



Camp M. K. Brown

Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America

56 years of Fun and Adventure

1968-2024

2024 Leader's Guide



WELCOME TO CAMP M. K. BROWN SUMMER CAMP!



Our staff has been working year-round to ensure we continue to offer the best program possible. With over 25 Merit Badges, an awesome Aquatics area, a fabulous First Year Camp Program, and a great shooting sports complex, 2024 is shaping up to be a great time for all campers!

Now is the time to start planning for your 2024 experience. The information in this guide will be your key to an exciting and meaningful summer camp experience. Digital copies of this guide can be found on our website- www.goldenspread.org for your convenience. If you have any questions, please contact us directly at 806-358-6500.

On behalf of the Camp M.K. Brown Camp Staff, we look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Our history

Camp M. K. Brown was named after its philanthropic donor and was first opened in 1968. Camp M. K. Brown is located approximately 35 miles east of Pampa, Texas on Highway 152 in Wheeler County. Close to historic Mobeetie, Camp MK Brown is a camper dream in the desert.

The camp is heavily wooded with huge, old cottonwoods that provide nice shade in the summer months. The camp is open year-round for weekend camping. If your unit is interested in using the camp during the off season, please call 806-358-6500 to make your reservation.





Registration Information

We will offer one session this year- June 16-22.

Our biggest goal is to make camp easy for your troop. To do this, we include in the fee, the cost of the merit badge classes and activities in the fee. At our camp, you don't have to figure out what each class costs on top of all the other logistics you have to deal with!

PRICING

In-Council Scouts and Adult Fees

Youth: Early Bird (before April 30): \$300. Adults: Early Bird (before Apr 30): \$170.

Youth: On Time (May 1 to May 31): \$325. Adults: On Time (May 1 to May 31): \$210.

Out-Council Scouts and Adult Fees

Youth: Early Bird (before April 30): \$325. Adults: Early Bird (before Apr 30): \$200.

Youth: On Time (May 1 to May 31): \$350. Adults: On Time (May 1 to May 31): \$240.

SPECIAL DEAL: Bring 10 or more Scouts BSA and your unit will receive 1 FREE Adult (20 Scouts will allow you to bring 2 FREE adults etc.).

Fine details:

- All 10 or more scouts must be present at check-in.
- If there are less than 10 scouts, you will **not** receive a refund for the missing scout (s) **AND** you will forfeit the **FREE** leader offer and **will be charged** the full Leader amount for the amount that other leaders paid.

Camp T-Shirts

Camp T-shirts are pre-ordered/pre-paid online (extra for certain sizes) plus other order fees. Shirts may be purchased only with a credit card at the time the order is placed by the unit leader. No individual scout orders are accepted. Limited quantities are available at the Camp Trading Post and will be \$15.95 and up. Please see page 14 for more details and the link to order. The link is also on the Camp MK Brown Summer Camp Online Registration home page. (Available on or after March 1, 2024)

Camperships

Camperships are available for youth campers who have a need for financial assistance. In most cases, up to one half of the fee is awarded, however all applications will be reviewed by the Council. All applications are completed online. You will be asked if you are applying for a campership. If so, you will complete the form and submit it for review. The camp fees will show that you have requested a campership and will adjust fees accordingly. If the campership is approved for the amount requested (or less), the online system will automatically be updated and will either show a fully paid camper or if they owe additional fees.

STEPS TO TAKE NOW

1

Discuss with your Unit Committee, your Summer Camp plans to that include the date, fees, leadership requirements etc. Once approved by the Committee, schedule a Scout and a Parent Meeting to discuss those same items along with a payment schedule for parents.

2

Complete the 2024 Camp M. K. Brown Scouts BSA Summer Camp Online Reservation Form located at <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2024SummerCamp> and submit it (a \$200.00 deposit paid by credit card only is required)





Check-In

Check-in begins at 1pm on Sunday at the Lew Benz Administration Building located near the Parking Lot. After parking, please have the Scoutmaster report to check-in. In the interest of time and space limitations, only the adult should attend. A Troop Guide will meet you in the parking area and will show you around camp, assist you with check-in, and will be available all week to help your Troop have the best fun possible.

What to bring to check-in:

- Copies of BSA Health Forms (Adults and Scouts)
- Any remaining account balance fee
- Troop Roster of all Scouts and Adults
- Order of the Arrow Call Out names (if applicable)

Midweek Arrivals:

If you have anyone arriving at camp after the initial check-in, please have them check-in at the Lew Benz. They will sign the check-in book, receive camper wristbands, and will be directed to where your group is at that time. If they are joining us for meals, the cost, payable at check-in, is \$10.00 per meal.



If you need to leave camp at any time during the week, we ask that you sign out at the Lew Benz. That way, if there are any emergencies, we will have an accurate count of those who are in camp.

We thank you for keeping and sharing these policies as safety is most important. Our staff is trained to look for wristbands on all campers and those without them will be escorted to the camp office.



Campsites

When you register using our online system for Camp MK Brown Summer Camp, you will be able to select your top 3 campsite choices. We will try our best to honor your requests but depending on several factors, the Ranger may adjust units and campsites! When you arrive at camp, you will be escorted to your assigned campsite. Depending on the size of your troop, you may be sharing the campsite with another troop.

Each campsite has bathrooms and showers nearby, firewood (if no fire ban), a fire pit, picnic table, and a water spigot. You must bring your own tent as we do not provide them. We suggest a lantern, camp chairs, and anything else that will make your week comfortable.

Anytime you just need to get away from scouts for a second to enjoy a cup of coffee or an iced tea, please visit the Trading Post and/or Dining Hall. Both locations have central air conditioning so you can escape the heat and relax.

Many leaders have asked about phone reception and internet at Camp M.K. Brown. There is phone reception on parts of the camp, typically on the hill near the Lew Benz. There is no Internet service on camp. If that is needed, you will have to drive to Wheeler which is several miles away from the camp.

Campsites
Rocking A
Bar B
Box C
Tumbling D
Circle E
F Over Bar
Bar H Bar
Box O
Sleepy S
T Bar
Flying V
Upper Y
Diamond Y
Lost Campsite





General Information

Mail Call:

Mail is received everyday at camp. If you want to send mail to a camper or adult, please mail it by Wednesday to make sure your camper receives it before leaving on Saturday:

The address is:

Camp M. K. Brown

8425 FM 3182

Mobeetie, TX 79061

Attn: Scouts or Adults name

Order of the Arrow:

The Order of the Arrow is the Boy Scouts national honor society. Members dedicate their lives to the principals of cheerful service. If any of your troop members would like to be part of this organization, contact your local Order of the Arrow Lodge representative to organize elections. After you are elected, you can opt to have your call out ceremony at camp. If you are from out of council, you must have a letter brought with you, authorizing us to do the call out ceremony for you. This ceremony takes place each week on Friday at the closing campfire.

Leader's Meeting:

A Leader's Meeting will be held on Sunday evening and the SPL is welcome to attend. At this meeting, we will go over any changes to the schedule, needs of the camp, and to welcome you to Camp M.K. Brown. We will keep this to one hour as this has been a long day for everyone!

Camp Dress:

The BSA Field Uniform is required for evening flag ceremonies, evening meals, all formal occasions, and campfires. Comfortable clothing should be worn during the day.

No camouflage clothing, military BDU's, or clothing promoting, or advertising tobacco, alcohol or drugs will be allowed. In the Dining Hall, shoes, pants or shorts, and a shirt is required. Hats will be removed while in the Dining Hall. Swim wear in the Dining Hall is prohibited by state and local health codes. Sandals are not recommended at camp due to thorns and hazardous rock areas.

Camp Phone:

The camp phone number is 806-420-4434. Messages left for campers and adults will be given out as soon as possible. If in an emergency and during normal business hours, you can call the Scout Service Center at 806-358-6500.

Electronic Items:

Summer Camp is an outdoor experience. Personal electronics such as laptops, I Pad's, games, and portable music players should not be brought to camp by youth. Cell phones are allowed however the camp and council will not be held responsible for damage or loss of phones or other personal equipment.

Food Service:

We pride ourselves on providing high quality food during your week of camp. Please remember that serving sizes are based on ages of Scouts and the level of activities they experience at camp and are approved by a Registered Dietician.

If there are special dietary needs, please contact the Scout Service Center BEFORE your arrival and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Visitors are welcome on Friday which is our visitor's night. If they choose to eat any meal, the cost is \$10.00 per meal. We must know by Thursday the quantity of visitors from your troop so we can have enough food on Friday. Payment for this can be made on Friday upon their arrival at the Trading Post.

Two-Deep Leadership and Youth Protection:

The policy of the BSA is that at least 2 registered adults, one of whom must be 21 or over are required to be onsite at all times. Each unit needs to determine whether they need more than 2 leaders at camp. If your troop has a scout in the Polaris program, you will need to have at least ONE adult attend as well. **ALL Adult must be registered in the BSA to attend this camp.**

All OUT OF COUNCIL leaders and ANY visitors staying overnight must present proof of BSA Registration and completion of Youth Protection Training during check-in. You can get this information from your local council office.

Trading Post:

The Camp operates a small Trading Post for scouts and adults to purchase scouting items, merit badge booklets, cups, knives, soda, candy, healthy snacks, and any crafts needed for class. The average dollar amount spent in the past is about \$50.00 per week.

Scout and Adult Medical Forms:

All Scouts and Adults who remain overnight in camp, must have completed Medical Forms. Please use the "72 hours or more" form that is located on pages 33-36 and online at www.goldenspread.org-forms

Prescription Medications:

All prescription drugs and over the counter medications must be stored under lock, except when in a controlled presence of the health officers or adult leaders responsible for administration and/or dispensing medications. An exception can be made for limited amounts of medication to be carried by the camper, leader, parent or staff member for life threatening conditions. Epi Pens, inhalers, and heart medication are a few of these limited items. Prescription drugs must be in their original container, labeled and maintained in a fashion approved by the health officer at camp. Medication forms are available on page 35 and at www.goldenspread.org-forms

Pets:

Pets are not permitted at camp, however **service dogs are permitted based on documented medical needs**. Please call the Scout Service Center ahead of time to ensure we are aware of this situation.

Automobiles and Trailers:

Automobiles and Pickup Trucks will be parked in the designated parking lot unless specific approval is given by the Camp Ranger. Vehicles may be allowed to transport gear to and from the assigned campsite. Trailers may be parked at the campsite only with approval of the Camp Ranger and must be off the main road so emergency vehicles and camp service trucks can get access.

Smoking and Tobacco Use:

The use of any tobacco product, vapes, and smokeless tobacco can only be used in your privately-owned vehicle. Smoking in or around tents and campsites is not authorized nor is the use in any council owned facility. As guides and mentors to scouts, these products should not be used in view of youth.

Mountain Bikes:

Personally, owned Mountain Bikes may be brought and used at camp. Helmets must be provided and worn anytime the bike is in operation. Bikes must be secured by the owner and the camp is not responsible for loss or breakage of privately owned bike. We have lots of unimproved trails for you to ride. We also have a limited number of bikes at camp that can be rented for just \$10.00 per day which includes a helmet and maintenance that may be required.

Firearms and Knives:

Firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment will be provided in our program areas by the Council. These are used under the direct supervision of our Shooting Sports Director. No one may bring personal firearms, ammunition, or bows to camp to be used on our ranges. Personally owned firearms must always be left secured in a locked vehicle.

Sheath and Filet Knives are not allowed on camp. If found, they will be secured by the Camp Ranger until your departure.

Campfires:

Campfires are restricted to designated fire rings and must always be supervised by an adult, fire bans permitting. The decision on having campfires is done daily by the Camp Ranger.



Master Schedule

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Sunday:

1:00pm- Troops Check-in/Complete Swim Checks (Swim checks will **NOT** be accepted from outside of the Golden Spread Council for any reason). All Scouts and Adults who plan on entering the lake must have swim checks done onsite with our certified aquatics staff.

5:30pm- Report to Flag Area

5:45pm- Dinner

7:30pm- SM and SPL Meeting, other volunteers may attend if they wish to

8:30pm- Opening Campfire

Monday- Friday

7:45am Report to Flag Area and Breakfast

12:30pm- Lunch

6:00pm- Report to Flag Area

6:15pm- Dinner

Saturday:

7:45am- Pickup Breakfast at DH

10:00am - Check-out/Pickup Paperwork/Depart Camp

Evening Activities- Begin at 7:15pm

Monday- Open Aquatics

Tuesday- Ice Cream Social at the Dining Hall

Wednesday- Church service and Campsite Cobbler Cookoff-Judging at the Dining Hall

Thursday-Branding

Friday- 8:00pm Closing Campfire



What to Bring to Camp?

Troop and Patrol Equipment Needed:

- ✓ Tents**
- ✓ American Flag
- ✓ Troop Flag and Patrol Flag
- ✓ First Aid Kit
- ✓ Scoutmaster Handbook**
- ✓ Lanterns**
- ✓ Ice Chest and Water Cooler
- ✓ Propane Stoves
- ✓ Sleeping Bag**
- ✓ Ground Cloth
- ✓ Small Coffee Pot/Cups

Scout's Personal List of What to Bring to Camp:

- ✓ Complete Scout Uniform**
- ✓ Hiking Shoes
- ✓ Extra Shirt, Shorts, Pants**
- ✓ Six Pairs of socks ** and underwear
- ✓ Sweater or light windbreaker**
- ✓ Swim Suit
- ✓ Personal Hygiene items- towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo
- ✓ Toothbrush and toothpaste
- ✓ Deodorant
- ✓ Water bottle**
- ✓ Prescription meds for 6 days
- ✓ Flashlight and batteries**
- ✓ Spending Money- about \$100.00
- ✓ Rain Gear**
- ✓ Insect repellent and sunscreen
- ✓ Watch
- ✓ Small pocketknife**
- ✓ Compass**

****Available at the Scout Shop**



Troop Timeline and Checklist

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
PLEASE READ THIS IN DETAIL**

- Make your Camp Reservation Deposit by December 31, 2023, at <https://scoutingevent.com/562-2024SummerCamp>
The \$200.00 troop reservation deposit is paid online by credit card only.
If you are NOT ready to commit, you can still go on the system after the deposit phase ends on December 31, 2023 and jump right in for the second phase which is to add camper numbers, campership requests etc. This begins on January 1, 2024.
- Set parents information night. Brief parents on all items in this Leaders Guide.
- Recruit Webelos in February thru April.
- Hold parent's night.
- Request an O.A. Service Team to hold O.A. elections. Call the Scout Office for more information.
- Arrange leadership for your troop. Two adult leader's minimum. Must stay in camp 24 hours a day.
- Work out budget plan for scouts to arrange summer camp payments to be correct and on time.
- Discuss personal equipment plans with scouts. Give a copy of the CHECKLIST to each scout.
- Revisit the online Camp MK Brown Summer Camp Registration system (log back in) on January 1 or later and update camper numbers, apply for camperships, and you can add actual camper names if you have them!
- Order T-shirts on-line at www.localcouncilstore.com/w105000 or [scan the QR Code](#) by **May 6, 2024.**
- Secure copies of completed medical forms (form is available at the Camp MK Brown Summer Camp Registration page and YPT information. Check troop leadership & equipment.
- Revisit the Camp MK Brown Summer Camp Registration system (log back in) on or after April 1, 2024 and choose the Merit Badge Classes your campers want to take! You will have an opportunity to print out the list of available merit badges using the "Class Schedule Check Sheet Report" so you can send them to your scouts to pick classes (you will enter then in the system). We will email this to you in early April for your convenience!
- Arrange transportation to and from Camp.



* **\$14.95**
~~**\$16.95**~~

Camp MK Brown T-shirts
CUSTOMIZED
with Your Unit Number!

Imagine your entire unit wearing a camp t-shirt from Camp MK Brown, **customized* with your unit number . . .

- The Scouts look sharp
- It builds group spirit
- Keeps the field uniform clean
- You get a quality garment that takes a beating

Even better, order at least eight garments and we'll add your unit number to the left sleeve.



www.localcouncilstore.com/w105000

But hurry! Order deadline is:

5/6/2024



*Plus \$7.95 per Order Handling Fee

Program Managed by Youth Marketing Strategies








Camp Program Areas




Merit Badges Offered at Camp (subj. to change)

See Program Guide for update to date offerings




<p>Animal Science</p> 	<p>Location: TBD</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>
<p>Archery</p> 	<p>Location: Archery Range</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>



<p style="text-align: center;">Basketry</p> 	<p>Location: Handicraft Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: Up to \$20.00 for three kits required</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Bugling</p> 	<p>Location: TBD</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: Instrument required. A bugle, trumpet or cornet may be used to complete requirement.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW in 2024</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Canoeing</p> 	<p>Location: Aquatics Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: Must be BSA Swimmer qualified to take this class</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: Not for new Scouts or those without physical strength to complete the requirements.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Chess</p> 	<p>Location: TBD</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p> <p style="text-align: center;">NEW in 2024</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Cooking</p> 	<p>Location: Outdoor Skills Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: Must be a 1st Class Rank or above</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Environmental Science</p> 	<p>Location: Outdoor Skills Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: Tough MB for young scouts</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>



<p>Emergency Preparedness</p> 	<p>Location: Campfire Ring Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Must have earned First Aid Merit Badge (Bring Proof)</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>
<p>First Aid</p> 	<p>Location: Admin Building Porch</p> <p>Prerequisites: Bring home made first aid kit to session.</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>
<p>Fishing</p> 	<p>Location: Aquatics Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: Bring your fishing equipment to camp. Barbless hooks are mandatory.</p>



<p style="text-align: center;">Indian Lore</p> 	<p>Location: Handicraft Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: \$12.00 -\$15.00 for a kit</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Kayaking</p> 	<p>Location: Aquatics Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: Must be classified as a BSA Swimmer</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Leatherwork</p> 	<p>Location: Handicraft Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: Craft kits are available at the trading post. Range \$15.00 and up (Subject to change)</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Nature</p> 	<p>Location: Outdoor Skills Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Orienteering</p> 	<p>Location: Outdoor Skills Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: Tough MB for young scouts</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Pioneering</p> 	<p>Location: Outdoor Skills Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: Tough MB for young scouts</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>

<p>Rifle Shooting</p> 	<p>Location: Rifle Range</p> <p>Prerequisites: None.</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>
<p>Robotics</p> 	<p>Location: Dining Hall</p> <p>Prerequisites: None.</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Rowing</p> 	<p>Location: Aquatics Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: Must be classified as a BSA Swimmer</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: Recommended for older Scouts</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Shotgun Shooting</p> 	<p>Location: Shotgun Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>

<p>Soil and Water Conservation</p> 	<p>Location: Aquatics Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: None.</p>
<p>Swimming</p> 	<p>Location: Aquatics Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: Must have passed the BSA Swimmer Test BEFORE arriving at Camp</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: Not for non-swimmers or beginners. No instructional swim will be offered prior to this class</p>

<p>Wilderness Survival</p> 	<p>Location: Scout Craft Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: None</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet.</p> <p>Costs: None</p> <p>Helpful hints: Recommended for older Scouts</p>
<p>Woodcarving</p> 	<p>Location: Handicraft Area</p> <p>Prerequisites: Totin' Chip required</p> <p>Advance Preparation: Read merit badge pamphlet. Bring a good carving knife or purchase one at the Camp Trading Post.</p> <p>Costs: Woodcarving kits are available in trading post. \$15.00 and up. (Subject to change)</p> <p>Helpful hints: None</p>

**First Year Camper
Program**

Polaris Program



Times Offered: Everyday – all day

Location: Scoutcraft Area

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation: Read and bring Scout Handbook. Bring paper and pencil/pen

Costs: None

Helpful hints: Bring your own knife.



Duty to God Program

(Youth and Adults)

While at Camp M.K. Brown, you will encounter the handiwork of God on many occasions. Learning about different religions and how they differ from one's own, will make all participants better scouts as they interact with others in and out of scouting. This program will stimulate more interest in not only your religion but those of other campers. This program will allow you to reflect on God and also earn some recognition.

This program is best utilized by the entire Troop, but individual Scouts and Leaders may participate on their own. Your arrival packet will contain a Duty to God Form and all the information needed to participate in the program.

After completing the requirements, a "Duty to God" patch will be provided to each person FREE of Charge!



Staff at Camp

We are always looking for highly motivated Scouts BSA to work at our camp. This is an experience for all staff as they will gain confidence, work ethics, and make lots of friends that will last a lifetime.

If you know of a Scouts BSA member who is at least 15 years or older and would be a great mentor and instructor, please let them know we are hiring now.