



2026 ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend April 10-12, 2026

The ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend is for Northern Tier-bound or canoeing trek crews wanting a Shakedown trek of 15+ miles. This event is intended for units planning to attend a high adventure canoeing program. You will stay together as a crew for the weekend. This is purely a shakedown for your high adventure treks, such as Northern Tier or Swamp Base. Scouts will enhance their Canoeing skills for lake paddling and multi-day crew treks.

No merit badge material teaching will be covered (Scouts may complete the cooking and trek requirements during the weekend). NOTE: Scouts wanting to develop their canoeing skills or work on the merit badge—and individuals, small groups, and beginners—should look to our Canoeing Merit Badge Weekend in the summer.

All food provided. Stoves, fuel, and cooking gear provided. **But, we recommend you bring the crew gear that you plan to take to Northern Tier/canoeing trek to test it out over the weekend.**

This ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend Adventure Guide will assist you in planning for a successful weekend. The volunteer committee and staff look forward to seeing you soon at the ZBase this April 10-12!

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GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

ZBase at Zink Ranch. When planning to get to ZBASE most map apps can find camp easily if you input “ZBASE”.

8607 Zink Ranch Road, Skiatook OK 74070 (Note: This address works in Google maps)

The ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend will be held at ZBase at Zink Scout Ranch. The Zink Ranch is located northwest of Tulsa in Osage County on Skiatook Lake. The Zink Ranch is a 35,000-acre property that is home to multiple outdoor groups including gun clubs, motocross events, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, fly fishing clubs, and more. It is also a working ranch. Please observe the posted speed limit of **25 mph** and be aware of traffic flow and pedestrians.

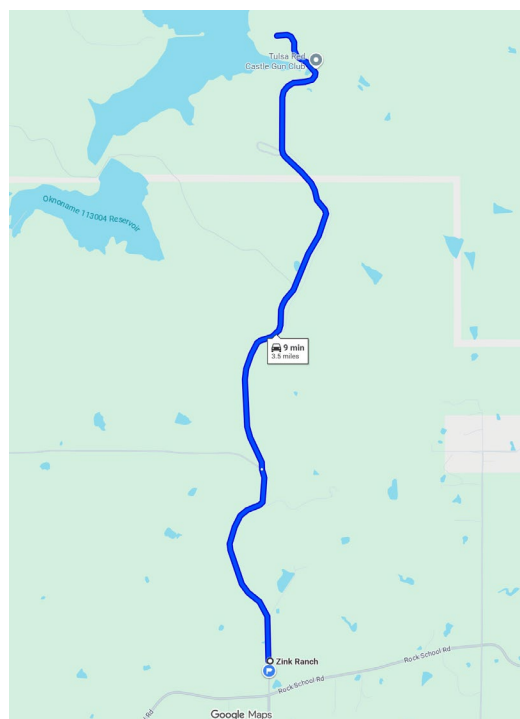
Zink Ranch Access Gate

The Zink Ranch has an entry gate that requires a four-digit access code that is changed monthly. Units will be advised of the code prior to the ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend to share with your unit. After entering the gate, proceed to the left up the hill on the asphalt road. Continue until you come to the main sign which will show ZBase. Bear to right and proceed on the asphalt road to the ZBase Welcome Center for check-in. It is approximately 3.5 miles from the Zink Ranch Gate to the ZBase Welcome Center.

Map Showing Zink Ranch



Map Showing Zink Ranch Road to ZBase



FEES

Youth/Adult ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend Fee – \$40 Regular Fee.

Who: All BSA registered Scouts BSA, Venturers and Sea Scouts

Includes:

- All food provided.
- Stoves, Fuel, and Cooking gear provided, **but we recommend you bring the crew gear that you plan to take to Philmont/high adventure trek to test it out over the weekend.**
- Map

How: Register online

Staff Fee – Free for Full-time and Day Only Staff. Register as “Staff” at the Council website. **See below to determine what staff type you should register as.**

REGISTRATION

Scouts BSA and Venturers should register as a group. Registration is online at www.okscouts.org. Please access the ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend webpage (under Events & Activities). Thereafter, registrations, updates, substitutions, and deletions will need to be made at the Scout Service Center, or upon arrival at the ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend.

SCHEDULE

Friday, April 10

5:00-6:00pm	Arrival/Check-in (eat dinner prior to arrival) at ZBase Welcome Center
6:30-7:00pm	Program Briefing
7:00-8:30pm	Class Round-Robin (20 minute rotations): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Food/Gear Distribution• Crew Roles• Map Planning• Gear Shakedown
9:00-9:30pm	Cracker Barrel
10:00-10:30pm	Taps
10:30pm	Lights Out

Saturday, Apr. 11

6:00am	Wakeup
6:30-7:15am	Breakfast
7:30am	Waterfront Training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Canoeing• Duluth Packs & Gear• Portaging
1100am	Depart ZBase Trail Lunch
3:30pm	Arrival in Camp <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campsite Eval• Leave No Trace Cooking
7:00pm	Evening Briefing/Q&A – Northern Tier Considerations
8:00pm	Campfire
11:00pm	Lights Out

Sunday, Apr. 12

6:00am	Wakeup
8:00am	Departure: Paddle back to ZBase
12:00am	Base Camp Debrief
1:00pm	Departure

CHECK-IN, ARRIVALS & DEPARTURES

CHECK-IN – FRIDAY NIGHT ARRIVAL

Commencing at 5:00pm on April 10th units may check in at the ZBase Welcome Center. To make your Check-In go smoothly, please:

- **Arrive as a unit at the ZBase Welcome Center.**
- In addition, **the unit leader will provide the unit's Annual Health and Medical Records for visual inspection** by the ZBase Staff and to address any medical issues with the onsite Health Officer (medication storage, medical issues that should be made known to the Health Officer, etc.). **Units will be responsible for their Annual Health and Medical Records.**
- **During the Check-In, the unit leader** must provide two contacts for each unit who will be contacted first in case of an emergency. Annual Health and Medical Records should be readily available for access in an emergency.
- The unit leader should also advise the ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend staff at check-in as to any late arrivals; "late" meaning any vehicles arriving after the unit leader and the bulk of the unit.
- Once the unit leader, Crew leader, and other adult(s) have checked-in, the unit may proceed to its campsite and commence set-up.

PRIOR TO THE WEEKEND

PRE-EVENT MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Approximately 3 weeks prior to the event, participants will attend a Pre-Event Teams meeting to review the weekend plan, review menu plans, and answer any questions. **Your Registration Contact will receive the email with meeting logistics to distribute to all your participants.**

GEAR LIST

ZBase will provide food, stoves, and cooking gear. You need to bring your own tent. If you want to use your own stove or cooking gear, you may bring it.

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Crew Gear Provided by ZBASE:

- Duluth packs
- food/equipment packs
- Cook kit (pot and serving spoon)
- Cook stoves (backpacker type, 2 per crew)

Crew Gear You Need to Bring:

- First aid kit
- Biodegradable soap (camp suds or similar)
- Toilet paper
- Bug repellent
- Sunscreen/sun block
- Trowel

Gear that each Crew Member should bring:

- Dry Bag (recommend 30L)
- Sleeping bag & sleeping pad
- Hammock (optional)
- Tent
- Camp Chair (optional)
- Fast drying long pants – NO sweats or jeans
- Suspenders or belt
- 2 changes of underwear
- 2 crew t-shirts
- 2 pairs of wool socks
- 2 pairs of sock liners
- 1 pair of shorts
- 1 long-sleeved shirt
- Camp shoes (dry shoes for use in camp)
- Non-waterproof hiking boots (above the ankle--you WILL get them wet)
- Rain gear (absolutely NO PONCHOS!)
- Wide brimmed hat
- Bandana
- Sleep shirt/clothing
- Cup, bowl, spoon
- 2-3 Water bottles, 1L each (must have 2 water bottles minimum. Bladder may be the 3rd)
- Headlamp
- Sun and Insect Protection

- Compass
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Misc.: Medications, insect repellent, bug net, paper & pencil, whistle, camera, binoculars, fishing gear, etc.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES & WEATHER

GENERAL

Emergency Procedures will be headquartered at ZBase. Throughout the ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend, there will always be a Health Officer on duty, together with the Staff Advisor. The Staff Advisor will have a radio as well as their cell phone to coordinate any emergency. Please remember, we're there to help.

WEATHER

Throughout the ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend, we will monitor the potential for severe weather. Should the forecast include the risk of severe weather including lightning, this will be addressed when unit's check-in and at the Friday night briefing.

OUTSIDE EMERGENCIES

In the event of an outside emergency which requires a participant to be contacted by his/her family, we ask that the family member contact the unit directly by mobile phone. We will not provide an emergency contact number for outsiders to call.

FEEDBACK

We welcome your constructive feedback and comments, which will be used to plan the next ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend.

Questions about the ZBase Canoeing Shakedown Weekend can be directed to Bill Fournet at billfournet@thepersimmongroup.com.