

**Trinity Trails / Santa Fe / Brazos Valley Districts  
2025 Spring Camporee  
Mountain Man Rendezvous**

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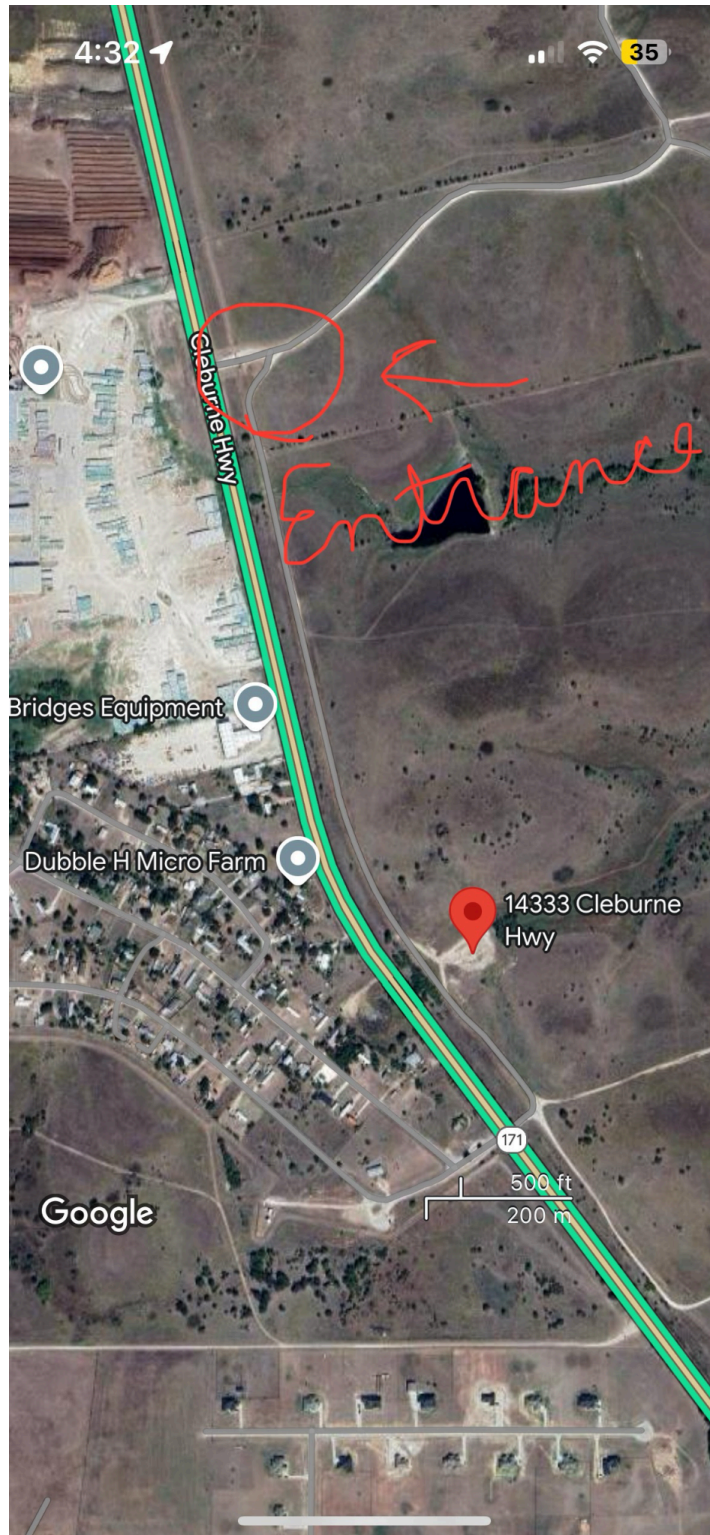
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**14333 Cleburne Hwy  
Cresson, TX**

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**April 4-6, 2025**





**USE GOOGLE MAPS**

**There will be flags at the entrance**

# Welcome to the Tri-District Camporee Mountain Man Rendezvous

We are excited to host the first Mountain Man Rendezvous in many years! We encourage everyone to participate with as much authenticity as you can muster. Many Outposts will be available to experience. Period appropriate costumes and tents are welcome.

## The Weekend's Schedule

Upon arrival Friday evening Troops will be met by a guide, given a map, and taken directly to their campsite. After unloading and parking Scout Trailers and Vehicles each unit should send one representative to the Admin tent with any last minute changes and a final roster. Cracker Barrel is Friday at 9:30pm for Unit Leaders and SPLs. Please make every effort to be checked in by 10pm.

Saturday Flag Ceremony is at 8:00am (don't forget your uniforms) and Outposts will open at 8:30am. Each Unit will be given a schedule detailing when they should arrive at each Outpost. Each unit will also be given 1 hour to construct their gateway on Saturday Morning. It is critical that units follow their schedule and arrive early when possible.

We have a very full schedule for Saturday so please **PLAN A PORTABLE BAG LUNCH FOR SCOUTS**. Outpost competitions will be late afternoon. Participants are strongly encouraged to arrive at their Outpost on time.

OA is planning a Brotherhood Ceremony Saturday evening.

Any adults participating in the Dutch Oven Dessert Competition should bring their oven to the admin tent at 6pm.

Lights out at 11pm.

Sunday Breakfast is at unit campsites 7-8:30am. Chaplains Aids should report to the flagpole at 8:15am. Chaplain Service is at 9am. Awards will be given after the Chaplain Service.

## IMPORTANT

Tents and Outposts will be in the sun. Even though there was no sunscreen in the 1800's, it will be necessary this weekend. They did have hats! Bring a hat.

There will be a campfire Saturday night. Each unit should come prepared with a skit, a song, or a talented scout ready to perform!!!!

**Bag lunches for all Scouts on Saturday are required.**

# General Information

## First Aid

First Aid will be available all weekend at the Administration Tent.

## Electronics

Units have their own rules concerning electronics and phone use. We encourage all participants to put their phones away for the weekend. Mountain Men didn't need phones!!!!

## Water

**Bring as much water in containers as possible.** We expect to have Water Buffaloes onsite but you never know.....

## 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.

## Arrival/Check-in/Campsites

At a Mountain Man Rendezvous, you might want to camp like a Mountain Man and bring something besides the standard troop tents. Units needing extra time to set up can come earlier in the week. Contact [russell@donovanmfg.com](mailto:russell@donovanmfg.com) to schedule a time to set up.

**All Unit Trailers and motor vehicles will be parked AWAY FROM THEIR UNIT** to preserve the authenticity of our Rendezvous. If you need a vehicle on your site please email [russell@donovanmfg.com](mailto:russell@donovanmfg.com).

Campsites will be assigned to each unit. Units must use their assigned campsite to be entered in the period appropriate costume, tenting contests and campsite judging competitions

Units will be given time to construct their Gateway Saturday morning.

## Food

All units will feed themselves with the exception of Cracker Barrel for leaders on Friday night. **Scouts must plan a bag lunch for Saturday.**

# Camping Areas

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. Venture Crews who would like to camp as a crew will have a designated area.

## Outposts and Competition

Our 2025 Camporee will provide the Scouts a chance to demonstrate their scouting proficiency through their Patrol and Troop methods, and individual skills.

Saturday morning right after breakfast the activities begin. Time in the morning will be given to each unit to erect their Campsite Gateway. A schedule will be distributed to each unit directing them when to arrive at each Outpost. These include:

Archery  
Knife Throwin'  
Tomahawk Throwin'  
Bucksaw  
Fire Makin' (the flint and steel kind!!!!)  
Knots and Lashin's

In the afternoon, the competition will begin! Units will pick their best scouts to participate in each outpost. May the most skilled win! Units will also be judged on their Gateways and Campsites and Period Dress. For a unit to be eligible for the Campsite and Gateway they must camp in their designated site.

A primitive village with displays including Frybread, Candle Makin', Hardtack and Branding will be available to view and in some cases participate.

### Campsite Competition

The Scouts' camp is very important as it will be their sleeping quarters, eating facilities, and recreation area. As part of the competition, campsites 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 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.
- **Perimeter and gateway:** 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. Primitive shelters are welcome.
- **Fire precautions:** Buckets of sand and water must be kept by all sources of fire and are encouraged for each tent.
- **Cooking gear:** Each patrol should have a means of storing all of 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:** Gender specific 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. 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.
- **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.

## **Dutch Oven Dessert Competition**

Adults, show us how it's done!!!! Represent your unit or district and bring your best Dutch Oven Dessert to the Admin tent Saturday evening at 6pm. Please bring a card with dessert name and potential allergens.

### **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 9:00am Sunday morning.

### **OA Brotherhood Ceremony**

Information about the Ceremony will be sent out separately.