

Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch Texas Sized Adventures...



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All you ever wanted...

A Safe Environment:

Our programs follow the principles outlined in the *Guide To Safe Scouting*. Staff members are officially certified to lead each activity.

A Leadership Training Experience:

Youth experience “extreme” challenges designed to build character, teach leadership skills, and increase Team and Crew unity.

A Value-Based Program:

Activities teach moral values - essentially installing a **“moral compass” within each youth.**

Time To “Work” With Your Youth:

Since you need not worry about menus, equipment, schedules, and so forth, you focus more on your youth.

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- Rappelling
- Climbing
- Land Navigation
- Astronomy
- Hiking
- Black Powder Shooting
- Horse Back Riding
- Rock Hunting
- Geocaching





TRAILS

There are over a dozen trails that wind through the over 9,000 acres of rugged and beautiful BTSR terrain. Many of these trails were established almost 6 decades ago and still see traffic today as we continue to put hikers into our wonderful backcountry. They range from easy trails with little to no elevation change, to the most rugged and challenging trails that will test even the most experienced hikers. These are not roads or wide national park trails; they are very rustic trails that leave little impact on the surrounding beauty you will experience as you hike along these paths. Our itineraries are designed to utilize the most appropriate trail based on the experience level required for each program. Ranging from 4,400 ft. of elevation in base camp, to over 6,400 feet there is something for everyone!



SCENERY

With over 50 miles of trails winding through our corner of the Davis Mountains, you will be able to witness some of the most beautiful scenic overlooks in the state. Our camp includes portions of Little Aguja Canyon, Madera Canyon, Pig Pen Canyon, and Million Dollar Canyon inside its boundaries. Looking down into the bottom of one of these canyons, or looking up to rising towers of rock from the bottom of them, you will not go home dissatisfied with the beauty and variety of nature found at our camp.

LANDMARKS

BTSR is full of many unique geological formations and landmarks, many of which you will be able to see on one of your treks. Be on the lookout for **Needle Rock, Natural Bridge, Giant's Hand, The Notch, Balance Rock, the Columns, Blue Hole, and Forbidden Castle.** You might even see the Indian Paintings plus our many natural springs and wells!



Outback Hiking Adventure

High Adventure Program Opportunities

Enjoy the challenge and the sights of the most beautiful canyons, highest peaks, and tallest cliffs in Texas during your week in the BTSR Outback. Created thousands of years ago, during the formation of the earth, volcanic activity sent the Davis Mountains over sixty-five hundred feet above sea level. Calderas and erosion left the rocky peaks two thousand feet above the valley floor, creating the Outback that BTSR Rangers proudly call home.



PROGRAM

Treks consist of a weeklong-guided hiking Adventure based out of our 9,320 acre Scout Ranch (the largest council-owned Scout Ranch in the Southern region!). Crews, which can be created two ways, hike on rugged trails with amazing views. Each crew will stay at pre-existing campsites where dinners and breakfasts, cook gear, and shelters will be made available. Once at the campsite, crews will have time for independent activities and exploration as well as arranged programming.

ORGANIZATION

The treks are week-long with no re-supply stops in base camp. *Terrain is very rough and treks are physically challenging. Crews must follow trip, age, and experience requirements.*

Each crew consists of six to twelve Scouts or Scouters and the assigned Ranger(s). There are two different ways to form an Outback Crew.

- Option 1: Troop or Crew signs up a minimum of 6 members, including 2 adult leaders, one 21+ for a trek.
- Option 2: Individual Scouts or Scouters sign up for Outback and are put into a trek as it comes open.

The program is open to all Boy Scout groups and may be coed, with proper adult leadership.



RANGERS

Your assigned Ranger is your resource for local history, water sources, trails **information, and safety tips.** The Ranger's experience should be a reliable resource to lead your crew through the not so distinct trails. The Rangers primary goal is to ensure a fun and safe week. He or she is NOT supposed to lead your group or set up Troop operations such as cooking, eating, or sleeping arrangements.

"This was the best outback trek experience our troop has done thus far!"

Anonymous

FOOD

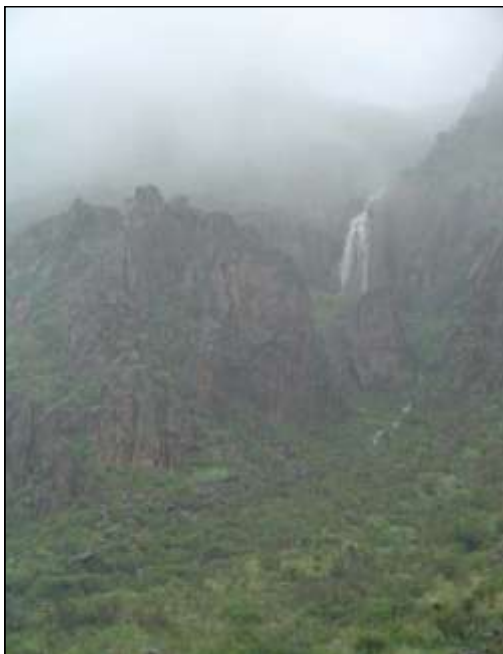
Dinners and breakfasts are already at outback camps, waiting for basic preparation. Lunches are the only meal which will be packed and they are packaged and require minimal, if any, preparation. Food is packaged for groups of four, so you can easily break into cook groups. Meals are designed to be healthy and meet the caloric needs of each group. **"It might not be steak, but we've never had any complaints!"** It is acceptable to bring along personal or troop food, like Gatorade or snacks, just be sure to package and store the additional food properly. As part of the *Leave No Trace* policies, each crew will be expected to carry out ALL garbage.

WATER

Water is available at several locations in the Outback, but it is scarce. Due to the arid nature of the area, five quarts of water per person are required. A water filter or purification tablets are also encouraged.

WEATHER

The weather in West Texas is very unpredictable. Most summer temperatures range between 75 and 95, however, temperature extremes may be as low as 65 and as high as 115. The humidity in the Davis Mountains is usually in the 20% range during the summer. Humidity can swing from lows of 5% to highs of 100%. The extremely low humidity makes high temperatures seem cooler. This often results in dehydration. All crews must be careful to ensure that the entire crew is staying properly hydrated. Most weeks the camp will not receive any rain, but all crews should bring rain gear.



CLOTHING

Most members will be fine on most trails wearing a pair of shorts and a T-shirt. All trails have their **share of Cat's claw, a feared brier bush only to be** compared to ugly rose stems. Sensitive skinned members will prefer protection from the brush and sun. A hat and sun block is a **MUST** for all crewmembers. Clothing dries rapidly in the arid climate so washing is made easy; there is no need to sacrifice water capacity of extra changes of clothes. Deodorant and other items which will attract wild animals should be left at base camp.

ADULT LEADERSHIP ON TREKS

All crews going on the trail must have adult leaders; one must be 21 years of age or older, the other 18 years of age or older. Coed Crews must have coed leadership.

"Camping and astronomy instructors were excellent."

Troop 531, McKinney

When you sign up for the BTSR Outback, please specify which of the following Treks you will be taking. Please include an alternative trek preference, in case that one has already been filled-up for the week of your choice. (See reservation application in the forms section.)

INTRO TO BACKPACKING

Minimum Age: 12
Mileage: 12 miles

Experience: Camping only
Difficulty: Beginner



ONLY 3 days on trail!

Spend two days learning the basics of backpacking from how to pack and wear a backpack to how to travel using *Leave No Trace* practices. On Wednesday, head out for a three day, two night backpacking trip to practice and reinforce the skills learned in base camp. Participants will earn partials for LNT and the backpacking merit badge and will earn the camp conservation award and Trek Safely card.

Medium

Minimum Age: 13
Mileage: ~21-25 miles

Experience: Minimum
Difficulty: Moderate - Hard

Enjoy the stunning beauty of BTSR as you backpack through the Northern portion of the Outback. This trek is tailored for those people who need to dust off the hiking boots before hitting the trail or who are interested in a relaxed pace that still covers a lot of territory. Trail activities include options for GPS course, Sports, Wilderness Survival, COPE low activities, Mock SAR (Search and Rescue), side hikes, animal observations, climbing & rappelling.

Long

Minimum Age: 13
Mileage: ~28-35 miles

Experience: Minimum
Difficulty: Hard – Very Hard

This trek is a bit more challenging.

It's a great option for people who are experienced backpackers hoping to have a challenging and enjoyable week in the Outback. See some of the most scenic spots on camp, including a visit to the Indian Paintings, Needle Rock, The Notch, and Forbidden Mountain. Trail activities include options for sunrise photography, night star party, COPE low activities, side hikes, Cavalry camp activities, Sports, climbing & rappelling.



“Great experience – we will be back!”

Anonymous Adult

ENDURANCE

Minimum Age: 14
Mileage: ~55-65 miles

Experience: Advanced/Mature
Difficulty: EXTREMELY Difficult!

This trek is the most difficult and physically taxing program at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch! Hiking over 50 miles in five days is a proud and difficult accomplishment for those that complete the trek! People cry, feet bleed, and your thighs will feel the burn! Enjoy climbing, team building, and a search and rescue role play as you take the grand tour of the BTSR Outback. Hike over 60 miles through the rugged terrain of the outback AND earn the RR 1832 Marathon award. Trek crews also have the option to earn the 50 miler award.

TRAIL BLAZERS

Minimum Age: 13
Mileage: ~10-12 miles

Experience: Minimum
Difficulty: Moderate/Difficult

Work for a week and get the next week for ½ the price! Crews/individuals on this program will do routine trail clearing, trail building and maintenance, trail sign construction, etc. Then your hard efforts will pay off as you enjoy the following week in a high adventure program of your choice (except Cavalcade) for half the price. (High adventure fees only. It does not include a reduction in the price of additional charges, such as SCUBA, shooting sports fees, etc.)



"(Trails) were challenging but fun and doable. They were stunningly beautiful"

Anonymous

INTRO TO BACKPACKING

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trek safely First Aid What to bring & How to pack Maps and Navigation <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LNT Setting up tents & Tarps <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campfire 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Menu planning and outback foods Itineraries Living with Wildlife Pack organization and adjustment to body <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foot care and outback hygiene Water purification and food preparation <u>COOK Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shake down Troop games 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike the Green trail First aid role play <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming/ exploring at The Notch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review first aid/ role play <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create mock menu and itinerary 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> LNT conservation project Hike the Green trail to the Black trail <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike the Black trail to WB tanks Optional hike Camp games <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fire building Campfire 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike Black trail <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> return to base camp schedule

MEDIUM

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Hike up to Forbidden Mt. Cabin where the Calvary Camp is established Lunch Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -GPS Course -Cavalry camp act. -Sports activities -Wilderness Survival Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Hike to White Tank Lunch Hike to Ezra's Bed ground Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -COPE activities -Mock SAR/FA rescue -Bear Mt. Hike Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Hike to West Gate Lunch Hike to Jenkin's Cabin Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -COPE activities -Animal observations Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Hike to the Indian Paintings Hike to Tricky Gap Park Lunch Hike to The Park Options include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mountain Man activities -Swimming at The Notch -Climbing/ Rappelling -Capture the Flag Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Hike to 1st Gate Lunch Return to base camp for lunch optional. Hike to Base Camp Return to Base Camp Schedule

LONG

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Hike to Tricky Gap Park Lunch Hike to the Indian Paintings Hike to Jenkins Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -COPE activities -Animal observations Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Hike to West Gate Lunch Hike to The Park Options include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Mountain Man activities -Swimming at The Notch -Climb/Rappelling -Capture the Flag Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Hike to Ezra's Bed ground Lunch Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -COPE activities -Mock SAR/FA rescue -Bear Mt. Hike -Circle H Hike Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Hike to White Tank Lunch Hike to Forbidden Mt. Options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -GPS Course -Cavalry camp act. -Sports activities -Wilderness Survival Dinner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast Hike to Pig Pen Lunch Return to base camp for lunch optional Hike to Base Camp Return to Base Camp Schedule

Itineraries

"Mountains are beautiful, hiking trails, location, and weather was perfect!"

Anonymous Adult

ENDURANCE - THIS TREK IS VERY CHALLENGING!!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike the Black trail <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike the Low White Hike the High White <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options Include: -Sunset Photos -Star Party Tinaja 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike down to the Green trail Visit the Indian Paintings Hike to Tricky Gap Park <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike to Needle Rock Hike up Ezra's Pass <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mountain Tops Options Include: -COPE Activities -Mock SAR/FA Rescue Bear Mt. Hike 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike down into Madera Canyon Hike back to Ezra's Bed ground <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike to Forbidden Mtn. <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Options include: -GPS Course -Calvary camp act. -Sports activities -Wilderness Survival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sleep In <u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike into Base Camp <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sleep <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hike RR 1832 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sleep <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50-milers-Conservation Project

TRAIL BLAZERS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Check out equipment Hike to work site <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work projects <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Activities 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Projects <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Projects <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Activities 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Projects or hike to next site <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Projects <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Activities 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Projects <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work Projects <u>Dinner</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fun Activities 	<u>Breakfast</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wrap-up/Clean-up worksite <u>Lunch</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return to base camp for lunch optional Hike to Base Camp Return to Base Camp Schedule

The above itineraries are recommended schedules, but could be adapted based on your groups needs, environmental conditions, etc. No set schedule for work crews since they will work on areas as needed.



High Adventure staff were above and beyond excellent."

Anonymous Camper



TRAIL BLAZERS PROGRAM

A recent addition to the B TSR High Adventure program is the "Trailblazers". This offers your Troop or Crew an opportunity to spend TWO weeks at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch! One week doing service projects in the backcountry, and one week of participating in a B TSR High Adventure Program of your choice (excluding Cavalcade) for just a fraction of the cost!

Here is how it works: Your Troop or Crew will spend 5 days working in the B TSR backcountry. You will complete projects such as new trail construction, maintenance on existing trails, clearing brush, building and installing trail signs and markers, as well as other miscellaneous projects that will improve the use of our backcountry for many years to come. Once your work week is completed, you will have Saturday to rest and see the sights in the local areas around camp, and then come back on Sunday ready to embark on a high adventure journey of your own! You can go on a backpacking trip in the Outback Program, enjoy a week at Mountain Man camp, or spend your time at our newest programs, the Circle H or Cavalry Adventures!

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Participation in the Trailblazer program is open to campers 13 years of age and older, as well as adult leaders. Units may send their entire group on the program, or just a small portion. At least ONE adult leader must attend with any group of youth. Coed Crews are encouraged to attend, however, coed leadership must be provided. ALL participants must be in excellent physical condition and provide a current BSA Annual Health and Medical Record. Plan on hiking from work site to work site, as well as the physical labor required to complete a variety of projects on the trail.

STAFF & EQUIPMENT

B TSR will provide a highly trained and motivated Outback Ranger to each Trail Blazer crew in attendance. This Ranger will coordinate and supervise work projects during the week and act as a guide on the trails. B TSR will provide all necessary tools and equipment for completion of the variety of work projects. Participants must provide their own leather work gloves, long sleeved work shirts, and pants, as well as other personal gear.

PLEASE NOTE

Self-discipline is expected, the Scout Oath and Law will be the rule of the Trailblazers program. At the end of the week, all participants will hike back to base camp and get ready for the closing campfire. Here they will be recognized with a special award for their participation. Also, work will not be the only thing accomplished during the week of service at B TSR! Fun activities are worked into the daily program as well. This is not a 12 hour day full of nothing but blood, sweat and tears work! Side hikes, swims at the Notch, history of the ranch, team building, and other opportunities will be available as well, depending on the location of the work projects.

FEES & RECOGNITION

All participants will receive special recognition at the closing campfire, and an exclusive Trail Blazer award that can ONLY be earned by those that participate in this program. In addition, the cost for participating in your high adventure program will only be almost ½ of what the actual fees are. The cost is only \$100 and for youth and adults. Fees cover BOTH weeks of time at B TSR.

Trail Blazer Program

"Everything a Scout camp should be."

Troop 359 Whitehouse

PERSONAL TREK EQUIPMENT

Packing

- Pack (internal or external frame)
- Padded hip strap
- 6-12 Ziploc Bags (for items below)
- Water bottles/hydration system (total 5 qts.)

eating

- Cup
- Spoon or fork
- Bowl or plate
- Pocketknife

Sleeping

- Sleeping bag
- Straps/bungees to attach bag to pack
- Foam sleeping pad (optional)

Optional Items

- Compass or GPS
- Small, light entertainment items
- Camera and film
- Hiking stick

Wearing (packed in plastic bags)

- Hiking boots (already broken in!)
- Sandals or water shoes
- 2 pair heavy wool socks
- 3 pair lighter inner socks
- 3 changes of underwear
- 1-2 pair hiking shorts
- 1 long sleeve shirt
- 1 long pants
- 1 warm top or light jacket
- 2-3 short sleeved shirts
- Sturdy poncho or rain suit

Personal & Miscellaneous

- Daypack or hip-pack
- Lighter
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- 2 Bandannas
- Hygiene items (toothbrush, soap, etc)
- Insect repellent/dryer sheet
- Hand sanitizer
- Moleskin or molefoam, foot powder
- Sunscreen & sunglasses
- 1 hat or cap with brim

COOK GROUP EQUIPMENT

- Backpacking tents & tent pegs
- Duct tape
- Antibacterial biodegradable soap
- Backpacking stove
- 1 Crew First Aid Kit
- Snacks as desired
- Can opener
- Mini-shovel or Trowel
- Water purifying filtrations system
- Collapsible water containers
- Fuel bottles (spun aluminum containers only)

NOTE: Some items such as sunscreen, bug-spray, etc. can be shared between a cook group to cut down on weight. Quantities listed include what you would be wearing.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT BY PROGRAM

Intro to Backpacking	Medium	Long	endurance	Trail Blazers
Please bring everything listed on the pack list. Ziplocs in the gallon, extra huge, and qt. size are good.	Positive Attitude Backpacking toys	Positive Attitude Extra moleskin Gold Bond powder	Positive Attitude Extra socks Moleskin Personal snacks Gold bond Hydration packs	Positive Attitude Leather Work Gloves Long Sleeved work shirts and pants

Equipment Suggestions

Cavalcade Program

"(We) had such a terrific week at BTSR...that we will be returning..."

Troop 513, Austin

The Cavalcade is a weeklong High-Adventure horseback experience. The program is designed for older Scouts, Venturers, and Explorers who have achieved the horsemanship merit badge or equivalent training. Cavalcade participants will ride day to day traveling over extremely rugged terrain through canyons, up mountains, and across **BTSR's many trails. Cavalcade participants get the chance to experience the best of the Davis Mountains from up in a saddle.**



BTSR will provide well trained guides (Wranglers), tack, cookware, shelter, food, and ALL riding and/or pack animals. Riders must supply their own bedding, clothing, rain gear, and water bottles. Participants may bring their own saddle and/or saddlebags, though all equipment must be approved through the Cavalcade Director. Personal gear is only carried by a **riders' mount, weight and bulk must be minimized. Keep it simple and keep it light, BTSR Wranglers will perform a shakedown to ensure this is followed.**

Cavalcade crews are limited to 10 paid riders (eight youth and two adults). The ride may also be coed if adult female leadership is available. If ten riders cannot be found to fill a cavalcade, the group will still be responsible for payment of a ten rider crew. Many crews adopt riders from other troops before their arrival in order to meet the 10 rider requirement.

All riders **MUST** be in good physical condition, earned the horsemanship merit badge of equivalent training, weight less that 250 lbs (dressed to ride), and be thirteen years of age or older by check-in. All riders will be required to pass an equestrian skills test before being allowed out onto the trails. Each rider must also bring a current BSA Medical form, with all information complete, signed and approved by a physician. All riders must also complete the BTSR Hold Harmless and the Chapter 87 Liability Disclaimer form with appropriate signatures.



*"Staff made the Cavalcade a memorable experience.
They know their stuff!"*

Troop 202, Houston



PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Your Wranglers will greet you at check-in. A brief orientation, medical check, and weigh-in will follow. Training begins Sunday, right after supper. The trek will be discussed at this time, and any questions and concerns will be addressed. Training will continue past dusk down at the corrals. Your cavalcade meets again with the wranglers, at the corrals, at 5:30 am the next morning to feed, and resume training. **Don't be late! Saddling, packing, knots, riding, bridling, grooming, and many other skills** will be taught the first part of the day.

If all goes well, the Cavalcade should hit the trail in the afternoon. In the course of the week riders will cover 30 – 45 miles horseback, starting at an elevation of 4,400 ft. and topping out at over 6,400 ft. Cavalcades change camps daily and the group will be expected to pitch in **with chores at each night's stop. Your wrangler can tell you all about the history and ecology** of the Davis Mountains as you travel along the trail. When the horses are resting, there are hiking opportunities. Advancement opportunities are limited due to the cavalcades constant movement. Days will be full of riding and exploring, so sleep will come easily to most. Itineraries return the Cavalcade to Headquarters Friday morning in time for the picnic lunch and a much needed shower before campfire.

Your wrangler stays in touch with Headquarters by radio, and receives daily weather reports. Emergency vehicles, the BTR Search and Rescue Team, and qualified medical personnel are on call 24 hours a day. Every cavalcade wrangler is trained in First-Aid and keeps emergency supplies close at hand at all times.

All riders are expected to pitch in to accomplish necessary camp chores and to follow the leadership of the wranglers. Self-discipline is expected; the Scout Oath and Laws will be the rule of the camp.

NECESSARY INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long pants, properly fitted | <input type="checkbox"/> Bandana or neckerchief | <input type="checkbox"/> Leather gloves |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cap or hat | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-1Qt. narrow water bottles | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocketknife/multi-tool |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <u>SMALL</u> Flashlight/headlamp | <input type="checkbox"/> Cleated cowboy boots | <input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear (tight fitting) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blanket beadroll* | or hiking boots: (Broken In) | <input type="checkbox"/> Long-sleeved shirt |

* A bedroll consists of a tarp or canvas measuring 4x6 ft., a blanket and two 8 ft. pieces of 1/4" manila rope.

OPTIONAL INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Camera and Film (disposable recommended) | These items may be shared and carried by one rider in a one-gallon plastic bag: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp map | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pocket hammock | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks that don't melt | <input type="checkbox"/> Bug repellent |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Tooth paste |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |

WRANGLER CARRIES: Comprehensive First Aid Kit, Radio, Horseshoeing Supplies

LEAVE IN CAMP:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Billfold/valuables | <input type="checkbox"/> Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout uniform |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Changes of clothes | <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo/conditioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Cowboy hat for Friday campfire | |

DON'T BRING:

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Privately owned horses | <input type="checkbox"/> Radios/noise making devices | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell phones |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thermarests | <input type="checkbox"/> Sheath knives | <input type="checkbox"/> Big sleeping bags |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Floppy rain gear | <input type="checkbox"/> Bladder type water canteens | |

ALL RIDERS WILL WEAR BTR RIDING HELMETS

Mountain Man Program

Here is your chance to see how a real Mountain Man lives and survives in the mountains!



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Mountain Man is a weeklong experience for older Scouts and Venturers who would like to experience the life of a Mountain Man in the fur trade era of the **1840's**. **Participants will experience the primitive lives** of men like Jim Bridger, Kit Carson, and Daniel Boone. Scouts will explore the contributions these men made to the growth of our country.

Participants will enjoy activities such as stories around the campfire, Dutch oven cooking, tomahawk and knife throwing, black powder shooting, atl-atl spear throwing, archery, tanning deer hides, flint knapping, making soap and rope from plants, and Mountain Man swimming. Scouts will learn about tracking in the Wilds and reading trail signs, as well as information on edible plants and plants for survival.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Participation in the Mountain Man program is open to campers 13 years of age and older as well as adult leaders. The entire Troop may sign up for the program, individuals may sign up, or the Troop may send a small contingent from their base camp group. We require any groups of 4 or larger to send **AT LEAST** one adult leader with the group. This helps our staff greatly, especially when participation reaches 24 youth. The Mountain Man program may be coed, if female leadership is provided.

STAFF & EQUIPMENT

BTSR will provide the Mountain Man Program staff, group-use camping gear (Rain fly, pots & pans), and food. Each participant will get to sleep in an authentic mountain man tent! Due to the rugged terrain, a sturdy pair of shoes is a must. NO open toed shoes or sandals. Scouts are welcomed to wear outfits of the era.

LOCATION

Mountain Man camp is located 3 miles from base camp down the Green Trail at the Pole Pens. Keep it simple and light (Limit 35 lbs.) There are no roads where we are going!

PLEASE NOTE

All participants are expected to pitch in to accomplish necessary camp chores and to follow the leadership of the staff. Self-discipline is expected, the Scout Oath and Law will be the rule of the Mountain Man camp.

At the end of the week, the Mountain Men will rendezvous at the closing campfire to receive their Mountain Man names, awards from the mountain man games, and the exclusive John McAhon Award, which can only be earned by participants of the BTSR Mountain Man program. **This week into the 1840's promises to be an experience of fun, interesting activities, and even some learning!**

MOUNTAIN MAN ACTIVITIES

- Dinner with Edible Plants
- Making Fish Hooks and Fishing Spears
- Trip to Indian Painting (Tall Rock Shelter)
- Mountain Man Cooking
- Knife Throw
- Hawk Throw
- Tracking and Track Identification
- Fire Building, Flint and Steel
- Black Powder
- Tanning Hides
- Flint Napping
- Rope Making
- Edible Plants
- Medical Plants
- Trapping, Snares
- Blacksmithing
- Campfire Stories
- Mountain Man Swimming
- Conservation Projects
- Trail Building
- Exploring Game Trails, Canyons, Caves
- Shelter Building
- Knife Sharpening
- Branding



Mountain Man Activities

REQUIRED INDIVIDUAL EQUIPMENT

(For Mountain Man, Circle H, or Calvary)
See also individual camper list of equipment on Page 11

- Long pants
- Flashlight with batteries
- Long-sleeved shirt
- Mess kit
- Leather gloves
- Rain gear
- Camera and film (optional)
- Clothing of the era (mountain man clothing optional)
- Cap or hat
- Blanket/Bedroll
- 4-1qt. water bottles
- Sunscreen
- Pocketknife
- Hiking backpack

Circle H Ranching Program

Take a step back in time and live like a rancher and his family did in the *early 1900's!* On this adventure you will hike to the far reaches of BTSR to Madera Canyon. Here you will stay for a week and enjoy a wide range

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Live in old style wall tents on platforms
- Country cooking chuck wagon style
- Archeological exploration of mansion
- Taking care of livestock, goats & chickens
- Black powder shooting
- Cowboy campfires
- Clear and work the land
- Cowboy skills – roping and branding
- Soap & candle making
- And much, much more!!!



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Circle H Ranching Adventure is a weeklong high adventure experience for older Scouts and Venturers who would like to experience the life of a rancher and his family in the late **1800's**. **This new program promises to be a week of fun and adventure!**

Chuck wagon and Dutch oven cooking, roping and branding, black powder shooting and archery, caring for livestock and working the land, making soap and candles, gardening and churning butter, cowboy campfires and singing, are all activities that participants will get to enjoy during the week. Also, you will have the chance to perform an actual dig at the burned Hunsaker Mansion, where the program is located!

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Participation in the Circle H Ranching Adventure is open to campers 13 years of age and older as well as adult leaders. The entire Troop may sign up for the program, individuals may sign up, or the Troop may send a small contingent from their base camp group. We require any groups of 4 or larger to send **AT LEAST** one adult leader with the group. The Circle H program may be coed, if female leadership is provided.

STAFF & EQUIPMENT

BTSR will provide the Circle H staff, chuck wagon cooking gear, program supplies, and food. Each participant will get to sleep in an authentic period wall tent with bunks. Due to the rugged terrain, a sturdy pair of shoes is a must. **NO** open toed shoes or sandals. Scouts are welcomed to wear cowboy and ranching regalia all week. See list of personal equipment to bring below.

PLEASE NOTE

All participants are expected to pitch in to accomplish necessary camp chores and to follow the leadership of the staff. Self-discipline is expected, the Scout Oath and Law will be the rule of the Circle H Ranching Adventure.

At the end of the week, all participants will hike back to base camp and get ready for the closing campfire. Here they will be recognized with a special award for their participation in this program. Also, only the participants of the Circle H program will be allowed to brand their boots, belts, and other souvenirs with the special Circle H brand!

of activities. Live, eat, and sleep like the original ranchers did over 100 years ago! You will also have the rare opportunity to explore the ruins and take part in an actual archaeological dig at the burned out Hunsaker mansion.

LOCATION

The Circle H Ranching Adventure will be located in the new property in Madera Canyon. You will need a backpack to carry your personal gear to the camp, so weight and bulk must be minimized. Keep it simple and light. The hike will be over several miles, be prepared to hike!

DEPARTURE & HIKE TO CIRCLE H

The Circle H Ranch is located in Madera Canyon in some of the most scenic areas of BTR. Vehicle access to the camp is via a road that begins on the back of Forbidden Mountain and is approximately 9 miles long. The hike is long and requires endurance, but there are several factors that will make this hike much easier!

For one, BTR will carry all of the participants' heavy backpacks and gear via 4-wheel drive vehicles, both to and from the Circle H Ranch. Secondly, the hike starts early on Monday morning so the cooler parts of the day can be taken advantage of. Also, the hike to the camp is via a different trail instead of hiking the entire length of the road. It is almost three miles shorter, making the hike much more bearable!

Equipment needed for the hike includes the following: sturdy and broken in hiking boots, hat, two quarts of water per person, a day pack with necessary personal gear for the hike, and a personal first aid kit. A sturdy hiking stick is also recommended, but not required.

The hike to the Circle H program will begin Monday morning at approximately 5:30 AM. Participants for the Circle H program will need to have their gear easy to access from **the rest of the Troop's gear on Sunday so it can be loaded on a 4x4 for transport to Circle H. Please have the gear you need for the hike easy to access as well, so that full packs don't have to be unpacked and repacked.** Sunday night, participants will stay in the high adventure campsite, then hike to Circle H first thing Monday morning. A nice Chuckwagon lunch will be waiting for you upon arrival to the Circle H Ranch!



"Thanks for a great Circle H experience and thank you for great efforts by a quality staff!"

Anonymous

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



While the week of program opportunities at the Circle H Ranch center mostly around historic ranching activities, there will be several opportunities to earn merit badges while there! One of the most exciting parts of the program is the excavation of the burned down mansion at the ranch headquarters. Many very special relics were found last summer, and many more are waiting to be found! Scouts can finish the Archaeology Merit Badge during the week while participating in this dig and a few class sessions.



A ranch wouldn't be complete without animals! Longhorn Cattle, goats and chickens will be living at Circle H as well! Participants will be expected to learn and help with the daily chores of feeding, cleaning, collecting eggs, etc. for all of these animals. By doing this, the Scouts will earn the Animal Science Merit Badge, too!



The fish bite at Circle H, too! Be the only Scouts at BTSR to be able to earn the Fishing Merit Badge during the week! Several fishing poles will be available for Scouts interested in working on this badge.

FEES

Fees cover all food, program supplies, and a qualified staff. See Fees & Payment Schedule at www.buffalotrailbsa.org for more information.





FORT DAVIS HISTORICAL TRAIL AWARD

Another new opportunity at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch is the Fort Davis Historical Trail Award. Although this award is earned outside of camp at the National Historic Site Fort Davis, it is administered by the camp and the

Buffalo Trail Council. To earn this award, participants must complete the four requirements listed below, and submit the application for approval.

The award comes in the form of a patch and an optional medal, which will be available in the Jersey Lilly Trading Post. This award is a great opportunity for those Troops visiting the Fort **before or after camp or on Thursday night as your "Troop Night" program.** Workbooks and award applications will be available at camp and on the Buffalo Trail Council Website.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Hike the historical trail consisting of about one mile on the course described in the booklet and fill in the blanks found in the booklet.
2. **Youth shall take part in one of the Fort's educational games (Mystery of the Talking Walls, Junior Ranger, etc.)** and adults shall supervise the youth in completing them.
3. Do a service project either at Fort Davis or at BTR. Approval of any project must be obtained in advance of any work done.
4. Fill out the application form found in the trail booklet, and submit it at the Jersey Lilly when purchasing awards for all participants.

NATIONALLY APPROVED HISTORIC TRAIL

Nationally, more than 300 trails have been approved for use by Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers. The BSA strongly recommends that hikers use only historic trails that have been nationally approved. Each trail is different, varying in length, accommodations, markings, terrain, and awards.

In order for a trail to be approved, it must meet certain historic trail specifications. They include: historic significance, layout, upkeep, and administration. The Fort Davis Historical Trail Award has met all of these BSA standards and has been approved by the National Council for use by Scouts of all ages!

ABOUT FORT DAVIS



Following the war, increased hostility by the Indians hampered U. S. expansion westward, and it was felt necessary to rebuild the fort. In 1867, units of the newly formed 9th Cavalry were sent to accomplish this task. Eventually, all four of the Buffalo Soldier units formed after the Civil War would serve at Fort Davis.

The old fort is now a part of the National Park system, and is considered the best preserved Indian Wars fort in the Southwest. It is the only preserved site commemorating the unique military origins of the Buffalo Soldiers.

We hope those who follow in the footsteps of the soldiers of the 1880's will come to better understand how Fort Davis was a vital part of the rich history of Texas! As you tour the museum and hike the trail, we encourage you to learn as much as possible about the lives of the soldiers who were stationed here far from their homes in a very remote part of Texas!



Cavalry Adventure Camp

"Had tons of fun working with the horses and doing stuff you can't do in other programs."

Anonymous



Take a step back in time and live like the Cavalry soldiers of the 9th and 10th Cavalry at Fort Davis did in the mid 1800's! This adventure will take you to the top of Forbidden Mountain to our own "Fort". Here you will stay for a week and enjoy a wide range of activities. Live, eat, sleep, and train like the soldiers did 150 years ago! A parade ground, uniforms, sabres, tents, drills, great food, and great views all await you at this mountain-top experience!

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Live in military type wall tents
- Chuck wagon style cooking
- Try out real Cavalry uniforms & sabres
- Learn skills and drills of the cavalry
- Black powder shooting
- Fun campfires and storytelling
- Branding
- Learn the history of Fort Davis
- See some breathtaking BTSR scenery
- And much, much more!



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Take a step back in time and live like the 9th and 10th Cavalry stationed at Fort Davis in the late 1800's! Learn how they lived and trained, eat Chuckwagon cooking, ride and take care of horses, wear the uniforms and sleep in the same type tents. The camp is located on top of Forbidden Mountain, where you will enjoy the variety of programs along with the breathtaking beauty of the scenic overlooks. It promises to be a week that you will never forget!

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Participation in the Cavalry Adventure is open to campers 13 years of age and older as well as adult leaders. The entire Troop may sign up for the program, individuals may sign up, or the Troop may send a small contingent from their base camp group. We require any groups of 4 or larger to send AT LEAST one adult leader with the group. The Cavalry program may be coed, if female leadership is provided.

ADVANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The week at Cavalry camp will mostly revolve around learning the life and skills of a Cavalry soldier, as well as the history of Fort Davis and the Davis Mountains. However, there will be opportunities to earn merit badges as well. During the week, boys will be able to complete the Horsemanship Merit Badge and the Rifle Shooting Merit Badge (Muzzle loading Rifle Shooting Option).

FORT DAVIS HISTORICAL TRAIL AWARD

Another great opportunity for Scouts and leaders to earn a special award will be available during the week as well! On Friday, all participants of the Cavalry program will load up and drive to Fort Davis to take a tour of the historical fort. While there, you will see where the real soldiers of the 9th and 10th Cavalry actually lived, trained, and worked! By completing this tour, and fulfilling a service project at camp or at the Fort, and by participating in one of the Fort's educational programs, participants will all earn the new Fort Davis Historical Trail award.

LOCATION

The Cavalry Adventure will be located at the top of Forbidden Mountain. You will need a backpack to carry your personal gear to the camp, so weight and bulk must be minimized. Keep it simple and light. The hike will be approximately two miles and mostly uphill, so be prepared to hike!

ACTIVITIES

A host of exciting activities await you on top of Forbidden Mountain! You will live in military style wall tents, try out the uniforms the cavalry wore and enjoy some outstanding Chuckwagon cooking. Black powder shooting, horseback riding, branding, roping, drills, history of Fort Davis, fun campfires and storytelling all await you at our new parade ground and Fort on top of Forbidden Mountain!

STAFF & EQUIPMENT

BTSR will provide trained staff, Chuckwagon cooking gear, program supplies, and food. Each participant will get to sleep in an authentic period wall tent. Due to the rugged terrain, a sturdy pair of shoes is a must. NO open toed shoes or sandals. Scouts are welcomed to wear cowboy boots and Cavalry regalia all week.

PLEASE NOTE

All participants are expected to pitch in to accomplish necessary camp chores and to follow the leadership of the staff. Self-discipline is expected, the Scout Oath and Law will be the rule of the Camp. At the end of the week, all participants will hike back to base camp and get ready for the closing campfire. Here they will be recognized with a special award for their participation in the Program!

FEES

Fees cover all food, program supplies, and a qualified staff. See Fees & Payment Schedule at www.buffalotrailbsa.org for more information.





"This is a great (or the best!) camp and we want to come back. "

Anonymous Adult, Houston, TX

BTSR will offer two different SCUBA programs during the course of the summer. This has been an exciting addition to our programs, especially since the participants will get to dive at a favorite hot spot of divers from all over the state: Balmorhea State Park!

Scouts will have the opportunity to earn the SCUBA, BSA award during any of the eight weeks of camp. Those Scouts and Venturers wanting a little more training will be able to earn their open water diver certification during weeks 3, 5, 7 or any week a minimum of 6 divers register. Read on for more details about each of these exciting programs!

INSTRUCTORS

Our instructors are certified by PADI, one of the oldest and most respected SCUBA training agencies in the world. They teach lessons throughout the year at Balmorhea State Park. Their expertise and experience will make for a great learning experience for all participants.

FACILITIES

The dives for both SCUBA classes will take place at the largest, spring-fed, freshwater swimming pool in the United States! The San Solomon Springs swimming pool at Balmorhea State Park was constructed in 1934 and has been a hot spot for SCUBA enthusiasts from all over the state. The springs, which flow approximately 26 million gallons of pure artesian water per day are a constant 74 to 76 degrees year round! Visibility ranges from 80 to 100 feet, and the depths range from several feet to 26 feet in the deepest portion.

Underwater, you are able to clearly see the host of aquatic wildlife that calls the springs their home. You can catch glimpses of two endangered species, the Comanche Springs Pupfish and the Pecos Gambusia. Also for your viewing enjoyment, you can watch the antics of the soft shell water turtle, crayfish, Mexican Teteras, and large channel catfish. This facility is truly a SCUBA paradise and will make for a great adventure during your stay at BTSR!

SCUBA, BSA

The new SCUBA, BSA diving program lets you experience the thrill of diving under the supervision of a certified instructor at Balmorhea State Park. This program is offered during all 9 weeks of camp, and has a maximum size limit of 12 participants. During your adventure, you'll learn about equipment and safety during the three classroom sessions (3:30, MTW at the pool). On Friday, you will learn skills in the water and will even head off on an open water adventure. All participants must be 14 years of age or older. Any participants under 18 **MUST** have their parents fill out the swimmer release and SCUBA release forms found in the forms section. These are BSA, park, and instructor policies and **CANNOT** be circumvented!

FEES

Fees will cover the costs for instructor time, air, and equipment. Visit www.buffalotrailbsa.org for current fee information. Participants will earn the new SCUBA, BSA award. This introductory course will also count towards instruction time for open water diver certification if completed within a year. Remember this class is limited to adults and youth 14 years and older. Participants **MUST** be classified as swimmers! We will need your assistance in shuttling the group to and from the state park, which is only 20 miles from camp.



BTSR will offer SCUBA Open Water Diver Certification for Scouts, Venturers and Leaders ages 14 and up. This will be a five-day course, conducted every afternoon at the beautiful San Solomon Springs at Balmorhea State Park. The course has been very popular and will now be offered during three weeks of camp.

June 26-July 2, 2011 (Week 3), July 10-16, 2011 (Week 5), July 24-30, 2011 (Week 7)
(Others as needed with a minimum of 6 Participants)

Each participant will be required to complete the bookwork portion of the class before coming to camp. This takes approximately 8-10 hours to finish the 5 chapter online course. At the end of each chapter is a review of the materials that must be completed, printed, and brought to camp. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** At camp, the first SCUBA class will be a review of that material as well as a test that will complete the required classroom work.

The next 4 days you will complete the 5 confined water dives and 4 open water dives required for the diving certification. Participants must also fill out the Balmorhea and SCUBA swim releases found in the **BTSR Leader's Guide**.

FEES

Visit www.buffalotrailbsa.org for current fee information. Fees will cover ALL food and base camp fees, ALL supplies needed for the course (dive gear, air, park fees) as well as instructor fees. You do not have to bring any masks, fins, wetsuits, air tanks, etc., unless you choose to bring your own personal supplies. You are not required to purchase any of your own equipment. Once you pre-register and pay for the course, you will receive a training package that you will begin using before coming to camp, which requires completion of online training and bringing the completion certificate. Also as part of the package, you will receive a 6-month subscription to Dive Training magazine, and your own personal dive log book.

PREREGISTRATION AND PREPAYMENT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THIS COURSE! OUR INSTRUCTORS HAVE TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO BE HERE AND HAVE INFORMATION THAT YOU MUST RECEIVE BEFORE ARRIVING TO BTSR! THANK YOU!





For Venture Crews

Venturing Crews are welcome to spend a week at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch for their summer high adventure destination. When your Crew attends a week of camp, they can participate in a variety of Merit Badge & High Adventure programs that will help them to work on many of the requirements for the Ranger Award, the Outdoor Bronze Award, or just have fun with other Venturers and Scouts enjoying our programs and activities. Programs include climbing, shooting sports, equestrian, swimming, lifesaving, CPR training, SCUBA certification and of course, our any High Adventure Programs.



PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

Ranger Camp attendance is by Crew. All units must be under the leadership of two adults. All leaders must be trained in Youth Protection Training. Crews with only one leader attending can be paired with other units to share leadership by prior arrangement. Co-ed Crews must have Co-ed leadership. All participants must be registered Venturers. Send in your reservations today!

COST

The cost and fee schedule are the same as base camp participants. (Other fees may apply for certain programs, such as shotgun, Mountain Man, SCUBA, etc. See program notes and SCUBA guidelines for more details.)

PROGRAMS

Programs will be offered in a variety of areas, with an emphasis on many of the Core and Elective electives needed for completion of the Bronze, Gold, and Silver Venturing awards. Venturers will have the opportunity to work in several areas, depending on which classes they select from. Most of the classes are the same as the regular merit badge courses, with the added requirements for the Ranger Award added for those Venturing participants. Areas that will be offered at our camp include:

PROGRAMS OFFERED:

- Cooking (CORE)
- Land Navigation (CORE)
- Wilderness Survival (CORE)
- Conservation (CORE)
- Equestrian (Elective)
- Lifesaver (Elective)
- Mountaineering (Elective)
- Outdoor Living History (Elective)
- SCUBA (Elective)
- Shooting Sports (Elective)
- Backpacking (Elective)

Special Activities

Other activities to choose from during the week will include trail hikes to Needle Tock, The Notch, or the Park, Star party at McDonald Observatory, camp wide games, campfires, and more!

SCUBA-Open Water Diver Certification

An exciting addition to our program over the last 3 summers, this course will give youth and adults alike the opportunity to earn their Open Water Diver Certification. **Classes will be conducted all day, all week long at BTSR's** swimming pool, but mostly at Balmorhea State Park. This is an outstanding setting for this class! For more information, see the SCUBA section.

“Beautiful scenery, excellent climbing program.”

Troop 992, Sugarland

BTSR CLIMBING PROGRAMS

The climbing programs at BTSR are 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!). Several programs are offered, for varied levels of interest and experience.

- Introduction to Climbing – For beginners, this one hour course introduces the sport and the skills, for those boys not quite ready to take on the challenge of the merit badge.
- Climbing Merit Badge – A two hour course, this class offers a variety of climbs and rappels in base camp, enough to complete the Climbing Merit Badge.
- Advanced Climbing Program – For boys that already have the Climbing Merit Badge and are looking for more adventure. New climb and rappel sites are used, as well as advanced techniques!
- High Adventure Climbing Program – **NEW for 2011!**
This program takes the climbing and rappelling into the beautiful backcountry of BTSR! Hike from site to site and enjoy the challenge our backcountry sites have to offer!

All classes are taught by a highly trained and qualified staff. Some programs have age and size limits and restrictions, please see the BTSR Leader Guide for more information!

HIGH ADVENTURE CLIMBING PROGRAM

Minimum Age = 14 Experience = Advanced / Mature Difficulty = Moderate-Hard

NEW program for 2011! The BTSR High Adventure Climbing Program offers participants an opportunity to climb and rappel in some of the most scenic parts of the Davis Mountains! This is an advanced program for senior Scouts with climbing experience, not for the faint of heart! The week will begin with some preliminary training at “Ground School”, then will progress with new climbing and rappelling sites through the week, each one becoming more challenging and exciting!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Hike the Green Trail to The Park • Set up camp • Lunch • Hike back to The Notch & set up for Ground School. • Ground School (bouldering, knots, safety, climbing.) • Dinner • Campfire & fellowship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Hike to The Notch • Set up & rappel @ Notch • Lunch • Set up & climb & rappel other sites at Notch. • Swimming at The Notch. • Dinner • Visit Mountain Man camp, campfire, fellowship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Hike to the Columns • Set up climbs and rappel sites • Lunch • Rappel & climb at the Columns • Mock SAR / FA Rescue for climbers • Dinner • Campfire & fellowship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Hike to Hidden Valley • 100 ft. Rappel at Hidden Valley • Lunch • Hike to Forbidden Mt. campsite • Set up rappel and / or climb site. • Climbing & Rappelling activities • Dinner • Visit Cavalry camp, campfire, fellowship. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Hike back into Base Camp • Lunch • Join Troop in Base Camp, clean up, prepare for High Adventure Banquet • High Adventure Banquet (Dinner) • Closing Campfire & OA Ceremony



Climbing Program

Local Attractions

"Fantastic Scouting experience for all the adults and the Scouts."
Troop 777, The Woodlands

There are many places to see and things to do in the area surrounding BTR. Here are a few items that may interest your Troop as you make your plans to travel to the Davis Mountains. Some Troops even travel a day early, stay overnight at Balmorhea State Park, and enjoy some of the surrounding tourist attractions.

Balmorhea State Park: For information: (432) 375-2370
With a capacity of more than 3 1/2 million gallons, the pool has plenty of room for swimmers, while offering a unique setting for scuba diving. Visitors can enjoy swimming, picnicking, and camping.
<http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/park/balmorhe/balmorhe.htm>
See Also: <http://www.toyahvale.com>

McDonald Observatory:
Visitor Information Center: (432) 426-3640
Enjoy a star party, tours, and other events at the observatory under the darkest night skies in the U.S. Also enjoy solar viewing programs as well as Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday evening "Star Parties."
<http://mcdonaldobservatory.org>



Fort Davis Historical Site: Visitor Information: (432) 426-3224 x20
Set in the rugged beauty of the Davis Mountains of west Texas, Fort Davis is one of America's best surviving examples of an Indian Wars' frontier military post in the Southwest. Activities include self-guided tours of buildings and ruins; hiking on designated nature trails, and picnicking at cottonwoods picnic area.
<http://www.nps.gov/foda>

Museum of the Big Bend, Alpine Texas: Visitor Information: (432) 837-8143
For more than 70 years the Museum of the Big Bend has been collecting and exhibiting artifacts of the vast Big Bend region. Encompassing the Davis Mountains to the north and the borderlands of Mexico, the Big Bend has been inhabited for over 11,000 years.
<http://www.sulross.edu/~museum/>

Marfa Lights:
Marfa's Mystery Lights are unexplained light sources that appear almost nightly. First reported by early settlers in 1883, they are best seen from the viewing area located approximately 9 miles east of town on Hwy 90. Although theories abound, no explanation can be verified, thus making the Lights a great mystery for locals, scientists and tourists.
<http://www.marfachamberofcommerce.com/>

Big Bend National Park: Park information: (432) 477-2251
Big Bend is one of the largest and least visited of America's national parks. Over 800,000 acres await your exploration and enjoyment. From an elevation of less than 2,000 feet along the Rio Grande to nearly 8,000 feet in the Chisos Mountains, Big Bend includes massive canyons, vast desert expanses, and the entire Chisos Mountain range.
<http://www.nps.gov/bibe/home.htm>

2011 REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT!

TROOP #: _____ COUNCIL NAME: _____

SCOUTMASTER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _____

FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PLEASE RESERVE MY TROOP A SPACE AT B TSR FOR THE FOLLOWING WEEK:

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|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| CHOICE #1 _____ | 1. June 12 -18 | 5. July 10-16 |
| CHOICE #2 _____ | 2. June 19 - 25 | 6. July 17 - 23 |
| CHOICE #3 _____ | 3. June 26– July 2 | 7. July 24 - 30 |
| | 4. July 3 - 9 | 8. July 31 - August 6 |

PROGRAM CHOICES

Please enter your total participants per program choice.

* **REMEMBER** to account for incoming Webelos. Space is limited in each area, and accurate numbers are needed.

Participants	Base Camp	Outback	Mtn. Man	Cavalcade*	Circle H	Cavalry
ADULTS						
YOUTH						
TOTALS						

* CAVALCADE must complete a separate application.

- In-Council Reservations begin 5/1/10. Out of Council reservations begin 6/1/10.
- 2010 RESERVATION FEE ENCLOSED -- \$250.00 is NON-REFUNDABLE
- Every effort for reservation choices will be made depending upon the weekly limits of the camp and the programs available.

ENCLOSED IS A \$250.00 CAMP USE FEE FOR MY TROOP RESERVATION

Receipt# _____ Date _____ Clerk _____

Mail to: Buffalo Trail Council
 B TSR Reservation
 1101 W. Texas
 Midland, TX 79701
 (432) 570-7601
 (432) 570-7611 Fax

Website: www.buffalotrailbsa.org
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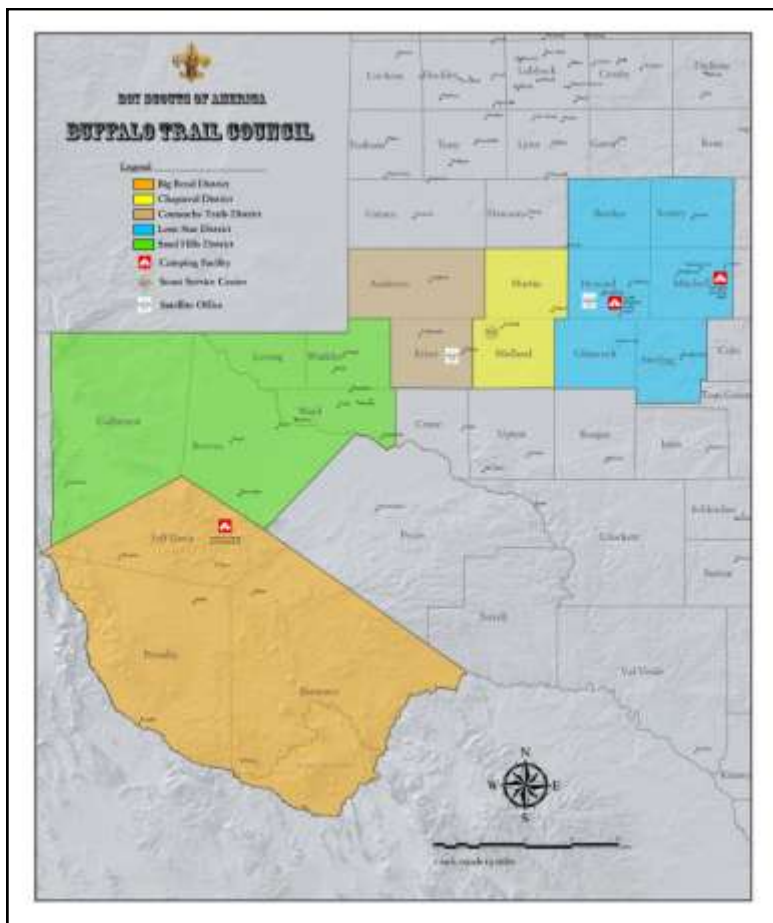
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Buffalo Trail Council Mission Statement

To prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



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