



Troop 54 2026 Summer Camps Presentation



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Summer Camps Opportunities in 2026

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) June 7-12 OR July 19-24	Bovay Scout Ranch Navasota, Texas	Leadership Camp Age 13+, First Class or higher
Camp Strake June 14-20	Coldspring, Texas	Merit Badge Camp All Ages, All Ranks
Appalachian Trail Trek June 14-20	Shenandoah National Park, Virginia	Mid-Adventure, Backpacking Age 13+, previous summer camp experience
Philmont Scout Ranch July 9-16	Cimarron, New Mexico	High-Adventure, Backpacking Age 14+ plus other physical reqs
Seabase Bahamas July 20-25	Bahamas	Mid-Adventure, Saling 13+ plus other physical reqs
National Scout Jamboree July 20 – August 2	Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia	Age 12+, First Class+. One-of-a-kind adventure that happens only every four years!



National Youth Leadership Training

- Dates: **June 6-12** OR July **19-24**, 2026
- Location: Bovay Scout Ranch, Navasota, TX
- Cost: \$315
- Recommended for all Scouts who are age 13+, First Class or Higher, and have a Leadership position
- Email Scoutmaster Smith for a recommendation, scoutmaster@troop54houston.org.



**CAMP
STRAKE**

Boy Scouts of America



Complete Merit badges!

Try something New!

Have Fun!

Troop 54 Summer at Strake!

June 14 - 20

1 week (Sunday – Saturday)

Sign up by March 1 – \$75 deposit

Payment Due by May 1 - \$400 balance



Why Summer Camp Strake?

- Merit Badge Focused Program – Opportunity to:
 - 58 Merit Badges Offered – select 3 badges to complete during the week
- Daily Flags and Campfire
- Downtime for Social Activities, Open Range, Open Swim, etc...
- Friday Beach Party and Closing Campfire – An Awesome Experience!
 - Open swim, sailing and lake obstacle course.
 - Camp Staff deliver a variety show.
 - Family members may attend the closing campfire, although logistics are not ideal. If interested, reach out to Camp Master Lawler.



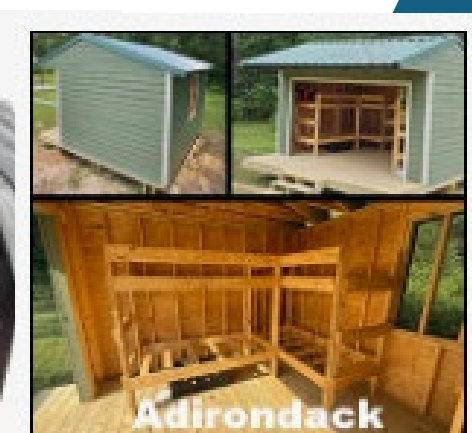
Who Should Go?

- “First Year” Campers:
 - Voyager Program: Best opportunity to advance your core skills required for Scout and Tenderfoot ranks
- Everyone:
 - Complete up to 3 merit badges in one week! – Sign Up Early for best chance at securing your first choice!
 - Log extra nights camping
 - Log a 5-mile hike or 1-mile swim
 - Log service project hours



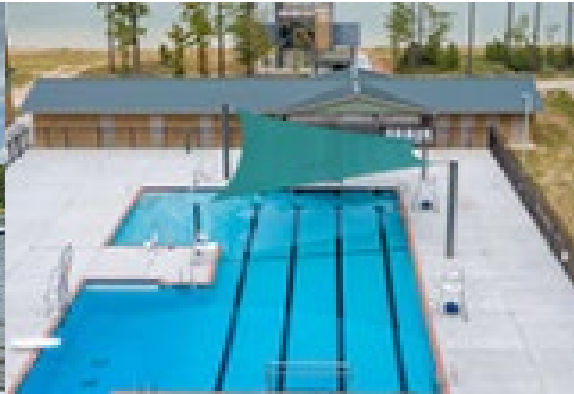
Weather & Facilities:

- Historical average Low – High for 2nd week of June is 70 – 90 deg. F
- Historical average chance of rain 40%
- 2025 – we had rain Sunday-Monday and then warm, clear and dry for the rest of the week!
- Tent (sleeps 2) or Adirondack (sleeps 8) arrangements provided
- Air-Conditioned Dining Hall! (A/B shifts rotate meals between indoor and outdoor dining areas)
- Bathhouse in the campsite for daily showers!



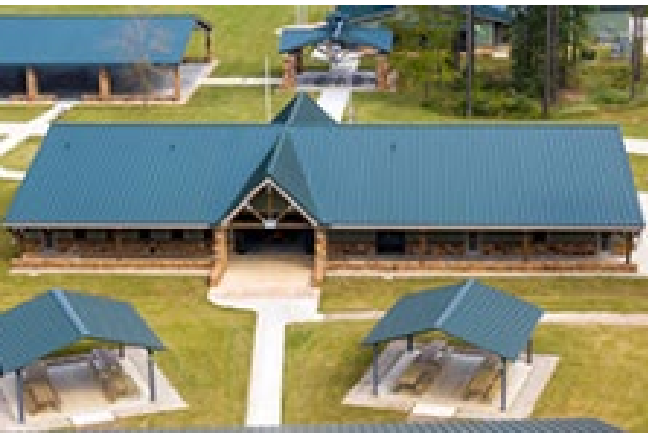
Elective Time:

- Shooting, Climbing, Swimming, 5-mile hike, 1-mile swim...and more!
- Bikes possible, require planning and pre-approval, see Camp Master Lawler for details.
- Camp store with gear, treats and souvenirs open daily.
- Participate in Inter-Troop challenges – 2025 Clean Sweep Winners!



Adult Leadership:

- Summer Camp Organizing Committee:
Theresa Lawler (Camp Master), Graham Randall, Shirley Hou
Email Theresa Lawler if you have questions, T.Lawler00@gmail.com
- Seeking 1 – 3 additional Adult Volunteers:
 - Attend IOLS
 - Assist with Merit Badge Courses or camp operations
 - Participate in Inter-Troop Challenges
 - Sign up by March 1st (\$50 deposit, \$145 balance due May 1)





Appalachian Backpacking Trek

- Dates: **June 14-21, 2026**
- Location: **Shenandoah National Park, Virginia**
- Estimated Cost: **\$1,500 – \$1,900**
- Capacity: 7 Youth, 3 Adults (**10 Total**)
- Adult Leaders: **Victoria Benoit, Jason Hou, Christi Megow**
- **Questions / Get on Waitlist:**
victoria.benoit@yahoo.com

Weather, Activities, Facilities

- **Five-night** backpacking trek
- Scout will need to carry her own **sleeping gear, jet boil, clothes,** and **patrol food (self-prepared)**, total **20%** of her weight.
- **Required shakedown** (2) – March Livingston Campout, TBD
- Self-guided itinerary on the Appalachian Trail, daily stops at natural attractions
- **Transportation:** The group will fly into Washington DC and take a rented van into and out of the national park.
- Last Day: sight-seeing in Washington DC





Seabase Bahamas

- Dates: **July 20-25, 2026**
- Location: **Abaco, Bahamas**
- Estimated Cost: **\$3,000 – \$3,200**
- Capacity: **6 Youth, 2 Adults (8 Total)**
- Adult Leaders: **Victoria Benoit, Ruhi Soni**
- Questions / Get on Waitlist:
victoria.benoit@yahoo.com





Weather, Activities, and Facilities

Weather: very nice

Water temp: mid-80s

Facilities – we are living on the boat

Food and cooking will be provided

Fishing

Snorkeling

Swimming

Island Hopping



Philmont Scout Ranch

- Dates: **July 9-16, 026**
- Location: **Cimarron, New Mexico**
- Estimated Cost: **\$2,500**
- Capacity: 7 Youth, 5 Adults (**12 Total**)
- Adult Leaders: **Amanda Brack, W.C. Smith, Richard Ball**
- Contact: amandabrack@gmail.com

What is Philmont?

- Scouting America's largest National High-Adventure Base
 - High Elevation Camp (6,500-12,441 feet) covering more than 140,000 acres
 - Capstone Scouting experience for ~1 million Scouts since 1938
 - "Scouting Paradise"
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Our Trek

- 7 days and nights, 5-day trek
- Trail to be determined
- Peaks, Program, Fun



Philmont Changes Lives





National Scout Jamboree

- Dates: July 22-31, 2026 (includes travel dates)
- Location: West Virginia
- Cost: \$3,100
- Age: age 12+ and First Class or higher
- SHAC Leader: Brett Wolfson
- <https://shacbsa.org/national-scout-jamboree>

What is Jamboree (“Jambo”)?

- A "Once Every Four Years" Opportunity
- Thousands of Scouts from all 50 states plus international
- Mid and High Adventure activities
- Special 2026 "America 250" Celebration
- **Request a recommendation** from Scoutmaster Smith to register:
scoutmaster@troop54houston.org





2026 Summer Camp at Camp Strake June 14-20
from \$50.00



2026 Shenandoah Backpacking Trek June 14-21
\$200.00



2026 Philmont Trek July 7-16
\$200.00



2026 Sea Base Bahamas July 19-26
\$1,400.00

How to Register

- For **NYLT** or **National Jamboree**, email Scoutmaster Smith for a unit leader recommendation and sign up directly with Sam Houston Council (not Troop 54's store).
- For all other summer camps, Go to the **Troop 54 Online Store** (<https://shop.troop54houston.org/>) to place a deposit.
- If the shop is "out of stock," **email the Summer Camp Leader** to be added to a wait list.