

# **Boy Scouts of America**

Texas Trails Council

Pecan Valley District

2023

Tenth Annual

## **San Saba Mountain Man Camporee**

Mar 31st - Apr 2nd

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# Leader's Guide

## 2023 Pecan Valley District (PVD)

### San Saba Mountain Man Camporee (SSMMC)

Texas Trails Council, & the Pecan Valley District, is once again, for the 10th year, putting on the San Saba Mountain Man Camporee (SSMMC). **We invite all Scout Troops, and Webelo & Arrow of Light Scouts if accompanied by a Troop, from within the Texas Trails Council, to participate.** If outside the Texas Trails Council, please contact us about the possibility of you joining us.

This year's SSMMC will offer a great time for all who come. We will again, do a race with fantastic challenges along the way. The challenges along the course will be: Canoeing, the Tunnel/Creek Trudge, Fire Starting, Tomahawk Throwing, Knot Tying, Archery, a Scout Law Bridge, and, Panning for Precious Metals (24k gold, silver, & copper) that you get to keep. A couple of other activities we will be doing during the weekend include, a big Kickball Game, a Dutch Oven & Mountain Man Punch Contest, & a Potluck Dinner to follow, for all of the Troops that contribute!!! Typically, every Troop joins us for the Potluck.

What to consider? Every boy/girl will need an extra pair of shoes that are closed toe, and ok to get wet and dirty, for the Tunnel/Creek Trudge. Each Patrol running the race should be between 4 & 7 Scouts. Each Troop should bring all of the things they need for a weekend campout. That includes food, water, dealing with their own trash, cooking utensils, a "Leave No Trace" method of cooking with your Dutch Ovens, tents, and so on. Campsites should be kept clean at all times. There will be camp inspections.

Of course, all BSA rules for a campout, apply to this event. So, all participants will need to have a BSA medical form part A & B upon arrival. Scout leaders will need to have the medical forms on them at all times, in case of a problem.

Everyone needs to come with a great attitude, be examples of the Scout Oath and Law, and be ready to have a lot of fun. We've enjoyed much success with this event every year, and we are looking forward to another great time, this being the 10<sup>th</sup> year.

Considering the unpredictability of COVID-19, you may want to bring masks, and lots of germ-X, etc. to help mitigate the virus and keep everyone safe.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Camp Coordinator, Lance Anderson at 325-320-6996; Co-Camp Coordinator, James LeMond at 325-647-9316; or the Texas Trails Council Executive, Mark Conrad at 325-370-7192 and we'll be happy to answer any questions you might have.

**Registration limited to the first 80 Scouts. Adults do not count toward this limit.**

# 2023 SSMMC Schedule

## Friday

- 5:00pm Troops begin to arrive, check in, and setup camp @ Risien's Park, in San Saba
- 9:00pm Scoutmaster, SPL, and all available adults, meeting (Pavilion)
- 9:30pm Event coordinator's, meeting (Pavilion)
- 11:00pm All Troops, in campsites, and quiet time begins

## Saturday

- 7:00am Quiet time ends and Troops prepare breakfast, eat, and cleanup
- 8:30am Flags, and Race Assembly and Registration, meet at Risien's Park parking lot, right off 190
- 9:00am Let the races begin
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Race resumes (for those who have not finished, where they checked in before lunch)
- 3:00pm Community Service Project: If you've finished the race, please pick up trash around the amphitheater, camping areas, bathrooms, creeks, gravel roads. Please place full trash bags on the right end, of the adult bathrooms, or Race Start/Finish. Remember the buddy system.
- 4:00pm Troops prepare Dutch Oven Contest entries, for Potluck Dinner, Turn in between 6:15-6:30
- 6:30pm Deadline to turn in Dutch Oven & Mountain Man Punch, Contest Entries (Pavilion)
- 7:00pm Potluck Dinner (Pavilion)
- 8:00pm Championship Kickball game at the Ballfield
- 9:30pm Bonfire (All Patrols need to do at least one skit, & prepare an exaggerated, "Mt. Man", Story. Ex: When Joe was 2 months old, he could already do 25 pushups. At the age of 3 he killed his first grizzly. Get the idea, this should be hilarious!!!)
- 11:00pm All Troops in campsites and quiet time begins

## Sunday

- 7:00am Quiet time ends and Troops prepare breakfast, eat, and cleanup
- 9:30am Chapel
- 10:00am Awards Ceremony
- 11:00am Troops pack and clean campsites, volunteers clean restrooms
- 12:00pm SSMMC is officially over, but feel free to enjoy these 3, gorgeous, San Saba parks, for as long as you like, as a troop. Have a SAFE trip home!

**Registration Information**  
**10th Annual San Saba Mountain Man Camporee**  
**Mar 31st – Apr 2nd, 2023**

San Saba River Nature Park, Risien Park, & Mill Pond Park  
San Saba, TX

Troop \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Email \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

**IF PAID BY March 24th**, pay the following amounts to receive the **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**:

Number of youth attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paid after March 24<sup>th</sup>, pay the normal fees of the following amounts:

Number of youth attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment deadline is Mar 31st, 2023, at the event.**

Mail this form with your check to: Texas Trails Council  
SSMMC 2023  
3811 N 1st  
Abilene, TX 79603

Make checks payable to Texas Trails Council. **You may also register/pay online, at the council website**

# SSMMC 2023 Dutch Oven & Mountain Man Punch Contest Rules

Last year's Dutch Oven and Mountain Man Punch, Potluck, was such a success, we're doing it again. Every year we have amazingly delicious, Entrees, Desserts, and MM Punch. Can't wait to see what happens this year.

This is a Troop event. This means that Leaders and Scouts can work together on this, or, Scouts can do it alone, or, Leaders can do it alone. Each Troop can have multiple entries. Just remember, it is a Troop event. This means that the prize will be a Troop prize, and the SM of that Troop can decide how to handle it. If you would like to join the Potluck dinner, we just ask that each Troop provide an Entrée, and/or a Dessert, and optionally provide Dutch Oven Biscuits/Breads for extra points towards your entrée entry. Please provide enough food to feed your entire Troop, and then some, so that there will be plenty for all.

The Dutch Oven & Mountain Man Punch Entries, must be taken to the Pavilion when completed. All cooking with the Dutch Ovens must be done utilizing, "LEAVE NO TRACE", techniques. If you are unable to cook at your campsite using, "Leave No Trace", techniques, you may put foil on the slab at the Pavilion, and cook there, on the concrete. All Entries must arrive at the Pavilion between 6:15 and 6:30pm to be eligible for the contest. If you miss the deadline, go ahead and bring it when you can, to participate in the Potluck Dinner, but it will be too late to be judged. After the judges are served, the Pot Luck dinner will begin. We will award 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place prizes, in the Entrée, Dessert, & Mountain Man Punch, categories.

As stated earlier, a Mountain Man Punch, is a category in the contest. That's right, if you as an individual, a patrol, or a troop, want to whip up a great, non-alcoholic punch, we'll be judging that as a separate category this year, along with the dessert and main entrée categories. A minimum of 3 gallons of cold punch is needed to enter. Turn your Punch in, between 6:15 and 6:30, to be eligible. Again, we will be awarding 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place prizes, in this category.

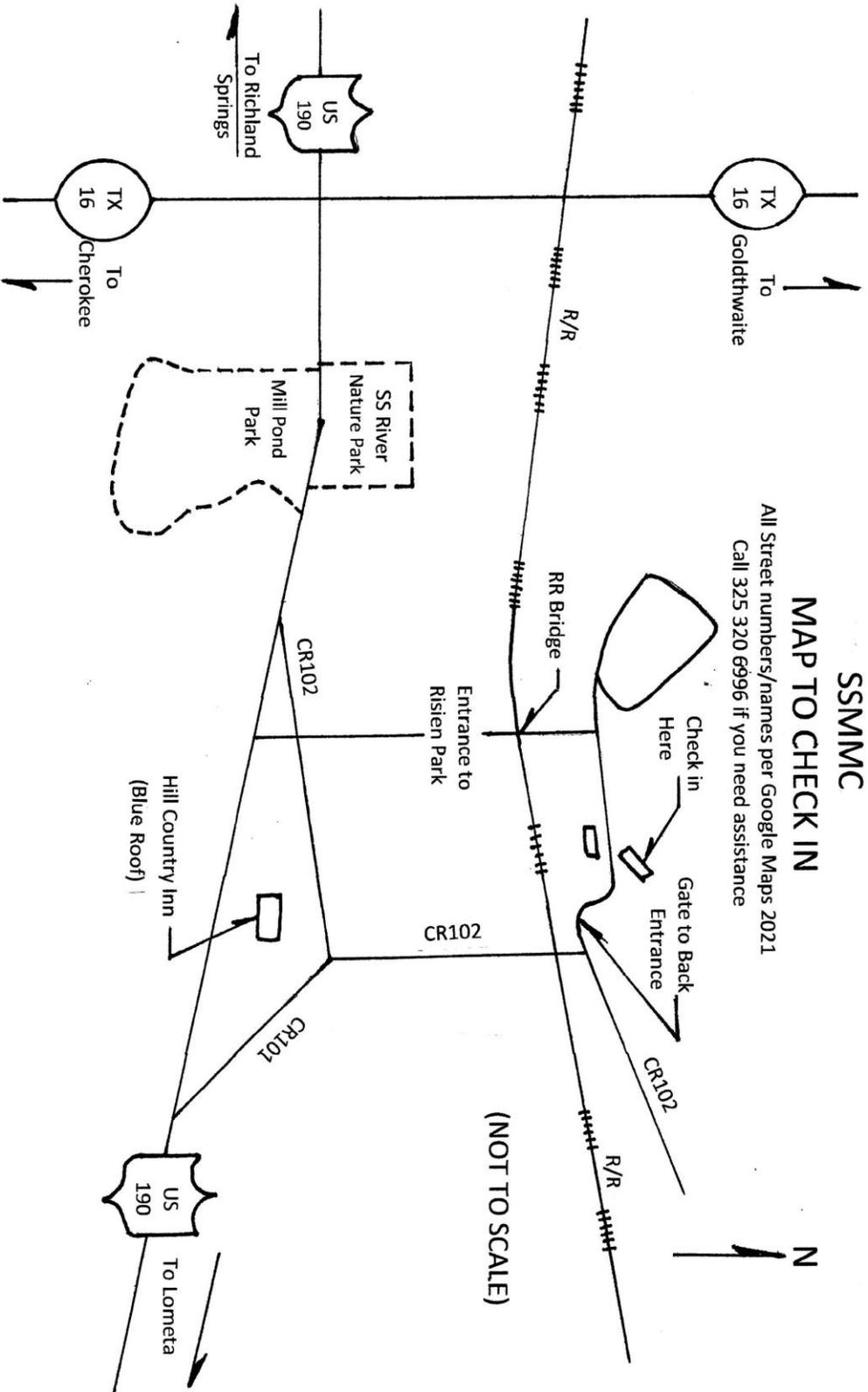
The judging will start at 6:30pm, and the potluck where everyone will join in the feast, will begin at 7:00pm. Tip, it is probably best, that when you drop off your entry in the contest, to go back to your camp until the 7pm feast begins. Thank you

In all categories, the Judges are looking for the best tasting, most appealing to the eye, originality, and difficulty of preparation. Good Luck!!!

# SSMMC

## MAP TO CHECK IN

All Street numbers/names per Google Maps 2021  
Call 325 320 6996 if you need assistance



**FROM THE WEST:** From the center of San Saba, at the intersection of US 190 (Wallace St) and TX 16 (High St), go East on US 190 about 1/2 mile, veer left @ CR 102, then go about 200', take a left into Risen Park. You'll see a Railroad Bridge in front of you, continue straight into the park, and someone will see you just past the RR Bridge, to check you in. If you get to Hill Country Inn (blue metal roof), you've gone too far.

**FROM THE EAST:** Travel West on US 190, continue about 600' past, Hill Country Inn (blue metal roof). There, you'll turn right just past the sign for Risen Park, and you'll come to a stop sign. After stopping, continue straight, and you'll be entering Risen Park. You'll see a RR Bridge in front of you, continue straight into the park, and someone will see you just past the RR Bridge, to check you in. If you get to Mill Pond Park or San Saba Nature Park, you've gone too far.