

# Troop 514 Information Sheet

La Porte United Methodist Church, Texas

<http://www.Troop514.us>

## Troop Organization

Boy Scouts of America emphasize youth leadership and personal development. Troop 514 is one of the largest troops in the Bayshore District of Sam Houston Area Council with around 100 boys. Troop 514 is a "Scout Lead" Troop. All activities of the Troop are planned and run by the elected youth officers of the Troop with guidance from our Scoutmaster, Danny Koons and his staff.

The Troop is organized around the Patrol. A Patrol is between 8 and 10 boys and is intentionally a mixture of different skill level Scouts. Each Patrol has an elected Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. The Patrols are led by older Scouts who are elected by the Troop into Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader positions. Adult leaders interact with Scout Senior Patrol and Patrol leaders to accomplish objectives.

## Campouts

Campouts are an important part of Scouting. The Troop runs a year around camping program, rain or shine. Campouts are where the Troop focuses on Scout crafts, rank advancements, and merit badge requirements. The Troop schedules a monthly campout from January to November. Parents are encouraged to attend. Trip costs are limited to \$11/event for meals. Additional costs for activities may be required. The next troop meeting following a campout is used as a Scout Leadership / Troop Adult Committee planning meeting called **Patrol Leader Council**.

## Programs

The Troop offers three program levels:

### First Year Emphasis

When a boy joins the Troop and is not a First Class Scout, he can attend the Troop's "First Year Emphasis" program. Beginning in March each year, the Troop pulls these Scouts into separate classroom training where they are instructed on the fundamental requirements for Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks.

### Eagle Trail

The "Eagle Trail" program emphasizes leadership and self development to enable Scouts to earn the Star, Life, and Eagle ranks.

### High Adventure

If your Scout has earned his Star Rank and is 14 years old, he can participate in the Troop's "High Adventure" program. This program is designed for older boys who want to participate in a larger variety of outdoor adventures that require a minimum level of outdoor skill and maturity. The boys in the program propose, plan, and lead the activities with adult support and guidance.

## Cost

Troop Dues	\$36	Required [Pro-rated March to March]
Council Fee	\$10	Required
Insurance [per Scout]	\$1	Required
Subscription to Boys Life	\$12	<b>Optional</b>
Insurance [per Adult Leader]	\$1	Required
Council Fee [Adult Leader]	\$10	Required
<b>Summer Camp</b>	<b>~\$180</b>	<b>Optional</b>
<b>Summer Camp Bus Fee</b>	<b>~\$100</b>	<b>Optional</b>
<b>Fall Camp</b>	<b>~\$75</b>	<b>Optional</b>

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## January to June 2006 Scout Year Program Schedule

### January

3 No Troop Meeting  
9 Troop Meeting  
16 Campout Planning  
21-22 Campout Exxon Pipeline  
23 Patrol Leader Council  
30 Troop Meeting

### February

6 Troop Meeting  
13 Campout Planning  
17-19 Campout Wilderness Survival  
20 Patrol Leader Council  
24-26 High Adventure Campout  
27 Troop Meeting

### March

6 Troop No Meeting  
13 Campout Planning  
17-19 Campout Hondo, TX  
20 Patrol Leader Council  
27 Troop Meeting

### April

3 Troop Meeting  
7 Scout National Youth Leader Training  
8 Troop Fundraiser Garage Sale/Fish Fry  
10 Patrol Leader Council  
17 Troop Meeting  
24 Troop Meeting

### May

1 Campout Planning  
5-7 District Camporee  
8 Patrol Leader Council  
15 Troop Meeting  
22 Troop Meeting  
29 No Troop Meeting

### June

5 Summer Camp Planning  
10-17 Camp Pioneer, Hatfield, AR  
19 Patrol Leader Council  
26 Troop Meeting

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