

Subject: Summer Camp 2006 with Troop 81
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Attached is the Troop 81 Summer Camp registration packet. It contains all of the forms you need to fill out. All fees and forms are due May 22nd. (Please plan to turn in forms at the May 8th baseball game, if possible.)

Medical Records

A new Class 1 medical record should be filled out by parents every year. If your son's Class 2 medical record is over three years old, he will need to have a physical exam by a doctor. If your son has a doctor's appointment scheduled after May 22nd, let us know that his Class 2 medical record will be late. All other forms are still due May 22nd.

Adult Questionnaire

Please let us know if you can drive Scouts to Summer Camp. Please let us know if you can camp with Troop 81 as one of our adult leaders. Please let us know if you plan to join us for Family Night on Friday, whether just for the evening activities or to camp with us overnight. Please fill out the form even if you do not plan to participate at all, just so we know for sure.

Merit Badges

Please spend time with your son as he fills out the merit badge pre-registration form. In each column (each column is a time slot, for example 9:00am - 9:50am), place a "1" in the box representing the merit badge your son would like to take that hour. Some merit badge class have a limit on the number of Scouts allowed, your son should also place a "2" in the box of another merit badge offered at the same time that he would not mind taking if his first choice is full.

Your son should repeat this procedure for each column. In other words, when he is finished, there should be several 1's marked on the page and several 2's.

Note that some classes last two hours. Do not "double-book" by putting too many 1's on the form.

New Scouts must sign up for the Brazos Buccaneer program ("First Year Camper"). This program covers most introductory Scouting skills and incorporates in three merit badges: Swimming, Basketry, and Leatherwork.

The attachment contains guidelines for the merit badges appropriate for each age level. Because the number of openings in each class is very limited, preference will be given to Scouts signing up for age-appropriate merit badges. In other words, there is little chance that a second year Scout will be able to get into the "Small Boat Sailing" merit badge class (recommended for year 3 Scouts).

There is also information about each merit badge, including any prerequisites or required equipment or money. Make sure your son meets the prerequisites (age or swimming ability or whatever) before he signs up for a merit badge.

Summary

Four things are needed at registration:

1. A check for \$200
2. An Adult Questionnaire / Driver Sign-up form
3. A Merit Badge Pre-Registration form
4. A Class I/II medical record

Regards,

John Benavides (Troop 81 Committee Chairman)

P.S. If you are in a financial hardship situation, there is a campership opportunity sponsored by the council. You can get the form from Mr. Benavides or find it at the web link:

<http://www.circle10.org/programs/camping/summer.html>

All campership applications are due by May 15 at the Council office.

BSA Troop 81

Summer Camp 2006

Summer Camp will be at Camp Constantin/Jack Furst Aquatic Base on Possum Kingdom Lake from July 9 through July 15. This camp offers new Scouts an excellent first year camper program designed for the new Scout to have fun and learn some basic Scouting skills. The camp offers older Scouts a broad range of merit badge opportunities with special focus on aquatics. It's a great place to be in the middle of a Texas summer.

Deadline for Summer Camp registration is Monday, May 22nd. (Please turn in at May 8th Baseball game if possible.)

The following must be submitted:

1. A check made out to Troop 81 for **\$200** or a Troop 81 Scout Account Withdrawal Slip. Registration after May 22nd will cost \$210.
2. A completed **Adult Questionnaire / Driver sign-up** form
3. A completed **Merit Badge Pre-Registration** form
 - a. Make sure all pre-requisites are met
 - b. Make sure all desired sessions are marked, with no class overlaps.
 - c. New Scouts must sign up for the Brazos Buccaneer program ("First Year Camper"). This program covers most introductory Scouting skills and incorporates in three merit badges: Swimming, Basketry, and Leatherwork.
4. Updated **Medical Record**
 - a. Scouts must complete a Class 1 medical record annually.
 - b. Scouts must complete a Class 2 medical record once every three years.
 - c. Adults under 40 follow the same directions as Scouts.
 - d. Adults over 40 must complete a Class 3 medical record annually.
 - e. Camp Constantin does not accept "on file" or "current" for the immunization records. Month, day and year of inoculations *must* be filled in.

After registration, you will be given the following:

- A. Summer Camp Fact Sheet, including a "What to Bring to Summer Camp" check list
- B. Directions to Camp Constantin and contact information

As always, we need **drivers**. Drivers will be compensated to help offset the costs of Summer Camp. If you can drive, please indicate this on the Driver sign-up sheet.

As always, we need **adult leaders**. The troop cannot attend unless we have an adequate number of adults to supervise approximately 35 boys. New Scouts, especially, benefit from having familiar adult faces around. As a sign of our appreciation, Troop 81 will make partial payment of the camping fee for leaders and their sons. If adults are interested in attending camp as leaders, please indicate on the Camp Questionnaire.

Lastly, we encourage families to attend **Parents' Night**. The Friday evening festivities include a BBQ dinner, camp water carnival, camp awards ceremony, and the Order of the Arrow "Tap Out". You can bring your own tent, camp and eat with Troop 81 and enjoy some quality time with your son. More information is on the back of this letter. Please indicate on the Camp Questionnaire if you plan to attend.

John Benavides

BSA Troop 81

Parents' Night

Troop 81 encourages parents to attend summer camp with their son. We'd like adults to attend the whole week, but even a night or two can be beneficial to your son and the troop. At the least, try to attend the last night, Parents' Night. All family members are welcome. (No pets, please.) Please indicate on the Adult Questionnaire how many family members will attend dinner and activities Friday night and how many will stay and camp for the night.

Wear clothes and shoes that are suitable for walking. Visitors may want to bring a lightweight, folding lawn chair.

Cost

There is no entrance fee or camping fee on Parents' Night. The cost for dinner will be \$6 per person, payable at the door. Reservations are requested to ensure the camp prepares enough food.

Arrival

The boys have free time on Friday afternoon. Parents are welcome any time. D/FW traffic is quite congested late Friday afternoon, so an early start lets you spend more time with your son and less in traffic. Cars must be parked in the lot near the headquarters. Troop 81's campsite is Indian Mound (*A new campsite for this year.*)

Please check in at the camp office when you arrive.

Events

Afternoon: Tour camp with your son

6:20 PM: Flag Lowering

6:30 PM: Dinner – buffet style in the dining facility

7:15 PM: Waterfront Activities ("blob" show by staff, regatta and volleyball, raft race with rafts that the boys built, aquatics relay race)

8:30 – 10:00 PM: Order of the Arrow "tap out" ceremony (optional).

Staying the Night

We encourage parents to camp with the boys on Friday night. Camp Constantin allows adults to pitch a tent in the Troop 81 campsite, space permitting. Upon arrival, if you are directed to another location, please talk to the Troop 81 camp master before pitching your tent.

Taking Boys Home Early

Troop 81 discourages Scouts leaving camp Friday night or early Saturday morning with their parents. The camp is a troop event, and the boys must stay together as a troop.

There is merit badge record keeping that must be completed Friday evening and approximately 2 hours of campsite take-down and clean-up on Saturday morning. It is not fair for a boy to leave this work to the others in the troop and leave early.

Departure from Camp

Troop 81 tries to get away from camp as soon as possible, with departure time from 10 ~ 11 AM. Scouts will not be dismissed from camp until all Scouts are dismissed. Even if a boy rides home with his parents, the final dismissal of the Scout will be at RBFC. We need to see your son back at RBFC to ensure he made it home safely. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Campout Cost Sheet

(Complete and hand out two meetings prior to the campout.)

TROOP EXPENSES

a.	\$0.25 per mile	X	250	miles	X	9	cars	=	\$563
b.	\$0.345 per mile	X	250	miles	X	1	trailers	=	\$86
c.	_____ site usage fee							=	\$0
d.	_____ parking fee	X	_____	cars	X	_____	days	=	\$0
e.	_____ activity fees	X	_____	adults	X	_____	days	=	\$0
Sum of Troop Expenses								=	\$649
(add a through e)									

FEES PER SCOUT

g.	\$649	divided by	34	=	\$20
	sum of troop expenses		estimated # Scouts		
h.	Camp activity fees per Scout (registration, equipment rental, etc.)			=	\$175
i.	Other fees (awards, patches, miscellaneous supplies, etc.)			=	\$5
j.	Cost per Scout payable to Troop Treasurer			=	\$200
	(add g through i)				

ADDITIONAL FEES (PAID SEPARATELY)

j.	Grubmaster (cost will vary by patrol)	=	\$0
k.	Other (specify) _____	=	\$0

The "Cost per Scout payable to Troop Treasurer" can be paid by check made out to Troop 81 or by Scout Account Withdrawal slip. Grubmaster money needs to be paid in cash to the patrol grubmaster. All fees are due the Monday prior to the campout.

Scout Account Withdrawal Slip

Scout name (print legibly): _____
 Patrol: _____
 Reason for withdrawal: _____
 Withdrawal amount: \$ _____

Troop 81 Summer Camp Adult Questionnaire

Adult Campers: Dads and Moms are encouraged to spend the week at camp with their son. Please indicate below which nights you plan to camp with Troop 81:

Name of adult	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Visitors'/Parents' Night: Parents and guests are encouraged to attend camp Friday night. Festivities begin with dinner at 6:20 PM. Cost of the meal is \$6.00 per guest, payable at the door. The Water Carnival, Awards Ceremony, and Order of the Arrow "Tap-Out" ceremony will follow dinner. Families may camp in their own tents. Tents may be pitched in the Troop 81 site, space permitting.

Wear clothes and shoes that are suitable for walking. Bring a lightweight folding lawn chair. No pets are allowed in camp.

To better prepare for guests, Constantin requires that dinner and camping reservations be made prior to camp. Please indicate below if you plan to attend Visitors/Parents' Night Friday, July 14.

Family Name: _____
 Number of dinner reservations: _____ Count guests only. Do not count Scouts
 Number of guests camping: _____ or adults in camp the entire week.

Driver Sign-up

Please return this form, whether or not you can drive Scouts to or from Summer Camp:

Driver's Name: _____

Number of seat belts available **to** camp (including driver) on July 9th: _____
 Number of seat belts available home **from** camp (including driver) July 15th: _____

Can you pull one of the troop trailers? ___ Yes ___ No

Driver's License Number: _____

Year/make/model of vehicle: _____

Vehicle License Number: _____

Liability Insurance: ___ Yes ___ No

SCOUT


CLASS SELECTION GUIDE



(ARRANGED BY LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY)

Levels are based on the requirements for the merit badges, and/or rank completion requirements. No two Scouts are the same, each should select based on his interest and ability. If a Scout can excel, has the interest and ability, meets the requirements, you may consider moving a badge up. Scouts should avoid taking too many to afford a better chance of completion. His summer camp experience should be fun and enjoyable. See the approved merit badge list in the Advancement Section. This list is based on the requirements and input from Scoutmaster, Council Advancement Committee and Scouters with years of experience.

<p>Level 1: (Recommended for 6th Graders or 1st year at camp)</p> <p>Basketry Fishing Leatherwork Woodcarving Indian Lore Swimming Program - First Year Camper</p> <p>Level 2:(Recommended for 7th graders or 2nd year at camp) (Any Level 1 badges plus:) Archery</p> <p>Backpacking Bird Study Camping Canoeing First-Aid Fish & Wildlife Management Forestry Geology Hiking Mammal Study Oceanography Reptiles & Amphibians Rifle Shooting Rowing Wilderness Survival</p>	<p>Level 3: (Recommended for 8th graders or 3rd year at camp)</p> <p>(Any Level 1 and 2 badges plus:)</p> <p>Emergency Preparedness Environmental Science Lifesaving Motor boating Nature Orienteering Pioneering Shotgun Shooting Small Boat Sailing Waterskiing</p> <p>Level 4: (Recommended for 9th graders or 4th year at camp and beyond)</p> <p>(Any level 1, 2, 3 plus)</p> <p>BSA Lifeguard Water Odyssey Advance Sailing</p>
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Additional Program Information can be found at: <http://www.circle10camps.org/>

 Merit Badge	  Comments	C O N S T A N T I N
Archery	Limited session size due to equipment and range safety.	X
Astronomy	Partial only Req. # 8 and 5 require additional time.	X
Backpacking	Partial only - New for 2006	X
Basketry	Additional \$\$\$ required to purchase supplies	X
Bird Study	New for 2006	X
Camping	Partial only - Req.# 9 completed at troop level. Req.# 8 on overnigher	X
Canoeing	BSA swimmer requires additional practice time.	X
Emergency Prep.	Partial only - Req. 8 cannot be completed at camp. Confirmation by Scoutmaster that Scout has Req. 1 - First Aid merit badge required prior to start.	X
Env. Science	Req.#3e best done at home and brought to camp. 3f (2) needs to be done and brought to camp. Bring a 2-liter bottle for Req.# 4. Req.#5 requires additional time. Need notebook and pencil/pen.	X
First Aid	Requirement #1 Satisfy your counselor that you have current knowledge of all first-aid requirements required for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks before continuing with the requirements.	X
Fish & Wildlife Mgt.	Partial only - Req. 5 cannot be completed at camp. Need paper and pencil.	X
Fishing	Must bring own fishing tackle.	X
Geology	Addition \$\$\$ required.	X
Hiking	New for 2006	
Indian Lore	Additional \$\$\$ required to purchase supplies	X
Leatherwork	Additional \$\$\$ required to purchase supplies.	X
Lifesaving	Req.# 1 Before doing requirements 2-15: a.) Complete Second Class Req. 7a-7c and First Class Req. 9a. Provide confirmation of completion from Scoutmaster prior to starting or demonstrate the requirements to your counselor before continuing.	X
Mammal Study	Requires additional time. Need notebook and pencil.	X
Motor Boating	BSA swimmer, limited session size* due to equipment and boat safety. Recommend older Scouts. See	X
Nature	Partial only - Requirement 5 cannot be completed at camp.	X

 Merit Badge	 Comments	C O N S T A N T I N
Orienteering	<i>Partial only</i> - Requirement 10 must be done at the troop level.	X
Oceanography	<i>Partial only- New for 2006</i>	
Pioneering	Two-hour session.	X
Reptile Study	<i>Partial only</i> - Requirement 8 cannot be completed at camp	X
Rifle Shooting	Additional \$\$\$ required. Recommend older Scouts.	X
Rowing	BSA swimmer requires additional time.	X
Sculpture	Additional \$\$\$ may be required.	X
Shotgun Shooting	Additional \$\$\$ required. Recommend older Scouts.	X
Small Boat Sailing	BSA swimmer, limited session size due to equipment.	X
Swimming* <small>* 2003 Requirements</small>	Req.#3 Before doing Requirements 4- successfully complete Second Class Req. 7a-7c and First Class Req. 9a. Provide verification of completion prior to starting or demonstrate successfully to your counselor before continuing.	X
Waterskiing	BSA swimmer, limited session size due to equipment.	X
Weather	<i>Partial only</i> Req.#8 must be started on Sunday; Req.#9 completed on Unit level.	X
Wilderness Survival	Requirement #5, survival kit, need to bring to camp for credit. Overnighter required.	X
Woodcarving	Additional \$\$\$ required for supplies.	X

Other Programs: (excerpts from the *Camp Constantin Program Guide* at <http://www.circle10camps.org>)

BRAZOS BUCCANEER PROGRAM
 (Camp Constantin's Trail to First Class)

Arrggh Matie, this program is intended for your first year Scouts. Monday the groups will start in the Buccaneer area where they will be split into patrols with a Life or Eagle Scout as a patrol guide. This patrol guide will expose them to basic Scout skills; the patrol method will be emphasized. Our staff will provide adequate structure and supervision to your Scouts giving them a head start into mainstream Scouting.

At the start of the week, each boy will be given a hiking staff that he should keep with him all week. This staff will be the basis of many of the skills he will learn. On this staff, he will keep, in the form of beads, a record of what he has accomplished during the week. We believe that instant recognition is a valuable tool, especially to boys in this age range, and their staff will help them display the achievements they have earned.

There are several criteria that are suggested before a boy enters the Buccaneer program. First of all, age plays an important role. Experience has proven that boys older than 13 or 14 generally benefit less from this program. Another consideration to be made prior to enrolling in the Buccaneer program is the time that the boy has actually been in Scouting. This program was designed primarily for those who have been in boy Scouts less than 6 months.

The Buccaneer program lasts the duration of the week, from 9 AM to 4 PM each day, and includes a wide variety of games, activities, and lessons. During this time, your Scouts will also have opportunities to earn several merit badges, in sessions taught specifically to First Year Campers. All of the activities and events promote great Scouting spirit, as well as a great sense of accomplishment.

We know that many boys and parents expect summer camp to be an opportunity to earn merit badges. Although our program is an all day program, we have built into it the teaching of several "first year" merit badges. We will teach, to classes made up of only first year camper patrols, swimming, basketry, and leatherwork. For the supplies used, we do charge and **extra \$10** for all kids taking the first year camper program.

No rank requirements will be signed off in the Buccaneer program. At the start of the week, all boys will be given a "passport" that lists all of the sessions that will be taught. The Scoutmasters will be given a guide to let them know which requirements are taught with each session. It is the Scoutmasters' responsibility to go over these skills with the Scout and decide if advancement requirements have been met.

There is one event that will take place in the Buccaneer program that will truly help your boys grow as Scouts. It is the hike and overnighter at Johnson's Peak. This event occurs on Wednesday and will be a challenge for your Scouts. This will help in the development of their team building skills. Any Scouts that are scheduled as table waiters on this day need to be reassigned. A pocketknife, poncho, flashlight, canteen full of water, bedroll, or sleeping bag is essential for this overnighter. All should be placed in a small pack. Appropriate hiking shoes will be necessary. Scoutmasters must inform the area director and the boy's individual staff leader of participants that require medication prior to departure.

MILE SWIM

Camp Constantin/Jack Furst Aquatic Base offers the Mile Swim on Friday afternoon. Candidates for the Mile Swim should be strong and experienced swimmers and Mile Swim warm-ups must be successfully completed before the Mile Swim is attempted. To help with this, the participants must enroll in the Mile Swim just like any other merit badge. Please make sure your Scouts attend the class so they can get their practice.

WATER ODYSSEY

The Water Odyssey is a camp program designed for older Scouts who have most of the Merit Badges offered at camp. Each day the Odyssey crew will experience a different adventure on the cool waters. The crew will have a jam-packed week, which includes team-building, sailing, water-skiing, tubing and private blobbing. Boys in this program will also have opportunities to camp, as a group, away from their Troop a couple of times during the week. A crew will consist of 6 Scouts, 1 adult and 1 camp staff member. We have the capacity to run multiple crews as needed. The crew is open to Scouts who are 16 to 18 years of age and are Eagle Scouts. Crew participants should not sign up for any merit badge classes. A different leader may fill the adult slot each day. The adult must be at least 21 years old and a registered leader who has taken Youth Protection Training. **All participants must pass the Swimmer test.** The Scouts wanting to participate will be required to sign up before coming to camp. **There is an additional cost of \$30.00 per Scout for this program to be paid at camp. The cost covers the additional expenses of this program.**

BSA LIFEGUARD

Candidates must be 14 years old and have rowing, canoeing, lifesaving swimming, and first aid merit badges or the equivalent skills. This is a strenuous program for both boys and adults wishing to complete certification as a lifeguard. Candidates must spend a considerable amount of time in training (up to 34 hours). They must attend both the morning and afternoon class sessions. Candidates must also lifeguard during open area times and evening activities on Tuesday, and Thursday.

2006 Camp Constantin Summer Camp Pre-Registration Form

Scout Name:

Phone Number:

Parents Name:

Day Phone Number:

Email Address

Program Area	09:00am	10:00am	11:00am	12:00pm	02:00pm	03:00pm	04:00pm
Merit Badge	09:50am	10:50am	11:50am	01:50pm	02:50pm	03:50pm	04:50pm
First Year Camper Area							
Brazos Buccaneers				Lunch	Morning Class Continued		
Handicraft Area							
Basketry / Leatherwork				Lunch			
Indian Lore				Lunch			
Sculpture				Lunch			
Woodcarving				Lunch			
Open Handicraft			OPEN	Lunch			OPEN
Lakefront Area							
Advanced Sailing				Lunch	Morning Class Continued		
Canoeing				Lunch			
Motor Boating				Lunch			
Rowing				Lunch			
Small Boat Sailing				Lunch			
Water Skiing				Lunch			
Water Odyssey				Lunch			
Open Boating				Lunch			OPEN
Nature Area							
Astronomy				Lunch			
Bird Study				Lunch			
Env Science				Lunch			
Fish & Wildlife				Lunch			
Fishing				Lunch			
Geology				Lunch			
Mammal Study				Lunch			
Nature				Lunch			
Oceanography				Lunch			
Reptile Study				Lunch			
Weather				Lunch			
Scout Skills Area							
Emergency Prep				Lunch			
First Aid				Lunch			
Camping				Lunch			
Hiking/Backpacking				Lunch			
Orienteering				Lunch			
Pioneering				Lunch			
Wilderness Survival				Lunch			
Shooting Sports Area							
Archery				Lunch			
Rifle				Lunch			
Shotgun				Lunch			
Open Archery				Lunch			OPEN
Open Rifle/Shotgun				Lunch			OPEN
Waterfront/Pool Area							
BSA Lifeguard				Lunch	Morning Class Continued		
Instructional Swim				Lunch			
Lifesaving				Lunch			
Mile Swim				Lunch			
Snorkeling				Lunch			
Swimming				Lunch			
Open Swim				Lunch			OPEN