



Spring Cub Camp Leaders' Guide

April 11-13, 2025
Camp Sol Mayer

Welcome To Camp

We are very excited about returning to Camp Fawcett this October to hold the Texas Southwest Council's 2024 Cub Camp, and we hope you and your units are as well! Our driving motivation for programming is ultimately to enhance the camping experience for scouts in the Texas Southwest Council.

The primary purpose of any Scouting America camp is for Scouts to have fun! To help ensure that our Scouts can engage in many camp programs they will enjoy, we encourage advanced planning on the part of your unit with your Scouts to thoughtfully prepare for our camp-wide program opportunities. Scouts who participate in activities of their choosing and have fun at camp will stay in Scouting and return to camp.

This year, our theme is Under the Sea. Fall Cub Camp is intended to engage your Scouts with activities focused on a nautical theme. They are designed to engage Scouts of all ages, from Lion to Arrow of Light. Each activity will be led by a volunteer. Please remind your scouts about living the Scout law, including obeying the rules and listening to the volunteers.

General Information

This guide contains essential information about programs. If you have any program questions before camp, please get in touch with us.

Physical Address

Camp Fawcett
526 S. Ranch Rd 335
Barksdale, Texas 78828

Emergency Telephone Number

Camp Fawcett does not have a permanent telephone number. Therefore, for emergencies only, you may contact the Camp Administrator via her cell phone. For non-emergency communication, we ask that you email the Camp Administrator or contact the unit leader.

Camp Leadership

Camp Administrator

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Camp Schedule

Friday

Register and set up camp. No events scheduled

10:00 pm All Quiet

Saturday

8:00 am Breakfast in campsites/registration open

9:15 am Opening flag ceremony (wear Class A)

9:30 am Event areas open

11:30 am Event areas close; lunch in campsites

1:00 pm Event areas open

3:45 pm Event areas close

5:00 pm Dinner in Campsites

6:00 pm Closing flag ceremony (wear Class A)

6:15 pm Movie for Scouts in Mess Hall/Parent Hangout
by Flagpole

8:00 pm Campfire

10:00 pm All quiet

Sunday

8:00 am Breakfast in Campsites

9:00 am Worship Service at Flagpole

12:00 pm Camp Closed

Photographs

Notice! Please be advised that promotional videotaping/photography may be in progress at any time at an event. Your entrance constitutes your agreement that the council and district have the right to reproduce your likeness in videography/photography for promotion (e.g., publications, internet, newspaper).

Check-in

Participants should check in at the Health Lodge by 10:00 PM on Friday, October 18. You may arrive as early as 6:00 PM. If participants cannot arrive between these times, please notify the Camp Administrator at least one week in advance. Upon arrival, a member of the staff will direct you to your campsite.

Paperwork

At least one (1) week BEFORE arriving at camp, EACH adult must submit a background check form whether they are camping overnight or not. The form can be found in the attachments section of the registration website. Send completed forms to Vickie Muehlbrad at Vickie.Muehlbrad@scouting.org. For this reason, no walk-in registrations will be allowed.

AT CHECK_IN, you need to have the following paperwork ready to give the registrar: at the First Aid building:

- Pack Roster: A copy of your Scouting America-generated roster with the names of those youth and adults in attendance highlighted.
- Medical Forms – Parts A&B for each person attending camp, whether they are camping overnight or not.

Further Explanations

Roster: This is a new request from National. You can retrieve this roster from my.scouting.org. Simply log in to your <https://my.scouting.org/> account and find the “Member Manager” tab on the left-hand side. Find the roster information there under “Roster Details.” You can export certain roster information from there, including a list of every Scout registered in your unit. From there we would ask that you highlight those in attendance for your Cub Camp adventure. Please add any non-registered adults that will be in attendance.

Medical Form: A copy of Parts A&B of the Annual Health and Medical Record is required for all camp participants. We will return all medical forms to the Pack after the camp concludes. Many units put their forms in a binder for ease of handling and return. This is helpful to camp staff as well. Please bring forms in alphabetical order by last name. Find forms at: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>.

Health and Safety

First Aid

We encourage each unit to bring a first aid kit to take care of the usual minor cuts and injuries Scouts experience. For more serious issues, come to the health lodge. Drink water and sports drinks frequently to prevent dehydration.

Safety

All adults and leaders are expected to enforce the Scouting America Buddy System, follow YPT guidelines, and obey the rules in the Guide to Safe Scouting. As a reminder, Scouting American regulations state: "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. 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."

Proper amounts of water are crucial to the health and safety of participants. We encourage units to use the water coolers in the program areas, but units must provide separate cups or water bottles for each person. Leaders should encourage each Scout and Scouter to carry drinking water with them. DEHYDRATION AND RELATED INJURIES CAN BE SERIOUS! HIGH WATER INTAKE IS A MUST. SOFT DRINKS OR COFFEE DO NOT REPLACE WATER!

Camp Regulations

Alcohol, Illegal Drugs, and Controlled Substances

The Texas Southwest Council does NOT permit the consumption, possession, or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances on camp. Staff will ask violators to leave camp. Staff may take additional actions, including notification of local law enforcement officials.

Tobacco

The Texas Southwest Council does not permit smoking or the use of any tobacco product in the presence of youth members at any Texas Southwest Council Camp. We prohibit smoking or the use of tobacco or e-cigarettes in or around buildings or around camp program areas. Every camp will have a designated area for smoking. Please ask the Camp Administrator where the appropriate smoking areas are when you arrive. Note that Texas law now does not permit smoking by anyone under 18 years of age.

Prescription/Non-Prescription Medication

A Cubmaster may, but is not required to, dispense any prescription if properly labeled with frequency and dosage by the pharmacy and in its original container. If not properly labeled, the Health Lodge must administer medication. All units must keep prescription drugs dispensed by the unit locked with restricted access and keep records detailing dispensing activity: [RoutineDrugAdministrationRecordRevised2011.pdf \(scouting.org\)](#). Keep all drugs needing refrigeration in the refrigerator in the Health Lodge. Dispose of all needles in a sharps container also located in the Health Lodge.

Camp Curfew

No Scout may be out of their campsite after the posted curfew time unless accompanied by an adult, following YPT guidelines, or with authorization from the Camp Administrator to participate in an activity.

Firearms, Ammunition, Fireworks, Bows and Arrows

Camp does not allow personal firearms of any type (including rifles, shotguns, handguns, BB/paintball/air soft guns, black powder, cannons, potato/tennis ball bazookas, catapults, blow guns, bows, arrows, slingshots, or water guns), ammunition, laser pointers, and fireworks in camp. The Camp Administrator reserves the right to confiscate and return upon departure from camp any item that they consider a potential risk to the general health and well-being of the camp. The Camp Administrator requests that Officers of the Law notify them in person of any exceptions to this rule.

Fires, Liquids and Propane Fuels

When you arrive at camp your check-in procedure will include a fire ban status report. Due to the rural nature of our camps, often the local Fire Marshal will mandate a burn ban. The camp management team has assured the local authorities of full cooperation when a burn ban is in effect. Please understand that the local marshal may at times allow program-related burns when appropriate. If there is no ban, build fires per Scouting American guidelines, only in designated areas, and under proper supervision. Use liquid or propane fuels only under adult supervision. Do NOT use liquid fuels of any type to start fires. Liquid fuels can be used for cookstoves, Blackstone grills, etc. Store liquid fuel in approved containers and, along with propane cylinders, store under lock and key. BSA policy prohibits the use of open flames in tents. This includes mosquito coils, catalytic heaters, gas lanterns, stoves, candles, and smoking material. This also includes cigarette smoking. Even though a heater may be labeled tent-approved by the manufacturer, that does not mean it is BSA-approved.

Transportation

The bed of a truck or a trailer is never an appropriate place for Scouts or Scouters to ride. Scouts and Scouters are not allowed to ride in truck beds or on trailers at camp.

Vehicles in Camp

You are welcome to drive to your campsite and unload, but then all vehicles must be parked in the designated parking area. Unit trailers may be left in campsites, but no vehicles may remain in campsites overnight. Do not drive around camp during program hours. The Camp Administrator can make exceptions as needed.

Closed Toe Shoes

Closed-toe shoes are highly recommended for all Scouting events. Program areas have rocky walking paths and sticks that can injure toes, and snakes are always a possibility. Many activities include active games, so shoes that Scouts can run in (e.g., tennis shoes) are recommended.

Health Lodge

The Health Lodge is staffed by a medical professional and is available for camp emergencies. Except for emergencies, it is the responsibility of the unit leadership to provide transportation for campers who require the attention of a doctor or the services of a hospital.

Leaders must follow youth protection guidelines when transporting unit member(s) to the doctor or hospital. Remember to take insurance forms with you for completion at the doctor or hospital. You may obtain your Scout's health record from the Health Lodge before going to the doctor or hospital. The adult leader must be prepared to pay for any prescription that the doctor may prescribe for the patient. The Texas Southwest Council will not pay for prescriptions, hospital, or emergency room bills. Directions to doctors' offices and hospitals are available at the Health Lodge.

DO NOT LEAVE THE CAMP WITH A MEDICAL EMERGENCY WITHOUT HAVING SOMEONE CHECK IN WITH THE HEALTH LODGE OR CAMP ADMINISTRATOR.

Camp Emergencies

Our biggest concern is the safety of our campers and staff.

Emergency procedures will be reviewed at the opening flag ceremony the first day of camp. Only the Camp Administrator can declare an emergency in camp. This could include but is not limited to, thunderstorms, tornados, lost campers, or other camp-wide emergencies. To report an emergency, a leader should contact the nearest staff member who will notify the Camp Administrator.

If you hear constant honking from a vehicle, a shelter-in-place is being ordered. All persons on camp property must immediately go to a camp building to shelter in place. No further movement is permitted until the shelter-in-place has been lifted. Camp staff will assist with directions.

A staff member may designate all scouts to meet at the parade field in the event of certain emergencies. Please do so promptly if requested.

Camp Map

