

# What's New for 2012 at Longhorn Council Camps

## February 2012 Camp Improvements Update

Our new Longhorn Council Scout Executive, John Coyle, is committed to improving our camp facilities & programs. John has been attending District Roundtables, camps, & events throughout the Longhorn Council to hear the views of Scouters so that their suggestions & concerns may be addressed. **Upgrading & adding summer camp bathrooms & showers is now our top facilities priority. Our 2011-2012 winter projects include our campsite latrine upgrade project, new tents for all camps, professional boat overhauls, and more** (see the many projects below). Be sure to watch as we continue to push hard to improve our camps & facilities over the next few years.

## NEWS UPDATE for February 2012

The Longhorn Council's new Strategic Plan emphasizes major improvements to the facilities and programs at our camps, including new and rebuilt bathrooms & showers at our 3 big summer camps. Many projects have already started. Many more to come!

## 2012 SPECIAL OFFERS February Update

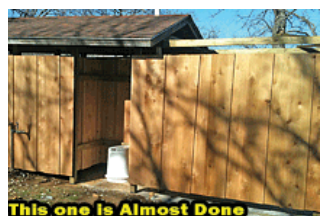
**February T-shirt Deal:** Make your 2012 camp reservation from Jan 20 to Feb 28 & get the new camp T-shirt for all youth & adults.

**\$20 OFF HIGH ADVENTURE:** for each Scout attending one of our Boy Scout Merit Badge Summer Camps you get \$20 off one person attending high adventure (up to the # attending high adventure).

**Week 3 Special:** Troops and Crews attending during Week 3 (June 24-30) receive a \$5 per person discount. No Out-of-Council fees.

**Week 4 Special:** Troops and Crews attending during Week 4 (July 1-7) receive a \$15 per person discount. No Out-of-Council fees.

## Latrine Rebuild started at Worth Ranch & SR2



This one is Almost Done

Our Rangers and a crew of construction workers are in the middle of the project to rebuild campsite facilities at Worth Ranch and SR2. The new ones have individual stalls and modern toilet risers, and a pair of in-campsite shower stalls.

## New Showers & Bathrooms

**2 New adult leader showers and bathrooms** open in May at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch and Chisholm Trail Adventure. We are currently replacing the youth shower at the Worth Ranch Bottoms campsites with a new shower with individual stalls. In May we will add individual stalls to the 2 youth showers at the SR2 campsites.

## New TENTS and Frames February 2012 Update

We are building permanent pole frames for the new tents. We purchased 75 new tents for this summer at Camp Tahuaya, 100 for Worth Ranch, and over 100 for SR2. The new tents are slightly wider to give campers more living space. We will also be adding new Staff tents.



## New Backhoe at Camps

We purchased a big new backhoe and trailer in December for our summer camp building projects & repairs. *January 2012 Update*



## 2012 Sailboat Upgrades



We are spending \$20,000 this winter to upgrade the sailboat fleet. The summer camp Sailing Base will have 30 sailboats in 2012! The hulls are being re-glassed and the rigging and sails professionally re-outfitted.



## 2012 Wakeboard Boat Upgrades

We are replacing 1 boat. Our Mastercraft has a new engine. All boats are going back to the dealers for a complete servicing & refitting.



## Pontoon Boat Upgrades

We are replacing the furniture on 8 more of our High Adventure Base's 23 pontoon boats. We re-outfitted 8 boats in 2010. We have also replaced the older engines.

## New Automatic Skeet Throwers

In 2011 we added new Atlas Auto Throwers, with batteries and chargers for the Shotgun Merit Badge programs at Worth Ranch and Camp Tahuaya. The Sporting Clays range at SR2 has 6 trailer-mounted Matarelli auto-throwers.



## New Truck for Camp Tahuaya

We purchased a new 4x4 long-bed pickup truck for Camp Tahuaya in *January*.

## Rifle & Shotgun Instructors



We are adding additional Rifle & Shotgun instructors at Worth Ranch & Tahuaya in order to offer more Rifle & Shotgun Merit Badge classes for Troop attending summer camp.

## WR Scoutmaster Shoot

The Longhorn Council Shooting Sports Chairman will run a Scoutmaster Shotgun tournament on Monday night during each week of summer camp at Worth Ranch. All adult leaders in camp are invited.





## Scoutmaster Steak Dinners in 2012

We are adding a Steak Dinner for all adult Scouters each week of summer camp at Camp Tahuaya, SR2, and Worth Ranch.

## New Merit Badge Classes

Our Program Directors are adding many more merit badges for our 2012 summer camp program. This summer we will offer:

- 54 Merit Badges at Camp Tahuaya
- 56 Merit Badges at Worth Ranch
- 74 Merit Badges at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch.



## Robotics Merit Badge

Scouts may try the new Robotics Merit Badge at **SR2 & Tahuaya** in 2012. The BSA-recommended robot kits are \$159.99 plus some extras. Must be ordered in advance. Scouts keep their robot, kit, & carry box.



## New Kingsnake Collection & SR2 Snake Shows

A Speckled Kingsnake eats a Western Diamondback Rattlesnake during a 2011 SR2 snake show. Our Reptile collection includes every U.S. Kingsnake species, plus many other Texas snake species. Kingsnakes are famous for eating venomous snakes (they're immune to the venom). The collection helps Scouts at summer camp complete 3 of the Nature merit badges and is great for snake shows! The popular shows usually include a Kingsnake subduing a rattlesnake or copperhead.



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## Camp Sign Project

The OA has made over 350 new sign boards with larger letters to improve the Sid Richardson Scout Ranch directions signs on our 20+ miles of roads. The Sign project moves to Worth & Tahuaya next.

## Scouting Magazine features Flight Center's

### F-16 Simulators

*Scouting's* October 2011 *COOL CAMP* article features a full page photo of one of the SR2 Flight Center's sixteen networked F-16 cockpits. Scouts at Summer Camp & Winter Camp use the simulators to take Aviation & Space Exploration Merit Badges and to learn about flight and air combat by flying competitive missions together.



## Nature Center Upgrades by Order of the Arrow

Our OA Lodge upgraded the Nature centers at Camp Tahuaya, Sid Richardson Scout Ranch, and Worth Ranch with dozens of new cages, capture equipment, and Kingsnake specimens.



## Council Ring Upgrades by Order of the Arrow



Our Lodge is upgrading the lights and speakers at the council rings at Camp Tahuaya, Sid Richardson Scout Ranch, and Worth Ranch. The Lodge is working with the Theater Department at Texas Wesleyan University to install professional stage lighting and sound systems at each camp.

## New U.S. Cavalry Uniforms for High Adventure Base

We have replaced the 1870's uniforms at the US Cavalry Outpost. Scouts participating in the Cavalry program spend a day living as a soldier on the Texas frontier during the Red River War of 1872-1874.



## Viking Ship gets an Overhaul



Our high Adventure program's Viking Ship is getting a complete overhaul. The boat is a replica longship based on archaeological studies of a Viking ship found in the Baltic Sea.

## New Camp Tahuaya Ranger House



Construction on the new Tahuaya Ranger house will begin in April 2012. The existing Camp Tahuaya ranger residence is 50 years old.

## New Chiron Archery Pavilion to open in June



The new "Chiron Archery Pavilion" is being built at the SR2 Archery Range in memory of Archery Instructor Mike Maughan of Troop 28.

## Volunteer to Staff the 2012 Council Camporee!



Call or email John Park if you can help staff the next Longhorn Council Camporee at Texas Motor Speedway on Nov. 9-11, 2012. All Troops, Teams, Crews, Packs, and Posts are invited to attend the main event! Send John an email at [jpark.1@charter.net](mailto:jpark.1@charter.net).