

WHERE TO GO CAMPING

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ORDER OF THE ARROW
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GOLDEN EAGLE DISTRICT #15
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
GREAT SALT LAKE COUNCIL

EACH ROUND TABLE THE WAMBLEE CHAPTER WILL HIGHLIGHT A CAMP SITE & CAMPING SKILLS THAT UNITS CAN USE AS THEY KEEP THE "OUTING" IN SCOUTING.

SPRING CAMPOREE

APRIL 20- 21, 2007

LOCATION TBA

CAMPING SPOT HIGHLIGHT

Antelope Island State Park A Jewel in a Sea of Salt

Antelope Island is surrounded by salt water in Land-locked Utah and is located just a few miles from downtown Salt Lake City. From the mainland, the island appears barren and deserted, but this vision belies the abundance of flora and fauna that make the island their home. Easily accessible by crossing over on a 7-mile paved causeway, it boasts white sandy beaches, a sailboat marina, nearly 40 miles of hiking, biking and horseback riding trails, wildlife viewing, picnicking, camping, and, because of the distance from the city and its lights, stargazing.

The Great Salt Lake, in historic times, has varied from 4,192 to 4,212 feet above sea level. There is no outlet to the sea, so the depth depends on precipitation. The largest lake west of the Mississippi River, it is approximately 30 miles wide and 70 miles long. Its depth averages 13 feet, and maxes out at 34 feet. The salt content varies depending on the water level, but percentages of salt have been as high as 27%, eight times higher than the ocean. This gives the water buoyancy and legend goes that swimmers will float without sinking.

The island encompasses 28,022 acres, with an elevation range from 4200 ft to its highest peak at 6596 ft. cont. on page 2

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The Great Salt Lake Council celebrates

100 years of Scouting, 1907-2007.

camp Friday night on the Jordan high school soccer field

showcase your model campsite

qualify for the 30% commission on Ticket Sales

show day is Saturday, May 12, 2007,

South Towne Expo Center in Sandy

MEMBERSHIP IN THE ORDER OF THE ARROW

Scouting's National Honor Society

Its purpose:

1. Recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.
2. Develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
3. Promote Scout camping.
4. Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

TO HOLD AN ELECTION FOR YOUR UNIT:

1. Determine if you have unit members that are eligible to be elected into the Order of the Arrow.

To be Eligible for election to the Order of the Arrow, a youth must:

1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team.
2. Be a First Class Scout.
3. Have been on 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the past two- years, The camping must include a long-term BSA camp consisting of 6 consecutive days and 5 nights of resident camping, and 10 nights of BSA overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.
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2. Schedule an Order of the Arrow membership election for your unit by contacting:

Jeff Augason, Chapter Advisor, Golden Eagle District

Phone: 403-7038

E-Mail: Jeff@jeffthegeek.com

Meetings: at Roundtable 2nd Thursday each month Aug – May

3. Attend the Scheduled membership election.

4. Encourage those elected Scouts and Varsity members to attend the Ordeal Induction weekend.

5. Encourage the unit members of the Order of the Arrow to continue activity in the unit, be involved in Order of the Arrow activities as their schedules will allow, increase their understanding of the OA as they qualify themselves to become Brotherhood members of the Order of the Arrow.

6. Information concerning Adult membership in the Order of the Arrow can be acquired from:

Jeff Augason, Chapter Advisor, Golden Eagle District

MONTHLY OA CHAPTER MEETINGS d Thursday of the month, 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

Round Table LDS Church,

Antelope Island cont.

The causeway was submerged due to record high lake levels for a decade, making it accessible only by boat. The lake receded, and, in July 1993 Antelope Island was reopened to visitors as a state park, complete with a visitor's center, modern rest rooms and showers, RV and primitive camping, a marina, and group picnicking facilities.

From the mainland, its 28,022 acres appear barren and deserted. But Antelope Island is home to a variety of flora and fauna native to the Great Basin region. This is a great place to view wildlife. The island was without its namesake antelope for many years, but they were reintroduced in 1993 and can now be seen in many areas of the park. Deer, bobcats, coyotes, many varieties of birds and waterfowl, and a small herd of elk also call the island home. But most famous are Antelope Island's American Bison, introduced to the island in 1893 and now numbering some 600 animals. The world-renowned herd is managed by the Utah Division of Parks and Recreation and visitors are welcome at the island's buffalo corral and management facilities. During the annual bison roundup each November, visitors can get a close-up look at the bison and the techniques used on a working buffalo ranch.

Antelope Island Facilities include modern rest rooms, showers, beach picnic area, RV and primitive camping, and marina. Concessions are also available.

For Camping Reservations call the Utah State Parks and Recreation, 322-3770 in the Salt Lake City area or toll-free 1-800-322-3770, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Group reservations are made by calling the park at: (801) 773-2941

Antelope Island History:

Antelope Island got its name in 1845 after a successful antelope hunt by John C. Fremont and Kit Carson. Fremont wrote: "On the island we found grass and water and several bands of antelope. Some of these were killed, and in memory of the grateful supply of food they furnished, I gave their name to the island."

Fremont and Carson made the first known, non-Native American, journey to Antelope Island in 1843.

Fielding Garr established a permanent residency on Antelope Island in 1848. He not only tended his own herds, but those of other stockmen as well. In 1849, Brigham Young asked Garr to manage the LDS Church's Tithing Herd, which was kept on the island until 1871. The Tithing Herd was utilized by the Perpetual Emigration Fund, which was established to help needy Mormon converts immigrate to Utah. Recipients would reimburse the fund when circumstances would allow them to do so. Reimbursement often was made in the form of livestock, which was considered better than cash. During this time, the LDS Church also invested thousands of dollars in valuable stallions and brood mares, which were turned loose on the island.

Captain Howard Stansbury used Antelope Island as a base camp for a government-funded survey of the Great Salt Lake during the years of 1849-50. During the 1870s, several private homesteads were established on the island.

The George Isaac Frary family stayed longer on the Island than any other homesteaders. The family moved to the desert island about 1891. George only cultivated about 16 of his 160 acres, as he preferred sailing to farming. Alice Frary, George's wife, was a schoolteacher.

In September 1897, Alice became very ill. George went to Ogden for medicine, but on the midnight return trip, his small boat capsized in a strong wind and he lost the medicine. He held onto his capsized craft and by morning he had made it to the beach. Alice Frary died that afternoon. Alice requested to be buried on her island home. In 1990, the Syracuse Historical Commission placed a monument near Alice Frary's Grave site.

On February 15, 1893, twelve head of bison were transported to Antelope Island. George Frary and John Dolly loaded the bison into a sailboat and nearly capsized as they sailed the bison to Antelope Island.

The Island Improvement Company owned most of the island from 1884 through 1972. Cattle and sheep were the company's primary ranching commodity, although buffalo and horses were always kept on the island. In the 1930s, Antelope Island was the largest private sheep sheering operation west of the Mississippi River.

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Recognizing the recreation potential of Antelope Island, the north 2,000 acres were acquired for a state park in 1969. In 1981, the state was able to acquire the rest of the island, thus preserving Antelope Island as a state park.

Helpful Hints and Pearls of Wisdom

Unit elections are now going on call to schedule an election.

Ordeal dates for new candidates'

April 6-7 Tracy.

May 4-5 Tba see web site

go to www.GSLC-BSA.org click on Order of the Arrow.

Thank you

**Jeff Augason
District Advisor**