



Texas Powder Horn 2009

**September 11-13 and
September 25-27, 2009
Camp Tahuaya**

Co-Sponsored by
Capitol Area Council &
Longhorn Council

<http://www.texas-powderhorn.org>

Long used by outdoorsmen as one of the necessary tools for daily life. The powder horn carried the propellant that allowed him to sustain daily life.

The powder horn ranged from the very plain yet functional to the ornate work of art, but the use was the same, a vessel to help sustain.

The recipient of the Powder Horn is a vessel - a vessel to help sustain the spirit of the outdoorsman in our youth of today. The propellant that you carry is the knowledge to share with these youth.

Wear it proudly and know that you are making a difference in the youth that you serve.

Scouting leaders often face the dilemma of having a strong desire to provide challenging and fun outdoor programs to meet the needs of their older youth members, while lacking the knowledge and/or resources to do so. Powder Horn responds to this quandary with an exciting new training opportunity that exposes Boy Scout and Venturing adult leaders to a wide range of outdoor/high adventure activities. More importantly, Powder Horn provides participants with valuable resources and contacts to assist them in delivering the promise of Scouting's high adventure to youth. Capitol Area and Longhorn Councils are proud to co-host the 2009 Powder Horn training course, based at Longhorn Council's beautiful Camp Tahuaya, located near Belton, Texas.

The Powder Horn course is based on the requirements for Venturing's prestigious Ranger Award. The Ranger Award Program requires demonstrated proficiency in a challenging set of core and elective high adventure topics. During Powder Horn, presentations on Ranger topics are made by expert consultants who demonstrate the skills required and explain where resources, such as equipment, facilities, guides, instructors, and certifications can be obtained locally. Most presentations involve actual hands-on experience by the participants - you'll get to sample many of the activities yourself so you will know how much fun your crew or troop will be able to have. We have recruited an all-star staff of experienced Scouters from all over Texas to guide you through the adventure!

Don't dismiss Powder Horn as being "only for Venturing leaders" – the reality is that it is every bit as important for Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters as it is for Venturing Advisors! If you, like many of us, find retaining your older scouts to be a challenge, this course will provide you with many options for running more exciting outings that will appeal to them. It will also help you understand the Venturing program so that you can see how it relates to Boy Scouting – both the commonality and the differences.

Learning Objectives: The Powder Horn Course provides:

- Introduction to the necessary skills to oversee a high adventure program, and the certifications necessary (and how to obtain those certifications).
- Knowledge of how to identify local resources and consultants for high adventure activities.
- Knowledge of the health and safety requirements, and rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America as these apply to outdoor programs.
- Detailed knowledge of the Venturing Ranger Award.

What others have said about Powder Horn (comments from prior courses):
"Lots of fun! My inner child got to come out and play!"

"Walk the walk, talk the talk, pack the pack!"

"Awesome Powder Horn, had a lot of fun, learned a lot of new stuff! You guys did a great job!"

"Summer camp for adults!"



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Registration Form

Powderhorn is organized around the requirements for the Venturing Ranger award. Planned topics include:

- Backpacking
- Cave Exploring
- Communication
- Conservation Projects
- Cooking
- COPE
- Cycling/Mountain Biking
- Ecology
- Emergency Preparedness
- Equestrian
- Expedition Planning
- First Aid
- Fishing
- Hunting
- Land Navigation
- Leave No Trace
- Life Saver
- Mountaineering
- Outdoor Living History
- Physical Fitness
- Plants & Wildlife
- Scuba
- Shooting Sports
- Watercraft
- Wilderness Survival
- Working with Teens and maybe even Winter Sports

Watch the course web site at www.texas-powderhorn.org for the final list of topics to be covered.

(note that no one has to participate in any activity which he/she may feel uncomfortable doing)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (home) _____ Phone (work) _____

Phone (cell) _____ Date of Birth _____

Email _____

Scouting Position _____ Unit _____

Council _____ District _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one) S M L XL XXL XXXL

Method of Payment (circle one) Check Mastercard Visa AmEx

Amount _____ Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name on Card _____ Signature _____

Enclosed with this registration is a non-refundable \$35 deposit to confirm my reservation for the 2009 Texas Powderhorn Course at Camp Tahuaya. I will pay the balance of \$235 as soon as possible but no later than July 1st, 2009. I understand that the first 48 fully paid Scouters who meet course requirements, will be confirmed for the course - my deposit gets my name on the course roster, but does not guarantee me a spot. I understand that this course will include intense all day schedules (early morning through late evening), and at times will be physically demanding and will require a completed Class III physical. I further understand that a good fitness level, ability to swim (in order to be able to participate in all water-based activities) and a willingness to participate in the activities on both weekends are essential for the completion of this course. I affirm that I am a registered adult leader with the BSA in good standing, and will have completed the appropriate adult leader training before attending.

Signature _____ Date _____

Participant Qualifications:

- Must be a registered adult member of the Boy Scouts of America, at least 21 years of age.
- Must have completed Adult Leader Basic Training for the primary registration program area, plus the required outdoor training for that leadership position prior to attending Powder Horn.
- Be able to meet physical requirements of BSA Class III physical in a backcountry environment.

Course Fee:

\$235 total for 6-day course, includes all meals, training materials and supplies. \$35 non-refundable deposit due with application, balance due no later than July 1st, 2009; first 48 fully paid will be confirmed for course. No refunds after 2 weeks prior to course start.

Send completed form, with check, to:
Powderhorn 2009
Capitol Area Council BSA
7540 Ed Bluestein Blvd
Austin, Texas 78723-2399
Phone: 512-926-6363 or 800-444-1910

If you have questions or concerns, please check the course web site at <http://www.texas-powderhorn.org> or contact Course Director Wally Tuten at 512-563-2453 or info@texas-powderhorn.org