

Deep In the Heart of Texas



**2009 CUB & WEBELOS CAMP
BOVAY SCOUT RANCH**

Leader's Guide

Welcome to

Summer Adventure Camp

at the

“World Famous” Bovay Scout Ranch.

All the wonder and beauty of Central Texas rolling hills and lakes is available at Bovay Scout Ranch, located three miles south of Navasota on the East side of Highway 6 at the end of County Road 317.

Huisache and Bois-d’arc trees surround campsites and cover surrounding hillsides around camp. The entire 1421 acres are a natural paradise for plants and wildlife. The Historic Fahee House at the Walnut Grove dates back to 1836 as the first known structure in Grimes County. The Camp abounds with marine life, and has several lakes teeming with bass, crappie, perch and catfish. Nature study, bugs, animal tracks and conservation

are vital elements of the camp program. Coyotes, bobcats and other wildlife abound.

The aquatic facilities of George Lake are among the finest available with canoeing, rowing, paddleboats and rafts. The Water Park is the center of the swimming and fun in the sun activities. The program is under the supervision of qualified adults, certified by National Camp School of the Boy Scouts of America. The adults are assisted by a fully trained staff to give leadership and instruction to all scouts.

Field Sports, Archery and Riflery, are other activities included in the Bovay program. These activities have something for both the

youngest and oldest Cubs in the Pack.

Several specialty programs have been developed to spice up the regular Webelos activities. They are pioneering projects with pine poles, Indian Lore, sailing and Rocketry.

A central air-conditioned dining hall provides hearty meals prepared in a state of the art kitchen. Tables are arranged by campsites and grace and table manners are taught as essential cub scouting skills/

Tents are provided and are on concrete platforms with sturdy metal frames. Each campsite has access to individual restrooms and showers and a potable drinking water supply. The campsite has a covered pavilion with 5 picnic tables and a campfire area.

Program Areas

Elkins Foundation Indian Village
Teepees, archery, canoeing

Fort Blue Bell
Pellet rifles, horseshoes, paddleboats, fishing

Reliant Energy Nature Center & Garden Area
Plants, animals, tracks, birds, snakes, ecology, erosion Craft area

K. S. “Bud” Adams Sports Field Area
Sports field, games, soccer, softball, volleyball, Earth ball, climbing wall, golf driving range, pitching machine

Emerson Homes BMX Bike Exposure
Ride real BMX bikes on a real American Bicycle Association BMX course

Lost Mine
Look and pan for gold, ore cart races,

SS Mary K. Fleming Paddle Wheel Boat
Fowler’s Ferry, raingutter regatta, knots, fishing,

Marathon Oil Company Field Area
Fossils, plants, oil production, Dinosaur dig

David Weekly Family WaterPark
Pool, slides, water elements

Nature Hikes
Around the Lake

**SAM HOUSTON AREA COUNCIL
MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Sam Houston Area Council is:

Leading youth to lifelong values, service and achievement.

It is the mission of the Sam Houston Area Council Cub Scout Camping Program to provide Cub Scout age boys and their parents:

1. A safe, creative, and educational place and program, fulfilling their desire for an exciting outdoor camping adventure;
2. Encouragement and motivation to stay in Cub Scouting and move forward into Boy Scouting;
3. Physical, mental, spiritual, and social growth through practical, guided application of the ideals set forth in the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, and Scout Oath and Law.



Welcome to Camp – Day of Arrival

- ⊗ *Check-in starts at 2:00 p.m. on the designated day*
- ⊗ *Cars will be directed to their campsite. Parking is at the campsite.*
- ⊗ *Unload and begin set up of campsite.*
- ⊗ *Campsite host will arrive in campsite to start check-in process.*
- ⊗ *Please provide host with a pre-printed copy of roster.*
- ⊗ *Complete tent and cot inspection with host. Record any existing damage. (You will be charged for new damage when you leave.)*

- ⊗ *Host will go over all pertinent information you will need for your stay at Bovay and leave a campsite notebook containing emergency information, schedules and program information for use by everyone in the campsite.*

- ⊗ *When everyone in your campsite has arrived, proceed to the medical office to check-in with the camp medical staff. Have ready to turn in copies of health forms and all prescription medications. Medical staff will go over any health concerns noted on forms with leaders.*

- ⊗ *At **4:00 p.m. a leaders orientation** will be held in the Safari Room to answer any questions you may have. Please have at least one leader from each pack/campsite attend. During the meeting, scouts will be at the Water Park for swim checks.*

- ⊗ *Evening flags are at 5:45 p.m. at Scout Plaza followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m.*

- ⊗ *At 7:00 p.m. there will be a Sunset Hike and/or a free swim, followed by the opening campfire at 9:00 p.m.*



Leadership In Camp

Each adult who will be at camp will need:

- ✧ Proof of BSA membership (either official council issued roster or current BSA membership card.)
- ✧ Completed adult application form. Form must be completely filled out including references but only needs to be signed by applicant. Signatures of COR and Committee Chair are NOT required.
- ✧ Copy of sex offender database check found at this website:
http://records.txdps.state.tx.us/dps_web/portal/index.aspx
- ✧ Proof of completion of on-line Youth Protection Training within the last 2 years. On-line YPT can be taken here: <http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/home/training/Scoutprotectiontraining/>
- ✧ Any adult who does NOT have ALL of the above documents on file in the camp Business Office will not be permitted to remain in camp overnight, as per Texas State Law.
- ✧ Two deep leadership is required. However, a Webelos Den with two adult leaders is acceptable.

General Information

Medical Exams

Each Scout who attends camp must have an annual health history attested by parents or guardians supported by a medical evaluation completed within the last 36 months by a physician licensed to practice medicine. A personal Health and Medical Record-Class 1 & 2 (#34414A) is to be used for summer camp by youth members. Please make sure the parents sign the form!

Each **Adult** who attends summer camp must have a current health history supported by a medical evaluation within the 12 months (36 months if under 40) prior to arrival at camp performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine. A personal health and Medical Record – Class 2 or 3 (#34412) is to be used for summer camp. Exception is Bovay Scout Ranch because it is less than 72 hours.

Note: Class 3 Form 34412A is used by Adults over 40 years old but in a camp less than 72 hours. It does not need a physician's signature.

The forms are available through the Program Resource Center at the Scout Service Center or from one of our Satellite Service Centers.

Upon arrival, all Scouts and Scouters will receive a health re-check from the Camp Health Director. Any Scout or adult Scouters arriving in camp without the completed medical form including examination will be restricted from all camp activities until an examination is secured. There is no provision for an examination to be made in camp. Please bring a copy of your medical to camp. **DO NOT BRING THE ORIGINAL IT WILL NOT BE RETURNED!!!**

PERSONAL INSURANCE CARD:

Please bring a copy of your personal medical insurance card both front and back copy. We do not want the actual card just a copy. If you do not bring this card copy you will be delayed in receiving treatment at the doctor or hospital.

Special Exemption

It is understood that where compliance with the medical examination requirement is in violation of the religious convictions of the individual, such requirements will be set aside by the presentation of certification from the camper's parents, and proper church officials that:

1. A definite violation of religious conviction is involved; and,
2. The parents or next of kin accept full responsibility for any consequence of such exemption and release the Boy Scouts of America, their employees, and volunteers from any responsibility.

Special Insurance Note

You Medical Form (Class 1 & 2) page 1 requests personal health/accident insurance carrier and policy number. This must be filled in by the Scouts parent(s) and in doing so meets council insurance carrier requirement by Mutual of Omaha. Please check and verify the medicals prior to camp check-in for this requirement.

Health and Safety

A Health facility is located at Bovay Scout Ranch and is staffed by persons trained to handle minor accidents and illnesses. Special arrangements for treatment of more serious cases have been made with physicians in the town of Navasota, Texas. If such treatment is required, the camper's parents will be notified by a telephone call and their desires concerning further treatment will be respected.

Health Emergencies

In the event of a serious emergency, camp personnel may be located at the camp office. After hours, an adult sleeps in the Health Lodge. The Health Lodge is located on the end of the Headquarters Building. No one may be taken to a hospital or doctor until cleared by the proper camp personnel.

At the medical inspection given each camper (Scout and Adult) upon his arrival, the camp reserves the right to refuse admittance to a camper who, in the opinion of the examining person and the Camp Director, has any physical or medical problem which could present a hazard to that camper or other campers.

Prescriptions

The taking of prescription medication is the responsibility of the individual taking the medication and/or that individual's parent or guardian. A Scout leader, after obtaining all the necessary information, can agree to accept the responsibility of making sure a Scout takes the necessary medication at the appropriate time, but making sure a Scout takes the necessary medication at the appropriate time, but BSA policy does not mandate nor necessarily encourage the Scout leader to do so. If a Scout is taking medication, the Mediation Form must be completed and brought to camp. Please submit this form to the Camp Health Officer during Medical Re-Check.

Tobacco

The legal age in the State of Texas for the use of tobacco products is 18. You, as a leader, can prevent tobacco use among youth by informing your Scouts that the use of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 18 will not be tolerated at camp. For those adults who have the urge, please use tobacco products only in designated areas and away from all participants (youth and adults). All buildings and entryways on Council properties are Tobacco-Free Zones. Smoking in tents is strictly prohibited.

Insurance

The Council Accident & Sickness insurance plan covers your registered Scouts and Adult leaders while at Camp (please register parents staying with your troop on your unit committee). *This coverage does not include SHAC LDS units (LDS troops should contact their church for insurance forms for camp).* **Units not in the SHAC are not covered by this policy. They should contact their council office on what information must be brought to camp and bring a copy of their claim form with them to camp.**

Uniforming

Why do the Boy Scouts of America have a uniform? The same reasons a football or baseball team, or just about any organized group has a uniform. A uniform gives a standard to be met, promotes group spirit and designates equality from the start among members within the group. At camp, the uniform does the same.

The official Scout uniform is appropriate dress at any time during the stay at camp. We encourage all Scouts to be in full uniform for dinner, campfires, chapel services, and other formal ceremonies. This demonstrates your unit spirit and Scouting pride by being the best-uniformed unit in camp.

Flag Ceremonies

Units are encouraged to hold formal flag ceremonies in their sites every morning and evening. The camp will hold formal flag ceremonies at Scout Plaza. Your unit is expected to attend with boys in full uniform. These assemblies are the time when special announcements and recognition are made. Packs will have the opportunity to lead a flag ceremony. Sign up will be at the leader's meeting at the beginning of your camp session.

Rest

Sleep, or lack thereof, can be one of the greatest causes of a fantastic or a poor camp experience. Everyone needs a certain number of hours each week to rest and the unit leader should see that from 10PM until 6AM each night the campsite is quiet. This will permit those who wish to sleep the chance to get in eight hours of rest. There is also a mandatory rest period for cubs of 30 minutes right after lunch.

Weather

Be prepared for weather. You will be visiting camp in the summer, this means we can experience about anything from cool evenings to hot days. Daytime temperatures can range from the low 80's to the high 90's depending on the current weather patterns. Nighttime temperatures can drop to the lower 70's during the beginning and end of the camping season. It rains in Texas, but the program will continue, so quality rain gear is a must.

Chemical Fuels

The use of all chemical or liquid fuels is strictly forbidden. A fire ring is provided for campfires in the campsite. Wood can be purchased at the trading post for use in the campsite. Use battery-operated lanterns for lighting in tents. All pavilions have electric lighting.

Transportation

All vehicles transporting Cub Scouts must be operated in accordance with local and state law. Vehicles must in good mechanical condition.

- Drivers must be 21 years of age or older and licensed.
- All travel should be done in daylight hours.
- No one is allowed to ride in truck beds, under canopies, in campers, hatchbacks, or with any non-standard seat or seat belt arrangement.
- All passengers should use a seat belt in accordance with state law.

Parking

While the camp will provide adequate parking areas for all personal vehicles, we will not accept any responsibility for vehicles parked on camp property or damaged by driving over camp roads. For your safety, all vehicles must be parked in designated areas at the appropriate time. This policy will be strictly enforced. It is expected that you will walk and not drive around camp during your stay unless there is a health issue.

Alcohol and Drugs

"It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members."

This policy will be strictly enforced for all those that use our facilities.

Dietary Restrictions

Our goal is to give you high quality food in a well-balanced menu. Persons with special menu needs may call the camping clerk at 713-756-3322 or e-mail to randy.fowler@shac.org to request an advance copy of the camp menu if they wish to bring special items to supplement our menu. Please notify the camp food service personnel upon your arrival at camp.

Meal Plan

Campers will eat in the central camp-dining hall. Each Campsite is assigned a table for the session. Staff members will eat some meals with campsites as guests of the Packs or on an invitation basis. Guest meals can be purchased at the trading post.

Visitors in Camp

All visitors must check in and out at the Business Office and provide a photo ID for copying. The copy will be kept on file in the Business Office and then forwarded to the Sam Houston Area Council for long-term filing. If a guest is planning to stay overnight, they are required to provide the mandatory adult paperwork to the Business Office.

All visitors will be issued a visitor wristband which they will be expected to wear during their stay in camp. Any visitor not wearing a wristband, and not willing to produce it for any staff member when asked will be escorted to the Business Office and may be removed from the property.

No camper may leave camp with a visitor without written permission from home. The camper must report to the unit leader and camp director before leaving early. The camper must sign out at the camp office. Boys will only be released into the custody of an authorized adult.

Trading Post

For your convenience, a trading post is located at the Headquarters Building and will be open throughout the day. Cold drinks, including the famous "Bovay Brew" root beer, snack items and souvenirs are available for purchase. Credit cards accepted.

Pets In Camp

Pets are not allowed in camp at any time.

Item To Leave At Home

Pets
Alcohol or illegal drugs
Electronic games
Fireworks
Tobacco
Bows and Arrows
Radios
Tape Decks

Hatchets
Sheath Knives
Ammunition
Scooters
Skateboards
Firearms

HONOR CAMPSITE AWARD

The Bovay Honor Campsite Award stresses the idea of participation by campsites. The activities have been selected to be a learning experience and, most important, fun.

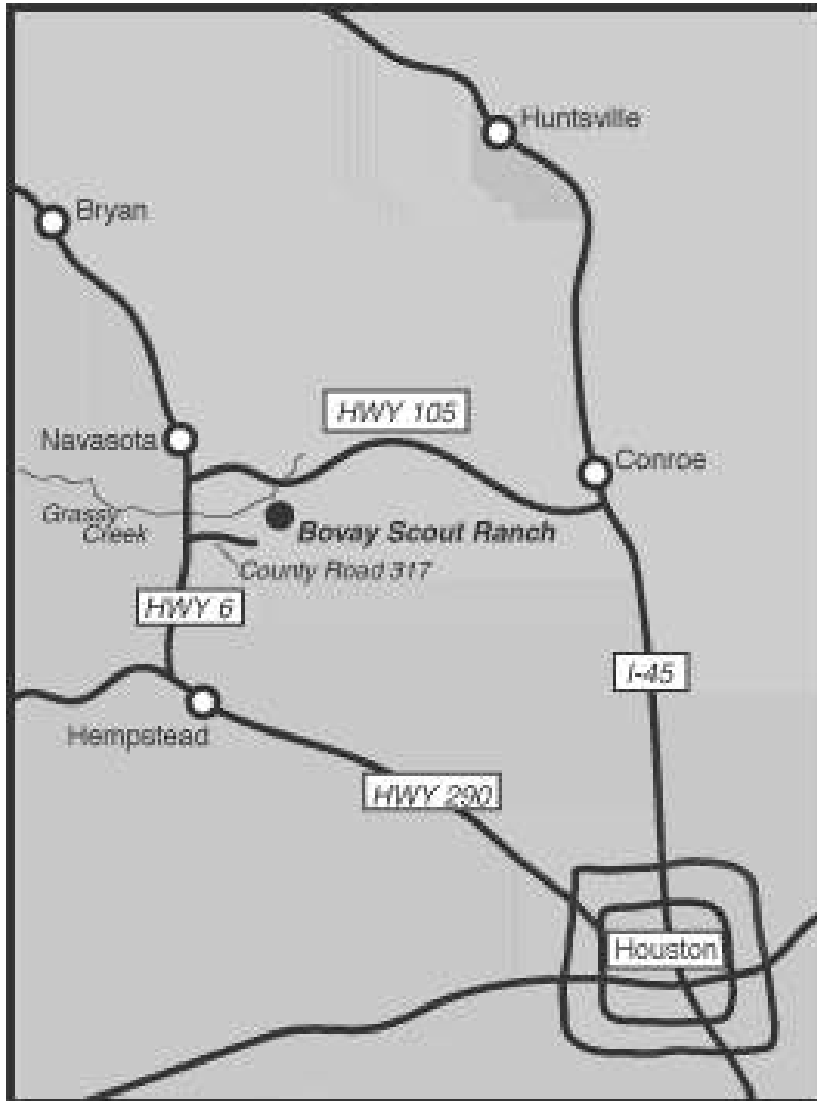
Complete the following. Have verified by campsite host or camp commissioner.

1. — Campsite as a unit participates in one sunrise or sunset hike
2. — Campsite as a unit participates in all evening camp wide activities.
3. — Campsite flies the Pack, American or Texas flag on campsite flagpole daily.
4. — Campsite presents a yell or song at a meal or flag ceremony.
5. — Campsite keeps a clean dining area and campsite area.
6. — Campsite attends opening campfire and closing campfire.
7. — Campsite members exhibit Scout Spirit at all times.



Campsite# _____ **Pack#** _____

Directions to Bovay Scout Ranch -



Directions thru Hempstead:

- From Hempstead take HWY 6 N for 16 miles
- Turn right onto County Road 317
- Travel to end of the road through camp gate.

Directions thru Conroe:

- From Conroe take HWY 105 W for 45 miles
- Turn left onto HWY 6 for three miles
- Turn left onto County Road 317 (just past Grassy Creek)
- Travel to end of the road through camp gate.

Contact info:

- Bovay Scout Ranch
936-825-4120

This phone is not manned daily.
For questions 713-756-3380

