

CHILL OUT!

at **WINTER CAMP**
at **BTSR**
December
28th - 31st



\$135/Scout **\$80/Adult**

NEW MERIT BADGES FOR 2009



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
Buffalo Trail Council
1101 West Texas Avenue
Midland, TX 79701-6171

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TO BE COMPLETED FOR UNITS OR INDIVIDUALS

Troop Unit # _____ Council: _____

Adults: _____ #Youth: _____

Troop Representative: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate: _____

Please mark what meals you be at camp for on Wednesday & Thursday:

Wednesday Dinner Thursday Breakfast

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Individual

Scout Name: _____ Unit: _____ Rank: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate: _____

Email: _____

Please mark what meals you be at camp for on Wednesday & Thursday:

Wednesday Dinner Thursday Breakfast

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Cash Check Credit Card

Card No.: _____ Exp.: _____

Signature: _____ Amount: \$ _____

I give my permission for the above Scout to attend Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch as a camper and agree to pick him up at once from camp if he does not behave in accordance with the ideals expressed in the Scout Oath or Promise. I also hereby give permission to the BTC, Boy Scouts of America, to use and publish any photographs taken of my child or myself and I hereby release BTC from any and all liability from such use and publication and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

*Camper's may have the Class 1 or 2 physical form #34414A within the past 36 months as long as the parental information has been updated in the past 12 months. **ALL CAMPERS MUST HAVE A CURRENT PHYSICAL.** Forms available on-line. **Deposit of \$50/Troop and \$25/youth required. \$25 is non-refundable. Registration deadline is***

SCOUTMASTERS

If you would be interested in teaching any of the Merit Badge classes and/or interested in sharing your other skills at camp, **PLEASE** contact Chris Anderson as soon as possible at (432) 570-7601, Fax (432) 570-7611 or Chris.Anderson@scouting.org.

Class: _____

Dutch Oven Cooking

Survival Skills

Games/Songs

Scout Crafts

Shooting Sports

Kitchen

Other _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate: _____

Email: _____

PRE-REQUISITES

Cycling** Must bring your own bike. Must have the 2-10 mile and 2-15 mil rides complete prior to camp. This is an all day class. You will be doing your 25 and 50 mile bike rides.

Climbing* Minimum age 13

Farm Machines* Requirement #8 must be done prior to camp*

Horsemanship* \$20.00 Fee and 250 pound rider limit

Rifle Shooting* \$5.00 Fee

Shotgun Shooting* \$10.00 Fee

Please watch for additional Pre-Requisites from Merit Badge Counselors as we get closer to camp!

PLEASE REFER TO THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES AND CHANGES

www.buffalotrailbsa.org

WELCOME!

Directions:

The Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch (BTSR) is located in the heart of the Davis Mtns. between Ft. Davis & Balmorhea State Park. The camp is easily accessed off of Interstate 10 by exiting onto State Hwy. 17 South (Balmorhea State Park-Ft. Davis Exit). Follow Hwy. 17 through Balmorhea to the State Park in Toyahvale, TX. Turn south after the state park to continue on Hwy. 17. Follow Hwy. 17 for 7 miles and turn west onto Ranch Road 1832. BTSR is located at the very end of RR 1832, only 12 miles to the end!



Arrival:

Classes begin at 8:00 am on Monday morning. Troops may elect to arrive Sunday evening, for check in at 5:00 pm, but no meals will be served until breakfast on Monday morning.

Departure:

You may depart after classes at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 30th or stay for Breakfast on Dec. 31st. Plan to depart by 10:00am.

Refunds:

A letter from the Scoutmaster explaining the reason for not attending

- 1) Serious illness of Scout prevents his attendance.
- 2) Emergency family matters prevent him from attending
- 3) The Scout's family moves from the council territory, making it impossible for him to attend

\$25.00 of the camp fee is non-refundable but may be transferred to another Scout who has not yet paid and wishes to attend camp

Telephone Policy:

One telephone is located at the camp. It is a business phone so calls must be restricted to those of an urgent nature and should be made by an adult. (All outgoing calls MUST be collect calls, by credit card, or calling cards.) Discourage parents from calling their sons unless it is a family emergency. EMERGENCY CAMP PHONE (432) 426-3709.

TENT & COT RESERVATION FORM		
Troop: _____	Phone: _____	
Contact: _____	Alternate Phone: _____	
Email: _____		
Qty.	Item	Cost
	Tent Rental	\$6.00
	Cot Rental	\$5.00
		TOTAL DUE

There is a \$6/week per tent charge. Tents are standard BSA wide wall tents, and no wooden platforms are available. Tents are not set-up for you, so please be aware that your Troop will be pitching tents upon arrival to your site. It is recommended that you bring a couple of heavy-duty hammers or mini-sledges.

BTSR now rents cots! We have military style, aluminum frame, folding cots available for adults and youth to rent for the week. Only \$5/cot for the week.

Make reservations by faxing or mailing the form below to: Jana Hensley (432) 570-7611, Buffalo Trail Council, 1101 W. Texas Ave., Midland, TX 79701

DAILY SCHEDULE

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY

7:00am - 7:50am	Flag Ceremony & Breakfast
8:00am - 11:00am	Merit Badge Classes
11:00am - 12:15pm	Lunch
1:15pm - 5:30pm	Merit Badge Classes
6:00pm - 7:15pm	Flag Ceremony & Dinner
7:15pm - 8:30pm	Camp Show (Mon.) Free Time (Tue.) Camp Show (Wed.)
10:00pm	Lights Out

THURSDAY

7:00am - 8:00am	Continental Breakfast/Clean-up Camp
8:00am	Head for home



Please watch for additional Pre-Requisites from Merit Badge Counselors as we get closer to camp!

As planning and staffing for winter camp continues, information in the Leader's Guide will be updated.

Visit our website for updates.

www.buffalotrailbsa.org

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Insurance:

Troops and provisional campers from other councils will need to provide proof of insurance prior to attending camp. **TOUR PERMITS ARE REQUIRED OF ALL ATTENDING TROOPS.**

Physicals:

Campers and Leaders ages 18-39 need to bring a completed "Personal Health and Medical Record" form #34414, Class 2 that has been done within the **previous 36 months**. Leaders 40 and over need "Personal Health and Medical Record" form #34412, Class 3, completed within the **past 12 months** by a licensed medical practitioner.

Youth Protection:

On 4/1/06, 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. Also, there is a required form and supporting documentation that must be turned in by ALL adult participants. Please see <http://www.buffalotrailbsa.org/youthcampolicies.html> for more information and the required form.

Must have current (within the last two years) Youth Protection Training. Please bring copy of YPT certificate on all adults.

Showers and Latrines:

Separate facilities are available for youth and adult leaders in the campsite area. Groups will be assigned clean-up duty throughout the camp duration. Information on clean-up and usage schedule will be discussed at the Camp Leader's Conference.

Uniforms:

The full, official youth and adult uniforms are to be worn at appropriate times. Scout T-shirts, trousers, and shoes will be the uniform of the day for breakfast, lunch and classes.

Trading Post:

The Jersey Lily is the place for merit badge books, camping supplies, soft drinks, candy, and camp memorabilia.

Guests:

Good dining hall food will be served at scheduled times and guests are welcome to purchase meals. ***But please warn us in advance so that enough food can be prepared.*** Guests meals will be \$5.00 per meal.

Flag Ceremonies:

Troops will be scheduled to lead flag ceremonies prior to breakfast and dinner on the parade grounds each day.

Alcohol, Illegal Drugs or Controlled Substances:

The consumption, use, possession or distribution of these is not permitted at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. PERIOD. Violators will be reported to the appropriate local authorities and required to leave camp immediately.

Fireworks:

Have no place in camp. Please do not bring them.

Firearms:

Personal firearms have no place in camp. Please do not bring them.

Fires:

Fires are to be built only in designated fireboxes and under proper supervision with the fireguard plan in place. Liquid or propane fuels are to be used only under adult supervision. Bulk liquid fuels (one quart or more) must be stored under lock and key by the Camp Ranger. Empty cylinders and containers must be given to him for proper disposal. National BSA policy prohibits use of open flames in tents. This includes mosquito coils, catalytic heaters, gas lanterns, stoves, candles, and smoking material. Tents must be marked "NO FLAMES IN TENT."

Tobacco:

National and local council policy prohibits the use of tobacco products in all buildings on camp. Campers and staff under 18 may not use tobacco products at camp. Adults who must use tobacco products are asked to do

so in designated areas and away from youth.

Electronics:

These entertainment items (radios, tape/CD players, games, etc.) deprive Scouts of the true camp experience. Advise campers not to bring them.



Recommended Individual Equipment:

Review the list in the Boy Scout Handbook, page 224. Also these items could come in handy:

- Completed medical form (***REQUIRED***)
- Merit badge books
- Merit badge gear
- Merit badge work done in advance
- Gloves
- Toiletries
- Flash light
- Spending money
- Scout T-shirts
- Poncho
- Winter sleeping gear
- Tent (or you may rent for \$6 from BTRSR)
- Cot (or you may rent for \$5 from BTRSR)
- Lockable storage for valuables (a must)

Recommended Troop Equipment:

- Tentage (ropes, poles, stakes)
- Troop flag
- US flag/State Flag
- Troop first aid kit
- Lockable storage
- Patrol flags
- Medical record
- Lantern(s)
- Dining fly (ropes, poles, stakes)

Advancement:

Most merit badges can be completed at camp. Start planning now for a successful advancement program at camp. Camp is dependent on the weather, equipment, staff, and various other factors that may cause a change in schedule. Please be patient and understanding if those situations arise.

