



Camp Dierks

2012 Summer Camp

Leaders Guide

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Dear Scout Leader:

We are excited to offer another great summer at Camp Dierks! The information in this booklet is prepared to help guide you and your Troop to the best summer camp experience ever. It is our desire that our camp program offers support, motivation and advancement for your Scouts.

Some key points to note are:

- Your Council Camping Committee has set the price for this year Summer Camp at \$215.00 per Scout. Also the fee for additional adult leaders has been raised to \$60.00.
- Several changes have been made to this year Leaders' Guide. Please take some time and carefully read this guide as some of the changes could affect the success of your Scouts' advancements. Please make note of any requirements that may need to be completed before coming to camp and start working with your Scouts on these pre-requisites.
- The Merit Badge Schedule and sign up forms will be available in March, 2012. Of course, our most popular program areas (Aquatics, Shooting Sports, and Trail to First Class) will be offered. If there is a Merit Badge you would like to see taught at Summer Camp, please call and talk to us about it. We are continually looking for ways to improve the Summer Camp for our Scouts.
- If you or any of your adult leaders would like to teach a merit badge that is offered, or if you have a favorite merit badge that you would like to teach while you are at camp, please let us know as early as possible. We would like to offer as many merit badges as possible while maintaining a quality program.
- Camp Dierks Promotion Teams will be contacting you to schedule a time to come visit with your troop about Camp Dierks. Please allow these Scouts and Scouters to come to your troop meeting and/or your committee meeting to answer any questions that anyone may have about this year's summer camp.

We look forward to your arrival at Camp Dierks!

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Camp Dierks 2012

Camp Staff Reports: June 10
Boy Scouts Week 1: June 17-23
Boy Scouts Week 2: June 24- 30
Webelos Camp: July 1-5
Aquatics Camp: July 8-13

TIMETABLE FOR TROOP PREPARATION FOR CAMP DIERKS

Preparing for camp is an easy process, but it requires planning ahead. As Troop Leader, you are the most important link in this preparation. The following check list is designed to guide you and your Troop Committee in pre-camp planning for the Summer Camp at Camp Dierks.

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED

- Check to see that your troop has reserved a campsite during the desired week at camp and paid the initial deposit.
- Obtain camp leadership – Two deep leadership is essential.
- Meet with the troop committee to discuss summer camp plans.
- Develop a camp attendance and budget plan to help assist Scouts with summer camp fees.

February

- Troops should begin projects to help Scouts with camp fees.
- Obtain campership forms from Council Service Center for additional help with camp fees.

March

- Hold parents night program.
- Invite Webelos Den to attend (fifth grade). Start talking to the Webelos that will be bridging into your unit and help them get to know you and your Scouts. This first year as a Boy Scout at Summer Camp can make a huge difference.
- Start obtaining transportation.
- Recruit extra leaders for camp.
- Review troop finance needs.
- Issue each scout a personal equipment list.

April

- Troop leaders begin program-planning procedure.
- Line up troop physicals
- Begin working on each Scout's preferences for Merit Badges to be worked on at camp. Make sure any pre-requisites are begun.
- Committee checks with **ALL PARENTS** not signed up, including Webelos dens.

May

- Determine the wants and desires of the patrols and troop.
- Complete roster of boys and Scouters; send to Council Service Center by May 15.
- Complete Merit Badge Schedules and send to Council Service Center by May 15.

June

- Remind all Scouts of dates, arrangement, equipment needs, departure time, physicals, etc.

Camp Dierks

Camp Frederick H. Dierks (Camp Dierks) is located about 10 miles north of Wright City, Oklahoma in the foothills of the beautiful Kiamichi Mountains. The Glover River (the only un-dammed river in Oklahoma) runs through Camp and is the source for all water related activities. The camp covers approximately 160 acres and is surrounded by US Forestry and Weyerhaeuser properties.

One unique feature at Camp Dierks is our Statue of Liberty. It is one of only 200 made by the French government and given to the US government in the mid 60's. These Statues were to be placed on the grounds of each state capitol and at various US government facilities. United States Speaker of the House Sam Rayburn was in office at this time and requested one for his Boy Scout Camp and it was delivered to Camp. Several years ago the French government was working on locating all of these Statues and was very surprised to find that only one was not on government property. They called the NeTseO Trails Council and it was verified by the number on the Statue that it indeed was one of the 200 sent to America. Lady Liberty is a proud symbol of our Great Nation and greets all that come to Camp Dierks.

Camp Health and Safety

The county and state health departments and the Boy Scouts of America inspect Camp Dierks annually. Last year Camp Dierks was awarded the Boy Scouts of America Accreditation by the camp inspectors. All parts of the camp met or exceeded necessary standards for facilities, health and safety, staff and program.

A qualified medic is at camp at all times and attends to all injuries or sickness. A fire and disaster plan is explained to all leaders and Scouts. The total camp practices a mobilization at least once each week.

All Scouts must use the buddy system when swimming, boating, hiking, fishing, etc.

MEDICAL FORM AND INSURANCE

Medical forms must accompany each Scout and leader to camp. Both parent or guardian and physician must sign each form. Please do not bring the original to camp – make a copy and have the parent or guardian keep the original.

Everyone in attendance at Camp Dierks **MUST** have a current physical, please use BSA Form No. 34605 for health history and physical examinations. Please complete parts A, B, and C.

All medical forms must include a copy of the insurance card that includes the parents' medical insurance information. The primary insurance for all any medical service by a hospital or emergency room will be the family insurance. A written statement will be required of all individuals that have no family insurance. The camp insurance covers amount over and above what the family insurance covers, up to \$4,000.

NeTseO Trails ATV Policy

This policy applies to any and all vehicles described or referred to as 4 wheelers - ATVs, RTVs, electric or gas golf carts, etc. - “ATVs”. The use of ATVs at Camp Dierks will follow the BSA National Camp Standards guidelines. The use of ATVs will be allowed for the conduct of daily camp business, usually by the adult Camp Staff, when the use of ATVs is more practical than the use of full size vehicles. The Camp Director has the authority to designate which Camp Staff members may use ATVs.

Authorized ATV users for Summer Camp Staff currently include:

- Shooting Sports Director
- Aquatics Director
- Camp Commissioner
- Camp Maintenance
- Camp Ranger

These ATVs are designated as “official” Camp Vehicles and must be equipped with a First Aid kit and a Fire Extinguisher. These ATVs will also be used as emergency vehicles when needed.

For all other Council sponsored events – Mom&Me, Dad&Lad, Winter Camp, Order of the Arrow activities, etc. – the Council Executive may authorize individuals to use ATVs for the Event/Activity Staff purposes.

The use of ATVs by adult Scout leaders in a “camper” status is not authorized - unless the adult leader has a handicap or medical condition that prevents them from moving around camp by foot. The use of an ATV in this case must be approved at least one week prior to the event by the Council Executive only. Individuals who are approved to use an ATV at Camp Dierks will use it for their own personal use and will not transport others, especially youth campers. Adults who are authorized to use an ATV will not run a “taxi service”.

All ATV users will operate their vehicle in a safe and responsible manner. ATVs will be subject to inspection for safety purposes by the Camp Ranger, Camp Director, or their appointed representative. Speed limit for all vehicles on Camp Dierks property is 10 MPH. Failure to follow and adhere to these rules will result in loss of ATV use privileges.

Camp Fee Schedules for 2012

\$215.00 per Scout

- Troop site fee of \$50 to hold a campsite (non refundable, but does apply toward total fees due).
 - Camp Dierks reserves the right to assign a troop to a troop site with a capacity better serving the number of Scouts and leaders attending camp. Reservations will be honored as a first priority, but camp attendance may dictate the need for a change of sites. All efforts will be made to notify troop of any changes prior to arrival at camp. Such changes are designed to protect the leaders and Scouts. If these procedures are a hardship for a troop, contact the Camp Director at the Council Service Center.
- Extra fees will be required for those participating special program areas.
 - COPE -- \$15.00 per participant
 - Shotgun Shooting -- \$15.00 per participant
 - Rifle Shooting -- \$8.00 per participant
 - Trail to First Class -- \$25.00 per participant
- Refunds will not be issued to Troops. Troops should plan for payments accordingly.

Leaders' Camp Fees

Two-deep leadership is required for each troop site. Troops will be allowed two leaders free of charge. Additional leaders are welcome but will be required to pay a fee of \$60.00 for the entire week or \$5.00 per meal.

Visitors' Day

Friday is Visitors' Day at Camp Dierks. We welcome and encourage parents and other special visitors to visit the Scouts on Friday afternoon and evening. All visitors are encouraged to join the Scouts for the Friday evening meal and stay for the Campfire Program and the Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremony. The cost for the meal will be \$5.00 for adults and children over the age of 3. Visitors can pay at mealtime. The evening meal will be at 6:00 p.m. Troops will need to submit the number of guests they are expecting to camp management by noon on Wednesday.

It would be a good idea to have parents bring flashlights, light jackets and walking shoes. Please make sure all visitors know there are NO open toed shoes allowed at camp.

Sunday Arrival at Camp/Saturday Check-Out Procedures

SUNDAY

- A check-in time will be assigned to each Troop. Each Scoutmaster will be notified of their assigned time by June 4, 2012. Transportation should be arranged so that you will arrive at Camp Dirks **NO EARLIER THAN YOUR ASSIGNED TIME**. The more prepared you are on arrival; the faster you can be checked in.
- When your troop enters the main parking area of Camp Dierks, we ask that all Scouts unload out of the vehicles and gather by the benches in front of the Camp Office. One adult will need to come to the registration table and register your unit.
- After your Troop is checked in, a staff member will take the Scouts in your Troop on a tour of the camp. While the Scouts are touring the camp the Adult Leaders will be allowed to pull the vehicles that have troop camping equipment in them down to the campsite to unload the equipment.
- When the Scouts arrive at the campsite after the tour, the staff member will walk through the campsite with all Scouts and Scouters for a campsite opening inspection. After the opening inspection is complete, please set up a minimum of two tents and have ALL campers, youth and Scouters, change into swimsuits.
- When ALL campers have changed, the staff member will then guide everyone to the Health Lodge for the medical check-in. Please bring the completed physicals with you at this time.
- After the medical check-in all campers and leaders will go to the waterfront for a swim test. A swim test is required for everyone participating in any waterfront activities.
- When you return to your campsite please continue to unload all gear and return vehicles to the parking areas.
- **Vehicles are not allowed in the campsites without a medical pass.**

SATURDAY

- After breakfast all troops will break camp and prepare to travel home.
- A packet will be given to each Troop containing:
 - ▣ Blue Cards of the Merit Badges worked on while at camp
 - ▣ Trail to First Class Achievement sheets
 - ▣ Health Forms
 - ▣ Any other paperwork from the camp staff or leaders
- Make your Troop reservation for the next camp season.
- Return any tools or equipment checked out from the Quartermaster during the week.
- All campsites will be inspected by camp staff before you leave
- Call roll to make sure all campers and leaders are accounted for before leaving camp.

GOOD CAMPING TIPS

- ❖ Please keep up with the location of your Scouts. During the evening program, adult supervision is required for all troops. There should be no Scouts left in the troop sites without adult supervision
- ❖ The trees at Camp Dierks are part of the charm of the camp. Your help is needed in conserving them. Cut or hacked trees will bleed and be more susceptible to disease or insects. Be sure your Scouts know the importance of caring for trees as well as camp property. Troop responsible for damaged trees will pay at check out at the end of the week. The Camp Director and Scout Executive will determine this fee.
- ❖ For safety reasons, everyone in camp should wear closed toe shoes at all times. **OPEN TOE SHOES ARE NOT ALLOWED AT CAMP DIERKS.**
- ❖ **DO NOT GO** into the kitchen. Ask any of the staff in the dining area for assistance if something is needed.
- ❖ **NO cannons, NO fireworks, NO Potato Guns, NO Air Cannons, NO Water Cannons or Pistols. Do not bring bows, rifles, shotguns, pistols, slings, slingshots, or any other type of firearm into the camp. The necessary firearms will be provided for the merit badge classes. NO mountain bikes, skateboards, or other related personal gear should be brought to camp.**
- ❖ One of the greatest dangers to a successful camp experience is fatigue. Each leader should insist that the Scouts get plenty of rest and that all observe the rest period with quiet activity in the campsite and that they observe taps and reveille by being in the troop sites. Please have your Scouts leave all electronic equipment such as stereos, amplifiers, etc. at home. These items do not lend themselves to a camping atmosphere and tend to disturb others.
- ❖ Encourage all Scouts to drink plenty of fluids.
- ❖ Please keep your troop site, latrine, shower and washstand clean. Equipment and cleaning material will be provided. Report any problems to the camp office. Troops will also rotate cleaning duties on the central latrine.
- ❖ **NO riding in the back of trucks (with or without camper shell on) or the outside of any vehicle. This is against BSA and NeTseO Trails Council policy.**
- ❖ **NO sheath or butterfly knives are allowed.** Also prohibited at Camp Dierks are any knives with blades longer than 3.5 inches.
- ❖ Almost any tool that you might need is available to check out from the quartermaster. All equipment checked out must be returned before leaving camp.
- ❖ Remember that each boy becomes a Scout Citizen when he arrives at camp. He has the rights and privileges granted to all alike. The Scout Oath and Law is our foundation of government with each leader being an officer of the camp and responsible for his Scouts. We must respect the rights and property of those camping with us. We all need to teach this respect to our Scouts.

Camp Dierks Trading Post

Camp Dierks is proud to provide the Scouts and Scouters who attend the camp with the opportunity to shop in the Trading Post. The Trading Post has a wide variety of Scouting equipment items, in addition to exclusive Camp Dierks T-Shirts and other souvenir items. All materials needed to complete merit badges are sold in the Trading Post as well as snacks and soft drinks. Please encourage your Scouts and parents to bring spending money to better enjoy the Trading Post services. Studies by BSA National Supply have shown that the average Scout will spend a total of \$60.00 in the Trading Post during his week at camp.

Uniforms

Scouts and leaders are expected to attend the evening meal and evening flag ceremony in full uniform. Dress for the day is determined by the Scout's activities and by the troop. Scout t-shirts are encouraged.

Religious Services

A short, inner-faith chapel service will be conducted at the Chapel. Times will be announced at the leaders' meeting on Sunday.

Flag Ceremonies

Flag ceremonies are conducted each morning and evening. It is vital that everyone attend each flag ceremony as announcements are made at this time. Troops that are participating in the ceremony should wear proper uniform at each of the ceremonies.

Mail

Mail is taken to the post office daily. Out-going mail should be given to the Program Director at breakfast each day. Mail will be delivered at the evening meal. It is best if parents mail letters and packages on Saturday before the Scout leaves home or early in the week. The camp mailing address is:

Scouts Name and Troop #
c/o Camp Dierks
P.O. Box 369
Wright City, Oklahoma 74766

Just for Leaders

Are looking for something to keep you busy while you are not chasing Scouts around camp? The Camping and Properties committees would like to provide more opportunities for you. If you have technical skills, Camp Dierks is always needs help with projects involving carpentry, plumbing, and electrical, as well as many other skills. These are outside of the normal conservation projects. We would be glad to arrange these projects for you. Please contact us prior to arriving if you would be interested in helping out.

In addition, there might be leaders in your Troop with experience and expertise in some of the merit badges we offer or some that we are not offering. We welcome any help your leaders could offer, especially if we have CPR instructors attending Camp. We would be glad to arrange this with you in advance.

Adult Training

Climb on Safely

Climb on Safely is a climbing orientation course for all leaders. This course will not certify a leader to operate a climbing program but will give hands on knowledge on how to assist a certified Climbing Instructor.

Leave No Trace

This training teaches the importance of promoting & inspiring responsible outdoor behavior, such as proper disposal of waste, minimizing campfire impact, respecting wildlife & leaving the environment the way you found it.

Online Advancement

This is the newest addition to our Adult Training line-up. Now that Troop advancement is available online, we can help you learn the ins and outs of keeping your troop up to date with National.

Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat

These programs are sponsored by the Aquatics Area, and provide valuable information concerning the BSA's policies for aquatic activities on the unit level, such as a troop swim.

Small Craft Paddle

BSA Paddle Craft Safety expands *Safety Afloat* training to include the skills, as well as the knowledge, needed for a unit leader to confidently supervise canoeing or kayaking excursions on flat water.

Water Rescue

Training for *BSA Swimming & Water Rescue* provides BSA leaders with information and skills to prevent, recognize, and respond to swimming emergencies during unit swimming activities. It expands the awareness instruction provided by *Safe Swim Defense* training.

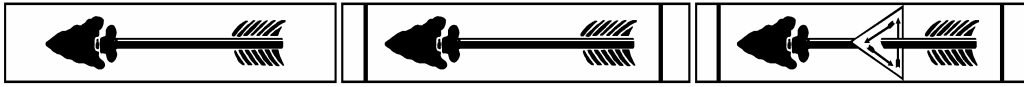
COPE Facilitator

Order of the Arrow/Loquanne Allangwh

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's Brotherhood of Honor Scouts. The Order of the Arrow has been an integral part of summer camp in the NeTseO Trails Council since 1950.

The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is as follows:

- To recognize those – Scouts and Scouters – who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition causes others to conduct themselves in such manner as to warrant recognition.
- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
- To promote Scout camping, which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of the unit's camping program, both year-round and in the summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the Council.
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.



Members are invited to participate in Friday night's call-out ceremony.

The Order of the Arrow call-out ceremony is a highlight of the camp week. The ceremony recognizes those Scouts who have been elected by their fellow Scouts as a candidate for membership in the Order of the Arrow. The ceremony is held immediately following the closing campfire. Troops should confirm the names of those who are to be called out with the Camp Chief. All are welcome to attend, but only those in full uniform are allowed in the ceremony ring. Please let the council office know which night your troop will be participating in the call out ceremony. We take every effort in making sure this is a memorable night for all involved, but especially for those being called out.

Out of Council troops must bring a letter, signed by there Lodge Chief and Advisor authorizing Loquanne Allangwh to perform their call-outs. This letter must contain specific names of those to be called out.

Program Opportunities for 2012

Every effort is made to complete as many of the requirements for merit badges as possible while at Camp Dierks. Some merit badges, however, will require work to be completed before arriving at camp. Please review the list of pre-requisites and help our staff give your Scouts the best opportunity possible.

Trail to First Class

The goal of all troops should be to get all new Scouts to First Class. At Camp Dierks the Trail to First Class program is designed to assist in this venture.

The Trail to First Class program will separate Scouts into Patrols on the first day of classes, the Scout then moves throughout the classes offered in the area with their assigned patrol. **Note:** Not all requirements leading to First Class can be completed in the week at camp.

Not only will the Trail to First Class program assist Scouts in achieving requirements for their Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Ranks, the Scouts in this program will also complete requirements for their Totin' Chip, Firem'n Chit, Paul Bunyan Woodsman, Swimming and First Aid Merit Badges along with a Handicraft Merit Badge.

Please have Scouts bring their Handbooks with them every day.

The requirements that can be completed at the Trial to First Class Program are as follows:

Tenderfoot	Second Class	First Class
4a,b	1a	1
5	2c,d,e,f	2
6	3	5
7	4	6
8	5	7a,b,c
9	6a,b,c	8a,b,c,d
11	7a,b,c	9a,b,c
12a,b		



Every effort is made to insure the TFC Campers complete the above requirements while at Camp Dierks. Sometimes every requirement is not met, so a TFC Checklist will be included in your Check-Out Packet with the exact list of each Scouts achievement.

Ecology/Conservation

Camp Dierks is surrounded by the Three Rivers Area of the Ouichta National Forest. With the natural classroom and activity area that is provided by this location the Eco/Con area is always a very busy area at Camp Dierks.



Bird Study MB – Scouts will learn about different birds in the area along with unique things about each species. Understanding the use of a Bird Field Guide and a Field Notebook is required.



Environmental Science MB – This badge is required for Eagle. Recommended for second or third year campers. The Boy Scout Field book is helpful. Extra time is required to complete this merit badge. There is a great deal of written material, but some of it can be completed before coming to camp.



Fish & Wildlife Management MB – There is some written material for this badge and a conservation project is also required. Requirement 5 can be done before Scouts come to camp. Scouts should bring old shoes to wear in the creek. Recommended for second or third year campers. All requirements can be completed at camp.



Fishing & Fly Fishing MB – Recommended for all campers. Scouts are encouraged to bring their personal fishing pole and tackle for the Fishing MB.



Forestry MB – Scouts will learn about the different types of trees growing in camp, as well as how to manage and plant trees properly. Recommended for second or third year campers. All requirements can be completed at camp.



Geology – Recommended for all campers



Insect Study – Scouts will explore the miniature life of insects at Camp Dierks. Scouts will gather specimens for an insect collection and take hikes to discover unusual creepy-crawlers all over the camp.



Mammal Study MB – Requires some written work, a small report and a conservation project. Requirement 4 may be done before coming to camp. Recommended for second or third year campers. Most requirements can be completed at camp. Extra time may be required to complete this merit badge.



Nature – This is an excellent introductory merit badge to the Nature area. It requires some hiking and observation.



Plant Science – Plant scientists use their curiosity and knowledge to develop questions about the world of plants. Then they try to answer those questions with further observations and experiments in the laboratory and in the field. To earn this merit badge Scout will explore three of the most important plant science specialties: agronomy, horticulture, and field botany. Plant Science is one of the elective merit badges for the William T. Hornaday Award for Boy Scouts.



Reptile and Amphibian Study – This badge requires drawings and night observation. Some requirements can be done before coming to camp. Scouts must keep a reptile or amphibian for at least one month to complete this badge. This must be done outside of camp. This merit badge is not recommended for Scouts that are very afraid of snakes, although instruction may lessen these fears.



Soil and Water Conservation MB – There is some written material for this badge and a conservation project is required. This merit badge is recommended for second or third year campers. All requirements can be completed at camp.

Shooting Sports



Rifle Range – The range will be under the supervision of a qualified adult who will conduct safety classes and control firing on the range. Rifles and ammunition will be furnished. There will be a \$8.00 charge for all Scouts that are taking the Rifle Shooting Merit Badge. *This charge is for the cost of targets, ammunition and the upkeep of the rifles. Individual Scouts MAY NOT furnish their own ammunition or firearms for firing on the range. NO personal firearms will be allowed.*

NOTE: To earn the Rifle Shooting MB a Scout must be 13 years old and have the strength and size to manage a 10-pound target rifle. This MB takes a lot of time to qualify.



Shotgun Shooting - The range will be under the supervision of a qualified adult who will conduct safety classes and control firing on the range. There will be a \$15.00 fee for all Scouts taking the Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge to cover the cost of shotgun shells, clay pigeons and upkeep of the shotguns. The camp has shotguns that will be used in the classes. *Individual Scouts MAY NOT furnish their own ammunition or firearms for firing on the range. NO personal firearms will be allowed.*



Archery Range - The range will be under the supervision of a qualified adult who will conduct safety classes and control firing on the range. *NO personal archery tackle is allowed for Scouts or leaders. The camp will provide all equipment.* The Archery MB typically takes Scouts quite a bit of time to qualify. Kits for requirement 2d will be available in the Trading Post.

Handicrafts

The pride and satisfaction of making something at camp is very real. Handicrafts at camp have always been very popular. In fact, more Scouts earn the handicraft badges than any others; several of these Merit Badges take less than a week to complete. Scouts are encouraged to work on as many Handicraft Merit Badges as they can complete within the week.



Art MB – There is a lot of freedom in choosing medium and subjects for artwork.



Basketry MB – Each scout will learn to weave his own basket and make one that he can take home. This is an excellent MB for young Scouts. Basket kits are available in the Trading Post.



Indian Lore MB – Recommended for all Scouts. All requirements can be completed at camp. Research on one Indian tribe prior to camp would be helpful.



Leatherwork MB – Recommended for all Scouts. All requirements can be completed at camp. Students will make leather crafts and tan a hide.



Woodcarving MB – Recommended for second year campers. Scouts must have earned Totin' Chip (bring card to class). Bring a pocketknife if you have one. All requirements can be completed at camp.

**Each badge may require the purchase of materials available from the trading post.
Approximate cost is \$4.00 - \$10.00 each.**

Outdoor Skills



First Aid – This Eagle Required MB covers a great deal of written material and there are skills to master.



Emergency Preparedness – This is a required MB for Eagle. Scouts need to have First Aid MB to take this MB. This badge is recommended for older Scouts.



Orienteering – This MB requires setting up and completing orienteering courses. Experience with a map and compass is helpful but not required. This MB does require some physical stamina to run courses. Scouts should bring a compass.



Pioneering – Scouts will need some familiarity with knots, lashings and splices. Scouts will need to bring gloves and a knife with them for this MB.



Space Exploration -- Space is mysterious. We explore space for many reasons, not least because we don't know what is out there, it is vast, and humans are full of curiosity. Each time we send explorers into space, we learn something we didn't know before. We discover a little more of what is there.



Weather – This MB is recommended for all Scouts.



Climbing – This MB is recommended for older Scouts. This MB will involve the study of how to climb and rappel safely.

Geocaching – Learn how to use a GPS unit and get involved in high tech treasure hunting with the Geocaching Merit Badge.



Wilderness Survival – Learn the skills you will need to survive in the outdoors in an emergency.

Aquatics Program

On a hot summer day nothing beats a dip in the Glover River and the waterfront is one of the most popular places at Camp Dierks. From basic swim strokes to lifeguard skill, our aquatics staff will give you the instruction you need. All aquatics programs are conducted at our waterfront area on the Glover River.



Canoeing– Recommended for second or third year campers. Scouts must pass the BSA Swimmer Test. Physically challenging.



Kayaking Award – Recommended for second or third year campers. Kayaking BSA provides and introduction to kayaking skills and safety procedures. It is a first critical step towards satisfying Safety Afloat guidelines safe kayak excursions.



Lifesaving MB– Recommended for second or third year campers. Scouts must have earned Swimming Merit Badge. Scouts must bring long pants and a long-sleeved shirt. A 400-meter qualifying swim will be given on the first day.



Rowing MB– Recommended for second or third year campers. Must pass the “swimmers test”. Physically challenging. Allow extra time for practice.



Swimming MB– You must pass the “swimmers test”. Bring clothes for requirement #5 (shoes, socks, swim trunks, long pants, belt and long-sleeved shirt – these clothes will get wet!). Recommended for all Scouts.

Instructional Swim – Emphasis will be on mastering basic swim strokes needed to pass the BSA Swim Test and is recommended for all non-swimmers.

Special Aquatics Programs for Scouts and Leaders



BSA Lifeguard – This is a special program for older Scouts and Scouters who would like to further their skills in the aquatic area. To be eligible for this program, Scouts and leaders must meet the requirements in aquatic skill, safe swim defense, safety afloat, first aid and emergency action. Anyone taking this program will work in the aquatic area side by side with the aquatic staff. Scouts must be at least 14 years old and must have earned the swimming and lifesaving merit badges.



BSA Mile Swim – Participants will train daily for this event, starting out with shorter distances and working up to the Mile Swim on Thursday. A patch is available for purchase in the trading post for wear on swim trunks for those Scouts and Scouters who complete the one-mile course.



The Whitewater Program

We are going to take advantage of the Glover River and other waterways close to camp this year. This program will teach scouts the basic knowledge and understanding on how to float whitewater. We WILL be working toward the Whitewater Merit Badge, however conditions of water will determine if the merit badge can be completed. There are prerequisites for this program. All scouts participating in the Whitewater program must have the **First Aid Merit Badge and the BSA Kayaking Award.**

Merit Badge On Demand

These Merit Badges require a minimum of instruction to begin, then the scout can complete the badge at their own pace during the week. Staff members will be available during specified times to answer any questions or assist as needed.

Art
Basketry
Bird Study
Geology
Insect Study

Leatherwork
Mammal Study
Photography
Woodcarving

Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience

C.O.P.E.

Project C.O.P.E. is comprised of group initiative games and low and high course activities. Some of the activities involve a group challenge, while others test individual skills and agility. Participants climb, swing, balance, jump, rappel and think of solutions to a variety of activities.

The C.O.P.E. course provides an opportunity for every participant to achieve success as an individual and as a member of a patrol or team. The activities are not designed to be competitive or to be a race against time.

C.O.P.E. emphasizes more important objectives, including building individual confidence and developing leadership and sense of common cooperation among the members. The course is designed to build more self-confidence in a shorter length of time than anything most people have experienced.

- **Goals:**

- Developing Leadership
- Communication
- Trust
- Team Work

- Problem Solving
- Self-esteem
- Decision Making

- **Who:** At least 2nd year campers and 13 years old by January 1 of 2012 and physically fit. Leaders can also sign up to experience the C.O.P.E challenge. A maximum of 12 participants per session. (Preference given to older Scouts and those who have not previously participated in C.O.P.E.)
- **What:** Participants will need long pants with pockets, gloves, and lace-up shoes with a good grip.
- **Cost:** \$15 in addition to the camp fee for participants.

What the Troop should Bring to Camp

Troop Roster (2 copies)	American Flag	Troop Flag
Patrol Flags	Troop First Aid Kit	Dining Fly
Lantern	Rope/binder twine	Troop Library (MB Books)
Lockbox for valuables	Garden Hose	Tents
Wind up clock	Chuck Box	Water Jugs

What Camp Dierks Provides

Flagpole	Bulletin Board	Picnic Table
Campsite Shower	Latrine/Water Supply	

General Supplies

Toilet paper, trash bags, brooms, rakes, shovels, and various other tools may be obtained from the Quartermaster. You may wish to bring special items for your unit if you feel they may not be available. All equipment checked out to your troop will be charged to you if not returned.

What Each Scout Should Bring to Camp

Completed Medical Form	Spending Money	Pocket Knife
Scout Uniform	Bath Towel & Soap	Scout Handbook
3 – 5 pairs socks	toothbrush & paste	pen or pencil
Swim suit	Deodorant	Stationery
Raincoat or poncho	Comb or brush	Spiral Notebook
Light jacket	Insect repellent	Merit Badge books
Extra underwear	Sunscreen	Canteen or water bottle
Hiking boots and/or tennis shoes	Water socks or Crocs	Flashlight & extra batteries

(open-toed shoes are not allowed in camp)



Jeans or long pants
 Long sleeved shirt or sweatshirt
 Scout t-shirts
 Hat or cap
 Sleeping bag or sheet, blanket
 & pillow

Optional:

Musical instrument	Sunglasses
Sewing kit	Compass
Camera & film	Bible

This list is a general guide. Scouts, their parents and Troop Leaders should use their own discretion on choosing what to take and what to leave at home.



2012 CAMP DIERKS RESERVATION FORM

YES! Our troop plans to be a part of the excitement at Camp Dierks.
Campsite reservation is \$50.00 and is deducted from your total camp fee.

Troop No. _____

Scoutmaster/Contact Person _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: C: _____ H: _____

Email _____

Circle week plan to attend: June 17-23 June 24-30

Campsite choices: 1st _____

 2nd _____

 3rd _____

Estimated Number of Scouts to attend _____

Campership Applications must be in Council Office by March 15*

Complete this entire form and return with check to:

Camp Dierks BSA
PO Box 995
Paris, Texas 75461

Aquatics Week July 8-13, 2012

Aquatics Week was a great success in 2011 and we are looking forward to having even more fun in 2012. The cost for Aquatics Week is \$215.00 and space is limited, so make your reservation early!

The Merit Badges and Awards offered during Aquatics Week are:



Motorboating -- With the fun of operating a motor boat comes the responsibility for keeping that boat in first-class condition, knowing and obeying the nautical "rules of the road," and gaining the general knowledge and skills to operate a boat safely.



Small Boat Sailing -- Sailing is one of the most enjoyable pastimes on the open water. The quiet and peacefulness of the water can provide a pleasant break from everyday life. However, smooth sailing requires paying careful attention to safety.



Snorkeling -- The Snorkeling BSA requirements introduce Scout-age children and adult leaders to the special skills, equipment, and safety precautions associated with snorkeling; encourage the development of aquatics skills that promote fitness and recreation; and provide a foundation for those who later will participate in more advanced underwater activity.



Water Sports – Participants will learn how to water ski and learn all the guidelines for Safety Afloat.



Mile Swim -- Participants will train daily for this event, starting out with shorter distances and working up to the Mile Swim on Thursday. A patch is available for purchase in the trading post for wear on swim trunks for those Scouts and Scouters who complete the one-mile course.

2012 AQUATICS CAMP RESERVATION FORM

The fees for Aquatics Camp are \$215.00 for campers and \$60.00 for each adult.
Payment in full must be received at the Council Office by June 1, 2012.

Troop No. _____

Scoutmaster/Contact Person _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: C: _____ H: _____

Email _____

Adults that will be attending Camp:

Scouts that are attending Aquatics Camp

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____