

Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch (BTSR) Registration Form

July 11 – 17, 2010

Form Due: April 5, 2010

Scout Name: _____ T-Shirt Size _____ (Adult Sizes)

Adult Name (If Attending): _____ T-Shirt Size _____

Turn in the Following to Nikki Verbeck:

- This registration form (The class choices are attached)
- Medical Form (See Brenda Mills)
- BTSR Adult Application for each adult (18 y/o and older) attending (Attached)
- Copy of current YPT card for each adult attending
- Adults must be registered with BSA. Verify membership with Tamara Aisenbrey.

**Age & Rank
as of July 11th:**

Age: _____

Rank: _____

Need to know the following by May 15th:

Will you be riding the bus? Yes or No

Will your parent be riding the bus? Yes or No

Would you like a Troop Photo? (\$5) Yes or No

Will you be on Cavalcade or Outback? Yes or No

If yes, Circle One:

Merit Badge Class Schedule Sign Up

Please write in your 1st and 2nd class choices. The 2nd choice should be completely different classes than the 1st choice. Every effort will be made to get you the classes in the time periods chosen; however, if certain times are full, I will need to rearrange your schedule based on the classes you chose, not based on the times. (2010 Class choices are not available yet. The 2009 class choices are attached. You will be notified if something changes from the choices you make below.)

TIME	Class Desired (1st Choice)	Class Desired (2nd Choice)
8:30		
9:30		
10:30		
11:30		
12:30	LUNCH	LUNCH
1:30		
2:30		
3:30		
Astronomy		
Other		

PAYMENT & FEE SCHEDULE

DUE DATES	Base Camp Only	Base Camp + Bus	Adult Camp Only	Adult Camp + Bus	Cavalcade Only *	Cavalcade + Bus *	Outback Only **	Outback Only + Bus **
Mar. 1	\$72	\$110	\$50	\$87	\$106	\$144	\$77	\$115
April 5	\$72	\$110	\$50	\$87	\$106	\$144	\$77	\$115
May 10	\$73	\$110	\$50	\$88	\$106	\$144	\$78	\$115
June 7	\$73	\$110	\$50	\$88	\$107	\$143	\$78	\$115
Total:	\$290	\$440	\$200	\$350	\$425	\$575	\$310	\$460
Optional: Troop Photo is an additional \$5								
Other Money: Merit Badge Class Fees (if required) and extra spending money.								
* Base Camp Fee also includes Troop Camp T-shirt, breakfast & lunch at Balmorhea, & breakfast at Frank's Restaurant on return trip.								
* Bus Transportation: The bus fee is an estimated \$150. This could change once we get the final quote and number of participants riding. You will be notified of any fee change, up or down.								

* **Cavalcade** - Must be 13 years of age by July 11th and have earned the Horsemanship Merit Badge. There are spaces for 10 riders for Cavalcade... 2 adults and 8 boys. At this time, the Cavalcade is full. If you would like to be added to the waiting list, please contact Jim Smith.

** **Outback** – Requirements depend on trek chosen. Possibly available, depending on availability at BTRSR, on a first come first serve basis.

Parent Summer Camp Meeting May 24, 6:45 p.m., First United Methodist Church of La Porte.

Note: The BTRSR web site can be located through a link on the Troop web site: www.troop514.us. Choose camps from the left menu, and click on Buffalo Trails.

Merit Badge and Class Listing							
CLASS	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	2:30	3:30	NOTES
Animal Science *					✓		Feeding & cleaning times required.
Archaeology				✓			Some research time required.
Archery	✓		✓	✓	✓		Arrow kit ~\$2 & practice to qualify
Art *		M/T			W/Th		Extra time to complete projects. 2 day class.
Astronomy *							Mon-Wed, 9pm., Wed. early am
Basketry *	M/T	W/Th	W/Th	M/T			Two basket kits - \$10. 2 day class.
Bird Study			✓				Observation time & project required
BSA Lifeguard * ^							All day class M-F. Youth or Adult
Camping *			✓		✓		Req. 8c and 9 done w/ Troop
Citizenship in the World					✓		Bring printed online research for req. 4b & 7c
Climbing *	✓✓✓✓		✓✓✓✓				Minimum age 13. Two-hour class.
Climbing –Advanced ^					✓✓✓✓		Advanced skills for those w/Climbing MB
Climbing – Intro * ^						✓	For boys not ready for Climbing MB
Coin Collecting				✓			
Cooking	✓						Not all cooking @ camp. # 7 @ home
Emergency Prep.			✓			✓	Must have First Aid MB BEFORE camp
Environmental Science	✓✓✓✓					✓	Observation time & Written report. 2 hr. class.
Fingerprinting *		W/Th	M/T	W/Th	M/T		2 day class.
Fire Safety						✓	Req. 11 at home
First Aid		✓			✓		Need first aid kit for home.
Firem'n Chit * ^						✓	Tuesday Only
Fish & Wildlife Mgt				✓			Partial (req. 7) Extra time for projects
Forestry					✓		Req. 7 done at home
Free Rides - Horse ^	✓						Youth or Adults. See notes below.
Free Shoot - Arch. ^		✓				✓	Practice archery to qualify or for fun!
Free Shoot-Rifle ^			✓				Also offered Tue & Wed @ 7:30 pm
Free Swim * ^						✓	Adult or youth. Closed Fri for Mile Swim
Geology	✓	✓	✓	✓			Rock Collection – Req. 2
Horsemanship *		✓	✓	✓	✓		\$20 fee. See rider requirements
Indian Lore *	✓		✓				Project kits - \$5-\$20
Insect Study	✓						Req. 3 & 5 need bug collection. Req.7
Instructional Swim ^				✓			For non-swimmers.
Leatherwork *		M/T	M/T	W/Th		W/Th	Project kit ~\$5-\$10. 2 day class.
Leave No Trace					✓		Thursday only Youth & adults.
Lifesaving	✓✓✓✓		✓✓✓✓				Must complete Req. 1 BEFORE camp
Mammal Study		✓			✓		Partial. Extra observation time.
Mile Swim * ^							6 am - MTWT, 3:30-5 Fri. See notes
Music			✓				Bring instrument. Limited avail. @ camp
Nature			✓	✓			Partial. Req 4 & 5 requires 1 month time
Orienteering		✓		✓			Req. 10 done with Troop
Paul Bunyan * ^					✓		Mon - Wed only. See notes.
Painting						✓	Bring painting clothes!
Photography					✓		Bring digital camera

Merit Badge and Class Listing							
CLASS	8:30	9:30	10:30	11:30	2:30	3:30	NOTES
Pioneering	✓			✓			Extra time for projects @ 3:30
Polar Bear Swim							7:00 am Wed. Only!
Pottery *	M/T				M/T		Clay for projects ~\$5. Req. 7 @ home. 2 day class.
Radio					✓	✓	Req. 8 can be done at home.
Reptile & Amphibian Study						✓	Partial. Req. 8 done at home.
Rifle Shooting	✓	✓			✓		Option A & C done will be used. \$5 Fee
SCUBA, BSA * ^						✓	\$75 fee for equip. MTW class 3:30-5:00. Dive on Fri. 12:00-5:00. Youth or adult.
Sculpture *	W/Th				W/Th		Clay for projects ~ \$5 - \$10. 2 day class
Shotgun Shooting *				✓		✓	Option A. See shooting sports notes. \$15
Snorkeling * ^		✓			✓		Mask / Fins provided or bring your own.
Soil & Water Cons.		✓					Extra time for conservation projects
Space Exploration						✓	Bring empty 2 liter bottle from home
Swimming	✓	✓	✓		✓		Bring clothes for 9c. Do #3 before camp
Theater						✓	Bring favorite costume!
Totin' Chip * ^							Sun. after Chapel or Mon. or Wed. 2:30p
Trail To Eagle * ^	Scout, Tender, 2nd					1st	2 or 4 hour courses. See notes.
Veterinary Med.						✓	Req. 9 – Visit a Vet. And report.
Weather					✓		Partial. Req. 5 needs a month to finish
Wilderness Surv.					✓	✓	Bring kit supplies or buy @ camp
Woodcarving	W/Th		W/Th	M/T		M/T	Project kit ~\$5-\$10. 2 day class.

✓ Indicates the class time the class is offered. More than one checkmark indicates a 2
* Indicates to review notes below for more important information
^ Indicates class only, not a Merit Badge
Shaded and Bolded classes are Eagle required.

PROGRAM NOTES

SHOOTING SPORTS

Rifle and shotgun classes are very popular at BTRSR. Please ensure your boy is ready to take these classes, is strong enough to pick up, hold, and shoot a shotgun. Some 10 1/2 or 11 year olds are not strong enough to safely hold the gun in a safe direction or to aim properly to qualify for the badge. This ensures the safety and good morale of our campers.

CLIMBING MERIT BADGE

The climbing merit badge program at BTRSR is second to none. The canyon walls and numerous rock formations create the perfect setting for a Scout to learn what it is like to climb "for real". (No towers or climbing walls at our camp!) To ensure a quality experience for all participants, the total number of participants will be limited. To participate in this activity, all Scouts must be at least thirteen (13) years old, weigh at least 100 lbs, and have a **Class 3 Physical**. Qualified staff will teach the basics of rock climbing and rappelling. Rope work, teamwork, safety and repelling will be the major program emphasis. Equipment such as ropes, gloves, carabineers, helmets, and safety harnesses will be provided. **This is a full week course, held in two hour sessions and requires participation every day. Personal or Troop rappelling equipment or rock climbing gear is NOT TO BE BROUGHT OR USED at BTRSR!**

ADVANCED & INTRODUCTION TO CLIMBING COURSES

The Advanced Climbing course is available for those boys that already have the Climbing merit badge and are looking for more adventure. They will have to opportunity to try new climbing and rappelling sites, learn rescue techniques, different types of equipment, and test their abilities at a higher level! The Introduction to Climbing gives your younger boys, or boys that are not quite ready or heavy enough for the traditional Climbing Merit Badge class. Here they will learn basic climbing and rappelling techniques, and even will do a climb and rappel at Baby Rock.

TRAIL TO EAGLE

This class will be a great opportunity for new Scouts to work on the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class requirements. Young Scouts are encouraged to attend one of these sessions to get some valuable instruction time for their requirements to advance in rank. This still allows time for merit badges & free time activities. Scouts will have the opportunity to work on over twenty-five items for these ranks, as well as complete the requirements for the Swimming Merit Badge. Trail-To-Eagle has always been a popular program with quite a few participants every week. Troops sending boys these classes are asked to please send an adult leader to give assistance to the staff. We will have staff members leading the course, but due to sheer numbers it is difficult to maintain control and quality. This is an excellent opportunity for new adult leaders or young leaders to get involved! Also, it will fulfill a requirement for the SM Merit Badge!

ASTRONOMY

The Astronomy Merit Badge will be taught in different locations around camp during the week in order to get different perspectives of the night and morning sky. The first class will begin immediately following the camp show on Monday at the amphitheater. This is another immensely popular program with class sizes exceeding 100 boys during some weeks! We ask that any Troop with a participant in this class have at least ONE adult leader attend the class with the participants all week. This will expedite roll call and paperwork times and will allow for more quality instruction time. Times and locations of the remaining classes during the week will be announced at the Monday session. In case of inclement weather, other arrangements will be made for the class, so listen closely for announcements during the week.

HORSE POLICY

It is the policy of the Buffalo Trail Council that all trail riders weighing over 250 pounds are not permitted to ride our horses. This is for the safety of both horses and participants. **ALL RIDERS MUST WEAR BTRSR HELMETS! ALL PARTICIPANTS IN ANY OF OUR HORSE PROGRAMS MUST ALSO HAVE**

LONG PANTS AS WELL AS CLOSED TOE, STURDY SHOES, whenever in the corrals, barn, or on horseback. This is extremely important to insure the health and safety of all participants and equines. (Pants can be of any material, as long as they reach the ankles.) Please plan ahead and have these items on hand when coming to BTSR. No exceptions can be made.

HORSE FREE RIDES

Free rides are available to all Scouts and leaders beginning immediately following breakfast with the last ride leaving the corrals at about 9:10 am. Scouts will be placed in a saddle before adults to insure that all boys get a chance to have this great experience. Any empty saddles will be filled with adults that wish to ride. Scouts should not skip classes for these rides and should plan in advance to ensure the ride is finished before they have to be in class! Also, all weight limit and apparel guidelines will be enforced for all participants. (See Horse Policy above.)

SCOUT LEADER TRAIL RIDES

A special program has been put together that will allow adult leaders (18 and up) to see the beautiful backcountry of Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch from the back of a horse on the trail! The Head Wrangler, depending on demand, sets times for the ride. Rides are held on Monday or Tuesday afternoon. On Monday, the group will go to the Notch, enjoy scenery of the green trail, and swim. On Wednesday, the group will go to Pig Pen Canyon and enjoy a ride and scenery that not many folks get to enjoy! **Price for either of the three hour rides is a \$50 donation to the horse program.** Leaders wishing to take part in this program will need to sign up for the rides at the Jersey Lilly and pay for the ticket as well. It will be open to the first 10 that pay. No pre-registration. All requirements listed in the Horse Policy above including weight and apparel must be adhered to. Also, 2 quarts of water per person is required for the ride.

HORSEMANSHIP / ANIMAL SCIENCE MERIT BADGE / VETERINARY MEDICINE

Each Scout who participates in these Merit Badges will also be required to help with the care and feeding of the BTSR livestock. This is one of the requirements to earn the badges and due to feeding schedules, must be completed outside of class time. Each Scout will be required to feed at one of the following times and to help clean the stalls at least once during the week. Assignments will be made by the instructors to fit the boy's schedules. Those times are: **Feeding Horses– Everyday at 5:30 am and 5:30 pm. And Cleaning Stalls – Monday – Friday from 6-7 am, and Wednesday after dinner.** Special arrangements may be made when weather or other conflicts arise. Qualified staff members will supervise all feeding and cleaning. Any questions may be directed to the Head Wrangler. Apparel guidelines will be enforced at all of these times.

HORSEMANSHIP MB FEES

Due to the astronomical rising costs of feed, livestock, and equipment, a \$20 fee per youth for the Horsemanship Merit Badge has been implemented. Free rides still remain Free, and Adult Leader Trail Rides are \$50 per participant (see above).

TOTIN' CHIP & FIREM'N CHIT & PAUL BUNYAN

The Totin' Chip award is required before a Scout can use a pocketknife or take part in the Woodcarving or Cooking Merit Badge. Learning safety and use of the axe, knife, and saw is important in helping a young Scout to be prepared for future campouts. This class will be taught on Sunday after Chapel service and on Monday & Wednesday at 2:30. The Wednesday class will be taught by the Paul Bunyan class in order to fulfill their requirements for their award. Scouts will complete the requirements for the Firem'n Chit on Tuesdays at 2:30 pm. Adult leader supervision is suggested, especially when class sizes are large. Paul Bunyan is a three part class with the first session being held at 2:30 on both Monday and Tuesday. On Monday and Tuesday, the Scouts will be instructed in various wood cutting and conservation techniques. On Wednesday, the Scouts will instruct the 2:30 Totin' Chip class in order to complete requirement 1. Any Scout or leader who does not have a Totin' Chip, or would like to be a student for the Paul Bunyan award is encouraged to attend.

Buffalo Trail Council Camps

Texas Youth Camp Act Rule Changes

On April 16, 2006, the state of Texas passed into law new regulations that affect the Texas Youth Camps Safety and Health Act. These new laws affect all licensed youth camps in the state of Texas, including Boy Scout summer camps and Cub Scout day camps. As a result, there is a change of policy for all leaders and adults attending any of the Buffalo Trail Council Camps this summer. (BTSR, HAB, Thomas, or District Day Camps)

The following is a synopsis of the new laws in place that affect summer camp operation:

- 1) The camp management shall have on file a record of any criminal conviction for all adult staff members and all adult volunteers working at the camp. (This includes adult leaders and parents attending camp with their Pack, Troop, or Crew as participants.)
- 2) Records of criminal convictions and sex offender status may be obtained by an annual criminal background check **and** by performing an annual background check using a Sex Offender Registration database for each staff member's permanent residence and educational residence.
- 3) Effective June 1, 2006, a youth camp licensee may not employ or accept the volunteer service of an individual for a position involving contact with campers at a youth camp unless youth camp has on file documentation that verifies the individual has successfully completed the training and examination program required by this subsection. (This includes adult leaders and parents attending camp with their Pack, Troop, or Crew as participants.)

As a result of these changes to Texas law, the following policies shall now be in affect for all adults coming as participants to Buffalo Trail Council Camps this summer, whether as an adult camper or adult staff member.

ADULT = ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 18

- A. All adults coming to participate at Buffalo Trail Council Camps **MUST** be registered as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America. No exceptions. (Since registration with the BSA requires a criminal background check, this covers new rule # 1.)
- B. All adults coming to camp must submit to and show the results of a background check through the Sex Offender Registration database. (This is done through a website and is conducted without charge. This covers rule change # 2.)
- C. All adults must show completion of the BSA **ONLINE** Youth Protection Training, with a date on the card showing April 16, 2006 or beyond, and must still be currently valid (taken within the last two years). The Online YPT is the only approved course acceptable for showing compliance to rule #3. All courses must be approved by the state, and this is the one that has been approved by the State for BSA Leaders. **NO OTHER YOUTH PROTECTION CLASSES TAKEN PRIOR TO APRIL 16TH, 2006 CAN BE ACCEPTED. ONLY BSA ONLINE YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING CAN BE ACCEPTED. (MUST BE COMPLETED BI-ANNUALLY!)**

As an aid in complying with these new rules, the Buffalo Trail Council has put together an application that **MUST** be completed by **EVERY** adult coming to camp this summer. The only exception to this rule is a person that comes to camp as a visitor, does not stay overnight, and stays no longer than half a day. Beyond that, ALL adults at camp (whether it is one day or all week) must complete this form and the steps indicated.

This can be assigned as a duty to a unit leader. That person can collect the forms, conduct the background check in the Sex Offender Registration database, collect YPT certification cards, and obtain a BSA copy of the unit roster showing all adults as registered in the Pack, Troop or Crew. This packet must then be submitted to camp management immediately upon arrival to camp.

Buffalo Trail Council Camps

Adult Leader Application for Participation

This form must be filled out *completely* and legibly. Please print and use blue or black ink.

Last Name: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Birthdate: _____ Sex: _____

1. Are you registered with the Boy Scouts of America? _____ Yes _____ NO

If no, you must complete the registration process **before** attending camp.

2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? (You may answer NO if your conviction was ordered sealed, expunged or eradicated)
_____ Yes _____ No

Conviction of a crime is not an automatic bar to participation. All circumstances will be considered, including what you were convicted of and how long ago. You must provide complete information about any conviction by attaching a separate statement.

3. Have you completed the BSA Online Youth Protection Training course within the last 24 months? _____ Yes _____ NO (Must be completed bi-annually!)

Attach a copy of the certification card provided upon successful completion of the training. Training may be completed in the "Training" section of the Sam Houston Area Council website at: www.shac.org.

4. Personal information provided at the top of the form will be used by a leader in the Troop to conduct a search in the Sex Offender Registration database. A copy of the results, whether positive or negative, will be attached to this form.

By signing this form, I swear that the information provided and attached is true and not falsified in any way. I also acknowledge that the personal information provided may be used to conduct a background check and a search in the Sex Offender Registration database.

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____