

THE COPE EXPERIENCE

Picture, if you will, 10 people seriously immersed in the difficult task of fitting their teetering, clinging bodies on a two foot square wooden platform. Picture then, one by one, falling backward from a five foot high platform into the waiting arms of their "Team". These two "low course" events are a small part of what happens in a COPE course experience...8, 10 or 20 hours that will change your life. "Learning to Cope" will turn a diverse group of strangers into a close-knit, trusting team, able to support each other as they face their final COPE challenges - to negotiate a series of elements 30 - 50 feet above the ground.

COPE

A Boy Scouts of America developed program, is an educational process based on structured activities which use challenging events to identify individual and group intrapersonal strengths and weaknesses, and from this awareness promote positive personal growth. Some of the skills developed include self-confidence, trust, problem solving, conflict resolution, cooperation, competition, leadership, and followership. These skills will be emphasized during exciting, fun-filled adventure activities in an outdoor environment to create an important transfer of learning to the individual's daily work and social life. These challenge events allow them to break through their own preconceived limitations and achieve more than they would have thought possible.



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PROJECT COPE

Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience



CTBS

CAMP THOMAS
AT BIG SPRING

504 DRIVER ROAD
BIG SPRING, TX

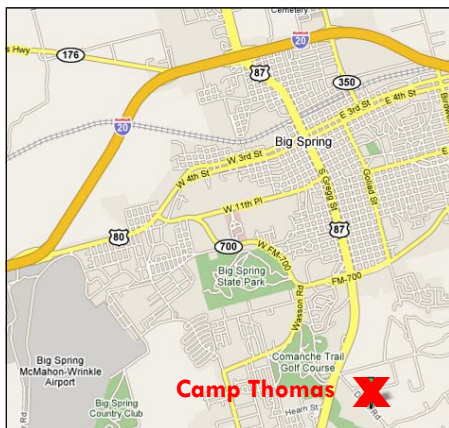
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CAMP THOMAS COPE COURSE

is located on 51+ acres of true West Texas topography. It is a very impressive COPE course, boasting an all inclusive array of challenge events second to none! The course was constructed by Rope Works, Inc. and adheres to all Boy Scouts of America and Association for Challenge Course Technology standards.

HOW DO I GET TO CAMP THOMAS?

Come into Big Spring on either I-20 or Highway 87 (Gregg Street). Head South through Big Spring on Gregg Street. At Loop 700, you will pass Wal-mart and McDonalds then Comanche Trails Lake on your right. Take the next paved road (Driver Rd.) to the left. You will pass on your right a baseball park and the VFW building. Almost immediately on the right, is the entrance to the COPE Course on Camp Thomas at Big Spring (CTBS).



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

SKILLS DEVELOPED:

LEADERSHIP
PROBLEM SOLVING
COMMUNICATION
DECISION MAKING

DESIRED RESULTS:

TRUST
TEAMWORK
SELF-CONFIDENCE



LOW ELEMENTS

Artesian Beams
Criss Cross
Drop Zone
Islands
The Porthole
Mohawk Walk
Wild Woosey
Trust Fall
T.P. Shuffle
The Wall

Cable Traverse
Moby Deck
Nitro-crossing
Whale Watch
Spider Web
Tire on a Pole
Triangle Traverse
The Muse
Swinging Log

HIGH ELEMENTS

Balance Beam
Burma Bridge
Multi-Vine Traverse
Centipede
Slack Line Traverse
Cargo Net
Zip Line
Step Across
Incline Rope
Climbing Tower

Rappelling Tower
Sky Walk
Giant's Ladder
Vertical Playground
Hebee Jeebe
Caving Ladder
Confidence Pole
Screamer
Kitten Crawl

PARTICIPANTS

Camp Thomas COPE Course is open to corporate, civic, school, church, military (i.e. ROTC, National Guard), hospital, and law enforcement groups along with Boy Scout Troops, Venture Crews, and Explorer Posts. Participants must be physically able to complete the prescribed course. A current physical or completed medical history form is required.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Possible accommodations include on-site camping at Camp Thomas at Big Spring or our Hughes Aquatic Base (HAB) located in Lake Colorado City, or local motels. Various food and equipment provisions are available.

COSTS

Costs depend on group size and several other factors. Please contact the Buffalo Trail Council at (432) 570-7601 for current rates and availability.

