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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



## SCOUTS BSA RESIDENT CAMP PROGRAM/LEADERS GUIDEBOOK

### Summer Mini-Camp 2021

Session 1: June 10-12

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## CAMP BILLY GIBBONS

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*This guidebook provides programs, merit badges and activities of Scouts BSA Resident Camp at Camp Billy Gibbons.*





## MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Merit Badge classes form the backbone of the program at Camp Billy Gibbons. Each day is divided into 4 Periods of class instruction time during the day. With over 20 different classes to choose from, your scouts will be sure to find classes that will suit their needs. Each of our classes are taught by highly qualified staff dedicated to helping scouts earn their requirements. At CBG we pride ourselves on our commitment to providing your troop with the opportunity to complete your badge, staff are available to provide campers with extra instruction if it is needed.

Advancement is an integral part of Scouting and as such is important to any successful camp. The following are guidelines for planning your Scout's trail during your stay at Camp Billy Gibbons. There are two essential thoughts to keep in mind while counseling those who plan to attend camp.

- 1) the individual scout's skill and desires and
- 2) the schedule of times needed to complete any badge. Please be sure to counsel each scout individually noting the prerequisites that merit badges may have. These prerequisites are given to assist you and the Scout in completing the skill.

### Scout's Advancement Progress

Check in the program areas about your Scout's progress as you feel necessary. During camp, you are encouraged to visit the program areas and discuss your Scout's progress with the instructors.

Only through counseling can you determine what badges a boy needs to work on or in which he has desires and skills. Here are some crucial steps in the planning process.

- A scout's physical skill needs to be considered especially in the aquatic badges. In shooting sports, the experience of shooting, archery, rifle, and shotgun need to be considered.
- Scouts should come to camp having read the requirements and reviewed the Merit Badge Book. Prerequisites should accompany them to their first class.
- Merit Badge applications should be readied prior to camp arrival, including signatures.
- Scouts who come prepared will be able to finish the badge in less time having additional time for open areas and Troop programming. Please be sure to carefully review pre-requisites for each Merit Badge.

### WORKSHEETS

Merit Badge Worksheets will be available in the Trading post. You are more than welcome to bring your own if you so desire.

### PARTIAL COMPLETION

For all merit badges, a scout will receive a partial statement if they have completed any of the requirements. The partials will state the requirements that the Scout has accomplished. The philosophy behind a partial is for a scout to return home and complete the badge as soon as possible. The counselor has the right to review all the completed







requirements before signing for the merit badge. (If necessary, a return to camp during the same summer its possible, even for a day visit to complete the badge requirement).














Some merit badges allow for options to be chosen by the scout. Some options are NOT available at camp. Scouts who choose an option not available will be given a partial for work completed at camp.

## MERIT BADGE PRE-REQUISITES & REQUIREMENTS NOT AVAILABLE AT CAMP





Scouts should prepare for class by reading the requirements for the merit badge classes they have chosen. Every Scout shall come to each class prepared. Bring pencil and any equipment suggested in the merit badge pamphlet. A Scout may want their own merit badge pamphlet. Merit Badge pamphlets and MB Worksheets will be available for purchase in the Trading post. Merit Badge requirements NOT available at camp may be completed prior to arrival. Proof of a requirement that has been completed prior to camp, MUST be notated by the Scoutmaster and given to the MB counselor prior to the final day of class. This will allow the counselor to sign-off the completion of the badge.

If prior MB work is not notated and given to the counselor, the scout will only receive a PARTIAL for the work completed at camp.

		<i>Prerequisites or Requirements Not available at camp</i>	<i>NOTES</i>
<b>HEALTH</b>			
	<b>First Aid</b>	Req: 5a	
<b>CLIMBING</b>			
	<b>Climbing</b>		<i>Minimum age 13 Long pants recommended. Closed toes shoes and leather palmed gloves are required. Physically demanding, may be difficult for some Scouts.</i>
	<b>Open Climbing</b>		<i>Long pants recommended. Closed toes shoes and leather palmed gloves are required. Physically demanding, may be difficult for some Scouts.</i>
	<b>Open Zipline</b>		<i>Long pants recommended. Closed toes shoes and leather palmed gloves are required. Physically demanding, may be difficult for some Scouts.</i>
<b>NATURE/ECOLOGY/CONSERVATION</b>			
	<b>Bird Study</b>	Req: 8b	<i>Req. 5 and 6 may be difficult to complete at camp. Requires observation &amp; report writing to complete. Early morning sessions are necessary for completion.</i>
	<b>Fish &amp; Wildlife Management</b>	Req 5a, 5c, 6c, 7	

	<b>Nature</b>	Req: 4d.2, 4f.2	Allow extra time for observations.
	<b>Soil &amp; Water Conservation</b>	Req: 7a-d	
	<b>Weather</b>	Req. 9a, 9b, 10	
	<b>Insect Study</b>	Req: 5b, 6a, 9, 10	
	<b>Fishing</b>		Practice knots before camp. Recommend bring your own gear. Equipment is available, first-come-first-served. Some bait & tackle available for purchase in the Trading Post.
<b>SHOOTING SPORTS</b>			
	<b>Archery</b>		
	<b>3D Archery</b>		
	<b>Long Range Rifle Shooting</b>		Purchase of ammunition token required. \$10 daily
	<b>Rifle Shooting</b>		Needs lots of practice. Purchase of ammunition token required.
	<b>Shotgun Shooting</b>		Veteran Campers only. Must be physically able to handle 20-gauge shotgun (auto-loading or pump action). Purchase of ammunition token required.
	<b>Cowboy Action Shooting</b>		
	<b>OPEN Shotgun Shooting</b>		<b>Twilight Activities</b> Purchase of ammunition token required. \$10 daily
	<b>OPEN Rifle Shooting</b>		<b>Twilight Activities</b> Purchase of ammunition token required. \$10 daily



	<b>OPEN Archery</b>		<b>Twilight Activities</b>
<b>AQUATICS</b>			
	<b>Instructional Swim</b>		
	<b>Kayaking</b>		<i>Must successfully complete the BSA swimmer's test.</i>
	<b>Swimming</b>		<i>Must successfully complete the BSA swimmer's test.</i>
	<b>Canoeing</b>		<i>Must successfully complete the BSA swimmer's test.</i>
	<b>Rowing</b>		<i>Must successfully complete the BSA swimmer's test.</i>
	<b>Lifesaving</b>		<i>Must be a First-Class Scout Must have earned the Swimming Merit Badge prior to this camp.</i>
	<b>OPEN Swim</b>		<b>Twilight Activities</b>
	<b>OPEN Boating</b>		<b>Twilight Activities</b>
<b>HANDICRAFTS</b>			
	<b>Basketry</b>	<i>Req:</i>	
	<b>Indian Lore</b>	<i>Req: 3d, 5i</i>	
	<b>Leatherwork</b>	<i>Req: 5b, 5d</i>	
	<b>Woodcarving</b>	<i>Req:</i>	
<b>SCOUTCRAFT</b>			
	<b>Camping</b>	<i>Req: 5e, 7, 8d, 9</i>	

	<b>Wilderness Survival</b>	<i>Req: 5</i>	<i>Not for 1st year campers. Must spend the night in a shelter that you build.</i>
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The merit badges listed above are planned and scheduled for Scouts BSA resident camp 2021. The camp reserves the right to cancel, reschedule or otherwise change the merit badge offerings during the camp session.

Every attempt will be made to fulfill the schedule of all merit badges. Please understand that staffing and/or resources may be unavailable to realize all merit badge classes.

## CAMP WIDE GAMES AND COMPETITIONS

**BASS TOURNAMENT** – Join us for great fishing in Brady creek. Competition will be fierce! Winner will be Announced at the Closing Ceremony.

### Camp Billy Gibbons Schedule

#### Day 1

Time	
7:30-9:45	Check In / Setup
10:00	Opening Flags
10:15-12:15	Block 1
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:15	Block 2
3:30-5:15	Block 3
5:30	Flags
5:35-6:20	Dinner
6:30-8:15	Block 4
8:30-10:30	Game Night
11:00	Lights Out

#### Day 2

Time	
7:20	Flags
7:30-8:15	Breakfast
8:30-10:15	Block 1
10:30-12:15	Block 2
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:15	Block 3
3:30-5:15	Free Time
5:30	Flags
5:35-6:20	Dinner
6:30-8:15	Block 4
8:30-10:30	Movie Night
11:00	Lights Out

#### Day 3

Time	
7:20	Flags
7:30-8:15	Breakfast
8:30-10:15	Block 1
10:30-12:15	Block 2
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:15	Block 3
3:20	Flags
3:30-5:30	Check Out

Free Time	Climbing/Zipline
	Trading Post
	Swimming
	Long Range Shooting \$10
	Fishing
	Games

\*\* Eagle Required Merit Badge

Block	Merit Badge
Block 1	Archery MB
	**Swimming MB
	Canoeing MB
	**Camping MB
	Nature MB
	Leatherwork MB
	Weather MB
	**First Aid MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 3	Rifle MB
	**Swimming MB
	Rowing MB
	**Camping MB
	Insect Study MB
	Leatherwork MB
	Wilderness Survival MB
	**First Aid MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 2	Shotgun MB
	**Swimming MB
	**Lifesaving MB
	Climbing MB
	Indian Lore MB
	Wood Carving MB
	Fish & Wildlife Management MB
	**Cooking MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 4	Cowboy Action Shooting
	**Swimming MB
	Kayaking MB
	Climbing MB
	Fishing MB
	Basketry MB
	Soil and Water Conservation MB
	Bird Study MB

## RECOGNITION PROGRAMS

**CAMP PATCH** - All Scouts and leaders receive a souvenir camp patch before departure.

**CLEAN CAMPSITE AWARD** – This award is given to those Troops who maintain the high standards of living within the camp. The award is given to units that maintain a clean and safe campsite and whose SPL conducts the daily inspection of your campsite. The score that your SPL awards for each day's inspection is not used to determine this award. A banner commemorating the award is distributed to your Troop upon departure. If there is more than one Troop in the campsite, each individual Troop will have the opportunity to earn the Clean Campsite Award.



**SCOUT CAMP SPIRIT AWARD** – This award is given to the Troop who displays that true Scout Spirit during their week of camp. Does your troop follow the Scout oath & Law? Do they cheer, sing and participate with enthusiasm? Are they allowing the Summer Camp experience to fuel their BSA passion? Be the Troop that everyone else wants to be, win the Camp Spirit Award!




## 2022 CAMPSITE RESERVATION

Your troop will be given the opportunity to make their 2022 campsite reservation for Camp Billy Gibbons. This will ensure that your unit will get your favorite campsite in 2022. You must make your reservation at camp, otherwise the campsite will be available to other units. Each Unit who books a reservation for 2022 camp (\$75) while at 2021 summer camp will receive a \$75 discount on summer camp next year.



## 2021 CAMPING SEASON FEES

	On or Before May 20 <sup>th</sup> , 2021	After May 20 <sup>th</sup> 2021
<b>Youth</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$175.00</b>
<b>Leaders</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$125.00</b>
<b>Part-Time Leaders</b> (Part time leaders are leaders spending less than ½ time at camp)	<b>\$25.00 per day</b>	

-  There are no part-time youths at camp. All youth pay the full fee.
-  **A Late Fee of \$50.00 will be applied to all reservations received after June 1, 2021.** The only exception to this policy will be for Scouts and Leaders joining Scouting for the first time on or after June 1, 2021. Any unit adding a Scout or Leader after this date must give the Council Office a specific name. This policy is intended to assist us in planning our food, supplies, and equipment orders in advance of your arrival.
-  If a unit discovers that a Scout or Leader cannot attend summer camp, and alerts the Scout Center on or before May 20, 2021, \$50.00 of that person's camp fee will be non-refundable. **Scout and full-time leadership slots are interchangeable.**

## REFUND POLICY

Units are asked not to over reserve places for Scouts and leaders. This often means that others will be denied spaces, which would have otherwise been available. **There are no refunds for “no shows”.** Only medical emergencies will constitute a valid reason for a refund. \$50 is not refundable in any case. **The Council will credit refunds to the Unit’s Unit Account at the Council Service Center for use by the Unit for Scout Shop purchases, registrations and Boy’s Life fees, or event, activity and training fees.**

If a Scout or leader becomes ill while attending camp and is sent home by the camp medical staff, they are eligible for a pro-rated refund (by day) of the “balance of fee.” (Remember \$50 is non-refundable.) If a camper leaves without being sent home by the camp medical staff, there is NO refund.

All refunds and overpayments will be processed after camp has been balanced by the Council Service Center. **All refunds and overpayments will post to the Unit’s Account at the Council Service Center.** A notification of the deposit will be mailed to the Unit Committee Chairman.

## REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The Texas Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America provides program, facilities, and services without regard to race, color, national origin, age, gender, or handicap. However, all leaders and youth on the camp **must** be current registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. All part-time leaders that will be camping overnight on the camp **must** be current registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. ***No camper, youth or adult, will be permitted to stay in camp unless their full camp fees have been paid prior to the start of their camp session.***



## Staff Volunteers

Camp Billy Gibbons (CBG) is always looking for great people that live by the Scout Oath to volunteer in several positions. We need Red Cross First Aid CPR/AED. Wilderness First Aid, and BSA curriculum trainers. We are also looking for Chaplains and Commissioners. So, if you are interested in volunteering during your week at camp, please fill out the volunteer application and submit to schedule an interview or just let us know when you arrive at camp.

**At-a-Boy for the CBG Staff!** The staff at Camp Billy Gibbons (CBG) are a remarkable group of young people. At check in you will receive 5 At-a-Boy Cards. Your assignment is not to keep them but give them to the Program Director with a staff member's Name on them that you see doing the right thing. You can make this decision on the spot, or you can let your Scouts help. The At-a-Boys will be counted and used as recognition of our Staff Member of the Week at our weekly staff meetings. Thank you for your help.

## ADULT LEADER MEETINGS

Each Morning at 10am there will be a Scoutmaster Meeting in the Dining Hall with camp management team.

These meetings will be short or long depending on the Topic of the Meeting, we will try and keep them as short as possible. These meetings are where you as a Scoutmaster can Report on your Concerns about Merit Badge Classes, Campsite Needs, Dining Hall Needs or just voice your Concerns. These meetings are important to help The Texas Trails Council and the Camp Staff at Camp Billy Gibbons to ensure that you and your Scouts have the best possible time at Summer Camp. This Scoutmaster Meeting is also a great time to Turn-In your At-a-Boys to the Program Director.

## EQUIPMENT REQUEST

We at the Texas Trails Council, BSA have a few Campsites at Camp Billy Gibbons that we Setup Tents for our guest. Each of the Campsite are a First Request First Receive. So, if your Unit would like to Request one of our

Campsites with Council Tents so that your Unit do not have to bring your own, you will need to let our Summer Camp Management Team know by May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Just remember to get your Request in as soon as you can, as we only have 3 Campsites, we will be setting up Council Tents. The following is the brake down of Campsites and the number of Tents and Scouts they will hold.

Crow Campsite: 15 tents, 30 Scouts. This Site is normally Setup so that 2 Troops can Share this Campsite.

Blue Hole 1: 7 to 8 tents, 14 to 16 Scouts. This Site is at the end of the Bottom Creek Road East of the Fishing Dock.

Blue Hole 2: 7 to 8 tents, 14 to 16 Scouts. This Site is next to Blue Hole 1 and West of the Fishing Dock.



# BOY SCOUT COWBOY ACTION SHOOTING PROGRAM



## PARTICIPATION AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

Camp Billy Gibbons of the Texas Trails Council, BSA will be conducting a Scout cowboy action shooting program. In this program, Scouts will shoot a rifle, pistol, and shotgun under the supervision of an NRA Range Safety Officer and NRA certified instructors. Scouts will be required to wear eye protection and hearing protection always while on the range. Scouts are expected to abide by all safety rules and the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and rifle, pistol, and shotgun instructor(s).

I, the undersigned, give my child, \_\_\_\_\_, permission to participate in this program. I understand that participation in the activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for my child to participate in the activity. I understand that participation in the activity is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by the rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

**For safety, my child and I agree that he/she will do the following or he/ she will be removed from the program.** I understand that any additional cost associated with participation in this program will not be refunded if my child is removed for not following the rules below.

1. Complete a range safety briefing.
2. Wear all safety gear while on the range.
3. Follow all the safety rules provided in the briefing.
4. Follow the instructions of the Range Safety Officer(s) and rifle, pistol, and shotgun instructor(s).
5. Do not handle the firearms until instructed to do so by the instructor(s).
6. Is 14 years of age, or 13 and has completed the eighth grade, as of the start of the class and will be in full compliance with all local, state, and federal guidelines, including age restrictions and original equipment manufacturer standards.

Participant printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Participant signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_



# UNIT SUMMER CAMP T-SHIRT PRE-ORDER FORM



We are offering Units, who are attending Summer Camp the opportunity to pre-order 2021 camp t-shirts. This will ensure that your unit will be able to purchase the correct sizes. The shirts will be packaged for your unit and will be available upon your arrival at camp. **PLEASE PLACE ONE ORDER PER UNIT.** All shirts must be paid at the time the order is placed. \*T-Shirts may cost more and there will be a limited amount at the Trading Post.

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_ Council \_\_\_\_\_

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Name of person placing this order \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Troop # \_\_\_\_\_

Week attending camp \_\_\_\_\_

**The deadline for placing your order is May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Small T-Shirts @ \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Medium T-Shirts @ \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Large T-Shirts @ \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adult X-large T-Shirts @ \$12.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adult XX-large T-Shirts @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ Adult XXX-large T-Shirts @ \$15.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total # of T-Shirts \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_



# Climbing Registration



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home): \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

## Medical Information

List any known allergies:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List any required medications:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Do you wear glasses or contacts?      Y      N

Ladies, are you pregnant?      Y      N

Are you allergic to insect bites?      Y      N

If yes, do you have a sting kit?      Y      N

Have you ever had, or do you have now?

Diabetes YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Angina YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Chest Pains YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Drug Reactions YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Heart Murmur YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Heart Attack YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If yes give date: \_\_\_\_\_

High Blood Pressure YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ Physical Handicap YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had a recent injury, serious disease, or surgery that may impair your ability to participate in this program?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give details: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any other medical condition (s) that the medical staff should be aware of?

\_\_\_\_\_

## Participant Requirements

Due to the physical activity involved, the following is required of all participants (please read and sign below).

- A current Part A, B and C Medical Form must be on file at the Health Lodge.
- Wear comfortable clothing appropriate for physical activity.
- Shorts and T-shirt are recommended.
- Gloves will be available, but participants are free to bring their own leather palm gloves.
- No open toed footwear. Tennis shoes or sneakers are recommended, shoes that lace up provide support.
- No jewelry, watches, bracelets, etc. is allowed, Injury or personal loss may occur if jewelry is worn.
- Remove all potentially dangerous objects from pockets and clothing. No pocketknives, pens, badges, pins, etc.
- Violence will not be tolerated. Fighting is grounds for dismissal.
- Equipment and facilities care are your responsibility. No vandalism.

Understanding that any physical activity involves risk of injury, I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary. I release Texas Trails Council, its employees, staff and governing bodies from any claims or liability arising out of my participation. This release does not, however, apply to any harm caused by negligence or willful misconduct of Texas Trails Council or its employees.

Participants Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmasters Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If participant is under the age of 18, parent or guardian must sign above.

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