

Akela Adventure



**July 4 - 7 or
July 7 – 10, 2021**

Spring 2021

Greetings from Bear Creek!

The great Bear Creek summer staff looks forward to joining you and your Webelos at camp this summer. We are preparing an exciting four days and three nights of activities that will make your camping experience fun and enjoyable.

Please carefully review all of the material in this booklet! It contains helpful information that will make your camping adventure easier for you and your Webelos. Do not overlook the health and insurance sections. It is essential that the proper medical forms be present when you check in to camp.

Our adult leader and parent orientation will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 19th at the Scout Service Center on 2226 NW Military Highway.

The purpose of this orientation is to review the camp program, to discuss health, safety and youth protection concerns and to assist leaders in any last-minute problems or questions.

Bear Creek is a rustic but fun place for camp. You can get in on all of the action with the scouts. Don't hold back. Have fun! Enjoy yourself! If you have any questions before camp, please contact me at ken.lamb@scouting.org or 830-238-4560 (office).

I look forward to meeting you at the orientation and at camp.

Yours in Scouting,

Ken

Ken Lamb
Camp Director

ADULT STUFF

On the next page you will see the details of what we will be accomplishing with the boys at camp. These are the activity badge requirements and sports activities that make up the program. You, the Webelos Den Leader, are responsible for the advancement of the scouts in your den. We will demonstrate the skills and ask them to show us what they know, but you will actually sign your webelos off on their knowledge and skill capability.

We organize the packs into camp dens to help us keep track of everyone and to make scheduling of the activities a little easier for everyone. In the next pages you will find the do's and don'ts for Camp Akela. These have been developed over the years to provide a safe and sane camping program for each webelos. Your cooperation is appreciated.

You will have fun this summer! Bear Creek is a great place to learn about the outdoors, the food is good and fellowship terrific. Your attitude about the experience will travel down to the boys. If you are up and enjoying yourself, they will too. If you are down or having problems, the boys see it and react to it. Please get in touch with your Camp Commissioner, the Program Director or the Camp Director if any problems or issues come up that are not handled to your satisfaction. We can take care of the matter for you and return you to the "having fun" mode quickly.

So much for the adult stuff, turn the page and see what can be accomplishing this year. We have included a sample schedule so that you can share it. Pump them up, it's going to be a great experience for all of us.

Camp Program

Camp Akela is a great place to learn about the outdoors. The boys can join in the fun with activities named in the Webelos tradition. They can complete the following requirements for each of these activity badges:

1st Year Webelo Programs



AQUANAUT



First Responder



Into the Woods



Earth Rocks



Walkabout



Fire Building

2nd Year Webelo Program



Building a Better World
Adventure



Fire Building and Safety



Scouting



Camper



Castaway



AQUANAUT

Evening activities

All Program areas will be open in the evenings and the afternoon of day 3 of the camp. You can choose from Climbing, Canoeing, The Water Slide, swimming, archery, BB guns, branding. We'll also have a star party on the second night of camp. Staff will have the telescopes in the valley ready to teach your scouts some basic constellations and stars.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday : July 4 OR Wednesday: July 7

- 1:00 p.m. Campers arrive at Camp.
Check in begins
Turn in medicine & physical forms
- 2:00 p.m. (or as soon as possible) Swim
Test (as many boys as possible)
- 3:00 p.m. Camp Tours
- 5:30 p.m. Supper
- 7:15 p.m. Leader orientation meeting at the
dining hall
- 8:00 p.m. Retreat (Valley Parade Field)
- 8:15 p.m. Opening Campfire
- 10:30 p.m. Lights out

Monday: July 5 OR Thursday: July 8

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Flag Ceremony (Valley Parade Field)
- 9:00 a.m. Session 1 (Each session is 50 minutes
with 10 minutes to move to next area)
- 10:00 a.m. Session 2
- 11:00 a.m. Session 3
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Rest Period
- 2:00 p.m. Session 4
- 3:00 p.m. Session 5
- 4:00 p.m. Session 6
- 5:30 p.m. Supper
- 6:50 p.m. Flag Ceremony (Valley Parade Field)
- 10:30 p.m. Lights Out

Tuesday: July 6 OR Friday: July 9

- 7:30 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Flag Ceremony (Valley Parade Field)
- 9:00 a.m. Session 1
- 10:00 a.m. Session 2
- 11:00 a.m. Session 3
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch and Rest Period
- 2:00 p.m. Session 4
- 3:00 p.m. Free Time, All areas open
- 5:30 p.m. Supper
- 7:00 p.m. Areas open
- 8:30 p.m. Flag Ceremony(Valley Parade Field)
- 8:40 p.m. Closing Campfire
- 10:30 p.m. Lights Out

Wednesday: July 7 OR Saturday: July 10

- 7:30 a.m. Flag Ceremony (Dining Hall)
followed by Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Break Camp/Departure

- Program:** The program at this camp is planned by BSA Certified Program Directors. They know scouting well and understand how to prepare a program that meets you webelos needs. At Akela Adventure, we will accomplish enough activity badge requirements to complete Aquanaut. Other activity badges are partially completed, leaving something for you, the den leader to accomplish in your den meetings. Since you will be actively participating with your den during camp, you will know what each scout has completed and what areas they may need help in when your den returns from camp Included in this booklet is the camp schedule.
- Staff:** The staff at Bear Creek are active in Scouts BSA who have been selected because of their knowledge and skills. If you experience any difficulties, please refer them to your Camp Commissioner.
- Location:** Bear Creek Scout Reservation is located outside the town of Hunt, Texas. Nestled in a valley, Bear Creek camp features a swimming pool, shooting sports facilities, waterfront for boating and fishing, a super campfire ring, nature at its finest, good food and a quiet, restful setting for a good nights sleep.
- Questions:** A roundtable for all leaders will be held during the first day of camp. Special announcements and instructions about camp life will be included in this session. Any questions that you may have will be answered at that time. Update announcements will be made at flag ceremonies.
- Getting There:** A map is included that shows you how to get to Bear Creek. It is important that you give yourselves plenty of time to arrive safely. Do not caravan. This is a dangerous practice and can cause chain reactions accidents. Make sure each driver understands the route, and then let him or her set their own pace.
- Transport:** Each pack is responsible for its own transportation. ***No riders are allowed in the backs of pickups or trucks.*** All riders must have a seat belt. If possible, consolidate bulky items into one vehicle to help in transporting them to the campsites.
- Check-in:** Check-in will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 4 or Wednesday, July 7. **Each participant must also bring their properly completed medical forms. Parts A & B are required. No person, youth or adult, will be allowed to stay at camp without the proper medical form.** You will be met by a staff member upon arrival, who will help you locate your campsite and get started on your program. In reviewing your schedule you will see that we begin the program early in the afternoon. Please arrive early in the afternoon so that scouts do not miss a minute of fun.
- Leadership:** Each pack must have adult leaders in charge of Webelos at all times. Two or more adults must accompany each group of six or fewer webelos. One additional adult is required for every 3 youth. If you are not able to arrange for a second adult, send an email to Ken.Lamb@scouting.org and we will make sure you're camped with other packs to accommodate the two deep leadership requirement.
- Youth Protection** **All adults must have completed the current Youth Protection Training. Print and bring a copy of the card with you. We must retain a copy of the card in order to comply with state law. We will offer this class on the first day of camp for those needing it.**

Parking: Lots are provided near the campsites for leaders or visitors parking. Only camp vehicles are permitted beyond the parking lot after you have unloaded.

Mail: The mailing address for Bear Creek is:
Scouts Name & Pack #
Bear Creek Scout Reservation
125 Bear Creek Scout Rd. W.
Hunt, TX 78024-0135

Since camp is only four days long, in most cases the mail will not reach the boy before he returns home. Please consider this before you send mail to the camp. **Mail is best taken up with an adult leader to give out at camp.**

Telephone: 830-238-4560 for business only.

Uniforms: The official Webelos Field uniform is requested at dinner. Adults are also asked to set a good example by wearing their uniforms if you have them. Activity uniforms should also be worn during the day (T-shirt and shorts). Since Bear Creek has a rocky terrain, previous experience has shown that thin-soled tennis shoes cause foot problems for the boys. Please consider substantial footwear for those attending. Open toed shoes are prohibited at camp.

Tents: Tents will be provided at camp. The picture below is representative of our tents. Please notice the wood deck floor. You are welcome to bring your own if you would prefer.



Safe Swim: We comply with the Safe Swim Defense at camp. All campers will be given a swimming ability test on the first day of camp. Any person, adult or youth, who wants to participate in water activities must have a swim test.

Trading Post: We maintain a super trading post. The trading post will generally be open during the normal operating hours of the camp. Soft drinks and food items will be available as well as handicraft items, program supplies, and a limited amount of Scout equipment. Camp T-shirts, hats, etc. will also be available.

Ice: Ice is available at the Dining Hall at a cost of \$1.00 per 10 pound bag.

Pets: **NO PETS ALLOWED!**

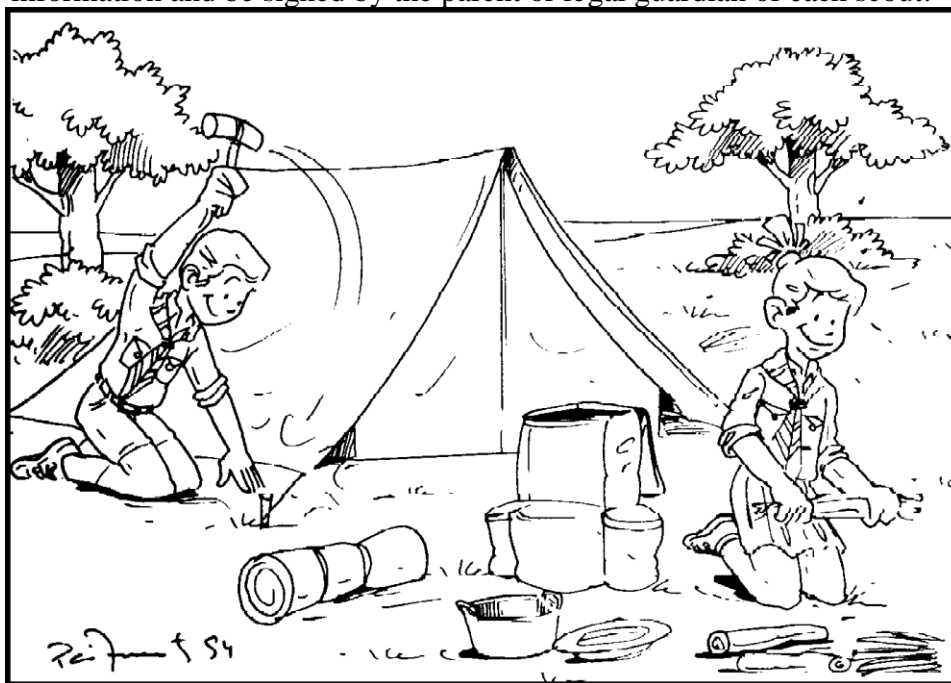
- Costs:** *All fees must be paid at the council office or online before camp begins.*
- Buddy System:** Bear Creek Scout Reservation follows all national and local council rules. The Buddy System is always in effect at camp. No camper should go anywhere in camp alone unless passing from one program area in the valley to another valley area. Campers will be asked where their buddy is when appropriate. Leaders please help us uphold this rule.
- Leaving Camp:** There should be no reason to leave camp, but if it should become necessary, those individuals are required to log out of the camp upon leaving and log in upon returns. A check in/out log will be provided for that purpose at the Camp Reception Center.
- Firearms:** No personal firearms or bows and arrows may be brought to camp. Do not bring any ammunition or targets from home.
- Lost and Found:** All lost and found items will be kept at the cottage until the end of camp. Afterwards items will be taken back to the Scout Service Center.
- Substance Abuse:** Alcohol and non-prescription drugs are not permitted at camp. Violators will be asked to leave camp immediately.
- Security:** Be certain to secure all valuables. Keeping spending money low and work with the scouts to provide only the amount of money that they need each day.
- Youth Protection:** The Youth Protection policies of the Boy Scouts of America are practiced at Bear Creek. To insure that all scouts have their privacy respected, national camp standards require that adults and youth shower and sleep separately when appropriate. More detailed information on youth protection will be provided during the camp orientation.
- Discipline:** The conduct and discipline of the people in your unit are your responsibility. We ask for your cooperation. The camp staff will not discipline scouts unless serious bodily injury or property damage may result. Your campsite is your home. Entering another campsite or loitering there can cause problems. Taps is at 10:00 p.m. Campers not in their areas after 10:00 p.m. will be escorted to their campsite by camp staff members. Please report all suspicious activities to camp staff members. This is for the safety of all campers.
- Insects:** To ensure that everyone has a good camping experience, please make sure to bring a good insect repellent. Bear Creek has chiggers, ants, mosquitoes, and occasional ticks. Commercial insect repellents are useful in keeping these pests away. Sublimed sulfur mixed 50-50 with baby powder and sprinkled on the ankles will keep chiggers away. Avon Skin So Soft has also been found to be useful.
- Check-out:** Check-out will be at the cottage. We would like everyone out by 10:00 a.m.

INSURANCE AND MEDICAL CARE

1. The responsibility of the unit leadership is to provide transportation for the unit member(s) requiring services from a doctor or hospital.
2. Two adult leaders from the unit will accompany the unit member requiring service from a doctor or hospital and is asked to carry insurance forms. Obtain the Scout's health record from the health officer before going to the doctor or hospital.
3. Parent(s) or guardian(s) will be immediately notified by the Camp Health Officer of any serious illness or injury. If parents will not be at home during the camp period, have them notify you of their whereabouts.
4. The camp will provide transportation **ONLY** when the unit has none available. If the unit has inadequate transportation, or if the injury requires Health Staff attention, the camp will provide transportation.
5. Directions to the doctor's offices or hospital will be available at the Health Lodge. Procedures to be followed will be provided.
6. The Camp Health Office must clear all cases requiring outside medical care. This is an agreement with the local health services facilities, insurance company and a claim procedure.

The Health Lodge is located at camp and is staffed by persons trained to handle minor accidents and injuries. Special arrangements for treatment of more serious cases have been made with physicians in the town nearest camp. If such treatment is necessary, the camper's parents will be notified by telephone and their desires concerning further treatment will be respected.

Every person, youth or adult, ***MUST*** have a completed Annual BSA Health and Medical Record on file for this event. Parts A and B must be completed. **BRING THESE FORMS WITH YOU TO CAMP.** Medical forms are available at the Council Office or on the web site AlamoAreaBSA.org. The health form ***MUST*** have personal insurance information and be signed by the parent or legal guardian of each scout.



CHECKLIST 1

GETTING READY TO GO

_____ Each person has the required health form completed.

_____ Transportation to and from Bear Creek has been arranged.

Drivers _____

_____ We have our Unit Equipment together. (Checklist 3)

_____ Each camper has his/her individual equipment together. (Checklist 4)

_____ We have funds for an emergency.

_____ We have phone numbers for each parent or guardian in case of emergency.
We have provided the camp number to each parent or guardian. (Checklist 2)

_____ We know which parents will be arriving for pick- up on the last day of camp.

_____ All items checked – we are ready to go!

CHECKLIST 2
UNIT ROSTER OF CAMPERS

PACK _____

DEN _____

WEBELOS NAME

EMERGENCY
PHONE # _____

PARENTS NAME

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CHECKLIST 3

UNIT EQUIPMENT

___ Cots (lots of rocks, optional)

___ Folding chairs

___ **Water jugs for campsites (optional)**

___ Cups

___ First Aid Kit

___ Trash bags

___ Lanterns (if available)

___ Parents Emergency Information to include day and evening phone numbers and an alternate to contact in case of emergency.

CHECKLIST 4

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST

- ___ Completed Medical Examination Form.
- ___ Uniform(s) including shirt, belt, and a HAT.
- ___ Webelos Handbook
- ___ Personal cup (each person should bring their own cup).
- ___ Small back pack (to carry swimsuit, crafts etc.)
- ___ T-shirts
- ___ Shorts or jeans.
- ___ Underwear, socks and pajamas.
- ___ Shoes or hiking boots.
- ___ Swimming suit.
- ___ Tennis shoes (wet shoes).
- ___ Sleeping gear – including sleeping bag, bedroll, sheets or blanket, pillow, **cot**.
- ___ Poncho or raincoat.
- ___ Personal kit including towels and washcloths, soap and container, toothbrush toothpaste, comb, brush and mirror.
- ___ Suntan lotion or sunblock.
- ___ Insect repellent.
- ___ Flashlight with batteries (spare batteries and bulb).
- ___ Fishing tackle (optional)
- ___ Plastic bag(s) for dirty clothes etc.

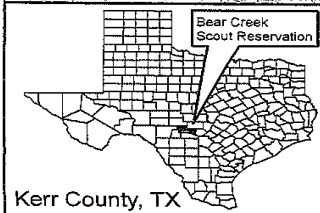
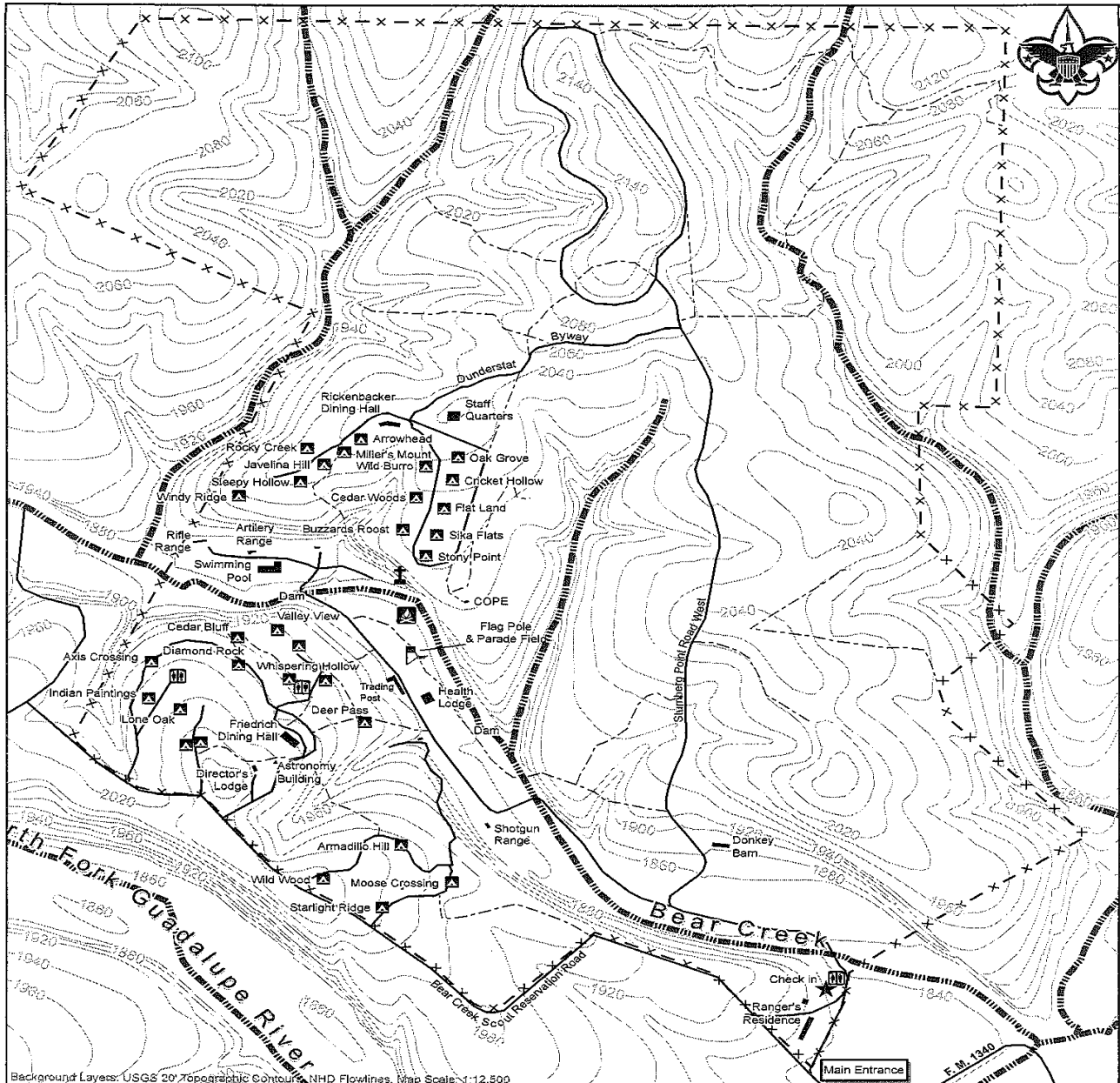
This will be a camp of four days and three nights Scouts will be getting wet in the pool at least once a day. They should have enough clothing to change each day. They do not need radios, tapes, or anything of value that may be misplaced. They need not bring food or snacks from home as these items tend to attract ants, *and the ants usually win!!*

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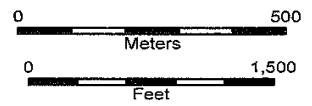
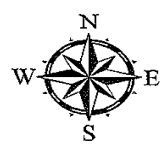
Meeting Reminder

**Saturday, June 19, 2021
@Scout Service Center
11:00 A.M.**





B.S.A. Alamo Area Council - Bear Creek Scout Reservation



Map Key

★	Check-in Office	▬▬▬	Waterway
▲	Campsite	—	Road
♻️	Restroom/Shower	- - -	Trail
🔥	Campfire Ring	⋯	20-foot Contour
🏠	Facility	- x -	Boundary
✝️	Chapel		