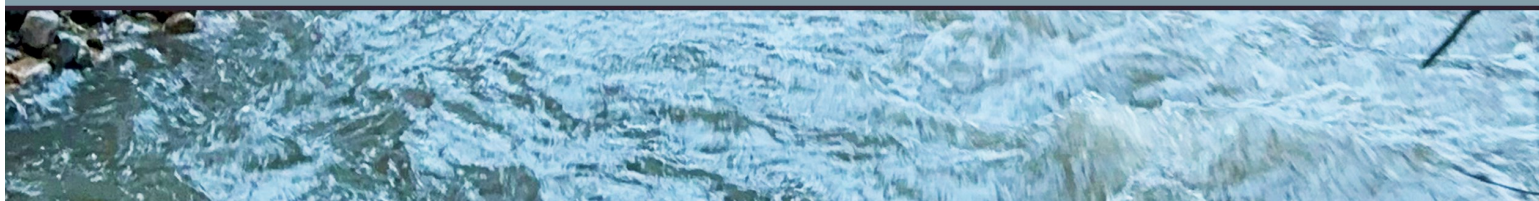




2024 Tres Ritos Program Guide



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Located in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains of New Mexico, Camp Tres Ritos offers a terrific high-altitude mountain camping experience, access to some of the finest hiking locations and some of the most spectacular scenery in the country. In true mountain camp fashion, Camp Tres Ritos offers patrol style cooking and merit badge classes that take place in the stunning outdoors. Campers will have the opportunity on Wednesday to take a break from merit badge course work and participate in hikes and special classes that may include cooking, survival skills, and all things cast iron. This unique week-long, mountain experience is a chance to get outdoors. Come cool down from the summer heat in the Mountains of New Mexico.

Location

Camp Tres Ritos is located in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains of New Mexico. You will be 2 hours from Philmont, 45 minutes from Taos, and 9000 feet above sea level. Our location offers access to some of the finest hiking locations and some of the most spectacular scenery in the country.

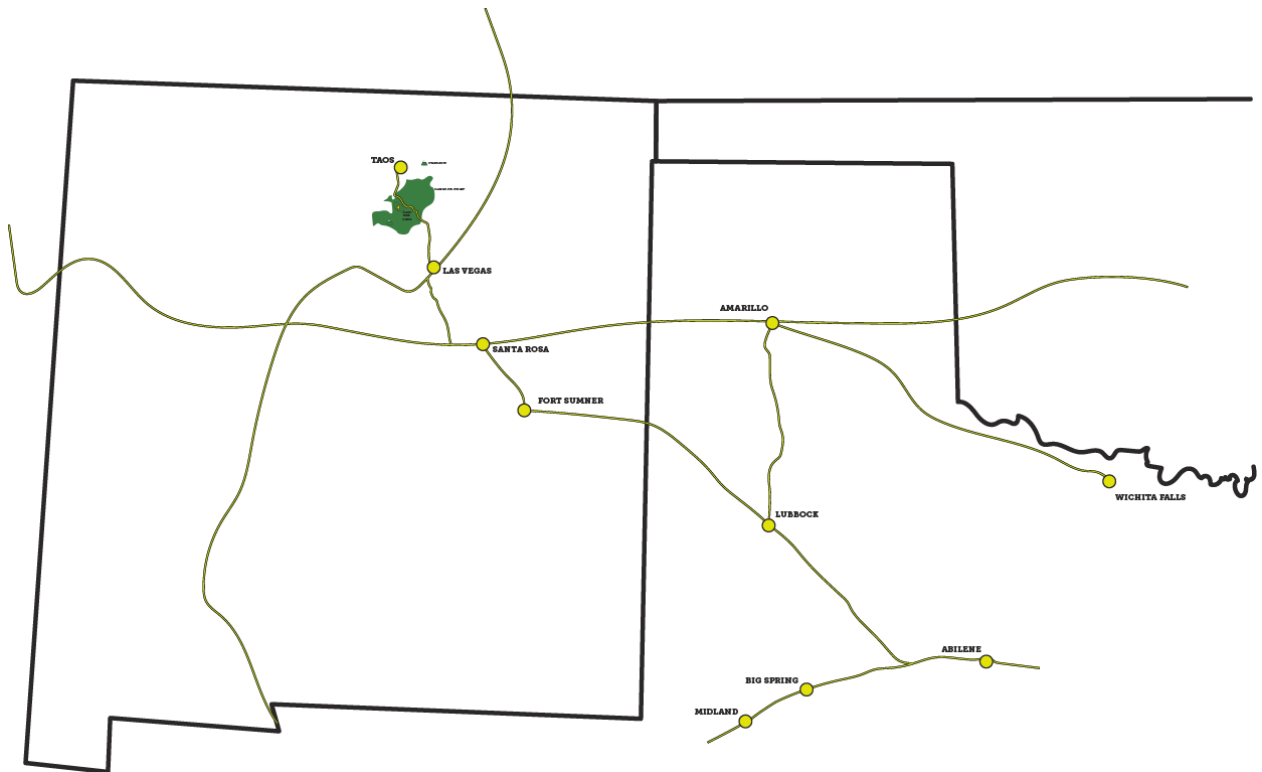
Google Maps Link

Click [here](#) to view camp in google maps and get directions from your hometown!

Roads

99% of roads leading to camp are state or interstate highways. The final ¼ mile is a forest road. This road is typically well maintained by the forest service, but can be rough.

Proximity Map



2024 Summer Camp Dates

Week 1 Trek week 1	June 23 - June 29
Trek Week 2	June 30 - July 6

Camp Fees

We want everyone to be able to come to camp, so we have kept our rates low again for 2024. Deposit and fees can be paid at: <https://scoutingevent.com/694-2024tresritos>

- Deposit - \$150 (non-refundable)
- Youth - \$350
- Adults - 1 free adult per 5 Scouts (limited to 2 adults) additional adults are \$175 each.

Payment Schedule

Troop Deposit	Deposit Per Scout	Payment 1	Final Payment
Due upon reservation	February 1, 2024	April 1, 2024	June 1, 2024

Trekking Program

New this season is our trekking program. Enjoy a five day backpacking experience in the Sangre De Cristo Mountains. During your adventure, you will visit the Angostura Meadow, the Knob, Serpent Lake, and Jicarita Peak. We will have one guided group of 11 per week (9 scouts and 2 adults) with two weeks available. *This program is for Scouts 13 years of age or older.*

Youth Cost \$500

Adult Cost \$250

Trek Week 1 - June 23 - June 29

Trek week 2 - June 30 - July 6

Refund Policy

An initial deposit of \$150.00 **per Troop** (\$50 for Lone Scouts and Scouters) is non-refundable.

Refunds are issued due to accident, illness, death in the immediate family or family relocation. "No Shows" will not receive a refund.

Refunds will **NOT** be available **after the June 1st** due date for units or individuals unable to attend camp.

Please contact Scout Executive, Nathan Baie at Nathan.baie@scouting.org if you have any questions about refunds.

Camp Information

Where to Send Mail

The following address can be used to send mail to campers while at Tres Ritos. Sometimes it is nice to have a quick letter from home. Mail can take a few days to get to camp, so make sure letters are sent far enough in advance to get to your camper. Use your Scout's name and unit number when sending.

Camp Tres Ritos/Boy Scouts of America
ATTN: **Scout's Name (Unit Number)**
HCR Box 39
Vadito, NM 87579

Campsite Facilities

Units will need to bring their own tents for lodging at camp, as well as any dining fly or shelter in their campsite. Each site has access to a private, single user vault toilet for the unit's use, and a water spigot for the unit to use for cooking and cleaning. Tents and shelters are not provided by the camp. Units must bring all tents and shelters for campsite use during the week.

Trading Post

The Trading Post will have a fully stocked inventory of great camp merchandise. We will carry items including cold drinks, bottled water, candy, scouting items, t-shirts, merit badge books, and other grooming and hygiene items. It is recommended for Scouts to bring about \$50-100 for the Trading Post. (Credit/Debit cards are accepted)



Program

Patrol Cooking

Bust out the spices and season the cast iron, Tres Ritos is patrol cooking at breakfast and Supper! We distribute food at meal time and your unit prepares everything in your campsite! Staff will join you units for meals at Breakfast and Dinner. Patrol cooking presents an excellent opportunity for Scouts to learn and flex their cooking skills and understand how to work together as a team. To ease the congestion around lunchtime, lunch will be cooked by the best cook staff around and we will eat at or near the program barn.

Merit Badge Offering¹

All the classics with a few extras thrown in! Tres Ritos offers Eagle required and non-required badges that can start or continue and Scout's journey to the rank of Eagle!

Wilderness Survival

Wood Carving

Leatherwork

Fly fishing

Nature

*Camping

*First Aid

Rifle

Archery

Orienteering

Basketry

Fingerprinting

*Environmental Science

Geology

Pioneering

Astronomy

Search and Rescue

Chess

Trail to First Class (TFC)

Camp Tres Ritos offers a robust Trail to First Class program. We combine a morning session of TFC specific skills, with the option to enroll in two additional Eagle required badges in the afternoon. It is possible for Scouts to come away with skills required for First Class, and their first two Eagle required merit badges. Scouts will also earn their Totin' Chip, and Firem'n Chit as part of Trail to First Class.

¹ Merit badge is first come first serve, so sign-up early!!

New Merit Badges

Program Fees

Some merit badges have additional fees for required materials. These materials are available at camp from the Trading Post. . These merit badges would include:

- Pioneering \$5
- Basketry \$15
- Leatherwork \$15
- Woodcarving \$20
- Scouts participating in Fly Fishing are required to purchase a New Mexico fishing license²

Evening Programs

Our evening programs are designed to give each participant a flexible time to enjoy camp and engage in unit and camp activities. The trading post will always be open in the evenings, stocked with all kinds of items for Scouts and Scouters to purchase.

Week Day	Program
Monday	Staff Hunt
Tuesday	Cobbler Cook-Off
Wednesday	Movie Night
Thursday	Chili Cook-Off
Friday	Closing Campfire

Staff Hunt

Track 'em down! Each staff member is worth a specified number of points. Find the staff member, and earn those points...but there is a catch. Each staffer is armed with a question or riddle that must be solved before points are awarded. The trick is to carry your Scout Handbook at all times.

² Tres Ritos is located in a National Forest and we must comply with all national and local rules and regulations regarding fish and wildlife management. More information can be provided when you register for camp. Fishing licenses for New Mexico can be purchased online and some sporting goods stores.

Movie Night

Enjoy watching a movie outdoors while under the mountain stars. Drinks, popcorn, and candy from the Trading Post will complete the movie experience.

Cobbler Cook Off

Show off your cast iron chef! Bring your fixings and enter one cobbler per patrol in the Annual Tres Ritos Cobbler Cook-Off. Adult entries will be classified as such and judged separately. Cobbler cook off will be held in the evening.

Chili Cook Off

Beans or No Beans? You decide in the Annual Tres Ritos Chili Cook Off. Bring your fixings and each unit can enter one youth and adult cobbler in the Annual Tres Ritos Chili Cook-Off. Adult entries will be classified as such and judged separately. Chili Cook-Off will be held in the evening.

Branding³

The TR brand is known far and wide across Texas, New Mexico, and Oklahoma. Show your friends that you visited beautiful Camp Tres Ritos by having your items branded.

Merit Badge Open Work

Some badges require some additional work time, such as Fly Fishing. Time is available in the evenings to visit with instructors and complete requirements.



³ Branding is only suitable for certain resilient materials. We do not recommend branding anything thin, meltable, or living.

High Mountain Experience

At Tres Ritos, we take a break from merit badge classes on Wednesday. Scouts have the opportunity to go on a back-country hike, enjoy camp, or sharpen their outdoor skills! Our hiking options include:

Angostura Hike

A 5 mile hike from Camp Tres Ritos to the Angostura Meadow. They will hike up to the meadow with a prepared sack lunch to eat lunch at the meadow while enjoying the beautiful views. Traces of wildlife and plantlife are commonly seen along the trail. The hike will have short breaks taken along the journey up to the meadow to rest up as well as take great photos to remember the journey years later.

Jicarita Hike

A 14 mile hike in backwoods of the Carson National Forest and Pecos Wilderness. Campers will be transported to the Serpent Lake Trailhead parking lot just south of Tres Ritos. Once at the parking lot hikers will unload and start the long journey up to the dividing ridge between the Carson National Forest and the Pecos Wilderness. At the divide hikers can continue the trail up to the peak of Jicarita while looking at loving views of the surrounding mountains and scenery for miles.

Adult Specific Opportunities

Adults get to have fun too! We have a few adult specific activities planned to keep all of our fine unit leaders engaged.

- Scoutmaster Coffee - Daily!
- Disc Golf
- Ice cream social
- Yard Games
- Quiet time in your campsite, enjoying the great outdoors at 9,000 feet!

Schedule

Merit badges sessions will be offered Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Wednesday is reserved as a program day for hiking, and other opportunities not directly related to merit badges. *Some courses may require multiple sessions.* The below schedule is an example of a typical day at Camp Tres Ritos:

TIME	Activity
7:00 AM	Food pick-up Breakfast
8:30 AM	Morning Flags
9:00 AM	Trading Post Open
9:00AM	Merit Badge Session 1
10:30 AM	Merit Badge Session 2
12:00 PM	Food pick-up Lunch
1:30PM	Merit Badge Session 3
3:00PM	Merit Badge Session 4
5:00 PM	Evening Flags
5:15 PM	SPL Meeting
5:30 PM	Food pick-up Dinner
7:00 PM	Evening Program
10:00 PM	Lights Out