



Summer Camp Worth Ranch 2021



Dear Parents,

The Troop 50 Summer Camp Committee is excited that your son will be going with us to Summer Camp at Worth Ranch, June 20 – 26, 2021. He will have the opportunity to earn merit badges and have a great deal of fun while at Summer Camp.

General Information:

Camp Dates: Troop 50 will attend Summer Camp at Worth Ranch, located 6 miles north of Palo Pinto, Texas, June 20-26, 2021.

Final Payments: Full payment of the \$275 fee should be collected now. Please make all checks payable to "Troop 50 BSA". Any merit badge class fees or cot rentals are to be paid at camp. Adult fee this year is \$110.

Departure: All Scouts must meet at the SAM building with their gear at 11:30 A.M. on Sunday, June 20th. Those Scouts having medicines must check them in at this time. Once the trailers are loaded we will leave for Worth Ranch promptly at 12:30 P.M. **Please – If for some last minute reason it is decided that your son will not be going to camp after all, let a Scouter know as soon as possible!**

Transportation: Parent volunteers are needed to transport our Scouts to and from Camp. All of the Scouts' camp equipment will be transported on the trailer to and from Summer Camp. Typically, only the trailer is allowed to drive into the campsites and all other vehicles stay in the parking lot.

Return: We must be out of camp by 10:00 A.M., Saturday morning, June 26th. Any parents who will be transporting Scouts back to Fort Worth, should arrive at Worth Ranch by 9:00 A.M. Please do not be late. We cannot leave as a group until all Scouts are assured of transportation back to Arborlawn. All Scouts will return to Arborlawn to assist in unloading the truck and trailer and putting away the troop gear, there will be no exceptions.



Medical Forms: All Scouts must have a current (less than 12 months old) BSA Medical Record form on file with the troop. This is required to attend Summer Camp. The form can be found at the link on the troop website or at the Longhorn Council website.

- **Parts A & B** - completed annually by all BSA unit members.
- **Part C** - required with parts A & B for Summer Camp

You should also attach a copy of your insurance card (front and back) to Part C.

Tentatively, physical will be complete at Arborlawn on May 1 by Dr. Eppstein. Please see more current emails for additional information on this.

If your Scout will be seen by your own personal physician please ask your doctor to use this form, as your Scout will not be allowed to camp without this form on file in the Health Lodge. Once we reach camp, one of the first check-in steps will be a medical review and screening conducted by the Camp Medical Office.

Medicines: Camp regulations require that all prescription medicines must be administered by, the Camp Health Officer or designee (Scoutmaster of Record). All prescriptions should be clearly labeled with the Scout's name. All prescriptions should be placed in a single plastic bag with your son's name on the outside in large print. Please include a note giving the Scout's name, address, and phone number, as well as a schedule of the times the medicine is to be administered and for what specific ailment the drug is given. In the case of inhalers, the Scout should bring two to camp, one to carry with him at all times and one to be given to the Health Officer. Because we have so many new Scouts, it is helpful if you put a photo inside the clear bag as well.

Clothing: One of the facts of life concerning boys is that they tend to misplace things. Please, be sure that all clothing, towels, Merit Badge books, and all other equipment is marked with your son's name, and troop number.

Swim Check: We need to know if your Scout is a swimmer or non-swimmer. All Scouts, unless prohibited for medical reasons, that do not have the Swimming Merit Badge will be required to take Swimming merit badge. A special course is available for those Scouts who do not know how to swim. Scouts should either wear their swimsuits under their clothes to camp or make sure they pack their swim trunks on the top of their gear. Once the medical screening is completed they will be taken to the pool for swim check evaluations.



Mail: Camp mail is delivered daily. Your Scout will be looking forward to lots of letters and maybe an occasional “goodie” package, (and so will his buddies and his leaders). It is suggested that you might want to drop a card or letter in the mail a few days before camp, just to allow for arrival on time. Address all letters:

**“Your son’s name” Troop 50
Worth Ranch
P.O. Box 27**

Palo Pinto, Texas 76484

Emergency Phone Number: In case of an emergency and you need to contact us at Worth Ranch, the telephone number is 940-659-2195. Note that cell phones do not work well, if at all at this remote location.

Cell Phones:

Getting away from electronics and home are part of the experience. Phone calls home fuel homesickness and are a distraction from camp activities.

- Leave their phones at home. Or
- Check their phones in with the T50 adult leaders upon arrival at camp.

Family Night: Due to COVID restrictions, there is NO family night this year.

Special Activities: Some of the scheduled special activities for the week include the “Scoutmaster vs. Staff Softball Game,” Kyle Mountain Sunrise Club and the always popular, Troop 50 Shirt Washing Contest.

General Merit Badge Information: Approximately 40 different Merit Badges will be offered at Worth Ranch, in addition to several other courses, such as BSA Snorkeling and BSA Lifeguard. Some general notes about some of the Merit Badges are as follows.

- **Swimming** – All Scouts who have not yet earned their Swimming Merit Badge should make this their number one priority, as without it they may not be able to participate in any Troop 50 aquatic activities.
- **First Aid** – The second priority Merit Badge is First Aid. The Scout must be 12 years old or older! Those taking the course should bring with them to camp a homemade, (i.e., in a shoebox or Tupperware container), first aid kit as one of the requirements. There is a tremendous amount of reading and studying required for this badge.

- **Indian Lore, Leatherwork, Woodcarving, Basketry** – Are all good Merit Badges for the first or second year camper. All may require the purchase of a small craft kit for the project work. Such kits can be purchased at the camp trading post or acquired before hand at the local Scout Shop (typically \$15 to \$30 each).
- **Lifesaving** – This is the next step after earning the Swimming Merit Badge.
- **Orienteering, Wilderness Survival, Pioneering** – These should be considered as subjects for the more experienced Scouts.
- **Climbing** – The Scout must be at least 13 years old for this Merit Badge.

Merit Badge Fees: Most of the Merit Badges do not require an additional special class fee, however Troop 50 will pay those that do require fees this year.



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