

WINTER CAMP 2025 LEADER'S GUIDE



TREVOR-REES JONES SCOUT CAMP
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What is the Order of the Arrow (OA)?



The Order of the Arrow (OA) was founded by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson in 1915 at the Treasure Island Camp on the Delaware River. It became Scouting's official honor camper program in 1934.

Mikanakawa Lodge 101 is Circle Ten Council's OA Lodge founded in 1937 at Camp Wisdom. Since then, our Lodge has grown significantly and includes the merger of two other lodges - Okiciyapi in 1995 and Loquanne Allangwh in 2017. OA members contribute to the ongoing care, maintenance, and improvements made at all four of our council camps. We are one of the largest and most active lodges in the country.



For over 110 years, the OA has recognized Scouts and Scouters who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law daily.

The OA is Scouting's National Honor Society.

Arrowmen are called to a life of cheerful service. Your winter camp staff are volunteers who are part of Mikanakawa Lodge.

Ordeal members who were inducted at or before the May Ordeal are encouraged to seal their membership by completing the Brotherhood Walk on day 2 and we will recognize them at the closing night campfire (see *Program Guide*).

We invite **ALL Arrowmen** to wear their full uniform with sash to the Brotherhood Ceremony on day 2, the Camp Staff Reunion / Honor Society Social on day 3, and Closing Night Campfire on day 4.

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2025 Winter Camp Chief

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Dear Scoutmaster / Crew Adviser / Skipper:

Welcome to a winter of fun at Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp! Your winter camp staff eagerly looks forward to serving you, as you prepare your unit for the opportunities of adventure offered at the Clements Scout Ranch. Winter camp is one of the highlights of a unit's year-round program.

Maximizing your Scouts' success requires preparation of your Scouts, their families, and the unit's leadership. In preparing for camp, it is important that you read our *Camp Leader's Guide* and *Program Guide*. We hope you notice and take advantage of the continuous improvements made to provide a better camping program, including our COPE course, training, and religious emblems.

The leader and program guides, and other recent winter camp resources will be available on the Circle Ten Council website at www.circleten.org. **It is critical that the leader and program guides are shared with every unit leader and every parent.**

The winter camp experience is an opportunity for your unit to build upon and use the skills that your Scouts have been building all year. Work with your patrol leaders council to plan an exciting winter camp experience. Encourage your Scouts to use all of the facilities and programs offered, including several living history programs to enrich your Scouts' winter camp experience. It is strongly encouraged that as each unit determines who will be your camp Scoutmaster, you select a unit leader that has the experience and training to effectively guide your Scouts and other leaders for the session.

In addition to your winter camp experience, please **take advantage of all our amazing council properties; incorporate them into your unit's year-round camping program.** Our Scout camps provide your unit many program opportunities, supported by a dedicated Campmaster Corps to support your unit during its year-round camping.

Thank you for choosing to camp with us. The entire winter camp staff looks forward to this opportunity to work to provide your Scouts with a memorable winter camp experience. Don't hesitate to contact our staff for assistance.

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2025 Dates to Remember

Sept 1	Black Pug Registration Link opens
Oct 20	Winter Camp Online Trading Post opens
Nov 17	Black Pug Activities / Merit Badges / Trading Sign Up opens
Nov 19	Winter Camp Online Trading Post closes
Dec 12	Final payment due to avoid late charges
Dec 21	Registration closes
Dec 26 - day 0	Camp Staff Check-in / Long-term Camper Arrival
Dec 27 - day 1	Camper Check-in / Opening Campfire
Dec 28 - day 2	(Program Day 1) Brotherhood Walk / Movie Night
Dec 29 - day 3	(Program Day 2) Staff reunion / Cowboy Action Competition
Dec 30 - day 4	(Program Day 3) Scout's Own / Miki-Q BBQ / Closing Campfire
Dec 31 - day 5	Clean up / Camper and Camp Staff Check out



INTRODUCTION

What is Winter Camp?

Circle Ten Council's annual winter camp at Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp is a special camping event for Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews and Sea Scout ships. Traditionally, it has been the largest annual event put on by Circle Ten Council and is staffed by Circle Ten's Mikanakawa Lodge of the OA.

Winter camp is a jamboree-style event. Some merit badges are offered, but there are more centers of activities for Scouts to learn and participate in beyond merit badge studies.

Units camp with other units in a single campsite. The chance to make new friends from outside your immediate Scouting circle is one of the key rewards. Food is prepared by each unit in their campsite, with the exception being the optional Day 4 Dinner - Miki-Q Texas BBQ available for \$15 / person.

Each morning, Scouts can work on merit badges, take part in special living history programs in the Mountain Man area, and participate in the C.O.P.E. program or learn new program skills.

Afternoons offer a wide-range of activities including the ATV experience, competitive games, climbing / rappelling, activities in all the living history areas, pen making, range and target activities, trail rides, ziplines and more!

Evenings include special events like campfires, a camp staff reunion / honor camper social, cowboy action shooting competition, a star watch party, or just relaxing in the campsite around the campfire.



All Winter camp attendees must be a currently registered Scout or Scouter in a Scouts BSA troop, Venturing crew or Sea Scout ship!





Key Dates

Date	Time	Event
September 1	10:00 a.m.	Registration OPENS
Late October	-	Leader Guide and Program Guide available
October 15	7:00 p.m.	Leader's Meeting (online and in person at John D. Murchison Scouting Center)
October 20	10:00 a.m.	Winter Camp 2025 special online trading post OPENS
November 17	10:00 a.m.	Program sign-up OPENS (merit badges, ATV experience, trail rides, pen making, ziplining, trainings, etc.)
November 19	11:00 p.m.	Winter Camp 2025 special online trading post CLOSES
December 21	11:00 p.m.	Registration CLOSES
December 26	12:00 p.m. – Gates open	Early Arrival
December 27	8:00 a.m. – Gates open 9:00 a.m. – Check-in opens	Arrival and Check-In
December 31	8:30 a.m. - Check out opens 10:00 a.m. - ALL units out of camp	Check out



Long Term Camp Qualifications

The standard winter camp schedule includes four nights of camping. For winter camp to qualify as a long-term camp, your unit must be in camp on the 26th and remain through the regular dismissal on the 31st for a total of five nights. This requirement may be important to some in your unit who missed summer camp and need to qualify for the Camping merit badge and Order of the Arrow eligibility.

REGISTRATION

Campsite Registration

Registration for campsites begins on September 1 and runs through December 21. Your initial registration will:

- 1.) establish a key unit leader contact
- 2.) provide and pay for the actual number of youth and adult attendees
- 3.) indicate your preferred campsite assignments

At this year's winter camp, every campsite will be subdivided to accommodate multiple male and female units.

You can request a reservation by logging into Circle Ten's Black Pug reservation system (<https://scoutingevent.com/571-2025WinterCamp>). If you do not have a Black Pug account, it is recommended that you create one. Once registered and logged in, you will select Winter Camp 2025 from the list of upcoming events. After completing checkout, a confirmation email will be sent to the address listed in your registration.





Registration Fees and Additional Costs

Registration Fees - Final Payment DUE Friday December 12.

- Youth: \$85
- Adult Leaders: \$75

This fee covers program supplies and the winter camp 2025 patch.

Additional Program and Training Costs (see *Program Guide*)

The following activities and trainings require an extra fee at the time of registration:

- ATV Experience
- Brotherhood Walk (day 2)
- Cowboy Action Competition (day 3)
- C.O.P.E (Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience)
- CPR and Basic First Aid
- Extreme Mountain Man
- Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)
- Life of a Mountain Man
- Merit Badges
- Miki-Q Texas BBQ Dinner (day 4)
- NRA Basic Instructor (BIT)
- NRA Range Safety Officer (RSO)
- Pen Making
- Range and Target Activities (Archery, Pistols, Rifle, Shotgun)
- Trail Rides
- Wilderness and Remote First Aid

The deadline for standard fee payment is Friday, December 12.
After December 12, there will be a \$15 late fee per person.
Please refer to Circle Ten refund policy in the appendix.



Camper Equipment Checklist

One of the methods of Scouting is the uniform. The Scouting America uniform builds individual and unit pride. The dress of a unit reflects the leader's attitude toward wearing the uniform. We encourage all Scouts to arrive at camp and depart in their field uniform (Class A) as well as for Scout's Own Services and Closing Campfire on day 4. Scouts should wear their activity uniform (Class B) at other times.

SCOUT UNIFORM

- Official uniform shirt
- Official shorts/long pants
- Scout belt
- Scout socks
- Scout hat (if part of unit uniform)
- OA sash (for ALL Arrowmen)

CLOTHING (USED DAILY - 4+ DAYS)

**For cold weather using multiple layers is STRONGLY recommended!*

- Underwear
- Socks (see footwear below)
- Activity / unit Class B shirts
- Long-sleeve shirts
- Long underwear or pjs
- Nylon shorts and pants (not denim)
- Sleepwear

FOOTWEAR

- Wicking, liner socks
- Hiking socks
- Scout socks - bring extra pairs
- Extra laces
- Boots or sturdy hiking shoes
- Sneakers or light-weight camp shoes (closed-toe)
- Shower shoes

OUTERWEAR

- Warm hat (stocking cap)
- Fleece gloves or mittens
- Hooded sweatshirt
- Fleece jacket or lined windbreaker
- Rain gear - rain suit or poncho

CAMPING GEAR

- Tent w/ ground cloth (1 per 2 - 4 Scouts)
- Sleeping bag (cold weather rated) with bag liner or 2 sheets and 1 blanket
- Sleeping pad or cot
- Duffel bag and day pack or backpack
- Mess kit (cup, bowl, plate and utensils)
- Water bottles - NO GLASS CONTAINERS
- Flashlight or headlamp (+ EXTRA batteries)

PERSONAL GEAR

- Toiletries - toilet paper, toothbrush and toothpaste
- Chapstick, sunscreen and insect repellent (NO aerosols)
- Bath towel, washcloth, soap and shampoo
- Scout handbook
- COMPLETED Annual Health and Medical Record (A, B, and C) - including doctor's signature on Part C
- Prescription medications - in ORIGINAL packaging

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- Rope / cord
- Camp stool or chair
- Wristwatch
- Musical instrument
- Sewing kit
- Pocket knife (w/ Totin' Chip)
- Hat or cap
- Work gloves
- Religious materials
- Dirty laundry bag
- Compass (for Orienteering merit badge or Trail to First Class)
- Fishing pole and tackle (for Fishing merit badge)
- Personal First Aid Kit (for First Aid merit badge)
- Survival Kit (for Wilderness Survival merit badge)
- Jeans and boots (for trail rides, Horsemanship merit badge and Welding merit badge)
- Swimsuit / towel (for polar bear plunge)
- \$50-\$100 in spending money

NOT SUGGESTED

- Cell phones
- Other electronic devices (including space heaters)
- Collections of value
- Other valuables

DO NOT BRING

- Fireworks
- Firearms
- Valuables
- Alcohol or drugs
- Sheath knife
- Pets



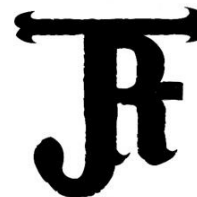
CIRCLE TEN COUNCIL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOST, STOLEN, OR BROKEN ITEMS.

We strongly suggest that you label each item of clothing and equipment (including the water bottle) with the Scout's name and unit number. This helps staff return lost items.



Clements Scout Ranch Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp

Address: 11217 FM 2970, Athens, TX 75751.



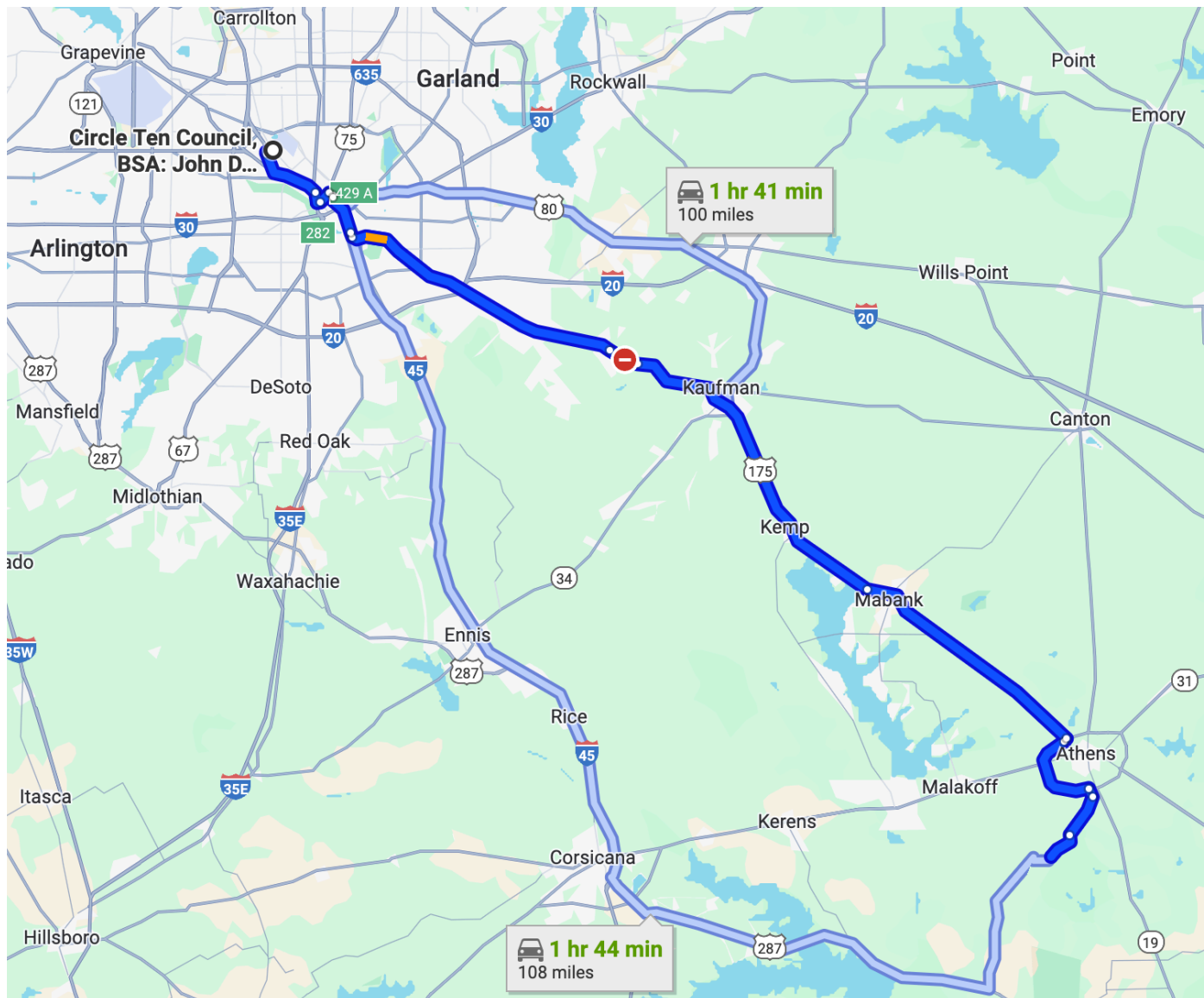
Directions to Camp

From Dallas take US 175 East to Athens. Go South onto SH 19 and turn right onto FM 753. Turn left onto FM 2970. The camp entrance will be on the left.

All vehicles must return to the main parking lot when finished unloading.

A trailer with a vehicle hooked up may stay in the campsite.

Speed limit is 10 miles per hour (no dust visible in rear view mirror).





Unit Leadership Requirements

At winter camp, all units are under their own leadership.

Each unit must have at least two adult leaders, as required by Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth policy. One of the adult leaders must be at least 21 years of age and the other adult leader can be at least 18 years of age. Female units must have a female leader who is at least 21 years of age.

In past years, the State of Texas has required a special state-certified youth protection training for everyone 18+ years of age attending a youth camp greater than 72 hours. The State of Texas now accepts the newer expanded Scouting America online Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly known as Youth Protection Training) course that all registered Scouters are required to have. All adults staying overnight must take the course and provide proof at registration. This course may be taken online at any time prior to attending camp. Due to limited Wi-Fi, there will NOT be an option to take a class at camp.

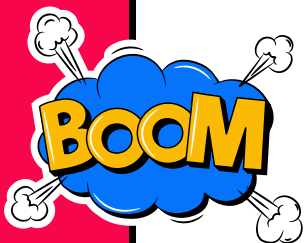
ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

Early Arrival

The standard arrival day for winter camp is December 27. Early arrival is allowed for those units wanting long-term camping or who need some extra set-up time.

The camp gate will open for early arrival on Day 0 - December 26 at 12:00 p.m. If your unit chooses to arrive early on December 26, please be mindful that this is the time when the staff sets up winter camp. There is no program and minimal staff assistance will be available.

Units arriving early on December 26 must always have at least two adults in camp after arrival. Care should be taken to only use an appropriate amount of space as campsites are shared by multiple units. Any unit taking more space than appropriate and not leaving an adult in camp may have their equipment moved by camp staff.



Check-In

Formal check-in on day 1 - December 27 is open from 9:00 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

When your unit arrives, only **1-2 adult leaders** are needed at the Headquarters (HQ) building with your required paperwork.

Please **DO NOT** have your unit wait in the parking lot for you to get registered. The remainder of your unit can proceed to your campsite to unload and start setting up.

Here is a list of the required paperwork for unit check-in: (Email will not be an option)

- Unit roster (must be official roster downloaded as a PDF from my.scouting.org. All persons attending winter camp must be currently registered members of Scouting America with valid SYT credentials (or YPT).
- Completed Annual Medical Health Record (A, B, and C) for every youth and adult in attendance. Hard copies of all medical forms for all members in the unit attending Winter Camp are **REQUIRED**. Anyone who does not have a medical form on file will not be permitted to stay at camp. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Copy of Hazardous Weather Training certificates (every adult **MUST** be trained).
- Copy of Adult-In-Camp State Compliance Form (every adult)

We encourage units to upload the unit roster, Adult-In-Camp State Compliance Form, and Hazardous Weather Training to your registration prior to arriving at camp to make check-in run smoother.

Due to limited copy paper and ink, no copies can be made at camp, including printing any documents not brought to camp.





Financial Settlement

When you complete your paperwork check-in, the unit leader at check-in will sign-off on the registration information prior to receiving camp bands. You will also sign up for a time later in the week for your unit leader to settle any account balance and pay any outstanding fees. All financial accounts will need to be settled before any merit badge information will be released or camp patches provided.

Merit Badge Add/Drop

After lunch on day 1 - December 27, units may go to the STEM / Training Lodge to make merit badge and program add/drop requests. Add/drop will be open from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. After that point, all changes will be closed, and final course rosters developed.

Please note that many courses will be filled by the afternoon of day 1. It is highly recommended that all units sign up for courses as early as possible to be able to provide the youth with their choices or options that are available. In years past, Eagle-required courses fill within the first two weeks of registration. There will be no additional courses opened as space is limited at the camp.

Leader's Meetings

Each day, there will be a formal leader's meeting in the dining hall. It is important that each unit sends representatives to this meeting each day. On day 1, the meeting will be at 4:00 p.m. after unit check-in closes. The remainder of the week, **the meeting will be at 10:30 a.m.**

*****THIS IS A CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS YEARS*****

SPL Meetings

Senior Patrol Leaders (SPLs) are welcome to come to the leader's meeting on Day 1, but after that, they will have a **stand-up meeting after lunch at the flag poles behind the dining hall at 2:00 p.m. with the youth lead and camp director and do NOT need to attend the leader's meeting in the morning.**





Health Lodge and Emergency Medical Procedures

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS: Every Scout and adult must complete the Annual Health and Medical Record of the current printing to attend camp. This is the only form accepted at Circle Ten camps and is available online. The Annual Health and Medical Record requires an **MD, DO, PA OR NURSE PRACTITIONER SIGNATURE, NO EXCEPTIONS AND MUST BE DATED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF THE LAST DAY OF CAMP.**

Older versions of health forms and sports physicals will NOT be accepted. It is also **NOT ACCEPTABLE** to have a chiropractor (DC) or registered nurse (RN) sign the form.

FIRST AID: The unit leaders are responsible for all minor first aid. It is important that each unit be prepared to treat minor cuts, scrapes and abrasions. Because of the camp setting, infection may occur without basic, proper attention to minor ailments. All other cases will be treated at the health lodge. **Each unit must provide two-deep leadership to and from the Health Lodge or to local health facilities.**

The Health Lodge is a first aid facility. First aid at the Health Lodge is just that...first aid. It is not a hospital nor an emergency room.

We are fortunate to have many medical professionals volunteer their time and services to provide a high level of care at camp. The treatment of pre-existing or non-camp related illnesses or injuries should not be expected; such cases will be referred to local healthcare providers who charge for services.

If a Scout becomes ill while at camp, you will bring them to the Health Lodge for treatment beyond the care you can provide in your campsite. Our team of camp medics will be onsite to assist.





Health Lodge and Emergency Medical Procedures (cont'd)

Should it be determined that the Scout needs to be sent home for medical reasons, **the unit is responsible for taking care of the Scout and maintaining two-deep leadership until the parent arrives.** The unit WILL NOT LEAVE a Scout at the Health Lodge for any length of time. This puts a burden on the camp medics and their ability to care for other Scouts and Scouters at camp. We appreciate your help with this matter.

EMERGENCY CARE: Emergency care is available 24 hours a day. In case of emergency, please contact your camp commissioner to radio ahead to the medic team or visit the Health Lodge directly. In suspected neck, back injuries, fractures and other severe injuries, do not attempt to move or transport the patient without instruction by qualified personnel from the Health Lodge. In these instances, paramedics, the physicians, and/or a nurse will be sent to transport the patient.

CONTACTING EMERGENCY SERVICES (CALLING 911)

Due to the large size of the camp property and the potential for delays in response, **contact the Camp Ranger or professional Staff Adviser first** in the event of a medical or life safety emergency requiring outside services. You should **ONLY** bypass this chain of command and call 911 directly when faced with an immediate, extreme, and life-threatening circumstance where attempting to contact Camp Leadership first would result in a critical, life-altering delay (e.g., cardiac arrest, uncontrolled bleeding, no breathing, etc.). In such a rare event, immediately call 911, and then, as soon as feasible, dispatch a **second person** to inform Camp HQ of the situation and the location.

As always, utilize your camp commissioners and camp hosts or seek out the camp director for assistance. They will all have access to radios to help speed up communication in an emergency.



HEALTH AND SAFETY

Camp Accreditation

Each year Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp and Circle Ten Council has maintained Scouting's full accreditation to operate winter camp.

Health of Campers

Each Scout and adult leader participant of winter camp should be aware of the vigorous nature of camp living. It's December in Texas, so anything is possible. Every effort will be made to meet the special needs of Scouts (youth) attending camp when proper notification is made prior to camp.

Please understand that electricity and heat / air conditioning are not available at camp and it may be too much for some Scouts and adults.

Adults must also be in good condition if they are to effectively fulfill their role of supporting young people. Sometimes the special needs of adults place stress on camp resources and divert from the purpose of Scouting – to serve youth. Therefore we ask that you carefully consider whether your participation will serve the needs of the Scouts or be a distraction.

Service Animals

Pets are not allowed at Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp. However, service animals are allowed. service animals are defined as dogs that are individually trained to do work or perform tasks for people with disabilities. Dogs whose sole function is to provide comfort or emotional support do not qualify as service animals under the ADA. In order to bring a service dog to camp you must email a request to the camp director, **send proof of \$1 million dollar liability insurance policy and proof of training for the service dog.**



Camp Commissioners

One of the most important people that you will meet during your Winter Camp experience will be your camp commissioner. They will:

- Be the key point of contact for the camp Scoutmaster while at camp
- Provide program area directions
- Assist with schedule knowledge
- Coordinate afternoon activities
- Act as the unit point of contact for emergency services
- Be the unit point of contact for logistical services

Each campsite area (Hilltop, East Lake, West Lake) will have a commissioner team assigned to it. Commissioners will be wearing yellow, high visibility vests. They will visit with each of their units every morning to drop off the camp newsletter (The Daily Planet) and every evening for wellbeing. The team will have radio contact for needs such as medic, service corp, camp director, camp ranger, etc.

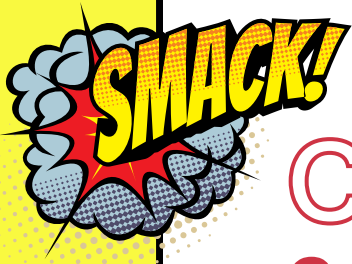
Camp Hosts

Each camp commissioner will be paired with youth camp hosts who are there to serve you and be the friendly face of the staff for your youth. They will provide directions and information about merit badge classes and help Scouts have a great experience at camp.



Personal Possessions and Cell Phones

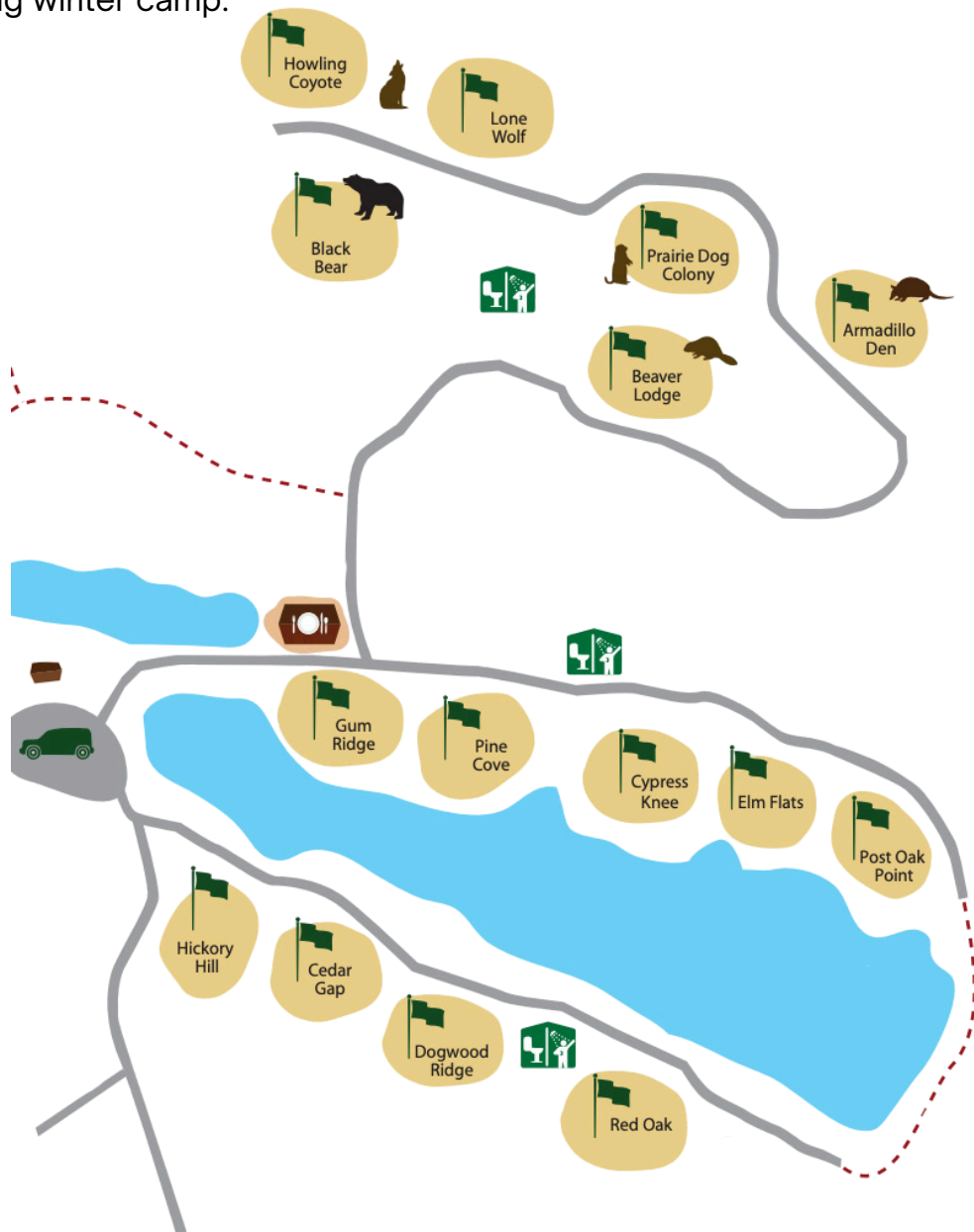
Camp is an outdoor experience. We understand that today's Scout does not often leave their cell phone at home. However, personal electronic devices are not appropriate for an outdoor experience. Circle Ten Council strongly discourages bringing them to camp. In all cases, do not leave personal valuables (phones, watches, wallets, and money) out in the open at camp. Bring nothing to camp that you cannot replace. It is impossible to provide security for these items. We recommend that each unit bring a lockable storage container to secure valuables while not in the campsite.



CAMPING GUIDELINES

Campsites

At winter camp, units camp jamboree-style with multiple units in a single campsite. Every campsite will be subdivided to accommodate multiple male and female units. The map shows the formal campsites that are used during winter camp.



Units should indicate their first, second, and third campsite preferences. Whenever possible, units that have previously attended Winter Camp will be given consideration for campsite placement. Your unit will be assigned a campsite prior to arrival at winter camp.

A red starburst graphic with the word "CRASH" in bold, yellow, italicized capital letters.

Tents

Units provide their own tents. The limited number of tent platforms in the campsites can be used but **MUST NOT BE MOVED** under any circumstances. Tents can be placed both inside and outside the platform boundaries but must be within a 150-yard radius of campsite latrine to comply with the Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp Emergency Plan.

As stated in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*, all leaders and youth shall tent in same gender and age-appropriate groups. All campers and leaders must be housed in established campsites.

Hammocks

We do permit hammocks at camp. Mount them no higher than a Scout is tall. Do not mount hammocks on top of each other. Hang them from trees only, using straps to not damage trees. Do not mount hammocks inside tents. The frames will not handle hammocks. <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/hammock-camping/>

Campsite Pavilions

The pavilions in each campsite are for the shared use of all units assigned to that campsite. Exclusive use by a single unit is prohibited! In addition, the picnic tables under the pavilions are **NOT** to be moved under any circumstances. Cooking under the pavilions is prohibited. Please practice the Scout Law and be friendly and courteous in treating those areas as part of the entire campsite community.

Campsite Electricity

Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp pavilions have limited electricity. If you need power, you must bring a battery pack or use solar power. Charging for adults is available in the Scoutmaster Lounge and Dining Hall. Extension cords may not be run into tents. **People may not add extension cords or plug into any camp buildings. (A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT)**



Meals and Cooking

Each unit provides its own meals and equipment. Units should plan for the following meals.

<u>Day 0</u> <u>Dec 26</u>	<u>Day 1</u> <u>Dec 27</u>	<u>Day 2</u> <u>Dec 28</u>	<u>Day 3</u> <u>Dec 29</u>	<u>Day 4</u> <u>Dec 30</u>	<u>Day 5</u> <u>Dec 31</u>
<early arrival> <early arrival> <early arrival>	<early arrival> <early arrival> Dinner	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Breakfast Lunch Dinner	Breakfast Lunch Dinner or optional BBQ	Cold Breakfast

Wristbands

We require everyone in camp not on staff to wear a wristband. This is for security and safety. Ensure everyone in your unit has a wristband on at ALL times.

Staff Housing

Campers and unit leaders are not permitted in the staff housing areas. Remember, this is their camp home. Just as you deserve privacy in your unit site, the staff also deserves their privacy.

Visitors

We understand leaders and Scouts may need to leave camp for a variety of reasons. For safety reasons, please make sure to always check-in or check out at the camp headquarters with our office manager in our visitors and Scout log. Scouts must have a parent or guardian come in to sign them in if they are coming to camp late or out if they are leaving.

Mobility Issues

The camp terrain is uneven, and the roads are unpaved. If you have adults with mobility issues, you may want to consider renting a golf cart for them to get around. We limit the amount of vehicle traffic in camp and the camp golf carts are not intended to be personal transportation vehicles for adult leaders.





Latrines

The shared shower houses / latrines are to be maintained by the campers during winter camp. Your camp commissioner will maintain the keys and schedule for cleaning. Each unit will be required to take at least one cleaning rotation. You will be asked to schedule a time slot for your unit to clean the shower houses during the daily leader meetings.

Latrine trash collected during each cleaning rotation will need to be BAGGED and TIED and left in a conspicuous location near the road for the service corp to collect. As you need to resupply paper and cleaning materials, please inform your camp commissioner. They will work with the service corp to obtain refills.

The latrines in the campsites will be your responsibility to keep clean.

	27-Dec		28-Dec		29-Dec		30-Dec		31-Dec	
	TROOP	DONE	TROOP	DONE	TROOP	DONE	TROOP	DONE	TROOP	DONE
AM Trash										
AM Re-Stock										
AM Shower Clean										
AM Sweep In & Out										
PM Trash										
PM Re-Stock										
PM Toilet Clean										
PM Sweep In & Out										

Trash Collection



With such a large number of people in camp, there will be a large amount of trash generated. TRJ is home to many other animals that would love to take advantage of the convenient scraps of food in your trash.

The Winter Camp Staff Service Corp will make two trash runs each day, one in the morning and one in the evening. Please leave your trash, BAGGED and TIED, by your campsite signpost, ready for pickup, **by 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.**

If you miss these pickup times, you may bring your trash to the compactor behind the dining hall to be disposed of.

Circle Ten Council Winter Camp Presents



MIKI-Q TEXAS BBQ



Day Four



\$15 per person

All profits go to support Order of the Arrow High-Adventure scholarships
through the Jim Ince Fund

**BRISKET | TURKEY | POTATO SALAD
MACARONI AND CHEESE | BAKED BEANS | DESSERT**

Vegetarian options available



**NEW
VENDOR**

Miki-Q Texas BBQ Dinner

On the last night of camp, we offer a great BBQ dinner for a cost of \$15.00 per person which includes: BBQ (2 meats), potato salad, mac and cheese, baked beans, dessert, and all the trimmings. This is optional, but many units take advantage of it to help with campsite/kitchen packing on the last night.

Sign up through Black Pug. Within each individual's registration, you can select the BBQ dinner. The charges will show up on your final invoice when you settle your account at winter camp. Tickets are limited, so sign up early on Black Pug.

Should there be any unsold tickets, they will be available in the camp headquarters after December 27.

There are no refunds for this event. You must present a BBQ dinner wristband at the door to eat.

Vehicles In Camp



Driving is not permitted in camp except for the loading/unloading of unit gear. Upon unloading, all vehicles should be parked in designated parking areas. No cars, trucks, or vans may be left in the campsite.

Persons with disabilities may request a special permit at the Health Lodge.

The speed limit is 10 mph on all camp roads. (You should not have dust trailing your vehicle!)

Trailers can be left in campsites only if they are not attached to a car, truck, or van. The trailer needs to be placed off the road and stored in a safe location. No trailer can be placed in a campsite before December 26.



Vehicles parked inappropriately in campsites or outside of designated parking areas will be fined.

Anyone who compromises the safety of our Scouts by disobeying driving or parking rules may have their driving privileges revoked by the camp director and their vehicle towed at the owner's expense.



Buddy System

All activities at winter camp require the use of the buddy system, whereby campers engage in activities with at least one other Scout of the same gender and within two years of age so that they can monitor and help each other. The buddy system is a requirement for unit leaders to enforce any time a Scout leaves your campsite, to include attending merit badge classes; going to the showers, pool or trading post; or any other activity where the adult unit leaders are not providing direct contact supervision. When Scouts are enrolling in merit badge classes, the unit should ensure that they are including at least one other Scout who qualifies as a Buddy.

Adult Supervision

Leaders must ensure that all participating in Scouting activities abide by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Safeguarding Youth and health and safety policies.

Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary. All leaders are required to adhere to the Scouter Code of Conduct. Supervision includes, but is not limited to, while Scouts are in the campsite, in classes, at showers, at meal time, and in rest rooms. Adults are responsible to oversee all Scouts and ensure they follow the Scout Oath and Law and intervene when they do not.

Bicycles

We welcome anyone that would like to bring their bicycle to camp. Keep in mind that cyclists must follow all Scouting America policies while riding, which includes wearing a helmet. We do not allow bicycles until after adults have removed all cars from the campsites. This is for the overall safety of all our participants.

Bicycles should be stored out of the way of trails, doorways, and entrances to buildings, campsites and program areas. It is important that Scouts riding bicycles pay attention and avoid those walking around camp and do their best to avoid dangerous situations that can cause harm to self or others.



Wi-Fi Access at Camp

We realize that a strong capable internet connection is a prerequisite for many adult Scouters to give a week out of their busy schedules. We pledge to do our best to provide that connection for every adult leader who comes to winter camp with their unit.

With limited bandwidth in mind, please do not plan to stream any audio or video while at camp. If you must attend a webinar or other high bandwidth work-related event, please discuss with the camp director. It may be necessary to limit access to the connection at certain times to manage some of the online aspects of our camping operation.

Shared Wi-Fi is intended as a courtesy to our adult Scouters. Please encourage your youth to take full advantage of being in an outdoor environment and leave the internet alone for a few days. Please do **NOT** share the Wi-Fi access credentials with your youth campers. An internet lab time will be made available to those Scouts who need access for their courses.

Check out

Official check out will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Day 5 - December 31. All units must have all gear loaded and be out of camp **no later than 10:00 a.m.**

If your unit would like to leave prior to this time, please make arrangements with your camp commissioner to check out early.

Commissioners will coordinate a campsite inspection and final paperwork prior to your unit departing. We encourage ALL units to stay through program on the afternoon of Day 4 - December 30 (including the BBQ dinner) ~ 6:00 p.m.

Staff Dismissal

Please make plans for your Scouts who are on the winter camp staff to have separate transportation to and from camp. Staff members who leave **without permission** will not receive their patches or medical forms and will not be permitted to staff the following year. Staff dismissal is only given by the winter camp director.

APPENDIX

S.A.F.E



Scouts and their parents expect all Scouting America activities to be conducted safely. To ensure the safety of participants, Scouting America expects leaders to use the four points of SAFE when delivering the Scouting program.

SUPERVISION

Youth are supervised by qualified and trustworthy adults who set the example for safety.

- Accepting responsibility for the well-being and safety of youth under their care.
- Ensuring that adults are adequately trained, experienced, and skilled to lead the activity, including the ability to prevent and respond to likely problems and
- potential emergencies.
- Knowing and delivering the program of Scouting America with integrity.
- Using qualified instructors, guides, or safety personnel as needed to provide additional guidance.
- Maintaining engagement with participants during activities to ensure compliance with established rules and procedures.

ASSESSMENT

Activities are assessed for risks during planning. Leaders have reviewed applicable program guidance or standards and have verified the activity is not prohibited. Risk avoidance or mitigation is incorporated into the activity.

- Predetermining what guidance and standards are typically applied to the activity, including those specific to Scouting America program.
- Planning for safe travel to and from the activity site.
- Validating the activity is age appropriate for Scouting America program level.
- Determining whether the unit has sufficient training, resources, and experience to meet the identified standards, and if not, modifying the activity accordingly.
- Developing contingency plans for changes in weather and environment and arranging for communication with participants, parents, and emergency services.

FITNESS AND SKILL

Participants' Annual Health and Medical Records are reviewed, and leaders have confirmed that prerequisite fitness and skill levels exist for participants to take part safely.

- Confirming the activity is right for the age, maturity, and physical abilities of participants.
- Considering as risk factors temporary or chronic health conditions of participants.
- Validating minimum skill requirements identified during planning and ensuring participants stay within the limits of their abilities.
- Providing training to participants with limited skills and assessing their skills before they attempt more advanced skills.

EQUIPMENT AND ENVIRONMENT

Safe and appropriately sized equipment, courses, camps, campsites, trails, or playing fields are used properly. Leaders periodically check gear use and the environment for changing conditions that could affect safety.

- Confirming participants' clothing is appropriate for expected temperatures, sun exposure, weather events, and terrain.
- Providing equipment that is appropriately sized for participants, is in good repair, and is used properly.
- Ensuring personal and group safety equipment is available, properly fitted, and used consistently and in accordance with training.
- Reviewing the activity area for suitability during planning and immediately before use, and monitoring the area during the activity through supervision.
- Adjusting the activity for changing conditions or ending it if safety cannot be maintained.



Circle Ten Council Refund and Cancellation Policy

Effective 2025

1. **All refund requests must be submitted by email at least 10 days before the start of the event to:**
571.refundrequest@scouting.org. Refund requests will be considered for personal illness or family emergencies.
2. A service charge of 10% of the amount paid (minimum of \$5.00), less any non-refundable deposits or any already purchased items (food, t-shirts, etc.), will be assessed to cover administrative fees.
3. Refund requests must include the following:
 - a. Event Name and Event Date in the email header.
 - b. Name, telephone, email, and address of person requesting the refund.
 - c. Unit type and number.
 - d. Receipt or confirmation number, if available.
 - e. Reason for request.
4. Circle Ten Council will consider moving a reservation once within the calendar year if space is available.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

The Scout Law has 12 points. Each is a goal for every Scout. A Scout tries to live up to the Law every day. It is not always easy to do, but a Scout always tries.

A Scout is...

- **TRUSTWORTHY.** Tell the truth and keep promises. People can depend on you.
- **LOYAL.** Show that you care about your family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and country.
- **HELPFUL.** Volunteer to help others without expecting a reward.
- **FRIENDLY.** Be a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from you.
- **COURTEOUS.** Be polite to everyone and always use good manners.
- **KIND.** Treat others as you want to be treated. Never harm or kill any living thing without good reason.
- **OBEDIENT.** Follow the rules of your family, school, and pack. Obey the laws of your community and country.
- **CHEERFUL.** Look for the bright side of life. Cheerfully do tasks that come your way. Try to help others be happy.
- **THRIFTY.** Work to pay your own way. Try not to be wasteful. Use time, food, supplies, and natural resources wisely.
- **BRAVE.** Face difficult situations even when you feel afraid. Do what you think is right despite what others might be doing or saying.
- **CLEAN.** Keep your body and mind fit. Help keep your home and community clean.
- **REVERENT.** Be reverent toward God. Be faithful in your religious duties. Respect the beliefs of others.

Venturing Motto

Lead the Adventure

Sea Promise

As a Sea Scout, I promise to do my best:
To guard against water accidents
To know the location and proper use of the lifesaving devices
on every boat I board
To be prepared to render aid to those in need
To let those less able come first.





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