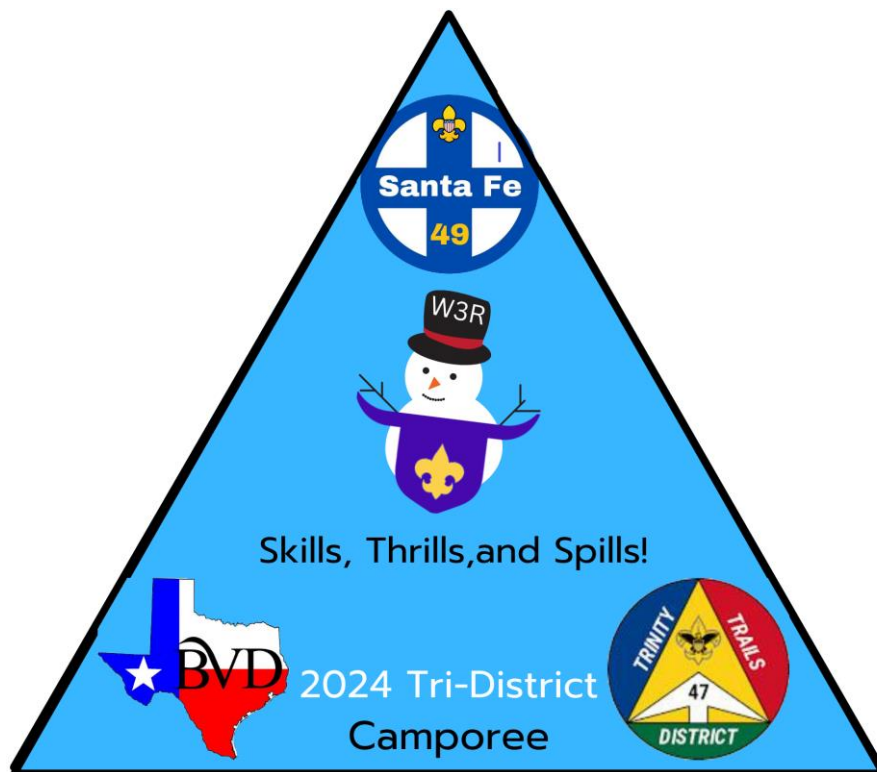


**Santa Fe / Brazos Valley / Trinity Trails  
Districts  
2024 Spring Camporee  
Scout Skills, Thrills, and Spills  
And  
Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills  
(IOLS)**



**Wyatt 3 Rivers Ranch  
Glen Rose  
April 12-14, 2024**

## **Introduction to the Santa Fe / Brazos Valley / Trinity Trails Districts Camporee**

"Your standing as a Scout does not depend so much on the skills of your hands or the badges on your merit badge sash, as on the spirit in your heart. . . "This quote from the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Boy Scouts Handbook sums up the main purpose of our Districts Camporee competition; that is, to test your Scout Spirit. Although Scouts will be challenged to demonstrate proficiency at Scout skills and knowledge, these are only half the challenges. You will also be observed for the patrol method, individual safety, cheerful attitudes, and obedience to leadership and proper respect for the senior Scouts and adults. You are being scored not only on how much you know but also how well you are living the Scout life.

This camporee is not the type of event where you can focus on any one aspect of the competition and expect to win. Your Troop must put effort into every aspect of this event.

### **General Information**

**First Aid:** First Aid will be available at the Administration tent. Medics will also be on the compass course on Saturday.

**Electronics:** Cameras dedicated for photographing flora and fauna are permitted. A cell phone may be used as the camera; however, if it is found to be used for making a phone call, texting, or internet use it may be confiscated and delivered to the scout's Scoutmaster. At most there should be only one phone per patrol.

**Lost & Found:** If you should find a lost item, please take it to the Administration tent. Items that are needed immediately by their owners may be retrieved at the tent upon the Scoutmaster's approval.

### **Direction to Camporee**

Go to Glen Rose, proceed to Summit Ridge Drive. The last address on the right is 405 Summit Ridge Drive. Drive through pasture gate and follow the gravel/caliche road  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile. Turn left and pass over the cattle guard and follow signs to the Check-In. The GPS coordinates are 32°14'07.4"N 97°44'30.1"W.

### **Arrival/Check-in**

Troops may begin arriving Friday evening, April 12 and checking in between 5pm and 10:30pm (provide Unit roster, signed release forms, med forms, and pay any unpaid registration fees). Please have a participant release form, found in the appendix, for each person attending the Camporee. Campsites will be assigned at check-in and should be kept as compact as possible.

Scouters who are taking the IOLS training must identify themselves when checking in. Scouters will be assigned to a patrol and informed of their schedule, responsibilities for the weekend and where they will be camping. The IOLS participants will be camping by patrol separate from the rest of the Scouters.

## Camping

Separate camping areas for Boy units, Girl units, Venturers, and Scouters (adults) will be established with the Administration tent at the entrance to the Campground. Maps will be available to show camping areas. Arrow of light Scouts may camp among the Scouts provided they have been invited by a Troop to camp with them. This arrangement will allow the Scouters to keep an eye on their scouts from a safe distance. Scouters will be assigned to monitor the scout camps to maintain safety and a certain amount of order while the scouts are in camp and through the nights. Venture Crews who would like to camp as a crew will have a designated area.

Troop leaders should be able to drive within 25 feet of all campsites allowing the scouts to easily unload the gear that they will need for the weekend. Only trailers will be allowed to remain in the scout camp. All vehicles must be moved to the parking area per BSA policy.

The Scouts' camp is very important as it will be their sleeping quarters, eating facilities, and recreation area. As part of the competition, it will be inspected for cleanliness, order, and safety. The more time and effort put into preparing and setting up their camp the better it will look and the higher it will score. Please use only as much space as you need.

- **General:** The scout camp needs to be the model Boy Scout camp. All the proper knots, lashings, and safety rules should be used. All personal gear and troop gear should be organized and neat.
- **Garbage:** Garbage should be stored and disposed of appropriately. All garbage should be in trash cans or bags. Units must plan to pack their trash out. Prior to leaving Sunday, all units are requested to police the site and remove all trash.
- **Water:** A water buffalo will be available on site. However, everyone should bring as much water in containers as possible.
- **Perimeter and gateway:** The scout camp should be marked off by a rope or cord suspended by poles or stakes (not provided). In addition, the camp should have a gateway entry into the camp. Scouts will be given 1 hour on Saturday morning to build their gateway. It can be as simple as poles lashed together or as complex as you wish to make it. All ropes or guy-lines must be flagged with some type of marker so as not to be a hazard.
- **Shelters:** Tents are highly recommended for this event as the weather can change suddenly. High winds, hail, and rain as well as hot sun have been experienced during this event. Tents need to be kept neat and clean throughout the weekend.
- **Fire precautions:** Buckets of sand and water must be kept by all sources of fire and are encouraged for each tent. If the camp will be using wood tools such as saws and axes, an ax yard must be established for the safety of the camp. All safety rules must be followed concerning these tools. More information regarding the safety of such tools can be found in the Scout Handbook.

- **Cooking gear:** Each patrol should have a means of storing all their cooking equipment. Also, each patrol should have its own, clearly defined, cooking area.
- **Food Preparation:** All patrols will be responsible for their own food and preparation. Patrols will be allowed to use propane camp stoves and charcoal\* to prepare meals, provided a source of water and fire control supplies are at hand. **\*The Burn Ban Situation will be assessed, and you will be informed at Check In.**
- **Menus and Duty Rosters:** Patrols should post menus and duty rosters in an obvious place. All members of the patrol should share in the duties of the patrol. See the Appendix for a copy of an example menu/duty roster.
- **Latrines:** Port-a-johns will be available and placed around camp. For health reasons, given the number of participants in camp please make sure to use the port-a-johns. As there will be many people in such a small area, "cat holes" would present a major health issue. Encourage all of your members to keep the port-a-johns clean. **Special Note: Any person caught vandalizing the toilets will be financially responsible for the damages.** Said person will be asked to leave the camporee and the associated troop will be penalized.

### **Inspections**

In the spirit of Scouting and to ensure that the troops are maintaining a clean and fit unit, Saturday will include both camp and uniform inspections.

**Camp inspections:** During the competition on Saturday, staff will inspect each campsite. They will be looking for compliance with the standards mentioned throughout this guide including campsite delineation; use of a gateway; cleanliness, neatness and organization; fire and camp safety; and menu and duty roster. A minimum of two pioneering projects should be found during Saturday's inspection.

**Uniform inspections:** At the Flag Ceremony each morning, adult leaders will inspect all registered members of each Troop and two adults, recognizing the two deep leadership requirements, for full Field uniforms. The Field uniform requirements will be in accordance with each troop's traditions but will include the minimum dress shirt, belt, shorts or pants, socks, Council patch, unit number, and Patrol patch. If the Troop uniform includes a hat or neckerchief, then each member of the troop must be wearing such for full scores. Missing items will be deducted accordingly.

Throughout the Saturday compass course, the Patrol should be in Activity uniforms that are consistent throughout the Patrol. Patrol uniforms do play a role in the score that the Patrols will receive at each skill point.

### **The Camporee Weekend Activities**

Our 2024 Camporee will provide the Scouts a chance to demonstrate their scouting proficiency through their Patrol and Troop methods. The Patrols will demonstrate their skills in various competitions throughout Saturday. Each Patrol should have a Patrol flag, compass, note pad, pencil,

Scout Handbook, and water. Each patrol will need supplies for the First Aid site to be ready for any emergency. Arrows of Light may compete as a Patrol on the course with the Scouts. They can have an adult accompany them on the course to assist as needed, but not at the events. Arrows competing as a Patrol will be scored similar to the Scouts and will be awarded place ribbons as appropriate. Their scores will not be computed with the Troop as they are not yet members of the Troop.

Morning events will be held at the main camp area. Maps will be supplied for the afternoon events.

Morning Events will consist of Camp Skills including campsite entryway, lashing projects, and cooking skills. The afternoon will include a first aid/rescue contest and a nature scavenger hunt and maps course. The Patrols should come to each event as a unit, carrying their Patrol flag and singing their Patrol cheer. Points will be awarded for performance in the events.

Some brief explanations of the Events.

**Camp Gateways and entrance:** Scouts will have 1 hour Saturday morning from 9 to 10 am to build their camp perimeter and gateway. Units need to bring ropes and poles to complete this task.

**Flapjack contest:** (At Campsites) Contest will be to see who can cook a pancake the fastest. This will include lighting a stove, mixing batter, cooking a pancake, tossing it over a string 6 feet high, and a patrol member eating the pancake. This is a timed event.

**Knots & Lashings:** Scouts will be given a lashing project and 1 hour to complete it. Knots and lashings must be done correctly and be serviceable. Again, Units need to bring ropes and poles.

**First Aid:** The Patrol will be given a first aid rescue task. First aid and rescue skills will be timed and judged for appropriate actions.

**Map/Compass Scavenger hunt:** The Patrols will be given a map with Scavenger hunt items' locations marked on it. The items will be related to knowing native plants and animals and possibly some Scout skills including orienteering.

**Cooking:** This year the **cooking** competition will be the Saturday evening dessert, delivered to the admin tent by 6pm. Please note that this will be scored as a Troop event.

**Teams:** Patrols/teams shall consist of groups of 3 to 6 Scouts for Patrol Activities. Camporee patrols may be a mix of patrols within the same unit.

The Scouters from every attending Troop will take part in administering the skill points. Certain Scouters will become the managers of the site to ensure consistency for the day while the other scouters play the support role to conduct the Patrols through their event.

The overall Patrol scores will be based on the raw scores. For the Troop score, the Patrol scores will be adjusted, provided the patrol attempted the skill, and then the patrol scores will be averaged

together. The purpose for this adjustment is to minimize the drag of a new patrol or the loading of a patrol with experienced scouts thus encouraging the patrols to compete in their normal formation.

First, second and third place recognitions will be awarded to the top scoring patrols in each event during the Saturday night campfire. First through fifth place Troop awards will be awarded on Sunday.

### **Friday Night Cracker Barrel/Leaders meeting**

Friday Night there will be a brief adult meeting at the Administration tent at 9:30 pm.

### **Saturday Night Campfire**

The Saturday Campfire will begin at 7pm allowing everyone sufficient time to eat and clean up their evening meal as well as prepare two more pioneering projects within their campsite. The Chaplin's Aides will also need to prepare for the Sunday Service program.

The campfire will be hosted by the SPL's. As noted earlier, first through third place ribbons will be awarded during the campfire. Following the awards, the SPL's will conduct a flag retirement ceremony.

Scouts and Guests should bring a campstool or chair to sit on. Parking for campfire guests will be provided near the campfire.

### **Service Projects**

Service projects will be available for those wishing to earn extra Troop points. The projects will be reviewed upon completion. Tools and gloves will not be provided; any power tools required will be utilized by adult Scouters.

### **Interfaith Worship Service**

An interfaith worship service is scheduled for Sunday morning. All unit Chaplain Aides are requested to participate in the service and should meet at the flagpole at 9:15am Sunday morning.

### **Registration**

Pre-registration is needed for planning purposes and is accomplished by e-mailing or telephoning the number of scouts and patrols along with the number of adults planning to attend the Camporee and IOLS to:

John Hughes  
[john.hughes1966@gmail.com](mailto:john.hughes1966@gmail.com)  
817-776-6215 (cell)

The number of campers for the weekend needs to be known as soon as possible to ensure adequate patches and supplies are on hand. The cost for the camporee and Scouters taking the IOLS training per Scout and Scouter is \$15 per person; the registration fee includes a patch and insurance for the

weekend. Registration fees can be paid at the Camporee or to the Council Office before Wednesday April 10 at the address below.

Boy Scouts of America Longhorn Council  
PO Box 54190  
Hurst, TX 76054-0190  
**The event Number is 1-6801-641-20**

The event number must be on all registrations made with the Council, so the information and payments are booked to the right event.

A Camporee patch will be given to all participants who have paid their registration fee. The Camporee will be held rain or shine.

Arrow of Light Scouts may attend the Camporee and participate in activities, if invited by a Scouts BSA Troop, and may camp overnight if they camp with their accompanying Troop. The hosting Troop should keep in mind that all equipment within their campsite, including the Arrows' equipment, will be considered during the campsite inspection. Also, the competition on Saturday is for the BSA Scouts, if there are Scouts waiting to do the activities at a site, the Scouts have priority as time is limited. The Arrow of Light Scouts are encouraged to come for the day on Saturday.

### **Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)**

Scouts BSA Requires Leader Specific training for all unit leaders who have direct contact with scouts; this includes Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. Obtaining the leadership specific training will also help improve the Troop's Journey to Excellence score. This training includes an indoor classroom portion and an outdoor portion. The outdoor portion is a weekend campout and provides an overview of the scout skills that the scouts learn on their way to the First-Class rank. IOLS is being offered concurrent to the camporee to take advantage of our skilled adults who will teach or test you on the particular skill they are testing the scouts. As volunteers, we all have busy lives; conducting this training during the camporee eliminates the need to occupy an additional weekend.

The normal IOLS format includes participating in a patrol for the weekend. This includes camping and cooking together and having a patrol name, flag and cheer. For this IOLS event, as the participants arrive, they will be assigned to a patrol and receive instructions for the weekend. The participants will camp and eat as a patrol. The Patrols will cook and clean up their noon meal on Saturday; the menu items and cooking utensils will be provided. Multiple patrols make up a troop and John Tankersley is serving as Scoutmaster for this event. You will need to bring a compass, pencil, and a Scout Handbook. Please come prepared to go on a hike, learn new skills, sing a cheer, have a great time, and make some new friends within your patrol.





# Appendix

## Camporee Schedule

### Friday - April 12:

When you arrive

9:30 pm

12:00 (midnight)

Set-up camp

Cracker Barrel/Leader Meeting 1

Taps

### Saturday - April 13:

6:30 a.m.

6:30 - 8:30 a.m.

8:45 a.m.

At Flag Ceremony

9:00 -10:00 am

10:10-11:00 am

11:10-12:00 pm

12:00-1:00 pm

1:00-2:00 pm

2:30-4:30 pm

4:30 pm

4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

6:15 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m.

11:00 pm

Reveille

Breakfast

Flag Ceremony - Troop

Uniform Inspection

Campsite perimeter and gateway contest

Tower building competition (knots and lashings)

Flapjack contest

Lunch in camp

First aid race

Scavenger hunt/map and compass

Course closes

Dessert Contest

Flag Retrieval - Troop

Chaplain Aids meeting at flagpole

SPL led Camp Fire - SPL skit, skits by IOLS participants, awards for the Saturday course, flag retirement,

Taps

### Sunday - April 14:

7:00 a.m.

7:00 - 8:45 a.m.

8:45 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Reveille

Breakfast

Flag Ceremony - Troop

Chaplain Service

Overall Awards

Pack up campsites and head home

## Patrol Menu/Duty Roster

Troop \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

MENU		
Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner

DUTY ROSTER							
SCOUTS			Duty Number Assignment			Duty #	Description
			Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner		
						1	Cook
						2	Assistant Cook
						3	Fire Man
						4	Water Man
						5	Clean up
						0	No Assignment

SPL APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

SM APPROVAL \_\_\_\_\_

**Troop Registration Form**

**Event Budget # 1-6801-641-20**

Please bring to Check-In along with Signed Release Forms (Print additional forms as required)

Unit No: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit Leader at Camporee: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

	Patrol Name:	Patrol Name:	Patrol Name:	Patrol Name:
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**IOLS Training**

Scouter Name	Scouter Name	Scouter Name

Number of **Scouts** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_ We will be camping Friday night \_\_\_\_\_

Number of **Adults** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15 = \_\_\_\_\_ We will be camping Saturday night \_\_\_\_\_

Total fees due = \_\_\_\_\_ Number of **Patches** = \_\_\_\_\_

Any **medical conditions** we should know about? **YES NO** If YES, then please describe --

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**RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America, **Pack /Troop** \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, Texas has  
(circle one) (number) (city)  
requested permission of Wyatt Ranch to camp on the lands owned by Wyatt Ranch located in Glen Rose,  
Somervell County Texas, on April 12 - 14, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Wyatt Ranch requires as a condition of the granting of permission to camp on the above  
lands, the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of each child who will be camping, as well as each adult who  
will be accompanying them on the camping trip, execute this RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS AND  
INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the permission herein granted by Wyatt Ranch to the above stated  
**Troop** \_\_\_\_\_ of the Boy Scouts of America to camp on the lands and premises of Wyatt Ranch as  
(number)

designated above, I, the undersigned both individually and as parent/guardian of  
\_\_\_\_\_ (the "Scout"), a member of the above Boy Scout Troop,  
(name of Scout/Scouter/adult camper)

hereby agree to RELEASE AND FOREVER DISCHARGE Wyatt Ranch, its officers, directors and  
employees from any and all claims, suits or causes of action of every nature in any way arising out of or  
related to the above stated camping trip which could be made by the Scout, his parent(s)/guardian(s) or the  
undersigned, against Wyatt Ranch or its officers, directors or employees.

The undersigned further agrees to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND AND HOLD Wyatt Ranch, its officers,  
directors and employees HARMLESS from and against any awards of damages, costs and attorneys' fees  
incurred by Wyatt Ranch in any way arising out of or related to the assertion of any such claims, causes of  
action or suits against Wyatt Ranch or its officers, directors or employees by the Scout, his  
parent(s)/guardian(s), or those claiming under and through him or by the undersigned or by the Boy Scouts  
of America.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Scouter (parent/guardian if scout is a minor)



# Order of the Arrow

## Brotherhood Candidate Form

Arrowman \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Troop: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brotherhood Eligible: \_\_\_\_\_

### Requirements For Brotherhood:

- Ordeal Member For 6 Months (You can get this from the Chapter Advisor.)
- Plan to attend a Brotherhood Opportunity listed below after that date.
- Current Dues Paid - Whether you paid your dues last year or not, you must pay your \$15 dues for the current year.
- Service - You will need to have a service provided to your unit.  
Scoutmaster Verification: \_\_\_\_\_
- Lodge Letter - Use the space below to write a letter to the Lodge Secretary describing what OA membership means to you and your plan to be active as a Brotherhood member in the years to come. Bring this form with you.

### Brotherhood Opportunities - Mark When You Plan to Get Your Brotherhood

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