

Rio Grande Council Boy Scouts  
of America *Proudly Presents*

# 22<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

## Winter Camp 2017



The Path To Change.....



Camp Charles F. Perry

December 26-30 2017

**Rio Grande Council, Boy Scouts of America**

6912 W. Expressway 83,  
Post Office Box 2424, Harlingen, TX 78551-2424  
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Dear Scouter,

The number of Boy Scouts achieving the Eagle rank has increased dramatically since the Rio Grande Council added Winter Camp to its rich tradition of quality programs. Scouters who have participated in past Winter Camps can feel proud of having been a part of this great achievement. We can't emphasize enough what a great opportunity Winter Camp represents toward keeping our scouts on their Trail to Eagle all at an affordable price.

This year we celebrate our 22<sup>nd</sup> Winter Camp and 107 years of Scouting!!! On behalf of the Rio Grande Council and the Winter Camp Committee we would like to extend a cordial invitation to all troops and a big thanks to all who have contributed to make Winter Camp the great experience it is. Last year's Winter Camp was a great success, and we are building on that success to make this year's Winter Camp an even better experience for all.

This year's Winter Camp features a change in format. **All classes will be held at Camp Perry and we're ending camp on December 30<sup>th</sup> allowing everyone to make it home in time for the holiday.** All classes will continue to be taught at Camp Perry, so no additional driving is necessary. In addition, we've updated the Winter Camp program to include other special programs that will make it a well-rounded camp experience to be enjoyed by all!

**Please read this Leaders' Guide thoroughly, since changes have been made. Troops attending should register online as soon as possible since class space is limited. ALL SCOUT LEADERS NEED TO COMPLETE THE ADULT LEADER PARTICIPATION APPLICATION BY DECEMBER 5, 2017. PLEASE FAX TO THE SCOUT OFFICE...956-421-4950**

Winter Camp is an All-Volunteer run camp, in the Rio Grande Council. With the assistance of qualified adult leaders and merit badge counselors, we can offer a quality program with counselors that have the required expertise for the subjects they are teaching. **If you would like to teach a merit badge or have any ideas how to enhance the program, please let us know as soon as possible via the e-mails listed below. Contact Oscar Garza at (956)624-7610 or email him at [cholrep@yahoo.com](mailto:cholrep@yahoo.com) if you want to be a Winter Camp Volunteer.** We want to hear from you. Registered troops will be notified of any changes to the program. An updated Merit Badge Schedule will be posted to the website with available course offerings as we get closer to the event.

We hope this information will be helpful and we look forward to seeing you and your troop at the 21st Anniversary Rio Grande Council Winter Camp.

Yours in Scouting,

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**PLEASE NOTE: Due to changes in the Criminal Background requirements your cooperation with the process is mandatory. All youth protection requirements are a must. Pages 19 - 21 of this manual need to be signed and sent/emailed to Harlingen Scout Office prior to December 19, 2017. Please provide Scout Roster and complete/bring Scout Checklist upon arrival/check-in.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### WINTER CAMP CAMP PERRY

#### PURPOSE

The purpose of Winter Camp is to provide a learning environment where Scouts can work on earning Eagle required merit badges along with others not normally offered at summer camp. All merit badge classes are taught by adult volunteer leaders; many who are experts in the subject matter they are teaching. Evening programs and other special events complete the Winter Camp experience.

#### WHEN AND WHERE

The Rio Grande Council's Winter Camp will be held at:

**Camp Perry:** 2 mi. North FM 1420  
P.O. Box 956  
Rio Hondo, TX 78583  
(See map on page 18)

**(FOR INFORMATION, CALL THE COUNCIL OFFICE AT 956-423-0250)**

**Date:** December 26 to 30, 2017

**Arrival Time:** Between 11:45 am and 1:30 p.m., Monday, December 26, 2017

**Departure Time:** Between 6:45 pm and 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 30, 2017\*

**\*Those troops wanting to stay the 5<sup>th</sup> night to accomplish the 5 night camping requirement for a Long Term Campout for OA can stay the extra night. Please notify Ernest Espinoza.....NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED ON DECEMBER 31, 2017!**

**\* To accommodate Troops who will be traveling long distances, special basic camping arrangements can be made for those needing to stay an extra night. Please notify Ernest Espinoza by email prior to arriving. NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED ON DECEMBER 31, 2017!**



### **WHO ATTENDS**

Winter Camp is intended for all Scouts. In order to insure that every Scout has a good experience, Scoutmasters need to work with each scout to make sure that they are eligible for the classes they sign up for. A scout's emotional and physical maturity should be considered when certain merit badges are of interest.

All Scouts who attend **must** be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America.

Maverick Scouts are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Camping arrangements will be made upon arrival.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

### **CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT**

Camp personnel will be checking in Troops at **11:45 am and 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday December 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please plan your arrival at Camp Perry as close as possible to check-in in time. Anyone arriving early needs to have adult supervision in the parking lot until the check-in process begins. Any maverick scouts should be accompanied by an adult until the scout is checked in and given a campsite assignment.

Departure is scheduled for Friday, **December 30<sup>th</sup>**, between **6:45 and 7:30p.m.**

**Leaders, Scouts and guests arriving/leaving camp during the week must stop at the camp office and sign in/out.**

**Any changes to campsite adult leader contact information must be provided to the Camp Director when it occurs.**

### **COST**

**\$ 150.00 per Scout before December 1, 2017 midnight deadline**

**\$ 85.00 per Adult before December 6, 2017 midnight**

#### **DEADLINE**

*(Fee includes all meals, a Winter Camp T-Shirt and Winter Camp Patch so all orders are due by December 1, 2017)*

- After December 18<sup>th</sup>, a \$55 late fee will be imposed on all registrations.
- No adults will be allowed into camp without a cleared Criminal Background Check conducted by the Rio Grande Council one week prior to Winter Camp (**December 18, 2017**).
- No Walk-in Registrations will be accepted.
- All fees must be paid on-line prior to the start of camp.

All registrations are handled online [www.riograndecouncil.org/event/1825753](http://www.riograndecouncil.org/event/1825753)

Please have only one person per troop handle the registration process to avoid duplication of registrations and other common problems.

## **PHYSICAL EXAMS AND HEALTH SERVICE AT CAMP**

Each Scout and adult who attends camp must bring a properly filled out and signed *Annual BSA and Medical Record* Form 680-001, available at [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001\\_abc.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001_abc.pdf). Please make sure copies of all medical forms are kept by the parents or the Scoutmaster. Everyone attending camp will receive a medical re-check upon arrival as part of the check-in procedure. Medical forms will be returned at check-out time.

All medications brought to camp will be kept in the Health Lodge. No medications will be kept in campsites, other than those approved by the Camp Health Officer. Medication will be checked in with the Health Officer, who will see that medications are made available to campers at the prescribed times. Be sure that medications are clearly labeled with camper's name and troop number on each container.

## **MEALS**

All meals will be served in the dining hall. The first meal of camp will be dinner on December 26<sup>th</sup>. The last meal will be dinner at 5:00 pm on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Any dietary restrictions or requests must be made by December 16<sup>th</sup> on registration.

## **TENTAGE AND CAMPING EQUIPMENT**

Troops are expected to furnish their own tents and camping equipment.

## **TRADING POST**

The Camp Trading Post will be open to serve you. Items such as candy, soft drinks, and sundry items will be available. Various handicraft items will be offered along with T-shirts, mugs, patches and literature including some merit badge pamphlets and worksheets for the merit badges being offered in the Winter Camp Program.

## **CAMP TELEPHONE**

There is a business telephone at camp for Camp purposes and emergencies. The telephone number is (956) 720-1130, Staff Advisor's Mobile or Camp Director's cell number is (956)624-7610.

## **MAIL SERVICE**

Mail should be addressed in the following manner:

[Name of Camper]  
Troop [Number]  
CAMP PERRY  
P.O. BOX 2424  
Harlingen, TX 78551

### **CAMP STAFF**

Camp staff is providing a top quality program. Anyone interested in teaching a merit badge class may contact the Winter Camp Director, Oscar Garza at [cholrep@yahoo.com](mailto:cholrep@yahoo.com) or call him at (956)624-7610 to volunteer. All volunteer instructors must be State of Texas Youth Protection Certified, have a Criminal Background Check for 2017 performed through our system, and be a registered adult leader. A State of Texas Youth Protection Training will be offered in late November or early December. It will be posted on the council calendar and we will send out email communications.

### **PETS**

**No pets** *of any type* will be permitted in camp.

### **FIREARMS, AMMUNITION AND FIREWORKS**

**Personal firearms, ammunition, archery equipment and fireworks** of any kind are not permitted in camp at any time for any reason. This applies to all campers, volunteers, adult leaders and camp staff without exception.

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND DRUGS**

No alcoholic beverages of any kind are permitted on Rio Grande Council, B.S.A. properties. There are no exceptions to this policy!

The possession or consumption of any form of controlled drugs or narcotics, not under the prescription of a physician licensed to practice medicine, is strictly prohibited on any property of the Rio Grande Council, B. S .A. Violators will be asked to leave camp immediately.

### **HAZING/BULLYING**

Hazing, bullying or initiation of any form is considered child/peer abuse and will not be tolerated anywhere under the auspices of the Boy Scouts of America.

### **LIVING TREES**

Camp Perry is a showcase of native trees and shrubs of South Texas. Please do not cut live trees and shrubs without permission from the Camp Ranger/Director.

### **CANDLES**

Absolutely no candles, flames or open fires of any kind may be used in tents. Only battery lanterns are permitted in tents.

## **LEADERS' MEETING**

**There will be an adult leaders' meeting the first afternoon Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm in the Scout Office because classes will begin at 4:00 pm. An SPL meeting will take place at 3:00 pm in the Scout Office.** All adults are required to attend keeping in mind that scouts should not be left without any adult supervision. Additional rules and guidelines not listed in this Leaders' Guide will be covered. Class rosters will be passed out to those who have volunteered to teach Merit Badge classes. While every effort is made to keep this to a minimum, there may be some classes without assigned merit badge counselors. At that time we will ask for volunteers to teach these classes. Volunteer merit badge counselors should come prepared to teach the basic requirements of their assigned classes. Any last minute volunteers will have usage of the office computer and other resources as needed in order to prepare for their classes. Other leaders' and/or SPL meetings will be scheduled as needed. **All those adult leaders needing Texas YPT, a class will be available at 8:30PM in the lodge.**

## **CLOSING CAMPFIRE**

There will be a closing campfire around 5:45-6:00 pm on December 30<sup>th</sup>. Please come prepared to participate with a BSA appropriate skit or a song. All skits and songs must be approved prior to the event. Sign your troop up for the campfire program in the office on the day of the event.

## **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

### **General Emergency Procedures:**

1. Report all emergency situations (fires, accidents, etc.) to the nearest Staff member.
2. The Staff member will report directly to the Camp Director, Program Director, or the Camp Ranger.
3. If the situation is evaluated as a CAMP-WIDE EMERGENCY, the bell near the Parade Ground will be rung and the camp sirens will be sounded to alert all persons in camp.
4. On hearing the bell and sirens:
  - a. All Staff members will gather at the flagpole on the parade ground.
  - b. All Scoutmasters, troop leaders, and Scouts will report to the flagpole in the center of the parade ground.
5. Emergency instructions will be given at the flagpole.

### **Fire:**

1. Campsite: (Remember to bring a water hose to camp).
  - a. Drop all canvas immediately after checking whether tents are occupied.
  - b. Notify Camp Director, Program Director, or Camp Ranger immediately.
  - c. Use water buckets to extinguish fire.
  - d. If help is needed, a camp-wide emergency will be signaled.
2. Building:
  - a. Evacuate building immediately.
  - b. Notify Camp Director or Camp Ranger immediately.
  - c. Stay away from buildings until given further directions by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger.
3. On Camp property (brush or grass):
  - a. Contact any campsite in path of fire to evacuate site.
  - b. Notify Camp Director or Camp Ranger immediately.



**Lost Camper:**

In the event a camper is reported lost, immediately send someone to notify the Camp Director. At the same time, send a Staff member or a reliable camper to the missing camper's campsite, his scheduled activity area for that period as well as any other likely place to determine the accuracy of this report. After these reports have returned negative, and other likely spots have been searched and the Camp Director or his representative has determined that the missing camper will not be found easily, the alarm will be sounded for a Camp-wide Emergency.

If the assembly shows the camper to still be missing, consult with anyone who might have additional knowledge of his whereabouts and send additional searchers to those locations. Additional steps to be taken in sequence are: Arroyo bank search and camp-wide search until missing camper is found or the authorities are notified.

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## **CURRICULUM INFORMATION**

### **SELECTING MERIT BADGES**

The Scoutmaster should counsel each Scout to determine which merit badges he should select and identify any requirements of those selections he should complete prior to Winter Camp in order to insure completion at camp. Most of the Eagle required Merit Badges require extra time. Some cannot be completed until after the Scout fulfills requirements following Winter Camp. Be sure your Scouts have enough free time to keep up with their studies and still have time for some fun. Our counselors will only sign off on completed merit badges when the merit badges are earned. In some cases, partials cannot be avoided.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Attendance at Merit Badge instruction sessions, and projects associated with them, is necessary to complete the badges. If a Scout finds it necessary to miss a session for valid reasons, he should work with the instructor to compensate for the lost time.

### **INSTRUCTORS\***

Scouters teaching a merit badge should be registered as merit badge counselors using BSA Adult Application <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf> and BSA Merit Badge Counselor form #34405 available at [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf). This form can be brought to camp or completed at camp. During the fall months, adult leaders will be recruited to teach specific merit badges with ample time to prepare for the classes. Merit Badge instructors should thoroughly read the respective merit badge pamphlets and peruse websites like [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org) to make use of available resources. **At the leaders meeting on December 26, some adults may be asked to volunteer to teach a merit badge class if a specific class has not been assigned to a recruited volunteer prior to camp.**

**\*ALL instructors are required to meet the youth protection training standards for the State of Texas. Training will be offered in late November or early December. Stay tuned to our training page on [Training website](#).**



## **UNIFORMS**

Please be in full official Boy Scout uniform (all Scouts and adult leaders) for morning and evening flag ceremonies and each evening meal. Activity shirts, i.e. Winter Camp T-Shirt, may be worn all other times.

## **SCHEDULE**

Enclosed in this Leaders' Guide is a Daily Schedule for Winter Camp. Note there are five (5) periods of instruction. This means each Scout can expect to take a maximum of 4, 5, 6 or 7 Merit Badges. An updated daily schedule will be available at camp each morning.

## **STUDY HALL**

The dining hall will be open every night for Scouts to study, write reports, and prepare for classes.

### **For New Scouts Looking for the First Class Rank**

Camp Perry Winter Camp will offer "Path To First Class," for 2 hours each day. This should assist in jump starting those Scouts needing the Rank Advancement. It also allows the Scout to take at least 2-4 Eagle required classes as well. The "Path To First Class" is open to any scout needing assistance in gaining the First Class Merit Badge.

## **BLUE MERIT BADGE APPLICATION CARDS AND SUPPLIES**

No Blue Cards are required for Winter Camp. All records will be available to unit leaders after Camp.

## **MERIT BADGE HANDBOOKS & WORKSHEETS**

All merit badge booklets need to be purchased in advance at your Scout service center. Some booklets may be available at the camp. Please note that the Rio Grande Council store is closed for inventory in late December and will not be open during the week of Winter Camp. Be Prepared and make your purchases early.

Scouts should be prepared for their classes and bring merit badge worksheets with them to camp. Merit badge worksheets will also be available at camp.

## **PREREQUISITES**

Review the merit badge prerequisites on page 11. Please be sure Scouts do the prerequisites listed prior to Winter Camp. *We want to minimize partials!*

## **REGISTRATION FOR MERITBADGE COURSES**

**Registration for Merit Badges should take place prior to your arrival at camp.** Upon check in at camp, copies of each Scout's Daily Schedule will be given to his Scoutmaster. A copy will be maintained in the camp office. Any last minute changes will take place after the first 3:00 PM Scoutmaster Meeting in the office. If it becomes necessary to limit classes, higher rank Scouts will be given preference on all Eagle required merit badge offerings.

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW SOCIAL**

The Order of the Arrow will host a social where all Arrowmen are invited to come and attend. A

## EVALUATIONS

**All adult leaders & some scouts will be asked to evaluate the program during the week and submit their evaluations at the end of camp before they leave.**

### **WINTER CAMP 2017 MERIT BADGES & SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

#### **MERIT BADGES (Eagle Required)**

CAMPING	EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY	ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE
CITIZENSHIP IN THE NATION	FIRST AID
CITIZENSHIP IN THE WORLD	PERSONAL FITNESS
COMMUNICATIONS	PERSONAL MANAGEMENT
COOKING	SUSTAINABILITY

#### **MERIT BADGES (other)**

AMERICAN BUSINESS	LAW
ANIMAL SCIENCE	MEDICINE
ARCHITECTURE	MUSIC
ASTRONOMY	NUCLEAR SCIENCE
AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE	ARCHERY
AVIATION	OCEANOGRAPHY
BACKPACKING*****	ORIENTEERING
BUGLING	PHOTOGRAPHY
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY	PLANT SCIENCE
CRIME PREVENTION	PLUMBING
DENTISTRY	PUBLIC SPEAKING***
DISABILITIES AWARENESS	RADIO
DOG CARE	RIFLE SHOOTING (BLACK
WILDERNESS SURVIVAL	POWDER
ELECTRICITY	SALESMANSHIP
ELECTRONICS*****	SHOTGUN SHOOTING
ENGINEERING	SOIL&WATER CONSERVATION*
FINGERPRINTING****	SPORTS
FISHING	THEATER
FISH & WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT*	TRAFFIC SAFETY
SCHOLARSHIP	TRUCK TRANSPORTATION
GEOLOGY	VETERINARY MEDICINE
HOME REPAIR	WEATHER
HORSEMANSHIP	WELDING
INSECT STUDY	WOODWORK

\*One required for World Conservation Award along with Citizenship in the World and Environmental Science

\*\*Complements the Citizenship Merit Badges

\*\*\*Complements Communications Merit Badge

\*\*\*\* Complements Crime Prevention Merit Badge

\*\*\*\*\*Complements Electricity Merit Badge

\*\*\*\*\* Complements Camping Merit Badge

**The final listing of merit badges and special programs is contingent on demand and availability of qualified instructors. Please see attached Class Schedule to register. An updated listing of Merit Badges and other special programs will be available on the council website when the course offerings are finalized and available for reservation. Please check for updates. Additional Merit Badges not on this list may be added! Some of these Merit Badges may not be offered also**

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS****(May be Offered)**

BRANDING  
 CAMP RELAY  
 CAMP SERVICE PROJECTS  
 DUTCH OVEN COMPETITION  
 FIRE 'EM CHIT  
 HUNTER'S SAFETY COURSE\*  
 LEAVE NO TRACE

PAUL BUNYAN AWARD  
 PIONEERING COMPETITION  
 PRIDE IN PERRY AWARD  
 TOTIN CHIP  
 TROOP SPIRIT AWARD  
 TUG OF WAR  
 SHOT GUN COMPETITION

\*Note: There is a \$20 fee for Hunter's Safety. Deadline to register for this course is Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> in order to order materials needed for the class. Special programs are subject to change depending on instructors.

**MERIT BADGE PREREQUISITES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The merit badges listed on this page have requirements that cannot be done at camp and should be completed **before** arriving at camp. Others listed have additional information of which Scouts should be aware before they are registered for the class. Scouts should come prepared with their own classroom supplies: pens, pencil, paper, binders, markers, etc.

**EAGLEREQUIRED BADGES:**

**Citizenship in the Community**  
**7**

**Personal Management\*\*\***  
**1, 2, 8**

**Citizenship in the Nation**  
**8**

**Personal Fitness**  
**8**

**\*\*\*RECOMMENDED FOR LIFES COURSE SCOUTS 14 & OLDER**

**OPTIONAL BADGES**

**Crime Prevention**  
**4b**

**Music**  
**3c (if selected)**

**Electricity**  
**2, 8**

**Dog Care**  
**4**

**Fish and Wildlife Management**  
**5a, 5b, 5b (if selected)**  
**6c (if selected)**  
**7b, 7d (if selected)**

**Backpacking**  
 (taught with Camping MB; bring backpack for overnight hike)

**Sports**  
**4**

(Please research other Merit Badges for prerequisite requirements as this list is not all inclusive.)

# DAILY SCHEDULE

## Winter Camp 2017

### FLAG

6:45 A.M. TO 7:00

### BREAKFAST

7:00 A.M. TO 7:45 A.M

### MERITBADGE

CLASS 1

8:15 A.M. TO 9:45 AM

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CLASS 2

10:00.M. TO 11:30 A.M.

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### LUNCH

11:45A.M. TO 12:45P.M.

CLASS 3

1:15 P.M. TO 2:45 P.M.

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CLASS 4

3:00 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

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SPECIAL PROGRAMS 4:30 P.M TO 5:30 P.M.

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### FLAG/SUPPER

5:30 P.M. TO 6:45 P.M.

CLASS 5

7:00 P.M. TO 8:30 P.M.

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### STUDY HALL/CRACKERBARREL

8:30 P.M. TO 9:45 P.M.

**PLEASE NOTE: FIRST CLASS ON FIRST DAY OF CAMP IS AT 4:00 PM (THE USUAL 3:00 PM CLASS) AND 7:00 PM CLASS, ON THE LAST DAY CLASSES END AFTER 3<sup>RD</sup> PERIOD...DINNER AT 5:00 PM ON LAST DAY WITH CLOSING CAMPFIRE AT 5:45 PM**



## ***WHAT TO BRING TO WINTER CAMP***

### **CLOTHING**

Complete Scout Uniform (shirt, belt, pants or shorts, scout socks)	
Sweatshirt	Underwear
Sweatpants	Shorts
Jacket	Sturdy, Well Broken-in Hiking Boots
Rain Gear	Sneakers
Hat / Cap	Socks
Blue Jeans	Towels & Washcloths

### **EQUIPMENT**

Back Pack or Duffel Bag  
Flashlight  
Personal First Aid Kit  
Pocket Knife (No Sheath Knives Allowed)  
Sunglasses (if worn)  
Drinking Cup  
Sleeping Bag (or several blankets)  
Plastic Ground Cloth, Cot  
Or Foam Sleeping Pad  
Pillow  
Clothesline and pins  
Wrist Watch  
Travel Alarm Clock

### **TOILETRIES**

Toothbrush  
Toothpastes  
Soap & Soap Dish  
Shampoo  
Deodorant  
Comb or Brush  
Shaving Gear (if regularly used)

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Pens  
Pencils  
Paper (lined loose leaf to turn in reports)  
Binder (to organize materials)  
Markers (for marking posters, books, etc.)

### ***REMEMBER: A SCOUT IS PREPARED.***

Don't let your Winter Camp experience be uncomfortable because you didn't pack the right stuff! ***ABSOLUTELY*** be prepared for cold and/or wet weather. If you have any doubt about what to bring, ask someone who's been to camp before.

### **OTHER NECESSITIES**

BSA Handbook  
Spending money (suggest \$ 40.00)  
Prescription Medications with instructions (if taken)

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# WINTER CAMP 2017 UNIT ROSTER

TROOP \_\_\_\_\_ COUNCIL \_\_\_\_\_

CAMPSITE ASSIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL YOUTH: \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ADULTS: \_\_\_\_\_

## LEADERS IN CAMP

SCOUTMASTER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NUMBERS \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ASST. SCOUTMASTER: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER LEADERS: \_\_\_\_\_

## SCOUTS IN CAMP

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: \_\_\_\_\_

PATROL: \_\_\_\_\_ PATROL: \_\_\_\_\_

1. PL \_\_\_\_\_ 1. PL \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

**(PLEASE HAVE THIS ROSTER COMPLETE PRIOR TO CHECK-IN. PLAN TO TURN IT IN AT THE CAMP OFFICE UPON ARRIVAL, ALONG WITH ANY OUTSTANDING FEES DUE).**

# WINTER CAMP 2017 UNIT ROSTER

PATROL: \_\_\_\_\_ PATROL: \_\_\_\_\_

1. PL \_\_\_\_\_ 1. PL \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ 7. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_ 8. \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE COMPLETE FORM (BOTH SHEETS) AND BRING TO CAMP AT CHECK-IN.**



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# Winter Camp Check-in Checklist

**Troop # \_\_\_\_\_**

This checklist is to be filled out and turned in at check-in (Dec 26) by the Troop Scoutmaster or other designated adult leader along with the documents listed below:

**For each Troop,**

- ☐ Tour Plan
- ☐ Winter Camp 2017 Unit Rosters (with this package)  
Proof of council insurance (for out of council troops)

**For each Scout, (Number of Scouts = \_\_\_\_\_)**

- ☐ Annual BSA Health and Medical Record form
- ☐ If applicable, list of medicines taken and schedule

**For each Adult, (Number of adults = \_\_\_\_\_)**

- ☐ Adult Leader Application for Participation form (in this package)
- ☐ **Certificate of completion for YOUTH PROTECTION**
- ☐ Annual BSA Health and Medical Record form

**Note: Criminal Background Check (Adult Leader Application for Participation) for 2017 should be completed prior to arrival at camp and cleared backgrounds will be on file in the camp office for approved adults.**

## Boy Scouts of America

# Rio Grande Council Camps Texas Youth Camp Act Rules

On April 16, 2006 and **May 16, 2010**, the State of Texas passed new regulations that affect the Texas Youth Camps Safety and Health Act. These new regulations affect all licensed youth camps in the state of Texas, including Boy Scout summer camps and Cub Scout day camps.

As a result, there is a change of policy for all leaders and adults attending any of the Rio Grande Council Camps during summer camp.

The following is a synopsis of the new laws in place that affect summer camp operation:

- 1)** The camp management shall have on file a **CURRENT** record of any criminal conviction for all adult staff members and all adult volunteers working at the camp. (This includes adult leaders and parents attending camp with their Pack, Troop, or Crew as participants.)
- 2)** Records of criminal convictions and sex offender status may be obtained by an **ANNUAL** criminal background check **and** by performing an **ANNUAL** background check using a Sex Offender Registration database for each staff member's permanent residence and educational residence.
- 3)** Effective June 1, 2006, a youth camp licensee may not employ or accept the volunteer service of an individual for a position involving contact with campers at a youth camp unless youth camp has on file documentation that verifies the individual has successfully completed the training and examination program required by this subsection. (This includes adult leaders and parents attending camp with their Pack, Troop, or Crew as participants.)

As a result of these changes to the Texas Youth Camp Act, the following policies shall now be in affect for all adults coming as participants to Rio Grande Council Camps this summer, whether as an adult camper or adult staff member.

## **ADULT = ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 18**

- A.** All adults coming to participate at Rio Grande Council Camps **MUST** be registered as an adult leader with the Boy Scouts of America. No exceptions.
- B.** All adults must submit to a current criminal background check (conducted within the last year) to determine if any prior convictions preclude their involvement or participation at a licensed camp in the state of Texas.
- C.** All adults coming to camp must submit to a background check through the Sex Offender Registration database.
- D.** All adults must show completion of the BSA **ONLINE** Youth Protection Training by providing a copy of their training certificate, and it must be currently valid (taken within the last two years). The Online YPT is the only approved course acceptable for showing compliance to rule #3. All courses must be approved by the state, and this is the one that has been approved by the State for BSA Leaders. **(MUST BE COMPLETED BI-ANNUALLY!)**

As an aid in complying with these new rules, the Rio Grande Council has put together an application that **MUST** be completed by **EVERY** adult coming to camp this summer. *The only exception to this rule is a person that comes to camp as a visitor, does not stay overnight, and stays no longer than half a day, and has no unsupervised contact with youth.* Beyond that, **ALL** adults at camp (whether it is one day or all week) must complete this form and the steps indicated.

The Rio Grande Council will conduct all background checks using the same procedures already in place for adult applications submitted to our office. Information obtained from the check, and information on the form is treated with the strictest confidentiality and is safeguarded. The information will be used to meet the regulations of the Texas Youth Camp Act to determine if any adult is precluded from participation as outlined in section 265.12 of this act.

Please have all adult participants from your Troop fill out the following Application for Participation, and the Disclosure/Authorization form and submit them to the Camp Director at least 14 days prior to your arrival at camp.

## Rio Grande Council Camps Adult Leader Application for Participation

This form must be filled out *completely* and legibly. This form is REQUIRED from all adults over the age of 18 that will attend camp. Please print and use blue or black ink.

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_

Driver License

State: \_\_\_\_\_ DLN#: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Are you registered with the Boy Scouts of America? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ NO**

If no, you must complete the registration process **before** attending camp. All participants must attach a copy of their registration card or an *official BSA* copy of the unit roster showing their name as a registered member of that unit.

**2. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor? (You may answer NO if your conviction was ordered sealed, expunged or eradicated) \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No**

Conviction of a crime is not an automatic bar to participation. All circumstances will be considered, including what you were convicted of and how long ago. You must provide complete information about any conviction by attaching a separate statement.

**3. Have you completed the BSA "Live" Youth Protection Training course ( TX state "live training " ) within the last 24 months? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ NO (Must be completed bi-annually!)**

If NO, you MUST complete this course and attach a copy of the certification card provided upon successful completion of the training. Training may be completed at the BSA Online Learning Center: <http://myscouting.org> If you have already completed the course, please attach the copy of the card to this form.

**4. Personal information provided at the top of the form will be used to conduct a search in the Sex Offender Registration database to meet this state requirement.**

The system used for the criminal background check will also conduct a check in the sex offender database. Both searches will be conducted at one time in our office, so there is no need to attach searches done by the unit.

**5. As of May 16, 2010, ALL adults participating in a licensed youth camp in the state of Texas MUST have a criminal background check (conducted annually) in order to determine if any person may be precluded from participation in a state licensed camp based on the results of this check.**

The National Office of the BSA has made arrangements for councils in the state of Texas to conduct these background checks for all participants of their summer camp programs. The Rio Grande Council will conduct these checks on all participants to ensure compliance with the Texas Youth Camp Act.

**By signing and submitting this application, you are authorizing a criminal background check and a search in the Sex Offender Registration database of yourself. This check will be made from public record sources. You also confirm that the information provided and attached to this form is true and not falsified in any way.**

**You must also sign the Disclosure & Authorization Form Attached.**

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Camp Charles F Perry

#### DISCLOSURE/AUTHORIZATION FORM

##### NOTICE TO APPLICANT REGARDING BACKGROUND CHECK

In order to safeguard the youth in our care, the Boy Scouts of America will procure consumer reports on you in connection with your application to serve as a volunteer, and the Boy Scouts of America may procure additional consumer reports at any time during your service as a volunteer in order to evaluate your continued suitability for volunteer service. The Boy Scouts of America has contracted with LexisNexis, a consumer reporting agency, to provide the consumer reports. LexisNexis may be contacted by mail at LexisNexis, 1000 Alderman Drive, Alpharetta, GA 30005 or by telephone at 800-845-6004.

The consumer reports may contain information bearing on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living. The types of information that may be obtained include but are not limited to Social Security number verification, sex offender registry checks, criminal records checks, inmate records searches, and court records checks. The information contained in these consumer reports may be obtained by LexisNexis from public record sources. **The consumer reports will not include credit record checks or motor vehicle record checks.**

The nature and scope of the consumer reports are described above. Nonetheless, you are entitled to request a complete and accurate disclosure of the nature and scope of such reports by submitting a written request to LexisNexis at the address listed above. Additional notices for applicants in California, New York, Minnesota, and Oklahoma are provided.

##### APPLICANT'S ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND AUTHORIZATION

I have carefully read this notice and authorization form and I hereby authorize the Boy Scouts of America and LexisNexis to procure a consumer report, which as described above will include information relating to my criminal history as received from reporting agencies. I understand that this information will be used to determine my eligibility for a volunteer position with the Boy Scouts of America. I also understand that as long as I remain a volunteer, additional consumer reports may be procured at any time. I understand that if the Boy Scouts of America chooses not to accept my application or to revoke my membership based on information contained in a consumer report, I will receive a summary of my rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act and contact information for the reporting agency, LexisNexis.

##### ADDITIONAL NOTICES TO CALIFORNIA, MINNESOTA, OKLAHOMA, AND NEW YORK APPLICANTS California

Under California law, the consumer reports described above that the Boy Scouts of America will procure on you are defined as investigative consumer reports. These reports will be procured in connection with your application to serve as a volunteer, and additional reports may be procured at any time during your service as volunteer in order to evaluate your continued suitability for volunteer service. The reports may include information on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and mode of living.

Under section 1786.22 of the California Civil Code, you may inspect the file maintained on you by LexisNexis, during normal business hours and with proper identification. You may also obtain a copy of this file, upon submitting proper identification and paying the costs of duplication, by appearing at LexisNexis offices in person, during normal business hours and on reasonable notice, or by certified mail upon making a written request. You may also receive a summary of the information contained in this file by telephone. LexisNexis will provide trained personnel to explain any information furnished to you and will provide a written explanation of any coded information. This written explanation will be provided whenever a file is provided to you for visual inspection. If you appear in person, you may be accompanied by one other person of your choosing, who must furnish reasonable identification.

##### For Applicants in California, Minnesota, and Oklahoma Only

You have the right to request a free copy of any report procured on you. If you wish to receive a free copy of any report procured on you, check the box below.

- ☐ I request a free copy of any report procured on me.

##### New York

As explained above, a consumer report will be requested in connection with your application, and additional consumer reports may be requested during the course of your service with the Boy Scouts of America. You have the right, upon request, to be informed whether or not a consumer report was requested and, if a consumer report was requested, of the name and address of the consumer reporting agency that furnished the consumer report.

**My signature below indicates that I have read, understand, and accept the accompanying disclosures and acknowledgments.**

First name \_\_\_\_\_ (No initials or nicknames) Please print. Middle name \_\_\_\_\_ Last name \_\_\_\_\_ Suffix \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Unit No \_\_\_\_\_

# **PROCEDURE FOLLOW FOR “NO SHOWS” AT REGISTRATION**

For compliance in the protection of all campers registered to attend Camp Perry the following procedures will be followed:

Scoutmasters are asked to verify any “no shows” from their attendance roster turned in prior to arrival at camp. This may be done at a Leader’s Meeting or via the e-mail. If there are “no shows” the Scoutmaster must provide written explanation of “no shows” from information he has concerning the Scout. If the Scoutmaster is unaware he must investigate the reason for the “no show(s)” and then prepare a written explanation within 24 hours and submit to the Camp Director.

## PROCEDURES FOR INTRUSION OF UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS

1. All authorized participants and authorized persons shall be identified as follows:

Campers –wristbands

Staff –wristbands

Leaders –wristbands

Visitors –wristbands

Vendors/other external workers - company uniform – wristbands

Not sure colors yet

2. When a person does not fit the above, staff members are to ask:  
“Excuse me, can I help you?” Respond to their response by asking “Would you like me to show you to the office so that you can register?”

**If the person cooperates** - you to walk them to the Office, do so and the office staff will process the visitor. Thank them and tell them “I hope you enjoy your visit to our camp, the office staff will take care of you”.

**If the person does NOT cooperate -**

Get a good look at the person’s physical features

Get a good look at their attire

Note which direction they are going or remember if they tell you where they are going.

Go directly to the office or to the nearest ADULT (with a BLUE OR RED bracelet) and inform them that someone is on camp without a wristband and then go to the office and report what you saw and heard.



Winter Camp 2017

ADULT Appraisal Sheet

Item                      Excellent              Good              Satisfactory              Unsatisfactory

Staff Services
Food Services
Program Helps
Health and Sanitation

Remarks on any of the above items:

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2.
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5.
- What did you enjoy most about camp?
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What suggestions do you have to help improve before camp?

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# Winter Camp 2017

# Youth Appraisal Sheet

Item	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
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