

BSA Troop 81

Campout Information Sheet

Primary Activity: Winter Camp 2005
Name of Camp: Camp Cherokee
City/State: Athens, Texas
Departure Date: Tuesday, December 27, 2005.
Gathering Time: 8:00 A.M.
Departure Time: 8:30 A.M.
Departure Location: Richland Bible Fellowship Church
Return Date: Saturday, December 31, 2005.
Return Time: 12:00 P.M.
Return Location: Richland Bible Fellowship Church
Emergency Phones: Primary: Mr. Christensen 214-587-5868
Secondary: Mr. Benavides cell phone: 214-418-6454
Other T81 adult cell phone numbers (TBD)
Camp Phone: 903-675-3781 (Camp Cherokee Office)
To check on revised return time, call the troop voice mail: 972-238-8722 ext 81

Winter Camp Key Dates

Departure date/time: Tuesday, Dec 27 @ 8:30 AM from RBF (meet at 8:00 am)

Return date/time: Saturday, Dec 31 @ 1:00 PM at RBF

Winter Camp Information

This campout is similar to Summer Camp in that several troops from around Texas participate and approximately 400 boys are at the camp. Winter camp staff teaches some merit badges and there will be a few merit badges taught by troop 81 adults. A list of available merit badge classes is included below. This is also a good opportunity for boys participating in TFC activities, rank advancements and selected other merit badges to get signoffs on various outdoor requirements.

The camp also has several outdoor themes such as the Indian village and Mountain Man areas that demonstrate many early camping and outdoor skills such as leatherwork and lumber jack methods. A supervised climbing tower and rifle/shotgun range are located on the camp and horseback riding is also available.

Merit badge class are schedule before lunch and activity areas are open to every one after lunch (this includes climbing tower, shooting ranges, Indian craft area, mountain man and lumber jack areas). **Special Events** include: Opening Campfire, Indian Pow Wow, Rocket shoot-off, Troop competitions (Cook-off, Gateways, Great Sled Race, ICE Sculpting, etc.) Polar Bear Swim December 30 at first light and Closing Campfire.

Cold weather conditions are usually present during some or all of the winter camp duration and a short meeting to review cold weather camping information is planned for Monday, Dec 19, at 7PM. Troop 81 adults and scouts will prepare all food in a family style manner with the cooking done at the campsite -- a duty roster will be used to ensure that everyone receives an 'equal educational opportunity' for cooking and cleaning.

Also, visit miki.org for additional winter camp information.

Cost: \$100.00 per scout –includes basic camp fees and all food.

Additional fees required for some activities (see merit badge list below). There are two camp trading posts

Special Instructions:

On Saturday morning, scouts and adults will have a chance to earn a "Polar Bear" swim patch; if you are interested bring a swim suit.

An additional hand out provides information on cold weather camping and a suggested packing list.

Adult training available includes:

- Safe Swim/Safety Afloat – Dec 28th
- Youth Protection Training – Dec 28th
- Climb On Safely training – Dec 28th

The following T81 merit badges are planned:

Astronomy, Pioneering, Other TBD

T81 TFC activities will be accomplished on an individual need basis (**BRING YOUR BOOK**).

T81 will set up a large Army tent to provide protection during the week.

2005 Winter Camp Schedule for Troop 81

Date	Time Assignment	Event	Uniform	
Tue, Dec 27	8:00 A.M.	Arrive at RBF	A	All
	8:30 A.M.	Depart from RBF	A	All
	11:00 A.M.	Arrive at Camp Cherokee	A	All
		Start setting up camp	B	All
	12:30 PM	Lunch	B	All
	1:30 PM	Continue Camp set-up	B	All
	2:00 PM	Flag Pole construction	B	TBD
	2:30 PM	Flag Raising (Troop 81)	A	All
	3:00 to 5:30PM	Merit badge sign up, camp set-up	B	All
	5:30 PM	Flag Lowering (Troop 81)	A	All
	5:45 to 7:00PM	Dinner	B	All
	7:00 to 10:30 PM	Free Time	B	All
	10:30 Pm	In tents	C	All
	11:00 PM	Taps	C	All
	Wed, Dec 28	7:00 AM	Reveille	C
7:00 to 7:45		Breakfast	B	All
7:45 AM		Flag Raising (Troop 81)	A	TBD
8:00 AM		Flag Raising (Camp)	A	All
8:30 AM to 12:00		Merit Badges	A	All
12:00		Lunch	B	All
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM		Free Time/Adult Training	B	All
		Winter Camp Events/Competitions (TBD)		
5:00 Pm		Flag Lowering (Troop 81)	A	TBD
5:15 to 7:00PM		Dinner	B	All
7:00 to 10:30 PM		Free Time	B	All
10:30 Pm		In tents	C	All
11:00 PM	Taps	C	All	
Thur, Dec 29 and Fri, Dec 30 – Same as Wed, Dec 28 except that Friday afternoon and night we will begin to break camp				
Sat, Dec 31	7:00 AM	Reveille	C	All
	7:00 to 7:45	Breakfast	B	All
	7:45 AM	Flag Raising (Troop 81)	A	TBD
	8:00 AM	Flag Raising (Camp)	A	All
	8:45 AM	Break Camp	B	All
	9:30 AM	Flag Lowering/Take down flagpole	A	TBD
	10:00 AM	Depart from camp	A	All
	12:00 PM	Arrive at RBF	A	All

Merit badge sign up form

Scout name: _____

Complete and turn in Mr. Christensen prior to departure for Winter Camp.

MERIT BADGES	Check three would like to take	Additional Fee
Astronomy - T81 taught		
AUTO MECHANICS		
BASKETRY (\$10 fee)		
CLIMBING		
ENVIROMENTAL SCIENCE		
FARM MECHANICS		
FIRE SAFETY		
FIRST AID		
FISHING		
FORESTRY		
GENEALOGY		
GOLF		
HOME REPAIRS		
HORSEMANSHIP		
Indian Lore		
LEATHERWORK		
ORIENTEERING		
PHOTOGRAPHY (\$7 fee)		
PIONEERING		
PLUMBING		
RADIO (\$12.50 fee)		
SPACE EXPLORATION		
TRUCK TRANSPORTATION		
WEATHER		
WOODCARVING (\$7 fee)		
	Total Fees due	