



TEXAS TRAILS COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS of AMERICA

WINTER CAMP
LEADER & PROGRAM GUIDE
CAMP TONKAWA



Dear Scout, Leaders and Parents:

Our staff is committed to making your Winter Camp experience the highlight of bringing an end to your Scouting year. The outdoor setting offers your Scouts the opportunity for outstanding adventures including camping, merit badges, COPE, and more. We continually enhance our program to provide the best well-rounded camping experience for your Unit and your Scouts. Texas Trails Council Camp provides distinct characteristics to enhance your outdoor program opportunities. Winter Camp Program will be covered in this guide.

For the Scouts,

For the first time we will be offering a Winter Camp Program. This Winter Camp Program will be 3-day 2-night Camp section. To a Scout, Winter Camp is the greatest adventure that Scouting holds. It will be particularly exciting because of the Merit Badges that are going to be started for Scouts BSA. The program offers the opportunity for Scouts to work on Merit Badges, plus just have a fun camping experience at Camp Tonkawa.

During the Camp, Scouts will have the chance to pick 4 Class Blocks with 11 different Merit Badges including 5 Eagle required, plus work as a team as they clip into adventure on our COPE course. However, the main goal is for the Scouts to have fun and to leave camp with a positive camp experience and enthusiasm for the Scouting program.

At the end of the Camp, each Scoutmaster will be given a letter listing the Merit Badge requirements that were covered. The staff will use a Blue-Card type system to record each Scouts requirement that are finished and complete.

For the Scouters (Leaders),

Each Leader will have the opportunity to sign-up for several different training classes as well if they would like. These classes will be based on what a leader needs for basic outdoor camping and outings with your Unit. Training like CPR/AED, Wilderness First Aid, Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) and maybe basic Dutch Oven/Camp Cooking for adults. Some of these Classes will be take place all 3 days of camp and others maybe an evening or two to complete them.

It is not important that the Adult Leaders sign-up for Training. If you as a Leader want to come to Camp and just hang out, walk around with your Scouts, or just sit in the dining hall and drink Coffee all day, you are welcome to. The Training Classes are there in case a Leader would like something else to do.

Safety precautions

With COVID19 being a big concern this year, as a camp we have taken extra precautions to keep your scout safe while enjoying their time at camp. Our mitigation plan includes Pre-attendance education:

- Health screening conducted by your unit prior to travel to our camp, including a temperature check.
- Health screening upon your arrival at camp conducted by our camp health officers, which will also include a temperature check.

o Note: Should anyone in the unit NOT pass the arrival screening, the entire unit will not be allowed to enter camp.

- Visitors in camp.
 - o Once Scouts or Units are on Camp and have gone through Check-In there is NO Visitors allowed on Camp.
 - o Only approved essential visitors, food vendors, equipment vendors for example will be allowed to enter Camp once the session has started.
 - o If you have any need to Leave Camp you must go Through the Check-In Health Screening again.
- Hygiene reminders throughout the camp experience.
- Extra handwashing /sanitizer stations throughout camp.
- Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.
- An emergency response plan that includes isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.
- Check-ins with each unit/family one week and two weeks after the unit leaves camp to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

This is just a highlighted list of the precautions we are taking; we will be following the guidelines set by the State/CDC as posted on <https://dshs.texas.gov/youthcamp/>. We as a council take COVID19 seriously and will do everything we can to keep your scouts safe while giving them the opportunity to enjoy the scouting summer camp experience.

This guide is constantly being updated to provide you with the latest information on our facilities, programs, and tools to help you plan your program for the week. For the latest information and changes, please visit our website at www.texas trailsbsa.com. Arriving to camp prepared for your stay will enhance your experience and ensure your safety.

We here at the Texas Trails Council are excited to offer this new program for ALL Scouts and look forward to an amazing Winter Camp adventure like no other.

Sincerely,

Bobby Goodson

Camp Ranger

How it Works.

Scouts will register as an individual or as a Unit. We are expecting many Maverick Scouts to Sign-up for this Camp, and that is completely fine. We will be placing every Scout into groups patrol size as they sign-up. These groups will Camp and eat together from start to finish of Camp. We are not limiting the number Scouts that can attend the Winter Camp and it will be as a first come first serve registration for placement into Patrols. The cost per Scout is \$150 and this will cover the cost of all materials for Merit Badges. Troops that are going to Sign-up their whole Troop (with more than 10 Scouts) will be placed in the Campsite together, smaller Troops (with less than 10 Scout) will have Maverick Scout added to their Campsite.

There is a Time Frame for Scouts to get Sign-up to get the best deal. Sign-up now through November 1st, and you will receive a \$25 early bird discount for all Scout attending when paid in full. Sign-up on November 2nd, through December 1st and all Scouts will pay the regular Winter Camp price of \$150 per Scout. On December 2nd, through walking on at Camp to attend it will Cost \$175 per Scout to attend.

Time Frame for Leaders to Sign-up to get the best deal. Sign-up now through November 1st, and you will receive a \$25 early bird discount for all Leaders attending when paid in full. Sign-up on November 2nd, through December 1st and all Leaders will pay the regular Winter Camp price of \$100 per Leader. On December 2nd, through walking on at Camp to attend it will Cost \$125 per Leader to attend. These pricing for Adult Leader does not cover the Price of the Training Classes you can Sign-up for, those prices will be added as you sign-up for those classes. It is not mandatory for Adults to Sign-up with the Unit; the Camp will have Adult Leaders on Staff that can stay with your Unit. Plus, if a Leader wants to Sign-up without their Troop coming to take part in the Training offer for Adult that is okay too. Those Adults will be placed in Campsite where Adults are need just for YPT and Leadership at night.

Our goal is to place Scouts in Groups of ten (10), these groups will be made up from Scouts across the Council that Sign-up. The Groups will camp all in the same Campsite and eat together in the Dining Hall. There will be no need to Bring a Tent for the Scout, as the Camp and Staff will have Tents up in each Campsite for the Youth. Any Leader coming with their Unit will need to bring their own tent or other gear.

There is a Packing List for Youth and Adults further in this Guide.

What NOT to Bring to Camp.

There is a long list of what not to bring on a Scouting Trip. Most Scouts and Leader know the list of what not to Bring, so here are just a few of those items.

Fireworks, Firearms, Bicycle, Tobacco, Alcohol, Generator or Pets of any kind except service dogs!!!

What to Bring for Scouts.

As a Scout you should have a good understanding of what to Bring on a Camping Trip, but here is the List of items you might forget about.

So, what to Bring:

Clothing and Bedding - Pants, shirts and Troop tee shirts, Class A Uniform, Daily change of underwear and socks, Handkerchiefs, Raincoat and/or poncho, Hiking Boots, Pajamas, Sweater and Jacket, Sleeping Bag and Pillow (if desired)

Toilet Articles - Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Hand Towel, Bath Towels, Washcloths, Comb, Brush, Shampoo and Soap

Optional - Knapsack/Daypack, Knife, Fork, Spoon, Flashlight, Extra Batteries, Book, Pen, Pencil, Pad, Compass, Camera & film (single use camera's work GREAT!), Mess Kit and Canteen, Sewing Kit, Individual First Aid Kit, About \$20 or more for Trading Post Items, etc.

What to Bring for Adult Leaders.

So, what to Bring:

Housing - You need to Bring a Tent or another type of housing like Hammocks NO RV for Camp.

Clothing and Bedding - Pants, shirts and Troop tee shirts, Class A Uniform, Daily change of underwear and socks, Handkerchiefs, Raincoat and/or poncho, Hiking Boots, Pajamas, Sweater and Jacket, Sleeping Bag and Pillow (if desired)

Toilet Articles - Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Hand Towel, Bath Towels, Washcloths, Comb, Brush, Shampoo and Soap

Optional - Knapsack/Daypack, Knife, Fork, Spoon, Flashlight, Extra Batteries, Book, Pen, Pencil, Pad, Compass, Camera & film (single use camera's work GREAT!), Mess Kit and Canteen, Sewing Kit, Individual First Aid Kit, About \$20 or more for Trading Post Items, etc.

This guidebook provides programs, merit badges and activities of Scouts BSA Resident Camp at Camp Tonkawa.



MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Merit Badge classes form the backbone of the program for the Winter Camp. Each day is divided into Block Periods of class instruction time during the day and after Dinner. With 11 different Merit Badge classes and COPE during the Mini-Camp, your scouts will learn the things needed for the merit badge. Each of our classes are taught by highly qualified staff dedicated to helping scouts earn their requirements. At Camp Tonkawa we pride ourselves on our commitment to providing your troop with the opportunity to complete your badge, staff are available to provide campers with extra instruction if it is needed. Additionally, the last day during check-out time at camp can be available as Merit Badge Makeup time, this gives scouts ample opportunity to work on their badges.

Advancement is an integral part of Scouting and as such is important to any successful time at camp. The following are guidelines for planning your Scout's trail during your stay at Camp Tonkawa.

Please be sure to carefully review pre-requisites for each Merit Badge.

WORKSHEETS

Merit Badge Worksheets will be handed out on the first-time frame of class one Worksheet per Scout. You are more than welcome to bring your own if you so desire. **PARTIAL COMPLETION** For all merit badges, a scout will receive a partial statement if they have completed any of the requirements. The partials will state the requirements that the Scout has accomplished. The philosophy behind a partial is for a scout to return home and complete the badge as soon as possible. The counselor has the right to review all the completed requirements before signing for the merit badge.

Some merit badges allow for options to be chosen by the scout. Some options are NOT available at camp. Scouts who choose an option not available will be given a partial for work completed at camp.

MERIT BADGE PRE-REQUISITES & REQUIREMENTS NOT AVAILABLE AT CAMP

Scouts should prepare for class by reading the requirements for the merit badge classes they have chosen. Every Scout shall come to each class prepared. Bring pencil and any equipment suggested in the merit badge pamphlet. A Scout may want their own merit badge pamphlet. Merit Badge pamphlets and MB Worksheets will be available for purchase at Scout Shop in Abilene. Merit Badge requirements NOT available at camp may be completed prior to arrival. Proof of a requirement that has been completed prior to camp, MUST be notated by the Scoutmaster and given to the MB counselor prior to the final day of class. This will allow the counselor to sign-off the completion of the badge. If prior MB work is not notated and given to the counselor, the scout will only receive a PARTIAL for the work completed at camp.

Merit Badge Classes are going to be pack full of information as this classes are being do in a Mini-camp format. The following is the Schedule for the Winter Mini-Camp the Texas Trails Council is going to offer. Each Scout will have the chance to Sign-up for 4 different Block Periods for the Winter Camp to insure they pick the best Merit Badges for their Scouting needs. Each Scout will attend the same Class Block on all 3 of the days of Camp, they will notice that there are some Class Blocks not being taught on the last day.

The Scout schedule also allows them to have a Free Time Block Period too, so they can go and enjoy Free Time Activities like: Rifle Shooting, Archery, Volleyball, Gaga Ball and the Trading Post.

C.O.P.E.

Project C.O.P.E. challenges groups and individual to develop solutions to interesting problems. Participants must step outside of the box and frequently use creative ideas. Participants can then test their solutions and evaluate the results. Meeting the challenges of a C.O.P.E. challenge course allows individuals and groups to develop self-esteem and encourages them to set challenging yet attainable goals.

Every Scout and Leader attending the Winter Camp that has Sign-up for C.O.P.E need to fill out the COPE Registration and Release Form that is in the Guidebook and bring it with you to Camp during Check-In.

Schedule for Winter Camp

Camp Tonkawa Schedule

Day 1, Monday, December 28th

Time	
7:30-9:45	Check In / Setup
10:00	Opening Flags
10:15-12:15	Block 1
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:15	Block 2
3:30-5:15	Block 3
5:30	Flags
5:35-6:20	Dinner
6:30-8:15	Block 4
8:30-10:30	Game Night
11:00	Lights Out

Day 2, Tuesday, December 29th

Time	
7:20	Flags
7:30-8:15	Breakfast
8:30-10:15	Block 1
10:30-12:15	Block 2
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:15	Block 3
3:30-5:15	Free Time
5:30	Flags
5:35-6:20	Dinner
6:30-8:15	Block 4
8:30-10:30	Movie Night
11:00	Lights Out

Day 3, Wednesday, December 30th

Time	
7:20	Flags
7:30-8:15	Breakfast
8:30-10:15	Block 1
10:30-12:15	Block 2
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:15	Block 3
3:20	Flags
3:30-5:30	Check Out

Free Time	
	Rifle Shooting
	Archery
	Volleyball
	Gaga Ball
	Trading Post

** Eagle Required Merit Badge

Block	Merit Badge
Block 1	**Emergency Preparedness MB
	Pioneering MB
	Welding MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 3	COPE
	**First Aid MB
	Space Exploration MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 2	**Environmental Science MB
	**Cooking MB
	Search and Rescue MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 4	Electricity MB
	**Communication MB
	Astronomy MB

Game Night: Monday evening come join the staff in the Dining Hall for a night of card games and classic board games. Staff will lead game tournaments and teach Scouts how to play new games. Scouts are welcome to bring their own games. The dining hall will be serving snacks.

Movie Night: Tuesday evening will be movie night at Winter Camp! Popcorn and drinks will be available. You can expect the movie may run a little past light out.

Winter Camp Classes

Each Scout can choose from any of the Classes listed below to fill out their Camp Schedule. Scout will need to pick One(1) Merit Badge or Class from each of the Blocks. These are just the Classes we are offering, and the Block is just the time frame it is being offered each day.

Also, some of the Merit Badges are Limited to how many Scouts can Sign-up for those Merit Badges. So be sure to Sign-up as soon as possible. Here are the Merit Badge Classes with a Maximum number of Scouts,

Welding MB max-10 Scouts

Astronomy MB max-15 Scouts

Cooking MB max-10 Scouts

Block	Merit Badge
Block 1	**Emergency Preparedness MB
	Pioneering MB
	Welding MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 3	COPE
	**First Aid MB
	Space Exploration MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 2	**Environmental Science MB
	**Cooking MB
	Search and Rescue MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 4	Electricity MB
	**Communication MB
	Astronomy MB

For example, a Scout can sign-up for Pioneering MB from Block 1, Cooking MB from Block 2, COPE from Block 3 and Astronomy MB from Block 4. Once the Scouts Sign-up for their Classes a schedule will be for each Scout. Each Scout will have a Free Time Period on Day 2 that will be based on their Schedule of Classes.

However, a Scout cannot Sign-up for a Class at the same Block Period as another Class they have signed-up for. (i.e. A Scout cannot sign-up for COPE, First Aid MB or Space Exploration MB as those Class are all being taught at the same time.) So, help your Scouts out when signing up for classes.

COPE Registration and Release

Name: _____ Male ____ Female ____ Age: _____

Telephone (home): _____ Alternate: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Medical Information

List any known allergies: _____ List any required medications: _____

Do you wear glasses or contacts? Y N Ladies, are you pregnant Y N Are you allergic to insect bites? Y N
If yes, do you have a sting kit? Y N Have you ever had or do you have now? Diabetes YES ____ NO ____
Angina YES ____ NO ____ Chest Pains YES ____ NO ____ Drug Reactions YES ____ NO ____ Heart Murmur
YES ____ NO ____ Heart Attack YES ____ NO ____ If yes give date: _____ High Blood Pressure
YES ____ NO ____ Physical Handicap YES ____ NO ____ If yes, what _____

Have you had a recent injury, serious disease, or surgery that may impair your ability to participate in this
program? YES ____ NO ____ If yes, give details: _____

Do you have any other medical condition (s) that the medical staff should be aware of?

Participant Requirements Due to the physical activity involved, the following is required of all participants (please read and sign below). A current Part A, B and C Medical Form must be on file at the Health Lodge. Wear comfortable clothing appropriate for physical activity. Shorts and T-shirt are recommended. Gloves will be available, but participants are free to bring their own leather palm gloves. No open toed footwear. Tennis shoes or sneakers are recommended, shoes that lace up provide support. No jewelry, watches, bracelets, etc. is allowed, Injury or personal loss may occur if jewelry is worn. Remove all potentially dangerous objects from pockets and clothing. No pocket knives, pens, badges, pins, etc. Violence will not be tolerated. Fighting is grounds for dismissal. Equipment and facilities care are your responsibility. No vandalism. Understanding that any physical activity involves risk of injury, I understand that my participation is entirely voluntary. I release Texas Trails Council, its employees, staff and governing bodies from any claims or liability arising out of my participation. This release does not, however, apply to any harm caused by negligence or willful misconduct of Texas Trails Council or its employees.

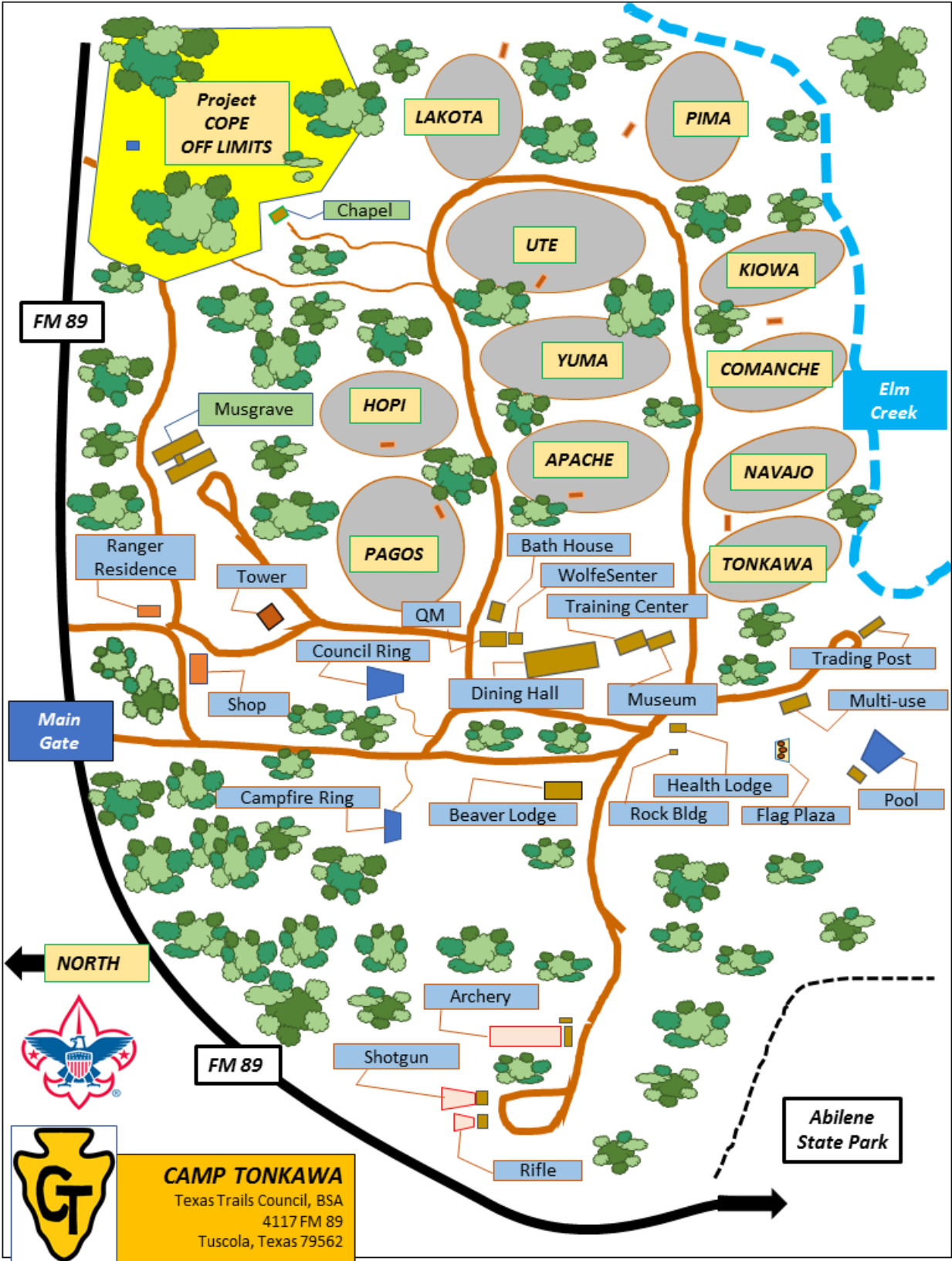
Participants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scoutmasters Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

If participant is under the age of 18, parent or guardian must sign above.

Camp Map





UNIT Winter Camp T-SHIRT

PRE-ORDER FORM



We are offering Units and individual, who are attending Winter Camp the opportunity to pre-order 2020 camp t-shirts. This will ensure that your unit will be able to purchase the correct sizes. The shirts will be packaged for your unit and will be available upon your arrival at camp. **PLEASE PLACE ONE ORDER PER UNIT.** All shirts must be paid at the time the order is placed. *T-Shirts may cost more and there will be a limited amount at the Trading Post.

Troop # _____ Council _____

Name of person placing this order _____

Phone number _____ Troop # _____

The deadline for placing your order is December 1st, 2020

# _____	Adult Small T-Shirts	@ \$12.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult Medium T-Shirts	@ \$12.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult Large T-Shirts	@ \$12.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult X-large T-Shirts	@ \$12.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult XX-large T-Shirts	@ \$15.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult XXX-large T-Shirts	@ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Total # of T-Shirts _____

Total amount \$ _____



Unit Winter Camp Long Sleeve T-Shirt PRE-ORDER FORM



We are offering Units and individual, who are attending Winter Camp the opportunity to pre-order 2020 camp long sleeve t-shirts. This will ensure that your unit will be able to purchase the correct sizes. The shirts will be packaged for your unit and will be available upon your arrival at camp. **PLEASE PLACE ONE ORDER PER UNIT.** All shirts must be paid at the time the order is placed. *Long sleeve T-Shirts may cost more and there will be a limited amount at the Trading Post.

Troop # _____ Council _____

Name of person placing this order _____

Phone number _____

Troop # _____

The deadline for placing your order is December 1st, 2020

_____ Adult Small Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult Medium Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult Large Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult X-large Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$16.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult XX-large Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult XXX-large Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Total # of T-Shirts _____

Total amount \$ _____