

Update! All Summer Participants Must Read! Payments now due

Sign Up for Summer Camps with Troop 55!

9 Different Programs! 3 Merit Badge Programs for All Scouts. 6 Adventure Programs for Scouts who meet age, rank & experience requirements.

All programs have limited enrollment. Sign up now!

Merit Badge Camps

New Details

1. Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch, June 18-24

Merit Badge camp in the Davis Mountains, near Fort Davis in West Texas. Offers many merit badges, including horsemanship. Swimming pool. Dining hall. Side visits to McDonald Observatory and Balmorhea State Park.

Fly to Midland on Southwest, bus to camp.

Cost: \$475

**Fees due now: \$100 deposit
\$375 balance due May 1.**

http://www.buffalotrailbsa.org/camping/btsr_about.html

**Details: Ken McKay,
kmckay@lockeliddell.com**

New Details

2. Camp Loll, June 30- July 8

In the Grand Tetons, near Yellowstone Park, Wyoming. Two full days in Yellowstone (lodging in cabins and meals included), followed by Camp Loll

merit badge camp in beautiful, cool mountains. Rustic facilities.

Air travel, bus to camp

Cost: About \$1,200

**Fees due now: \$100 deposit +
\$600 = \$700**

\$500 balance due May 1.

<http://www.trappertrails.org/loll/>

**Details: Paul Appeddu,
pappeddu@yahoo.com**

New!

3. El Rancho Cima, July 23-29

Near Wimberley, Texas. Bus or van to camp. This camp will be attended by a small contingent of Troop 55 Scouts, acting as hosts for Scouts from Ecuador here for 2 weeks following the Ecuador Service Project by Troop 55.

While Cima offers merit badges, the focus of the Troop's trip there will be on working alongside the Scouts from Ecuador.

Scouts that are considering participating in the trip to Ecuador in 2007 or 2008 should particularly consider attending as it will introduce them to how Scouting in Ecuador is similar to and different from that in the USA. In addition, our Scouts will make new friends they can visit in Ecuador. It is a "real" opportunity to use Spanish-speaking skills and help the Ecuadorians learn English.

Camping with the Ecuadorians is an experience not to be missed, as they will teach you a lot of games and fun activities you will never learn from anywhere else.

Cost: About \$250

**Fees due now: \$100 deposit.
\$150 balance due May 1.**

**Details: James Flodine,
friends@flodine.com**

Adventure Programs

1. Chimayo Scout Reservation, New Mexico – June 11-18

Chimayo Walkabout Backpacking Program in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains near Santa Fe, NM
Possible raft trip on Rio Grande
Open to Scouts age 12+ (11 with Scoutmaster consent.)

Cost – about \$750

Fees due now: \$100 deposit + \$300 = \$400

\$350 balance due May 1.

<http://www.gswcbsa.org/summercamp/index.shtml>

Details: Charles Williams or Jim Houk
charleswilliams@andrewskurth.com or
jahouk@swbell.net

New details 2. Alaska Advanced High Adventure treks in *Gates of the Arctic*, June 30 – July 12

Troop 55 returns above the Arctic Circle for true wilderness program for Scouts who have completed previous Troop 55 high adventure programs, have at least completed the 8th grade, and have Scoutmaster approval. 9 day backpacking or combined rafting & backpacking treks in 7-man crews, with guides. Mandatory participation in shakedown trips and events prior to trek.

Cost: about \$2,800

Fees due now: \$100 deposit + \$900 = \$1,000

\$1,800 balance due May 15.

<http://www.midnightsunbsa.org/adventure.html>

Details: Ken Alexander,
kalexander@porterhedges.com or

David Grizzle, dgrizz@coair.com

3. Ecuador Service Project, July 7 – July 22, 2006

Wait List

3d year of Troop 55 program for experienced Scouts to use their Scouting and leadership skills to assist the Ecuador Scouting movement. Unsurpassed opportunity for international exchange and service. Scouts and adult leaders from Troop 55 will assist the Ecuador Scout organization, which is growing again after a period of struggle, during 2 week program.

Who:

Open to experienced Scouts (age 14 and up) and adult leaders. Space is limited, and preference will be given to Scouts with higher rank and experience. Some command of Spanish is also very desirable! Adult leaders will be teaching Ecuadorian adult volunteers in various aspects of Scouting and provide adult leadership for the merit badge camp and Cloud Forest High Adventure program.

Why:

1. Unique service to help improve the Scouting Movement in Ecuador and demonstrate leadership
2. Cultural exchange
3. High Adventure – nothing like this exists in the United States

Cost: \$1,000 + airfare

Details: Jerry Fee,
Jerry.Fee@HALLIBURTON.com,
or **James Flodine,** friends@flodine.com

Revised Dates

**4. Colorado
Advanced
Backpacking &
Mountain Climbing Trek, July
15 – 29**

Open to Scouts who have finished 9th grade and have completed a major backpacking trek. Climb 3 14,000 ft. peaks, 60 miles. Cost: about \$850

**Fees due now: \$100 deposit +
\$200 = \$300
\$550 balance due May 1.**

**Details: James Cauble,
james@cauble.org**

Nearly full

**5. Montana, July
28-August 6**

Troop 55 returns to Boone & Crockett Club's T. Roosevelt Memorial Ranch for wilderness orientation, shooting sports, and flyfishing, followed by 4 day backpacking trip into the Bob Marshall Wilderness. See http://www.boone-crockett.org/educationPrograms/education_mhasp.asp?area=educationPrograms

Half-day raft trip on Middle Fork, Flathead River; day hike in Glacier National Park

Open to Troop 55 Scouts age 13+ by January 1, 2006 or have finished 7th grade. Scouts should have some backpacking experience.

Cost – about \$1,400.

**Fees due now: \$100 deposit +
\$600 = \$700
\$700 balance due May 1.**

**Details: Danny Spencer,
dspencer7@ev1.net, or Gene Alford,
ealford@tmh.tmc.edu**

Nearly full

**6. Grand Teton
Backpacking
Trek, August 4 – 12.**

50 mile backpacking trek above 10,000 feet circling the base of the Teton range, and passing through high mountain passes.

Open to experienced backpackers, age 14 +. Challenging hike - all participants must be able to run without a backpack 6 miles in one hour.

Air travel to Jackson, WY.

Cost: about \$700, depending on air fare

**Fees due now: \$100 deposit +
\$250 = \$350
\$350 balance due May 1.**

**Details: Warren Wilder,
wwilder@westlakegroup.com**

More Information for Parents of Troop 55 Scouts

Why should I send my son to Scout summer camp?

Summer camp with Troop 55 is a great opportunity for fun, and an important part of the Troop 55 program. Scouts really get to apply what they've learned. A week of Scout summer camp is like an entire year of weekend campouts.

For younger or less experienced Boy Scouts: Merit badge camps are especially valuable for Scouts who have not previously gone to Boy Scout summer camp with the Troop and Scouts who have not yet achieved the rank of Star. Scout summer camp is different from most camps. Your son will have the opportunity to earn merit badges and rank advancement, sleep in a tent, and work in a patrol of about 8 Scouts from the Troop. He'll get a first-hand opportunity to work on the points of the Scout Law and learn about leadership.

For experienced Scouts: Merit Badge camps offer great leadership opportunities for Scouts above 1st Class. High Adventure programs give Scouts terrific opportunities for leadership and applying Scouting skills. Please pay attention to the eligibility requirements.

Who will be going?

All Scouts in Troop 55 may attend, but space is limited. There will be many other troops at Buffalo Trail, Loll, and Cima.

Can parents attend these camps?

Registered and trained parents may attend camps. See "Adult Training" on Pages 12 & 15 of the Troop Handbook, <http://www.troop55.org/documents/docume>

[nts.htm](#). Parents of Scouts new the Troop are particularly encouraged to consider helping out with one of the merit badge camps. It's a great way to get involved with the Troop's outdoor program.

In high adventure programs, adult participation is restricted. Ordinarily, only adults who have both completed the required training and actively participated in the outdoor program for Scouts are eligible.

What is the cost?

Estimated fees*, including transportation.

*We're still making final arrangements.

Buffalo Trial	\$475
Camp Loll	\$1,200
El Rancho Cima	\$250
Chimayo	\$750
Alaska	\$2,800
Ecuador	\$1000 + airfare
Colorado	\$850
Montana	\$1,400
Grand Teton	\$700

Scouts at Buffalo Trail, Loll, and Cima will also want to have \$30 or so in incidental spending money. Some merit badge classes will require additional funds for materials, and some optional programs have additional fees, ranging from \$10 to \$50.

Troop 55 awards scholarships to Scouts for summer camp. Contact Gary Martin, Troop Committee Chairman, for information.

More questions?

Contact Ken Alexander, Senior ASM for Troop 55, kalexander@porterhedges.com, 713-226-6614, or individual summer camp campmasters listed above.

Sign-up Checklist – 5 Important Steps!

1. Mail Troop 55 Summer Camp Reservation form with your check payable to “Troop 55” ASAP to

Chuck Guffey
2809 Sunset Blvd.
Houston, TX 77005--2347
Tel: 713-669-0584
cguffey@wellschappell.com

Make all checks payable to “Troop 55,” and pay by scheduled deadlines

2. Watch for e-mails regarding merit badge signups.

Merit badge classes require advance registration.

3. May 21 Meeting of Scouts and Parents

All Scouts going to summer camp and their parents should also attend a meeting set for **Sunday, May 21, 2006 at 5 p.m.** in the Scout Room to learn about final travel arrangements, gear needs, merit badge class registration, etc. Please mark your calendars and attend.

4. Watch the Troop’s Web Page at <http://www.troop55.org> and your e-mail for updated information!

5. Scouts and Adults: Get your required medical forms and insurance cards in NOW.

By May 21st, all Scouts and adults attending must have on file with the Troop the correct medical and “Consent to Treat” forms and copy of insurance card.

Important: These medical forms require a physician’s signature and a current physical within 1 year before the start of camp. Get those doctor appointments scheduled now.

Scouts

Merit Badge Camp: [Class 1 and 2](#) or [Class 3](#) Medical Forms, *plus* [Consent to Treat](#) and insurance card

High Adventure: [Class 3](#) Medical Form, *plus* [Consent to Treat](#) and insurance card.

Adults in High Adventure program or age 40+: [Class 3](#) and insurance card.

Adults under 40 at Merit Badge Camp: [Class 1 and 2](#) or [Class 3](#) and insurance card.

Download these forms at <http://www.troop55.org/documents/documents.htm>

Send completed medical forms to [Nancy Bray](#) at Troop 55!
Nancy Bray
3745 Nottingham
Houston, TX 77005-2025
n.bray@sbcglobal.net

Troop 55 Summer Camp Reservation Registration Form

Send a **separate form for each participant**

(Scout or adult) & deposit to:

Chuck Guffey
2809 Sunset Blvd.
Houston, TX 77005-2347
Tel: 713-669-0584
cguffey@wellschappell.com

Sign me up! (*Please print clearly!*)

Name _____

Circle one: Scout or Adult

Scout's Birthdate ____/____/____
mo. day year

Age ____ Current Grade ____

Scout's Rank _____

Parents' Names _____

Street Address

City, State, & Zip Code

(_____) _____
Home Phone

(_____) _____
Office Phone

_____ @ _____
Scout's e-mail

_____ @ _____
Father's e-mail

_____ @ _____
Mother's e-mail

Enclosed is my check payable to "Troop 55" for \$_____. **Please print name of participant and camp(s) on check.**

Shirt Size (circle one) (all adult sizes):

Small Medium Large XL XXL

I want to attend (check all that apply):

1. ____ Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch, TX Merit Badge Program, June 18-24, 2006 (Cost: \$475)
2. ____ Camp Loll, WY Merit Badge Program, June 30 - July 8, 2006 (Cost: about \$1,200)
3. ____ *New!* El Rancho Cima, TX Merit Badge Program, July 23-29, 2006 (Cost: about \$250)
4. ____ Chimayo, NM June 11-18, 2006 (Cost: about \$750)
5. ____ Alaska, June 30 - July 12, 2006 (Cost: about \$2,800)
6. ____ Ecuador, South America Service & High Adventure Program, July 7-22, 2006 (Cost: \$1,000 + air fare)
7. ____ Colorado Advanced Backpacking, July 16-29 (Cost: \$850)
8. ____ Montana Backpacking, July 28-Aug 6, 2006 (Cost: about \$1,400)
9. ____ Grand Teton Backpacking, August 4-12, 2006 (Cost: about \$700)