

Spring Canoe Race 2007

Spend a day on the Brazos River! Parent and Youth Teams are Welcome.

Choose one of two Races on the Scenic Brazos River: A 6-mile Intermediate Canoe Race for any swimmer or a 14-mile Advanced Canoe Race for experienced canoeists only. Fee includes Boats, Gear, T-shirts, Lunch, Awards, & Dinner! Any registered Boy Scout, Venture Crew/Varsity Team/Exploring/Learning for Life member or Adult may enter. All must be swimmers.

WHEN:	Saturday, April 28, 2007	
WHERE:	6-Mile Intermediate Race:	Worth Ranch to Dark Valley Bridge (<i>average easy paddle time is 1 1/2 - 2 1/2 hours</i>)
	14-Mile Advanced Race:	Possum Kingdom Dam to Worth Ranch (<i>average easy paddle time is 3 1/2 - 6 hours</i>)
REGISTRATION:	Early Registration Deadline is 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 25 th , 2007; Final Payment must be received by Wed. April 25 th Full fee for all Registrations after 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 25 th , 2007	
RACE TIMES:	8:00 a.m. – 3:30 PM	14-mile race
	10:30 a.m.-3:30 PM	6-mile race (To avoid crowding, times are assigned for 6-mile race heats and for supper)
	2:30 PM - 5:00 PM	War Canoe Team Race - timed heats, the canoe race afternoon activity!
FEES:	Early Registration Discount: \$25.00 before Wednesday at 5:00 PM, April 25 th , 2007; \$30.00 after Wednesday, April 25 th , 2007. Fee includes boats, paddles, PFDs, race numbers, lunch, dinner, race T-shirt, medals & awards	
CHECK-IN:	6:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Saturday	

General Information

Any Boy Scout, Venturer, Varsity Team member, or adult who is a swimmer may enter the 6-mile race. You'll complete the 6-mile course in 1½–2½ hours with an easy paddle. The 14-mile race is open ONLY to highly experienced canoeists with good boat control (Boy Scouts must have Canoeing Merit Badge). The 14-mile course will take 3½–5 hours and is NOT an easy paddle. **DO NOT TAKE INEXPERIENCED CANOEISTS** with poor boat control on 14-mile race!!

Race and supper times will be assigned. Leaders are encouraged to help with shuttle of drivers and canoe trailers (2" hitch ball) after the race.

In order to provide safety assistance on the river, each unit must provide 2 safety boaters for every 10 youth race boats. Bring a first aid kit and *your unit medical forms to this event.*

Awards go to both paddlers in the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place boats in each division in each race. Adults not needed as safety boaters can race in the Parent/Youth, Men's, Women's, or Mixed Adult race divisions. Only experienced kayakers may race in the kayak class. Racers are welcome to paddle their own canoes (or kayaks). Both individual teams and unit contingents are welcome. From 3:00 - 5:00 PM groups of 4 to 12 paddlers can do timed heats in the 100-yard War Canoe Team Race! War Canoe Finals for qualifying teams at 5:00 PM.

Racers, safety boaters, and staff will receive boats, paddling gear, race T-shirts, snack lunch, and an awards dinner. We'll end the event with awards for the racers and units at the Awards supper. Participants are welcome to camp at Worth Ranch.

Water Levels

Possum Kingdom Dam controls water levels. Race times will vary with water levels and wind speed and direction. At low water you can expect to drag your boat through shallow gravel bars at least once on the 6-mile race and several times on the 14-mile section.

Teams

Each race team should be 2 paddlers from one of the following classes. Any unit entering 3 or more teams (boats) should provide at least one safety boat to assist in staffing the race heats their youth have entered. Except for parent/youth teams, all unit contingents must be accompanied by at least 2 adults on the river.

Race Divisions

Awards to paddlers in the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place boats in each division:

Boys Teams-up to 100 lbs.	Female Youth Teams
Boys Teams-101 to 150 lbs.	Co-ed Youth Teams
Boys Teams-151+ lbs.	Co-ed Adult Teams
Parent/Youth Teams	Adult – Men
Kayak – male (experience required)	Adult – Women
Kayak – female (experience required)	

Safety Boaters

The race requires safety boats for each heat. Units must provide 2 safety boaters for every 10 youth boats. Safety personnel include any adult who has received "Safe Swim Defense" and "Safety Afloat" training or BSA Lifeguard. Online "Safe Swim Defense" and "Safety Afloat" trainings are offered on the council website for those who need it. Each unit entering teams in the 14-mile race must send at least 2 adults on the river, including at least one already certified in Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense (Bring your cards). If you attend as a unit you must have at least 1 trained adult for each 10 youth. Older youth (especially BSA Lifeguards) may safety boat with an adult. If your unit enters teams in both races you must provide a certified adult for each section.

The Race

6 MILE RACE: Designed to be a fun challenge or just a fun river paddle. You'll paddle 6 river miles from Worth Ranch to the Highway 4 bridge and race for 1 to 2½ hours. Race times will be assigned at check-in, along with matching supper times (to avoid dining hall crowding). Equipment can be checked out from 10:00 A.M. to 12:30 PM. Boaters who check out gear early may practice on the river at the put-in until race time (must follow Safety Afloat rules!). You must be at the Worth Ranch put-in, lined up and ready to go at least 30 minutes BEFORE your scheduled race start. Racers will depart in heats that include adults. Plan a nice easy paddle or paddle hard and fast. Either way: enjoy the race!

14-MILE RACE: This is designed to be a difficult river challenge – racers MUST be strong canoeists! Weak or inexperienced canoeists will be very hard pressed to do the 14-mile race. You'll paddle 14 river miles from Possum Kingdom Dam to Worth Ranch and race for 3 ½ to 5 hours. You must be at the Dam put-in, lined up and ready to go by 8:00 A.M. for equipment checkout and race start.

Each team will have race numbers to wear. Start and finish times will be recorded for each boat. All decisions by race officials are final. If your boat is damaged in the race you must seek help from a safety boat. Teams may carry one extra paddle and must use the same boat throughout the entire race.

Equipment

BOATS: The camp has over 300 canoes available. Boats are available on a first come-first served basis by order of signup. Experienced kayak paddlers can request camp kayaks. Personal boats may be used with approval from the race director.

LIFE JACKETS & PADDLES: Provided to all participants. Any personal single-bladed canoe paddle (including bent shaft and curved blade paddles) may be used. Personal PFDs must be U.S. Coast Guard approved and checked by the race staff. Kayak paddles can be used in kayaks only.

PERSONAL GEAR: All participants must wear shirt, pants/shorts, shoes, and a USCG approved PFD at all times while on the water. Bring hand bailers, sunscreen, and kneepads! No bilge pumps.

WATER: Teams are required to carry at least two liters of water in the boat. The race staff will provide drinking water/safety stops along the river.

Transportation and Driver Shuttles

Boat and Driver shuttles will be run all afternoon to take drivers from Hwy. 4 Bridge at the end of the 6-mile race back to Worth Ranch. Troops/Crews should plan to transport their participants from the bridge back to Worth Ranch – it’s a short 6-mile shuttle. Vehicle keys should NOT be taken on the river. Units should set their own shuttle vehicles for the 14-mile race. ALL units are encouraged to help with shuttle of drivers after the race! Units that can help with shuttle of canoe trailers (2” hitch ball) after the race should contact the camping registrar at 817-624-5537 or email to camping@longhorn.org. All help will be appreciated!

War Canoe Team Challenge

Challenge everyone in the war canoe team race. Timed heats. Run from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM – whenever you get back! This is a flat out speed and/or survival race on 100-yards of flat water at Worth Ranch. Any group of 4 - 12 race participants (from one or more units) may enter. Teams may race more than once to improve their heat time. Teams must cross the finish line without being sunk in order to receive a time.

Race Awards

Each participant will receive a Paddle the Brazos Canoe Race T-shirt. Awards will go to the top three places in each division. Unit awards will go to the top units (3 boat minimum) based on the average of each unit’s total race times.

Schedule

- 6:30 a.m.–7:00 a.m.Check-in for 14-Mile race at Dining Hall. Pick up driving directions maps, lunches, and Race Wristbands
- 7:00 a.m.–9:00 a.m.Check-in for 6-Mile race at Dining Hall. Pick up driving directions maps, lunches, and Race Wristbands
- 8:00 a.m.14-Mile race - boat and gear checkout
- 8:30 a.m.14-Mile race start
- 10:00 a.m.Boat and Gear checkout starts at WR put-in
- 10:30 a.m.–1:30 PM6-Mile Race starts (Assigned times)
- 3:30 PM6-Mile and 14- Mile river races end
- 2:30-5:00 PMWar Canoe Races. Timed heats.
- 4:30-6:30 PMSupper (Assigned times) followed by Awards
- 7:00 PMAward

Spring Canoe Race 2007 Reservation Form: Return to Council office by 5:00 PM Wed., April 25, 2007 (Please Print!)

Unit Leader (or Parent, if Parent/Youth team) _____ Troop/Crew # _____ District _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Email Addresses: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Fax) _____

We are Camping: ___ Friday night ___ Saturday Night ___ Not Camping

Number of *Boats* in each Race Division: (each team consists of 2 canoeists)

6-Mile Intermediate Race

Boys Teams - up to 100 lbs. _____	Parent/Youth Teams _____	Co-ed Teams (Y)____ (A)____
Boys Teams - 101 to 150 lbs. _____	Youth Female Teams _____	Adult Male _____
Boys Teams - 151+ lbs. _____	Kayak racers - individual (M)____ (F)____	Adult Female _____

of 6-Mile Safety Boaters: Youth: _____ Adult: _____ (Be sure to bring your CPR, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat, or BSA Lifeguard cards)

camp kayaks requested _____ # personal kayaks* (if any) _____ *(With personal kayaks, please bring your own paddling gear) # personal canoes (if any) _____

14-Mile Advanced Race (NO inexperienced canoeists!!!!)

Boys Teams - up to 100 lbs. _____	Parent/Youth Teams _____	Co-ed Teams (Y)____ (A)____
Boys Teams - 101 to 150 lbs. _____	Youth Female Teams _____	Adult Male _____
Boys Teams - 151+ lbs. _____	Kayak racers - individual (M)____ (F)____	Adult Female _____

of 14-Mile Safety Boaters: Youth: _____ Adult: _____ (Be sure to bring your CPR, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat, or BSA Lifeguard cards)

camp kayaks requested _____ # personal kayaks* (if any) _____ *(With personal kayaks, please bring your own paddling gear) # personal canoes (if any) _____

Volunteers: Please indicate if your unit has adults (paddling or not) who can help with

___ Driver Shuttle ___ Trailer shuttle ___ Race timer/judge ___ Cooking supper ___ Serving Supper
 ___ Sandwich making on Friday night (youth may also help)

Number of War Canoe Race Teams: We will have _____ War Canoe Race Teams (4-12 racers per boat):

Registration Fees: \$25.00 per person before 5:00 PM Wednesday, April 25, 2007, and \$30.00 after.

Total Number of Racers (6 & 14 mile races) _____ (Youth)
 + Number of Adults _____ (Safety boaters and Parent race partners) = Total people _____
 Total people _____ x \$ _____ = _____ enclosed.

Account: 1-6701-316-20

Lunch Requests: Number with Turkey _____ Number with Peanut Butter _____

Number of T-shirts: Sm ___ Med ___ Lg ___ XL ___ XXL ___

I understand that registration fees are non-refundable but are transferable. In the event of high water, the race will be rescheduled. All participants must be registered members of the BSA or unit guests. Each Troop/Crew must be accompanied by at least two registered adults (except for Parent/Youth race teams). I certify that all participants are swimmers. I certify that all participants in the 14-mile race are experienced canoeists. I will bring Class 1 medical forms for every participant’s attending the event.

Unit Leader Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
(please print)

Final Payment Due Wednesday before event starts. Late Payments and walk-ins will not receive the early registration discount. Canoe Race is a rain or shine activity.

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