

# 2012 LDS Camporee Troop Leaders Guide

## General

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the greater Houston area is happy to conduct its annual LDS Camporee for 11-13 year old Scouts. The camporee will occur at the Bovay Scout Ranch near Navasota, Texas on November 2-3, 2012. The theme this year is “**As Helaman’s Stripling Warriors, We Do Not Doubt**” (Alma 56:47-48) in remembrance of the 2,060 young men who put their lives on the line to protect their liberty with courage, strength, and obedience.

This guide has been assembled to assist leaders’ understanding of the camporee format and the preparations that need to be made before bringing youth to the camporee. Other information about the stake assignments can be found in the “Stake Leaders Guide” available at the camporee website.

At the camporee the youth will be organized into The Army of Helaman and will be split into 8 companies of approximately 75 boys each. Each company will rotate through 4 major events and then compete against other companies on Saturday afternoon (see a detailed agenda in Appendix A).

Stake adult leaders will run the events. The use of older Scouts (ages 14 and up) to help staff the stake’s assigned event is encouraged. These older Scouts need to register for the camporee with the troop they are camping, but they should not expect to compete with the younger boys. Most ward adult leaders will assist the companies to stay on task and on schedule.

## Location

Directions to the camp: [www.samhoustonbsa.org/my\\_files/map\\_to\\_bovay.pdf](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/my_files/map_to_bovay.pdf)

Map of Camp: [www.tiny.cc/bovaymap](http://www.tiny.cc/bovaymap)

## Cost

The cost of the Camporee is covered through an annual contribution by each stake in the metro region to a central fund administered by the Katy Stake. There will be no fee charged to participate in this Camporee.

## Transportation, Equipment and Meals

Each troop will be responsible for their own transportation, equipment, and food for Friday’s dinner and Saturday’s breakfast. The Saturday lunch will be provided by the Camporee. If you have an attendee that has special dietary needs the Troop should provide for them.

Provided that the BSA Sam Houston Area Council [Fire Policy](#) is closely followed, "small" ground (including charcoal) fires within defined campfire rings are permitted. You might want to bring

your own firewood, as well as a hose or buckets for proper fire safety. This will be a great chance to re-emphasize and re-teach common sense fire safety. Seize the moment! For most cooking, propane stoves will likely be your best bet. Other details and possible changes to the fire restrictions are on the “Current Fire Policy” link within the [Bovay Scout Ranch](http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/bovay.php) web page (<http://www.samhoustonbsa.org/bovay.php>).

## **Tour Permits and Leadership**

Scout units chartered by the Sam Houston Area Council do not need to submit their BSA [Tour and Activity Plan](#) (formerly known as a tour permit) to the council offices; however, the [Tour and Activity Plan](#) is an excellent tool that should be included in preparation for all activities, even those not requiring it. It guides the leader through itineraries, travel arrangements, two-deep leadership, supervision qualifications, and transportation.

Troops that are not chartered by the Sam Houston Area Council should complete their BSA *Tour and Activity Plan* [online](#) or [on paper](#) and submit it to their local council for approval. Each unit should insure that there is sufficient registered and trained adult leadership including Youth Protection and Hazardous Weather training. For any questions please refer to [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) ([www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx](http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS/toc.aspx)).

Given that Bovay Scout Ranch is “outside the local area” for most participating stakes, all troop leaders should also complete the church form [Activity Plan](#) ([lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/english/pdf/service/serving-in-the-church/young-men/activity-plan.pdf](http://lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/english/pdf/service/serving-in-the-church/young-men/activity-plan.pdf)) as directed in [Handbook 2, Section 13.6.24](#). This form is then submitted to the bishopric for review and approval. If required by the stake, this form should also be signed by a member of the Stake Presidency.

## **Registration**

Non-BSA registered participants are permitted to attend as guests. We also encourage Primary leaders and Bishoprics to attend. Female restroom and “staff dorm” facilities are available at the camp. Leaders wanting to attend only on Saturday are welcome but should be noted on the Camping Roster so we can be sure to arrange for sufficient food for the lunch meal on Saturday.

All attendees (adults, youth participants, and older youth staff) need to be registered to attend the camporee. Registrations can be submitted electronically by completing the Camping Roster (see Appendix B) and submitting as instructed at [www.lds-camporee.com](http://www.lds-camporee.com). Each troop should list all those attending and note if they are a) BSA registered leaders, b) Non-BSA registered adult visitors (like parents or Primary leaders), c) BSA registered youth - ages 11-13, d) non-BSA registered youth ages 11-13, or e) youth ages 14-18 that are serving as staff. We encourage early registration to make sure sufficient supplies and food is secured for all attendees.

## **Health Forms**

All participants including adults, youth and staff must have completed the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A and B ([http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/parts\\_ab.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/parts_ab.pdf)) within the

past year. This does not require a physical. [Parts A and B](#) provide a health history, parental/guardian informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement by the participant and parents/guardians. **Copies of these completed forms must be given to the Camporee Staff when the unit checks in** so they can be available to the first aid staff during the event. The forms will be returned to the unit when the Troop checks out.

### **Check-in**

Each troop will be required to check-in with a list of their attendees and copies of their Annual Health Records. Check-in will begin at 5 pm and will continue throughout the evening. Troops may be assigned to share a campsite. A detailed agenda (Appendix A) and a site map (Appendix B) for the Camporee will be given to each troop as they register.

### **Campsites and Safety**

- Communication, coordination and cooperation between the troops in each site needs to occur to provide consistent guidelines for behavior. Courtesy and LDS standards need to be followed at all times. Correction of behavior should be made in respectful tones and teaching by example should be followed by all adult and youth leaders. Each troop should conduct night-time prayers and then observe quiet time for personal prayers
- The church has published special guidelines for camping with 11-year-old scouts. See Section 6.2 of [Scouting and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints](http://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/english/pdf/scouting-handbook-2012.pdf?lang=eng) (<http://www.lds.org/bc/content/shared/content/english/pdf/scouting-handbook-2012.pdf?lang=eng>). Please be familiar with these guidelines and prepare for the 11-year-old scouts to participate within those guidelines.
- Young inexperienced campers with pocketknives are a recipe for accidents. Please train youth and adults about knife ([Totin' Chip](#)) safety prior to and stress it throughout the Camporee. If there is a concern that the boys (or adults) cannot control themselves with the knives, please kindly choose safety.
- We encourage each participant to carry his own cup (suggest clipped to a belt loop) during the day and to drink plenty of water. The camporee will provide water coolers at each station during the Saturday events and refill them during the day.
- There will be a manned first aid station near the registration site where assistance can be had in case of emergency.
- There will be a camp safety officer who will roam the camp periodically and assure safe practices. This officer should be obeyed in all cases.
- Be aware that there are plants that will sting and prick, as well as some ground-level poison ivy. Participants should wear closed-toe shoes for their own protection.

- All vehicles need to stay on pavement or in a designated gravel parking area. Do not drive on the grass (risk of fire and damage to grass). There is limited paved parking at each campsite. We encourage Troops to leave any trailers there and to park their excess vehicles in the paved parking at the end of the road or in front of the buildings in those general parking areas.
- All trash is to be taken to the dumpsters by the water tanks on the right side of the exit road.

**Check out:**

Anyone needing to leave camp early should check out with the camp staff so their departure can be noted. Most troops will leave as a group. When a troop vacates a campsite they should clean and then have it inspected by a designated representative from the Friendswood or Houston West Stake. Upon successful inspection the Inspector will give the troop leader a check out certificate. That certificate will be exchanged at the staff area (where check-in occurred) for the troop's health forms and Camporee patches.

**Feedback:**

Running the Camporee is a difficult assignment but we want to improve it each year. Feedback is encouraged but it's hard to keep track of that while at the Camporee. Please feel free to submit feedback through the website after the completion of the Camporee so we can make next year's Camporee even better.

## Appendix A

### 2012 LDS Camporee - Agenda “We Do Not Doubt” (Alma 56:47-48)

#### Friday, November 2, 2012

Beginning 5:00pm      Arrival and check-in  
8:00 – 9:00 pm      Opening Campfire by Stake  
9:30 – 10:00 pm      SPL Meeting – Cracker Barrel  
10:30 pm              Lights out – in bed

#### Saturday, November 3, 2012

7:00-8:00 am              Breakfast in camp sites by patrol  
8:00-8:25 am              Opening Assemblies & Flag Raisings by Stake

#### 9:00 – 9:50 am              Event Period 1

Antipus - Shepherd Sling (N)	Teancum - Archery (S)
Gid - Archery (N)	Teomner - Pugil Defense (S)
Cumeni - Pugil Defense (N)	Manti - Obstacle Course (S)
Judea - Obstacle Course (N)	Zarahemla - Shepherd Sling (S)

#### 10:00 – 10:50 am              Event Period 2

Antipus - Archery (N)	Teancum - Pugil Defense (S)
Gid - Pugil Defense (N)	Teomner - Obstacle Course (S)
Cumeni - Obstacle Course (N)	Manti - Shepherd Sling (S)
Judea - Shepherd Sling (N)	Zarahemla - Archery (S)

#### 11:00 – 11:50 am              Event Period 3

Antipus - Pugil Defense (N)	Teancum - Obstacle Course (S)
Gid - Obstacle Course (N)	Teomner - Shepherd Sling (S)
Cumeni - Shepherd Sling (N)	Manti - Archery (S)
Judea - Archery (N)	Zarahemla - Pugil Defense (S)

Noon to 12:50 pm              Lunch by Company (Provided by Camp)

#### 1:00-1:50 pm              Event Period 4

Antipus - Obstacle Course (N)	Teancum - Shepherd Sling (S)
Gid - Shepherd Sling (N)	Teomner - Archery (S)
Cumeni - Archery (N)	Manti - Pugil Defense (S)
Judea - Pugil Defense (N)	Zarahemla - Obstacle Course (S)

2:15-3:30 pm              Company Competitions  
3:30-4:00 pm              Closing Ceremony at Flag Poles  
4:00-5:00 pm              Cleanup, pack, campsite inspections, checkout and leave camp

## **Appendix B**

**(To be Distributed at Crackerbarrel, Friday 10:pm)**

## **Appendix C**

**Bovay Scout Ranch Camping Roster  
LDS Regional Camporee – November 2-3, 2012**

**Leader Contact Information:**

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Phone 1:</b>	
<b>Phone 2:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>	

*Sample for off-line use – Note that actual submission is to be via spreadsheet (.xls) file.*

					Enter X in Appropriate Column for Each Person				
	Stake	Troop Number	Participant Name	Camping Overnight (X = Yes)	BSA Registered Adult	Adult Guest	BSA Registered Scout (Age 11-13)	Youth Guest (Age 11-13)	Youth Staff (Age 14-18)
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