

# TOP SHOT

## SHOOTING SPORTS WEEKEND

### DIAMOND H SCOUT RANCH February 16-18, 2024 Leader Guide

#### What is TOP SHOT?

Top Shot is a shooting sports weekend. We will have team and individual champions in each discipline.

Youth will form teams of 4 to 8 people. (Patrol, Troop, Crew, Ship) If you can't form a team, we'll be glad to team you up with one. Not a great shot? That's okay!

Scouts BSA may participate in Archery, Shotgun, .22 Rifle, Black Powder Rifle, Pellet Pistols (14+), Slingshot, Tomahawks, Throwing Knives.

Venturers may participate in Archery, Shotgun, High Power Rifle, .22 Pistols, 9mm Pistols, slingshots, Tomahawks, Throwing Knives.

#### Where is TOP SHOT?

Diamond H Scout Ranch in eastern Oklahoma.

Physical Address: 23181 E. 920 Rd.  
Cookson, OK 74427

This 6,500-acre camp is located just east of Lake Tenkiller in eastern Oklahoma 167 miles east of Oklahoma City, 79 miles from Tulsa and 53 miles west of Fort Smith.

#### Who may participate?

Any registered Scout BSA or Venturer. Adults may attend but will not compete with the youth.

#### What's the fee?

\$25 per youth, \$5 per adult, \$20 for staff. For lunch on Saturday, we will provide hotdogs, chips, and cookies, so we can continue shooting with only a small delay for lunch. NO SOUP this year!

Youth Price is \$25. Adult Price is \$5.  
Registration closes 11:59 pm on 2-9-24.  
A late fee of \$15 will be added after January 30th, 2024. (If space is available)

#### How Do I Sign Up?

Please register online at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/480-topshot2024>

Registration opens on November 1st, 2023. Participation is limited to the first 400 paid shooters. Registration closes February 9th, 2024, or with 400 paid shooters, whichever comes first.

All fees must be paid prior to arrival at Diamond H. If you pay within 5 days of the event, please bring your receipt to camp.

## Registration and Roster Submission

It is Mandatory that all participating units submit team rosters by Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>. This enables the Top Shot staff to enter data to calculate scores and have shorter lines at each range. The team roster form is an attachment. Please download & submit your team roster prior to arrival at camp to: 2024topshot@gmail.com



## Want to help on staff?

Register online at <https://scoutingevent.com/480-topshot2024> We need Adult Leader help in many areas to make this a successful event. If you are an NRA Instructor or RSO we particularly need your help. We will also need help with events that can be supervised by non-NRA instructors such as tomahawk and knife throw, sling shot, and logistics, scoring, campfire, chapel, first aid, and lunch. If you would like to help, please let us know when registering. The staff fee is \$20. This includes all meals.

## More Information

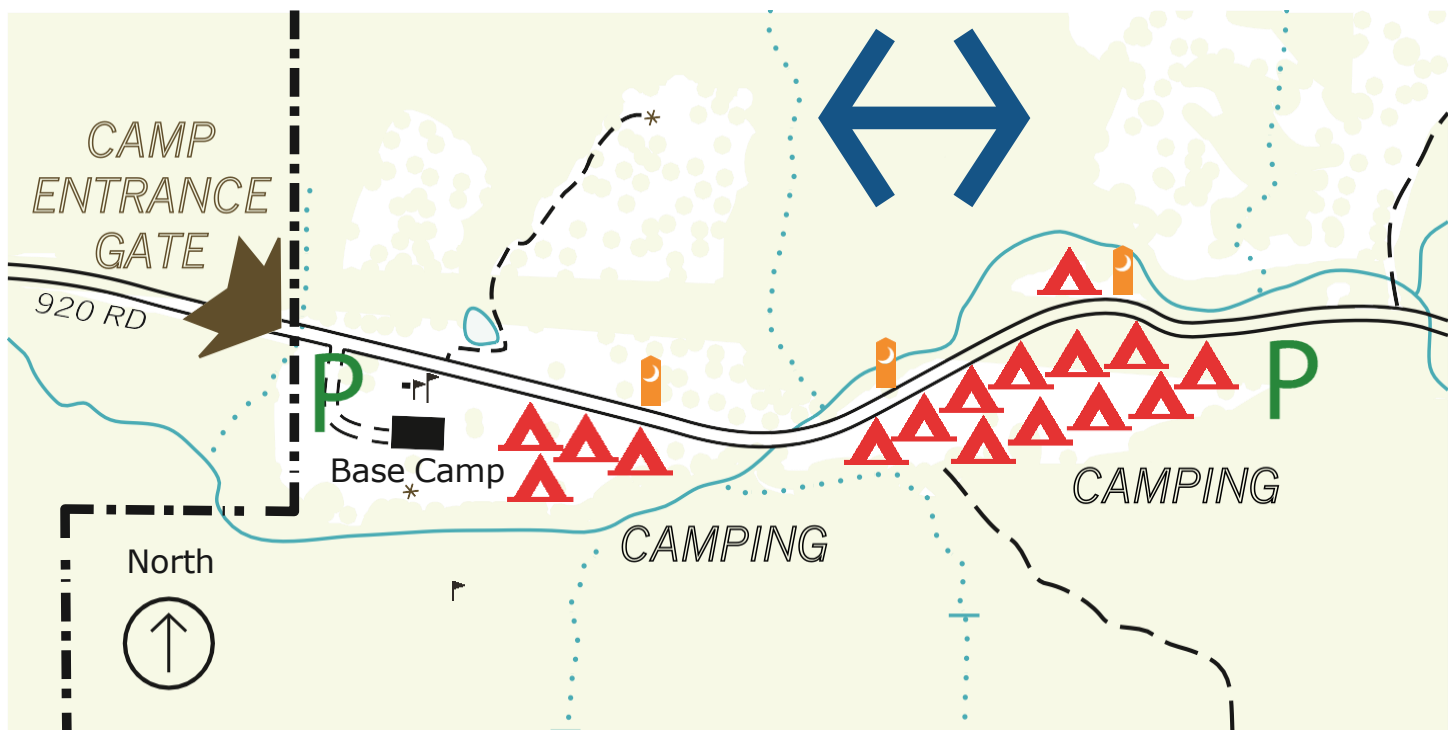
For info or to volunteer contact the TopShot Committee Chair:

Darin Raibourn  
draibourn@att.net

## Volunteer Assistants

All adults at Top Shot are expected to help with the activity. Assisting with a shift on a range may involve explaining rules, monitoring entrance/exits, keeping score, keeping time, and resetting targets. Assisting with lunch will involve heating soup, serving food, and transporting food. Assistants are also needed to monitor parking, handwashing, campsites, and safety barriers.

We also need volunteers to help with gun cleaning on Saturday evening weather permitting or Sunday morning.





### Arrival and Check-In

Check-in will be at the Central Lodge (just inside the gate) starting at 6 p.m. on Friday. An adult and youth leader from each unit should proceed to check-in immediately upon arrival prior to going to a camping area. Please bring in your roster. All units should have BSA Health & Medical Record forms parts A&B on hand for each participant. Wrist bands will be issued for participants. Your camping area will be assigned upon arrival so that units arriving later in the evening will not camp near people trying to sleep.

### Vehicles and Parking

Units will camp in the fields just east of base camp. Drivers may drive vehicles on the road near the campsite. Vehicles and trailers may remain at the campsite. After unloading, vehicles must be parked and will not be permitted to drive through the campsites. All campsites are within .6 mile of the base camp.

### Camping Areas

Unit camping areas will be assigned in the fields east of Base Camp. The terrain at this site is mostly flat, level pasture with soft soil. The site is in the Terrapin Creek valley sheltered by hills to the north and south but open to the east and west. There are no permanent, established camping sites or campfire rings. All camping areas are within 400 feet of a gravel road. We will provide port-a-johns at the camping area. If we are not under a burn ban, fires will be permitted in troop-provided burn barrels.

### Equipment

Each Unit will need to bring regular weekend camping equipment. A GPS will be a very helpful tool, so if you have one bring it. Units will be assigned a camping area upon arrival. Units will prepare all meals except for Saturday lunch.

No personal firearms are permitted. We will provide all activity equipment. However, if you have your own shooting glasses/goggles and /or ear protection and would like to bring it that is recommended.

### Water

A single water spigot is available at Base Camp. The water source is well water. Bring your own water to camp water is very limited at Diamond H. You can make limited water runs during the event. We will have some water available at event sites but please have everyone bring their own water bottle with them.

### Restrooms & Latrines

Restrooms are available at the Central Lodge. There are a few permanent outhouses. We will have port-a-johns at camping areas and at the event area. Otherwise, this is a primitive camp using Leave No Trace methods.

### Fire

If there is no fire ban in effect, fires are acceptable. We would prefer you cook on gas or charcoal grills. Please use a fire barrel and observe Leave No Trace camping. **DO NOT BUILD NEW FIRE RINGS.**







## First Aid

Units are primarily responsible for their own first aid. The Top Shot staff will provide camp health officer at the Headquarters location for medical issues beyond unit first aid. All emergencies should be reported immediately to Headquarters.

## Trading Post

We will have a trading post at the headquarters tent with snacks, hot drinks, souvenirs, shirts, jackets, limited edition collector hats, fleece caps, and branding!

## Branding

The Diamond H branding iron will be in action at the Headquarters on Saturday. Please mark items you would like branded with your name and be prepared to drop the items off to be branded.

## Trash

There will be no trash cans available. It is your responsibility to take care of your own trash. Pick it up, pack it out. Upon departure there is a dumpster at the Base Camp. However, service is limited so if the dumpster is full, please drive your trash out.

## Clothing and Attire

Participants should prepare for cold, windy, and wet weather and must wear a billed cap/hat to shoot. All clothing must be Scouting appropriate. The BSA uniform is always welcome. Good shoes are a must, as all participants will be walking for several miles along the shooting event route.

## Lunch Saturday

We will be providing hot dogs, chips, and cookies on Saturday for lunch. This way we will have minimal down time for lunch. We will supply the napkins, so you do not need to bring anything for lunch except your water. There will be two kitchen stations near the ranges on Red Springs Mountain.

## Headquarters

For Saturday we will have a Headquarters tent in the center of the activities area on Red Springs Mountain. Headquarters on Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday morning will be the Central Lodge at Base Camp.

## Safety Meeting

All participants are required to be at the Safety meeting Saturday morning to shoot in any events!!! This covers all range safety procedures and shooting fundamentals.



## Cleanup/Break-down

Event clean-up and take down will be from 5 to 6 PM. We need ALL participants to help with the tear down.

## Gun Cleaning

The staff will organize the gun cleaning on Saturday evening after the event or Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. At least two responsible people from every unit are required to help with gun cleaning at Base Camp.

## Campfire

The campfire will be on Saturday evening. Awards will be presented to the Top Shots of the day. Please sign up if you want to MC the Campfire. We will have opportunities for music, songs, skits, and stories.

Please notify the Headquarters staff if you would like to participate in the program by 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The campfire will be at the large campfire ring south of Base Camp. Is a grassy hillside, so plan to bring a tarp or blanket if the ground is wet. If you wish to bring a camp chair, please plan to sit in the back.

## Chapel Service

We will host a "Scout's Own" service on Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Base Camp. Everyone is welcome to attend. All units not attending are asked to remain Reverent.



## Check-out

9:00 - 12:00, after 12:00 Noon please check with the staff and arrangements can be made.

## Explore Diamond H

Please use your map and hike Diamond Hon Sunday before you leave. It is a beautiful place, especially the view from Lookout Point, the Hermit's Cave, and the Heart of the Camp. Please see the Diamond H Geocaching Guide for more points of interest. Be aware that on Saturday the southeast part of camp will be off-limits due to active shooting ranges.

## Tips for Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors

You might want to bring a camp chair for the campfire.

Participants will be walking a lot. Be prepared to walk several miles between the various shooting ranges. People with recent surgeries and leg braces or casts are discouraged from participating.

Talk with your younger Scouts about shooting technique and safety prior to the trip.

Teams need to stick together throughout the day. Scouts need to be prepared to travel between the ranges independent of adult leadership.

Address the need for cold, wind, and sun protection throughout the day on top of Red Springs Mountain.

