

BUFFALO TRAIL SCOUT RANCH

16400 Ranch Road 1832, Fort Davis, Texas 79734

Emergency Action Plan

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Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch (BTSR) is located at the end of Ranch Road 1832 in Jeff Davis County, Texas. The ranch consists of 9,000 acres in the Davis Mountains and consists of canyonlands, high meadows and mountain peaks. The mountains are the remnants of volcanic activity occurring millions of years ago. The base camp is in Ajuga Canyon where benches were cut along the side of the canyon for constructing the Dining Hall and the Buffalo Hall (which includes the headquarters offices, restrooms, program space, and the camp trading post/store). The terrain is rocky and steeply sloped behind both structures, rising to sheer basalt cliffs. The area between the sheer cliffs and structures are talus slopes stabilized by what vegetation has been able to grow in that arid environment. Use of herbicides is infeasible as it would kill the vegetation roots that are keeping the talus from moving down slope during heavy rain events. Running through the canyon is a dry wash or arroyo that only contains water during periods of intense or prolonged rain events in the drainage basin upgradient of the ranch. This dry wash carries a significant amount of water during flood stage. Recently there have been flood events during 2022 and again in 2025. The flood event in 2025 caused the camp to be evacuated of campers as a matter of health and safety. The camp structures as mentioned before are built on benches cut into the side of the canyon and have not been impacted by flooding. The terrain on the canyon slopes and walls vary from 60-degree slopes to sheer vertical rock faces. The steep rocky slope terrain makes use of lawn mowers; tractor mowers are unsafe for maintaining defensible zones. All brush clearing must be done by hand and grass cut using weed-eaters in a very safety conscious manner.

All key adult staff members are graduates of the Scouting America's National Camp School, and the youth staff are trained in all camp procedures.

Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch aims to foster character development, citizenship, leadership, and personal fitness through outdoor adventure, aligning with the Scout Oath and Law all in a safe environment and atmosphere. Key behavioral goals include increased self-confidence, teamwork, responsibility, resilience through overcoming challenges, and a commitment to safety, environmental stewardship, and community service.



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Search Results—Products for **JEFF DAVIS COUNTY UNINCORPORATED AREAS**

The flood map for the selected area is number **4812510250B**, effective on **7/18/1985**

Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch covers 9,000 acres. The attached map represents the total area of base camp. Base camp is centrally located within the 9,000 acres.

Cabins are marked with red stars and tent camping areas are marked with blue stars.

See attached map

Link to DSHS reporting page for noncompliance

A link to the youth camp program web page on the department's Internet website for campers, parents, and camp staff and volunteers to use to report the camp's noncompliance is on the Council website. <https://www.btsr.org/summer-camp> under Summer Camp Forms and Guide

Emergency Preparedness Coordinators

The Emergency Preparedness Coordinators are the Camp Director, Janet' Sloan, and the Camp Ranger, Keith Morrison. They can be contacted at 432-559-6025 and 432-770-6171 respectively.

The Emergency Preparedness Coordinators develop safety plans, train staff, and lead responses to emergencies. They assess risks, ensure regulatory compliance, and liaise with local emergency services. Key responsibilities include:

- **Emergency Planning:** Create, update, and implement emergency action plans tailored to the camp environment, including evacuation routes and shelter-in-place procedures.
- **Training & Drills:** Organize and lead regular safety drills (fire, severe weather, intruder) for staff and campers, ensuring all are familiar with procedures.
- **Risk Assessment:** Identify potential natural or technical hazards (e.g., wildfire, flood, food safety) and develop mitigation strategies.
- **Compliance & Documentation:** Ensure compliance with local, state, and Scouting America safety standards. Maintain detailed records of training, incidents, and emergency equipment.
- **Incident Response & Command:** Act as the lead coordinators during crises, making decisions on evacuations or medical responses.
- **Collaboration:** Serve as the primary liaison with local fire, police, and medical personnel.

Muster Zones for campers and staff – The primary muster for camp is the Parade Ground. At the emergency notification, all campers, leaders, and staff will immediately move to the Parade Ground.

- Leaders will perform accountability checks upon arrival using camp attendance records and report to the Camp Director or Camp Ranger. The name and unit number of anyone unaccounted for is reported.
- Staff assist in verifying the accountability checks with their troop guide assignments.
- Do not go to the campsite or move from your current location without permission from Camp Director or Camp Ranger
- Conduct an initial accountability check by using attendance records, one within 15 minutes of arrival, and by verification checks every hour until the all-clear is given
- Staff assist in verifying the accountability checks with their troop guide assignments
- Do not return to campsites to retrieve any equipment until authorized by Camp Director or Camp Ranger

If circumstances warrant, campsites on the north side of Aguja Creek muster at the Range and Target Activities Range. Troops from the tent campsites #16-21 muster at the Pavillion in the Sky. The same rules and guidelines for the primary muster location will apply to these secondary muster locations if necessary. Two radio equipped staff members will be assigned to these secondary muster sites for guidance and coordination.

Missing/Lost Camper – Report any missing persons to the Emergency Preparedness Coordinators. The coordinators assign camp staff search and rescue team members to conduct a search of the different camp areas. All search party members stay in communication with the Emergency Preparedness Coordinators using camp radios. Other staff members are alerted to be vigilant while continuing to conduct camp program.

Base Camp:

- Gather information about the missing person including physical description, medical concerns, last know whereabouts, class schedule, camp buddy, etc.
- Check the program area they are supposed to be in
- Check with the Scout Master of their troop
- Check campsite thoroughly – tents, latrines
- Check the Trading Post
- Check with their buddy
- Check the pool and the corral
- Check in areas the person was most recently known to be
- Check all areas of base camp

- Office/Business Manager will be updated on the search progress by camp radio and keep a log of all activity
- After 30 minutes of searching, 9-1-1, the local Search & Rescue with the fire department, and the local office of emergency management are notified by phone call by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger
- After 30 minutes of searching, the parents are notified by phone call by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger of the search and the progress

Back Country:

- Gather information about the missing person including physical description, medical concerns, last know whereabouts, class schedule, camp buddy, etc.
- Check the Sign Out and Trail Logs for information
- The Office/Business Manager reaches out to back country staff by camp radio to determine if there is any information about the person or group.
- One or both Search & Rescue teams are sent to check the last known area, suspected area, or common trail areas.
- Horses are sent out to bases or check trails.
- Search teams communicate with the Office/Business Manager by camp radio to keep progress updated. Office/Business Manager keeps log of all activity.
- After 30 minutes of searching, 9-1-1, the local Search & Rescue with the fire department, and the local office of emergency management are notified by phone by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger
- After 30 minutes of searching, the parents are notified by phone call by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger of the search and the progress.

Fire on the Premises of Camp - Upon receiving notification of fire, the base camp emergency notification system will be activated, and 9-1-1, the Reeves County Fire and Fort Davis Fire, and the local office of emergency management are notified by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger by phone.

- Base camp emergency notification system uses Ritron's LoudMouth Wireless PA System. This system allows for instant, camp-wide PA announcements directly from our existing portable radios. LoudMouth is a wireless solution that operates without internet connectivity.
- At camp check in orientation, all unit leaders are instructed that if the PA siren sounds, they are to assemble their scouts and report immediately to the Parade Ground near Buffalo Hall and the dining hall.
- Once there, units conduct an accountability check using camp attendance records and report to the Camp Director or Camp Commissioner. If anyone is

unaccounted for, the person's name and unit are reported to the Camp Director or Camp Commissioner.

- Staff assist with their troop guide assignments verifying accountability checks.
- Troops/campers receive further evacuation instructions based on the urgency of the situation.
- Troops/campers directed to evacuation routes. Accountability checks are made by unit leaders as campers leave muster area using camp attendance records. Checks are assisted by staff.
- Accountability checks are conducted by unit leaders at evacuation points using camp attendance records. Checks are assisted by staff.
- Evacuation completed using private vehicles (Scout Masters and staff) and camp vehicles
- If evacuation becomes necessary, parent notification will be made by phone coordinated by the Office/Business Manager with assistance from the unit leaders. Parents will be informed of the reunification/offsite evacuation location.
- Cavalcades, Treks, and other programs located away from base camp are equipped with 2-way radios and GPS trackers
- Prior to departure, groups are briefed on outback emergency procedures in event of emergency
- In the event the 3-outback radio tower communications system goes down, the Camp Ranger has the capability to access local area emergency response services and send a helicopter to a group's location for evacuation instructions
- Groups located away from base camp are given evacuation instructions based on their relationship to fire
- **Refer to Evacuation Plan for further details**

Evacuation of people takes priority over evacuation of livestock. Once all scouts or visitors are out of camp, livestock evacuation/transport may commence.

Severe injury, illness, accident, or death – Notify the Emergency Preparedness Coordinators and Camp Medic immediately by camp radio.

- After quickly evaluating the situation, the Camp Medic will advise the Camp Director or Camp Ranger if more advanced medical care is needed.
- After assessment of the patient, the Camp Medic will advise if they can be transported by camp vehicle, personal vehicle, or if an ambulance is needed to receive more advanced care.

- If an ambulance is required, the Camp Director will call 911 and arrange transport. Reeves County EMS is the emergency provider through an Auto Agreement with Jeff Davis County.
- Safeguarding Youth policies must be followed if advanced medical care must be sought.
- After the patient assessment, Unit Leaders are notified in person at camp. Parents are notified by phone by the Camp Director as to the circumstances and where medical treatment will be obtained.
- The Emergency Preparedness Coordinators will interview all parties involved to ascertain information needed for any reporting and contact the local emergency management coordinator.
- The Program Director and camp staff will ensure that camp program continues as usual.

In the event of a fatality, the Camp Director or Camp Ranger shall call 911. Do not move the victim unless it is necessary for the safety of others. Keep a responsible adult designated by the Camp Director at the scene to oversee the area until the authorities arrive. The Camp Director will notify the Scout Executive as soon as possible. The Scout Executive will notify the parents by phone as soon as possible. The Scout Executive will also notify the Office of Emergency Management and DSHS within 24 hours of a fatality.

Aquatic emergency – The Aquatics Director is the emergency response coordinator at the swimming pool. He has direct two-way communication with the Emergency Preparedness Coordinators.

Active Drowning Victim

- Activate the Emergency Action Plan – “Active Victim. Guard in the Water” Other guards echo the activation and point to guard in the water. This is to ensure the emergency response coordinator is aware of the situation and knows who is involved.
- Lifeguards perform the appropriate rescue.
- Other lifeguards adjust to provide backup coverage.
- The Buddy Check Coordinator/lifeguard calls for a “buddy check” and accounts for all swimmers.
- Buddy Check Coordinator clears swimming area and moves swimmers to the pool pavilion if directed by the emergency response coordinator and conducts

another “buddy check” to account for all swimmers. Buddy Check Coordinator conducts accountability checks.

- Lifeguards provide first aid as necessary
- Notify Camp Director and Camp Medic by camp radio
- Camp Medic will respond to the swimming pool to determine if 911 should be called. If 911 is to be called, the Camp Director makes the call.
- Camp Director will notify unit leader in person at camp as soon as notified by pool staff
- Camp Director will notify parents by phone after Camp Medic assessment
- Replace rescue equipment
- Complete necessary incident reporting

Submerged Swimmer

- Activate Emergency Action Plan – “Submerged Victim. Guard in the Water” Other guards echo the activation and point to the guard in the water.
- Emergency Response Coordinator contacts Camp Director and Camp Medic by camp radio and advises “Submerged Victim. Guard in the Water. Rescue in Progress. Call 9-1-1”.
- Camp Director gathers necessary information and notifies 9-1-1 and local emergency management coordinator
- Camp Medic responds to the pool
- Lifeguards perform appropriate rescue.
- Nearest lifeguard brings first aid kit with CPR breathing barrier and AED.
- Lifeguards administer appropriate first aid
- Camp Ranger directs emergency services to the pool
- Camp Director will notify parents by phone
- Camp Director will notify unit leader in person at camp
- Other lifeguards adjust to provide backup coverage.
- Buddy Check Coordinator/lifeguard perform a “buddy check” to account for all swimmers.
- Buddy Check Coordinator/lifeguard clears swimming area and moves swimmers to the pool pavilion and conducts an accountability check
- Provide “near drowning” care.
- Replace rescue equipment.
- Provide post-incident counseling for witnesses and staff.
- Camp Director and Aquatics Director complete necessary incident reporting.

Missing Swimmer

- Activate the Emergency Action Plan – “Missing Swimmer”

- Emergency Response Coordinator contacts the Camp Director and Camp Medic by camp radio with the missing person's name and last known location and assigned campsite.
- Lifeguards clear swimming area
- Buddy Check Coordinator/lifeguard performs a "buddy check" to account for all swimmers
- Buddy Check Coordinator moves all swimmers to the pool pavilion and conducts an accountability check
- Lifeguards search pool area – showers, restrooms
- Camp Director directs camp staff to look for missing swimmer in other parts of camp – campsite, dining hall etc.
- Camp Director will notify unit leader in person at camp
- Camp Director will notify parents by phone if not located within 30 minutes

Epidemic – In the event of a contagious disease outbreak, the affected individuals will be isolated in the Health Lodge. The Camp Medic will notify the Camp Director as soon as an outbreak is suspected.

- Any staff who encounter an infected individual whether camper or staff will have PPE available.
- Infected individuals will be isolated from the rest of camp at the Health Lodge.
- A thorough cleaning of high traffic/touch areas will be done. These include doorknobs and doors, restrooms, chairs, tables, showers, dining hall, and Buffalo Hall.
- If the disease is reportable, the Camp Medic will contact the local health department and DSHS within 24 hours.
- Camp Director will contact the local emergency management coordinator by phone as soon as an outbreak is suspected.
- The Camp Medic or Camp Director will contact parents by phone and plan for return home.
- Unit leader will be notified in person at camp by the Camp Director.

Unauthorized Individual on Property – All staff are issued staff shirts and nametags. These are to be always worn. Every camper and unit leader is issued a wrist band upon check in at camp.

- Anyone without a wristband or staff identification should be reported to an area Director or member of the Administration.
- Campers or staff should not approach the individual.

- The Camp Director or Camp Ranger will approach the individual and inquire what assistance they need and ask them to leave the property.
- If the unauthorized individual is noncompliant, law enforcement will be notified by the Camp Ranger or Camp Director.
- Campers will be directed away from the area where the unauthorized individual is located.
- If required, the emergency notification system will be activated, and all staff and campers will move to a designated safe area while awaiting law enforcement response.
- Staff will undergo training from local law enforcement during staff training week that will cover active threats and unauthorized individuals on property.
- Staff will learn what their response and duties will be in the event of an active threat or unauthorized individual.

Transportation Emergency – In the event of a transportation emergency, the staff on the emergency site will notify the Camp Director as soon as possible.

- Staff present at the emergency ensure the safety of all involved
- Staff present notify law enforcement, EMS
- Camp Director will travel to the site of the emergency or designate an Admin to do so.
- Information will be gathered on all persons involved.
- Camp Director will notify local emergency management coordinator
- Camp Director will notify parents by phone of those involved when status of situation is known.

Natural Disasters – In the event that camp must be evacuated due to a natural disaster, the following procedures will be followed.

Wildfire

- Upon receiving notification of wildfire, the base camp emergency notification system will be activated, and the Reeves County Fire, Fort Davis Fire, and the local emergency management coordinator will be notified by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger. Cavalcade, Trek, Mountain Man, Calvary, and any other outback programs will be contacted and given instructions.
- Base camp emergency notification system uses Ritron's LoudMouth Wireless PA System. This system allows for instant, camp-wide PA announcements directly from our existing portable radios. LoudMouth is a wireless solution that operates without internet connectivity.

- At camp check in orientation, all unit leaders are instructed that if the PA siren sounds, they are to assemble their scouts and report immediately to the Parade Ground near Buffalo Hall and the dining hall.
- Once there, unit leaders and area directors will conduct an accountability check based on camp attendance records and report to the Camp Director or Camp Commissioner. If anyone is unaccounted for, the person's name and unit should be reported to the Camp Director or Camp Commissioner.
- Staff will assist with their troop guide assignments verifying accountability checks.
- They will receive further evacuation instructions based on the urgency of the situation.
- Campers will be directed to evacuation routes.
- Unit leaders will conduct accountability checks assisted by staff as campers leave muster area.
- Unit leaders and staff will conduct accountability checks at evacuation points.
- Evacuation will be accomplished using private vehicles (Scout Masters and staff) and camp vehicles.
- If evacuation becomes necessary, parent notification will be made by phone coordinated by the Office/Business Manager with the assistance of unit leaders as soon as possible. Parents will be informed of the reunification/offsite evacuation location.
- Cavalcades, Treks, and other programs located away from base camp shall be equipped with 2-way radios and GPS Trackers
Prior to departure they will be briefed on outback emergency procedures in event of emergency.
- In the event the 3-outback radio tower communication system goes down the Ranger has the capability to access local area emergency response services and send a helicopter to a group's location for evacuation instructions.
- Groups located away from basecamp will be given evacuation instructions based on their relationship to wildfire and direction the wildfire is moving.
- Evacuation of people takes priority over evacuation of livestock. Once all scouts or visitors are out of camp, livestock evacuation/transport may commence.

Floods -- This plan provides guidance for safe evacuation and sheltering of all personnel, campers, and staff during a flooding event at Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch (BTSR). The ranch's creek crossing creates a natural division between the north and south sides of the base camp, and movement options will vary depending on location at the time of flooding.

1. Activation The Flood Emergency Plan will be activated when:
 - Flash flood watch/warning is issued by the National Weather Service affecting BTSR area.
 - Rising creek waters are observed that may cut off safe passage.
 - McDonald Observatory provides storm notifications:
 - o General Storm Call: Approximately 3-hour window to move campers to higher ground.
 - o Storm Between Observatory & Camp: Approximately 1-hour window to move campers to higher ground.
 - Camp leadership determines the potential for unsafe flooding conditions and notifies local emergency management coordinator.
 - NOAA weather radios are issued to all occupied buildings, providing continuous monitoring for official watches, warnings, and updates.
 - Personal phones that may work should have Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) and other emergency notifications turned on to provide additional redundancy.

The Camp Director or Camp Ranger will announce plan activation by radio, siren, outdoor speaker or messenger

2. Evacuation & Shelter Procedures:

South Side of Creek

- Primary Muster Point: Buffalo Hall
- All campers, leaders, and staff located south of the creek will immediately move to Buffalo Hall.
- Unit leaders will perform accountability checks upon arrival at the muster point using camp attendance reports and report to Camp Director or Camp Ranger. Staff will assist with accountability checks.
- Do not go to the campsite or move from your current location without permission from Camp Director or Camp Ranger.
- Conduct an initial accountability check based on camp attendance record, one within 15 minutes of arrival, and followed by checks every hour until the all-clear is given. Staff will assist with accountability checks.
- Do not return to the campsite to retrieve any equipment until authorized by camp Director or Camp Ranger.

North Side of Creek:

Primary Muster Point: Range and Target Program Area

- All campers, leaders, and staff located north of the creek will immediately move to the Range and Target Program Area. A staff member with a camp radio will be assigned to this muster site

- Leaders will perform accountability checks upon arrival at the muster point based on camp attendance report and report results to staff with radio assigned to this muster site. Staff will then report to the Camp Director or Camp Ranger. Staff will assist with accountability checks.
- Do not go to the campsite or move from your current location without permission from Camp Director or Camp Ranger.
- Conduct an initial accountability check based on camp attendance record, one within 15 minutes of arrival, and followed by checks every hour until the all-clear is given. Staff will assist with accountability checks.
- Do not return to the campsite to retrieve any equipment until authorized by camp Director or Camp Ranger.

Campsites 16-21:

Primary Muster Point: Pavillion in the Sky

- All campers, leaders, and staff located in campsites 16-21 will immediately move to the Pavillion in the Sky. A staff member with a camp radio will be assigned to this muster site.
- Leaders will perform accountability checks upon arrival at the muster point based on camp attendance reports and report to staff member with the camp radio. Staff member with radio will then report to the Camp Director or Camp Ranger.
- Do not go to the campsite or move from your current location without permission from Camp Director or Camp Ranger.
- Conduct an initial accountability check based on camp attendance record, one within 15 minutes of arrival, and followed by checks every hour until the all-clear is given. Staff will assist with accountability checks.
- Do not return to the campsite to retrieve any equipment until authorized by camp Director or Camp Ranger.

Movement Restrictions & Supply Transfer

- NO VEHICLES OR PERSONS are allowed to attempt evacuation across the creek once water levels reach flood stage.
- Essential supplies (food, water, medical kits, communications equipment, etc.) will be stored at Buffalo Hall, the Range and Target Program Area, and the Pavillion in the Sky in appropriate containers.
- Two staff members with radios will be assigned to each of the flood muster locations for coordination, communication, and supervision.

Full Camp Evacuation (Last Resort)

- Should conditions make it necessary to evacuate the entire camp, the Camp Director and Camp Ranger will notify and coordinate with local officials and emergency management to arrange evacuation.
- Scouts and staff will remain at their designated muster points until instructed to move to designated pickup zones.
- Evacuation priority will be given to medical cases, youth, and vulnerable individuals first.
- Accountability checks will be conducted by unit leaders and staff using camp attendance records as campers move from the muster points to evacuation points.
- Accountability checks will be conducted by unit leaders and staff using camp attendance records as vehicles are loaded at the evacuation points.
- Accountability checks will be conducted by unit leaders and staff using camp attendance records on arrival at the reunification location.
- Accountability checks by unit leaders and staff using camp attendance records will be conducted every 30 minutes at the reunification location.
- Parents will be notified by the Office/Business Manager by phone with assistance from unit leaders as soon as it is safe to do so. Parents will be informed of the reunification/offsite evacuation location.
- Unit leaders will maintain rosters and conduct multiple headcounts at the designated shelters.
- Results will be reported to the Camp Director or Camp Ranger.
- Radio communications will be maintained between muster points.
- Emergency services and emergency management will be contacted by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger if conditions worsen or evacuation beyond camp becomes necessary.
- If a camper, leader, or staff member is injured or sick during flooding:
 - Notify AirEvac or other available air transport for emergency evacuation will be contacted by the Camp Director if the condition is life-threatening.
 - If the condition is not life-threatening, remain sheltered and wait for flood waters to recede before attempting to cross the creek or transport the individual
- Safety Considerations
 - Avoid low-lying areas, creek banks, and drainage paths during heavy rainfall.
 - Use flashlights at night for visibility.
 - Remain in designated shelters until the “All Clear” is given by Camp Director or Camp Ranger.

- Responsibilities
 - Camp Director / Camp Ranger: Activate plan, coordinate response, liaise with emergency services.
 - Unit Leaders: Ensure campers evacuate safely, conduct headcounts, and maintain order.
 - Staff: Assist in guiding campers to shelters and provide first aid if necessary. Staff will help “entertain” the troops by playing games and singing songs. Maintain a positive, calm attitude.
- At the beginning of each camp session, campers that could possibly need extra care and attention during an emergency will be identified. The Camp Medic will assign a staff member to “buddy” with these campers and become acquainted with them. In the event of an emergency, these “buddies” will seek out and assist these campers during the emergency procedures – start to finish. This will provide a familiar face, support, and help during a stressful time.
- Due to the rugged terrain at BTR, camp rarely has mobility impaired campers. However, if a camper is present with mobility issues, the Camp Medic would assign a staff member to assist this camper and stay with them during any evacuation procedure. The assigned staff member would seek out the individual. This assistance would include coordinating with the unit leader on any needs and arranging for transportation in a camp UTV to muster and / or evacuation points.
- The Camp Medic would assign a staff member to assist any hearing-impaired camper and stay with them during the entire evacuation process. The staff member would seek out the individual and coordinate with the unit leader to provide any assistance needed.
- The Camp Medic would assign a staff member to assist any visually impaired camper and stay with them during the entire evacuation process. The staff member would seek out the individual and coordinate with the unit leader to provide any assistance needed.
- In the event additional transportation is needed for evacuation, the local Balmorhea Independent School District will be contacted by the Office/Business Manager for assistance in evacuating camp.
- Recovery
 - After waters recede and it is deemed safe by camp leadership, campers and staff may return to campsites.
 - Damaged facilities or hazards will be reported immediately.

- An after-action review will be conducted to identify improvements to the plan.

Off Site Evacuation Location and Reunification location

- Reeves County Annex
Pct. 3
101 Business I-10
Balmorhea, TX 79718

Tornados/extremely high winds – In the event of a tornado warning issued by the NWS covering BTSR or extremely high winds, the Camp Director or Camp Ranger will activate the emergency notification system.

- Campers and staff will assemble at the Parade Ground.
- Unit Leaders assisted by staff will conduct an accountability check based on camp attendance reports and report to the Camp Director.
- All people will move to Buffalo Hall to shelter in place.
- All people will remain in Buffalo Hall until the “all clear” is given by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger.
- Unit leaders and staff will conduct accountability checks based on camp attendance reports every 30 minutes while sheltering in place.
- Staff will help “entertain” the troops by playing games, singing songs, and organizing skits. Maintain a positive, calm attitude.

Evacuation Routes Posting and Illumination

- Evacuation route maps are posted in each cabin and campsite.
- Camp Commissioner is responsible for posting the evacuation route maps
- Evacuation routes are illuminated by using solar LED, dusk to dawn, motion activated lights
- No cabins are in a flood plain so do not require ladders allowing roof access.

Emergency Plans to Staff

Once approved, the BTSR emergency plan will be emailed to each staff member and volunteer. A signed acknowledgement of receipt and reading will be required for inclusion in their personnel file. These personnel files are maintained in the camp office by the Business Manager during the camp season. After the camp season, the files are transferred

to the Council office and are maintained by the Executive Assistant/Camp Registrar. If the staff or volunteer is a minor, a parent signature will also be required on the acknowledgement. The plan will also be reviewed during the staff training week. The previous signed acknowledgement of receipt of the plan will be initialed at the review. The Camp Director and Camp Ranger are responsible for training the staff and updating the training as necessary. This training will be conducted annually with all long-term camp staff. Event Directors will be responsible for training their event staff and obtaining a signed acknowledgement which will be filed at the Council office.

Communication of Emergency Plan

Once approved, the BTSR emergency plan will be shared with the Emergency Management Coordinators, the Sheriff's office, and Fire/EMS of Jeff Davis and Reeves Counties. A signed acknowledgement will be obtained from these entities and will be kept on file in the camp office and Council office. A new acknowledgement will be obtained whenever the plan is updated.

The Plan will be shared with parents of campers and prospective campers via the unit leaders. The plan will be shared with the unit leaders electronically. The unit leaders will then share the plan with the parents and will provide the camp with a signed acknowledgement from the parents that the plan was received and reviewed. These acknowledgements will be matched on check-in day with the actual campers, youth and adults, in attendance.

A file will be maintained with these signed acknowledgements in the camp office during their camp session. The Business Manager will manage these files. After their camp session, the files will be transferred to the Council office where they will be maintained by the Executive Assistant/Camp Registrar. Communicating with parents that BTSR is in a flood plain is not required in that camp is not in a flood plain.

Emergency Warning System

A NOAA weather radio will be issued to all occupied buildings to provide continuous monitoring for official watches, warnings, and updates. This includes a radio in the main office area of camp. NWS alerts will be available 24/7. The Camp Ranger will also have a radio with NWS alerts available 24/7.

The camp handheld radios also have weather alert capabilities. The PS system is the LoudMouth system and is operable without internet.

The Camp Ranger is responsible for maintaining the emergency warning system. If the Camp Ranger is unavailable, the Business Manager or the Aquatics Director are responsible for operating the warning alert system.

If a deaf or hard of hearing camper is present in camp, staff members will be assigned to seek out that individual and make certain that they are aware of the emergency and assist them in the emergency procedures.

The camp Business Manager is responsible for monitoring the NOAA weather radio for safety alerts during office hours. They will notify the Camp Ranger and Camp Director of any relevant alerts during office hours. After hours, the Camp Ranger will be responsible for monitoring the NOAA weather radio. The Camp Ranger will then notify the Camp Director of any relevant alerts, and the appropriate plans will be implemented.

Internet Service/Broadband Service

Currently BTRSR does not have a land line. Due to our remote location, the phone service provider discontinued servicing our land line. The phone company transferred our phone service for the camp phone number to Camp Ranger's cell phone. We also do not have end-to-end fiber optic services. We have Star Link satellite broadband internet service which provides internet services to base camp. We also have a Star Link Mini that allows for phone service when a UTV travels to the backcountry. Therefore, we have greater coverage of our total camp than in the past. This greatly increases our communication ability to our back-country activities over and above our hand-held radios and GPS.

We have a second Star Link account. Therefore, camp has two distinct broadband internet systems.

Currently there are 3 systems for broadband internet that are available at BTRSR – Hughes Net, Viasat, and Starlink. Starlink is the only system that will meet the requirements.

The Camp Ranger is responsible for monitoring the internet services in camp.

BTRSR received a bid for installing end-to-end fiber optic service to camp. The preliminary estimate was \$2.7 million with a 6-12 month lead time. The camp has paid a \$450 engineering fee for a site visit and formal estimate. The Council is currently seeking grants and other funding to be able to meet this requirement.

Camper Safety Training

Campers arrive in camp on Sunday afternoon. On Sunday evening, a mandatory safety training will be conducted by the Camp Director and Camp Ranger. The Camp Director will verify the age of the campers in attendance with the Camp Registrar to make certain the

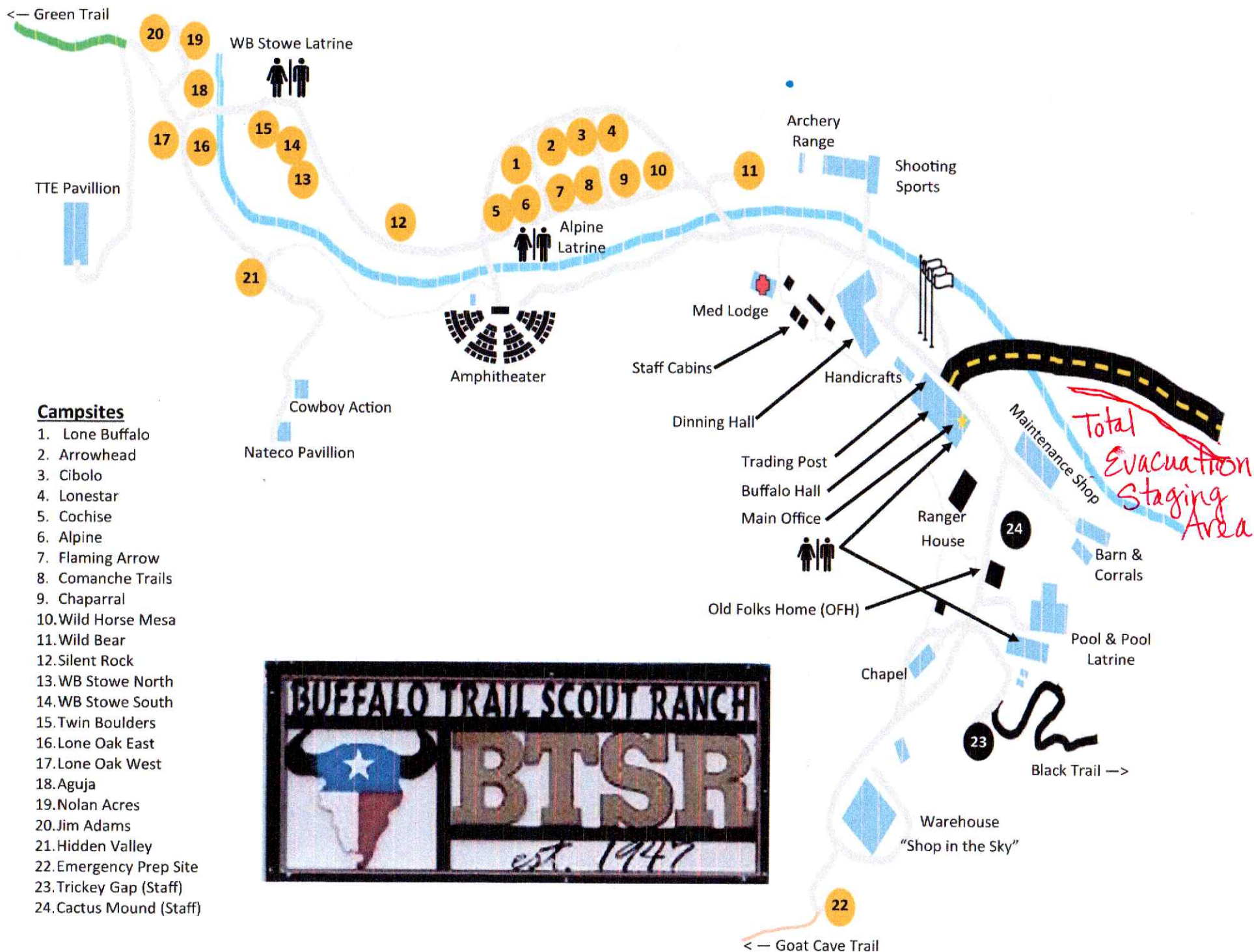
training will be developmentally appropriate instruction for the campers receiving the training.

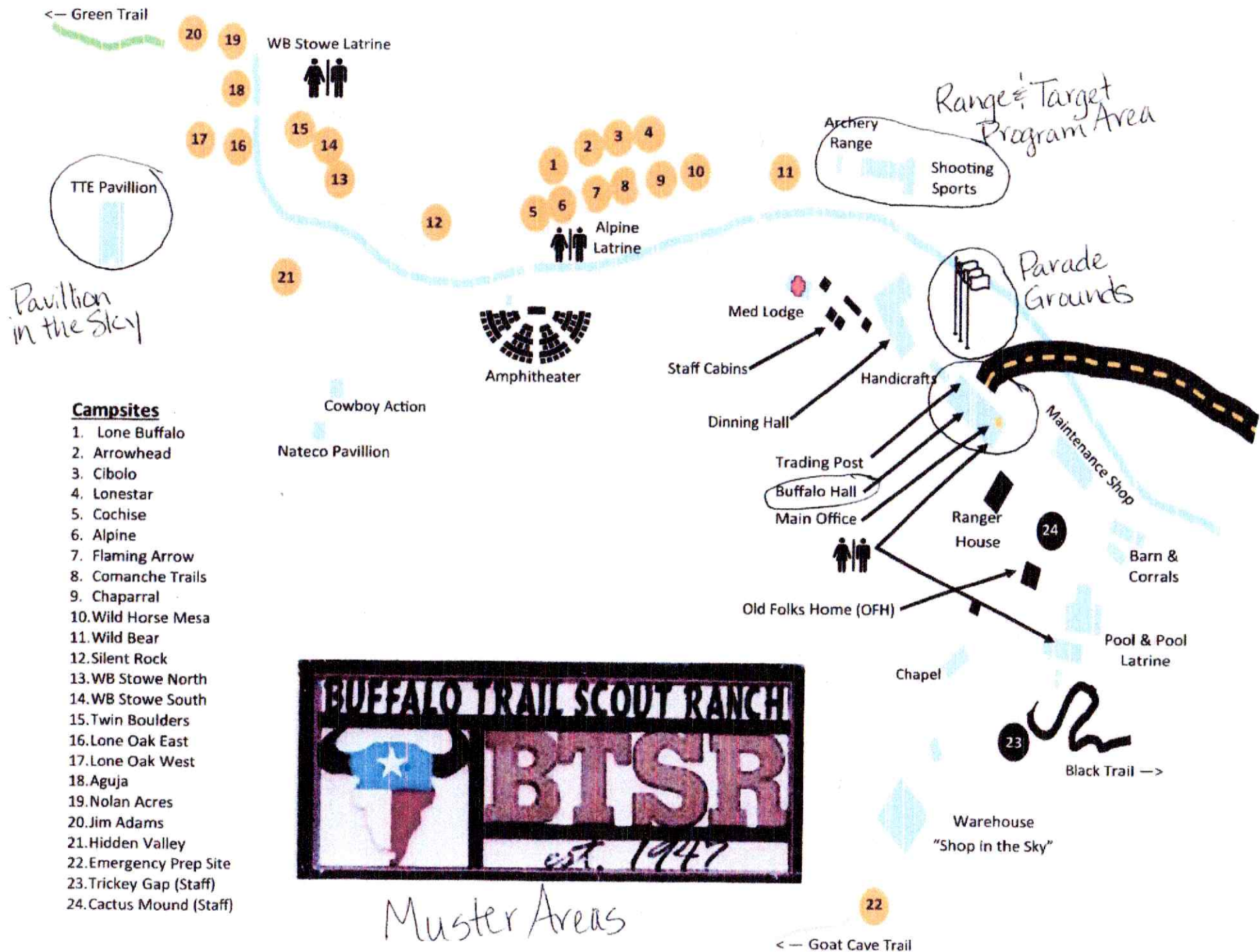
- The camp boundaries will be reviewed using the large camp wall map from the camp office.
- Risks present at camp will be reviewed including wildlife, terrain, and heat.
- Emergency procedures will be reviewed accounting for each scenario – fire, wildfire, flood, tornado or high winds, accidents.
- High Adventure groups will be trained separately in backcountry procedures.
- Behavior expectations will be reviewed
 - No running
 - Listen
 - Follow instructions given by Camp Director or Camp Ranger
 - Stay calm – staff is here to help
 - Stay with your unit
 - Stress importance of situation if emergency plan is implemented
- A training log will be kept listing all attendees at the training. This log will include name, unit #, and home Council. These logs will be kept in the camp office and maintained by the Business Manager. The logs will be transferred to the Council office at the end of camp and maintained by the Executive Assistant/Camp Registrar. The unit leaders will assist in preparing these logs.
- Emergency contact lists are posted in the camp office, the Health Lodge, the Ranger's residence, the Camp Director's residence, and the Pool Office.

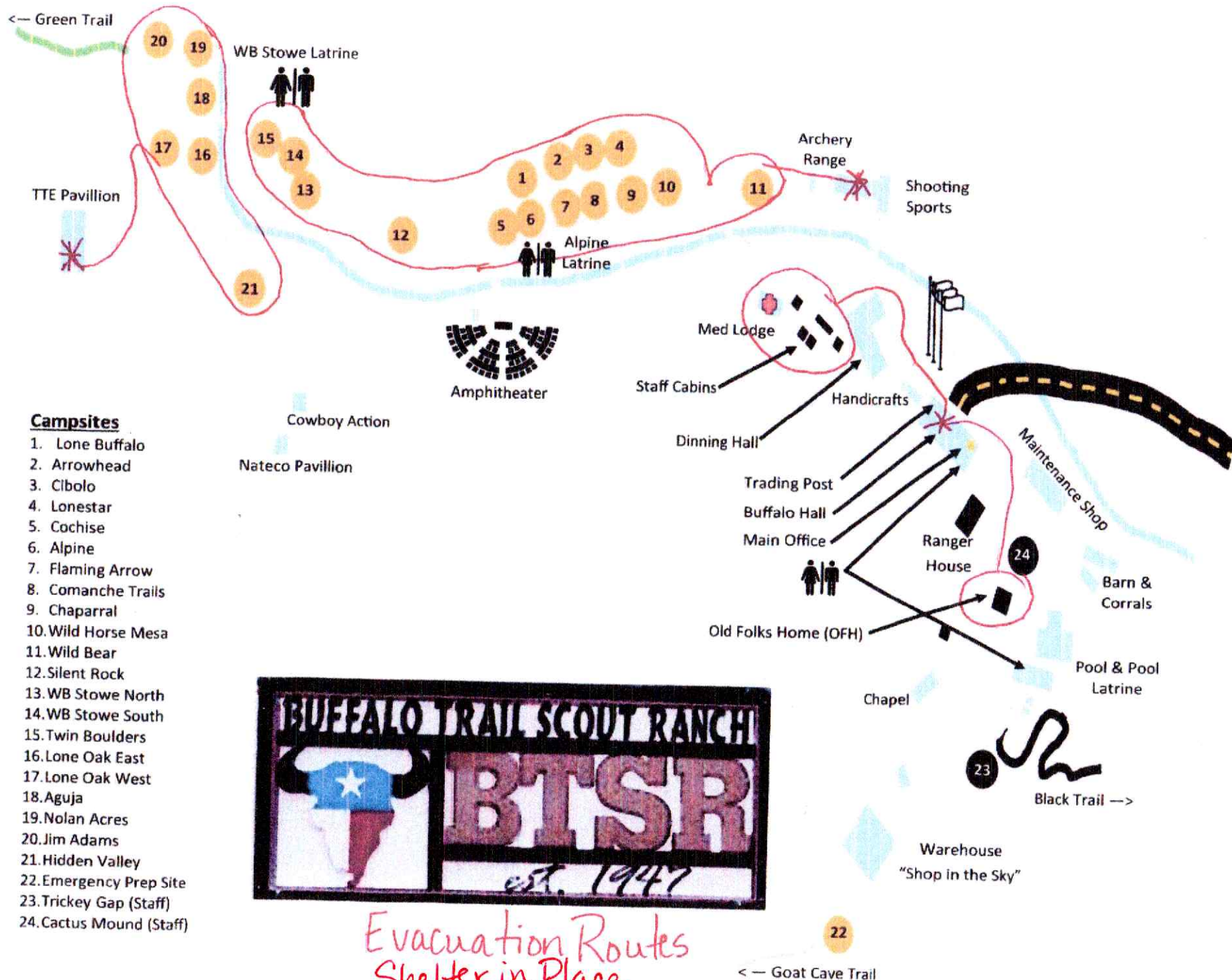


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