

MERIT BADGE CAMPING OPPORTUNITY

Hosted by:	Big Cypress District
Dates:	Wednesday, August 15 th to Sunday, August 19 th
Times:	Check-in – August 15 th – 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM Check-Out – August 19 th – Camp Exit by 5:30 PM
Location:	Bovay Scout Ranch - Navasota, Texas
Who Can Attend:	All Troops in Big Cypress District and Sam Houston Area Council
Cost:	\$125 per Scout – includes all Meals, Merit Badge and Activity Fees \$100 per Adult – includes all Meals and Activity Fees \$5.00 per meal for all Staff



As many of you know, Troop 533 experienced a terrible tragedy while attending summer camp in Georgia. Big Cypress District would like to provide a camping environment for the Scouts of Troop 533 as well as ALL troops in Big Cypress District and Sam Houston Area Council where they will be able to earn merit badges and attend First Class Emphasis training as needed. Due to the tragedy, the troop returned early from their summer camp and the Scouts attending were not able to complete their scheduled week. Please register today to come out and support Troop 533. Our program will rest solely on the shoulders from volunteers in our district and from our council. All merit badge counselors are welcome and any and all help will be appreciated.

What's planned

- Merit Badges – Scouts will be able to earn up to 5 Merit Badges. Merit Badge list is being worked on and will be posted soon.
- First Class Emphasis – The Order of the Arrow will be teaching First Class Emphasis for Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class & 1st Class Ranks
- Free Time Events - Open Shoot at Shotgun, Rifle, & Archery Ranges • Open Climb at Climbing Tower • Canoeing Sporting Arrows • Swimming • Kick Ball • Dodge Ball • Fishing • Obstacle Course • Volleyball

Other Events

- Opening Campfire - The Order of the Arrow will host an AWESOME opening campfire on Wednesday Night
- Movie Night - Thursday Night is Movie Night – If will be a great movie...hint “Super Heroes”!
- Luau Bash - Friday Night we will have a “Luau Bash on the Lawn” – Wear your “Aloha Attire” • Dunk your Scoutmaster at the Dunkin’ Booth • Compete in the Obstacle Course Challenge • Get your photo at the Luau Themed Photo Booth • Compete in the Limbo and Hula Hoop Contest
- Closing Campfire - The Order of the Arrow will host the closing Campfire on Saturday Night.
- Beach Party at Pool - The Order of the Arrow will host a Beach Party at the Pool following closing Campfire

For the Adults

- Scoutmaster Specific and IOLS Training – Friday Evening & Saturday Day – Additional \$20 cost to cover expenses
- Scoutmaster/Leader Sporting Clay Competition – Let’s see who is “Top Shot”!
- Dutch Oven Cook-Off – Make your best Dutch Oven meal or dessert! Who will take home the Golden Spoon Award?

Merit Badge Counselor, Volunteer & Troop Registration – please sign up today at <http://big-cypress.shac.org/merit-badge-camping-opportunity.org>. **We need your help!**

Questions – please contact Chip Whitley, Big Cypress District Vice-Chairman – whitleycs@msn.com or 713.443.4710!



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