

PACK FALL CAMPOUT

PURTIS CREEK STATE PARK

...with a Saturday morning visit to the TEXAS FRESHWATER FISHERIES CENTER

WHO: scouts and their family (this is a Family Campout)

WHAT: camping and fishing

WHERE: Purtis Creek State Park, Eustace (near Athens), Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, Athens

WHEN: November 1-2, 2008

Sat., Nov. 1 – meet at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center at 10 am followed by camping at Purtis Creek State Park about 20 miles outside of Athens (we will check into the park around 2 pm)

FISHERIES COST: \$ 2.50 / person (adult and child)

CAMPING COST: pad site free

Adults & Children 13 and older: \$ 2 (park entry if you do not have a State Park Pass)

Children 12 & under: free

PATCHES: to be provided by the Pack for both camping and the Fisheries Center. Patches will be handed-out at the following pack meeting

RSVP: NO LATER than October 28th

The pack has reserved five (5) electric / water sites for this camping event.

Each site can hold up to four (4) 'regular-sized' tents. That means about 20 tent spots are available.

On Wednesday, October 29th, we will cancel any extra pad sites that we do not use. Therefore, you MUST RSVP so that we do not lose any pad sites.

RSVP to bbrem@tx.rr.com with your name, the number of tents for your group

Please also let us know if you will be coming to the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center

Tentative Schedule:

- 10 am – Saturday, November 1st – meet at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center. (We have reservations so if you get there early or come late, please let them know that you are with Carrollton Cub Scout Pack 749 so that you will receive the discounted entry fee.)
- 1:30 pm – Pack leader will leave to check-in at the state park
- after 2 pm – leave the Fisheries Center and set up camp at the park.
- 11 am – 2 pm – Sunday, November 2nd – clean-up, pack-up, head home (check-out is 2 pm)

Tentative Activities (Saturday): (a more complete schedule will follow when we are closer to the event)

Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center:

- 11 am – Dive Show – diver swims in a 24,000-gallon tank and tells visitors about...fish and more
- beginning at 11:30 am after the Dive Show – Tram Tour of the facility
- 11:30 am until departure – facilities tours, visit the Angler Hall of Fame, explore the 1.4 mile Wetland Trails, find out how they raise Texas-size bass, visit gift shop (patches will be purchased for the scouts by the pack)...and FISH
- Fishing is FREE (no state license is required); poles provided for use by the center

Purtis Creek State Park (Saturday):

- Set-up camp
- Play games (marbles – bring your own if you have some – marbles for use will be provided but must be returned)
- Eating (the group pavilion is reserved for our Pack for Saturday use)
- Hiking / nature trail exploration and learning
- Night skies (possible stargazing ‘talk’ by one of the Park Rangers...or we will provide a star chart and search the skies on our own)
- Silly songs / ‘games’ / stories by the campfire

- Fishing if everyone is still up for it (the lake is stocked with fish – large-mouth / black bass are catch-and-release only...other fish, you can keep) (no fishing license is required)

- And more...maybe Whittling Chip, maybe a playground visit, maybe paddle boating.....

Purtis Creek State Park (Sunday):

- Close-up camp
- Leave No Trace talk and clean-up
- Paddleboating....maybe
- Hiking...maybe