

# 3-Oct-2020 TRJ - Texas Fin-Fur-Con Merit Badge University FAQ's

Location      Date & Location Changed to:  
**3-Oct-2020**  
**Clements Scout Ranch (TRJ)**  
HQ Building  
11217 FM 2970  
Athens, Texas 75751



Located 10 miles southwest of the Athens town square, 84 miles from Downtown Dallas.

MBs offered focused on wildlife and conservation

1. Archaeology
2. Archery
3. Bird Study
4. Energy
5. Environmental Science\*
6. Fish and Wildlife Management
7. Fishing
8. Fly Fishing
9. Forestry
10. Geocaching
11. Geology
12. Insect Study
13. Landscape Architecture
14. Mammal Study
15. Nature
16. Orienteering
17. Pioneering
18. Plant Science
19. Reptile and Amphibian Study
20. Soil and Water Conservation
21. Sustainability\*
22. Weather
23. *Trail to First Class*
24. *3-Hour Conservation Project (Life Scout Req. #4)*



\* Eagle Required, but only one of these two MBs may be counted as Eagle-required; the other may be also used for Eagle (or other) rank.

Times      Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, All day event. (rescheduled from 10-Oct-2020)

- Check in opens at 7:30 am,
- Morning session starts at 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

- BBQ lunch served at 12:15 noon
- Afternoon Session 1:30 to 4:30 pm
- Free time from 4:30 – 5:00 pm
- Cracker Barrel snack 4:30 pm

What is included	\$20 youth participant fee covers a 3-hour morning session, BBQ lunch, a 3-hour afternoon session, cracker barrel snack at the closing, and a cool event patch. All others may purchase an optional \$10 meal ticket. Staff is free.
Registration	Via <a href="https://www.scoutingevent.com/571-2020tffc">https://www.scoutingevent.com/571-2020tffc</a> Scout participants register for only \$20, leaders, guests purchase an optional \$10 meal ticket.
Participant limit	First 350 paid youth registrations, plus 150 additional leader, staff & visitor meal tickets. MBs are limited to anywhere from 5 to 16 participants per session. It depends on the MB. Trail to First Class is limited to 40 participants.
Family Visitors	Family members are encouraged to attend with their Scouts.
Meal Ticket	Leaders & visitors have the option to purchase a \$10 BBQ meal ticket served at the dining hall, bring their lunch, or eat separately in town.
Staff Meal Ticket	Staff meal is complementary.
Who is cooking	BBQ catering by Danny’s Smokehouse of Athens. If you don’t care for BBQ, then bring your own lunch.
What else to do in Athens	Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center, East Texas Arboretum, movie theatre, antique & art shopping on the town square, 4 local wineries, day spas.
Where to Park	Camp HQ parking area, overflow parking in the sports field.
Where to check in	The Scout check in desk will be located in the TRJ HQ building
Uniform	BSA “class A” or “class B” required.
What to bring	<b>BSA Annual Health &amp; Medical Record (physical) Part A &amp; B</b> , Water bottle, optional; Camp Chair, hat, sunscreen, MB work materials, your own fishing gear.
Homework	The scouts should have read the requirements of the badges they were taking beforehand and at least be familiar with the subject.
Session times	There will be two sessions. a 3-hour morning session and a 3-hour afternoon session. Scouts will have the option to work on 2 MBs or a morning beginner and afternoon intermediate Trail to First Cass. The MBs and Trail to First class are offered as two separate morning and afternoon sessions. So, Scouts can do the courses in any combination they choose. The following are examples.

- Energy MB morning session, - Geology MB afternoon session
- Trail to first Class beginner morning session, - Trail to first Class intermediate afternoon session
- Forestry MB morning session, - Trail to first Class intermediate afternoon session

3-hour Conservation Project This work session at TRJ will satisfy the 3-hour part of Life Scout requirement: 4. “While a Star Scout, participate in six hours of service through one or more service projects approved by your Scoutmaster. At least three hours of this service must be conservation-related.”

Partial & Completed MBs Most MB requirements can usually be completed in a 3-hour session, but this will be up to the MB Counselor/instructor teaching it and the Scout’s leaders back at the unit. Some merit badges (“MB”) will be complete where others will be partial and can be finished later.

Where to Camp Regrettably, COVID procedures will prohibit unit camping at TRJ..

Fishing MB requirements Special arrangements have been made with the camp so that Scouts working on Fishing & Fly Fishing MBs may catch, clean and cook their fish. Fishing gear will be provided if you don’t have your own. The Dallas Fly Fishing Club members will be providing additional instructors to help.

Eagle Required MBs Both Environmental Science and Sustainability will be offered but only one of these may be counted as Eagle required, the other may still be counted towards Eagle (or any other) rank

Report via “Black Pug” Completed MB work will be recorded in “Black Pug” where it will be reported back to the Units for approval. We will provide progress reports via the Circle Ten “Black Pug” computer program as proof to each Scout’s unit that various Scouting requirements have been met. Progress reports will be generated for each Scout participant, then forwarded to that Scout’s unit. Blue Cards will not be provided at this event. It is up to the Unit to accept these progress reports.

Event Info: [taner.scot.lynd@gmail.com](mailto:taner.scot.lynd@gmail.com) for event information.

Registration problems: [Kember.hall@scouting.org](mailto:Kember.hall@scouting.org) for Circle Ten “Black Pug” problems.

MB Counselor & Staff Assignments – We need at least 50 adult staff members. Send [Chip.Perryman@Gmail.com](mailto:Chip.Perryman@Gmail.com) an email with your 1 to 3 choices ranked in order of preference. We will try to assign you to your first choice. We will need at least one BSA registered MB counselor for each of the 22 MBs, 4 instructors for Trail to First Class, 10 event commissioners for check-in and other staff duties.