

What does it cost?

The following fees for Scouts and Adults are collected by the Treasurer to cover the costs associated with the Troop.

Council Dues/Insurance **\$11.00**
Collected annually in November to cover the cost of National and Council membership services and includes limited insurance while on Scouting activities.

Boy's Life Magazine **\$12.00**
Collected annually in November to cover voluntary subscription to the monthly Scouting magazine.

Troop Dues **\$67.00**
Collected in November to cover the cost of awards, badges, and some maintenance or purchases of Troop equipment.

Monthly Campout Fee **Varies**
Collected prior to camp-out and covers cost of food and camp-ground fees. The cost begins at \$30 per camp-out and increases for those requiring special activities fees, such as rock climbing, canoe rental, shooting range, etc.

Summer Camp Fee **Varies**
Collected in installments for Scouts attending Summer/Winter Camp. The fee covers registration and transportation costs. Depending on the camp and its location, the fee runs anywhere from \$175.00 to \$235.00. Out-of-state travel could double the fee.

Adult Scouter/Council Fee **\$11.00**
Collected in November from each adult who wishes to register with Boy Scouts. This covers the cost of National and Council membership services, limited insurance coverage and a subscription to the *Scouter* magazine.

Merit Badge Counselors **NONE**
Merit Badge Counselors do not pay BUT are required to complete an Adult Scouter registration form as well as a Merit Badge Counselor form.

Friends of Scouting **Varies**
This is a program used by the Council to supplement the funds received from other sources. It is voluntary in nature and the amount of the contribution is left up to the donor.



Fedor—This trip is our long standing troop favorite!! In January, we head 120 miles northwest of Houston to a private ranch of a friend of scouting. We are able to take short hikes, work on compass skills and the big favorite—building our overnight shelters.

SHAC Camporee— In February, our scouts headed to Camp Strake to test their skills against area troops. They made sure to bring their scout handbook – it was a great place to work on achievements, like cooking and lashings.

Guadalupe Clean-Up and River Rafting—In March, the troop spent a Saturday morning participating in the annual Guadalupe River Clean-Up – a very worthy and much appreciated service project. Some of our scouts were even interviewed for a radio story. In the afternoon, the troop cooled off with some rafting down the river. To top off the weekend, the scouts ate barbeque in Giddings.

Scout Fair— For the first time in several years, our scouts participated in the Sam Houston Area Council Scout Fair. Troop 993 had its own booth where the scouts served funnel cake. Our scouts' outstanding culinary skills earned them a first prize for cooking.

Reimars Ranch — In May, a friend of scouting loaned us the ranch for the weekend. The scouts enjoyed mountain biking

over hills and some would even say mountains! Scouts and adults alike tested their cycling ability with a visit by a professional cyclist to help fine-tune our biking technique.

Summer Camp— In July, the older scouts headed to the cool weather of Colorado for high adventure activities at the Rocky Mountain High Adventure Base. These older scouts of 13 plus years participated in mountain biking, river rafting, rock climbing and hiking up to 14,000 ft. While we were sweating away here in Houston, they were having snowball fights! Our younger scouts had a great chance to work on their First Class Emphasis and earn plenty of merit badges as they spent a week at El Rancho Cima in San Marcos.

Inks Lake— In August, our scouts traveled to Inks Lake on the Colorado River in Burnet County for some pre- school camping and fun. A tour of the area caves was the highlight of the trip - what better way to cool off in mid-August heat than with some cave explorations!

Canyon Lake Tubing — In September, the troop had such good memories of the Guadalupe that they went back for some tubing. This time, the troop traveled to Canyon Lake where they camped at the Corps of Engineers' run park – Potter's Creek on the Lake. Not only did they tube but they also had the opportunity to participate in some nature observations and swimming. Just the ticket for the back to school blues!



Troop 993 Fast Facts

- ◆ We are a Boy-Led Troop that is mentored by adult volunteer leaders.
- ◆ Boys ages 11-17 are invited to join our troop.
- ◆ We meet Mondays 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- ◆ Mondays from 7-7:30 p.m. are reserved for special sessions for scouts and parents including First Class Emphasis training for new scouts, Scoutmaster Conferences, merit badge classes, Boards of Review, parent training etc.
- ◆ “Boy-Led” includes older scouts mentoring our younger scouts.
- ◆ We have a 15% success rate of scouts reaching the “Eagle” rank (national average 4-5%).
- ◆ Camping is usually done once a month (see calendar on website).
- ◆ Court of Honor (Awards Presentation) is held twice a year.
- ◆ Troop 993 is chartered by Ashford United Methodist Church, 2201 S. Dairy Ashford between Briar Forest and Westheimer.
- ◆ Troop 993 is in the East Mustang District that is part of the Sam Houston Council.
- ◆ The Mustang District serves Houston, Spring Branch, Katy & Royal School Districts.
- ◆ Lots of additional information can be found on our website: www.troop993.org

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