

SURVIVAL GUIDE 2023

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Greetings!

The wonderful **SCOUTSPLOSION!** volunteers are looking forward to joining you and your Scout's unit for a weekend full of outdoor fun. We are preparing an exciting weekend experience with a Saturday full of activities that will make this the BEST of the year thus far.

Check out this event guide, you will see the details of the activities for your unit to experience at **SCOUTSPLOSION!.** These activities will be done based on the age level of the Scout and based on the Guide to Safe Scouting. These activities are just for fun—so there will be no one tracking achievements.

If your unit does not want to participate in all the activities that are planned for **SCOUTSPLOSION!,** not a problem. You and your unit are more than welcome to go back to your campsite and utilize the time as you wish—while abiding by the rules of camp and Guide to Safe Scouting.

You will have fun this weekend! Bear Creek is a great place to learn about the outdoors, the food is great, and fellowship is terrific. Your attitude about the experience will travel down to the Scouts. If you are up and enjoying yourself, they will too. If you are down or having problems, the Scouts see it and react to it. Please get in touch with any **SCOUTSPLOSION!** staff if any problems or issues come up that are not handled to your satisfaction. We can take care of the matter for you and return you to the "having fun" mode quickly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Adventure@AlamoAreaBSA.org

See you at **SCOUTSPLOSION!**

Yours in Scouting!
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Outdoor Adventure Executive



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General Information:

FOOD ALLERGIES/DIETARY NEEDS

Meals are provided at this event. If you have any special dietary needs, email ADVENTRUE@AlamoAreaBSA.org by September 17th.

Lost and Found

All lost and found items will be taken back to the Scout Service Center in San Antonio. Two weeks after the event, all items will be donated to a local charity.

Contact Information

Cell Phone Service is very spotty at BCSC. Please come prepared to be out of touch for the weekend.

Leaving Camp:

There should be no reason to leave camp, but if it should become necessary, individuals are required to log out of the camp upon leaving and log in upon return at the Check-in office.

Someone from the unit must sign out the unit on Sunday to complete check-out.

National Camp Standards

Bear Creek Scout Camp is inspected annually by a team that represents the Boy Scouts of America. The Camp meets or exceeds all standards and regulations. We are also inspected regularly by the Texas Health Department. We feature a Health Lodge staffed by a qualified professional Provider for routine health checks and problems. Strick health and safety standards are maintained at all times.



Location
Bear Creek Scout Camp is located outside the town of Hunt, Texas. Surrounded by nature at its finest, BCSC provides a quiet, restful setting for a good night's sleep.

Getting There
Make sure to give yourself plenty of time to get to Bear Creek Scout Camp. Do not caravan. This is a dangerous practice and can cause chain reaction accidents. Make sure each driver understands the route, and then let them set their own pace.

Arrival time: 6pm-9pm

Transportation
Each Unit is responsible for its own transportation. No riders are allowed in the backs of pick ups or trucks. All riders must have a seat belt. If possible, consolidate bulky items into one vehicle to help in transporting them to campsites. See page 5 for more details.

Kerrville is the last stop for missing supplies as well.

Leader Metting
A leader meeting for all leaders will be held on Friday night. Special announcements and instructions about the weekend will be included in this session. Any questions that you may have will be answered at this time. Update announcements will be made at flag ceremony, so you'll be in the know!

Meeting time: 10pm



First Time Adult at BCSC?

Youth Protection:
The Youth Protection Policies of the Boy Scouts of America are practiced at Bear Creek. To ensure that all Scouts have their privacy respected, National Camp Standards require that adults and youth shower and sleep separately.

Security at Camp
Be certain to secure all valuables. Keep spending money in a safe place and work with the Scouts to provide only the amount of money that they need the weekend. Please report all suspicious activities to camp staff. This is for the safety of all campers.

DISCIPLINE
The conduct and discipline of the people in your unit are your responsibility. We ask for your cooperation. **SCOUTSPLOSION!** staff will not discipline Scouts unless serious bodily injury or property damage may result. Your campsite is your home for the weekend. Entering another campsite or loitering there can cause problems. Campers not in their areas after 10 pm will be sent back to their campsites.

After program is completed, **SCOUTSPLOSION!** is not responsible for any scouts.

Vehicles in Camp

Outside of unloading and loading up gear, there is no vehicles on camp-- there will be Scouts walking around and having any vehicles moving around camp will increase the potential danger that could come to the Scouts. Therefore, there will be no moving vehicles outside of camp vehicles during the weekend.

Scouts/Scouters that need other accommodations, will be issued a medical pass.

Medical pass will only give permission to drive from the campsite to the disable parking in the valley. There will be no driving in the program area.

Handicap Vehicles—NEW POLICY

Scouts/Scouters that need other accommodations will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis by the **SCOUTSPLOSION!** medic.

Medical Passes will be handed out to those approved cases based on their needs to get around camp.

The following are under consideration when determining the use of the Medical Pass (but does not guarantee a Pass):

*State issued placard/ license plate.
*Individual's ability to move safely through the camp
*medical conditions listed on their medical form.

Vehicles are to be used as a mode of transportation, not as a carpool or shuttle for able Scouts/Scouters. Likewise, permitted transportation is for essential locations only… not for sightseeing purposes.

If transporting a Scout under the age of 18—ALL Youth Protection Policies must be met.

Individuals needing accommodations, must have a handicap placard or license plate, and notify the staff via email Adventure@alamoareabsa.org by September 17th to ensure the assigned campsite has accessible parking.

SCOUTSPLOSION! is an event for the unit. So, units should register together—this is so that the unit can track the leadership requirements and ensure proper supervision is provided. If you have any issues with the registration, please contact ADVENTURE@Alamoareabsa.org Registration links can be found here→

Leadership requirements

Cub Scout parents/legal guardians, that are not registered leaders, are not 'Adult Leaders' as defined by the BSA but are allowed to attend **SCOUTSPLOSION!** with proper documentation (see below).

Each unit must have a minimum of two **BSA registered Adult Leaders** 21 years of age or over to meet the requirements of 2- deep leadership per Youth Protection Training (YPT) guidelines. Then meet all ratios per unit as listed in the Guide to Safe Scouting.

There must be a registered female adult leader present in any unit serving females.

As per Youth Protection Training (YPT) policy on September 1st, parents of Cub Scouts are allowed to camp with their scout. These parents are still required to have YPT trained and are only allowed to be alone with their scout. They will be given a different color wrist band to be able to tell them apart from the required registered BSA Adult Leadership

All adults attending **SCOUTSPLOSION!** and staying overnight with a unit must have:

Complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) training and bring a copy of the card/ certificate.

Complete Health Form- Part A, B only.

Gate Policy

Perimeter gates MUST remain closed at all times – no exceptions. If you find a gate open or open it, close it.

Arrival Check-in

Check in instructions and campsite assignments will be emailed out September 22nd—a week before the event.

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST BRING THEIR PROPERLY COMPLETED MEDICAL FORMS. PART A&B ARE REQUIRED. NO PERSON, YOUTH OR ADULT, WILL BE ALLOWED TO STAY AT CAMP WITHOUT THE PROPER MEDICAL FORM.

Check-in requirements

- All units must provide adequate leadership.
- One (1) copy of your unit's official BSA Roster, including adults—printed from MY.SCOUTING.org; **Scoutbook Rosters will not be accepted**
  MUST be the current recharter year with all participants, highlighted showing BSA Registration
- Current BSA Health Form Part A & B, required for youth and adults.
- A printed copy of each adult's Youth Protection Certificate
- Out of Council units will need proof of insurance—Accident and Sickness and a copy of your claim form.

Check-Out

All **SCOUTSPLOSION!** participates will be off property no later than 12pm on Sunday.

A campsite inspection will be made to ensure no waste articles are left for the next occupants to clean up.

Damage to BCSC property will result in the camper/unit being charged to fix the damage.

One (1) person from each unit must sign the unit out of camp on Sunday at the Check- In Office.

Refund Policy

Campsite deposits are non-refundable. To ensure the Alamo Area Council can provide the best service to the Scouts and to make better investments into the lives of our youth has adopted the following refund policy:

- Paid registration fees are refundable up to eight (8) days prior to the start of an event, less a 10% supply fee, upon written request with a copy of the receipt of payment.
- From the seventh (7) day up to 24 hours prior to the start of an event fees are 50% refundable, upon written request with a copy of a receipt of payment.
- From 24 hours prior to the start of an event and up to seven days after the event, refunds will only be issued in the event of a valid medical emergency, school or military assignment. Proper documentation must be provided.
- Scouts are allowed to coordinate with other Scouts to fill the position being vacated. Please notify Council of the change and we will update the roster, as required (with the exception of events with Wait Lists).

Refund requests must be in writing to refunds@alamoareabsa.org. including the Scout's name, and the reason for requesting a refund. Calling or e-mailing a change in your Troop's planned attendance numbers is not a refund request.



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Open shoot:

- **22 Rifles**: Scouts can come and enjoy the opportunity to shoot 10 rounds of ammo. There will be no instruction during this time. Safety briefing will still occur. There will be no merit badge requirements met. *Option available Scout BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts.*
- **Shotguns:** Scouts can come and enjoy the opportunity to shoot 2 shots. There will be no instruction during this time. Safety briefing will still occur. There will be no merit badge requirements met. *Option available Scout BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts.*
- **Archery:** Scouts can come and enjoy the opportunity to shoot 5 arrows There will be no instruction during this time. Safety briefing will still occur. There will be no merit badge requirements met. No Shooting sports requirements will be met.
    - **There will be no merit badge requirements met-- Troops.**
    - **No Shooting sports requirements will be met-- Pack.**
- **BB guns:** Scouts can come and enjoy the opportunity to shoot 10 shots. There will be no instruction during this time. Safety briefing will still occur.
    - **There will be no merit badge requirements met-- Troops.**
    - **No Shooting sports requirements will be met-- Packs.**
- **Pistols**: Scouts can come and enjoy the opportunity to shoot 6 shots. *Option only available for Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Adults.* ***There is an extra permission slip that is needed with parent consent to participate.***

Branding: All Scouts of all ages are encouraged to bring a hat or purchase a cup from the trading post to have it branded. Branding is a fun way to show that the scout or scouter has been to BCSC.

Fishing & Fly Fishing: This is an opportunity to participate in the catch and release process at BCSC. There will be no merit badge requirements met. *Option available Cub Scouts, Scout BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts*

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Whittling Chit: Scouts will be given the opportunity to earn their whittling chit and practice whittling. To earn the Whittling Chit, scouts must demonstrate the five levels of pocketknife safety. *Option available for Cub Scouts- Bears and higher, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts.*

Totin' chip: Scouts will be given the opportunity to earn their totin' chit and practice using knife, ax, and saw. *Option only available for Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Adults*.

Fire Building: Scouts will learn the different ways to build 3 different kinds of fire. This certification grants a Scout the right to carry fire-lighting devices (matches, lighters, etc.) to build campfires. *Option only available for Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Adults*.

Bear Creek Adventure (BCA): This is a backpacking experience for anyone interested in or attending Philmont—this has a separate option inside the registration. This program is designed that the scouts & scouters will hike 10 miles over Saturday and Sunday. Participants will need to bring everything needed for a backpacking trip—including food. A dessert will be provided Saturday night.

Service Project: **All** units will give some time to work on a service project. These projects have been scouted out by the ranger and the camp masters. Help keep BCSC beautiful by putting in an hour of service. Friday night, at the leaders meeting, units will sign up for their time slot to do the service project.

Gaga Ball: Sport played in small groups. Option available if there is an adult (21-year-old or older) actively watching the game. The pit will be open from 9am – 12pm for Cub Scouts and 2pm-5pm for Scouts BSA.

High Adventure Backpacking Lessons: Demonstrations on what to expect while backpacking at a high adventure base plus hints and tips on what to do.

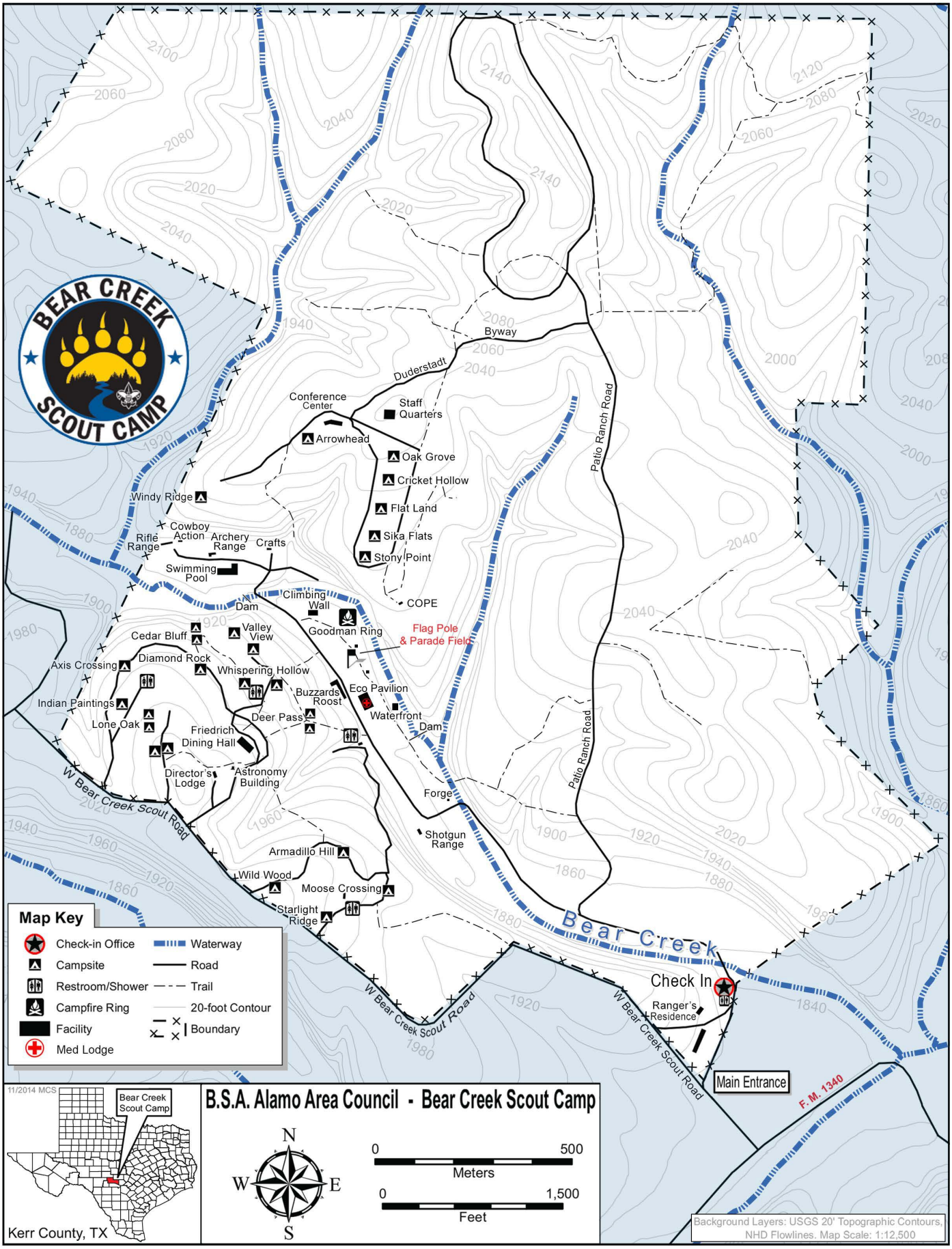
Please note-- once the programs are done for the day, the program area and Trading Post will be closed.

Trading Post:
Saturday 2pm-5pm



SCOUTSPLOSION! Schedule

	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7:30- 8:30am		Breakfast	Breakfast
9:00am		Opening flag Ceremony	Scout's Own Service
9:30am		Morning Program	Pack up, Clean Campsites, & Clean the bathrooms
10:00am			
11:00am			
12:00pm		Lunch	BCSC Closed
1:00 pm			
2:00pm		Afternoon Program	
3:00 pm			
4:00pm			
5:00 pm			
6:00 pm	Unit Check in	Dinner	
7:00 pm			
8:00 pm		Closing Flags	
9:00 pm			
10:00 pm	Leaders Meeting		
11:00pm	Lights out		


BEAR CREEK SCOUT CAMP
Byway
Duderstadt
Conference Center
Staff Quarters
Arrowhead
Oak Grove
Cricket Hollow
Flat Land
Sika Flats
Stony Point
COPE
Windy Ridge
Cowboy Action
Rifle Range
Archery Range
Crafts
Swimming Pool
Dam
Climbing Wall
Goodman Ring
Flag Pole & Parade Field
Cedar Bluff
Valley View
Diamond Rock
Axis Crossing
Whispering Hollow
Buzzards Roost
Eco Pavilion
Waterfront Dam
Indian Paintings
Lone Oak
Deer Pass
Friedrich Dining Hall
Director's Lodge
Astronomy Building
Forge
Shotgun Range
Armadillo Hill
Wild Wood
Moose Crossing
Starlight Ridge
Patio Ranch Road
W Bear Creek Scout Road
Bear Creek
Check In
Ranger's Residence
Main Entrance
F. M. 1340
Map Key
Check-in Office
Campsite
Restroom/Shower
Campfire Ring
Facility
Med Lodge
Waterway
Road
Trail
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SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Camping Gear
Drinking Cup or Second Water Bottle
Daypack
Sleeping Bag
Pillow
Cot (optional)
Ground Cloth/Tarp
Camp Chair (small/easy to carry)
Headlamp / Flashlight
Battery-power fan (optional)
Personal First Aid Kit
Sunscreen
Bug Spray
Tent

Toiletries
Bath Towels (1)
Washcloth
Toilet Paper
Deodorant
Comb / brush
Shower Shoes
Body-wash / Shampoo / Soap
Toothbrush and Toothpaste
Feminine Hygiene / Shaving
Chapstick
Facial wipes
Hand Sanitizer

Clothing
Full BSA Field Uniform
Hoodie or Light Jacket
T-shirts (enough for each day)
Shorts or Pants (enough for each day)
Socks (enough for each day)
Underwear (enough for each day)
Rain gear/jacket
Hiking boots / closed toe shoes (mandatory)
Hat / cap (for sun protection)

Suggested Extras
Clothes Hanger for Uniform
Sunglasses
Cooling Towel
Camera- Non-cellphone
Compass
Spending money for the Trading Post
Watch
Book of Faith
Extra batteries for all items
Scouting Items:
Fishing Pole (optional)
Pocket Knives (totin' chit required)

Items to leave at home:
Fireworks
Music Devices
Pets—NO DOGS.
Food—meals are provided.

Insects

To ensure Campers, have a good camping experience, please make sure to bring a good insect repellent. BCSC has chiggers, ants, mosquitoes, and occasional ticks. Commercial insect repellents are useful in keeping these pests away. Sublimed sulfur mixed 50/50 with baby powder and sprinkled on the ankles will keep chiggers away. Avon Skin So Soft has also been found to be useful.



Uniforms

The official Field uniform is requested at dinner. Adults are also asked to set a good example by wearing their uniforms. Activity uniforms should be worn during the day (t-shirt and shorts). Bear Creek has rocky terrain, and previous experience has shown that thin-soled tennis shoes cause foot problems for the Scouts. Please consider substantial closed-toe footwear for those attending.

UNIT PACKING LIST:

BSA Roster w/highlighted participants (1- copy needed)
Leader YPT copies
Copy of Insurance- accident & sickness with claim form (out of Council units)
Scout & Leader Medical Forms
Unit Flag / US flag (if you have them)
Rope & Twine
Patrol Flags
Water Cooler
First Aid Kit
Foot Locker (for Valuables)
Flagging Tape
Medications