



West Texas Scouting History

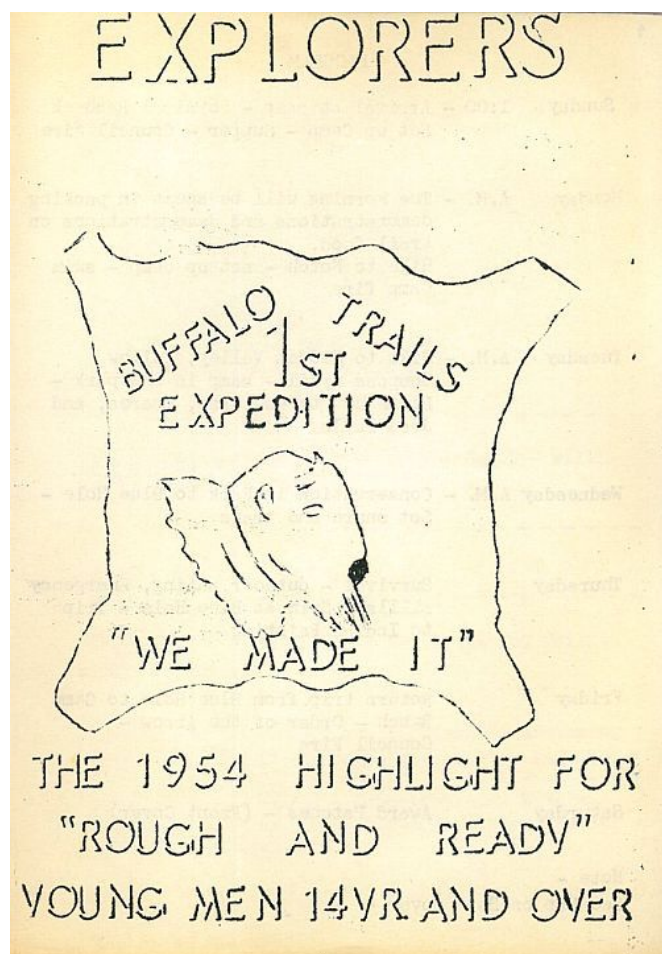
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Buffalo Trail Council

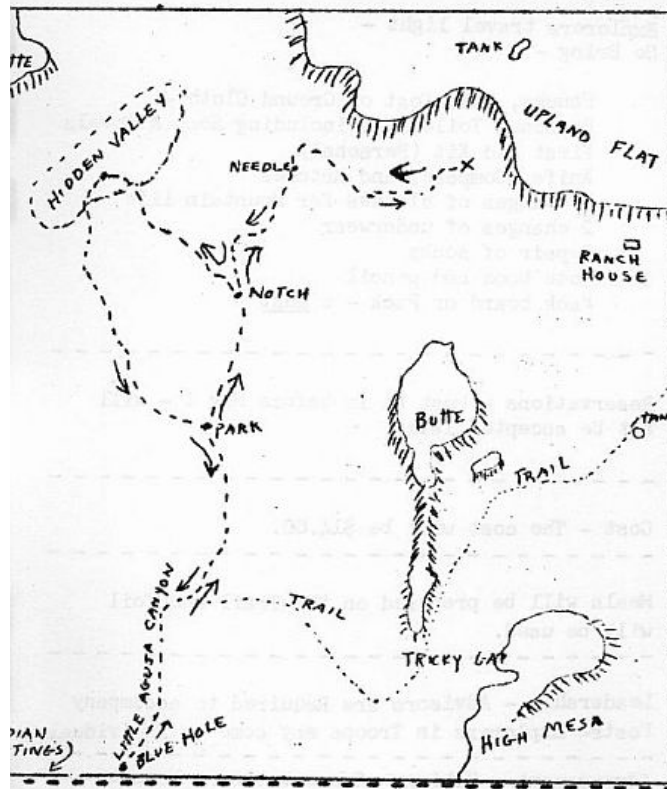
First High Adventure Camp

1954

This is believed to be the first High Adventure Trek of the Buffalo Trail Council. Taking a break on the trail.



The Trails to be followed are shown on the map below -



PROGRAM

Sunday 1:00 - Arrival at camp - Physical Recheck
Set up Camp - Supper - Council Fire

Monday A.M. - The Morning will be spent in packing demonstrations and demonstrations on trail food.
Hike to Notch - set up camp - swim
Camp fire

Tuesday A.M. - Hike to Hidden Valley, follow
Compass trail - camp in the park -
Learn how to use Trap, Snare, and
dead falls

Wednesday A.M. - Conservation in Park to Blue Hole -
Set snare and traps

Thursday Survival - outdoor rating, Emergency
skills - Swim at Blue Hole - Trip
to Indian Painting

Friday Return trip from Blue Hole to Camp
Ranch - Order of the Arrow -
Council Fire

Saturday Award Patches - (Front Cover)

Note -
See Map on Back Cover -

Explorers travel light -
So Bring -

Poncho, Rain Coat or Ground Cloth -
Personal Toilet Kit including Soap & Towels
First Aid Kit (Personal)
Knife, Compass, and Matches
2 changes of clothes for Mountain life
2 changes of underwear
3 pair of socks
Note book and pencil
Pack board or Pack - a must -

Reservations - Must be in before May 1 - will
not be accepted later.

Cost - The cost will be \$14.00.

Meals will be prepared on the Trail and foil
will be used.

Leadership - Advisors are Required to accompany
Posts. Explorers in Troops may come as Individuals

Advancement - Hiking - Conservation - Nature -
Outdoor Skills Rating - Physical Fitness Rating -
Emergency Rating Skills.

Above all "BE PREPARED" for Scouting Experience
and Fun that can come only with your buddies - on
the 6 day inexpensive fun packed Trip -



Saluting the U.S.Flag



Preparing to leave base camp and hit the trail.



Taking a break on the trail.



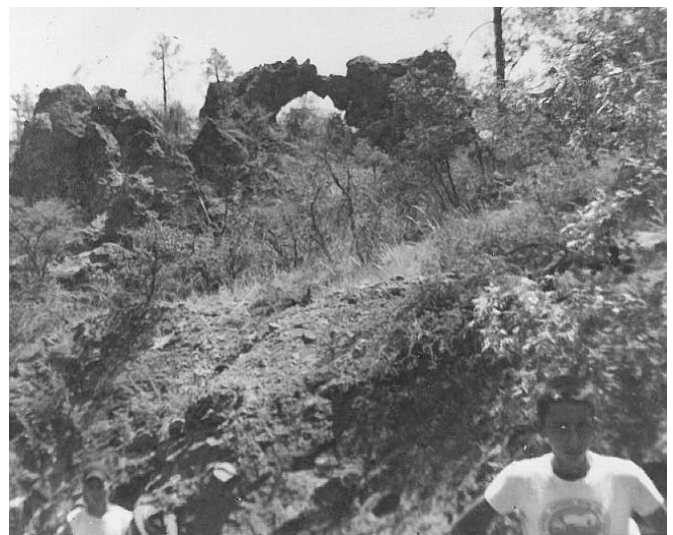
Swimming at "The Notch".



Posing in front of a backcountry cabin.



Hiking through Hidden Valley.



The "Natural Bridge"



A chance to shoot at rifle targets.

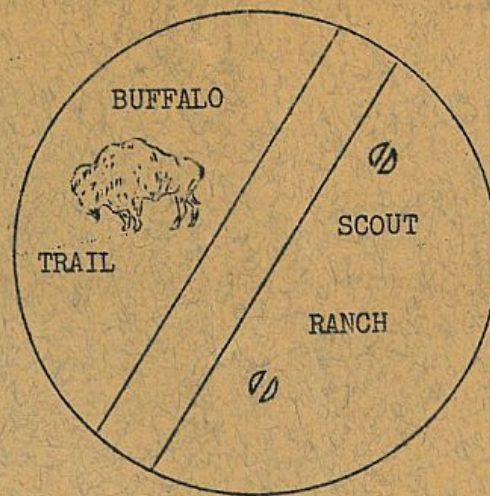


Preparing to retrieve targets .



Cooking a meal at "The Park"

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Who - Second summer in a
Scout Camp and
First Class before
noon on Friday of
camp period

Advancement - Complete First
Class and one Merit
Badge or complete
three Merit Badges

Hiking - Over night hike, show
proper care of campsite
equipment, personal
gear, etc., and do
own cooking or cook
for Patrol

Conservation - Three hours on
Conservation project
plus two hours work
with buddy or buddies

Nature - Identify twenty trees
and scrubs, four edible
plants and ten birds

Showmanship - Participate in a
troop stunt or show at
Camp Council Fire plus
part on two troop Camp-
fire skits, stunts, etc,
plus a solo act, dance,
lead singing, or an
individual feat

All - Keep personal
equipment and
tent in a Scout
like fashion,
and share in
the camp duties

Live the Scout
Oath and Law
in camp and be
approved by the
Unit Leader

We want to thank David O'Neill for providing us with this information on the possible first High Adventure Trek found in a small album in the council.