

Program Information

Merit Badge Instruction Policy

Scouts will receive *instruction only* in merit badges. Individual Units will be responsible to ensure each Scout has successfully completed all requirements. Each Scout should have a correct and current copy of the merit badge book and he should read it thoroughly prior to his arrival at camp. Scouts must carefully study and understand all requirements. Where possible, Scouts should complete time requirements and other requirements which cannot be met at camp, prior to arrival.

Merit Badge Standards

Each Scout is expected to meet the requirements as stated in the most current edition of merit badge requirements, #33216: no more and no less! If it says to “show,” “list,” “make,” “in the field,” etc. that is what is necessary. If you become aware of any standards not being met, please let the Program Director or Camp Director know, as soon as possible. Some merit badge requirements must be completed before or after camp with an approved merit badge counselor in the Scout’s district.

Program Block System

This year’s weekly schedule is separated into four Program Blocks. This was done primarily to give the scouts more time in class and less time running around camp trying to make it to their next class on time. The only classes that require more than one program block are Climbing MB, Horsemanship MB and BSA Lifeguard. All other badges require only one block.

Program 1: Monday and Tuesday morning (9:00 – 11:45)

Program 2: Monday and Tuesday afternoon (1:30 – 4:15)

Program 3: Wednesday and Thursday morning (9:00 – 11:45)

Program 4: Wednesday and Thursday afternoon (1:30 – 4:15)

Soaring To Eagle

This program takes ONE block only. It is designed for new Scouts working on their Tenderfoot through First Class requirements. The Patrol Method is at the heart of our First Year Camper program, in order to prepare young Scouts to be an integral part of their troop’s home program. It is designed as a “hands-on” experience for Scouts so that they can master their outdoor skills.

1. The Scout must bring his Scout Handbook to both sessions.
2. The activities planned for this program are based on the Tenderfoot through First Class requirements. Several of these requirements may not be completed at camp due to the element of time and because of resources required that are not available at camp.
3. We are recommending all first year scouts also take Swimming and First Aid Merit Badges, as their corresponding requirements will not be covered in our program.
4. This Program is not intended to make Scouts First Class Scouts during one week of camp. It is intended to supplement the troop’s skills development training.
5. Throughout the week, a unit leader should have conferences with each Scout and meet with the Soaring to Eagle Director to get input on how the Scout is doing and what additional support may be needed.
6. The camp staff for this program will report the Scout’s advancement requirement for the activities that have been covered. The camp staff will not sign a Scout’s Handbook, as this is a function that has been reserved for the troop leadership.

Soaring to Eagle is offered at two different program times, Monday and Tuesday morning and Wednesday and Thursday morning. (Special arrangements can also be made to work with individuals and troops during Open Program if necessary) The first year program will also go on an overnigher. Even though this is by no means required, it is a great opportunity for the younger scouts to try out their skills and get away for a night.

Online Merit Badge Registration System

Online Merit Badge registration will begin Wednesday, April 28. Instructions for using the system will be posted on the council website. Usernames and passwords will be emailed to each unit. Be SURE that we have the correct email address for your unit’s leader!

Sunday	Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	6:00	- Steele Island participants meet at Marina. - Mile Swim Practice				Mile Swim	Continental Breakfast
	7:00	Reville					
	7:30	Chapel					
	7:50	Flag Ceremony					
	8:00	BREAKFAST					
	9:00 - 11:45 (short break at 10:15)	PROGRAM 1		PROGRAM 3		Open Program	Break Camp
	12:00	LUNCH					
	after lunch	Senior Patrol Leader Council					
Check-in & Tour (1:00 - 3:00)	1:30 - 4:15 (short break at 2:45)	PROGRAM 2		PROGRAM 4		Camp-wide Activities	
Setup camp	4:30 - 5:30	open program and free swim					
Flag Ceremony	5:50	Flag Ceremony					
DINNER	6:00	DINNER				DINNER with visitors	
SM Meeting Sunday 7:30 & every morning @ 9:30 (M-F)	7:30 - 8:30			open program	Soaring to Eagle & Wilderness Survival overnighters leave following dinner.	Closing Campfire at 8:00pm	
Opening Campfire	9:00	Scavenger Hunt					
Taps	10:30		Night Climb	All Troops Campfire	SM Social	OA Callout (following campfire)	
		Taps					

AREA		PROGRAM 1 Mon & Tues Morning 9:00 - 11:45	PROGRAM 2 Mon & Tues Afternoon 1:30 - 4:15	PROGRAM 3 Wed & Thurs Morning 9:00 - 11:45	PROGRAM 4 Wed & Thurs Afternoon 1:30 - 4:15
SCOUTCRAFT	Merit Badge or Activity				
	First Aid MB				
	Pioneering MB				not offered
	Wilderness Survival MB		not offered	not offered	
	Camping MB				
	Emergency Prep. MB	not offered			not offered
NATURE / ECOLOGY	Orienteering MB		not offered		
	Soaring to Eagle*				not offered
	Envi. Science MB				
	Nature MB		not offered		
	Fish & Wild. Mngt. MB			not offered	
	Mammal Study MB				not offered
	Soil & Water Cons. MB				
	Weather MB				
FIELD SPORTS	Geology MB	not offered			
	Reptile Study MB		not offered		
	Shotgun MB (\$16)		Sporting Clays Range	not offered	Sporting Clays Range
	Rifle MB (\$1)				
	Archery MB				not offered
POOL	Open Archer Shoot	not offered	not offered	not offered	
	Swimming MB				
	Lifesaving MB		not offered		
BOAT DOCKS	BSA Life Guard	Requires the full week to complete.			
	Instructional Swim	not offered		not offered	not offered
	Canoeing MB				
	Rowing MB			not offered	
	Kayak Instruction				
SAILING BASE	Water park/ BLOB				
	Small Boat Sailing MB				
	Windsurfing		not offered		not offered
HIGH ADV.	Steele Island Wakeboarding Separate High Adv. Program (Requires separate reservation)	6am - noon & 7pm - dark all week long		6am - noon & 7pm - dark all week long	
	COPE Course	not offered		not offered	
	Climbing MB*	not offered	every afternoon	not offered	every afternoon
HANDICRAFT*	Horsemanship MB (\$)*		every afternoon		every afternoon
	Fishing MB				not offered
	Woodcarving MB				
	Leatherwork MB		not offered	not offered	
	Basketry MB	not offered			
	Indian Lore MB				

Shotgun Merit Badge – NEW range!

This year Shotgun Merit Badge will be taught at the new Chisholm Trail Sporting Clays Outpost range using our new Matarelli electric throwers that hold 300 clay pigeons each. Classes will be held in the afternoons (only) from 1:30 – 4:15 PM. The range is some distance from main camp and leaders will be allowed to drop off their Scouts for the class. The range is absolutely off limits in the morning and in the evening during Chisholm Trail program times. No visitors or observers are allowed during those times.

Program Fees

Some special programs offered at summer camp have large equipment, maintenance, and operating costs. In an effort to defray these costs, the Longhorn Council charges use fees for these special programs. Registrations for all fee programs are accepted on a first come–first served basis by date of payment. Please be sure to itemize Program Fees by program and number of participants when making camp payments.

- £ Shotgun Merit Badge \$16 (Extra sets of 25 shots = \$8 per set)
- £ Shotgun evening Free Shoot \$0.25 per shot
- £ Rifle Merit Badge \$1
- £ Rifle Free Shoot \$0.10 per 5 shots
- £ Climbing Merit Badge \$10
- £ Archery Merit Badge \$2
- £ Horsemanship Merit Badge \$35
- £ Project COPE Challenge Course No longer available during summer camp

High Adventure

Chisholm Trail Adventure

Chisholm Trail is a unique high adventure program for older youth and adults - a backpacking program using boats instead of boots. You get a pontoon boat for a week to travel to the high adventure and watersports programs on our 19 miles of Lake Bridgeport shoreline! You spend every afternoon at a watersports base doing Tubing, wakeboarding, skiing, sailing, windsurfing, kayaking, or Blobbing. The rest of each day you're doing high adventure at one of our outstanding outposts: Climbing, U.S. Cavalry Company, Comanche Village, Texas Rangers, Sport Orienteering, Covert Ops, Texas Cowboy Cooking, and Sporting Clays.

Units from as far away as from Arizona, Minnesota, Florida, Virginia, Illinois, Tennessee, Connecticut, Scotland and England have come to Chisholm Trail. See the Chisholm Trail information flier or video for more information. For participants 13 and older who are swimmers.

Steele Island Wakeboarding

Spend a week doing advanced water sports! The Steele Island Wakeboarding Program is a week-long boarding and Water Skiing program for older Scouts and adults on beautiful Lake Bridgeport. We focus on developing your wakeboarding skills, and teaching Water Skiing Merit Badge for those who need it. With a much larger surface area to ride on, wakeboards are easier than water skis for beginners to learn. Experienced riders can do exciting jumps and tricks!!

Expect to be involved in the Steele Island program all morning and all evening, except during meals. You must be at our marina every morning at first light (5:50am) for wakeboarding. You'll board and ski until lunch, and again in the evening until dark. Expect to crash and burn a lot, and to get really good by the end of the week! You can earn Water Skiing merit badge along the way. You will have time available in the afternoons for merit badges in the main camp area, plus swimming, Blobbing, and more. So be sure to schedule classes for your two afternoon blocks.

Note: Steele Island Wakeboarding is open ONLY to participants 13 and older who are swimmers. All participants must be registered with a separate High Adventure Reservation and approved by the Longhorn Council camping department. Participants may NOT be added through our online Merit Badge Class registration system.

Brazos River Canoe Trip

Troops camping at SR2 may send a patrol to the Brazos River Canoe Trip (BRCT) - a High Adventure 50-mile canoe camping trip! You'll spend your week of summer camp on the river, earn the 50 Miler award, and test your canoeing, camping, and fishing skills! We'll do 3 miles of hiking and 47 miles on the scenic Brazos. Any unit may send a crew on the Brazos River Canoe Trip. We recommend a crew size of 6 to 20 canoeists. Reservations are first-come first-served.