# TROOP 599 MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE (returning scouts) Checklist of Items

Every September each scout in Troop 599 and his parents must complete and return the attached forms in order to remain an active member of the troop for the upcoming year. No scout will be permitted to attend outings or advance in rank after September 30, if he has not completed and returned this package.

We have made every attempt to minimize the number of forms required. Please complete the attached forms and return them to Walter Brookhart or your Patrol Advisor as soon as possible **and not later than September 15, 2020.** For ease in processing, please keep the completed package together with the checklist and your check on top. If you have any questions about these forms, please call Walter Brookhart at 713-465-0329. We recommend that you keep a copy of the completed forms in your Parents' Notebook.

Parent Transportation Commitment  [All drivers on outings must have a Youth Protection Training Certificate completed since March 1, 2019, on file in TroopMaster.  YPT can be completed on-line in about 70 minutes at <a href="https://www.my.scouting.org">www.my.scouting.org</a> . Click on "Begin with Youth Protection" and follow the instructions.]				
Enchanted Rock [TPWD] Release Forms – Scout and Adult				
Records Update and Parent Driver/Insurance Information				
Parent Resource Update				
Merit Badge Counselor Application <sup>1</sup> [To become a counselor you must complete the attached Merit Badge Counselor application, together with a BSA Adult Application, including criminal background check authorization, which can be found in the office of the Scout Lodge. You must also complete Youth Protection and Merit Badge Counselor Training which can be taken on-line at <a href="https://www.my.scouting.org">www.my.scouting.org</a> .]				
Check for \$150.00 payable to Troop 599 for dues for the year ending August 2021.				

Visit our Troop 599 website at <a href="www.scouttroop599.org">www.scouttroop599.org</a> and sign up for weekly troop e-blasts with up to date, important information. Also find us on Facebook at Boy Scout Troop 599 - The Thunderbirds.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> If you are already registered as a Merit Badge Counselor and wish to continue for the badges you listed last year, you need take no action. If you are already registered as a merit badge counselor and wish to add or delete merit badges, you can do so merely by indicating on this form. The BSA adult application is NOT required to merely add or delete merit badges.

### PARENT TRANSPORTATION COMMITMENT for 2020-21

Because of social distancing limitations, we will not be camping overnight this Fall. We have scheduled day outings thru December. Each scout family attending these outings will be required to provide its own transportation. Beginning in January, we hope to return to traditional outings with overnight camping. We must have 20 - 25 drivers for each of these five (5) campouts. To make this program work, every parent must do his/her part. It is mandatory that all parents drive on at least one (1) outing beginning in January. All drivers must have a Youth Protection Training Certificate completed since March 1, 2019, on file in TroopMaster. YPT can be completed online in about 70 minutes at www.my.scouting.org. Click on "Begin with Youth Protection" and follow the instructions.

Parents are encouraged, but not required, to camp with the Troop when they drive. While each patrol should provide sufficient drivers for each outing, in order to help our Patrol Leaders and Transportation Chairman schedule the required drivers, please circle on the following list at least one (1) campout beginning January on which you would prefer to drive. We will try to accommodate your selections. If you do not select at least one outing, one will be selected for you.

Biking (Bluff Creek Ranch - Warda, TX)	September 19, 2020				
Fishing (Seawolf Park - Galveston)	October 17, 2020				
King Ranch Alternative (Camp Strake?)	November 14, 2020				
Scavenger Hunt / Stealth (Sealy area?)	December 12, 2020				
Rappelling / Climbing (Fredericksburg)	January 22 - 24, 2021				
Hiking (Pedernales Falls State Park)	February 19 - 21, 2021				
52 <sup>nd</sup> King Ranch Rendezvous (Lockhart)	March 26 - 28, 2021				
Camporee (Camp Bovay – Navasota)	April 16 - 18, 2021				
Aquatics / Caving (Inks Lake State Park)	May 14 - 16, 2021				
Scout's Name:					
Scout's Patrol:					
Driver's Name (Dad):					
Cell Phone No.:					
Driver's Name (Mom):					
Cell Phone No.:					

LAST NAME

## TROOP 599 Enchanted Rock Outing

Permission and Release Statement

## **SCOUT FORM**

Dear Parents: Texas Parks and Wildlife Department requires a parental permission statement and liability release (for all minors under the age of 18) in order for them to be allowed to participate in any climbing or rappelling activities. Therefore, if your son is planning to attend the outing please fill out, sign this form, and have him return it prior to the outing. In light of this outings' activities of climbing and rappelling, we have also included release language for the benefit of Troop 599's adult leaders.

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As the parent(s) and/or legal guardian of, I (we) give my (our) consent for my (our) son to participate in the organized climbing and rappelling activities of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 599 under knowledgeable adult supervision and instruction, on the weekend of January 22-24, 2021.
In consideration of the permission granted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to participate in climbing and rappelling activities at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, I (we) release the Texas Parks And Wildlife Department, its agents, employees and officers from all claims, actions, demands, and judgments which the undersigned may have, or which the undersigned's heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may have or claim to have against the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, its successors, employees or officers for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, caused by or arising out of the climbing and rappelling activities.
I (we) understand that my (our) son has been apprised of the climbing and rappelling rules and understand their significance. I (we) furthermore assert that my (our) son will abide by all Park Regulations and the rules and instructions of Troop 599 pertaining to climbing and rappelling at Enchanted Rock State Park.
I (we) recognize that unforeseen accidents may occur at this outing which the adult leadership of Troop 599 cannot control or prevent. Such accidents may result in personal injuries, known or unknown, including but are not limited to falls, broken bones, sprain, burns, snakebites, cuts and a variety of personal injuries, including death, incident to any camp out where the primary activity is rock climbing and rappelling. I (we) the release the adult leadership of Troop 599 and the Boy Scouts of America from any claims, actions, demands and judgments that I (we) may have, or which our son's heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may have or claim to have for any personal injury suffered by my(our) son on this outing.
Parent's Name (Print):
Signature:
Address:

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

LAST NAME

# TROOP 599 Enchanted Rock Outing

Permission and Release Statement

### **ADULT FORM**

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department requires a liability release for anyone participating in any climbing or rappelling activities. Therefore, if you are planning to attend the outing please fill out, sign this form, and return it prior to the outing. In light of this outings' activities of climbing and rappelling, we have also included release language for the benefit of Troop 599's adult leaders.

I hereby acknowledge my planned participation in the organized climbing and rappelling activities of the Boy Scouts of America Troop 599 under knowledgeable adult supervision and instruction, on the weekend of January 22-24, 2021.

In consideration of the permission granted by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to participate in climbing and rappelling activities at Enchanted Rock State Natural Area, I release the Texas Parks And Wildlife Department, its agents, employees and officers from all claims, actions, demands, and judgments which the undersigned may have, or which the undersigned's heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may have or claim to have against the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, its successors, employees or officers for all personal injuries, known or unknown, and injuries to property, caused by or arising out of the climbing and rappelling activities.

I acknowledge that I have been apprised of the climbing and rappelling rules and understand their significance. I furthermore assert that I will abide by all Park Regulations and the rules and instructions of Troop 599 pertaining to climbing and rappelling at Enchanted Rock State Park.

I recognize that unforeseen accidents may occur at this outing which the adult leadership of Troop 599 cannot control or prevent. Such accidents may result in personal injuries, known or unknown, including but are not limited to falls, broken bones, sprain, burns, snakebites, cuts and a variety of personal injuries, including death, incident to any campout where the primary activity is rock climbing and rappelling. I hereby release the adult leadership of Troop 599 and the Boy Scouts of America from any claims, actions, demands and judgments that I may have, or which my heirs, executors, administrators or assigns may have or claim to have for any personal injury suffered by myself on this outing.

Adult's Name (Print):		
Signature:		
Address:		
Date:	Telephone #	

## TROOP 599 2020-21 RECORDS UPDATE and PARENT DRIVER/INSURANCE INFORMATION

Scout's Name (First and Last)			
Street Address	ZIP Code	Home Phone	
E-Mail Address		Cell Phone	
Father's Name (First and Last)	E-Mail	Address	
Street Address*	ZIP Code	Home Phone*	
Father's Employer	Work Phone	Cell Phone	
Mother's Name (First and Last)	E-Mai	I Address	
Street Address*	ZIP Code	Home Phone*	
Mother's Employer	Work Phone	Cell Phone	
* (if different from that of Scout)			

#### **Driver/Insurance Information**

Troop 599 is required to file an application for a Tour Permit with the Sam Houston Area Council office of the Boy Scouts of America prior to each troop outing. As part of the permit application, we are required to list all drivers, together with the vehicles that will be used to transport scouts to and from the outing, and verify that each driver and vehicle is covered by bodily injury and property liability insurance. Coverage limits must be at least equal to the minimum required by the state where the vehicle is registered. BSA recommends at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000. BSA will provide secondary coverage above the driver's limits. Seat belts are required for all vehicle occupants. T599 is also required to have the Texas driver's license number of all drivers. If, during the scouting year, you should trade or purchase a new vehicle, please provide the appropriate new information to the Troop Records Coordinator. Please provide the following information.

#### **Driver Information**

Please provide the following information for each adult driver who may drive your vehicle.

Driver Name	Driver's License No. (including state)	Cell Phone No.
1.		
2.		

#### **Vehicle/Insurance Information**

Please provide the following information for each vehicle that you may use to transport scouts. Following the example, list the primary vehicle first, followed by any other vehicles you may use.

	License		Number of pass- engers (including driver and gear)	Does each pass- enger have a seatbelt?	Liability Insurance (at least \$50K/\$100K/\$50K)		
Vehicle Year/Make/Model	Plate No.	Owner's Name			Bodily injury liability		Property damage
					per person	per accident	per accident
1.							
2.							
3.							

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# BOY SCOUT TROOP 599 PARENT RESOURCE COMMITMENT FOR 2020-21

Scout's Name			<del></del>		
Father's Name					
Mother's Name					
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Outings	Dad	Mom	Programs	Dad	Mom
Outings			Weekly Programs		
Equipment			Courts of Honor		
Transportation			Scout Sunday		
Troop Truck / Trailers			Scouting for Food		
Medical Records			Scout Fair		
Summer Camp			Silent Auction		
High Adventures			May Banquet		
			Chaplain		
Development			Administration		
Advancement			Committee Chairman		
Merit Badges			Fundraising		
Boards of Review			Treasurer		
Data / Records			Secretary		
Patrol Advisor			Membership		
Leadership Advisor			Parent Resources		
Eagle Advisor			Web Master		
First Class Emphasis			Troop Emails		
Order of the Arrow			Uniform Exchange		
Training			Scoutmaster		

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#### TROOP 599 - PARENT RESOURCE DESCRIPTIONS

#### **Outings**

**Outings -** assisting in planning, coordinating and preparing for outings; advising ASPL of Outings.

**Equipment -** assisting with equipment; organizing, checking condition, buying supplies; advising ASPL(s) of Equipment.

**Transportation -** organizing drivers to/from outings.

**Troop Truck / Trailers –** ensuring that the Troop truck and trailers are always properly serviced and prepared for each planned use.

**Medical Records –** keeping track of medical forms for all scouts; making sure they are current and available for outings.

**Summer Camp –** helping select, plan, prepare, coordinate or lead the Troop's annual Summer Camp outing. Computer skills (MS / Word and/or Excel) very helpful.

**High Adventure -** helping plan, prepare, and coordinate special summer high adventure outings.

#### **Development**

**Advancement –** keeping advancement records; purchasing awards; tracking scout progress.

**Merit Badges -** being a merit badge counselor; or coordinating merit badge classes.

**Boards of Review –** sitting on advancement Boards of Review (no uniformed leaders); or coordinating Boards of Review.

**Data / Records -** keeping troop records (advancement, contact data, training, attendance) in Troopmaster.

**Patrol Advisor -** advising a patrol; providing guidance, tracking and promoting advancement; assisting with leadership position assignments.

**Leadership Position Advisor –** advising scouts serving in troop leadership positions of Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Bugler or Webmaster; providing guidance and tracking progress.

**Eagle Advisor –** advising Life scouts on the path toward Eagle; providing guidance on Eagle project preparation and reporting.

**First Class Emphasis** – being a uniformed leader in the FCE program; teaching skills to new scouts.

**Order of the Arrow** – being the Troop OA representative to the council; planning and coordinating OA elections.

**Training** - tracking scout and adult training certificates and expiration; organizing special leadership training courses (Youth Protection Training, Safe Swim, etc).

#### **Programs**

**Weekly Programs -** assisting in planning, providing speakers, organizing demonstrations; advising ASPL of Programs.

**Courts of Honor -** organizing refreshments at Courts of Honor.

**Scout Sunday -** organizing helpers for church service; arranging for photographer; coordinating the luncheon and selling tickets.

**Scouting for Food –** driving scouts on donation routes; delivering food; or organizing and managing the October food drive.

**Scout Fair** – coordinating participation of the Troop in the April Scout Fair, organizing the training / equipment and overseeing the event.

**Silent Auction** – obtaining donated items (occurs at May Banquet).

**Banquet** – planning and organizing the May banquet (table decorations and food).

**Chaplain** – serving as the adult, Troop Chaplain; mentoring scout Chaplain Aide.

#### Administration

**Committee Chairman -** chairing the Troop Committee; managing yearly registration; facilitating filling of committee positions; overseeing all administrative functions.

Fundraising - organizing and managing greenery sale.

**Treasurer -** managing the troop checkbook; processing all receivables and payables.

**Secretary -** providing minutes of committee meetings.

**Membership** - coordinating yearly membership recruiting of Webelos and transferring Scouts; advising Den Chiefs and ASPL of Membership.

**Parent Resources -** maintaining database of parents and their interests in serving the Troop.

**Webmaster** – compiling, editing, designing, and publishing the troop website.

**Troop Emails** – compiling, editing and publishing the weekly troop emails.

**Uniform Exchange -** maintaining inventory, soliciting donations and managing surplus/donated uniforms.

**Scoutmaster** – serving as the Troop Scoutmaster; advising the Senior Patrol Leader and his ASPLs.

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Signature\_\_

# Boy Scouts of America MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR INFORMATION



(Please type or print legibly.)

Name*		Primary phor	ne*			Home	Cell	Work
Address*		Other phone	e			Home	Cell	Work
City/state/zip*		Other phone	e			Home	Cell	Work
Email address*				☐ I do no	ot have email.		Age	
District	Unit:	Troop	Crew	Ship	No	BS	A ID	
I am not affiliated with a district.		I am not af	filiated w	ith a unit.				
*Required field. Primary phone and emai	I address indic	ate how Scout	s should o	contact yo	u.			
<ul> <li>To qualify as a merit badge counselor,</li> <li>Be at least 18 years old and of good</li> <li>Be registered with the Boy Scouts of code 42).</li> <li>Complete Youth Protection training.</li> <li>Be recognized as having the skills a badge subjects covered and hold ar and training as outlined in the Guide Guide to Advancement—or use others.</li> <li>Be able to work with Scout-age your</li> </ul>	d character.  America (position of education of education of the control of the c	in the merit ualifications uting or the	<ul><li>Follo delei stano</li><li>Have instr</li><li>Keep</li><li>Rene</li></ul>	ow the rections or a dards are each Scuctional so my Youtew my rec	e counselor, I a quirements of t dditions, ensure fair and unifor out accompant sessions. The Protection transpiration annu- counselor.	he merit ba ring that the rm for all So ied by anot raining curre	e advanc couts. ther perse	ement on during al
Merit Badges For more than eight merit badges, attach additional sheets.	Add (A) Drop (D)		ions coul	d include	qualification(s) college degree and specific lii	s, formal tra	ining cer	
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5.								
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A = Adding a new merit badge that you will o	counsel to the i	roster. D = Re	emoving yo	our name fr	om the roster for	this merit ba	dge.	
Complete the following:  This is a new application (first time Attach this form to the BSA Adult A This is an update to an existing list I no longer wish to serve as a merit Youth Protection training date(Attach copy of the current certificate.)	application, in of merit bade badge count	idicating positige subjects.		Cou Nan	incil Approval:			
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agree to work with: All Scouts				Date	e			
All Scouts in these districts:								
Only with Scouts in these units (ind			or ship):					
Counselors are encouraged to be available		• •						
I plan to serve as a merit badge co	unselor for th	is event or ou	tside ord	janization	:			

\_Date\_\_\_

#### INSTRUCTIONS FOR MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

#### What's It All About?

The merit badge counselor is a key player in the Scouts BSA advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise or interest—whether it is a special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or perhaps a life skill (cooking, personal management, communication)—as a merit badge counselor, you play a vital role in stirring a Scout's curiosity about it. By serving as a counselor, you offer your time, knowledge, and other resources so Scouts have the opportunity to broaden their horizons. And in doing so, your mission is to combine fun with learning.

You are both teacher and mentor as the Scout learns by doing. By presenting opportunities for growth via engaging activities like designing a webpage (Computers), performing an ollie and a wheelie (Snow Sports), or fabricating rope (Pioneering), you may pique a Scout's interest and inspire a Scout to develop a lifelong hobby, pursue a particular career, or become an independent, self-supporting adult.

#### Learning to Be a Merit Badge Counselor

All merit badge counselors should seek training. It is important that they have a full understanding of their responsibilities and also of the recommended practices for quality counseling. The presentation "The Essentials of Merit Badge Counseling" has been designed for this purpose and covers the following topics:

A Scouting overview: mission, aims, and methods Merit badge program role and benefits

Merit badge counselor qualifications

How to become a counselor

The merit badge counseling process

Merit badge requirements

Effective counseling Group instruction and camp settings

The session can be downloaded and viewed from <a href="www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/resources/advancement-presentations/">www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/resources/advancement-presentations/</a>.

Another resource is the *Guide for Merit Badge Counseling*, No. 512-065. This resource can be found online at <a href="https://www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/resources/">www.scouting.org/programs/boy-scouts/advancement-and-awards/resources/</a>.

#### **Processing This Application**

Merit badge counselors *must* register as adult Scouters and be approved by the council advancement committee for each merit badge listed on this Merit Badge Counselor Information form. A merit badge counselor does not have to pay a registration fee, but must complete an Adult Application for position code 42, fill out this form, and complete BSA Youth Protection training. Submit the Adult Application with the Merit Badge Counselor Information form to your council. Counselors may wish to associate with a particular unit but are encouraged to serve any Scout from any unit.

#### Special Qualifications and Guidelines for Merit Badge Counselors

A number of merit badges involve activities that are restricted or require certification or special training for those supervising these activities. See the *Guide to Advancement*, topic 7.0.1.1, "Qualifications of Counselors." Merit badge counselors may personally meet these required qualifications, or they may use others so qualified. Additionally, the BSA *Guide to Safe Scouting* has specific requirements and procedures for shooting sports and for aquatics, winter, and other activities. These policies apply to all BSA activities, including merit badge instruction. For other merit badges where specific BSA requirements do not exist, counselors should have sufficient depth of knowledge and experience to understand how to safely present the material.

#### **Instructions to Counselors**

- The unit leader (Scoutmaster, crew Advisor, or Skipper) recommends and provides the name and contact information of at least
  one merit badge counselor to each Scout desiring to work on a merit badge. Before beginning to work with a youth, counselors
  should check the Scout's merit badge application (blue card) to ensure it is signed by the unit leader.
- Every Scout must have another person with them at each meeting with a merit badge counselor. This person can be their parent or legal guardian or another registered adult. There is no one-on-one contact allowed with Scouts and counselors.
- Counselors may not add to or delete any merit badge requirements. Group instruction is allowed where special facilities and
  expert personnel make this most practical, or when Scouts are dependent on a few counselors for assistance. However, any
  group experience must provide attention to every individual candidate's projects and progress, and assure each has actually
  and personally fulfilled all the requirements. If, for example, a requirement uses words like "show," "demonstrate," or "discuss,"
  then every Scout must individually do so. It is unacceptable to award badges on the basis of Scouts sitting in classrooms and
  watching demonstrations or remaining silent during discussions.
- When a Scout begins working on a merit badge, the current-year Scouts BSA Requirements book lists the official requirements
  in effect at that time. If requirements change after a Scout has started working on a merit badge, the requirements that were
  in effect when the Scout began working on the badge can still be followed unless the BSA's National Council places a specific
  timeline on the implementation of new requirements.



#### MERIT BADGE LIST<sup>1</sup>

American Business American Cultures American Heritage American Labor Animal Science Animation Archaeology Archery Architecture

Art

Astronomy Athletics

Auto Maintenance

Aviation
Backpacking
Basketry
Bird Study
Bugling
Camping
Canoeing
Chemistry
Chess

Citizen in Community Citizenship in Nation Citizenship in World

Climbing
Coin Collecting
Collections
Communication
Composite Materials

Cooking

Crime Prevention

**Cycling**Dentistry

Digital Technology Disabilities Awareness

Dog Care Drafting Electricity Electronics

**Emergency Prep** 

Energy Engineering Entrepreneurship

**Environment Science** 

**Exploration** 

Family Life
Farm Mechanics
Fingerprinting
Fire Safety
First Aid

Fish & Wildlife Mgmt.

Fishing
Fly Fishing
Forestry
Game Design
Gardening
Genealogy
Geocaching
Geology
Golf

Graphic Arts

Hiking

Home Repairs Horsemanship Indian Lore Insect Study Inventing Journalism Kayaking

Landscape Architecture

Law

Leatherwork
Lifesaving
Mammal Study
Medicine

Metalwork

Mining in Society

Model Design & Building

Motorboating Moviemaking Music

Nature Nuclear S

Nuclear Science Oceanography Orienteering Painting

Personal Fitness
Personal Management

Pets

Photography

Pioneering
Plant Science
Plumbing
Pottery
Programming

Public Health
Public Speaking
Pulp & Paper
Radio

Radio Railroading Reading

Reptile & Amphibian Study

Rifle Shooting Robotics Rowing Safety

Salesmanship Scholarship Scouting Heritage Scuba Diving Sculpture

Search & Rescue Shotgun Shooting Signs, Signals & Code

Skating

Small Boat Sailing Snow Sports Soil & Water Cons. Space Exploration

**Sports** 

Stamp Collecting

Surveying
Sustainability
Swimming
Textile

Theater Traffic Safety

Truck Transportation Veterinary Medicine

Water Sports Weather Welding Whitewater

Wilderness Survival Wood Carving

Woodwork

1. Eagle required merit badges are in **bold red** print.

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