

Golden Spread Council, Boy Scouts of America



Camp M. K. Brown

*49 years of Fun and Adventure
1968-2017*

2017 Leader's Guide





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.

The overall goal of our camping program is for all Scouts to have a high quality program, be able to have fun, and to be able to enjoy the outdoors and think about their future in Scouting and in life. We hope that when the Scout departs our camp, he's had an awesome experience that he will remember for the rest of his life and that he will come back year after year to experience new programs and some day, as an adult/parent, encourage his scouts to attend summer camp.

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 and on our website: www.goldenspread.org

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!

Summer Camp should be:

FUN.

FULL OF ADVENTURE.

CHALLENGING.

A JOURNEY.

A Scout's time at summer camp was never intended to be just about passing off requirements and earning merit badges. Sometime in the past, the purpose of summer camp became the place for a Scout to attend a bunch of different merit badges in a short weeks time- sort of a merit badge factory. This is not what summer camp is for.

The Boy Scouts of America National Camping Standards provides us directives a council camp should follow:

- “Merit Badge coursework should not consume the majority of a youth’s waking time on any program day.”
- While merit badges are an important part of the resident camp program, they are not the main purpose of Scout camp. A Scout should have the opportunity to try new skills and activities just to learn about it or to have fun.
- “The measure of a Scout’s experience in camp is what he comes home with in his head (Values, Growth) not in his hands (Badges).”

While our camp is not completely changing our focus, we will begin to offer more and more fun and exciting programs along with merit badges. We will continue to offer the **best** First-Year Camping Program (Polaris), the **best** Shooting Sports programs, and the very **best** Aquatics Programs- that is our goal and focus.

In addition, we have developed a unique and exciting program for Scouts who are a little older and may have completed many of our merit badge offerings. This program is called”

A.W.A.Y (Advanced Wilderness Adventure for Youth)

Please look at all the details about this Program on page 19- we are sure your Scouts would love to learn about it and join in the fun!!!!



Lord Baden Powell

2017 Campsites and Availability

As of this printing, all Campsites are available to reserve (1/13/17)

This chart shows the campsites available at Camp M. K. Brown. 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 |
|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Campsites | Jun 18-24 | Jun 25-Jul 1 |
| 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 24.

Youth Camp Fees

In Council Scout- \$265/Scout (\$245 if paid in full by May 12)

Out of Council Scout- \$285/Scout (\$265 if paid in full by May 12)

If the Scout wishes to register for the A.W.A.Y. Program (see age requirements on page 19), we need to know that no later than May 12 so we can properly prepare. There is NO additional fee to participate in this program.

Adult Leader Camp Fees

In Council Leader- \$170 (\$150 if paid in full by May 12)

Out of Council Leader - \$190 (\$170 if paid in full by May 12)

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. See page 20 for this year's design. Cost this year is \$10.95 (extra for certain sizes). Shirts ordered on-line will be delivered to you at check-in. A limited amount of T-shirts will be available at the Camp Trading Post for \$14.95 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. Keep that in mind when collecting money from your parents for their Scouts T-shirt!

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. Please see the Campership section below for more information.

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 (Forms tab) 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 12th, 2017**.

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

Camp MK Brown Conduct Guidelines

At Camp MK Brown, everyone has the right to his or her dignity and to be respected by other people. Each of us wants to be treated with respect as we participate in the programs at Camp MK Brown. Each of us should increase our sensitivity towards what may be perceived as offensive or unwelcome to other people whom we come in contact. Everyone is expected to strive to ensure that our interaction with other people is positive in every respect. The BSA and Camp MK Brown prohibit language or behavior that belittles members of the opposite sex, unwanted advances, racial slurs, chastisement for religious or other beliefs, or other actions or comments that are derogatory of any people. Each participant has the responsibility to maintain an atmosphere free of any form of harassment. All occurrences will be reported to the Camp Director immediately.

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 either from the Scout Office or from your “myscouting” account 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 \$14.95 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: 806-826-0250.

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 laptop computers, electronic games, Gameboys, or portable music players should not be brought to camp by Scouts. Cell phones are becoming more used to research merit badge information or other searchable requirements. Those may be brought to camp but the Council and Camp MK Brown will not be held responsible for loss or damage. Internet and cell service is limited at best. 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 OUT OF COUNCIL leaders and any visitors staying overnight must present proof of BSA registration and completion of Youth Protection Training, during Check-in. 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. In addition, every adult who remains in camp overnight (1 or 6 nights) will be required to complete additional Youth Protection Training mandated by the state of Texas. This is above and beyond current BSA requirements and cannot be accomplished prior to your arrival. This short class will take place soon after your arrival at camp. The Camp Director will provide more information at check-in.

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.

Campsite Hosts

Each Troop will be assigned a Campsite Host which will be a Staff member. He or she will be responsible to help the troop during the week. They will sit with you at meals, guide you to program areas, and help make sure you have an awesome experience while at Camp MK Brown. Many times, the Campsite Host can solve issues before they escalate!

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** of the Medical Form must be presented for each scout and leader upon arrival. 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 2017 BSA National Camp standard # HS-508*:

“all prescription drugs (including those needing refrigeration) and over the counter medications be stored under lock, except when in the controlled presence of health care staff or other adult leaders responsible for administration and/or dispensing medications”. 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, epinephrine injector, 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, labeled and maintained in a fashion approved by the health supervisor.

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.goldenspread.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. The availability of having a campfire will be assessed on a daily basis by the Camp Director and Camp Ranger. Announcements regarding this will be made at meal time.

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 including e-cigarettes and smokeless tobacco 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.)

Skits and Songs will be offered at all meals and the campfire- be prepared to volunteer your Troop for this great opportunity!

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 except those registered in the Golden Spread Council 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 campsite set up, medical and swim checks are complete, the Camp Guide will give a tour of the Camp and Program areas as needed.
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

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| 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 \$8.00 per meal, per person. Meal tickets may be purchased in the Trading Post and MUST be purchased by 5:30 p.m., Friday.

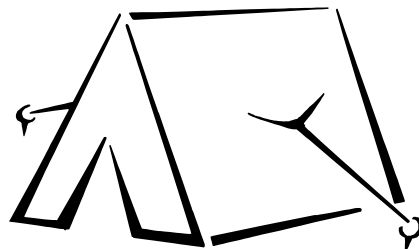
Our Friday evening flag ceremonies and meal begin promptly at 6:00 p.m. Please have your visitors arrive before that time. Friday night will also be the evening that our Order of the Arrow Lodge conducts its "call-out" ceremony for new candidates, during our evening campfire.

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)

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|--|----------|----------|--|
| | 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 |
| | X | | 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) |
| | | | Camera |
| | 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. Call the Scout Office for more information.
- 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 8, 2017**.
- Secure copies of completed medical forms and YPT information. Check troop leadership & equipment.
- Turn in completed Troop Roster and make full payment by deadline. (Full payment by May 12, 2017 results in a reduced fee)
- Arrange transportation and file a Troop Tour and Activity Plan (available in the Forms section of the Council Website).
- Recheck list before camp

2017 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 12, 2017. Below you will find our typical summer camp merit badge offerings. They are subject to change.

Aquatics:



Swimming 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 Conservation 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. Management



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..... We suggest that Scouts 13 years of age or older and First Class Rank or above or older to take this Merit Badge.



Shotgun We suggest that Scouts be 14 years of age or older and First Class Rank or above to take this Merit Badge. Must be able to hold a 7 pound gun.

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 OR if done at home, have your Scoutmaster sign-off on this requirement when you are back from camp.

Older Scout Program- NEW IN 2016!!!!!!

A.W.A.Y. Program (Advanced Wilderness Adventure for Youth)

This program is designed to integrate many skills that older Scouts may have such as Canoeing, Wilderness Survival, First Aid, and Pioneering. Due to the demanding nature of this program, only experienced scouts will be able to participate. They must be at least 13 years of age or older and at least a 2nd Class rank. This program will be led by two competent, experienced staffers and will report directly to the Camp Program Director!



The scheduled activities include:

- ⇒ First Aid situations
- ⇒ Canoeing (If the Scout does not have the Merit Badge, he will earn it in this program)
- ⇒ Pioneering- will use many different knots throughout the week
- ⇒ Wilderness Survival- will learn and use backcountry survival techniques, essentials of hiking, principals of “Staying Found”, and what to do if lost in the backcountry. Will stay overnight one night in the outpost camp
- ⇒ Water Purification- will learn how to purify water and filtration techniques (will not drink it!)
- ⇒ Fire Building- Will learn different ways to build fires using old techniques and some new ones
- ⇒ Rope Work- Scouts will learn how to weave and splice rope and learn many different lashings
- ⇒ Raft Building- Scouts will build their own raft to transport equipment across the lake

The day begins at 8am for those in this program and ends at Noon. Thursday evening Scouts will gather at 6pm and will return for breakfast at 7:45am Friday morning. After lunch, Scouts may participate in Merit Badge classes as they desire.

A minimum of 8 Scouts per week are required for this program to take place. This program will take place in a remote part of Camp MK Brown although a short distance to the rest of the activities.

Although there is no additional fee to participate, we need to know, by name, who will participate so the correct staffing and supplies are provided. To register for these special programs, please refer to Page 5.

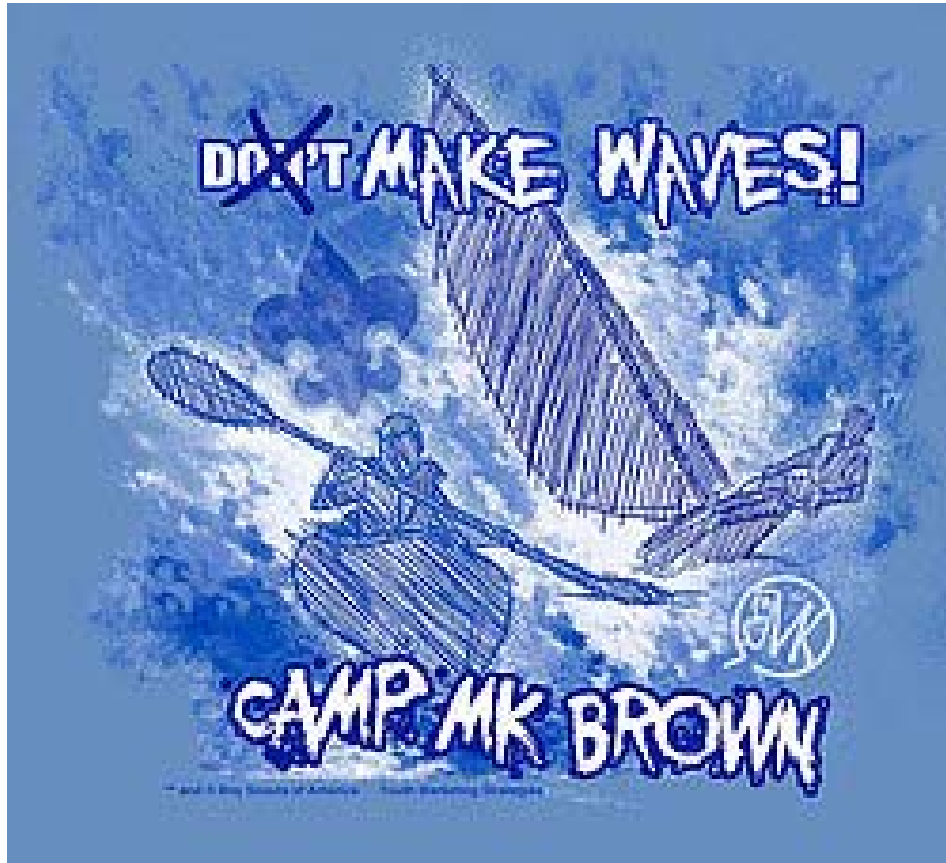
Duty to God Program (Youth and Adults)

While at Camp MK Brown, you will encounter the handiwork of God on many occasions. Learning about different religions and how they differ from one’s own, will make all participants better scouts as they interact with others in and out of scouting. This program will stimulate more interest in not only your religion but those of other campers. This program will allow you to reflect on God and also earn some recognition.

This program is best utilized by the entire Troop but individual Scouts and Leaders may participate on their own. Your arrival packet will contain a Duty to God Form and all the information needed to participate in the program.

After completing the requirements, a “Duty to God” patch will be provided to each person FREE of Charge!

2017 Camp MK Brown Summer Camp T-shirt



What a great way to have all your Boy Scouts and Adult leadership looking sharp at Camp this year! This T-shirt is available as well as some other types of shirts and even a Hoodie for the winter.

To order, go to <https://www.localcouncilstore.com/camp-mk-brown> and check out your options. You can also go to www.goldenspread.org, click on the Camping tab, and you will see this link there. You will need to know the size and quantity of all your Scouts and Adults to order online. Payment is made by Credit Card only. Shirts will be at camp when you arrive!

We will have **LIMITED** sizes and types of shirts at the Camp Trading Post so to be sure you get a shirt, you should consider purchasing them by the deadline which is **May 8, 2017**.

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 (pg 22 and 23) is due in the Scout Service Center by May 12th with full fees paid.

Troop Insurance Company (Out of Council only) _____

Troop # _____ Council/District _____

Leader's Name _____ Email _____

Home Phone # _____ Other Phone # _____

Week Attending _____ Campsite Requested _____

of Scouts _____ # of Leaders _____

of Scouts participating in the "A.W.A.Y. Program" _____ Indicate names and age below! Must be 13yrs old or more AND at least a 2nd Class Rank by the start date of your camp session.

Name _____ Age _____ Rank _____

Name _____ Age _____ Rank _____

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Name _____ Age _____ Rank _____

| Name (Please Print) | Balance Due May 12 th | Amount Paid |
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2017 Camp Reservation Form

Camp M.K. Brown

Unit Information (please print)

Unit# _____ District (if known) _____

 If NOT in the Golden Spread Council, please list Council Name and Headquarters City below

Leader Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone H) _____

C) _____

Email _____

2017 Schedule

Session (select first and second)

_____ Session 1, June 18-24, 2017

_____ Session 2, June 25-July 1, 2017

Campsite Request

(Subject to availability)

Choice # 1 _____

Choice # 2 _____

 If camping with another Troop, please indicate that
 Troop # (if known) _____ (see Leaders Guide for list
 of Campsites)

How many estimated Scouts in "A.W.A.Y." Program _____ see pg 19 for age and rank requirements

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 12, 2017 | \$245.00 | \$150.00 | \$265.00 | \$170.00 |
| Late Fee | On or after May 12, 2017 | \$265.00 | \$170.00 | \$285.00 | \$190.00 |

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 12th, 2017 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.