

Tomahawk District
Spring Camporee 2007



April 13-15, 2007
Bovay Scout Ranch, Navasota, TX

Registration Packet

Spring Camporee 2007

“Scouting around the World”

This District camping activity is designed to give new scouts as well as seasoned scouts an opportunity to experience the traditional values of scouting as well as enjoy a challenge. This weekend we will have activities that focus on traditional scout skills taught around the world. In addition to the events during the day, we will also have the best campsite award as well as a cooking competition Saturday evening.

The camporee will be held at Camp Bovay near Navasota, directions are included in this registration packet.

The worldwide mission of Scouting is to contribute to the education of young people, through a value system based on the Scout Promise and Law, to help build a better world where people are self-fulfilled as individuals and play a constructive role in society.

There are recognized Scout organization and branches in more than 216 countries and territories. Today there are more than twenty-five (25) million members worldwide. Scouting is evolving and adapting everywhere according to local conditions serving according to local needs.

Through recreation, Scouting achieves its purpose of helping young people develop physically, intellectually, socially, and spiritually. Scouting is all about building confidence and self-esteem, learning important life skills and leadership skills, team building, outdoor adventure, education, and fun!

"Scouting is not an abstruse or difficult science: rather it is a jolly game" - Baden-Powell

The world our scouts live in has become a much smaller one than the one we knew in our teenage years. With advances in technology, scouts today can communicate globally with the ease of a mouse click. Our own Tomahawk District comprises of many ethnical backgrounds as well as many distinct nationalities. This year's camporee is a chance for Scouts and Scouters to find out about several of the scout activities performed around the globe, you might be surprised to find that many activities done overseas are the same or similar to the one we do within our district.

The evening program will be a campfire as well as Order of the Arrow (OA) callout for those scouts elected within their troop.

Cost: \$8.00 for Scouts or Scouters

Look for Spring Camporee on the the Tomahawk District Calendar (April 13-15) for forms and other information. Any questions, contact Bob Joyner at (281) 498-5248 or email rjpi17@aol.com. For registration questions, contact Tina Turner (281) 702-0139 or email brianandtina@houston.rr.com.

General information

1. MEMBERSHIP

All participants in the Camporee must be registered members of the Boys Scouts of America.

Troops participating in this Camporee will need to have their scouts divided into patrols with a minimum of 6 scouts to a maximum of 12 Scouts per patrol.

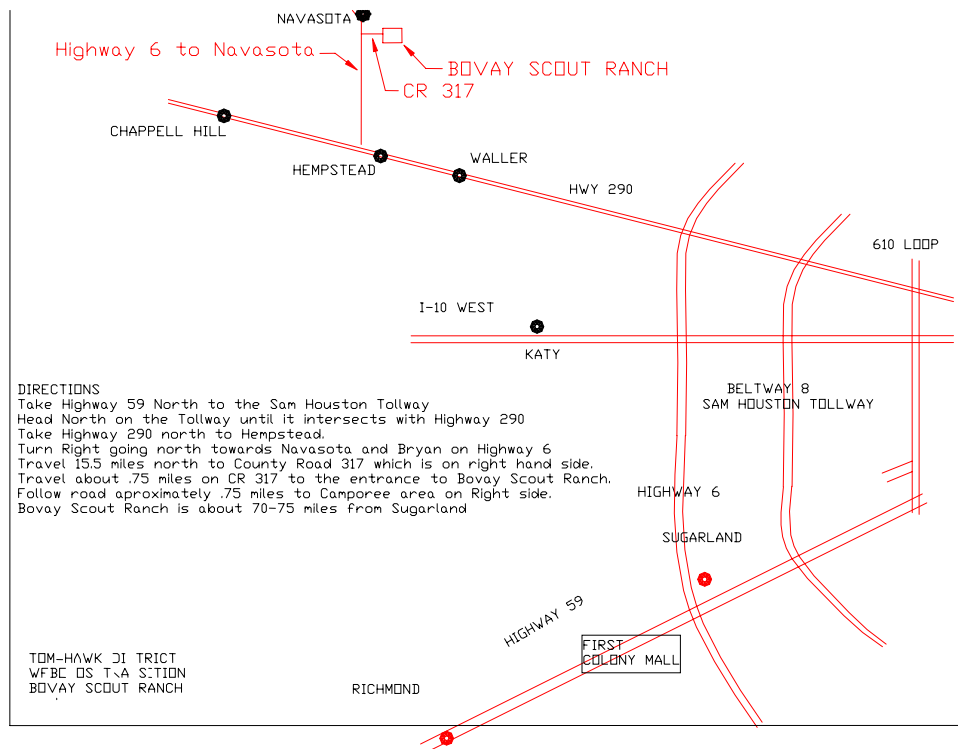
2. LEADERSHIP

The Senior Patrol Leader is in charge of and responsible for the conduct of the troop at all times during Camporee. All units attending the Camporee must comply with the BSA policy requiring that “two registered adult leaders, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips and outings.”

3. SITE LOCATION

The Spring Camporee will be held at the Camp Bovay located near Navasota, TX. Bovay Scout Ranch contact information is 936-825-4120

From Houston, you take Hwy. 290 Northwest heading towards Hempstead. Just before you reach Hempstead head North approximately 16 miles on Hwy 6 heading towards College Station. Turn right on CR317, travel to the end of the road through the camp gate and look for the Duke Energy Camporee site, a staff member will direct you the your campsite. There will be signs to guide you from there. It's around a one-hour and a half drive from Houston.



4. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES / TOBACCO PRODUCTS

Alcoholic beverages are **NOT** permitted at Scouting functions. The use of any tobacco product is discouraged at any time at a BSA event

5. WEATHER

Everyone must be fully prepared for conditions at this time of the year. Temperature ranges over the weekends could be quite cold to quite warm (this is Texas!) Scouts are encouraged to bring necessary clothing to be as comfortable as possible at both of these extremes.

6. FIRST AID

There will be a First Aid station staffed 24 hours per day for any Scout or Scouter needing assistance. The First Aid station will be centrally located and marked with a Red Cross sign. Please be sure to advise your patrol members of its location, which will be announce at Friday's Cracker Barrel.

7. INTERFAITH WORSHIP SERVICE

Chaplain Aides who wish to assist with the Worship Service on Sunday morning should notify the Camporee Chaplain at Friday night's Cracker Barrel. Further instructions will be given at that time.

8. EQUIPMENT DROP-OFF / PARKING

Each troop will be allowed to drop off troop equipment at the troop campsite. Please make every effort to unload completely prior to setting up your camp. Due to safety concerns all vehicles must be out of the campsite area by 11:00 PM Friday evening. Vehicles are to remain in the designated parking areas until Sunday morning (Please **Do Not** park in your campsite). There will be no vehicles allowed on the activity areas. **Please drive slowly through the Ranch.**

9. RESTROOMS

Portable toilets will be available in the field of the camping area. No trash is to be disposed of in these facilities. It is recommended that each troop bring toilet paper, just in case. Please consider others and keep them clean, "A Scout is Clean." Toilets will be designated as "Handicap Accessible", "Men" and "Women". Please use only the one that applies to you.

10. HELP

If help is needed, the Camporee Committee and Staff will help as much as possible. Ask for help at any time to solve misunderstandings. All Camporee staff will wear a distinctive shirt for easy identification.

REGISTRATION

1. CHECK-IN

Check-In will begin at 5:00 PM Friday, April 13th. Upon arrival you will be given directions to your campsite. Please provide to the Registration Staff at Friday night's Cracker Barrel, your Troop's final number attending and pay for any additional participants. Also, please inform Registration of any Scout or Scouter attending requiring special needs.

2. CHECK-OUT

When you are ready to leave on Sunday morning, send a representative to the Camp Headquarters to have a staff member visit your campsite for inspection. If your campsite is ready for your departure, you will be given your patches and health forms.

3. SATURDAY NIGHT CHEK-OUT

Any unit checking out on Saturday must make prior arrangements with the Camporee Chairman. This will insure that a proper campsite inspection takes place before the unit's departure.

4. HEALTH FORMS

The Troop Leader must have a Class 1 Personal Health and Medical Record for each Scout and Scouter participating in this Camporee. Health forms will be turned-in to the Health and Safety Officer at check-in. All Scout forms must be completed and signed by the parent or legal guardian. Forms are available from the BSA website <http://www.scouting.org/forms>

5. TOUR PERMITS

Because this Camporee is a District event, a Local Tour Permit is NOT required.

6. REGISTRATION FEES

Each Scout and registered adult member will be charged a registration fee of \$8.00 to participate in the Camporee.

The fee covers the cost for event insurance, a Camporee patch, supplies for the events and administration costs.

7. TALENT RELEASE FORMS

Each Scout and registered adult member must fill out a District Events Talent Release Form as we will be taking photos and publishing them. If you do not wish to have your photo taken, please let Registration know.

CAMPING

1. CAMPSITES

Each Troop will be assigned a campsite adequate for the number of Scouts indicated on your Troop registration form. A large number of last minute additions may result in overcrowding of campsites so please have an accurate count for Registration. Be reminded to have a First Aid Kit, trash bags, Patrol Duty Roster, Meal Planner, and Duty Roster visible in your campsite.

2. COOKING

Each patrol should cooking using the Patrol Method, and must furnish its own food and cooking supplies. There will be no Campfire Rings so you must be prepared to cook off the ground.

3. GARBAGE

The Tomahawk Spring Camporee will adhere to the LEAVE NO TRACE practices. All trash must leave with your Unit and unburned firewood should be carried out. Remember “Carry in – Carry Out.”

4. CAMPSITE INSPECTION

Each Campsite will be inspected Saturday afternoon. Units should demonstrate the Patrol Method and use BSA’s low impact camping guidelines.

5. FIRE SAFETY

Fires will be allowed, provided each unit abides by the following rules:

- a) Keep fires off the ground
- b) LEAVE NO TRACE of fire
- c) Bring your own wood, no wood is to be collected on-site.
- d) Bring a shovel, rake, and fire buckets
- e) **NEVER** leave your fire unattended

6. WATER

Fresh water will be available at the Camporee. All troops should bring their own containers to transport water back to their campsites a needed.

7. CONDUCT

No scout will enter the camping area of another troop without permission.

Defacing, destroying, or “trashing” of the property of others or the property of BSA is strictly forbidden.

Scouts are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that will bring credit to their unit and the BSA.

REGISTRATION FORM

Spring Camporee 2007 Camp Bovay

April 13-15, 2007

Troop Form

Troop No. _____ Scoutmaster _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____ Scoutmaster Phone # _____-_____-_____

Number of Scouts Attending: _____ Scoutmaster Email _____

Total Attending: _____ X \$8.00 = _____ (Make check payable to BSA)

Total Cost: \$ _____ (Make check payable to BSA)

Comments:

All units must provide an adult leader to work the First Aid station for approximately a 2 hour shift sometime over the weekend.

Shifts will be assigned by the Camporee Health & Safety Chairman.

Name of adult to work in First Aid _____

Please notify Registration of any Scout, or Scouters' special needs.

We request that Registration Forms and Fees be turned in no later than the April 12 District Meeting.

Please contact Tina Turner if there are any registration questions.

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