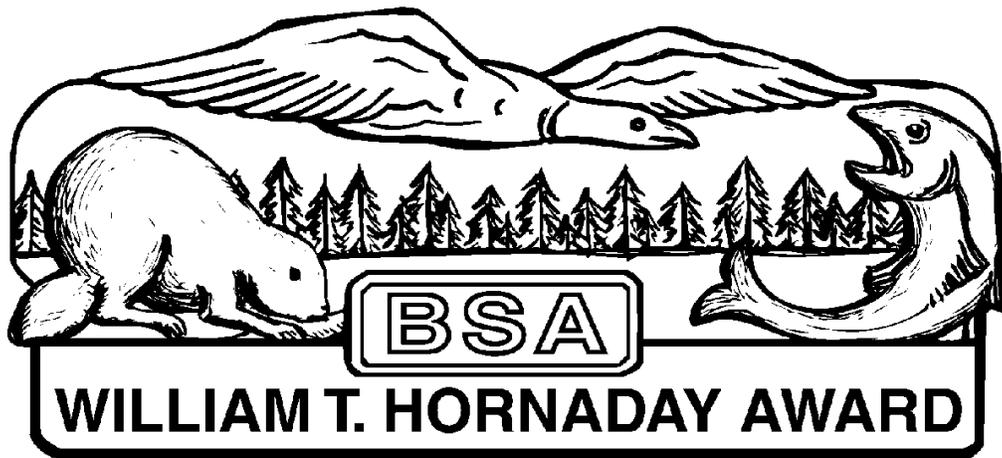


**Alamo Area Council  
Hornaday Weekend  
April 3-5, 2020**



**Leader's Guide**

Welcome to the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual AAC Hornaday Camp. This weekend is an excellent way for BSA youth members and adult volunteers to learn more about the Alamo Area Council Hornaday Program. Scouts will choose to up to five Hornaday-required merit badge classes to attend throughout the weekend. Attendees will also assist with a conservation project benefitting Mays Family Scout Ranch. This experience will give the participants a better understanding of the Hornaday process as well as an appreciation of nature. We hope that this weekend will inspire the next generation of conservationists.

## Registration Fee

All scouts and adults planning to attend the AAC Hornaday Camp will need to register for the event at the AAC website. Scouts can register individually or with a troop/crew. Troops/Crews should have a unit contact who is responsible for registering the scouts. Lone scouts will need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Units with more than one scout attending will need to provide two-deep leadership with current YPT during the camp.

Cost for the weekend- Youth - \$65 Adults-\$35

Registration fee includes the merit badge program, food, camping fees for Mays Family Scout Ranch (MFSR), Hornaday camp t-shirt, and patch.

## Merit Badge information

The Hornaday weekend will include the following Hornaday Award MBs offered from Friday night to Sunday morning at various times. Scouts should read the corresponding MB book for the MB classes that they are taking. Scouts should bring any projects that relate to the MB to the Hornaday Camp for the instructor to view. They should also complete the prerequisites listed before the weekend. Partial awards will be issued for those that do not complete all the requirements. The list of partials and completed merit badges will be available once the information has been collected. This could take up to 5 weeks. Questions about completed MBs or Adult leaders wishing to volunteer as merit badge counselors should contact John Haines.

Merit Badges	Prerequisites	Comments
Energy		
Environmental Science		
Fish and Wildlife Management		
Forestry		
Public Health		
Soil and Water Conservation		
Bird Study		
Fishing		
Fly-Fishing		

Gardening		
Geology		
Insect Study		
Landscape Architecture		
Mammal Study		
Nature		
Nuclear Science		
Oceanography		
Plant Science		
Pulp and Paper		
Reptile and Amphibian		
Weather		
Astronomy		
Sustainability		
Other MB that may be offered		

Registration for the merit badge classes will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will be completed like MBU with Registration for merit badges closing 7 days before the camp begins. This allows the MBCs time to prepare for their classes. Scouts will not be able to change their merit badge classes nor register for merit badges at the event. All changes should be completed before reaching the camp.

## Check-In

Units should arrive at Mays between 5:30-6:45pm on Friday. Before heading to the campsites, units will need to have the unit contact check-in and pick up the registration packet and t-shirts. Scouts can wait in the pavilion for the unit contact before setting up camp. After check-in, units will head over to their campsites to set up their tents. Camp begins at 6:45pm at the flag pole. MB classes begin at 7pm.

Units must have a physical copy of YPT for each adult attending and a copy of medical forms for EACH individual attending the weekend campout. The YPT certificate and the medical forms will be reviewed at check-in to ensure that the scouts and adults are ready for the weekend.

## Medical Information

The camp will have a volunteer medic at the camp for minor illnesses and accidents. They will not administer medications. Medical forms and medicines will be kept with the units but will be reviewed at check-in. **Please inform the medic of any possible serious medical conditions, including allergies, at check-in for scouts and adults.** This will alert the medic to possible issues that may come up during the weekend.

## **T-Shirts and Camp Patch**

T-shirts and patches will be provided for all camp attendees: scouts and adults. The t-shirt will be worn at the camp as the official camp uniform on Saturday. The patches will be distributed at check out on Sunday.

Youths and adults can order extra t-shirts. All orders must be placed 2 weeks before the AAC Hornaday Camp date or by March 20. Orders can be placed on the website or by contacting Chris Payne at the Council office.

Late registrations are not guaranteed a t-shirt. (Or may have to pay an extra fee for the rush shipping) Patches may/may not be available to those who register after the deadline.

## **Parking**

Once all gear is unloaded at the campsite, please park in the overflow parking lot. If that lot is full, please park in the grassy area behind the parking lot. Vehicles should not be parked at the campsites nor on the grass near the pavilion.

## **Troop responsibilities**

As with any camp, there is always a need for a few extra volunteers. If adults are not taking training during the weekend, please consider assisting with the merit badge classes, clean up, or with the conservation project.

To help the weekend run smoothly, each troop is responsible for providing two-deep leadership for each unit as stated in BSA YPT.

Units are responsible for the health forms and dispensing medications, including over the counter medications, to their scouts.

Units are responsible for their scouts at meal times and before and after merit badge classes. This will help the volunteers as they prepare for classes and meals.

Leaders should ensure that scouts have the proper safety gear (gloves, hat, sunscreen, and water bottle) for the conservation project. They should also ensure that the scouts are drinking enough water throughout the day especially during the conservation project.

The buddy system will be observed at all times including at the restrooms.

Units will need to bring their own tents. Tents will be set up on the existing platforms or on tent sites. Please be prepared for both.

**Units will need to print the merit badge schedules for their scouts. These will not be provided at check in.**

## **Weekend Menu**

The AAC Hornaday Camp is a very busy weekend, so our wonderful kitchen staff will provide all the meals. All registrants, staff, and MB counselors are welcome to enjoy the meals this weekend.

Because of this, scouts will NOT need to bring cooking supplies nor mess kits. All food and paper products will be provided at the AAC Hornaday Camp.

Scouts are asked to bring a labeled refillable water bottle to be used throughout the weekend. This will help reduce the amount of trash generated throughout the weekend.

Meals included are: Friday night cracker barrel (snack), all meals and a snack on Saturday, and Sunday breakfast. A menu is available on request.

**Every effort will be made to accommodate youth and adult diet needs. All individuals with special diet needs should notify the Council contact two weeks before camp. If the diet need is based on allergies, then the possible allergens and severity of reaction should be communicated to the staff at least a week before the camp out. This will ensure that alternate foods can be purchased for camp participants. Parents should understand that all food will be prepared in a kitchen along-side possible allergens. Food allergies should also be listed in the medical form.**

## **Bad Weather**

In the event of stormy weather, all participants, if possible, will need to proceed to the classrooms or lab for shelter. For more information, please consult the AAC bad weather policy.

## **Lost and Found**

A lost and found box will be located in the pavilion area. Most found items will be placed in the box. Items that are considered to have a higher value will be kept with the medic at the medic lodge. All items not claimed one week after the camp will be donated. Thanks for your understanding.

## **Hornaday Agenda/Schedule**

### **Friday**

**5:30 PM Registration Check-in**

**6:45 PM Flag Ceremony**

**7:00 PM Session 1**

**9:00 PM Cracker Barrel**

**11:00 PM Lights Out**

**1:00 PM Session 3**

**4:00PM Snack**

**4:10 PM Service Project**

**6:15 PM Dinner**

**7:00 PM Flags**

**7:20 PM Session 4**

### **Saturday**

**7:00 AM Breakfast**

**7:45 AM Flags**

**8:00 AM Hornaday Presentation for  
Scouts / Leaders**

**9:00 AM Session 2**

**12:00 PM Lunch**

**11:00PM Lights Out**

### **Sunday**

**7:00 AM Breakfast**

**7:45 AM Flags and short Scout's Own  
Service**

**8:00 AM Session 5**

**11:00AM Clean up and check out**

## **Conservation project**

An important part of the weekend is the conservation project. This project will benefit MFSR and will be a way for the participants to give back to the camp and participate in a Hornaday-type of conservation project.

The location of the conservation project will be announced at the weekend overview on Friday night. There may be several locations spread throughout the camp. Scouts should bring their own filled water bottle to the location along with gloves. Hats, long-sleeve, moisture-wicking shirts, and sunscreen are also highly recommended.

Any scouts or leaders who are not physically able to complete the conservation project should check with the staff for an alternative project.

## **Scouts Own Service on Sunday**

Scouts and/or units may volunteer to provide the Scouts' Own Service on Sunday morning. Please contact Chris Payne to volunteer or for more information.

## Check out

Thank you for practicing Leave No Trace principles throughout the weekend. As your unit prepares to leave on Sunday, please remove gear and trash from the campsite. To help keep Mays Family Scout Ranch clean, each unit will be assigned a location to clean up. This will help keep our camp clean.

A feedback survey will be distributed at check-in. In order to improve this camp for next year, please let us know how we are doing. Once the cleanup and on-site survey are completed, units are free to check out with the Hornaday Camp contact and receive their patches.

## Packing list:

Paper/Notebook & pencil/pen

Any merit badge prerequisites completed before the camp out

Uniform (Shirt, T-Shirt, etc.)

Hat

Insect Repellant and Sunscreen

Watch (cheap, waterproof)

Sweatshirt or jacket

Camp Chair

Spending money for trading post

Small Personal First Aid Kit

Filled water bottle/hydration pack

Flashlight

Rain gear, poncho, etc.

Pocketknife

Daypack

Good walking shoes or boots

Sleeping Bag or blankets

Pillow

Cot or pad

Tent

Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss

Soap, shampoo, towels, cloth

Personal items & toiletries

Warm or Cold weather clothes for 2 days

Ziploc bags to keep everything dry

Work gloves and tools