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

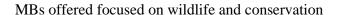
Location Date & Location Changed to:

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.



- 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 Reg. #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.



- 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 https://www.scoutingevent.com/571-2020tffc 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 BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (physical) Part A & 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 for event information.

Registration problems:

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 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.