



Circle Ten Council
Scouting America

LDS Family Encampment

May 8-9, 2026



 **Camp
James Ray**

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Welcome all Scouts and Families

Welcome to the 2026 Circle Ten Council, Saints & Scouts Family Encampment. This guide contains all the materials your family/unit will require to have a successful and fun filled time including registration information, a schedule, check-in/out procedures, and more!

This fun-filled weekend will incorporate lots of fun activities and association with Church members across the council. We, as a staff greatly look forward to providing a quality program that your unit/family will remember for years to come.

General Rules and Regulations

1. REGISTRATION

- a. All LDS youth (age 5-18) and families and friends are invited to attend, either as a family or with a group.
 - a. Children under the age of 5 are permitted, however no programming will be available for them.
 - b. All units/families should plan to register before May 4, 2026. Registration is open now at <https://scoutingevent.com/571-2026LDSEncampment>.
 - c. Participants do not need to be registered with Scouting America, but all adults should have a current SYT certificate or Church Training: Protecting Children and Youth.
- c. Participant fees if registered prior to May 4, 2026, are \$10 per person or \$40 per family of 4 or more; \$10 per staff. This covers council insurance, activity supplies, facilities, awards, etc.
- d. No Walk-Ins are permitted. A Scout is prepared. Please plan to register ahead of time.

2. WHAT TO BRING

- a. Check Scouting America handbooks for checklists (or see Appendix A for sample)
- b. Water containers – Running water is available.
- c. Trash bags - Since Scouting America follows the principles of Leave No Trace, all garbage must be packed out or disposed of properly. Please make sure that all trash is put in the proper place before departure. Please take your trash to the dumpster near the dining hall.
- d. Camp chairs

3. NOTES

- a. Please be mindful of the time and verify that preparations are made to honor the “lights out” time on the schedule. Remember, a Scout is courteous.
- b. Commemorative patches for the event will be available for all registrants.

4. REFUNDS

a. Refer to the Circle Ten Council Refund & Cancellation Policy on the registration link: <https://scoutingevent.com/571-2026LDSEncampment> . However, if a participant is unable to attend the encampment, another participant may take the open slot.

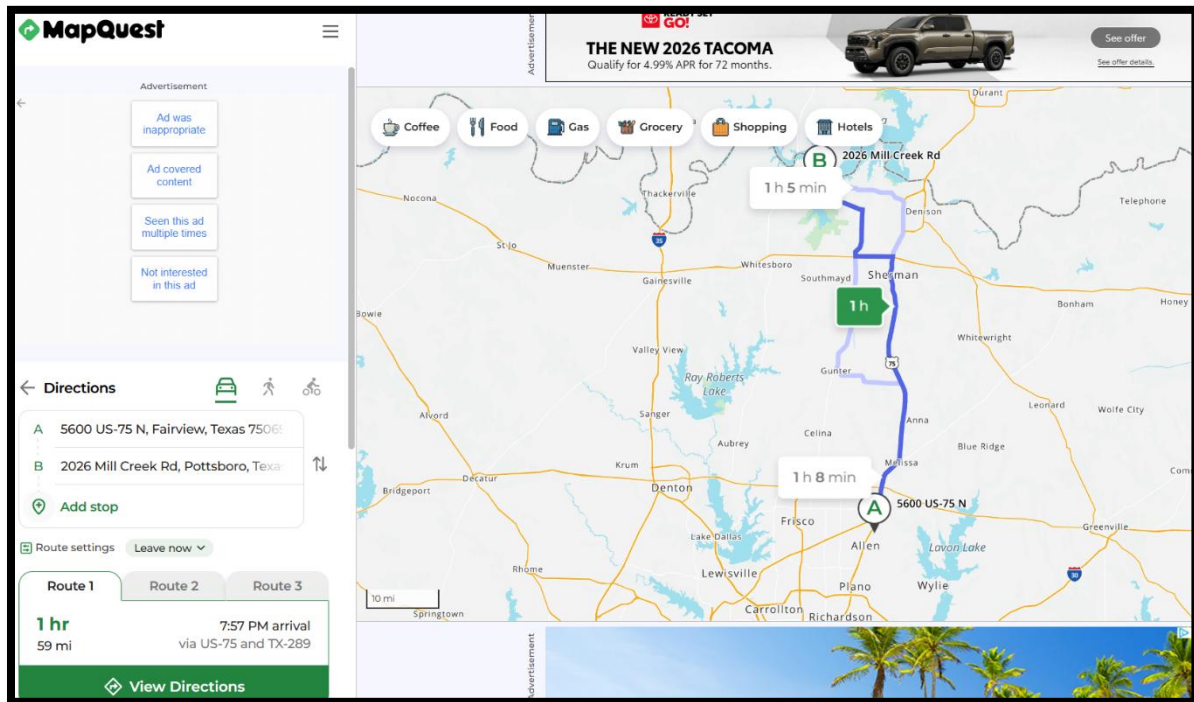
Directions to Camp James Ray

From Circle Ten Council, Scouting America, Bobby Lyle Service Center:

- Go North on US -75 for 38 miles
- Turn left from Exit 63 to US-82 and travel 4.8 miles
- Turn right on Exit 636 to TX -289 and travel 6.8 miles
- Turn left on FM 120 W and travel 5 miles
- Turn left on Locust Rd and travel 1.6 miles
- Turn right on Mill Creek Rd and travel 2 miles
- Turn right into gate for Camp James Ray

For personalized directions the address is:

[2026 Mill Creek Road, Pottsboro, TX 75076](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2026+Mill+Creek+Road,+Pottsboro,+TX+75076)



Family Encampment Schedule

Friday	6:00 p.m.	Check in, dinner on own
	8:00 p.m.	Campfire
	8:30 p.m.	Cracker barrel
	10:30 p.m.	Lights out
Saturday	7:00 a.m.	Breakfast on own
	8:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Flag ceremony
	8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Shooting sports
	8:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	BB guns
	10:05 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	.22 rifles
	8:45 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Archery
	11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Interfaith service
	12:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.	Lunch on own
	1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	Field activities
	3:30 p.m.	Closing ceremony/Departure

Event and Activity Details

Please arrive to check in as near as is reasonable to 6:00 p.m. on Friday. You will have time to set up tents and prepare a quick meal (if you haven't already had dinner). The campfire begins at 8:00 p.m. in the council ring. There are stadium-style benches so no need for camp chairs. Saturday morning will begin with breakfast on your own. The morning flag ceremony will be in the hanta pa ha campsite. Mid-morning there will be an interfaith service, also in the hanta pa ha campsite.

We suggest breaking camp during the lunch break (lunch is also on your own) so departure can be quick following the closing ceremony. A closing flag and awards ceremony will end the afternoon in the order of the arrow fire ring. We will hand out awards for the competitions that took place.

Check-In Procedure

Summary:

1. Drive to designated parking area.
2. Go to check-in desk in the fry center.
3. Turn in paperwork (AMHR Med Form A & B, SYT, Circle Ten arrival checklist, etc.)
4. Set up tents in designated campsites.

Details:

1. Drive to camp and follow the road to Camp James Ray. Have your current Scouting America medical forms, unit/family rosters, SYT certificates, Circle Ten arrival checklist ready to turn in. Staff will help direct you to the appropriate parking area.

2. A check-in desk is in the fry center.

3. At the check-in desk, you will turn in your Scouting America medical forms, unit/family roster for all members attending the event, SYT certificates and Circle Ten Council arrival checklist.

a. All individuals: AMHR Medical form (parts A & B)

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

b. All adults: Safeguarding Youth Training certificate.

<https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

<https://www.churchofjesuschrist.org/callings/safety/protecting-children-and-youth?lang=eng>

c. Each unit or family or individual Circle Ten Council arrival checklist

4. After check-in, please go to the designated campsite and set up your tents and equipment for the night. You will be allowed to keep one (1) vehicle with a trailer to your campsite, so plan accordingly. However, it would be very helpful if you could return your vehicle to the main parking lot.

Note: Scouts are responsible for stowing personal equipment properly. Staff are NOT responsible for any loss of personal equipment. Label! Label! Label! This may help you reclaim lost items!

5. Day visitors, follow same steps 1, 2, 3 above

Event Information

1. CAMPSITES will be available first come first serve. Each family is responsible for providing their own tents and camping equipment. While the event will have medical personnel on staff, you are expected to have first-aid supplies for your family/unit. There are multiple picnic tables in each site. Please share. Campfires are permitted only in designated fire rings (subject to county burn ban policy). There will be a campfire program on Friday evening.
2. VEHICLES IN CAMP: Driving is not permitted in camp except for load/unloading of gear. You will be allowed to drive 1 vehicle with a trailer to campsites. Upon unloading all vehicles are to be parked in designated parking lot. Vehicles with trailers attached may remain in camp. People with disabilities may request a special permit from the camp medical officer. Speed limit is 10 mph (no dust should trail the vehicle).
3. PARTICIPANTS are expected to obey the *Scout Oath* and *Law*. Scouts are to demonstrate their leadership skills. Misconduct and/or un-sportsman-like conduct may be cause for asking a Scout and/or unit to leave the event.
4. *A Scout is Trustworthy*. A Scout's honor is to be trusted. Scouts and families attending the camporee are encouraged to have a good time, but at all times all attendees are expected to set a good example and to put their best foot forward.
5. *Two-Deep Leadership*: This is required for youth groups not associated with a family attending. Please ensure that you have a minimum of two leaders (one adult must be over 21) with your group. Leaders *must* camp with their groups. Families attending (for example: 1 parent and 1 child) independent of units are understood to also be compliant.
6. *First Aid* needs for minor injuries are the responsibility of the unit. Any serious injuries must be brought to the attention of the event staff. Ensure your group/family has a BSA medical form on file with event staff that has a parental release for all participants in your unit.
7. MEALS: You are on your own. We suggest simple and easily prepared meals to conserve time with the schedule.
8. CHECK OUT: Please sign out with a staff member who has inspected your campsite before leaving.
9. HELP: If help is needed, the event staff will help as much as we are able. Ask for help at any time to help solve any misunderstandings or conflict.
10. GUESTS: If you encounter someone who is not affiliated with the event, please treat them with respect and courtesy.

11. LATRINES: The shared shower house/latrines are to be kept clean during the event. They will be inspected prior to checkout. Please be as respectful with them as you are in your own home. There is no housekeeping service, cleanliness is everyone's responsibility.
12. LOST AND FOUND: The event lost and found will be at event HQ. Be sure to mark your equipment and clothing, and please turn in any stray items that you may find.
13. DEPARTURE: Prior to each unit's departure from camp, a staff member will inspect campsites to approve site conditions. Remember to leave it better than you found it.
14. MEDICAL/DISABILITIES: Please notify the camp medical officer through the event chair if there are any needs that should be addressed in advance such as a CPAP machine or limited mobility, etc.
15. For QUESTIONS that are not answered within this guide, the following contacts are available: Event Director: Mark Blackhurst, mrblackhurst@verizon.net
Event Advisor: Ryan Downey, ryan.downey@scouting.org

Links:

- a. Registration: <https://scoutingevent.com/571-2026LDSEncampmentt>
- b. Google Maps (with CJR already selected).
<https://maps.app.goo.gl/pukU9itvMNMNaSHJA>

UNIT/FAMILY CHECK-OUT SHEET

This form must be signed by an event staff member and turned in at the check-out desk (fry center) prior to your departure from the event site.

In your preparations to leave, please be mindful of leave no trace policies and leave the site better than you found it!

Please fill in the following information:

Campsite name _____

Adult signature: _____

Contact information (in case of lost items):

Event staff signature:

Comments:

Event EMS/Fire/Weather Plan

Location:

[2026 Mill Creek Road, Pottsboro, TX 75076](#)

Contact

James Ray Camp Ranger: Heath Spindle, 903-640-6057

Event Medical Officer: TBD

Event Director: Mark Blackhurst, 214-729-5266

EMS/Fire/Police: 911 (approximate response time is 15 minutes)

Medical Emergency:

Prevention:

All day events will be supervised and facilitated by competent and able-bodied staff. All event staff have been trained in basic safety principles relating to weather and their individual events. If anything prevents the safe administration of events, said events will be postponed or canceled.

Reaction:

Multiple staff members are certified through American Heart Association or the Emergency Care & Safety Institute to administer basic first aid and CPR. We have a dedicated camp medical officer who is a former EMT (TBD) who is designated as the event's medical officer and is available by phone and radio. All roads in camp will be monitored throughout the weekend by staff to ensure accessibility by ambulance. If a medical emergency occurs, emergency medical services and the event's medical officer should be notified immediately. Staff will be dispatched to the gate to ensure the park is ready to receive an ambulance. Another staff member will retrieve the medical documentation for the injured person received at check-in. The subject of the emergency will be cared for by trained able bodied persons until EMS arrives.

Fire Emergency:

Prevention:

No fires are permitted in campsites. Stoves and their fuel will be placed in stable and safe locations that are not subjected to extreme heat or sparks. Means to extinguish fires should be available for any unforeseen accidents.

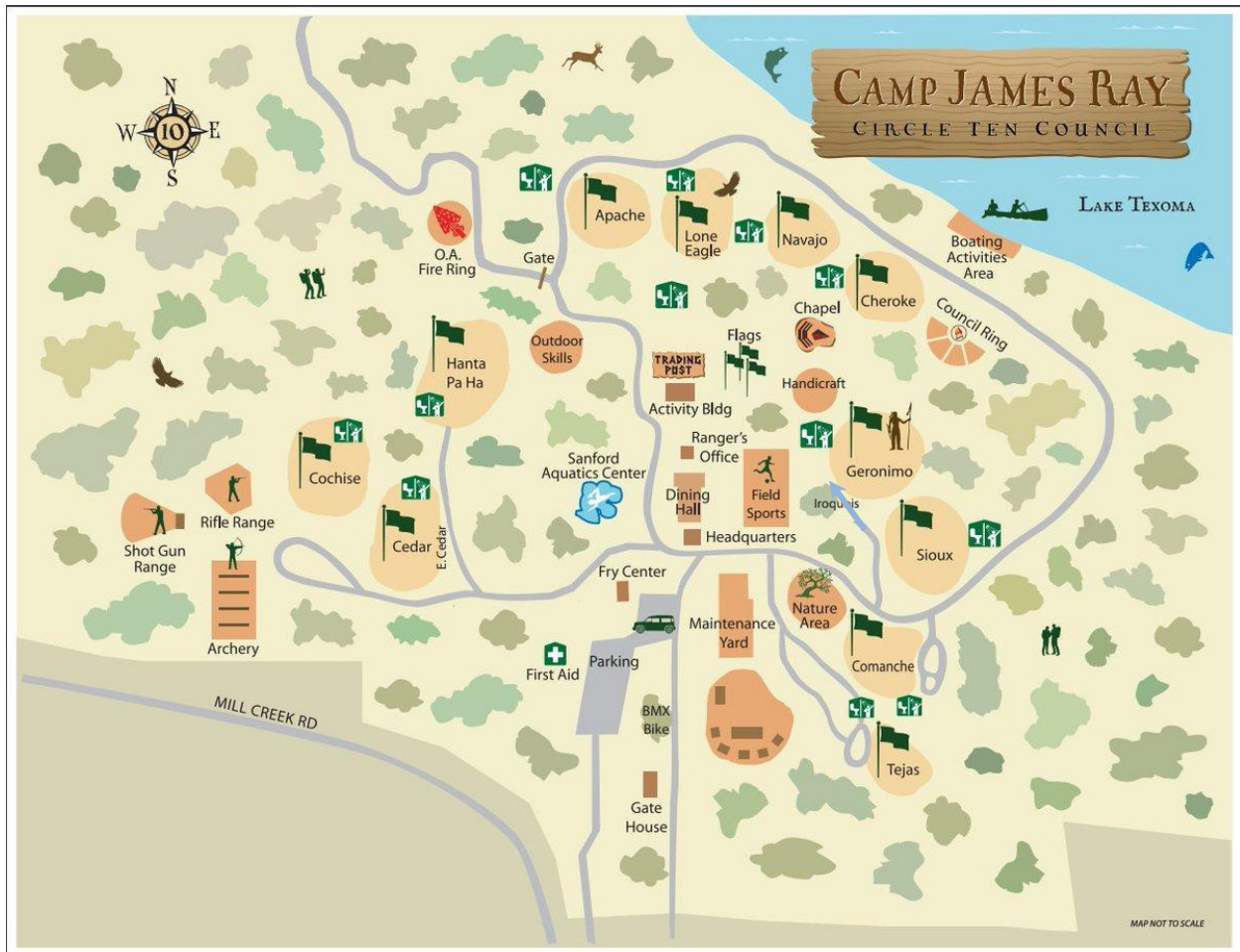
Reaction:

In the event of a fire emergency, the local fire department will be notified, and evacuation procedures will be initiated. All able staff not helping to direct the evacuation will use available firefighting tools to help retard the spread of fire prior to evacuating. The park gate will be left open by staff as they leave to ensure that the fire department has access to the camp. Unit leaders will be responsible for moving their units to the rally point (dining hall) and counting heads to ensure their entire unit is present. Leaders will notify the event staff of the status of their unit as soon as they are able to ascertain it.

Extreme Weather Events:

In the event we have extreme weather, the event staff will determine how the program areas will proceed and communicate this to all unit leaders. Should evacuation be required, able-bodied staff will go to each campsite/program area and advise the best course of action. Should shelter be required to avoid tornadic activity, all attendees are to rally in the nearest campsite/program enclosed structure (latrine/shower house/dining hall) and perform a headcount. Staff will be able to inform unit leaders how to proceed. Rain without lightning in the area is not considered Extreme Weather.

Camp James Ray Map



INDIVIDUAL CAMPOUT CHECKLIST FOR PACK OVERNIGHTER

Our pack is conducting an overnighiter on _____ at _____.

(Date) (Location)

We will meet at _____ at _____.

(Location) (Time)

We will conclude at _____ on _____.

(Time) (Date)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tents will be furnished. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring your own shelter. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking equipment will be furnished | <input type="checkbox"/> Bring your own cooking equipment. |

A full Cub Scout uniform is required for the overnighiter. Sturdy shoes that are suitable for hiking will be useful. The following is a list of equipment that would be useful on the campout. Check off each item in pencil as you lay out your equipment pack.

Camping Equipment

- Tent or tarp, poles, and stakes
- Waterproof ground cloth or plastic sheet
- Sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress or pad
- Cup, bowl, plate, knife, fork, spoon, mesh bag
- Clothesline

Clothes Bag

- Cub Scout uniform
- Poncho or raincoat
- Warm jacket or coat
- Pajamas or sweatshirt, sweatpants
- Underwear
- Durable shoes, shoe laces
- Hat or cap
- Gloves
- Extra socks, shoes, other extra clothing

Family Gear

- Lawn chairs
- Cooler or ice chest
- Cot or pad
- Cooking equipment as outlined by pack overnighiter coordinator

Toilet Kit

- Toothpaste, toothbrush, comb
- Washcloth, towel
- Soap in container
- Toilet paper
- Extra plastic bag or container

First Aid

- First aid kit
- Water bottle
- Flashlight, bulb, batteries
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Whistle
- Safety pins

Extras

- Camera
- Binoculars
- Sunglasses
- Notebook and pencil
- Nature books

Program Options

- Swimsuit, towel
- Fishing gear
- Work gloves

Leader _____

Phone _____