

Camp James Ray
Webelos and Arrow of Light
Camp
Program Guide
2026



Howdy Ya'll!

We're mighty glad to welcome your pack to Camp James Ray, where the frontier of adventure is wide open! As your young Scouts set out on the trail, they'll build new skills, grow in confidence, and discover the wonders of the great outdoors.

Your crew will be riding alongside other packs from near and far, and together you'll share stories, laughter, and the kind of friendships that are forged around campfires and dusty trails. We hope this time at camp is filled with new discoveries, a few tall tales, and memories your Scouts will be telling long after the trail ride home.

Inside this guide (along with your Leader's Guide), you'll find everything you need to get ready for the adventure ahead—maps of the camp, important guidelines, and the activities waiting out on the range. We hope you'll find plenty of chances not only to lead your Scouts along the trail, but also to laugh with them, learn beside them, and enjoy the spirit of the outdoors together.

May your time at Camp James Ray be filled with fun, growth, and time around the campfire. Most of all, we hope you'll take a moment to slow down, breathe in that fresh woodland air, and enjoy the peace that comes from a night under the Texas stars.

Saddle up—the adventure is about to begin!

Laura Baxter

Trail Boss of the Range and Keeper of Camp Adventure

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ARRIVAL AT CAMP

When you arrive, you will be guided to your campsite. Please drop your gear and return your car to the main parking lot.

Cars are not allowed in campsites. If you have an exceptional need, you will need to speak with the camp director at headquarters.

Once your gear is dropped and have your group collected, you will send your designated unit lead to check-in at headquarters. You will turn in any outstanding required adult forms and receive your packet, then you will stop at the health lodge to turn in your health forms. When you are finished, continue on to the pool to complete your swim check if you have not done this before camp.

The rest of your group can go directly to the pool for swim checks while you handle the paperwork. All participants, *adults and youth*, must provide a completed swim check or complete one upon arrival. Participants who do not complete a swim test will be marked as a NON-SWIMMER.

Make sure you check out the trading post before you head to the parade grounds for flag ceremony before dinner.

If you would like assistance, please stop by headquarters and we will do our best to assist!

CAMP PROGRAM AREAS

Sanford Aquatics Center and Lake Texoma Waterfront

Scouts have the opportunity to practice swimming skills, ride two amazing water slides and soak up the rays, with sunscreen on of course, in our 128,000-gallon pool.

The pool is designed with zones appropriate for all Scouts and adults who would like some time to cool off and enjoy some time in the pool.

The Lake Texoma waterfront will be open for Scouts to enjoy some time on the lake! Scouts will be able to work on their paddling adventure requirements.

Sports – a Scout is physically fit...

From soccer skills to gaga ball and your favorite outdoor games, your time in field sports is a great way to burn off some energy and get some exercise!

Young cyclists will have a chance to explore the BMX course or hone their cycling skills on a more tame surface.

Outdoor Skills – be prepared for outdoor adventures

Practice your Scout skills and be prepared for greater outdoor adventures.

Handicraft – explore your creative side

Scouts will be able to explore leatherworking and other hands-on activities.

Nature – get close and personal to our outdoor environment and the creatures who live there

Scouts will get to travel around our own little neck of the woods and learn about native plants and animals, having safe, informative interactions with animals at the same time.

Range and Target Sports

At the ranges, Scouts practice their skills in BB guns, archery, and wrist rockets. Scouts have the opportunity to earn achievements through age-appropriate skills development and proven efficiency.

A Reminder about Advancement at Camp James Ray:

Your Scouts will have an opportunity (weather permitting) to complete the following electives while at camp:

- Swimming
- Paddling
- Archery
- BB Guns
- Slingshot (time and personnel permitting)

There are many opportunities for your Scouts to complete requirements towards advancement. Your Scouts will participate in activities that will fulfill requirements in the following adventures:

- Personal Fitness
- Nature
- Summertime Fun (one activity of three required)
- Science

Depending on your in-pack discussions and activities at your campsite, you may be able to complete additional advancement requirements while at camp. The new Cub Scout program design has a greater focus on family engagement and encourages more den and patrol activities that do not lend themselves to a summer camp completion.

If you find yourself in need of additional program supplies or resources while you are at camp, please reach out to a staff member. If we are able to accommodate your request we are happy to help!

SPEAKING OF ADVANCEMENT...

Don't miss your opportunity to earn your very own adult summer camp advancement – complete the Golden Goose Challenge while you are at camp!

Sign up to help out in a program area, take a dip in the pool, and earn your very own leader advancement. See details in the appendix section of this guide!

WEBELOS/ARROW OF LIGHT DAILY SCHEDULE

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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| 7:30 a.m. | | Leader Meeting | Leader Meeting |
| 7:50 a.m. | | Flags, Breakfast follows at 8:00 | |
| 9:00 a.m. | | Session 1 | Session 6 |
| 10:00 a.m. | | Session 2 | Session 7 |
| 11:00 a.m. | | Session 3 | Session 8 |
| 12:00 p.m. | | Gathering, lunch follows at 12:15 | |
| 1:00 p.m. | Arrival, check-In, set up campsite, and swim checks | Shoes Up | Shoes Up |
| 2:00 p.m. | | Session 4 | Session 9 |
| 3:00 p.m. | | Session 5 | Session 10 |
| 4:00 p.m. | | OPEN PROGRAM | OPEN PROGRAM |
| 5:00 p.m. | | Shoes Up | Shoes Up |
| 6:05 p.m. | Flags, Dinner follows at 6:15 | | |
| 7:30 p.m. | Leader Meeting- Emergency Procedures Review | Pool Party | Closing Campfire |
| 8:00 p.m. | Opening Campfire | | Field games, activity center open |
| 9:00 p.m. | Back to Campsite | Back to Campsite | Check-Out Begins |
| 10:30 p.m. | Lights out | Lights out | HQ Closes, lights out |

Sessions Include:

- Archery
- BB Guns
- BMX
- Field Sports
- Handicraft
- Nature
- Outdoor Skills
- Paddling
- Scout Skills/Team Building
- Swimming

SELECTED INFORMATION FROM THE LEADER'S GUIDE

Important Notes Regarding Camp Departure During Program Times

The safety of our campers and staff is our priority, as well as the enjoyment of the program areas. If any unit or individual chooses to leave camp before scheduled check-out time, please communicate with staff to have the gate opened.

There will be no driving in camp during program hours except as necessary by camp staff or in case of an emergency.

Please “be prepared” and plan accordingly.

The front gate is now closed each night from 11:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. If anyone must leave camp and return between these times, they will have to speak with the camp director prior to departure to get the gate code for reentry.

What about the weather or other emergencies?

Camper and staff safety are the priority of Camp James Ray. Emergency Action Plans are in place to address emergencies such as inclement weather, fires, lost campers, and more. This policy will be shared with all parents of campers, all leaders, and all staff at camp.

In the event weather becomes severe or other emergencies arise, camp staff will instruct you on further action according to the Emergency Action Plan. Campers and leaders are required to follow the instruction of the camp director, program director, camp rangers, or other designee.

If at any time you feel unsafe, please feel free to take shelter in the dining hall. It will remain unlocked during camp.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items should be taken to headquarters. All items left longer than seven days after departure will be donated or disposed of.

EXTRA FUN AT CAMP JAMES RAY

Religious Emblem Award
Duck Races
Pool Party





CAMPSITE SET-UP AND INSPECTION GUIDELINES

Upon arrival at your campsite, take a moment to inspect your assigned area using the below guide.

Tents – Inspect for damage, is it properly pitched: Are the tents secured against possible damage from wind and weather? Is there any damage to the tent or lines to report?

Campsite neat and clean, no trash on ground: Is the campsite, including the area beyond the tents and the trails leading to the campsite, free of litter?

Natural surroundings left intact: Leave the campsite as it is. Moving rocks to line the pathway is unnecessary and usually leads to soil erosion.

Fire Guard Chart: Review the fire guard chart posted at the latrine. Is the chart filled out in its entirety? Is the chart posted so that all can see who is in charge for the day? Has the person in charge for the day signed or initial the chart to signify that they have checked the campsite?

Clotheslines properly strung: Are all clotheslines strung high enough that anyone can walk under them?

Latrine clean and free of personal gear: Check the latrine. Is there toilet paper? Are there any personal items left in the shower, dressing, or sink areas (soap at the sink is fine)? Is the floor swept or hosed off? If more than one unit shares the latrine, the evaluation is shared to all units.

Latrine hose properly stored: Is the hose coiled and not strewn across the floor (not posing a tripping hazard)?

The focus of the inspection is to ensure that the campsite offers a safe and healthy environment for the campers.

If any damage is discovered or a concern arises, tell your group guide or report it to the camp director.

Bagged trash should be left at the roadside entrance to your campsite or placed in the dumpster. Dumpsters are located at the rear of the dining hall or at the entrance to ranger workshop across from headquarters.

CHECK OUT PROCEDURES

Check out will begin at 7:30 a.m. Check the Leave No Trace guide to schedule your planned departure time.

After you have completed the camp evaluation and pick up, please return to HQ to turn in your



| Description | STAFF MEMBER | UNIT LEADER |
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| <p>Campsite neat and clean, no trash on ground: Is the campsite, including the area beyond the tents and the trails leading to the campsite, free of litter?</p> | | |
| <p>Natural surroundings left intact: Have natural features been left as they were when you entered camp? Moving rocks to line the pathway is unnecessary and usually leads to soil erosion.</p> | | |
| <p>Clotheslines and gateways removed: Are all clotheslines and manmade camp improvements removed?</p> | | |
| <p>Latrine clean, free of personal gear and hose properly stored: Are the shower, dressing and sink area free of personal items? Are the stalls swept and toilet lids down?</p> | | |

GOLDEN GOOSE CHALLENGE

All adults are welcome and encouraged to participate in the Golden Goose Challenge! Complete five of the tasks below to earn your 2026 goose, or complete eight of the tasks below to earn the coveted Golden Goose!

- 1) Assist in meal service*
- 2) Assist in the dining hall for set up or take down*
- 3) Empty a trashcan
- 4) Attempt the swim test
- 5) Slide down both slides
- 6) Attend a leader meeting
- 7) Have 100% of your unit complete a thank you postcard
- 8) Perform a song at campfire with other leaders*
- 9) Help set up or take down at the shooting sports ranges*
- 10) Take a nap
- 11) Have a treat from the trading post
- 12) Assist at the pool or waterfront as a lookout*
- 13) Assist at the shooting sports range (rangemaster certified leaders only)*

*Sign ups are available in the leader's lounge.

Official forms will be available upon check-in at camp!