



WINTER CAMP 2023

LEADER & PROGRAM GUIDE

CAMP TONKAWA

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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, and a whole lot 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,

This Winter Camp Program will be 4-day 3-night Camp section. To a Scout, Winter Camp is the greatest adventure that Scouting holds. It will be particularly exciting for all 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 5 Class Blocks with 15+ different Merit Badges including 5 Eagle required. 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 report listing the Merit Badge requirements that were covered. The staff will not be using Blue-Card. We have a 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 Cub Scout BB gun and Archery Training, and maybe basic Dutch Oven/Camp Cooking for adults. Some of these Classes will take place the whole 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 Leader Lounge and drink Coffee all day by all means do so. The Training Classes are just there in case a Leader would like something else to do.

We are requiring Units to have At Least Two (2) Adult Leaders signed up for winter camp if your Unit has more than 6 Scouts attend. We are doing that this year to help keep your scouts acting as scouts. Units with more than 16 Scouts attending Winter Camp will need to add more adults to fulfill the YPT aspect of Camping overnight.

How it Works.

Scouts will register as individual or as Unit. We are expecting many Maverick Scouts to Sign-up for this Camp, and that is completely fine. We will be placing all the Scouts into Campsites as they sign-up for camp. These groups will not be by Units, unless a whole Unit signs up together. We are Limiting the number Scouts that can attend the Winter Camp this year to 125 scouts and it will be as a first come first serve registration. The cost per is \$175 per Scout, this will cover the cost of all Meals and the Material for Merit Badge. Troops that are going to Sign-up their whole Troop (with more than 10 Scouts) will be place 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 Signed-up to get the best deal. Sign-up now through November 4th, and you will receive a \$40 early bird discount for all Scouts attending **when paid in full by Nov. 4th, 2023**. Sign-up on November 5th, through December 16th Scouts will pay the regular Winter Camp price of \$175. On December 17th, through walking on at Camp to attend it will Cost \$225 per Scout to attend.

Time Frame for Leaders to get Signed-up to get the best deal. Sign-up now through November 4th, and you will receive a \$20 early bird discount for all Scout Leaders attending when paid in full. Sign-up on November 5th, through December 16th Leaders will pay the regular Winter Camp price of \$95. On December 17th, through walking on at Camp to attend it will Cost \$125 to attend. These prices for Adult Leaders doesn't 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 an Adult 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 offered for adults that is okay too. Those Adults will be placed in a Campsite where Adults are need just for YPT and Leadership at night.

Our goal is to place Scouts in Campsites with other scouts they may know, these groups will be made up from Scouts across the Council and state that Sign-up.

Just like last Year, all Scouts and Leaders will need to Bring a Tent for Winter Camp this year. The Camp and Staff will Not have Tents' setup again this year for anyone.

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, RV's, ATV/UTV, Generator or Pets of any kind except service dogs (with paperwork)!!!

What to Bring!

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:

Housing & Bedding - Tent, Hammocks, Sleeping Bag.

Optional Items: Pillow, Sleep Pad, Cot

Clothing - Pants, shirts and Troop tee shirts, Field Uniform, Daily change of underwear and socks, Handkerchiefs, Raincoat and/or poncho, Hiking Boots, Pajamas, Sweater and Jacket

Optional Items: Gloves, Hat, Shower shoes (i.e. flip flop, Crocs)

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

Day Items – Water Bottle, Note Pad, and Pen/pencil. Something to keep time.

Optional - Knapsack/Daypack, Knife, Fork, Spoon, Flashlight, Extra Batteries, Book, Compass, Camera & film (single use camera's work GREAT!), Mess Kit and Canteen, Sewing Kit, Individual First Aid Kit, About \$30 or more for Trading Post Items, etc.



MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Merit Badge classes form the backbone of the program at Camp Tonkawa. Each day is divided into 5 Block Periods of class instruction time during the day. With 20 different classes to choose from, your scouts will be sure to find classes that will suit their needs. 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.

Advancement is an integral part of Scouting and as such is important to any successful camp. The following are guidelines for planning your Scout's trail during your stay at Camp Tonkawa. There are two essential thoughts to keep in mind while counseling those who plan to attend camp.

- 1) the individual scout's skill and desires and
- 2) the schedule of times needed to complete any badge. Please be sure to counsel each scout individually noting the prerequisites that merit badges may have. These prerequisites are given to assist you and the Scout in completing the skill.

Scout's Advancement Progress

Check in the program areas about your Scout's progress as you feel necessary. During camp, you are encouraged to visit the program areas and discuss your Scout's progress with the instructors.

Only through counseling can you determine what badges a Scout needs to work on or in which they have the desires and skills. Here are some crucial steps in the planning process.

- A scout's physical skill needs to be considered especially in the aquatic badges. In shooting sports, the experience of shooting, archery, and rifle need to be considered.
- Scouts should come to camp having read the requirements and reviewed the Merit Badge Book. Prerequisites should accompany them to their first class.
- Merit Badge applications should be readied prior to camp arrival, including signatures.

- Scouts who come prepared will be able to finish the badge in less time having additional time for open areas and Troop programming. Please be sure to carefully review pre-requisites for each Merit Badge.

WORKSHEETS

Merit Badge Worksheets will be available in the Camp Office for \$0.50 upon request. 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 will be available at the Trading Post for purchase and MB Worksheets will be available for purchase in the Camp Office upon request. 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 BADGES OFFERED

		<i>Prerequisites or Requirements Not available at camp</i>	NOTES
NATURE/ECOLOGY/CONSERVATION			
	Veterinary Medicine		
	Pets		<i>Cannot be Completed at Camp</i>
	Dog Care		<i>Cannot be Completed at Camp</i>
OUTDOOR SKILLS			
	Wilderness Survival	<i>Req: 5</i>	<i>Not for 1st year campers. Must spend the night in a shelter that you build.</i>
SHOOTING SPORTS			
	Archery		<i>Needs lots of practice.</i>
	Rifle Shooting		<i>Needs lots of practice.</i>
HANDICRAFTS			
	Art	<i>Req: 6</i>	
	Sculpture	<i>Req: 3d, 5i</i>	

	Pottery		
	Genealogy		
	Chemistry		<i>Cannot be Completed at Camp (need to setup a Chemistry Lab Tour)</i>
MISCELLANEOUS			
	Public Speaking		
	Robotics		<i>This Class is for Scouts 14+ years old only</i>
	Electronics		
	Electricity		
	Archaeology		
Eagle Required Merit Badge			
	First Aid	<i>Req: 5a and 5b</i>	
	Cooking	<i>Req: 4a-4e and 5a-5h</i>	
	Family Life		<i>This Merit Badge takes at least 3 months to complete.</i>
	Personal Management		<i>This Merit Badge takes at least 3 months to complete.</i>
	Personal Fitness		<i>This Merit Badge takes at least 3 months to complete.</i>

The merit badges listed above are planned and scheduled for Scouts BSA resident Winter camp 2023. The camp reserves the right to cancel, reschedule or otherwise change the merit badge offerings during the camp session.

Every attempt will be made to fulfill the schedule of all merit badges. Please understand that staffing and/or resources may be unavailable to realize all merit badge classes.



Schedule for Winter Camp

Camp Tonkawa Schedule			
Day 1 December 27th		Day 3 December 29th	
Time		Time	
4:30-9:00	Check In	7:20	Flags
4:30-10:00	Campsite Setup	7:30-8:00	Breakfast
7:30-8:30	Pickup Pre-Order Camp Shirts	8:15 - 9:30	Block 1
7:30-10:00	Game Night	9:45 - 11:00	Block 2
11:00	Lights Out	11:15 - 12:30	Block 3
		12:45 - 1:15	Lunch
Day 2 December 28th		1:20 - 2:30	Free Period
Time		2:45-4:00	Block 4
7:20	Flags	4:15 - 5:30	Block 5
7:30-8:00	Breakfast	6:00	Flags
8:15 - 9:30	Block 1	6:20-7:00	Dinner
9:45 - 11:00	Block 2	7:15-10:00	Movie Night
11:15 - 12:30	Block 3	11:00	Lights Out
12:45 - 1:15	Lunch		
1:20 - 2:30	Free Period	Day 4 December 30th	
2:45-4:00	Block 4	Time	
4:15 - 5:30	Block 5	7:20	Flags
6:00	Flags	7:30-8:00	Breakfast
6:20-7:00	Dinner	8:15-9:15	Block 1
7:15 - 8:30	Camp Wide Game	9:30-10:30	Block 2
8:45-9:30	Campfire	10:45-11:45	Block 3
11:00	Lights Out	12:00-12:30	Lunch
		12:30-1:00	Camp Breakdown
		1:00-2:00	Block 4
		2:15-3:15	Block 5
		3:30	Flags
		3:45-5:00	Check Out

Game Night: Day 1 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.






Campfire: Day 2 we will hold a Campfire Program mixed Skits from Staff and Troops. Plus, there will be a Camp Wide game to play that night.

Movie Night: Day 3 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. Scouts 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.

Block	Merit Badge	Block	Merit Badge
Block 1 8:15 to 9:30am	 Personal Management MB	Block 4 2:45 to 4:00pm	 Cooking MB
	Veterinary Medicine MB		Archery MB
	Pottery MB		Genealogy MB
	Robotics MB		Electronics MB
Block	Merit Badge	Block	Merit Badge
Block 2 9:45 to 11:00 am	 Family Life MB	Block 5 4:15 to 5:30pm	 First Aid MB
	Art MB		Chemistry MB
	Sculpture MB		Aechacology MB
	Pets / Dog Care MB		Electricity MB
Block	Merit Badge		
Block 3 11:15 to 12:30pm	 Personal Fitness MB		
	Rifle Shooting MB		
	Wilderness Survival MB		
	Public Speaking MB		

Any Scout taking Photography Merit Badge needs to bring a Camara with to Winter Camp. The Camara will be used during the Merit Badge Class for those Requirements.

For example, a Scout can sign-up for First Aid MB from Block 1, Rifle Shooting MB from Block 2, Photography MB from Block 3, Hiking MB from Block 4 and Astronomy MB from Block 5. Once the Scouts Sign-up for their Classes a schedule will be for each Scout.

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

2023 WINTER CAMP FEES

	Early Bird Discount when Paid before November 4 th , 2023	On or Before December 16 th , 2023	After December 16 th , 2023
Youth	\$135.00	\$175.00	\$225.00
Leader	\$75.00	\$95.00	\$125.00
Part-Time Leaders (Part time leaders are leaders spending less than ½ time at camp)	\$25.00/day		

- There are no part-time youths at camp. All youth pay the full fee.
- A Late Fee of \$25.00 will be applied to all reservations received after December 26th, 2023.** The only exception to this policy will be for Scouts and Leaders joining Scouting for the first time on or after December 26th, 2023. Any unit adding a Scout or Leader after this date must give the Council Office a specific name. This policy is intended to assist us in planning our food, supplies, and equipment orders in advance of your arrival.
- If a unit discovers that a Scout or Leader cannot attend summer camp, and alerts the Scout Center on or before December 20th, 2023, \$50.00 of that person's camp fee will be non-refundable. **Scout and full-time leadership slots are interchangeable.**

REFUND POLICY

Units are asked not to over reserve places for Scouts and leaders. This often means that others will be denied spaces, which would have otherwise been available. **There are no refunds for “no shows”.** Only medical emergencies will constitute a valid reason for a refund. **\$50.00 is not refundable in any case. The Council will credit refunds to the Unit’s Unit Account at the Council Service Center for use by the Unit for Scout Shop purchases, registrations and Boy’s Life fees, or event, activity, and training fees.**

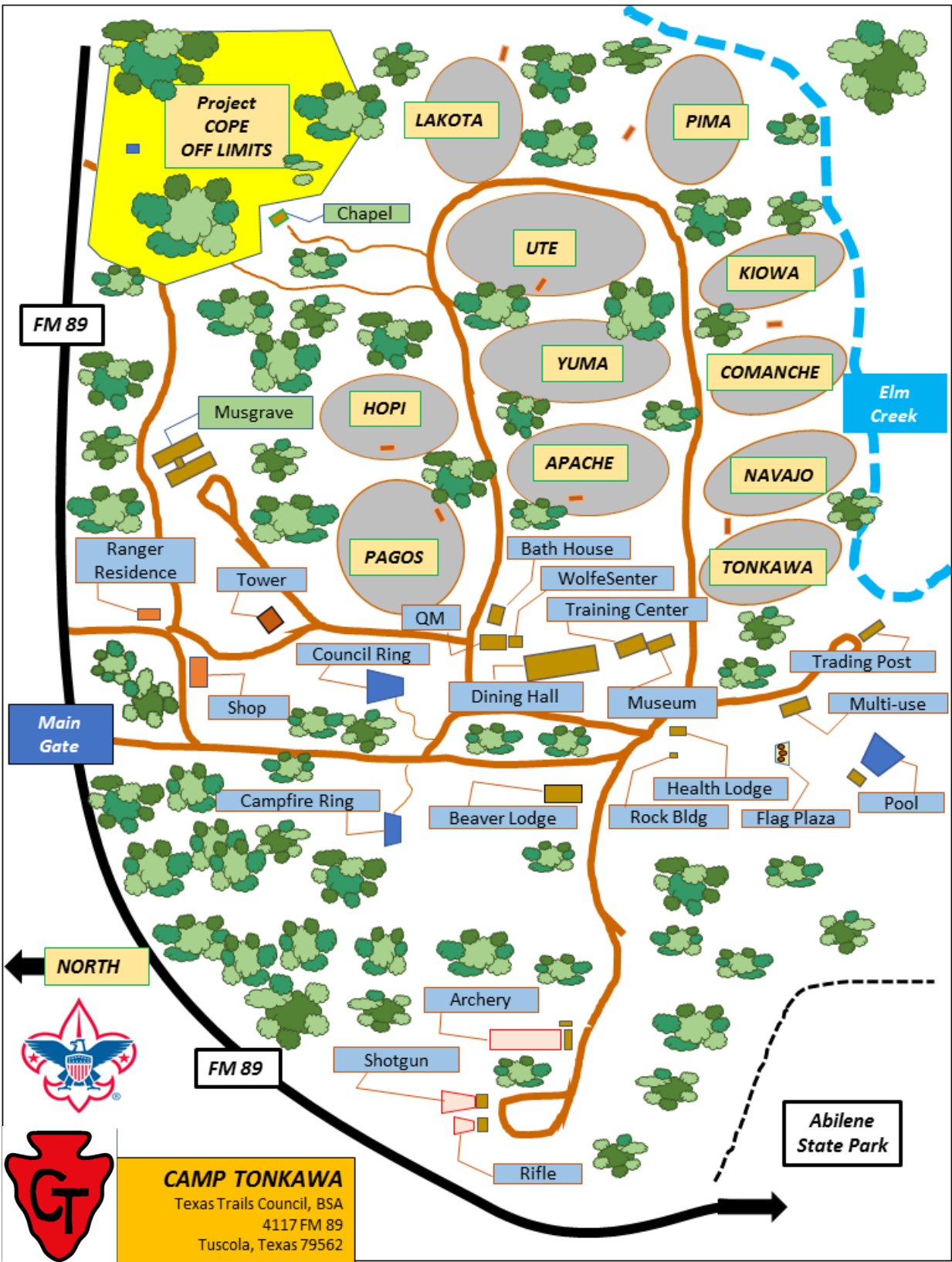
If a Scout or Leader becomes ill while attending camp and is sent home by the camp medical staff, they are eligible for a pro-rated refund (by day) of the “balance of fee.” (Remember \$50.00 is non-refundable.) If a camper leaves without being sent home by the camp medical staff, there is **NO** refund.

All refunds and overpayments will be processed after camp has been balanced by the Council Service Center. **All refunds and overpayments will post to the Unit’s Account at the Council Service Center.** A notification of the deposit will be emailed to the Unit Committee Chairman.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

The Texas Trails Council, Boy Scouts of America provides program, facilities, and services without regard to race, color, national origin, age, gender, or handicap. However, all leaders and youth on the camp **must** be current registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. All part-time leaders that will be camping overnight on the camp **must** be current registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. **No camper, youth, or adult will be permitted to stay in camp unless their full camp fees have been paid prior to the start of their camp session.**

Camp Map



CAMP MAIL SERVICE

Mailboxes for each campsite, which should be checked by a leader daily, are in the Camp Office. Outgoing mail is also delivered to the Post Office from here daily. Letters for Scouts at camp should be sent to the following address:



Scout's Name & Pack Number
Camp Tonkawa
4117 FM 89
TUSCOLA, TEXAS 79562

CAMP PHONE SERVICE

The Camp Office telephone is used for **Camp Business and Emergencies Only**. The telephone number is 325-572-3337, and it is answered 24 hours a day.

TRADING POST

The Camp Tonkawa Trading Post is stocked with various souvenirs, t-shirts, patches, camping gear, writing materials, stamps, refreshments, and toilet articles. The following hours of operation are subject to change due to staffing and camper traffic. The trading post is open after morning flags until approximately 8:00pm each evening. The specific hours of the trading post will be announced and posted.



SPENDING MONEY - It is suggested that Scouts bring spending money to camp. We have a very well stocked Trading Post. Some Scouts bring approximately \$50 or a prepaid credit card to camp. Troops may wish to operate a "bank" to hold money for Scouts while at camp. Only small bills \$1s, \$5s & \$10s should be brought to camp. The Trading Post cannot easily make change for larger bills. **The Trading Post also can process Credit Card payments for purchases over \$10.00! There will be NO Unit or personal IOU Taps started without the approval of the Camp Director!**

All personal items and spending money should be kept in a secure camp box while at camp. Clothing should be clearly marked with your full name and Troop number. **Camp Tonkawa and Staff are not responsible for securing or for the loss of personal items. It is your responsibility to keep track of all personal valuables while at camp.**

CAMP T-SHIRTS

T-shirts are available to order for \$14 each for youth and adult sizes up to XL. Adult XXL –XXXL are available for \$17 each. Order Form is attached lower in this Guide. Pre-Order of Camp T-shirt are Due to the Scout Shop in Abilene by End of Business on November 25th, 2023



The Snowflake Design will be on the Front of each of the T-Shirt and Long-Sleeve Shirt. The "DIDN'T FREEZE..." Design will be on the Back of each of the T-shirt and Long-Sleeve Shirt.



UNIT Winter Camp T-SHIRT



PRE-ORDER FORM

We are offering Units and individual, who are attending Winter Camp the opportunity to pre-order 2023 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 November 25th, 2023

_____ Adult Small T-Shirts @ \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult Medium T-Shirts @ \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult Large T-Shirts @ \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult X-large T-Shirts @ \$14.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult XX-large T-Shirts @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult XXX-large T-Shirts @ \$17.00 = \$ _____

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 2023 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 November 25th, 2023

_____ Adult Small Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult Medium Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult Large Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult X-large Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$18.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult XX-large Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

_____ Adult XXX-large Long Sleeve T-Shirts @ \$25.00 = \$ _____

Total # of T-Shirts _____

Total amount \$ _____

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