

Troop 17

Wilderness Survival Campout

Sid Richardson Scout Ranch

March 7 - 9, 2025

Program:

Island Life in March – you bet! This weekend we will be camping on Stripling Island at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. We will be learning important survival skills on how to make it on your own in the wilderness. This will include ways to build a fire without matches, nourish yourself with limited gear and build a natural shelter to sleep in Saturday night. While sleeping one night in your improvised shelter is a requirement for Wilderness Survival merit badge, it is not a requirement for participation in this campout should you choose to camp in the comfort of your tent instead.

This campout will also be a great opportunity to work on rank advancement, so make sure to bring your green cards!

Departure information:

Uniform: Full Class A
Location: Harry R. Male Scout Lodge
Time: 5:30pm Friday (bus leaves as soon as we are loaded – please don't be late)
Dinner: Bring a sack dinner to eat on the drive

Return information:

Uniform: Full Class A
Location: Harry R. Male Scout Lodge
Time: 1:00pm Sunday (Scouts will call or text with more precise ETA)

Parents – thank you for the prompt pickup of your scout so that our adult volunteers can get home to their families

Cell phones & electronics:

Devices will be collected from scouts when we arrive at camp on Friday and returned on Sunday when we depart. Campouts should be a time for the Scouts to disconnect and enjoy the outdoors and each other.

Parents – thank you for your support of this important life skill!

Gear List (put your name on everything):

For this campout

- Plan for cold weather. If you don't have a cold weather sleeping bag, bring fleece blankets
- Could be good to have an extra ground cloth or tarp or sheet of plastic to put on the ground for your shelter
- Bring a fishing pole if you want – we are on an island after all

For every campout

- Tent & ground cloth: 2 people to a tent
- Bedroll
- Sleeping pad
- Trash bags: 2 or more, heavier the better
- Raingear: always
- Camp chair: for relaxing at camp
- Clothes (synthetic materials dry quickly)
 - Hiking boots, waterproof
 - Long pants
 - Long sleeve shirt
 - Shorts
 - Socks – bring extra
 - Underwear
 - Troop t-shirt
- Sunscreen
- Bug spray
- Towel
- Personal hygiene kit: toothpaste & brush, TP and soap
- 50' of paracord to practice knots
- Cup, plate, utensils
- Flashlight/headlamp: w/ extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Nalgene: one or two full of water
- Medication: bring if you need it
- Money: for snacks on the way home if "the Mama" says so
- Greencard: for advancement

