

## CAMPOUT INFORMATION SHEET

<b>Primary Activities:</b>	<b>Live Aboard – USS Lexington (Corpus Christi) Overnight Lock-in – Texas State Aquarium</b>
<b>Camp Location:</b>	<b>Corpus Christi via chartered bus</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Depart – Friday, January 13, 2006 Return – Monday, January 16, 2006</b>
<b>Gathering Time:</b>	<b>9:30 p.m. at RBF</b>
<b>Depart Time:</b>	<b>10:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Return Time:</b>	<b>6:00p.m. At Blockbuster</b>
<b>Emergency Phone Number:</b>	<b>214-215-7248 (Steve Weaver) 361-888-4873 (USS Lexington) 361-881-1230 (Texas State Aquarium)</b>

### **ACTIVITIES:**

#### **LIVE ABOARD ([www.ussexington.com](http://www.ussexington.com))**

The LIVE ABOARD program at the USS Lexington is conducted in a fun-spirited, but military manner. Falling in, stowing your gear, and following orders are all part of this unique and memorable experience. All Scouts and adults will sleep on the ship in official military sleeping quarters. Restroom facilities (heads) on the ship include showers.

Activities on the ship will include viewing a film in the MEGA THEATER, an impressive evening colors event, a game room, movies, and the infamous Ghost Stories. Three squares (lunch, dinner, and breakfast) will be served and are included in the price.

#### **TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM ([www.texasstateaquarium.org](http://www.texasstateaquarium.org))**

The Texas State Aquarium is within walking distance from the USS Lexington. After walking to the Aquarium, we will enroll into their program which will include a sleep over at the Aquarium AND a class for the Oceanography Merit Badge. We will be able to complete all merit badge requirements except for a 500 word essay. (With the long trip back, we should be able to complete the 500 word essay on the bus!)

The Texas State Aquarium experience includes sleeping within the exhibits, dinner and a continental breakfast, and the classes for the Oceanography Merit Badge.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Dress Class</b>	<b>Assigned</b>
Friday, Jan 13	9:30pm	Gather at RBF	A	All
	10:30	Depart for Corpus	A (change to B after on the bus)	All
Saturday, Jan 14	7:15am	Arrive in Corpus	B	All
	7:30am	Breakfast – TBD (Each Scout pays for his own meal)	A	All
	9:15am	Board Bus	A	All
	9:30am	Arrive at USS Lexington	A	All
	10:00am	Check-in at Lexington (You're In the Navy Now!) Begin Lexington Agenda	A	All
Sunday, Jan 15	10:00am	Released at Lexington	A	All
	10:00am – 12 noon	Service project – Cleaning Beaches	B	All
	12:00 noon	Lunch (Each Scout pays for his own meal)	A	All
	1:00pm-3pm	Complete service project – Cleaning Beaches	A	All
	2:45 pm	Check-in at Texas State Aquarium. Begin Texas State Aquarium Agenda, including work for Oceanography Merit Badge	A	All
Monday, Jan 16	9.00am	Released from Texas State Aquarium	A	All
	9:00am	Clean Bus	B	All
	9:30am	Depart Corpus Christi	A (change to B after on the bus)	All
	9:45am	Breakfast (Each Scout pays for his own meal)	A (change to B after on the bus)	All
	12:30pm	Lunch (Each Scout pays for his own meal)	A (change to B after on the bus)	All
	5:30pm	Arrive at Blockbuster	A	All

## CAMPOUT COST SHEET

### SCOUT COST (based upon estimate of 40 Scouts)

a. Travel Costs - maximum 57 passenger bus	\$61 per Scout
b. USS Lexington	\$49 per Scout
c. Texas State Aquarium	<u>\$50</u> per Scout
TOTAL COST FOR SCOUT	\$160 per Scout

### ADULT COST (based upon estimate of 8 adults)

a. Travel Costs - maximum 57 passenger bus	\$61 per adult
b. USS Lexington -	\$24 per adult
c. Texas State Aquarium	<u>\$25</u> per adult
TOTAL COST FOR ADULT	\$110 per adult

### SPENDING MONEY

There will be a need for you to bring money to cover Saturday breakfast, Sunday lunch, and Monday lunch. Additionally, any drinks or snacks would be purchased by you.

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### PAYMENT DEADLINES\*

DATE	SCOUTS	ADULTS
<u>September 26</u> Meeting or before	\$75 due	\$75 due
<u>December 19</u> or before	\$85 due	\$35 due
TOTAL	\$160	\$110

\* Payment may be made earlier than on the schedule.

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### SCOUT ACCOUNT WITHDRAWAL SLIP

Please deduct \$\_\_\_\_\_ from my scout account to cover the cost of the January 13, 2006 USS Lexington and Texas State Aquarium campout.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

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Print Your Name

## LEXINGTON DETAIL AND RULES

### TRAVEL TIPS:

#### What to bring on BUS ONLY

SNACKS (for down and back)

Water (

Trash bag (1 per person)

#### Entertainment on BUS ONLY

PG13 movies

Cards, books, piano

HOMEWORK (We love it so much!!!!!!)

#### **What to Bring on Trip-**

Class "A" Uniform (wear to RBF)

Sleeping Clothes

Class "B" Clothes (on bus ride)

Toiletries & towel (showers on Lexington)

Sleeping bag

Pillow (optional)

Jacket or coat

Pencil & Paper for 500 word essay for Oceanography Merit Badge

Small flashlight (optional)

Small backpack (optional)

Medications

Money (4 meals on road plus spending money; \$20-30)

Camera (optional)

NO electrical devices allowed

### LEXINGTON TIPS:

**Sleeping Area** - All campers are assigned specific berthing compartments and must respect the privacy of other campers. Restroom facilities (heads) include showers. Most berthing compartments are climate controlled; however, when all such areas have been filled, campers may be assigned areas having ventilation only.

**Lockers** – Lockers are available in berthing compartments. Each camper should bring a lock to secure his or their valuables and personal belongings.

**Carry-On Food or Drinks** – NO CARRY-ON FOOD OR DRINK OF ANY KIND WILL BE ALLOWED ON LEXINGTON. All meals are provided. Vending machines are available.

**Fire Drills** – Each group will be required to participate in a fire drill, as well as provide additional personnel for the fire watch program.

**Others Aboard** – Due to other activities that take place on board the USS Lexington, it is possible that a banquet, dinner/dance, cocktails, or other functions may take place during the visit. We must stay clear of those activities so that they will not be disturbed.

**Mega Screen Theater** – The Live Aboard Program includes a film in the Lexington's MEGA Theater – the only large format theater aboard a WWII aircraft carrier. The screen is 3 stories tall and 44 feet wide with digital surround sound that is positively riveting.

## **RULES OF CONDUCT – USS LEXINGTON**

- 1. Discipline is the responsibility of the Troop Leadership chain of command. Any discipline issues may result in a premature conclusion of the trip.**
- 2. Adequate adult supervision must be provided by group or troop leaders. 1 adult is required for every 5 scouts.**
- 3. Absolutely NO running or pushing is permitted on the ship.**
- 4. Restricted areas are well marked for safety. Do not enter these areas.**
- 5. Do not turn switches, valves, buttons, or handles.**
- 6. Closed toed shoes are required at all times.**
- 7. No one is allowed to climb on the aircraft, turn propellers, or open cockpit canopies. LEXINGTON does have an F-4 cockpit available to sit in and take pictures.**
- 8. No one is permitted to leave the Hanger Deck after dark without permission of the Duty Officer. Anyone leaving the ship after closing time will not be permitted to return.**
- 9. No food or beverages of any type are allowed on the LEXINGTON. No food that is purchased onboard is to be taken off the Hanger Deck or down into the berthing compartments.**
- 10. LEXINGTON is a smoke-free facility. Smoking is permitted on the pier only by adults stupid enough to smoke.**
- 11. Observe silence between the hours of Taps and Reveille. Campers must remain in the sleeping quarters after Taps as it is a definite safety hazard on Navy ships to be up and about with lights off. Those unwilling to comply will be asked to leave.**
- 12. Anyone caught tampering with the fire alarm system is subject to immediate expulsion.**

## **USS LEXINGTON FIRE WATCH PROCEDURES**

Live Aboard personnel will designate adult watch standers from each group to provide fire/security watches during the hours of midnight to 6:00 a.m. These watch standers will be known as “Guest Escorts” and will be provided with flashlights, whistles, and vests to identify themselves. There will be three assigned for each occupied berthing areas to stand two hour watches.

At 5:15 p.m. on the day of arrival, watch standers will report to the ship’s Damage Control officer for a briefing on duties. Watch standers will be responsible for the following:

- Do a walkthrough of respective berthing areas every 15-20 minutes.
- Be alert for any sign of smoke/fire.
- Be familiar with all exit routes from the berthing area
- Be familiar with location of nearest pull station
- Be familiar with use of fire extinguisher
- In the event of smoke/fire, pull fire alarm, blow whistle, and ensure that the area is evacuated.
- Assist in evacuation from compartment
- Know the location of the bunk of the relief person and wake five minutes prior to watch change.
- The DC coming on at midnight is in charge of the watch standers and will remain in the Live Aboard office/lounge area to direct actions in the event of an emergency.

## **TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM RULES AND INFORMATION**

- 1. Each group of 10 Scouts must be accompanied by an adult leader at all times.**
- 2. Arrival is 15 minutes before entrance time.**
- 3. Assemble group in the small parking lot. Then proceed to the exit door on the far right side of the entrance area.**
- 4. Bring your confirmation letter.**
- 5. Noisy or disruptive behavior will result in being asked to leave.**
- 6. All group members and adults must stay indoors after returning from the downstairs tour.**
- 7. No running, chewing gum, drinking, or eating is allowed inside the Aquarium exhibit.**
- 8. Closed toed shoes are required.**

### **TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM OCEANOGRAPHY MERIT BADGE PROGRAM**

**Objective: To provide programming for Boy Scout troops to fulfill requirements for an oceanography badge.**

**Grade: 6-12**

**3:00 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**

- 1. The group will meet together for introductory information**
  - a. Introduce four branches of oceanography: physical, chemical, geological, and biological.**
  - b. Introduce Physical Oceanography**
    - i. Describe some important properties of water**
    - ii. Define temperature, salinity, and density,**
    - iii. Demonstrate density**
    - iv. Discuss various equipment used by scientists**

**Group then breaks into 3 smaller groups which then rotate through 2, 3, and 4.**

**3:45 – 4:15**

- 2. Describe ocean waves**
  - a. Storm surge, tsunami, tidal wave, tidal bore**
  - b. Sea, swell, surf**
  - c. Explain how breakers are formed.**

**4:15 – 4:45**

- 3. Discuss weather and currents**
  - a. Discuss circulation and currents of the ocean**
  - b. Describe the effects of the oceans on weather and climate**
  - c. Discuss evaporation/precipitation.**

**4:45 – 5:15**

- 4. Discuss ocean floor topography and geology**
  - a. Construct a clay model of cross-section of underwater topography showing continental shelf, continental slope, abyssal plain**
  - b. Introduce “benthos”**
    - i. Discuss biological species relating to the continental shelf in the Gulf of Mexico**
    - ii. Observe foraminifera**
    - iii. Discuss geological characteristics of this area; discuss how geologists use benthic species to identify oil and gas resources.**

**5:15 – 5:45**

**Scouts will write in their journals about what they have learned.**

**5:45 – 6:15**

**Students travel to the Texas State Aquarium main building**

**6:30 – 7:30**

**DINNER**

**7:30 – 8:30**

- 5. Guided Tour. Tour will focus on physical characteristics of selected habitats and how the characteristics affect animals living there.**

**9:00 – 10:00**

- 6. Evening wrap-up**
  - a. Describe at least five reasons why it is important for people to learn about the ocean.**
  - b. Students write in journals.**

**10:00 p.m. – 8:00 a.m.**

**Students sleep in front of Aquarium exhibits**

**8:00 a.m. – 9:00a.m.**

- 7. Beach walk**
  - a. Describe some of the biologically important properties of seawater**
  - b. Define benthos, nekton, and plankton**
  - c. Describe the importance of plankton in the oceanic food chain**
  - d. Make plankton newts**
  - e. Examine the sample and prepared slides under a microscope**
  - f. Identify the three most common types of plankton in the sample**