

Program Fees

Horse programs are subject to weather, availability of wranglers, and time of year. All riders must weigh less than 250 lbs. dressed to ride and must wear provided safety helmet at all times astride a horse. All riders who ride the trails of the Scout ranch outside the HQ area must successfully complete Cavalcade pre-training. Fees include qualified BTSR wranglers who supervise equine activities at all times.

Weekend Cavalcades:

- 1 day: \$50 ea.
- 2 day: \$100 ea.
- 3 day: \$150 ea.

Summer Cavalcade—\$350 ea.

Horsemanship MB: \$35 ea.
Girl Scout Badges: \$35 ea.

Short Trail Rides: \$10 ea.

All fees are on a per person basis

Cavalcades are offered on selected weekends during the fall and spring. Additional days of riding may be possible for additional fees. For scheduling and for more horse program information contact :

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“Under Chapter 87 of the Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code, an equine professional is not responsible for any injury or death caused to equine participants due to the inherent risks in equine activities.”



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Weekend Cavalcades



CAVALCADE is a guided horse ride in & around the 9,200 acre Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. Riders see the best of the Davis Mountains from the saddle, riding over the ridgetops, past box canyons, and down narrow trails lined with alligator juniper and pinion pine, scraping stirrups on rugged rhyolite outcrops. Lead by a trained Wrangler, the Cavalcade covers 20-35 miles on jeep roads and narrow trails. Choose 1, 2, or 3 days in the saddle, riding mountain trained horses or sure-footed mules.

Requirements

Each rider must be at least 13 years old by check-in, be in good physical condition, have a current high adventure physical. Cavalcade riders should have **AT LEAST** the Horsemanship MB level of training and some free riding experience. The program is designed to be a unit activity for Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Venture crews, but is also open to groups of registered adult Scouters.

Cavalcade begins with a **REQUIRED** full day (8 hours) of safety and skills training, followed by individual ability tests each rider must pass before **ANY RIDER** leaves Headquarters.

Cavalcade Features

A minimum of seven riders, including at least one adult over 21 years of age, is required to initiate a Cavalcade. (Our Head Wranglers are 18 or older). Cavalcades may be coed, if female leadership is provided. Maximum is 12 riders, plus the wrangler(s). A minimum of seven paying customers is required.

BTSR provides all mounts, wranglers, saddles, tack, food, eating gear, and safety helmets. Cavalcaders are permitted to bring personal saddles and saddlebags, but BTSR reserves the right to disallow the use of personal tack if inappropriate to the activity or the designated riding animal. Use of privately-owned horses is not permitted.

Each rider will be responsible for care and feeding of his or her mount, and must pitch in to accomplish necessary camp chores. Self discipline is required, the Scout Oath and Law are the rules of the camp.

Cavalcades ride point to point, single file, at a walk, and stay overnight in established camps where food, feed, water, cooking gear, disposable plates, cups, and utensils are cached. Shelter is available, latrines are primitive. Personal gear taken on the ride is limited to a few essentials. Participants should wear boots or shoes they can hike in when necessary.



Horsemanship MB



Training for the Horsemanship Merit Badge is also available for Troops with boys wishing to learn the basics! Plan on spending the weekend camping at BTSR, and enjoying the opportunity to earn this merit badge from trained wranglers.



Girl Scout Badges

Girls Scouts can also spend the weekend at BTSR and earn badges. Senior Girl Scouts can earn the Horse Sense badge and Junior Girl Scouts can earn the Horse Fun and Horse Rider badges.



Each of these badge programs only cost \$35 per participant. Boys or girls must be ages 11 and up and registered with the BSA or GSA. All meals and camping equipment are up to the individual Troops. (Cabins are available on a per night rental fee.)