

North District Favorite Places



1-2 Hours from DFW

- Camp Cherokee-Hiking, fishing and camping
- Camp Meisenbach-less developed, more natural
- Camp Wisdom-Convenient, many amenities, traffic noise warning
- Lake Ray Roberts
- LBJ Grasslands –Cottonwood and Black Creek areas recommended.
- Dinosaur Valley State Park-Backpack in and enjoy the real Dinosaur Tracks! Great for families.
- Stone Works-rock climbing in Carrollton, tallest in the world!
- Lake Mineral Wells State Park-Great Rock Climbing and repelling, Great Hike for getting your Hiking MB!
- Camp Sid Richardson-Great Rock Climbing and repelling, pump jacks have the soothing sound of Texas' Life Blood.
- Ft. Parker State Park
- Cedar Hill State Park-Good camping, short drive o great bike trails.
- Slippery Falls-Always a favorite for the men! Cool waterfall and great place to play in the rocks and water. Fishing and Canoeing possible. Try Dog Iron campsite.
- Camp Simpson-Oklahoma
- Chickasaw National Recreation Area-Sulfur, OK
- Murrell Park-NE of Lake Grapevine-awesome bike trail.
- Camp Burnett-Southlake, nice and wild! Unique campfire area and a building that can be used for poor weather.
- Longhorn Council Chisholm Trail Adventure
- Daingerfield State Park-Mt Pleasant, Piney woods and beautiful fall color!
- Caddo Lake State Park-Cypress Swamp. This is the *only large Natural* lake in Texas.

Favorite 'Semi-High' Adventure (1-6 Hr)

- Beaver's Bend State Park-Broken Bow, OK Hiking, great nature and canoe or kayak.
- Camp Pioneer-Mena, AR
- Wichita Wildlife Refuge-Lawton, OK-cool bison, great backpacking, repelling and water fun!
- YO Ranch-Kerrville-Great Horsemanship! Not too pricey.
- Ouachita Mountains-Oklahoma
- Palo Duro Canyon-Gorgeous year around! Yes, some places in Texas are cool in August! Golden Spread BSA Camp
- Colorado Bend State Park-Great Spelunking and Hiking
- Enchanted Rock State Park-Backpacking and Rock Climbing. Unique geology.
- Guadalupe River State Park-New Braunfels. Canoe and Tubing.

- Illinois River-Talequah, OK.
- Caddo Mounds and Mission Tejas state park in east Texas – camping and Indian lore
- Cross Timbers trail on south side of Lake Texoma – backpacking.
- Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum-Great BSA Explorer Post for an overnight in Amarillo.
- Commemorative Air Force Museum-Unbelievable! Midland, TX.

Favorite High Adventure-As long as you dream-dream BIG!

- Philmont Scout Ranch-DUH! Cimaron, NM.
- Ben Delatour Scout Ranch-Colorado, Elkhorn High Adventure Base.
- Camp Orr-Amazing! Only BSA camp in a National Park.
- Collegiate Peaks Wilderness Area and Packard Scout Ranch-CO.
- Weminuche Wilderness Area-Great Forest Rangers, beautiful Southern Colorado-you will not want to come back home!
- Guadalupe Mountains National Park-AMAZING! Texas beauty, unusual geology, great backpacking and hiking. You are not a Texan until you have been to Guadalupe!
- Buffalo River-Great White water!
- Kings River-Arkansas-Great 50 miler local! Kings River Outfitters Rocks! Only river in N America that flows north!
- Big Bend National Park-Too awesome for words!
- Davis Mountains State Park-Visit the Fort, Point of Rocks, Marfa Lights, Chihuahua Desert, McDonald Observatory and see real fire flies! Watch out for javelinas!
- Buffalo Trails Scout Ranch-largest council owned camp in the US. Great backpacking and unusual MB opportunities.
- Balmorhea State Park-scuba, snorkel, swim and see a tarantula!
- Boundary Waters of Minnesota-BSA camp or use a private outfitter-Voyager Canoe-1-888-canoelit.
- Sea Base-Variou trips that emphasize sailing, scuba, snorkeling or anything that combines sun and water!
- Leadville, Co-Climb Fourteeners and White Water. Try Camp Hale.
- Current River national Scenic Water Way-3-4 day canoe. MO.
- Carlsbad Caverns-Special Cave Tours are so worth the time! Absolutely amazing!
- River Stix Cave-Benjamin, TX. Contact Dallas-Ft. Worth Grotto.
- SS Lexington-Galveston. This is a great place for fun and a service project!
- Great Sand Dunes National Monument-CO
- Kandersteg International Scout Center, Switzerland <http://www.kisc.ch/>

Special Pass for Texas State Parks Youth Group Annual Entrance Permit

The Youth Group Annual Entrance Permit is a special program for youth groups 13-18 years of age. Purchased as an annual pass for nonprofit youth groups, the permit waives entry fees for youth group members and a reasonable number of accompanying adult sponsors. The permit is **\$100** per year and is limited to groups of **50**. Youth Group Annual Entrance Permit is available at state parks and TPWD Austin Headquarters.