

Troop 1377

2005 El Rancho Cima Summer Camp Information and Gear List

Keep checking www.troop1377.net for more info.

Where is El Rancho Cima?

On the Blanco River, 12 miles west of San Marcos on State Hwy 12. Turn left on Hwy 32 at the intersection to Wimberley. Stone gate is on the right for El Rancho Cima Boy Scout Ranch.

Time and Place

Leave: Sunday, June 12, 2005, Troop assembly in the Sears parking lot on Kingwood Drive at 7:00 a.m. *SHARP*. Leave Kingwood at 8:00 to arrive at El Rancho Cima no later than 1:00 p.m. PLEASE BRING A SACK LUNCH AS WE WILL STOP FOR LUNCH AT A ROADSIDE PARK. TROOP WILL SUPPLY DRINKS.

Return: Saturday, June 18, 2005 at Kingwood United Methodist Church at 5:00 p.m.

Mail

It takes 2 to 4 days for mail to reach us from Houston and about 5 days from Kingwood.

(Your Scout's Name)
Troop 1377 – Campsite 1
Cockrell River Camp
5800 Ranch Road 32
Fisher, Texas 78623

Emergency Only phone number: 512-847-2572

Early Pick-ups from Camp

Early departure from summer camp by individual scouts creates scheduling problems. We will go to camp and return from camp as a group. We cannot release scouts from camp without prior written approval from parents except in an emergency. Please do not plan for your son to come home early unless you make arrangements with the scoutmaster prior to leaving Kingwood for CIMA.

Whom to call if you need Help

First off, don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. Youth should call their Patrol Leader first, and then if necessary their Troop Guide, and lastly the Senior Patrol Leader. Parents are welcome and encouraged to speak to Patrol Leaders but should they have questions or concerns beyond the Patrol Leader, please feel free to talk with the Scoutmaster or any of the Assistant Scoutmasters

Medical Exam and Release to Treat

All Troop 1377 Scouts must have their Class 1 medical form updated yearly, and a Class 2 physical completed and signed within 3 years. Adult Scouters are reminded that for adults over 40 years of age, the Class 3 physical exam needs to be redone yearly. For adults less than 40 years of age use the same forms as the boys. In addition, everyone must have a Troop Permission to Treat form completed and signed, listing alternate contacts. Parents who have youth with daily medication must give all medication and instructions to our Health Director, Mike Beathard or his designee. Please use the official medication form from BSA, available on the troop's website under "Forms and Documents."

Camp Programs

Summer camp provides fun activities and exciting adventures for your son, his patrol, and troop. Summer camp is a great place to concentrate on advancement as well as a perfect setting to fulfill requirements and advancement in rank. While providing numerous activities and free time, summer camp also offers opportunity to reach personal goals. The camping environment allows the opportunity for patrols to set goals for themselves.

The Troop benefits greatly from our summer camp experience. All the boys work together and produce a great sense of pride and accomplishment for the Troop. This team spirit is increased by the many opportunities the troop has to achieve. While being successful in the many challenges we face, we still learn more about ourselves.

Some of the many activities offered at summer camp are swimming, fishing, canoeing, woodcarving, pioneering, cooking, orienteering, hiking, backpacking, rope work, nature, conservation, and almost all of the other scout craft skills. In addition, there is constant troop and patrol competition.

Advancement Opportunities

Summer camp is an ideal setting for rank advancement. Merit badges are offered by the El Rancho Cima camp staff, and within our own unit. Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review are also offered in camp.

Merit Badges

Most merit badges are offered as a 4 or 5 day course, similar to a classroom type schedule. A complete schedule for each scout will be prepared prior to the beginning of the week.

Scheduling

Experience tells us that normal load for merit badges for the week is three (3). This amount can be expanded, but at the expense of free time and many other troop activities planned in the afternoon hours. Scouts are encouraged to leave some free time in their schedule so they may take part in activities with the troop.

OA Members

Don't forget your sash and your "cheerful, helpful spirit"

What NOT to Take

Since we are taking such a large number of scouts to camp, Troop 1377 must set guidelines for personal gear. Cot rental is included in our fee and provided by the camp. We do not have room for personal cots. Sheath Knives or other long knives are not permitted at any Scout event in accordance with Troop 1377 Committee policy. The only fire starters allowed are matches, (no cigarette lighters permitted). No fireworks, flammable liquids or aerosol sprays (including insect repellent). Radios or other electronic gear are not part of camp and are not allowed off the bus. Electronic devices will be picked up. *This includes cell phones.* Please make sure your son understands.

Parents Summer Camp Visitors Night

Wednesdays and Fridays are scheduled VISITOR DAYS. Wednesday evening is the OA ceremony. Friday night is the bonfire. Those visiting camp and wishing to eat with us, need to make arrangements with the Scoutmaster prior to leaving Kingwood. Meal costs are \$5.00 per adult, youth under 6 are free.

Adult Scouters

All adult Scouters will be required to have full Class A uniform and stay at the campsite with everyone else. Please let Greg Elliott know how many days you will be in camp with us. Your participation/cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Parents Summer Camp Meeting Night

The parent's night this year will be held on May 16, 2005 at 7:00p.m. All parents are encouraged to attend. We can answer all your questions.

Court of Honor

Your youth leaders have decided to have our Summer Court of Honor in August this year. More information will be provided later.

Camp Fees

Total camp fee is **\$183.00**, which includes council cot rental. A \$25.00 deposit is due at signup. All fees are due in full by May 16, 2005. Please see the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster for special arrangements, or for matters that require confidentiality or personal attention.

PERSONAL GEAR LIST

CLOTHING ITEMS

Scout Uniform – Class A
Troop Hat
Two (2) Pair Scout Socks
Two (2) Yellow Troop T Shirts
Sweater or Jacket
Poncho or Rain Gear
Rugged Pants
Underwear – 4 pair min.
Comfortable Shorts and T-shirts
Swim Suit
Hiking Boots and socks
Comfortable Shoes for in Camp
No Sandals or Open Toe Shoes

CAMPING GEAR

50 feet nylon cord
Sleeping Bag or Bedroll w/ Blanket
Ground Cloth or Garbage Bag
Duffle Bag
Canteen or Water Bottle (1 qt. minimum)
Insect repellent (no aerosol sprays)
P.J.'s / Pillow
Compass

CAMP NECESSITIES

Flashlight/Extra Batteries
Pocket Knife w/ locking blade
Plastic or Metal Cup – (Sierra or Rocky)
Personal first aid kit

OA CANDIDATES ONLY

Backpack and extra canteen
Work Gloves, recommend leather
Sleeping bag
Ground Cloth

TOILET KIT

Tooth Brush
Tooth Paste
Soap (liquid works best)
Bath Towel
Swimming Towel
Comb/Brush
Unbreakable mirror
Deodorant
Sun Block
Bandana or Wash Cloth
Shaving Gear
Laundry Bag
Hangers for Uniform

SUGGESTED EXTRAS

Bible or Prayer book
Camera/Film
Sports Equipment
Day Pack or Book Bag
Spending Money –
\$10.00 for meal on way home
\$15-\$20 spending money for Trading Post

ADVANCEMENT ITEMS

Scout Handbook
Note Book, Pencils, Paper
Money for merit badge expense,
(handicraft kits, shotgun & rifle range fees)

Note: *ALL* personal items should be permanently marked with your name.
Use a laundry marker for clothing and scribe your initials in pocket knives, compass, etc,

Have a GREAT Summer Camp.
If you have questions, please call me.
Greg Elliott 281-358-5434