



SOUTH PLAINS COUNCIL

TOP SHOT III

2026 Program Guide

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Welcome to Top Shot III

Who: Scout's BSA and older youth

What: 2026 South Plains Council Top Shot III

Where: C.W. Post Memorial Scout Camp, 1730 FM 669, Post, TX (look for the white stone gate and flag poles)

Why: To experience the Range and Target activities of Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, Slingshot, and Tomahawks in a competitive, yet fun and exciting way, with the beautiful backdrop of the Texas canyons.

When: Saturday, April 11, 2026 (Schedule, pg 7)

How: Register at <https://scoutingevent.com/694-2026Top Shot III>

Registration is from February 15th – April 1st. Registration closes at 12pm, 04/01.

Fee Schedule:

- **Participant (a Scouts BSA-aged youth who will be part of a shooting team)**
 - o \$35
- **Adult/Non-Participant (See page 8 for further details)**
 - o \$25
- **Camp Service Team (CST) (See page 3 for further details)**
 - o \$15

Thank you for taking the time to explore the official 2026 Top Shot III Program Guide, a resource providing essential information to help you plan and prepare for an unforgettable experience. We strongly encourage all adults attending camp to read this guide in its entirety. For your convenience, the latest version of this document is always available at southplainscouncil.org – Top Shot III – Registration. Any questions, please email sonja.morton@scouting.org. This email is monitored every business day.

We want you to have an amazing Range and Target Activities experience. We are volunteers from South Plains Council, and we are honored to be coordinating Top Shot III. We look forward to seeing you out on the Range!

Yours in Scouting,

Committee Chair:

Assistant Committee Chair:

Range Activities Director:

Inventory Manager:

Scribe/Secretary:

Members:

David Fink

David Johnson

Brody Apel

Micheal Jeffers

Brian Spallholz

Ben Alexander

Josh Nichols

Sarah Eldridge

Tim Clark

Event Overview

First and foremost, this is a Scouting event. Everyone is expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Top Shot III will have a Shooting Sports theme. The format will be a one-day, team-competition style event. This event, as well as all stations, will follow the guidelines outlined in the latest edition of the Guide to Safe Scouting, and Range and Target Activities Manual. Each station will be managed by trained and certified personnel.

Each team will consist of four Scouts BSA-aged youth. Team members will typically be from the same unit; but mixed-unit teams can be formed by combining four scouts from different units, as needed. All Scouts will participate at each individual station, and when the station is complete, the team will determine which team member's score will count for that station. The score will be noted on the team's scoreboard. The Scout whose score was selected will receive a wristband, and that Scout can continue to participate at all other stations, but their score cannot be counted for any other station; and scores cannot be switched once recorded. The Top Shot prize will go to the winning team as determined based on the highest combined score for all stations. Other prizes/awards will be given for the individual Scout with the highest score at each station.

For those Scouts who do not wish to participate on a shooting team, and Leaders, you can choose to participate on the Camp Service Team, or CST. The CST will help the event run smoothly by performing activities such as the flag ceremony, providing directions to stations and other areas of camp, water restock at stations, bathroom check/stock, assisting at the stations, and other duties as needed. As a member of the CST you are eligible to receive service hours as approved by your unit's Scoutmaster.

Registration

Event Registration

Register at southplainscouncil.org – Top Shot III
<https://scoutingevent.com/694-topshot3>



How to Register

You may register your **entire troop at once**. Once your registration is complete, please email sonja.morton@scouting.org with how you'd like your **Scouts divided into teams of four** for the event. This helps us organize the competitions and activities efficiently, so thank you in advance for your timely communication!

If you have youth who'd prefer to volunteer on the Camp Service Team rather than shoot, please email sonja.morton@scouting.org and you will be sent a separate link for that registration.

Late registrations cannot be accepted and changes to teams must be requested before the closure of registration!

Please be sure to fill out the entire registration form with your contact information, participant information, unit #, dietary restrictions, etc. This information will help us to provide you with a great experience. This event is subject to weather conditions.

Refund Policy

Refunds must be requested by email to Nathan.Baie@scouting.org and need to include the following information: First and Last Name, Unit Number, and Reason for Request.

For this event, the refund policy is:

0 – 10 days	0%
11-30 days.....	50%
31+ days	100%

Refund requests received after a program has begun will be considered if there are extraordinary circumstances and the maximum refund will be 50%. Examples include: documented medical reason (doctor's note required), a death in the immediate family, or a natural disaster. No refund requests will be accepted after ten (10) days following the end of the applicable activity.

Approved refunds will be processed within thirty (30) days of their receipt in writing and made either by check or by credit card reversal, at the discretion of the council staff, to the original payer for individual registrations or the unit, in care of the reservation contact, for group reservations.

Your Visit to C.W. Post Memorial Scout Camp

Arrival

To ALL Scouts, adult leaders, non-participants, CSTs, RSOs and other staff: Friday evening, check-in is from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., or Saturday morning, 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. To maintain the integrity of the day's schedule, **No check-ins will be permitted after 8:45 a.m.** Please do **NOT** check in anyone who has not made it to camp yet. We need as accurate a count of people in camp as possible.

At Check-In you will receive

- ❖ A wrist band – this shows the staff which group you've registered with (participant, non-participant, etc)
- ❖ A Schedule of Events
- ❖ A Map of Camp
- ❖ Meals – Food Allergy/Dietary Restrictions Card (*if applicable*)

The main parking lot is directly in front of the Camp Office. Please park in the main parking lot. To check-in, you will need to go to the Camp Office and please bring your medical forms for each person attending camp. It's easier on our Medic if the Troop brings everyone's Med Forms together in a folder or binder, organized alphabetically by last name.

We CANNOT accept digital files of Med Forms.

BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Required)

This event **does not** require a medical professional signature on the Annual Health and Medical form, except for B2 for over-the-counter medications.

On arrival to camp, **all attendees (Scouts, adult leaders, non-participants, CSTs, RSOs and other staff)**, must submit a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record – Part A, B1 & B2 with immunization records written on B2 or attached, and a copy of the family insurance card. The health form used for all scouting events is on the BSA website at:

[Annual Health and Medical Record – Scouting America \(scouting.org\)](http://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/)
www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/

This record is provided as a fillable PDF, and participants/guardians are encouraged to fill it out on their computer, then print the record (rather than printing the record and filling it out by hand). Doing this will improve the readability and accuracy of each member's medical information.

Group Assignments

Whenever possible, participants from the same Unit will be grouped together, so be sure to include your Unit number during the registration process. Team members must be wearing a participant wristband to participate at the stations. **Changes to teams must be requested before the closure of registration!**

Meals/Dietary Needs

There will be **NO** dinner served on Friday night, or breakfast on Saturday morning. If you arrive Friday night, please either eat before you arrive, or plan to make dinner at your campsite. If you are arriving on Saturday morning, please eat breakfast prior to arriving at camp. Everyone will be served lunch on Saturday.

There will be drinking water stations set up around camp. Additional snacks, treats and drinks will be available for purchase in the Trading Post.

Participants with special dietary needs, including allergies, must be noted during the online registration process so the proper accommodations can be made. You will receive your food allergy / dietary restrictions card at check-in. We will try to accommodate dietary needs as much as possible.

Health Lodge

The Health Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day by qualified medical personnel. For insurance purposes and for the health and safety of all participants, all accidents and illnesses must be reported to the Health Lodge and recorded. Arrangements have been made with local emergency crews and hospitals to handle any medical emergencies.

Participant Care

C.W. Post Memorial Scout Camp can reach temperatures as high as 80° and as low as 50° in April. It is important that everyone **drinks lots of water** and stays hydrated. All stations will have drinking water as well as water in the Dining Hall. It's also vital for every person to wash their hands regularly. All participants are required to wash their hands before meals.

Fires

Due to the drought, all of Garza County, including Camp Post, is under a strict burn-ban. There will be no open flames or ash producing fires allowed. Propane-fuel fires only. There will be **NO** exceptions!

Bathrooms

Bathrooms are located to the left of the parking lot. They are stocked with toilet paper, paper towels and hand soap. If you run out of any of these, please notify a staff member. Please throw all trash in the trash cans provided. All feminine products should also go in the trash. Please turn off the lights and close the door behind you when you're done. This helps to keep the bugs and other critters out of the bathrooms. There will also be Porta-Potties around camp. These are regularly maintained by the company who owns them.

Trash

Pack it in – Pack it out! Please bring trash bags for disposal of your trash. All units must remove their own trash from their campsites. Dumpsters are behind the Dining Hall. Please be considerate and leave your area cleaner than when you arrived.

Camp Attire

Staff will be wearing a red “STAFF” pin and/or be in an orange/yellow neon safety vest.

During the day, a Scout t-shirt (Class B) and Scout shorts or pants are great.

Closed-toe shoes are required at C.W. Post Memorial Scout Camp. We have rocks, mesquite thorns as long as nails, actual nails, and biting/stinging insects and creatures at Camp. For that reason, please wear appropriate footwear.

Lost & Found

Lost and found is located at the Camp Office. Any items left at camp will be kept for two more weeks and then donated or thrown away. After the event, please contact camping@southplainscouncil.org regarding any lost items.

Parking

The main parking lot is directly in front of the Camp Office. Please park in the main parking lot. Only the vehicle towing a trailer with troop gear may park at the campsite. All other vehicles must stay in the parking lot. At no time should a vehicle or trailer block the road, as this may create a safety concern.

Trading Post

The Trading Post will be open from 9:30am until 5:00pm. The staff has worked hard to fill the Trading Post with snacks, drinks and cool camping items! Please be sure to stop by and visit. Proceeds will benefit the South Plains Council and future events like these.

Thank you for your support!

Wildlife Safety

At Camp Post we often have the opportunity to observe many types of wildlife that include rattlesnakes and other snakes, lizards, horned toads, tarantulas and other spiders, raccoons, coyotes and many types of birds and insects. It is wise to remember that these creatures are the permanent residents of Camp. Please make sure everyone remembers to:

- ❖ Treat all animals with respect and observe from a distance.
- ❖ Do not follow, feed, tease, or handle wildlife.
- ❖ Store all food in a secure place such as a personal vehicle, or the unit’s gear trailer.
- ❖ All trash should be thrown away in a trash receptacle.
- ❖ If you discover a snake or an animal that is behaving strangely, please notify the camp staff immediately.

Adult Opportunities

Top Shot III is for BSA-aged youth only. All participating youth must be registered members of a Troop, Ship, or Crew. If you’re an adult interested in participating in Range and Target Activities, please reach out to the South Plains Council Range and Target Activities Committee at shootingsports@southplainscouncil.org

Station Overview

Stations will consist of the following events:

- ❖ Rifle
- ❖ Shotgun
- ❖ Archery
- ❖ Slingshot/Tomahawk throwing

Each station will be one and a half hours total, not including a 10-minute transition time. It is imperative that each team arrive at their designated station **on time**. Once each member of the team finishes the station, they will come together to determine which Scout's score will count for that station.

The station lead(s) will enter the Scout's name and their score on the team's scorecard and will initial it. That Scout will then get a wrist band to indicate their score has already been used for a station and subsequent scores cannot be counted for another station. Once all stations have been attended, teams will turn in their completed scorecards to a staff member or CST. Once all scorecards are received, and scores are tallied, winners will be announced at the awards ceremony.

Disqualification Criteria

Anyone caught attempting to change their score, or attempting to circumvent the rules (e.g. switching wrist bands), will result in the **entire team being disqualified** from the event. Additionally, any behavior not consistent with Scouting's ideals will result in the individual(s) being asked to leave the property and could result in the disqualification of a team. All decisions made by the Top Shot III Chair are final.

Must be Present to Win

If you or your team are not at the Awards Ceremony, you will not win. No exceptions.

Schedule

Friday: **No Dinner or Cracker Barrel Provided**

- Check-in : 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- Set up campsites: 6:30-9:00 p.m.
- Lights out: 10:00 p.m.

Saturday: **No Breakfast Provided**

- Check-in: 8:00-8:45 a.m.
- No check-ins will be permitted after 8:45 a.m.**
- Flags & Safety Briefing: 8:45 a.m.
- Station 1: 9:15 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
- Station 2: 10:55 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.
- Lunch: 12:30 p.m.
- Station 3: 1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
- Station 4: 3:25 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.
- Awards Ceremony: 5:30 p.m.
- Top Shot III Ends 6:00 p.m.

Check out at Health Lodge and pick up Med Forms

Leaving Camp / Check Out

Any time you would like to leave camp, please be sure to check out at the Health Lodge. It is important we know when you are gone.

- At the end of camp, please check out at the Health Lodge. At check-out, your Med Forms will be returned to you. We will also kindly ask that you complete a survey that will be emailed to you, to help us make Top Shot III better each year.

Tips

Scout Essentials

These are items every Scouts BSA-aged youth should carry with them when attending outdoor activities:

1. **Pocketknife:** A pocketknife is the all-purpose tool of the outdoors. Folding or sheathed.
2. **First-aid kit:** Adhesive bandages, moleskin, gauze, antibiotic ointment, etc.
3. **Extra clothing:** Have the clothing you need to deal with the extremes of heat, cold and storms.
4. **Rain gear:** Be prepared to face the elements with rain protection such as a shell jacket, pants and more.
5. **Water storage:** Hot and humid conditions increase your thirst, but you need to drink plenty of fluids in cold, dry weather, too. Bring refillable water bottles to refill at the water stations throughout camp to stay hydrated.
6. **Flashlight or headlamp:** For setting up camp or walking trails in the dark.
7. **Trail food:** Rely on foods that are compact, high in energy and unlikely to spoil — a small bag of granola, for example, and perhaps an energy bar or two.
8. **Matches and fire starters:** Carry several different kinds of fire sources so if one fails, you'll have a backup.
9. **Sun protection:** sunscreen of SPF 15 or greater and a hat, long sleeved shirt, etc.
10. **Map and compass:** Carry a map of the area you are exploring, along with a simple compass to help make your way through unfamiliar terrain.

From the March-April 2013 issue of *Scouting* magazine <https://scoutingmagazine.org/2013/02/the-10-essentials/>

Packing List

Please label belongings so we can help get them back to you.

Required Documents

- Medical Form – Parts A, B for every person
- Medications (if applicable)
- Copy of Family Insurance Card

Personal Gear

- Day Pack (carry stuff during the day)
- Chapstick
- Scout T-Shirt & Shorts
- Bug Spray
- Close-toed Shoes (for in camp)
- Whistle
- Folding Camp Chair
- Spending Money for Trading Post
- Toiletries
- Sandals (for shower only)
- Towel

Items Not To Bring

Electronic games and devices
Radios, iPods, etc

Laser Pointers
Personal Archery/Shooting Equipment

Items Not Allowed

Fireworks
Alcoholic Beverages or Illegal Drugs

Personal Firearms
Pets
Personal ATVs, Golf Carts, etc.

No personal firearms, bows, or other shooting equipment will be permitted. All necessary equipment and supplies will be provided by Staff. Use or possession of tobacco products by anyone under the age of 21 is illegal in Texas. All camp buildings are smoke and vaping free. The only authorized location for adult smoking or vaping is the parking lot or your personal vehicle.

C.W. Post Memorial Scout Camp

Located in Post, Texas, C.W. Post Memorial Scout Camp is nestled between rugged ravines and scenic hiking trails and features a variety of outdoor activities. Located just outside of the City of Post, TX, at 1730 FM 669, Camp Post's western theme is full of amazing landscapes and fun things to try! Look for the white stone entrance and flags just off the road. You will follow this road to a red gate and the Ranger's house. Continue on through another set of gates, past the climbing towers, to the parking lot.

