

## Bovay Scout Ranch

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# Welcome to Weekend Family Camp

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### Special points of interest:

- 🏕️ Adults and siblings can participate in most programs
- 🏕️ A self guided Nature Hike around Lake "B" is 1.5 miles of fun.
- 🏕️ Trader Vic's is "best little trading post" at Bovay Scout Ranch
- 🏕️ The Water Park is always a cool place to be.

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## Weekend Family Camping at BSR

Come and experience the wonder and beauty of Central Texas' rolling hills and lakes, where Huisache and Bois-d'arc trees surround campsites and the sunsets are breathtaking. The entire 1498 acres are a natural paradise for plants and wildlife. Lake George is filled with bass, crappie, perch and catfish.

Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts who come to McNair Cub Adventure Camp will have their day filled with an aquatics program that includes canoeing, paddleboats, and the Water Park that holds 93,000 gallons of water with five fountains and two water slides.

In other parts of the camp you will find field sports, a traverse climbing wall, BMX bicycles, archery, and rifle ranges for both the oldest and youngest Cub Scouts in the pack.

Campsites are equipped with individual restrooms and hot showers, potable drinking water



supply and a lighted covered pavilion with 5 picnic tables. Each campsite also has a campfire ring for packs to use. Cots are available to rent and if tents are needed they must be reserved at the time you make your reservations for a slight fee. Up to 8 tents on concrete pads with sturdy metal frames are available.

Hearty meals are served in the air-conditioned red dining hall located near Scout Plaza. See you at the ranch!

## Cub Camping Mission Statement



It is the mission of the Sam Houston Area Council Cub Scout Camping Program to provide Cub Scout age boys and their parents:

1. A safe, creative and educational place and program, fulfilling their desire for an exciting outdoor camping adventure.
2. Encouragement and motivation to stay in

Cub Scouting and move forward into Boy Scouting.

3. Physical, mental, spiritual and social growth through practical, guided application of the ideals set forth in the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Scout Oath and Law.



## Before You Come To Camp

### 6-12 Months Before — Because we fill up

- ☉ Make reservations for camp.
- ☉ Forms can be downloaded from web.site.
- ☉ Check on availability. Send in your “Hold-A-Place” form with \$100.00.

### 1 Month Before

- ☉ Recheck to see that all paperwork is properly filled out and ready. Turn in rosters and make final payments. 2010 fees are set at \$38 per person.
- ☉ Confirm pack attendance count with Carmen 713-865-9123, fax 713-865-9125 or email [carmen.rodriquez@shac.org](mailto:carmen.rodriquez@shac.org).

### Day of Departure

- ☉ Inspect boy’s personal gear to make sure he has packed what is needed.
- ☉ Pack all paperwork in the car.
- ☉ Confirm transportation and pick-up for youth on the return trip.
- ☉ Schedule to arrive at 9:00 a.m. at the front gate.
- ☉ Drive safely!



*Be prepared to have fun!*

## Check-In Information

Arrive at BSR at 9:00 a.m. and proceed to your assigned campsite. A schedule, map, and campsite assignment is e-mailed to camp leaders one week before arrival for them to distribute to all adults coming to camp.

Cots can be rented here for \$5.00 each. Firewood is also for sale for \$10.00 per bundle.

The Leaders’ Meeting is in the Safari Room at 11:00 A.M.

If you have ordered and paid for cots they can be picked up under the arch way of HQ or you may rent cots here also.



**Special treat for adult leaders:**  
**Coffee will be available at 6:30 AM on Sunday morning at the Red Dining Hall entrance!**

## A Typical Day at Bovay

- 9:00 a.m. Packs , families, dens arrive at Bovay
- 9:00 a.m. No formal check in — go to campsite
- 11:00 a.m. Pack leaders meet in Safari Room.
- 11:55 a.m. Flag raising on the Plaza and Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Program areas open.
- 5:00 p.m. Program areas close.
- 6:00 p.m. Supper served in Red Dining Hall.
- 10:00 p.m. Lights out.

Campsites will be assigned the week before., with a schedule and map e-mailed to your leader who will give all families a copy of the rotation schedule which details all events to take place.

Keep in mind that due to rain or extreme heat, schedules are subject to change at any time. Program areas will be shut down if conditions are unfavorable to the health and well-being of cubs. They will be re-opened as soon as conditions permit.

Announcements will be made during the leaders meeting to inform leaders of any changes that may have occurred.



## Program Areas

- 🏹 **Water Park** holds 93,000 gallons of water and has five fountains and two slides.
- 🏹 **Emerson BMX Course** expanded in 2004 is specifically designed for 6-10 year olds and is approved by the American Bicycle Association. We supply all equipment.
- 🏹 **K.S. "Bud" Adams Sports Field** features a traverse climbing wall, a 72" earthball, a golf driving range, volleyball, soccer and baseball fields.
- 🏹 The **SS Mary K. Fleming Paddlewheeler** offers junior sailors the opportunity to learn to fish and take a raft/ferry ride to the island.
- 🏹 **Fishing.** If staff is available there will be a Fishing program at Lake George on Road A.

- 🏹 **Fort Blue Bell** is the location of the cub rifle range. Participants can test their skills on the pellet gun range, or try steer roping, horseshoes and paddleboats.
- 🏹 The **Elkins Foundation Indian Village** holds the archery range and here you will also find the canoes.

On most weekends the Water Park, Fort Blue Bell, Indian Village, and BMX Course are open. During wet weather or cold weather, the BMX or Water Park may be closed and the Gold mine or rafts will be opened to replace them.



Record-breaking fish located in Lake George!

### Trader Vic's

- Trading Post well-stocked with camp items, souvenirs and refreshments.
- Treat yourself and a friend to a Bovay Brew!
- Visa, MasterCard, and American Express accepted.
- Hours of operation posted at camp.

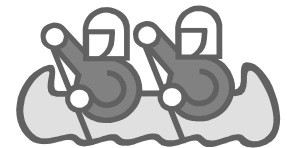
## What To Bring

*This list is meant to serve as a guide. Use your discretion in choosing what to bring and what to leave. Things do get broken or lost. Please plan accordingly and leave valuable items at home.*

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| ☉ Sleeping bag                   | ☉ Bug repellent               |
| ☉ Pillow                         | ☉ Flashlight / batteries      |
| ☉ Cot (or you can rent one here) | ☉ Personal first aid kit      |
| ☉ Cub Scout Uniform              | ☉ Swimsuit                    |
| ☉ Camp t-shirt                   | ☉ Day pack                    |
| ☉ Rain gear                      | ☉ Signed Class 1 Medical Form |
| ☉ Jeans or shorts                |                               |
| ☉ Extra shoes                    | ☉ Spending Money              |
| ☉ Extra socks and underwear      | ☉ Camera / Film               |
| ☉ Toothbrush and toothpaste      | ☉ Water bottle / canteen      |
| ☉ Comb                           | ☉ Hat or Cap for shade        |
| ☉ Bath soap                      |                               |
| ☉ Deodorant                      |                               |
| ☉ Sunscreen                      |                               |
| ☉ Large towel                    |                               |

### DO NOT BRING

Pets, Radios, Electronic games, Sheath knives, Firearms, Fireworks, Tobacco, Bows and arrows, Hatchets, Alcohol or illegal drugs, Ammunition, Scooters, Skateboards or skates.



Cub Scouts are introduced to canoe skills on the waters of Lake George.

## Advancement At Weekend Camp

Advancement at BSR is the same as at home. It is the responsibility of the pack and parents to sign off on a Cub Scout's achievements.

REMEMBER—CUB SCOUTS ARE AT CAMP TO HAVE FUN!

## What about Bad Weather ?

Rainy or cold weather may affect the closing of some of the program areas. In that event other program areas will be substituted to replace them.

In any event, camp will go on.



**Boys and adults can bring their personal bicycles to be ridden on roads and paths with safety helmets!**

**Only camp BMX bikes will be ridden on the course.**



## Pack Outing Weekends

On designated “**Pack Outing Weekends**,” a pack will be allowed to camp at Bovay Scout Ranch with all program planned and carried out by their own pack. Campsites, restrooms, and showers will be available, but none of the Bovay program activities will be open for use. The pack will provide their own age-appropriate activities and program while at camp, according to guidelines in *Guide to Safe Scouting* and *Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities*. (See [www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/sitecore/content/Home/HealthandSafety.aspx).) The dining hall will not be open; pack members will cook their own food.

**Pack Outing Weekends** will allow more packs to have use of the facility, but without the cost of food, staff, and program.

### Making Reservations

For a schedule of **Pack Outing Weekends**, see [www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Camping/Bovay/](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/Home/Camping/Bovay/)

Reservations should be made through Carmen at Program Services [carmen.rodriguez@shac.org](mailto:carmen.rodriguez@shac.org). Cost will be \$2.00 per person for registered packs in Sam Houston Area Council. All fees must be paid 30 days prior to camping date (Account Number 1-6701-718-22). Maximum campers per weekend is 500.



### Pack Outing Information

- ☉ A Local Tour Permit must be filed with the local council.
- ☉ Each pack must have in attendance and on site at all times:
  - ◆ A leader who has completed BALOO training
  - ◆ A leader currently certified in CPR/First Aid
  - ◆ A leader currently certified in Youth Protection Training
  - ◆ A leader currently certified in Weather Hazards Training
- ☉ Packs may check in at Bovay Scout Ranch after 4 PM on Friday or on Saturday morning. All pack members must check out by 11 AM on Sunday.
- ☉ Campsites will be pre-assigned (confirmed via email).
- ☉ Tents and cots are **not** available for rental on Pack Outing Weekends.
- ☉ Packs may reserve and check out a “Program in a Box” kit to assist with pack program. Boxes currently available are:
  - ◆ Get Some Direction (map and compass)
  - ◆ Let’s Get Knotty (knots and rope)
  - ◆ Nature: Where the Wild Things Are (nature at Bovay, hike, wildlife, insects)
  - ◆ First Aid: It’s Not Just a Band Aid

## Council Camp Policies

*All policies strictly enforced on all facilities.*



**Alcohol and Drugs**—It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances are not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

**Chemical Fuels**—The use of all chemical or liquid fuels is strictly forbidden. You must provide your own wood only for campfires in campsites. Use battery-operated lanterns for lighting in tents. All pavilions have electric lighting.

Sometimes firewood is available from local vendors at camp.

**Pickups and passengers**— Riding in the bed of a pickup is strictly forbidden. All passengers should be seated inside the cab of the vehicle and wearing seat belts.

**Prescriptions**— The taking of prescription medication is the responsibility of the individual taking the medication and / or that individual’s parent or guardian. A Scout leader, after obtaining all the necessary information, can agree to accept the responsibility of making sure a Scout takes the necessary medication at the appropriate time, but BSA policy does not mandate nor necessarily encourage the Scout leader to do so. If a Scout is taking medication, the Medication Form must be completed and brought to camp.

**No pets** are allowed on camp property.

**No scooters, skates, or skateboards.**

**Bikes** are allowed with proper safety helmet.



See *Guide to Safe Scouting* for complete information on current BSA policies and procedures.  
<http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Resources/Guidetosafescouting.aspx>