

LOST PINES LEDGER

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IMPORTANT DATES

- May 1—First Payment Due (\$170/Scout, \$80/adult)
- April 15—Campership Applications Due
- May 15—Final Payment Deadline (\$145/Scout, \$80 adult); Merit Badge Sign-up Closes; Tent Rental Requests Due; Adults Identified by Name and Entered in Double-Knot; Adult Forms Due (TX Youth Camps & YPT)

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COVID19 Update

We here at Lost Pines are committed to the safety of our campers and staff. As such we continue to monitor the COVID19 reports as well as the recommendations of the CDC. Our Administrative team has already met to discuss additional health and safety measures to ensure that all of our participants remain safe while at camp. These may include informational posters on hand washing in all bath houses, additional sanitation bottles in the dining halls and classes as well as additional health screening measures when your Troop arrives at camp.

As of now, we do not anticipate any closures of Lost Pines for summer camp but will monitor the situation closely.

Have a question? Email the Council Program Director, Teresa Northcutt at Teresa.northcutt@scouting.org

Knowing that many of our parents have concerns about the virus and sending their child to camp, as well as the concerns surrounding fund raising and camp payments, we have extended our deadline for the first payment from April 1 to May 1.

While it is not anticipated, in the event that we do need to cancel, the Council refund policy does call for a full refund of all fees paid.

Planning Ahead

Medical Needs

Do you have adult leaders who use CPAP machines or other medically necessary devices that require electricity? Any physical considerations that need to be planned for? Please let us know as soon as possible so we can

place your unit in the appropriate campsite or make alternate arrangements.

Health Forms

Remember, everyone attending camp needs a complete Medical Form signed by a physician. Start reminding

your unit now so that they are all completed before camp!

Youth Protection Training

The YPT course must be retaken every two years. Make sure your adults are current.

Show Us Your Skits!

Closing campfire is always one of the most fun and memorable parts of camp. Now is a great time to start thinking about the skits your unit want to perform!

Before planning your skit, we ask the Scoutmasters to be sure that all skits are Scout-appropriate and in good taste. How do you determine that?

The BSA says, "Be sure that every feature of this campfire program upholds Scouting's highest traditions."

In other words, how you apply the Scout Oath and Scout Law here is left open for interpretation. Of course, all skits or songs that use coarse language, disparage a certain demographic group or involve inappropriate costumes should be banned out-right. .

This includes potty-humor and all skits involving violence.

That being said, coming up with the perfect litmus test isn't easy. Here's one idea: ask all Scouts to pretend the skit/song is being vide recorded. Would they be okay with their parents (or grandparents) seeing it?

We look forward to seeing what you come up with!

Camp Dress Code

When planning your summer camp wardrobe, you need to consider several factors including the area you are in and the activities you will be doing.

Lost Pines is home to venomous snakes, as well as some less than friendly plants (such as mesquite). Completely enclosed shoes (sneakers or hiking boots) are required for your safety. Water shoes may be worn at the water-front and pool and shower shoes

are also recommended.

Swimsuits should be comfortable, functional and modest. For males, swim trunks or board shorts are appropriate. For females, modest tankinis (no bare midriffs) or one-piece swimsuits.

Tank tops are not allowed, nor is anything with words or pictures not representing the best spirit of the Scout Oath and Law. Shorts should conform to school dress codes and not be opaque. Your

Scout uniform is to be worn for evening flags and dinner.

ATV requires long sleeves, long pants and over-the-ankle boots. Climbing participants need to have shorts or pants with belt loops.

Note: LPSR has a long standing tradition of pink shirts on Wednesday. Please feel free to join us in this tradition!

Wifi and Cyber Safety

Lost Pines has an open wifi system on camp that is accessible throughout the main areas of camp. This wifi is not password protected. While we use blocking algorithms similar to elementary schools, we cannot control everything Scouts access on our system.

While this is great for the adults who may need to work from camp, or simply want to keep parents updated with photos of their Scouts having fun, it poses challenges for the youth.

If your unit chooses to allow Scouts to have their phones on

camp, it is up to the unit leaders to ensure that those Scouts have taken the Cyber Safety training offered (formerly cyber chip and now incorporated with rank requirements) and to monitor the Scouts usage.

Please consider carefully before allowing Scouts to bring mobile devices of any kind to camp.

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Camp Details

Capitol Area Council's premier camp property, Lost Pines sits on nearly 542 acres, on the northern shores of Lake Bastrop. Shaded by loblolly pines, the camp is home to a variety of wildlife including deer and roadrunner.

Home of the tallest climbing tower in Texas, DOK's Tower (62'), as well as excellent catfish and largemouth bass fishing.

Some campsites are located on the water.

C o m e J o i n O u r S t a f f

Do you know a Scout over 15 who loves camp and working with younger Scouts? Or how about a college student, parent or leader looking to give back during the summer? (More than 20% of our staff is over the age of 25.) Consider staffing Lost Pines!

Benefits

Our competitive salary is based on position responsibility with consideration given to the individual's experience. Housing varies depending on the job and staff position; staff live in both cabins and walk-in tents. Electricity is available in all of the staff

sites. Meals and staff shirts are also included at no cost. Free WiFi is available throughout Camp. All buildings have air-conditioning.

2020 Average Salary (based on working 6 weeks)

- ◆ 14+ year-old CITs receive no pay, but do get lots of great experiences!
- ◆ 15+ year-old positions average \$1125
- ◆ 16+ year-old positions average \$1200

- ◆ 17+ year-old positions average \$1545
- ◆ 18+ year-old positions average \$2040 depending on position and experience
- ◆ 21+ year-old area director positions average \$2800 depending on position and experience

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