

ADVENTURE PLANNING GUIDE

Laguna Station Adventure Sea Base

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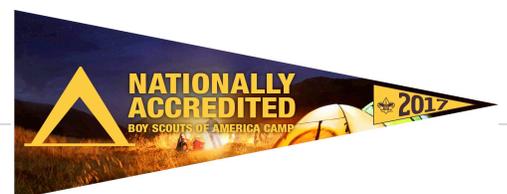
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We strive to keep this document up-to-date; however, information in this guide is subject to change. Please consult with Laguna Station Management regarding specific information.



Welcome to Laguna Station

South Padre Island, Texas

Laguna Station Specialty Adventure Sea Base is operated by the Rio Grande Council, Boy Scouts of America, on the southern tip of South Padre Island. This sunny and beautiful barrier island stretches over 100 miles along the Texas Gulf Coast. In the last 30 years, South Padre Island has become the most popular vacation spot in Texas. The fishing in the Gulf of Mexico, and in our sheltered Laguna Madre, is unsurpassed and the home of several tournaments that draw sportsmen from all over the country. The Island's miles of breakers are the setting for surf contests, and the wind beckons sailing regattas. It's no wonder the Laguna Station surfing program is so popular.

The headquarters of Laguna Station is the southernmost part of the Island. Along with the Station's trading post building, it contains a tent city and breezy shelters. The Station continues a 21-year tradition of food that's locally catered, and you can sleep by the cool Gulf breezes and the waterfront.

Adjacent to the camp is Scout Beach where swimming, kayaking, fishing, paddle boarding and beach combing activities take place. Within a short walk is the Gulf of Mexico where surfing, boogie boarding, snorkeling, fishing and other events are held throughout the week. For units that will be doing the Scuba Adventure, you will get trained in the Gulf of Mexico located just a few yards from camp!



Please read this guide cover to cover and share the information with parents and scouts. This guide was put together to provide the adult leaders with the necessary information to get the crew/ troop ready for an exciting high adventure week. Please do not hesitate to call or email our office with any questions you might have.

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Adventures: Island Adventure, Scuba Adventure, or Gulf Fishing Adventure. (Must be 13-years of age or older)

Island Adventure: Our program provides participants an opportunity to experience much of South Padre Island’s attractions. After Sunday night’s opening ceremonies, you will spend the week based at the Station Headquarters taking part in an exciting taste of Island activities. Your Adventure may include surfing lessons, body surfing, exploring, beach combing, snorkeling, sea turtle releases, shark fishing, kayaking, fishing, ecotourism, a day trip to Schlitterbahn Beach Waterpark, and more. Evening programs include beach volleyball, paddle boarding, Station’s game night, and watching the iconic summer beach movie “Jaws” on the waterfront and under the stars. The Friday night closing Pachanga and impressive bayside firework display will be a terrific way to wind down the week and reflect on all the fun. This package also includes delicious catered food!



Island Adventure Crew Size: Six minimum, \$600 per person (Fuel Surcharge May Apply)

Laguna Adventure Weeks:	Dates:
Week 1 (Sabbath-Friendly Week)	June 18 th - 23 rd , 2018
Week 2	June 24 th - June 30 th , 2018
Week 3	July 1 st - 8 th , 2018

SCUBA Certification (10-person minimum) \$800 per person

This includes the NAUI SCUBA certification, food, and equipment use (goggles, air tanks, breathing apparatus, weights, and flippers) for the week of camp.

What could be a better setting than South Padre Island to become a certified SCUBA diver? Participants spend a week at Station headquarters becoming a NAUI certified SCUBA diver. Professional instructors will provide classroom/pool work and practical experience to prepare you for open water dives in the Gulf of Mexico. Evening programs, campfires and free time for sandy beaches and volleyball make for one outstanding week. We'll see you underwater!



Gulf Fishing Adventure Eight Person Minimum, \$800 per person* (Fuel Surcharge May Apply) Includes food and use of fishing gear.

Laguna Station provides one of the most unforgettable saltwater fishing experiences on the Gulf Coast. You will begin your adventure wade-fishing in the crystal-clear waters of the Laguna Madre, and then it's off to the beach to ply the surf for large Reds, Spanish Mackerel and sharks. There will be one half-day offshore fishing for the "big ones": Kingfish, Dorado, Red Snapper and other blue-water species. A guided field-trip to stalk the flats for Speckled Trout, Redfish and Flounder will be another highlight of the week. "Speck-Tackler" night fishing from a self-contained lodge in the Laguna Madre completes a world-class week of saltwater fishing excitement. As if all of this wasn't enough, you will have free time to play at the beach or tour South Padre Island.

*Texas fishing licenses and salt-water stamps are needed for everyone ages 17 to 65. Contact the Station for license fees.

Arrival and Departure

Schedule: *All Adventures will follow the arrival and departure itinerary below (Sabbath-friendly week will begin Monday after check-in at 8:00 AM or a previous scheduled time agreed upon with Camp Director):*

Sunday, First Day in Camp

- 2-4 pm Arrive @ Station, check in with medical forms, and Texas regulation forms. Introduction by Island Mate, settle into quarters, camp tour, swim test. Beach time for scouts with Station staff until dinner.
- 6:00 pm Strike Colors (Field Uniform) – Parade Ground
- 6:10 pm Dinner @ Laguna Station
- 7:30 pm Meet with Island Guides to discuss the weekly itinerary. Leader’s meeting and evening program.
- 10:30 pm Quiet Hour
- 11:00 pm Lights Out

Monday through Friday program schedules and crew responsibilities will be discussed and modified at the 7:30 PM meeting with the crew and staff. Emergency procedures and weather issues will be discussed at this meeting.

All discussions about the schedule will be made by the crew and a Laguna Station representative for the camp activities.



Saturday, Last Day in Camp

A regular breakfast will be served; however, a continental breakfast can be arranged to accommodate travel plans if needed. Station staff will confirm your travel plans on Friday. We ask all crews to please depart by 9:00 am.

If you require an early or late arrival or departure, please advise the Station Camp Director as soon as possible so we may accommodate your schedule.

Travel and Arrival Notes

Traveling to Camp: Units will check in at Laguna Station Base Camp on the southern tip of South Padre Island. Plan to arrive between 2:00 PM and 4:00 PM Sunday afternoon. Processing of damage deposit, physicals, swim checks, and Texas regulation forms will be done at that time.



Units arriving by airplane should fly into either the Valley International Airport (HRL) or the Brownsville/South Padre Island International Airport (BRO). In 2017, prices for shuttle service averaged \$40 per person. Arrangements must be made through independent providers prior to arrival. Contact your chosen airport for more information. Harlingen: (956) 430-8600. Brownsville/SPI: (956) 542-4373

Laguna Station's headquarters is in the town of South Padre Island, Texas, about 30 miles east of Harlingen and 15 miles north of Brownsville. Coming from the north, take US Highway 77 through Harlingen and San Benito. Look for the exit for South Padre Island, Highway 100. (If coming from the west, you may follow US Highway 83 through until it joins Highway 77 in Harlingen, and continue south to Highway 100. Highway 100 goes through Los Fresnos and Port Isabel before crossing the causeway to South Padre Island. After crossing the causeway, take the first right and go for about a quarter mile. Park at Sea Ranch Restaurant before passing through the tollbooth at Isla Blanca Park. Notify Alvaro Martinez III at (956) 827-9665 about the number of vehicles you are bringing. He will work with you on getting a week or a month pass to enter the park. Otherwise, it is \$10.00 per car per day. After you have received your pass, drive in on the park road and keep right until you see the sign for Laguna Station. Follow the driveway to the right until you reach the boat ramp parking lot.

Units must depart by 9:00 a.m. the following Saturday.

Cancellation Policy

Please notify Laguna Station immediately if you are unable to attend.

The 8.30% per person deposit is **non-refundable**.

Units canceling before March 15, 2018 will be assessed a 25% cancellation charge on total fee.

Troops and Crews canceling after March 15, 2018 will forfeit all funds paid.

Trek slots are transferable to another crew in the same season.

Who to Bring

Adult Leadership Requirements: Laguna Station appreciates the responsibility you have assumed as an adult leader for your troop or crew. Our desire is to help you create a fantastic and memorable adventure for your crew members, and we will do everything we can to ensure your success.

National policy of the Boy Scouts of America requires two leaders on all trips your unit makes, regardless of length. All units arriving at the Station must have two BSA-registered adult leaders. One of these leaders must be 21-years of age or over and certified in Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, and Weather Hazards. The other must be at least 18-years-old. Co-Ed Explorer Posts and Venturing Crews must have appropriate co-ed leadership, with male and female leaders both over the age of 21.

The majority of the members in every crew must be youth.

Laguna Station accepts participants regardless of race, sex, creed, or national origin.

Participant Requirements for Scouts Going to Laguna Station:

- ✓ Participants must be registered members of BSA.
- ✓ Participants must be 13 years old by January 1st of the year of attendance.
- ✓ Participants must be able to pass the standard BSA swim test.
- ✓ All participants must have part A, B, and C of the BSA Medical Form completed at time of check-in to Laguna Station.
- ✓ *At least one member of each unit must have a current certification in First Aid and CPR.*

Laguna Station strives to minimize risks to participants and adult leaders through emphasizing proper safety precautions. Most participants do not experience injury during their adventure precisely because they are aware of the risks involved and because they exercise proper safety precautions. If you are planning to attend Laguna Station, you should be physically fit and have proper clothing and equipment. You should be willing to follow the instructions of your staff member, work as a team and take responsibility for your own health and safety. By studying this Leader's Guide, a crew can be properly prepared for the contingencies that may arise during your adventure.

Parents, guardians, adult leaders, and participants at Laguna Station are advised that Station programs, and journeying to and from the Station, can involve exposure to accident, illness, and/or injury associated with a physically demanding high adventure program conducted in a sometimes-hostile aquatic environment.

Participants may be exposed to severe weather conditions such as high heat and humidity, tropical storms, and intense tropical sun. Other possibilities include sunburn, heat exhaustion, heat stroke, dehydration, asthma, and heart attacks.

Sea creatures such as stingrays, sea anemones, sea urchins, jellyfish and sharks pose little or no threat if safe distances and respect are given to them.

Laguna Station is dedicated to the mission of serving young people in a safe, educational and enjoyable aquatic environment. We are prepared for contingencies, trained for emergencies, and able to act in an expedient manner in case of emergencies. The Station staff is trained in First Aid and CPR, preventing accidents, and in reacting and responding to accidents, injuries or illness. Furthermore, professional medical services such as hospitals and physician's offices are a short distance from Station programs and the Station maintains a working agreement with these facilities.

We hope that this information will motivate leaders, parents, guardians and participants to be prepared and informed. By working together as well-prepared and informed scouters, we can all enjoy a safe Laguna Station/South Padre Island High Adventure experience.

Pre-Trip Planning

Organize Information: To aid you in your pre-trip planning, we suggest that you do not rely solely on the information that you will receive from the Station. Some other reference material might include **Lifesaving, Swimming and First-Aid Merit Badge** pamphlets. Your **Scoutmaster's Handbook, Field Book** and the **Boy Scout Handbook** can also be helpful. Please verify that your reservation is correct. Is the number of participants correct? Are your arrival and departure dates correct? Is the fee correct? If you have any questions, please call us. Many advisors like to organize their paperwork in a loose-leaf notebook.

Budget: Plan for travel even if you are flying in on your arrival day. Include money for overnight stops, meals, and emergencies.



Schedule Travel: The pamphlet *Tours and Expeditions* (#3734) is a good start. If you are driving, check with state tourist departments for suggested places to visit on your way to South Padre Island. Plan to sightsee and take your time coming down. Many units reported that stops at the National Scouting Museum in Dallas, the Texas State Capital in Austin, and the Alamo in San Antonio were excellent convenient side trips.

Involve Parents: Schedule times when the parents of your unit can get together and gather information on the adventure. Keep them informed and their questions answered. Go over the suggested equipment list. Share the emergency telephone numbers for the Station.

Medical Forms: All members of your unit must furnish the station with a current BSA Medical Form with part A, B, and C. This form must be completed within one calendar year before the date that you will arrive back home from the Station. Make sure parents sign forms for those unit members under the age of 18. **Failure to come prepared with complete unit member medical forms will delay your unit's high adventure experience. The Station does not have a physician on staff.**

What to Bring

Equipment List

Duplicate this page for all troop/crew members.

- Uniform for travel and dinners
- Water shoes or reef sandals, no open toe shoes allowed
- Dry shoes (canvas suggested)
- 6 t-shirts (light colored)
- 3-4 pairs of shorts
- At least one long-sleeved cotton shirt and light cotton pants
- 2 bathing suits or swim trunks
- Light rain jacket (no ponchos)
- Wide-brimmed hat
- Sun glasses (polarized if fishing)
- Personal hygiene kit (soap, toothbrush, toothpaste...etc.)
- 8oz of #30 Sunscreen or greater
- Lip balm with at least 30 SPF
- 3 towels
- 1 sheet and light blanket or sleeping bag
- 1 pillow
- Sleeping pad (optional, we provide cots in base camp)
- Mosquito repellent and netting, recommended
- Flash light
- Pocket knife
- Camp chair
- Water Bottle (#1 Forgotten Item)
- Duffel bag for packing
- Prescription medications

Optional Items*:

- Camera
 - Hammock
- *Fishing equipment will be provided.

Out-of-Council Units will need Proof of Insurance

Flip-flops are not appropriate footwear in the bay or on the jetties.

Tips on Clothing

Shoes or sandals are always required on land or when walking in the water. Most participants find closed-toe sandals or water shoes to be comfortable and well-suited for their adventure.

Summer temperatures vary from 65° to 100°F night and day with high humidity, light breezes and occasional rain squalls. Suggested is to dress cool, have rain protection and sun protection. You will find yourself primarily dressed in t-shirts and swim trunks.

All participants will be required to wear a modest bathing suit for all aquatic activities. No bikinis will be permitted during camp activities. Two-piece "tankinis" are approved if they provide the approximate coverage of a one-piece suit.

The Official Scout Uniform *for your program* is highly recommended for traveling to and from the Station, and is required for striking the colors. The "pachanga attire", which can be worn Friday at dinner and at closing ceremonies, can be any type of festive clothing such as Hawaiian print or tie-dyed t-shirts.

A rain jacket of excellent quality is desirable. A poncho is not recommended because the loose corners could get caught in boat parts.

A bed roll of two sheets and a light blanket or a very light sleeping bag is all that is necessary in the summer. A foam pad or air mattress is recommended for participants in all programs. Both beach and sailboat decks are hard, unlevelled and uncomfortable for sleeping. Cots and tents are provided while in base camp.

Unit Medical Equipment

Unit Equipment:

Each unit should bring its own first aid kit. This is for the treatment of minor injuries. All Station facilities carry an additional first aid kit as well. The treatment of minor injuries is up to the unit leader or the unit's trained First-Aider. The treatment of injuries that the unit does not feel capable of treating is at the discretion of the Station Medical Officer.

Suggested Supplies for Your Troop/Crew First Aid Kit:

Adhesive Tape 1" x 5 yards	Tylenol (Acetaminophen)
Antacid	"Swimmer's Ear" Ear Drops
Antibiotic Ointment	Hydrocortisone Cream
Aspirin (limit access to adults)	Ammonia
Assorted Sizes of Band-Aids	Disposable Gloves (Latex if no allergy)
Motion Sickness Medicine	Ace Type Bandage
Chapstick—SPF 30 minimum	Antihistamine
Disposable Alcohol Wipes	Chemical Ice Pack
Insect Repellant	Needles
Meat Tenderizer	Oval Eye Patch
Rubbing Alcohol	Small Bar of Soap
Safety Pins	Thermometer
Sun Screen (#30 Minimum)	Triangular Bandage
Tweezers	Gauze Pads 3x3

Note: This is a basic first aid kit. For more specific medical needs, the Station maintains a health lodge and first aid kits on all vessels and program areas.

Sea Sickness: The Station suggests that your troop/crew first aid kit contain motion sickness medication. We further suggest that your crew members check with their individual physicians regarding a motion sickness medication. We find that most participants will not experience sea sickness - nor do we encourage setting the expectation that a participant will get seasick - but one should be prepared.

Sunburn: Sunburn can be quite dangerous as well as uncomfortable and can ruin your entire trip. Get a good tan at home before you come to South Texas. Start slowly at first, then increase the dosage as you see what you can take. Use a good sunscreen and cover those parts of your body that burn easily. Do not bring sun tan oils; it makes boat decks very slick and can discolor decks. In the event of sunburn, loose fitting cotton clothing will protect you from further burning.

Policies and Procedures

Alcohol & Drugs

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.

Tobacco

Adult leaders should support the attitude that they, as well as youth, are better off without tobacco in any form and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes, personal vaporizers, or electronic nicotine delivery systems that simulate tobacco smoking.

All scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas that are away from all participants located at the overflow parking lot/dumpster area. References: Scoutmaster Handbook, No. 33009, and Boy Scout Handbook, No. 34554

Medical Marijuana

It is unacceptable for anyone to use or be under the influence of medical marijuana at or during any Scouting activity.

Troop/Crew Roster: Please send a copy of your official Unit Roster to Laguna Station with your final payment. Your roster must be an original report from your local council. This is our assurance that all participants are registered BSA members.

Clean-Up: An after meal and restroom clean-up schedule will be made for each program unit. Troops/Crews will be assigned dining hall and restroom clean-up duties during the week.

Quarters: Participants sleep on cots in two-man wall tents while at Laguna Station base camp. Showers and latrines are adjacent to the tent area. Each unit member should be responsible for the cleanliness of his or her area.

Fireworks/Firearms: Without exception, anyone (youth or adult) possessing fireworks or firearms will be asked to leave the Station immediately without refund at the cost of the unit or family.

Fuel Surcharges: Rising fuel prices may make it necessary to add a fuel surcharge to your Trek. Please consult Laguna Station staff prior to arrival for your activities.

Mail: Please do not send mail to participants or leaders. Most mail will arrive after your unit has left for home.

Money: Since your fees cover all program expenses, theoretically, you could attend Laguna Station with no need of further finances. However, there are several opportunities requiring cash, i.e. the trading post, coin operated telephones, bait stand, etc. We suggest you bring between \$70-\$150 for spending money.

Non-Swimmers: If a unit member is unable to complete the standard BSA swim check in a proficient manner, he/she will not be able to participate in any water activities during the week. This policy includes adults, and **NO EXCEPTIONS** will be made.

Menu: The Laguna Station menu includes three balanced meals a day. If any troop/crew members have special dietary requirements, the Station must be informed of them at least six weeks before arrival to ensure accommodation.

Payments: To correctly credit your account, all payments must be accompanied by your unit number, week of attendance, and program choice. All payments must be made through DoubleKnot using the Rio Grande Council, BSA website. To reduce cost and keep the prices down, please use a unit check when making online payments to the Rio Grande Council.

Stereos and electronic entertainment: Stereos, CD Players, iPods, laptop computers, PSP's, and other electronics distract from the Station experience. Please leave them in your vehicles. Remember, daily temperatures are from 90-100 degrees, and even higher inside vehicles. There will be an opportunity or two to hook into the Station's sound system. Troops/Crews wishing to put together playlists of up to 30 minutes are encouraged to do so. Please remember to make your selections scouting appropriate.

Storage: Storage accommodations for personal items are very limited at headquarters and on the water. Station staff is not responsible for lost or water damaged electronics.

Telephone Contact: Contact with participants by phone is difficult. We recommend each unit inform their parents of the cell phone numbers of every participant in camp. Emergency calls can be made to Alvaro Martinez III at (956) 827-9665. At check-in, unit leaders should present a cell phone list for each leader. The list will be posted and kept in the trading post.

Leaving the Station: Participants may leave the Station only in the company of their advisors, and must check out and check back in. On this basis, units are encouraged to tour South Padre Island. Almost every feature can be reached by foot, or by using the Island transit system, *the Metro*. Remember when you are leaving the Station that you represent the Boy Scouts of America in your actions and language. All behavior should reflect a model scout.

Valuables: Please leave non-essentials at home. If you must bring valuables, bring a large envelope for unit leaders to collect watches, wallets, etc. The Station does not have safekeeping locations for the collection of any items.

Swimwear: All participants will be required to wear a modest bathing suit for all aquatic activities. No bikinis will be permitted during camp activities. "Tankinis" are allowed if they provide the coverage of a one-piece suit. Many participants, male and female, find a compression t-shirt or rash guard provides the best comfort and protection during activities.



Youth Protection Guidelines

Texas Youth Camp Compliance:

Effective May 16, 2010, Texas enacted new youth resident camp guidelines for all camps in the state of Texas. All camp staff members and adult scouters must be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America, complete the current BSA Youth Protection Training, and have a current background check conducted by the Rio Grande Council, BSA. **All items must be provided to the Rio Grande Council four weeks prior to arrival at camp. This is mandatory for all participants 18-years-old and over.**

To comply with the law, the following documents must be on file at the camp for each adult participant:

- Official BSA Unit Membership Roster
- Current Youth Protection Training Certificate
- Current Year Background Check done by Rio Grande Council, BSA. The form will be sent via email to the person registering the troop/crew. It is the unit leader's responsibility to make sure the forms are signed and returned to us no later than four weeks before their scheduled Adventure begins.
- Leaders and youth ages 18-years or older must complete a training session and pass a 25-question exam soon after arrival at camp. This will be arranged by the Camp Director upon arrival.

** If you need assistance in any of these items please contact the Rio Grande Council Service Center at (956) 423-0250.



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 EVERY TWO YEARS)**

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 6 weeks prior to your arrival at camp.

Did We Miss Something?

We strive to make this Trek planning guide as complete as possible. As unit scouters ourselves, we know how important this Trek is to your unit. We want to make this your best summer camp experience, beginning with the decision to attend and following through until you are safely home. Please remember that items in this Leader's Guide are subject to change. If you have specific requirements, please contact Alvaro Martinez III at (956) 827-9665.

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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#: _____ SSN: _____

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 Online Youth Protection Training course 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://www.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 TX 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:** _____

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 _____.

