

ARMADILLO DISTRICT



SCOUTING ADVENTURE WEEKEND

LEADERS' GUIDE

November 1-2-3, 2024

Smilin' V Ranch

250 County Road 286 Spur, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

REGISTER ONLINE AT

<https://scoutingevent.com/564-87651>

QUESTIONS?

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Armadillo District **Scouting Adventure Weekend**. This event is for both Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers.

When: November 1, 2 & 3, 2024

Where: at Smilin' V Ranch. 250 County Road 286 Spur, Liberty Hill, TX 78642

What: Cub Scout outdoor adventure requirements led by Scouts BSA and Venturers during an ADVENTURE HIKE. Shooting sports adventures in BB-gun, archery, and slingshots.

Cub Scouts have an opportunity to:

- Work on outdoor rank requirements
- Interact with BSA Scouts, who will lead activities
- Camping for two nights on Friday and Saturday (optional)
- Campfire and skits on Saturday night
- Connect with Troops and Crews

Scouts BSA Troops and Crews have an opportunity to:

- Lead Cub Scout activities and earn service hours for such
- Camping for two nights
- Dutch Oven Challenge
- Order of the Arrow call-out ceremony
- Connect with Cub units

Have FUN with BB Gun, Archery and Sling Shot Cub Scout Adventure requirements

REGISTRATION INFORMATION \$20 fee per Scout and \$20 per adult. All registrants will receive a **Scouting Adventure Weekend** patch.

Late sign up is after October 24th, 2024. Planning for campsites, material for the activities, and staffing are ready to go. Additional leaders can be added after that date, including registering them during check-in at the event. Additional Scouts may be added, however, there may not be sufficient advancement supplies; new Cub Scouts can be substituted for registered Cub Scouts if they are the same rank.

ONLINE Unit registration is available at: <https://scoutingevent.com/564-87651>

Each Pack and Troop should register as a Unit. Cub Scout Dens should make sure they are registered under their Pack number. All payment-adjustments after ONLINE registration closes, may be made at Friday night or Saturday morning check-in with Danielle Miller, in the Medic/Admin building.

If you are an individual who is not with a Unit (such as a staff member), you must register as an individual. If a Troop or Pack registers you, you should NOT register as an individual.

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If you have trouble paying online or need registration assistance, contact the *Scouting Adventure Weekend Chair, Bill McGuire*.

Following registration and payment, refunds will be considered only according to standard Council policy.

ELIGIBILITY

All registered Scouters and youth members are eligible to attend the **Scouting Adventure Weekend**. Guests are welcome to attend the Saturday night campfire, but must leave once the campfire has ended. Siblings, guests, or any others not registered with SCOUTING BSA are allowed to attend and participate (with supervision) but cannot stay overnight.

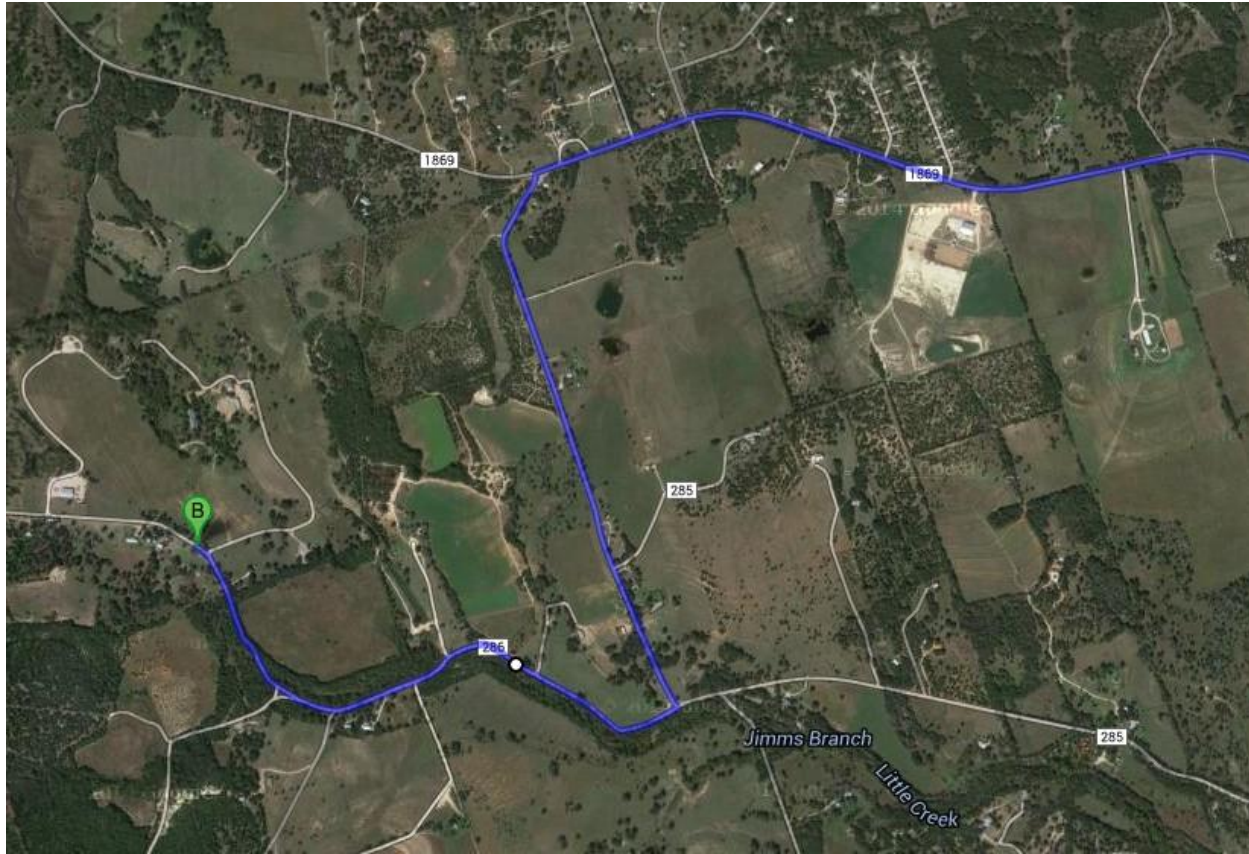
All adults must register for the Scouting Adventure Weekend. There will be wrist bands. As to being registered with Scouting BSA, all 18+ adults attending a Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scout or Exploring OVERNIGHT event / activity must be currently registered in Scouting BSA.

Cub Scout EXCEMPTION: Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders in Scouting BSA. All adults must review the “How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide” that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.

DIRECTIONS

- Take US-183 N to Highway 29 West
- Turn left onto Highway 29 West; Go 2.4 miles
- Slight left onto FM1869/RR1869; Go 6.6 miles
- Turn left onto CR 285; Go 1.0 mile
- Turn right onto CR 286; Go 0.7 miles
- Slight right onto CR 286 Spur; Go 0.3 miles
- Take the **2nd right** to enter Smilin’ V Ranch parking area (250 County Road 286 Spur, Liberty Hill, TX 78642).

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PARKING, EQUIPMENT, MAP, CHECK-IN, CAMPING, BATHROOMS, FOOD, WATER, AND UTILITIES

PARKING

- Volunteers will direct traffic onto the campgrounds on Friday night and Saturday morning. Troop camping sites allocated in order of arrival.
- Once your participants have arrived in the parking lot, please send 1-2 adults to Registration.
- Packs will be camping around Pavilions #1, #2, #3, #4 – closest to Parking Lot.
- District STAFF camp by LARGE pavilion.
- Venturers will be camping next to CHUCKWAGON, next to Large Pavilion
- To facilitate the large number of vehicles arriving at the event, we ask that Units consolidate equipment into **one** vehicle or vehicle with trailer.
- Do NOT drive off the gravel roads. All other vehicles will be directed to the parking lot.
- One Troop or Crew vehicle (and trailer) will be allowed to enter the camp and park near their campsite.

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CHECK-IN

Packs, Troops and Crews, send 1-2 adults to check in upon arrival to Registration Office. If arriving Saturday, check-in starting at 7:30 AM. You will need:

- Final unit roster
- **Copy of BSA medical forms Parts A&B for all participants**
- Order of the Arrow call-out list, if applicable
- Payment for any additional attendees
- **Copy of Youth Protection Training (YPT) Certificates: all registered adults**
- **Troop leader currently trained in Hazardous Weather Training**
- **Packs staying overnight have an adult with Baloo Training**

Emergency or adult contacts on the BSA medical form should be available to pick up their Scout within a few hours after being contacted of the Scout becoming sick or of other medical issues.

Late arrivals simply check-in at the Registration Office, to receive directions to their campsites. Please note that individual Units are responsible for keeping track of which members are present at all times.

CAMPING

Camping is available for Packs, Troops and Crews Friday and Saturday evening.

Troops, Crews and Packs will camp within their designated boundaries, the size of which is set by the number of attendees that the unit registers. There is a separation requirement between Packs, Troops and Crews: each have different camping requirements. Campsite boundaries may be designated by stakes and marking tape plus signs with unit numbers. You will be assigned a campsite and guided in or given directions to locate it.

What to expect:

- You arrive and park – carry gear across cedar-bridge to pavilions. You may want to bring small wagons to carry gear. Feel free to reach out to a volunteer for help.
- Most Packs will be camping around Pavilions #1, #2, & #3
- The Troops will camp across the road (East) in the troop camping area
- Pack 89 and Pack 797 will camp around Pavilions #3 & #4 – with Troop 89 and Troop 797 across the road (east) in the troop area
- Crews camp around the Chuckwagon, next to the large Pavilion kitchen.

BURN BAN: sadly, there is a burn ban in affect in our area. **NO OPEN FIRES.** Gas stove cooking allowed. Elevated off the ground charcoal cooking allowed. Dutch oven cooking may be conducted on the road – in front of Admin Building -- with charcoal. **ALL ASHES MUST BE CARRIED HOME** – not disposed at Smilin' V.

BATHROOMS

There are six (6) permanent restroom facilities available for adults, visitors, male Scouts, and female Scouts. Port-a-potties will supplement these facilities.

FOOD, WATER, AND UTILITIES

Each unit is responsible for providing food and drinks for their Scouts and adults for the weekend.

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There will be a Dutch oven cooking contest on Saturday evening. Bring your favorite recipe! There are two prizes – one for Savory and one for Sweet.

Potable water is available at Smilin' V Scout Ranch. Water spickets are located at Pavilion #1, Pavilion #4, Admin Bldg, Stable, and Large Pavilion kitchen. We encourage units to bring adequate water as needed for their purposes during the weekend. Plan on one gallon of water per person per day. **Each person should carry a water bottle or hydration pack with them throughout the day. Please make sure that everyone stays hydrated.**

No electricity is available at the camping sites, but certain nearby Pavilions do have electricity if needed for cooking. Gas engine generators are not allowed. Cell phone service is available — some places better than others.

EVENT OVERVIEW

- There will be an Opening Ceremony Saturday morning at 9:45 AM.
- Cub Scouts will be divided into groups of Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Bears, Webelos and AOL.
- **BRING YOUR CUB SCOUT HANDBOOKS!** The handbook has answers in your adventures.
- Troop provided guides will lead Cub by-rank-groups on their ADVENTURE HIKE along a marked trails leading to Adventure stops. Cubs complete outdoor adventure requirements.
- All Cubs complete their 2-mile, 1-mile, shooting sports and walkabout trails. Trails will be marked with trail-tape: maps will be provided.

There will be a campfire program Saturday evening including skits and awards, and possibly an Order of the Arrow call-out. On Sunday morning, there will be a Scout's Own Service, camp clean up, and check out.

Skits at Campfire

Packs and Troops may perform skits or songs at the campfire. All skits and songs must be submitted for approval prior to campfire!

Order of the Arrow Call Out at the evening Campfire

Following skits there may be a Order of the Arrow call out ceremony. If you wish to have your Troop members announced at the Scouting Adventure Weekend, please make sure you have sent your list of candidates for the call out to the District Order of the Arrow Lodge Advisor: Chris Connel as soon as possible. *This call-out is dependent on the potential candidates from respective Troops attending the Scouting Adventure Weekend.*

Uniforms

Scouts are encouraged to wear activity uniforms ("Class B") during all activities for comfort and to save field uniforms ("Class A") for campfire and Sunday's Scouts Own Service.

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Friday November 1		
5:00 – 9:30 PM	Arrival and campsite setup Final unit roster and payment	Administration Building 6:43 PM Sunset // 7:15 PM it's dark
10:00 PM	Cracker Barrel (bring your own food) – SMs / SPLs Troop Leaders Adventure training talk-thru-rehearsals & hike guides Coordinate activities & assignments Venturing Crew 518 takes reins of SAW24	Large Pavilion
11:00 PM	Lights out	
Saturday November 2		
7:30 – 8:45 AM	Wake-up and Breakfast One-night arrivals -- campsite setup Final unit roster and payment at Administration	Nautical twilight: 7:15 AM Sunrise: 7:46 AM
9:45	Flag and opening ceremony	Flagpole
10:00–12:00	Walking the Trails. Cub Scout Advancement and Target Shooting Coffee for Adults in Administration Building from 9:30 am to 10:30 am	Troop Adventure Areas and Shooting ranges
12:00 -1:00	Lunch	Campsites or Pavilion
1:00 – 3:30	Cub Scout Adventures and Target Shooting (continues)	Troop Adventure Areas and Shooting Ranges
3:30-5:00	Scout Games and Amusements	Next to Admin Building
4:00 – 5:00	Open Shoot for TOP SHOT competition	BB gun, Archery, Sling Shot
3:30 – 8:00	Skit Auditions Flags taken down Dutch oven cooking competition Free time and dinner Pack up if not camping for the night	Reviewed at Admin Building Porch Tally awards points at Registration
8:00	Campfire Program and Order of the Arrow call-out	Large Pavilion Stage area
11:00 PM	Lights out	
Sunday, November 3		
8:45 AM	Scouts Own Service	Individual campsite or open pavilion
9:45 AM – 12:00	Pack up, clean camp, check out and pick up medical forms	Registration Office

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CUB SCOUT ADVENTURES

Cub Scouts will be taking an ADVENTURE HIKE. The Adventure Hike has activity stop points along the hike where cubs pass requirements for their respective rank. Scouting Adventure Weekend is an opportune time to complete Outdoor requirements.

Cub Rank	Cub Adventure	Lead by:
Lion	Mountain Lion (20-minute walk)	Venturers
Tiger	Tigers in the Wild (20-minute walk)	Troop 3
Wolf	Paws on the Path (30-minute walk)	Troop 797
Bear	Bear Habitat (One -1- mile walk)	Troop 797
Webelos	Webelos Walkabout (Two -2- mile walk)	Troop 421
Arrow of Light	Outdoor Adventurer (Overnight Camping)	Troop 89

Cub Scout Advancement Adventures are conducted at stops along your travels. The trail will be well marked: activity stops will be staffed with Scouts BSA or Venturers. The large pavilion will be the center of DRAWING activities – with paper and markers. The Cub Scouts should carry water bottles or hydration packs and snacks. Materials for the adventures will be provided.

Scout troops will lead the adventure games and activities. See Armadillo SAW lesson plans for Lions, Tigers, Wolves, Webelos, AOL and Shooting Sports.

Cub Scout Outdoor Adventure Stops – guided by Troop “pathfinders” – along the well-marked Walkabout hiking trail. Each Adventure Stop – Troops/Crews will lead Lion, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelo and AOL in advancement activities. Reference SAW Adventure Guides located online at the Scouting Adventure Weekend REGISTRATION page: <https://scoutingevent.com/564-87651>

Shooting Sports Schedule

10:00-11:00	11:00 – 12:00	LUNCH	1:15-2:30	2:30-3:30	4:00-5:00
AOL & Webelos	Bears	almuerzo	Wolves	Lions & Tigers	Top Shot Competition
60 min	60 min	Siesta-60 min	75 min	60 min	60 min

Troop Cooking Competitions

- Dutch Oven Contest – Sweet
- Dutch Oven Contest -- Savory

AWARDS

- #1 Best ADVENTURE stop Cub Adventure (survey says)
- #2 Best ADVENTURE stop Cub Adventure
- BB gun Top Shot competition
- Archery Top Shot competition
- Sling Shot Top Shot competition
- Dutch Oven Contest – Sweet
- Dutch Oven Contest – Savory

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CAMP RULES

This is a Scouting event! As such, proper Scout-like behavior is always expected of all Scouts and all Scouters. Individual units are responsible for monitoring their Scouts and adults. In addition, camp staff will be available, if needed, to address specific instances of unScout-like behavior. We are guests at Smilin' V Scout Ranch and have an obligation to leave it better than we found it.

Important 'Do's':

- Have Fun!
- Obey the Scout Law!
- Leaders: Keep track of your Scouts.
- Scouts: Let your leaders know where you are.
- Keep a clean camp. All campsites will be periodically inspected, and campsites must be completely clean prior to departure.

Important 'Don'ts':

- No smoking—Adults or Scouts
- No vaping – Adults or Scouts
- No alcohol—Adults or Scouts
- No damaging of property—including the camp and other Scout units
- No trash left for others to clean up
- No personal firearms

CAMPER SECURITY

Make sure all forms are filled out **prior** to arriving at Camp please, think of those waiting to be checked in after you. A Scout is courteous.

All fields on the unit registration form for each camper must be filled out and turned into admin.

No youth camper can leave camp without the unit leader first bringing the camper to admin and meeting the person signing the camper out in the presence of an admin staffer.

Arm Bands will be used throughout the event, any person who is not wearing an arm band should be reported to an adult Scout Adventure Weekend staff member right away.

Any **unauthorized person** in camp who may pose a possible threat should be reported to 911 and Scout Adventure Weekend staff notified right away.

Per BSA requirements, at least two registered adult leaders who are 21 years of age or older are required to attend with each unit, and to be present during the entire Scouting Adventure Weekend. Units bringing female youth must bring at least one registered adult female who is 21 years of age or older. All leaders must have a current Youth Protection Training certification.

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EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

Smilin 'V Scout Ranch
250 County Road 286 Spur
Liberty Hill, TX 78642

EMERGENCY: Medical, Fire, Sheriff: CALL 911. Address of camp is 250 County Road 286 Spur, Smilin 'V Scout Ranch. Notify camp headquarters immediately after calling 911.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Scouting Adventure Weekend Chair: Bill McGuire 443-622-9662
First Aid at camp: Nichole Howard 516-637-1552

EMERGENCY SHELTER:

In case of dangerous weather, the pavilion will be used as an emergency shelter.

LIGHTNING:

1. Adults always keep your car keys with you
2. When lightning and thunder are less than 30 sec apart, seek shelter in an enclosed vehicle or building.
3. Do NOT seek shelter under a lone tree.

TORNADO:

All campers will seek shelter in a ravine or other low area. Lie flat with hands/arms shielding head and face.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The following are some important reminders for Scouting Adventure Weekend

Fires	BURN BAN: NO OPEN FIRES. Gas stove cooking allowed. Elevated off the ground charcoal cooking allowed. Dutch oven cooking may be conducted on the road – in front of Admin Building -- with charcoal. ALL ASHES MUST BE CARRIED HOME – not disposed at Smilin' V.
Trash	All unit trash should be packed out by the unit when they depart.
Troop and Pack gear	Large, bulky, and heavy unit gear should be consolidated into one vehicle or trailer that will be allowed to pull up next to the campsites. The walk from the main parking area to the camping sites is not far.
Cracker Barrel	Please feel free to bring your own snack, food, and drink to the Friday night Cracker Barrel that we will have at the LARGE PAVILION
YPT Certificates	All adults must provide a copy of their YPT certificates at check-in.

Final MAP

2024 Scouting Adventure Weekend: 1-3 November

