

Camp M. K. Brown
44 years of Camping



2012 Leader's Guide
to summer camp



Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America



Welcome to Summer Camp at Camp M. K. Brown!

Since 1968, Boy Scouts and adult volunteers have been traveling to *Camp M.K. Brown* to enjoy Scouting in the Texas Panhandle. Our gates will be open again this summer to Scouts from across the Golden Spread Council, and the south-central and southwestern United States. Our mission has always been to provide quality Scouting instruction and programs, in a wholesome outdoor setting, to young boys as they prepare to become young men.

Planning now will help you and your Scouts have an even better time at summer camp, this year. Please review this *Leader's Guide*, as there have been some significant changes made for this year. We encourage you to make this year's summer camp, at *M.K. Brown*, available to every boy in your unit. Partial camperships are available to in-council Scouts whose families need assistance. Applications for these camperships are available at the Golden Spread Council Service Center.

Thank you, for entrusting your troop's Summer Camp experience to us. Also, thank you for taking the time to build your young boys into young men through the Scouting program. For most Scouts, summer camp is the highlight of their year's Scouting experience.

On behalf of the Golden Spread Council and the *Camp M.K. Brown* summer camp Staff, we look forward to seeing you this summer, having a great time, and delivering a GREAT program to you and your boys!

Good Scouting!

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Health and Medical Forms, Campership Forms, and Camp Maps are available
through the Council Service Center or online at www.goldenspread.org.

2012 Campsites and Availability

As of this printing, all Campsites are available to reserve (12/15/11)

This chart shows the campsites available at Camp M. K. Brown. Please see page 21 for map of the camp and campsite locations. Use this chart to determine which campsite your troop would prefer. **Select your first and second choices on the Camp Registration form. Selections will be based upon availability.**

	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3
Campsites	Jun 17-23	Jun 24-Jun 30	Jul 1-7
Rocking A			
Bar B			
Box C			
Tumbling D			
Circle E			
F Over Bar			
Bar H Bar			
Box O			
Sleepy S			
T Bar			
Flying V			
Upper Y			
Diamond Y			

Reminder that each troop must provide their own dining flies and tents.

Camp Reservations

Please mail/deliver a \$100 deposit per unit with your reservation form which can be found on page 25.

Youth Camp Fees

In Council Scout- \$210/Scout (\$190 if paid in full by May 18)

Out of Council Scout- \$230/Scout (\$210 if paid in full by May 18)

NOTE: If the Scout is registering for the new “**Western Heritage Program**” (program for older Scouts age 14- 17), that fee is \$205 per week for in council Scouts and \$225 per week for out of council Scouts. This fee includes the entire week at Camp MK Brown inclusive of this program!

Registration for this program is completed online at www.goldenspread.org. **This is a separate registration from those you submit to the office with the other members of your Troop.** Registration for this program ends on May 18th unless space is still available. Fees are made at the Scout Service Center.

The first 20 Scouts (per session) who are registered AND paid in full within 5 days of registering online will be guaranteed a slot.

Adult Leader Camp Fees

In Council Leader- \$150 (\$130 if paid in full by May 18)

Out of Council Leader - \$170 (\$150 if paid in full by May 18)

All fees should be hand delivered/mailed to:

Golden Spread Council, BSA
401 Tascosa Rd.
Amarillo, TX 79124

Camp T-Shirts

Camp t-shirts are pre-ordered/pre-paid on-line at www.goldenspread.org. Cost this year is \$9.95 (extra for certain sizes). Shirts ordered on-line will be delivered to you at check-in and will not only have our great design but your Troop number as well! A limited amount of T-shirts will be available at the Camp Trading Post for \$12.95 but **will not** be customized to your unit and your size may not be available. Payment is made by single credit card only at time of order. No individual Scout orders are accepted. Minimum of six shirts must be ordered and there is an additional \$4.95 unit handling fee. Keep that in mind when collecting money from your parents for their Scouts T-shirt!. Again, why not get your Troop number printed on the shirt versus not having it and paying \$3 more at the Camp Trading Post????!!!!!!

Refund Policy

Individuals or groups that cancel a reservation at least 30 days prior to the date of the event will receive a refund of fees paid, less a 15% administrative charge and any expenses already incurred for the participant or group. After 30 days, the Council Refund policy will be in effect. That policy can be reviewed at www.goldenspread.org. Transferring fees from one person to another within the same unit for the same program is permissible. The council shall be notified in writing of any such transfers.

Attention Scoutmasters!

No Scout from the Golden Spread Council should ever be denied the opportunity to attend a Scouting outdoor experience. There are many ways for a Scout to get to camp, even if his troop is not going to summer camp or if his family does not have the financial ability.

Scoutmaster Training

We will offer Scoutmaster Training if we have qualified instructors on site during the week you attend camp. Training supplies will be available should instructors become available. We will give you more information at the Scoutmaster meeting on Sunday evening.

Camperships

Campership's are available for those in need. Applications can be found on the Council Web Site and in the office.

All campership requests are subject to review by the Council Camping Committee, the Council may award up to one-half (1/2) of the camp fee.

The application must be fully completed before it will be considered by the camping committee.

Application must be received in the Council Service Center by **May 4th, 2012**.

Mail to: Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America
Attn: Council Camping Committee
401 Tascosa Road
Amarillo, Texas 79124

Camper Insurance

All Golden Spread Council units are covered with Accident and Sickness Insurance, by our Council plan. All out of Council units must provide proof of coverage of accident and sickness insurance.

A copy of your certificate of insurance and necessary information for processing a claim (policy number, certificate number or ID number, and the insurance billing information, including address and a *First Notice of Claim* form, if required) must be on file before your troop will be allowed to camp. This allows the Camp Staff to arrange medical assistance quickly for any Scout or leader, if needed.

If your troop does not have insurance, please contact your local Council. A National policy is available at a minimal fee.



Camp General Information, Policies & Procedures

Visitors

All visitors entering or leaving camp **MUST** sign in or out at the Camp Office. Visiting adults are always welcome. It is highly recommended that families of campers and leaders attend Friday night; Visitors Night. **We strongly discourage** Scouts from leaving during the week to attend other activities. All overnight visitors must have current Youth Protection Training and have a computer printout from the Scout Office showing this information.

Camp Dress

The BSA Field Uniform (AKA Class "A") is required for evening flag ceremonies, evening meals, all formal occasions, and campfires. Comfortable clothing should be worn during the day. It is suggested and encouraged that Scout shorts, socks, and camp t-shirt be worn during the day.

No camouflage clothing, military BDU's, or clothing promoting or advertising tobacco or alcohol products will be allowed. In the Dining Hall, shoes, pants or shorts, and a shirt are required. Hats will be removed while in the Dining Hall. Swim wear is prohibited in the Dining Hall by State and Local Health Codes. Sandals are not recommended at camp due to the large number of thorns and hazardous rock areas.

Remember to order your MK Brown T-shirts (see page 20) by the due date. T-shirts may be available at the Camp Trading Post for \$12.95 each (no guarantee your size will be available) so order on-line for the best deal!

Telephone

The phone in the office is for camp business. The M.K. Brown number is: 806-826-1024.

Mail Service

Mail delivery and pick-up is made daily. All mail to campers must be addressed with the name and unit number.

For example: **Scout's Name**
Troop #
Camp M.K. Brown
8425 FM 3182
Mobeetie, Texas 79061



*To allow for delivery time, we suggest parents send mail early in the week;
mail nothing after Wednesday.*

Electronic Items

Summer Camp is an outdoor experience. Personal electronic devices such as cell phones, laptop computers, electronic games, Gameboys, or portable music players are not to be brought to camp by Scouts. For security reasons, please lock up all valuables when away from your Troop's campsite.

Dining Hall and Kitchen

Quality food service is a priority at Camp M.K. Brown. Our goal is to provide you with nutritious food, skillfully prepared. Please give us your feedback during the week, so we can improve our service.

If you have special dietary needs, please contact us **BEFORE** camp. We will do our best to accommodate you. The Dining Hall and kitchen areas are very busy, and only authorized staff are allowed in the kitchen. We request that all leaders help us enforce this. If you need anything, please contact the Camp Director.

Two Deep Leadership & Youth Protection

The policy of the BSA is that at least 2 registered adult leaders, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required to be on site at all times for summer camp. Each unit needs to determine whether they need more than 2 leaders (depending on the size and skill level of their youth). All leadership changes **MUST** be noted daily at the camp administration office.

All leaders (anyone staying overnight) must present proof of BSA registration and completion of Youth Protection Training, during Check-in. This is a requirement by the state of Texas. We cannot accept a Training Completion Card (Pocket Card) as proof of completion; it must be the certificate of completion from the on-line training site or a "Person Profile" report attainable from your council office. Please contact the Council Office with any questions or concerns you may have.

Senior Patrol Leaders Council

Every troop's Senior Patrol Leader is a member of this council, which will meet every day with the Camp Director, at breakfast. At these meetings we will cover details concerning camp programs, activities and information for your troop. Your troop might be left in the dark if your Senior Patrol Leader fails to attend these meetings or fails to take good notes and report to the Troop. If your Troop's Senior Patrol Leader is unable to attend camp, your Troop should select a temporary camp Senior Patrol Leader.

Campsite Facilities

Campsites are equipped with a fire ring, a latrine or porta-potti nearby, a washstand with running water, and most have a shelter over your tables. Hot showers are available for scouts and leaders at the remote shower houses at M. K. Brown. The central showerhouse facility should be used only by Adults and only if necessary.

Trading Post

We are here to serve you! Scouts and leaders will find that handicraft items, camp souvenirs, supplies, t-shirts and treats are available. As a guideline, the average dollar amount spent in the trading post last year was \$50.00. You may wish to inform the parents of your scouts that additional funds may be necessary for travel, craft items, and/or the trading post.

Health Policy

Camp M.K. Brown has a fully equipped health lodge, under the supervision of qualified personnel. Emergency treatment is available 24 hours a day.

Scout and Leader Medical Forms

A **copy** must be presented for each scout and leader upon arrival. The Medical Forms are available on www.goldenspread.org in the forms and camping section. **All adult visitors wishing to spend the night must comply with these requirements as well.**

Medical Rechecks

Medical rechecks will be performed on all scouts and leaders at check-in, by the camp health officer. Leaders can help speed up this process by collecting all forms and ensuring that all forms have the required signatures before departing for camp. **No one** will be allowed to stay overnight at camp if these forms are not complete. There are **no** facilities or medical personnel available to complete physicals at camp.



Prescription Medications at Camp

From the 2012 BSA National Camp standard # M-20*:

“all prescription drugs (including those needing re Fridgeration) are to be kept locked in storage in the health lodge. An exception may be made for a limited amount of medication to be carried by a camper, leader, parent, or staff member for life threatening conditions, including bee-sting or heart medication, and inhalers, or for a limited amount of medication approved for use in a first aid kit”

*this is a mandatory national BSA policy

Please contact the camp director **before** camp if you foresee a problem with this policy.

Prescription drugs must be in original container and must have been prescribed for the person taking them.

Pre-counted daily pill boxes with an assortment of pills may seem like a great idea to save time, but our medical personnel have to know exactly what each camper is taking.

Medication forms are available on our website at www.goldenpsread.org in the forms and/or camping sections. All Scouts and Leaders who take medications are required to submit this form to the Health Officer upon arrival at camp.



Safety Policies & Procedures

Although the Scout Oath and Law are the only rules that a Scout camp should need, we have a few additional policies to ensure the safety of all Scouts at camp. For the safety and enjoyment of all in camp, we will ask anyone failing to follow these policies to leave. Any questions or comments on these policies should be addressed before camp. Please call the Golden Spread Council Office at 806-358-6500.

Camp Departures

Scouts will not be allowed to leave camp with anyone other than their legal parent, or guardian, without the **signed** approval of their Scoutmaster/Unit Leader. Scoutmasters are advised not to allow Scouts to leave camp with someone other than their legal parent, or guardian, unless they have received prior approval from, and verify approval with, the legal parent or guardian.

Liquid Fuel & Fireworks

Fireworks are against National BSA policy and are NOT permitted at camp. The use of liquid fueled stoves is not allowed in the troop camp, but you may use propane fueled stoves. Liquid fueled lanterns are allowed, but they must be re-fueled and operated by an ADULT. Extra liquid fuel must be stored with the Camp Ranger, in the designated storage shed. The lantern must be taken to the Camp Ranger to be refueled.

Alcoholic Beverages & Drugs

Alcoholic beverages or drugs (other than prescribed by a doctor) are NOT allowed in camp. Violation of this policy will result in the offender's immediate removal from Camp M.K. Brown.

Ammunition & Firearms

Firearms, ammunition, and archery equipment will be provided in our program areas by the Council. Their use will be supervised by a qualified ADULT SHOOTING SPORTS DIRECTOR. No one may bring personal firearms, ammunition, or bows to camp. Any of these items brought to camp will be immediately locked up, for the duration of the camp week, and returned upon departure from camp, at the end of the week.

Sheath & Filet Knives

Do not bring these items to camp. If you do, they will be locked up and returned at the end of the week.

Pets & Guide Dogs

Pets are not permitted at camp. Guide dogs are permitted, based on documented medical need.

Food in Tents

Food in tents will attract unwanted visitors. Remember that skunks, raccoons, and rodents can carry disease, including plague, Hanta Virus and rabies.

Campfires

Campfires are restricted to designated fire rings and must be supervised by an adult at all times, fire bans permitting.

Automobiles & Trailers

There will be no riding outside of a vehicle's enclosed passenger compartments. This means no riding on trunks, hoods, fenders, or the "beds" of trucks, or trailers. **Doing so is against the BSA rules and is unsafe.** Seat belts must be worn at all times, by all persons.

Personal vehicles are allowed in our campsites for only two reasons:

1. To transport gear and trailers to campsites for set-up on Sunday afternoon
2. To retrieve gear and trailers from campsites on Saturday morning.

At all other times, all personal vehicles are to be parked in the Camp parking lot.

Smoking & Tobacco Products (including Chewing Tobacco and Snuff)

The use of any Tobacco product is only allowed in Privately Owned Vehicles. Smoking in tents/campsite or in/around any camp building/facility is not authorized. The Camp Director has the authority to remove you from Camp MK Brown property for failing to refrain from smoking in unauthorized areas.

As guides and mentors of youth, the use of all tobacco products should be restricted from view of our Scouts.

Water Bottles & Canteens

We request that all campers (Scouts and Adults) carry canteens, or water bottles, with them and to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water bottles will be for sale in the camp trading post, if your Scouts forget theirs. Please don't take dehydration and heat exhaustion lightly; the majority of our Health Lodge cases involve dehydration.

Wild Animals

These are common at M.K. Brown. Please do not handle or harm any of our wildlife. If you encounter any wildlife, such as a snake, do not kill it. Please notify a staff member and allow us to handle the situation. Camp M.K. Brown practices catch and release fishing.

Mountain Bikes

Personally owned bikes are allowed at camp. If bikes are brought to camp, they will be checked by troop adult leadership before arriving at camp, to ensure they are safe for use. A properly fitted helmet must be worn correctly, at all times, while riding the bicycle on camp property. Anyone operating a bike in a reckless or unsafe manner or without a helmet will have that privilege taken away.



Camp Arrival/Departure Information

The typical camp week

Your week begins with check-in on Sunday (1 p.m. – 4 p.m.) and ends with check out on Saturday (10 a.m.). Your first meal in camp will be Sunday supper and your last camp meal will be Saturday's Continental breakfast. We cannot welcome troops to our camp prior to 1 p.m. on the Sunday of their camp week.

(All LDS individuals and units are exempt from this check-in timeline but must call the Scout Office to discuss options.)

Sunday check-in procedures

1. Park your vehicle in the designated parking area, by the Administration Building.
2. A Troop guide will meet your Troop in the parking area. This staff member will show the Scouts and Leaders to their campsite, assist in completing the registration process, and be available to your troop all week long to answer questions and provide knowledge of the program and events.
3. Next, you will proceed to check-in at the Administration building. Once there, you will meet with the Camp and Program Directors. You will need to bring the following items with you at this time:
 - a. Completed camp roster of Scouts and Adults.
 - b. Receipts of camp fees paid to the Council Service Center.
 - c. Any balance of camp fees owed.
 - d. **COPIES** of Completed Medical Forms **SIGNED** by a licensed Physician and parents for each Scout in camp.
 - e. Proof of Troop Insurance Policy (if not from Golden Spread Council)
 - f. **All leaders (anyone staying overnight) must present proof of BSA registration and completion of Youth Protection Training.** You may bring a copy of a roster printed from the Council Office showing your charter date of at least the end of the camping week or the individual Membership Card showing an expiration date of at least to the end of the Camping week. See page 8 for more information.
4. After check-in the troop will proceed to your campsite and get ready for swim checks.
5. After Troop camp set up and medical and swim checks, the Camp Guide will give a tour of the Camp and Program areas.
6. Troop may spend its remaining time preparing their campsite.
7. At 6:15 p.m. Troops report to the flagpoles for flag retreat (please wear BSA Field Uniform (AKA Class "A" uniform).
8. At 6:20 p.m., flag retreat.
9. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday evening schedule

7:15 p.m.	Camp and Troop leaders Meeting at the Dining Hall
8:00 - 8:55 p.m.	Merit Badge Schedule Revisions in the Dining Hall
9:00 - 10:00 p.m.	Campfire
11:00 p.m.	Lights out; Camp quiet time

Saturday morning check out procedure

All troops must check out with the Camp Ranger before departing so he can inspect your area. At the camp leaders meeting, we will review our Saturday morning check-out procedures.

Entering or leaving camp during the week

In order to keep a COMPLETE roster of individuals in camp, all Scouts, leaders, guests, and staff MUST CHECK through the Camp Office whenever entering or leaving camp. We will have a sign in/out roster in the Camp Administration Building.

Visitor nights / visitor meals/ order of the arrow call out ceremony

Visitors: **Everyone** entering or leaving camp must sign in or out at the camp office. Visitors are welcome anytime during daylight hours. Visiting leaders are always welcome. It is highly recommended that camper's families come to visit on Friday, our Visitors Night. **Anyone planning on staying overnight must present proof of BSA registration and completion of Youth Protection Training.** See page 8 for more information.

Visitor meals cost \$5.00 per meal, per person. Meal tickets may be purchased in the Trading Post and MUST be purchased by 5:30 p.m., Friday.

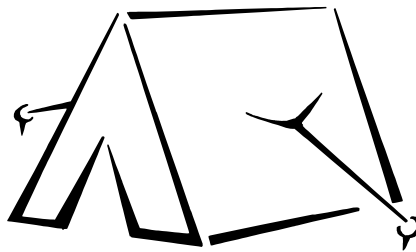
Our Friday evening Flag ceremonies and meal begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. Please have your visitors arrive before that time. Friday night will also be the evening that our Order of the Arrow Lodge conducts its "call-out" ceremony for new candidates, during our evening campfire.

If you would like further information on this ceremony, please contact scott.kilian@scouting.org or call 806-358-6500.

Visitor meal ticket reservations should be made when your troop checks in on Sunday.

Troop and Patrol Equipment Needed:

- ✓ Tents
- ✓ American flag
- ✓ Troop flag and Patrol flags
- ✓ First Aid Kit
- ✓ Scoutmaster Handbook
- ✓ Lanterns
- ✓ Insurance Policy and Claim Form
- ✓ Receipts for camp-fee payments
- ✓ Ice Chest & Water Cooler
- ✓ Propane stoves (early morning coffee!!!)
- ✓ Any other items that will help your troop during its stay at camp.



Scout's Personal what to Bring to Camp: (Checklist)

	X		Complete Scout Uniform (two recommended)
			Hiking Shoes, Tennis Shoes
			Extra Shirts, Shorts, Pants
			Six pairs of socks and underwear
	X		Sweater or light wind breaker
			Swim suit
		O	Personal Gear (soap, washcloth, 2 towels, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste)
		O	Sunscreen (SPF 20+ recommended)
			Sleeping bag or bed roll w/ small pillow
		O	One spiral notebook (8 ½ x 10) with pencils & pen – needed for all merit badges
	X	O	Merit Badge Pamphlets & Scout Handbook
		O	Canteen
			Sufficient Prescription Meds. For 7 days, in original bottle (see health policies)
			Postcards & stamps
	X	O	Flashlight w/ extra batteries
			Spending Money approx. \$50.00
	X	O	Rain gear
		O	Insect Repellent
			Bible or prayer book
	X		Watch
	X	O	Small pocket knife (No sheath knives)
		O	Camera & Film
	X	O	Compass
		O	Handicraft Kits

X = Available at the Scout Service Center (401 Tascosa Road, Amarillo)

O = Available at camp trading post

Make copies of this list and hand out to each of your scouts coming to camp.

Troop Timeline & Checklist

- Make your Camp Reservation by completing the form on page 25 and sending it and your \$100.00 troop reservation deposit to:
Boy Scout Summer Camp
Golden Spread Council, BSA
401 Tascosa Rd
Amarillo, TX 79124
- Review Summer Camp Plans with troop committee.
- Set parents information night. Brief parents on all items in this Leaders Guide.
- Recruit Webelos in February thru April.
- Hold parents night.
- Request an O.A. service team to present summer camp preview and information. This would also be a good time to hold O.A. elections.
- Arrange leadership for your troop. Two adult leaders minimum. Must stay in camp 24 hours a day.
- Work out budget plan for scouts to arrange summer camp payments to be correct and on time.
- Discuss personal equipment plans with scouts. Give a copy of the CHECKLIST to each scout.
- Order T-shirts on-line at www.goldenspread.org by May 16, 2012.
- Secure copies of completed medical forms and YPT information. Check troop leadership & equipment.
- Make full payment by deadline. (Full payment by May 18, 2012 results in a reduced fee)
- Arrange transportation and file troop Tour Permit.
- Recheck list before camp

2012 Boy Scout Camp Program Areas

We will provide an on-line version of the Program Guide that will have many more details about the Camp MK Brown program. Please look for this document on our web site at www.goldenspread.org on or before May 18, 2012

Below you will find our typical summer camp merit badge offerings. They are subject to change.

Aquatics:



Swimming The clothes inflation requirement necessitates the Scout bringing to camp a long-sleeve, button-up, close-woven shirt and pair of long pants (no sweats, recommend jeans). Must be classified as a “BSA swimmer”. This is not for non-swimmers or beginners.



Canoeing This badge is not for the new Scout or Tenderfoot who may not yet have the physical strength to complete some of the requirements. Must be classified as a “BSA swimmer”.



Lifesaving..... Complete requirement 1a before or after camp. Bring street clothes (long sleeve shirt, long pants, socks, shoes) to complete requirement 7 (e). Scouts must be classified as a “BSA Swimmer” before they can attempt this badge. Younger Scouts should not attempt this badge.



Motor Boating Scouts must be classified as a “BSA swimmer” and be 13 years of age before attempting this merit badge. A \$15 fee is required if you would like to be certified with a Texas Boaters Safety certification. This badge is not for new Scouts or Tenderfoot.



Small Boat Sailing..... Scouts must be classified as a “BSA swimmer” and be 13 years of age before attempting this merit badge. This badge is not for the new Scout or Tenderfoot.



Rowing Recommended for older Scouts. Must be classified as a “BSA swimmer”.



BSA Lifeguard For both youth and adults however youth must be 15 years of age or older. Very strong swimmers, only. It is recommended, but not required, that youth have earned swimming and lifesaving merit badge before attempting this badge. Valid Professional Rescuer level CPR Certification or equivalent and Basic First Aid CPR cards are required and **MUST** be shown prior to start of the course. These courses are not offered at camp. If you would like to earn the Red Cross Lifesaving Certificate, you must pay an additional fee. Cost at time of printing is unknown but will be listed in Program Guide in May. Payable at Camp MK Brown.

Program notes:

1. Participants in any aquatics merit badge must have successfully completed the 100 yard “swimmer test”.
2. Bring Sunscreen.
3. Rowing & Canoeing Merit Badge participants must wear footwear.



Special swim times will be available to earn the Mile Swim and Polar Bear Swim badges.

Nature/Ecology:



Fishing..... Scouts should bring their own equipment. Catch and release program. This is a good badge for all Scouts.



Environmental Cannot be completed at camp. Scouts should be at least First Class and 14 years old. Also a requirement for the World Conservation Award. .



Nature Recommended for first year Scouts.



Reptile & Amphibian Requirement 8 should be completed before camp. A very difficult and challenging badge for younger Scouts



Soil And Water Can be completed at camp. Difficult merit badge. Can be applied towards the World Conservation Award.



Mammal Study Especially recommended for younger Scouts.



Fish And Wildlife Can be completed at camp. Can be applied to World Conservation Award.



Bird Study Complete requirements 7 and 8 prior to camp.

Program Notes:

Each Scout must bring a pencil/pen, notebook and should bring the appropriate Merit Badge Book to all merit badge sessions. These may be purchased at the Camp Trading Post.

Handicraft



Basketry Especially recommended for younger Scouts. Materials cost about \$5 per kit if purchased at the trading post. Badge now requires all 3 kits to receive completion.



Wood Carving Scouts should bring their own knives to camp. However, carving knives are sold at the Trading Post. Scouts must present evidence of having earned the Totin Chip before beginning the course



Leather Work This is a good badge for the younger Scout. Projects cost \$7-12 at the Trading Post.

Program Notes:

1. Totin-Chip training is a prerequisite for Woodcarving and may be offered early in the week, for those scouts that need it.

Polaris (First Year Camper Program)



The Polaris Program is designed to excite, energize and teach the first year camper the patrol and troop method. Scouts will concentrate on basic camping and Scout skills needed for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks. Participants will be split up based on rank and skill level.

Because it is the Scoutmaster's ultimate responsibility to observe and test to determine if a Scout has completed a rank requirement, the staff will not sign off rank requirements. The Scoutmaster will receive a report at the end of the week detailing skills that have been taught.

Participants need a backpack, hiking boots, and good socks. **This program is an all day program.** The morning will concentrate on Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class requirements and the afternoon will concentrate on Merit Badges. We will be offering participants several Merit Badges to choose from.

Shooting Sports



Archery..... Proficiency and experience in archery is necessary for the completion of the merit badge. Practice time needs to be scheduled each day. Recommended for older Scouts.



Rifle..... Must be 13 years of age or older and First Class Rank or above or older to take this Merit Badge.



Shotgun Must be 14 years of age or older and First Class Rank or above to take this Merit Badge.

Program Notes:

1. Any Scout may shoot at Troop Shoots regardless of age.
2. Scouts must always know these three shooting safety rules:
 - *Always keep the muzzle pointed in a safe direction.
 - *Keep finger off the trigger except when shooting.
 - *Keep the action open, and firearm unloaded, except when shooting

Scout Skills



Orienteering This merit badge is recommended for OLDER Scouts. Scout must provide their own compass. Compasses will also be for sale at the Trading Post.



Pioneering Must have a basic knowledge of knots. Can be difficult for new Scouts.

Other Merit Badges



Emergency Preparedness.. Prepare & bring requirement 8c with you to camp. Must have earned First Aid Merit Badge (bring proof).



First Aid Difficult badge for first year campers. Complete CPR requirement prior to camp. Bring homemade first aid kit to session.

Western Heritage Program (Older Scout Program)

This new program for 2012 is designed to integrate the heritage of the Texas Panhandle with fun and exciting activities for Scouts ages 14 to 17 years old. There is no rank requirement- just age as noted. This program will be led by an adult staff member whose only responsibility will be to manage this program and works directly for the Camp Director!

The scheduled activities include:

- ⇒ Black Powder Shooting
- ⇒ Action Archery
- ⇒ Branding
- ⇒ Cattle Operations
- ⇒ Feedlot Operations
- ⇒ Visit to Indian Burial Grounds
- ⇒ Tanning and Leatherwork
- ⇒ Indian Lore
- ⇒ Chuckwagon Cooking
- ⇒ Tomahawk Throwing and Two Man Saw
- ⇒ Roping
- ⇒ Blacksmithing
- ⇒ Cowboy Songs and Activities

This program is limited to the first 20 Scouts (per session) who register online and pay in full at the time of registration. A waiting list will be maintained by the Scout Service Center.

A minimum of 10 Scouts (per session) are required for this program to take place. Refund of the extra \$15 fee (added to early bird fee) will not be refunded for any reason including the class not taking place due to not enough Scouts enrolled in the program. In this case, the Scout will be allowed to participate in the standard week of camp. For those Scouts who are only coming to Camp to participate in this program, please see the Council refund policy located at www.goldenspread.org. We anticipate a full compliment of Scouts for this EXCITING program! Your help in promoting it to your older Scouts will be appreciated!

This program will take place in a remote part of Camp MK Brown although a short distance to the rest of the activities.

Scouts in this program will join the Troop at some meals to help you provide “older Scout” leadership. This program will operate from 7:15am to approximately 1:15pm each day. Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in certain Merit Badges in the afternoon and spend the evenings with the troop.

Scouts will have the opportunity to experience Chuckwagon cooking from a semi- professional competition cook, participate in activities that no other Scout will take part in, a Commemorative Patch developed just for participant in this program- they will NOT be for sale, and will make a special Leather FOB. They will also sleep out like they did in the 1800’s on Thursday evening and will prepare a special meal for their visitors on Friday night!

Registration for this program is done ONLY ONLINE at www.goldenspread.org beginning on January 24th, 2012 and ending on May 18th. Fees are listed on page 5. Please have the interested Scout’s parent/guardian (or responsible party) register the Scout on the aforementioned web page. Payment may be made at the Scout Service Center OR by mail **ONLY with the registration confirmation page printed and included at time of payment.** The Scout Service Center cannot register or take payment for that Scout without the email registration confirmation so please take care of this before bringing in payment.



Camp MK Brown
Camp T-shirts
CUSTOMIZED
with Your Unit Number!

Imagine your entire unit wearing a camp t-shirt from Camp MK Brown. Now imagine the t-shirt customized with your unit number! Think of the benefits: the t-shirt . . .

- Helps the boys look sharp;
- Builds group spirit;
- Stops arguments about wearing the Class A;
- Is a quality garment that takes a beating.

Even better, you can order as few as six garments with one unit number. And, the t-shirts will be waiting for you at the camp Trading Post upon arrival.

But hurry! Order deadline is:

5/16/2012

at 11:45 pm Mountain Time

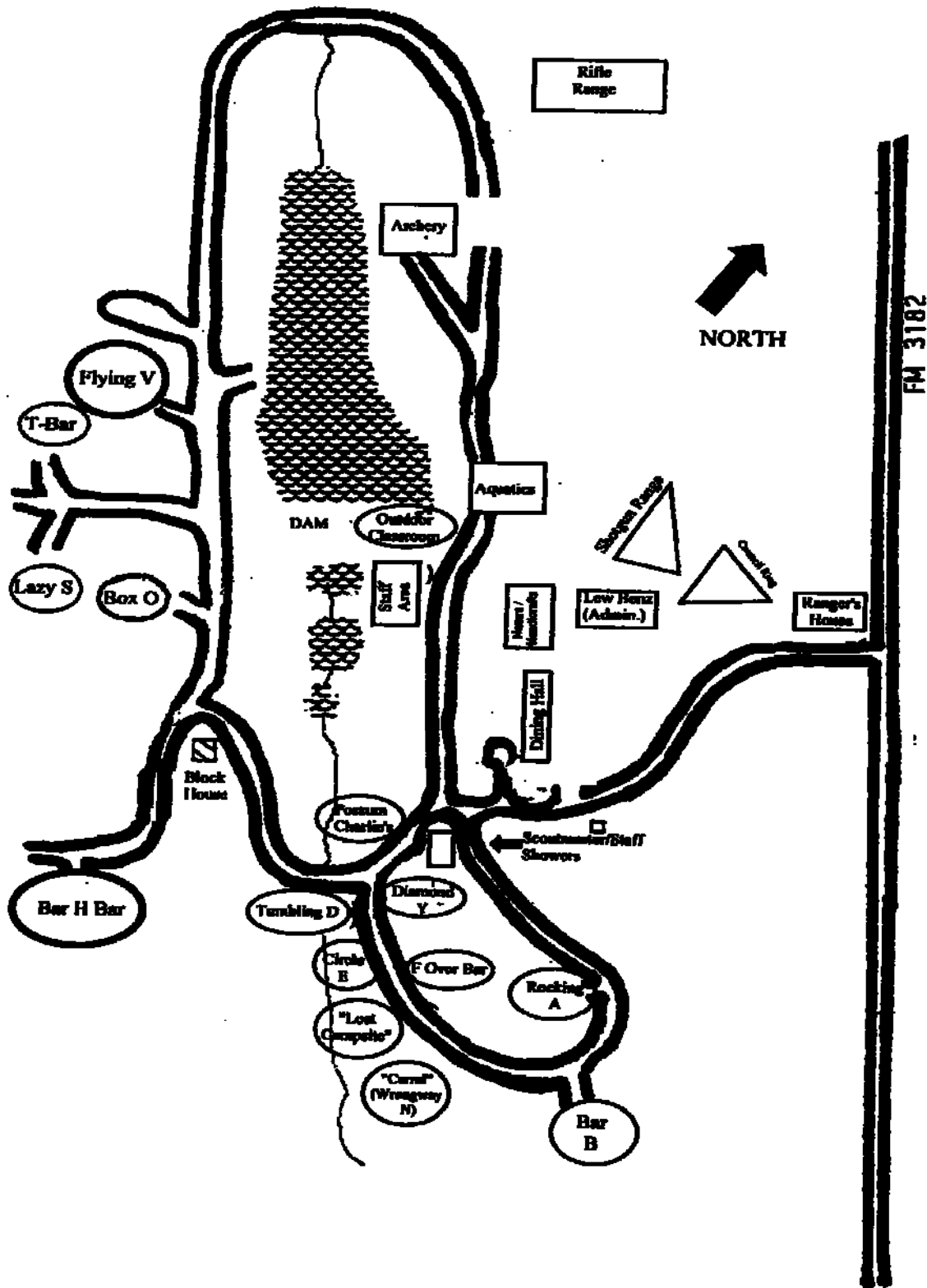


T-shirt color: Desert Sand

To order, go to . . .
<http://www.goldenspread.org/>

*Additional charges for larger sizes
*plus \$4.95 per unit handling fee

CAMP MK BROWN



Earn the M. K. Brown Super Troop Award!

Troop # _____ Council/District _____

The **Super Troop** award is designed as a tool to assist youth and adult troop leaders in building the leadership, quality, and character of their troop, and in its individual scouts, while at Summer Camp. The staff will be happy to assist troop leaders in using this tool at Summer Camp, but the Super Troop award is the most valuable to the Troop that uses it for their own Troop operation, year around. Troops qualifying as a Super Troop will receive a **Golden Spread Council Super Troop ribbon.**

To qualify, a troop must do all of the * items and 5 of the others (for a total of 8).

Have a member of the Summer Camp Staff help you fill out this form and turn in to the Camp Office by Friday Morning to determine your **Super Troop** eligibility.

APPROVAL:

- _____ 1. *The Troop demonstrates use of the Patrol Method (campsite arrangement and boy leadership).
- _____ 2. * The Troop does a Good Turn camp project (from the Camp Rangers approved list).
- _____ 3. The Troop conducts a daily flag raising and lowering in their campsite.
- _____ 4. All Scouts participate in instructional swim, or assist as lifeguard or lookout if qualified.
- _____ 5. The Troop displays reverence by saying grace at every meal and conducts or attends a religious service or vespers.
- _____ 6. The Troop conducts one or more Patrol Leader's meeting per week.
- _____ 7. Each Scout works on the Polaris requirements, a merit badge, or coaches another Scout.
- _____ 8. The Troop and Patrol campsites are visually identified. (signs and flags)
- _____ 9. The Scouts are generally in Scout or Camp Uniform (Scout uniform for the evening flag lowering and meal is encouraged).
- _____ 10. The Troop conducts a special Troop program (hike, canoe trip, pioneering project, etc...)
- _____ 11. The Troop conducts a Troop campfire.(subj to Fire Ban)
- _____ 12. The Troop participates in a camp-wide program.

NOTE: Daily Campsite Inspections will be accomplished by Volunteer Leaders. Be ready for inspection from 8am to 5pm!

Troop Attendance Roster

This roster is due in the Scout Service Center by May 18th with full fees paid.

Troop Insurance Company _____

Troop # _____ Council/District _____

Leader's Name _____ Email _____

Home Phone # _____ Other Phone # _____

Week Attending _____ Campsite _____

of Scouts _____ # of Leaders _____

Name (Please Print)	Balance Due May 18 th	Amount Paid
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Scouts		
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2012 Camp Reservation Form

Camp M.K. Brown

Unit Information (please print)

Unit# _____ District (if known) _____
 Council Name and HQ City _____
 Leader _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone H) _____
 W) _____
 Fax) _____
 Email) _____

2012 Schedule

Session (select first, second, and third choice)

___ Session 1, June 17-23, 2012

___ Session 2, June 24-30, 2012

___ Session 3, July 1-7, 2012

Campsite Request

(Subject to availability)

Choice # 1 _____

Choice # 2 _____

(see Leaders Guide for list of Campsites)

Arrival time at Camp M.K. Brown is 1:00 PM. Contact the Scout Service Center for assistance with travel itineraries.

Payment	Due Date	In Council		Out of Council	
		Youth	Adult	Youth	Adult
Early Bird Fee	On or before May 18, 2012	\$190.00	\$130.00	\$210.00	\$150.00
Late Fee	On or after May 19, 2012	\$210.00	\$150.00	\$230.00	\$170.00
Western Heritage Program (Older Scouts only)	On or before May 18, 2012 Must be registered online and paid in full by this date.	\$205.00	NA	\$225.00	NA

Note: 1) Deposit of \$100.00 is due at time of reservation and is non-refundable.

2) The council reserves the right to reassign campsites based on demand and facilities.

3) The Troop Roster (located in the Leaders Guide and on the Web Site) must be turned in by May 18th, 2012 along with fees due.

Mail to: Golden Spread Council, BSA
 401 Tascosa Rd.
 Amarillo, Texas 79124

Submitted by: _____ Date: _____

Camp Refund Policy

THE SCOUT TROOP IS RESPONSIBLE FOR INFORMING PARENTS AND TROOP COMMITTEE OF REFUND POLICY BEFORE ANY PAYMENTS ARE MADE TO THE COUNCIL.

1. Deposit fee ((\$100.00) is non-refundable.
2. Individuals or groups that cancel a program or facility reservation at least 30 days prior to the date of the event will receive a refund of fees paid, less a 15% administrative charge and any expenses already incurred for the participant or group. Transferring fees from one person to another within the same unit for the same program is permissible. The council shall be notified in writing of any such transfers.
3. After 30 days, the Council Refund policy will be in effect. That policy can be reviewed at www.goldenspread.org.