



Boy Scout Troop 806
March 2008 Backpacking Campout
Information

Sam Houston National Forest
Big Creek Scenic Area

When: March 29-30, 2008 / All Scouts and Leaders should meet at Beth Israel at 7:00 AM on Saturday in full uniform. Wear your green troop shirt under your uniform. We want to leave by 7:15. Scouts will be returned to the same location Sunday shortly before noon.

Where: Big Creek Scenic Area near Shepherd, Texas. This is a real wilderness area. We will be camping several miles from the nearest road.

Cost:

\$15 per Scout.

Sign up and pay your patrol leader by March 10.

This is for Saturday lunch and supper, and Sunday breakfast. Some patrols may have money left over from a previous campout and may not charge this much. Speak with your patrol leader if you are not sure.

Program:

- Backpacking - 2 miles each way
- Advancement - Let the SPL or your Troop Guide know what you need!
- Capture the Flag
- Other activities to be planned by the Patrol Leaders/SPL.

SPECIAL:

ALL SCOUTS NEED TO BRING THEIR PACKS TO THE MARCH 24 MEETING PACKED AND READY FOR INSPECTION.

THE PATROL GRUBMASTER SHOULD HAVE THE FOOD AND THE PATROL QUARTERMASTER SHOULD HAVE THE PATROL GEAR PACKED AND READY AT THIS TIME ALSO. GRUBMASTERS AND QUARTERMASTERS SHOULD ARRIVE AT THE MEETING EARLY!!

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST
Bring your pack to the March 24 meeting.
Prizes for Scouts (and patrols) that are 100% prepared!

_____ Wear: Complete uniform (including green troop hat, belt, name tag, socks, etc, but not your neckerchief). You should have your green Troop T-shirt on under your uniform on Saturday morning. For the pack inspection, you may wear it or have it in your pack. Wear whatever shoes or hiking boots you will be hiking in. If you wear hiking boots, be sure to wear two pairs of socks (e.g. wool socks over Scout socks) to prevent blisters.

- _____ Backpack with adjustable straps
- _____ Lightweight sleeping bag or blanket in waterproof stuff sack (not a plastic trash bag!)
- _____ 7 foot X 9 foot ground cloth
- _____ 50 feet 1/8 inch nylon rope (2-25 foot pieces, coiled, properly fused)
- _____ Small (AA) flashlight (make sure it works!)
- _____ Poncho (which will cover you and your pack) or raincoat and pack cover
- _____ Lighter or matches in waterproof container
- _____ Bowl, cup and spoon
- _____ Folding knife
- _____ Insect repellent (non-aerosol)
- _____ Scout Handbook, pen and paper (put in zip-loc bag)
- _____ Large heavy-duty trash bag to use as pack cover at campsite (not for use when hiking)
- _____ 2 pairs of red-top Scout socks (the ones you are wearing plus one more pair)
- _____ Extra underwear
- _____ 2 Green Troop Class-B T-shirts
- _____ Extra shorts or long pants you can get wet and dirty
- _____ Sweatshirt or jacket
- _____ Bandanna
- _____ Toilet Kit (small towel, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb)
- _____ Water bottle or canteen - 1 quart (must be filled)
- _____ Additional light-weight sneakers or moccasins (no open-toed sandals!)
- _____ Foam pad (optional)
- _____ Compass (optional but you need at least one per patrol)
- _____ Tent Stakes (at least 4)

Patrol Food and Equipment Checklist

Yes No

FOOD

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| _____ | _____ | Quantity/Selection of food for the patrol is adequate |
| _____ | _____ | Excess packaging is removed |
| _____ | _____ | All food is packed correctly by meal |
| _____ | _____ | Extra ziploc bag for each meal |
| _____ | _____ | Patrol leader has clean copy of menu and duty roster |
| _____ | _____ | All meals labeled |

EQUIPMENT (Supplied by Troop)

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| _____ | _____ | Tents (1 per 3 Scouts) |
| _____ | _____ | Dining fly |
| _____ | _____ | One-burner Stove and propane |
| _____ | _____ | 2 Medium pots with lids |
| _____ | _____ | Plastic wash basin |
| _____ | _____ | Wooden spoon |
| _____ | _____ | Hot pot tongs (pack with dish wash kit) |
| _____ | _____ | Nylon dunking bag (pack with dish wash kit) |
| _____ | _____ | Collapsible water container |

EQUIPMENT (Supplied by Patrol)

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| _____ | _____ | Toilet paper - One roll Scott (or equivalent) Toilet paper in Zip-loc |
| _____ | _____ | Dish wash kit (Dish towel, small dish soap, scrubber in zip-loc bag) |
| _____ | _____ | Small First Aid Kit (for the hike) |
| _____ | _____ | Compass |

Backpacking Meal "Suggestions"

Lunch

Nuts or Dried fruit
Squeeze cheese
Crackers
Beef sticks or Beef Jerky or Trail Mix
Chicken/Turkey spread
Fruit cocktail or Newtons
Kool-aid

Supper

Assorted Cup-o-Soups (1.5 per Scout)
(These are the ones in envelopes, NOT the styro cups)
Assorted freeze-dried stuff (1 per 2 Scout - available at camping stores)
Apple sauce
Kool-aid

Breakfast

Instant oatmeal (1 per Scout)
Pop-tarts (2 per Scout)
Granola bars
Orange Kool-Aid or Tang
Box milk

- **Remember, you need 1 lunch, 1 dinner and 1 breakfast.**
- **All meals be of the "add-water" only type to make clean-up easier.**
- **Be sure to pack all meals properly BEFORE coming to the March 24 meeting.**
- **Patrol Leaders: Complete the bottom 2 forms and bring with you in your pack.**

Backpacking Menu for _____ Patrol

Saturday Lunch

Saturday Supper

Sunday Breakfast

Backpacking Duty Roster for _____ Patrol

Saturday Lunch

Cook _____

Water _____

Clean-up _____

Saturday Supper

Cook _____

Water _____

Clean-up _____

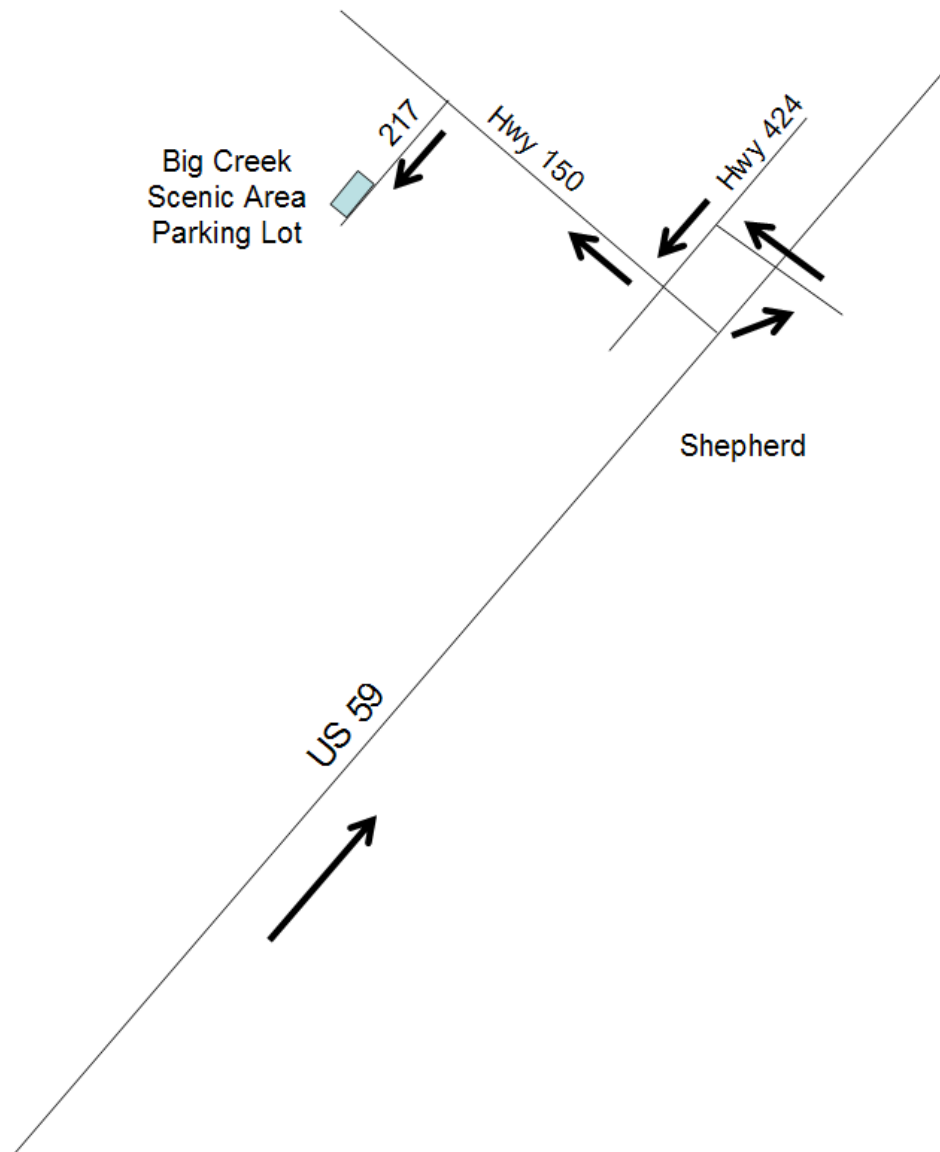
Sunday Breakfast

Cook _____

Water _____

Clean-up _____

DIRECTIONS TO BIG CREEK SCENIC AREA



Note: These directions were created last year. Construction along US 59 may alter these somewhat. You have been warned. :)

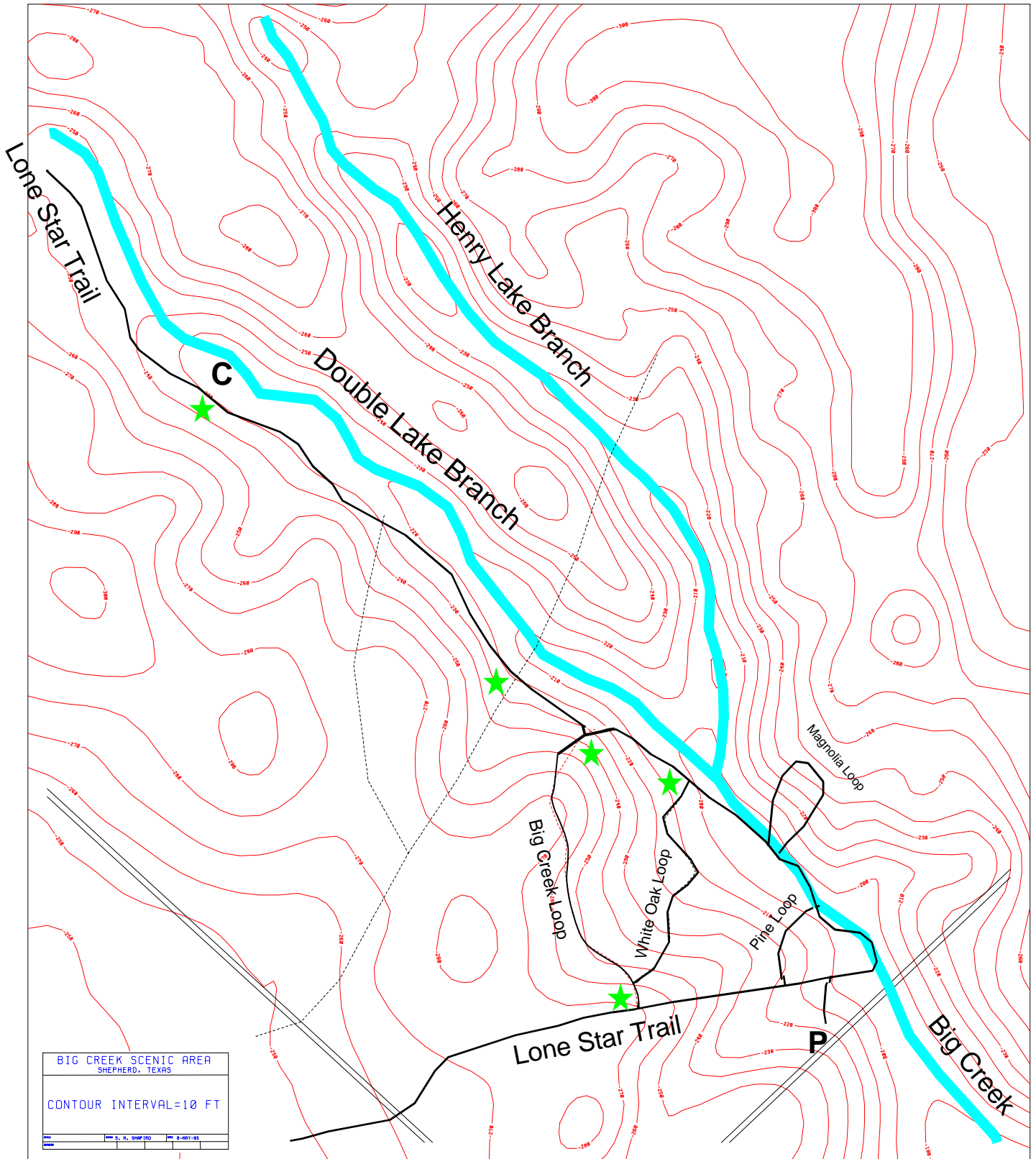
Take US 59 North to Shepherd, Texas.

Take the Hwy 150 exit. Turn left under the freeway and go .4 miles to a stop sign. Turn left on route 424. Go about .6 miles to the blinking light and turn right on TX 150.

Go about 4.6 miles. Watch for the Big Creek Scenic Area sign on the right.

Turn left on Forest Service Rd 217. (This is a gravel road.)

Go about 1 1/2 miles to parking lot.



Scale 1 inch = Approx 1200 feet

P = Parking Lot
C = Camping Area

**Big Creek Scenic Area
Shepherd, Texas**

**Campsite coordinates:
30.5225 degrees north latitude
95.1057 degrees west longitude**