



Field Trips Around Southeast Texas

Bovay Scout Ranch

- 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 juice sails 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 steel 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 Belle, 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.

Weather Museum Scout Programs

Boy Scout Weather Merit Badge Classes

Learn about the basics of weather measurements, wind, pressure, and pressure as well as severe weather including thunderstorms, hurricanes, and tornadoes. Plus learn how to keep yourself and your family safe in all types of weather. All the weather you ever wondered about covered in one class. Bring specimens with you!

WHEN: Fourth Saturday of each month at 10 A.M.
CLASS: Limited to 10 scouts - no adults
COST: \$25 per scout

American Red Cross 2007 Scout Training

American Red Cross Building
 2700 Southchase Freeway
 Houston, Texas 77056
 Roger Seft - 713-363-0836 or seft@redcross.org

BASIC AID TRAINING (BAT) - READYMAN PIN

This course is designed for Cub & Webelos Scouts ages 8 - 10 to complete the Readyman Pin. It covers first aid topics including Resuscitation, CPR, basic first aid, splinting, bandaging, simple bandaging, first aid information, and poisoning. There are also activities on water safety, lost and found, emergency, and bike safety.

COST: \$30.00 per person (includes pin and workbook).

Please remember to bring your 2 sleep headlamps.

This class will be held the 2nd Saturday of every month from 8 AM - 4 PM.

EXCEPTION: NO CLASS in Feb, May or July and 2 classes in Oct 2006 & 2007.

Friday Night Overnight

November 20-21, 2009
 Check in at 7:00pm
 Pick up Saturday at 8am

Art
Math
Science
Citizenship
Physical Fitness
Language & Culture

six different loops and pins!

\$10/ea upon registration.
 \$50 per Scout and \$25 per adult due Nov 6th.
www.cmhouston.org/scouts

Space Center Houston

- Scout Camp-ins for Scientist Badge
- 5 pm Sat to 8:45 am Sun.
- \$55/Scout, \$25/adult 1:4 ratio, \$55 extra adults
 - Fully payment upon reservation, refundable till 6 weeks prior.
 - Includes dinner, a light breakfast, IMAX movie, JSC tram tour, and a next day entrance to tour Space Center Houston on your own.
- Webelos/Bears is sold out till August 2010
- New Wolf program available now!
 - Saturday, November 14, 2009
 - Saturday, December 12, 2009
 - Saturday, January 23, 2010
 - Saturday, March 27, 2010

www.spacecenter.org/ScoutCampinsCubs.html

La Brisa Popsicle Factory

- A small popsicle factory in the heart of the ship channel. La Brisa makes lactose free, sugar free popsicles with bits of real fruit.
- The tour lasts from 45 minutes to an hour. The guides are very knowledgeable. After the tour, you can sample a free popsicle or purchase several from over 20 different varieties.
- Open M-F 9-5. Free Admission.
- 713-926-3450



Scout Night with the Houston Rockets

Buy after the game to shoot a free throw on the Houston Rockets Home Court!
Everyone will receive a commemorative Houston Rockets Baseball Cap!
Be sure to wear your Scout uniform to the game!

**Saturday, January 23, 2010
7:30 PM @ Toyota Center**

HOUSTON ROCKETS VS CHICAGO BULLS

Order Your Tickets:
By Calling: Cathy Verrejon @ 713-798-7331
FAX: 713-756-7343
Email: cathyv@rocketsball.com

# OF TICKETS	TICKET PRICE	AMOUNT DUE
	\$15 (upper level, end zone)	
	\$23 (upper level, corner)	
	\$30 (upper level, center court)	



BOY SCOUT EXPERIENCE
DECEMBER 31, 2009, 2:30 PM

The Texas Bowl is proud to welcome the Boy Scouts of America.

ONLY \$20!

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

With a ticket, each scout will receive a commemorative Texas Bowl Scout Patch and the opportunity to participate in our pre-game flag ceremony.

GAME TICKET - SCOUT PATCH - FLAG CERIMONY

To reserve your tickets TODAY call 832-667-2182 or email cneal@houstontexans.com

Flag ceremony limited to the first 200 scouts. Scouts must be uniformed.

Mrs. Baird's Bakery

- This is a wonderful learning opportunity for the kids to see a bakery in action.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10 am and 2 pm
- Reservations required at least **two weeks in advance**.
 - Children must be at least **6 years old** to participate in a tour.
 - One adult must be present for every 10 children on the tour.
 - Your legs need to be covered
 - For safety reasons, NO open-toed shoes are allowed, no "heel-out" shoes like flip-flops or sandals, no "heelys" (tennis shoes on rollers) and no jewelry.
 - No VIDEO cameras are allowed inside the bakery
 - During hot weather months, scheduling a tour in the morning is recommended.
- 6650 N. Houston - Rosslyn Rd.
- <http://www.mrsbairds.com>

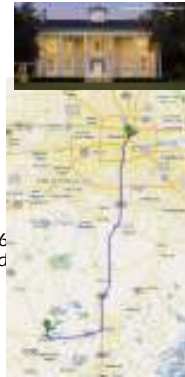
Fort Bend Museum

- 59 South in Richmond.
- Local history 1822 to World War II in 1945.
 - 1821 settlement of Spanish Texas.
 - the role Texas Revolution and it's causes.
 - thriving sugar and cotton industries.
- **Saturday, January 17 | Scouts' Texas Badge Workshop**
Fort Bend Museum, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **February 4, 5 & 6 | Tales of Texas**
This one-of-a-kind field trip is geared for children in grades 2-5 at the George Ranch Historical Park.
- **Saturday, March 7 | Scouts' Texas Badge Workshop**
Fort Bend Museum, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- <http://www.fortbendmuseum.org>

Varner-Hogg Plantation Historical Park

- 50 mi south on 288. Near Angleton.
- 66 acre park w/1836 plantation home of Gov. James S. Hogg
- Adults: \$1. 12 and under: free.
- Guided tours Saturday 8 am-5 pm
Adults: \$6, Age 6-18: \$2. Under 6 free.
- Call (979) 345-4656
- Hogg was convinced that the property contained oil in quantities equal to Spindletop, and he drilled several wells trying to find it. He died, however, in 1906 14 years before his beliefs were vindicated. The West Columbia field was brought in during 1920 and proved very productive, becoming the cornerstone of the Hogg family wealth.

http://www.thc.state.tx.us/hsites/hs_varner.aspx



Blue Bell Creamery

- 1 ½ hours out 290 north to Brenham
- Take a guided tour and watch a short video about Blue Bell and how they make ice cream!
- Interesting aspects of chemistry and food science.
- Ends with a complimentary scoop of Ice Cream!
- Call ahead for times and availability. Reservations are recommended for groups of 15 or more.

• <http://www.bluebell.com>



Museum of Printing History

- Mesopotamian Cylinder Seals
- Ancient Papyrus Fragments
- Asian Movable Type & early Asian Printing
- Illuminated Manuscripts
- 1450 Gutenberg Press Replica
- Old Master Etchings
- Ben Franklin's

- "Pennsylvania Gazette"
- Historical Newspapers
- Documents by Samuel Bangs
- 1830 Star-wheel Press
- Letterpress & Type Collection
- Antique Bookbinding
- 10 - 5 Tue - Sat. 713-522-4652
- <http://www.printingmuseum.org/classes.php>



Texas State Railroad

- 3.5 hours north of Houston.
- steam and diesel train trips
 - Rusk to Palestine and back.
 - Roundtrip departs at 11 am with return at 3:30 pm. Each trip takes 1 ½ hours each way with a 1 ½ hour lunch layover at the opposite train depot for a total 4 ½ hour experience. most Fridays & Saturdays.
 - campground facilities, picnic areas
- Steam Engine Round Trip:
 - Ages 3-11 \$23. 12 and over \$40.50.
- <http://www.texasstaterr.com>



San Antonio

- The Alamo
- McNay Art Museum
- Texas Air Museum-Stinson Field
- The Institute of Texan Cultures
- AMEDD Medical Museum Foundation
- San Antonio Children's Museum
- San Antonio Zoo
- Texas Transportation Museum
- Witte Museum

Austin

- State Capitol
- Austin Nature & Science Center
- O. Henry Museum
- Austin Nature & Science Center
- Elisabet Ney Museum
- Texas Military Forces Museum
- Austin Children's Museum

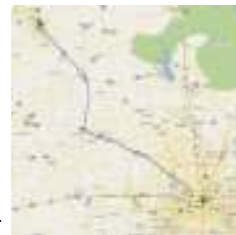
George Bush Presidential Library

Citizenship Merit Badge with Ambassador Sichan Siv

- Date(s): November 14, 2009
- Time(s): 9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

The George Bush Presidential Library and Museum is pleased to invite Boy Scouts to participate in a question and answer session with Ambassador Sichan Siv.

2 hrs via 290 to College Station.





Tips: Reservations

- The trick to getting full advantage of planning is to get reservations six months in advance.
- Advance reservations allow one to arbitrarily choose the best date and group size to suit the pack, as well as the ship and attractions that are best for that time of year.
 - Getting a reservation two months in advance for twenty people may be possible if you are flexible about dates. Getting a reservation for fifty on a popular weekend very often requires six months advance reservation.

Tips: Registration

- Consider transportation and payment collection options. These represent significant effort coordinating with parents before the trip.
- Worry less about RSVPs than obtaining payments in advance; otherwise there may be significant financial risk.
- Simplify payment by collecting checks at meetings spanning several month or more.
- Keep income and expenses for group transportation separate from the ship in order to simplify balancing the books after the trip.

Tips: Where to start

- If you will visit only one ship, consider starting with USS Texas in any season except summer.
 - It's close by, so there's no need for group transportation, and this makes it easy to plan.
 - It has straightforward payment requirements and has great options for food, hikes and attractions before or after the onboard schedule.
 - Summer is OK on the Ship, but may be uncomfortable for hiking.
- The USS Texas is an easy way to get started and find out whether your families enjoy overnights on ships.



Choices - Seasons

Recommended ships for each season	
Season	Ship
Winter	USS Texas Battleship Best weather for battleground hike.
Summer	USS Cavalla Submarine Great air conditioning, beaches, and attractions.
Spring/ Fall	USS Lexington Air Craft Carrier Moderate air conditioning. Warmer weather is good for the beach; however much to see onboard, thus limited time on beach.
Mid Fall through Mid Spring	USS Kidd Destroyer Moderate air conditioning – limited comfort in summer. Many great museums very close. Art & Science next door.
Summer	USS Alabama Battleship Full day's drive each way.

Distance from Houston

Miles	Ship	Location
29	Battleship USS Texas	San Jacinto Battleground
56	Submarine USS Cavalla	Pelican Island, Galveston
56	1877 Barque Elisa	Galveston TX
121	Destroyer USS Orleck	Orange TX
203	Carrier USS Lexington	Corpus Christi TX
276	Destroyer USS Kidd	Baton Rouge LA
476	Battleship USS Alabama	Mobile AL

Reservations - Headcounts

Ship	Cost per person	Min Age	Min People	Max People	Min for Exclusive
Texas	35	5	15	70	70
Cavalla	20	5	20	40 + 75 on ship	
Elissa	40	8	30	40	30
Kidd	18	6	20	70	70
Lexington	49	5	15	none	n/a
Alabama	18	6	15	none	n/a

Reservations - Deposit

Ship	Deposit
Texas	50% within two weeks of reservation
Cavalla	\$100 within 30 days of reservation
Elissa	\$240 at time of reservation
Lexington	\$50 at time of reservation
Kidd	\$150 within 10 days of reservation
Alabama	\$60 at time of reservation

Final Payment

Ship	Final Payment
Texas	Remainder (50%) upon arrival
Cavalla	Remainder 30 days before visit
Elissa	Remainder upon arrival
Lexington	Remainder 60 days before visit
Kidd	Remainder upon arrival
Alabama	Remainder 6 weeks before visit

Transportation

- **Twelve and Fifteen Passenger Vans**
 - Vans can be less than half the cost of charter bus service. They are surprisingly economical for a couple of reasons.
 - Can be less fuel costs for driving separately.
 - It's far more *fun* for the boys to be together.
 - Discounts for scouts and tax exemption
 - Getting tour permits is not difficult
 - Tour permits facilitate BSA insurance coverage
- **Charter Bus Service**
 - USS Alabama driving time is ten hours, allowing for rest stops and meal stops. Charter 56 passenger coach quotes can range from \$2500 to \$3500.

Tour Permit

- Tour permit requires Two Adult Leaders.
 - Baloo - covers health & safety
 - Hazardous Weather – online, within last 2 years
 - YPT – online, within last 2 years
 - Affirm reading the Guide to Safe Scouting.
 - If swimming, Safe Swim (online) and CPR.
- Map of route to ship.
- Map of route to nearest clinic/hospital.
- No site approval form required for ships.

Guide to Safe Scouting

- List each van and driver on the tour permit.
- Min. liability insurance limits:
 - \$100K per person/ \$500K per incident/ \$100K property
 - Increasing the driver's insurance is generally far cheaper than rental agency's optional insurance.
- An adult BSA leader be in charge in each van.
- Drive only during daylight hours.
- Don't travel in convoy.
- Watch out for driver fatigue
 - Keep Fire Watch and designated drivers separate.

Tips: Activities

- Consider before/after Activities
 - For extra, optional activities, consider very active things before and relaxed things after the ship.
- Before, boys may have excess energy to burn.
 - Consider less structured attractions such as hikes, self guided tours, or best of all, games and free play.
- Afterward, many families may want to relax and socialize.
 - Slower paced structured activities like guided tours or a nice lunch may be well received.

Compatible Awards

- San Jacinto Battleground Award
 - Combine with the USS Texas
 - 2.2 mile hike and discussion of the battle.
 - PDF of the program on SHAC site.
 - Patches are \$2.25/ea at SHAC.
- Texas Badge
 - "Visit an historic place in Texas."
 - Patches are \$3/ea at SHAC.
- US Heritage Silver Award
 - "Render a service that benefits a neighborhood or community." Patch are \$3/ea online.

US Heritage Award

REQUIREMENTS:

To earn the silver United States Heritage Award a youth must:

1. Tell when the Declaration of Independence was adopted.
2. Learn the first verse of the national anthem "The Star Spangled Banner".
3. Know the Pledge of Allegiance. Explain what it means.
4. Learn about the United States Flag.
 - a. What colors does the United States flag have?
 - b. How many stars are on the blue rectangle (canton)?
What do the stars symbolize?
 - c. How many stripes are on the flag?
What colors are the stripes?
What do the stripes symbolize?
 - d. How do you show respect for the United States flag?
5. Make a list of the original thirteen states of the United States of America.
6. Know who is the current President of the United States of America.
7. My America. Do one of the following:
 - a. Draw a picture of a famous person in American History and tell what they did.
8. **Render a service** that benefits a neighborhood or community.

Texas Badge

- State Symbols:
 - Name the state bird, state flower, and state motto.
 - Sing or recite the words of "Texas, Our Texas".
- State History:
 - Six flags of Texas. What's important about each?
 - Pick a famous Texan. Why are they famous?
 - **Visit an historic place in Texas.**
- State Culture:
 - Read about any Texas subject and tell what you learned.
 - Find out about the Indians who lived near your community at any time. Tell about some of their history and customs.

The Planning Process

- Choose a season and survey availability
- Get a reservation and announce the date
- **Get RSVPs** and pay the deposit
- Choose transportation and sightseeing options
- Identify meetings for collecting payment
- Email announcements
- Get the tour permit
- **Collect payments**
- Mail in advance payment by the due date
 - RSVPs and collecting payments are essential.

Schedule & Availability

- Choose a season and survey availability.
- Which months of the year are best for overnights for your pack?
- Which ships are suitable both in terms of distance and season?
- How far in advance do we need to make the reservation?
 - One can always get availability from the ships without making a reservation.

Reservation

When getting the reservation,

- ask the ship about service projects.
- Confirm the deposit and final payment.
- Ask about nearby activities.
 - Anything with group or scout rates?

Determine Agenda & Cost

- What do we need for the announcement?
- Any inexpensive activities with group rates?
 - May help to bundle into total cost
- Any compatible awards or service project?
- Reserve any group transportation.
 - To determine cost, schedule requirements.
 - How many drivers, registered leaders are needed?

RSVPs and Deposit

- What is the deadline for the deposit?
- Can the pack cover the deposit?
- If not, how many people need to pay to cover the deposit?

Announcement

- What is the detailed agenda?
- Form of payment?
- What to bring, not bring?

Tour Permit

Get the tour permit:

- Do we have all the required training?
- Map of route to ship.
- Route to nearest clinic/hospital.

For group transportation:

- Driver's insurance?
- Tax exempt status letter.

Collect Payments

- Plan ahead to ensure adequate time.
- Collect at multiple den and pack meetings.
- Concrete agenda and awards help.

