costs may be involved for certain programs (i.e. ammunition for shooting sports, craft kits for craft merit badges, etc), boys should come appropriately prepared based on their program choices.
- ****ONE ADULT WILL BE FREE FOR EVERY EIGHT BOYS ATTENDING. (NO FRACTIONS)***
- **REFUNDS:**
- Any refunds will be process according to the Council Policy found online at <http://www.alamoareabsa.org/PaymentPolicy> and on page 13 of the 2015 Bear Creek Leader's Guide.



We'll be waiting for you!

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