

# PROGRAM GUIDE



2024





# A Program Guide

for Parents, Leaders and Scouts



# WELCOME TO CAMP PERRY!

## Program at Camp Perry

Nestled along the picturesque banks of the Arroyo Colorado in the heart of South Texas, our camp stands as the oldest continuously operating Boy Scout camp in the state of Texas. Rich in tradition and brimming with opportunities, Camp Perry is the perfect setting for a summer filled with unforgettable experiences.

This season, we're thrilled to blend our cherished traditions with exciting new offerings, creating a unique camping experience that you'll find only at Camp Perry. Our aim is to provide every Scout with a fun, engaging, and enriching environment where both advancement and enjoyment are prioritized.

During the day, our camp buzzes with the energy of Scouts embarking on their merit badge classes, from environmental science to robotics. As evening falls, the adventure continues with our Open Areas program—whether it's mastering chess moves, crafting artistic creations, honing archery skills, or cooling off in the pool, there's always something to pique your interest.

But that's not all—special to Camp Perry are our exclusive evening activities. Imagine canoeing under a breathtaking sunset or fishing by starlight along the serene Arroyo Colorado. These are moments that promise not just fun, but a deep connection with nature and fellow Scouts.

At Camp Perry, we believe that every Scout's journey is important. Whether you're here to advance through the ranks or to soak up every bit of fun and learning our program offers, we are dedicated to making your stay both productive and pleasurable.

We can't wait to welcome you to Camp Charles F. Perry, where your summer adventure awaits, filled with new skills, new friends, and memories that will last a lifetime. See you at the campfire!

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Ariana Garlic'.

Ariana Garlic  
Program Director

96 YEARS



OF TRADITION

# CAMP PERRY

RIO HONDO, TX



Longest continuously operated  
Boy Scout Camp in the State  
of Texas!



## 30 MERIT BADGES AND ACTIVITIES

- |                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| SWIMMING            | ARCHERY           |
| INSTRUCTIONAL SWIM  | RIFLE SHOOTING    |
| LIFESAVING          | SHOTGUN SHOOTING  |
| BSA LIFEGUARD       | ART               |
| CANOEING            | BASKETRY          |
| KAYAKING            | WELDING           |
| MOTOR BOATING       | MOVIE MAKING      |
| ROWING              | GRAPHIC ARTS      |
| CAMPING             | SPACE EXPLORATION |
| WILDERNESS SURVIVAL | CHEMISTRY         |
| ORIENTEERING        | INVENTING         |
| PIONERING           | BIRD STUDY        |
| COOKING             | MAMMAL STUDY      |
| FIRST AID           | NATURE            |
| SAFETY              | SEARCH AND RESCUE |
|                     | FISHING           |

JUNE 23-29, 2024

### REGISTER TODAY

[WWW.RIOGRANDECOUNCIL.ORG](http://WWW.RIOGRANDECOUNCIL.ORG)

RIO GRANDE COUNCIL  
**YOUTH \$99**

YOUTH OUT OF COUNCIL: \$249

ADULT:\$149



BOY SCOUTS  
OF AMERICA®  
RIO GRANDE COUNCIL

# LEADERSHIP TEAM

---



**Gabriel Rodriguez**  
Camp Director



**Ariana Garlic**  
Program Director



**Joanne Guevara**  
Camp Commissioner



**John Guevara**  
Business Manager



**John McGinnis**  
Quartermaster



**John Moreno**  
Lead Campmaster



**Jake Margo, Jr., MD**  
Council President



**Andrew Phillips, MD**  
Council VP - Program



**Luis Rodriguez, MBA**  
Scout Executive, CEO



# PROGRAM AREAS



# WATERFRONT



## OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Our comprehensive waterfront program offers an array of exhilarating water sports including canoeing, kayaking, motor boating, and rowing, each providing Scouts with the opportunity to earn merit badges while mastering the skills of navigation and water safety. Under the guidance of expert instructors, Scouts will learn to steer their way through the basics to advanced techniques, ensuring they gain confidence and proficiency on the water. The waterfront is not just about skill acquisition; it's a place where camaraderie is built and leadership is forged. Join us at the docks for a summer filled with challenges, learning, and unforgettable aquatic adventures!



# POOL



## MAKE A SPLASH

Immerse yourself in the cool, refreshing waters of Camp Perry's pool, a central highlight of our summer camp experience. Perfect for both beginner swimmers and aquatic experts, our pool area offers a variety of water-based activities designed to teach valuable life skills, promote physical fitness, and ensure endless fun under the sun. From learning essential swimming techniques to engaging in spirited pool games, scouts will have the opportunity to earn merit badges while making a splash. Safety is our top priority, with lifeguards on duty to oversee all water activities, ensuring a safe and enjoyable environment for every scout. Dive into a summer of aquatic adventures at Camp Perry, where memories are made in the water!





# HANDICRAFT



## CREATIVE SPARK

Unleash your artistic potential at the Handicraft Area, a vibrant hub of creativity and skill at Camp Perry. Offering a diverse range of activities, from basket weaving and painting to movie making and graphic arts, this area allows Scouts to explore different mediums and express themselves artistically. Under the guidance of skilled staff, Scouts will craft projects that not only earn them merit badges but also provide a tangible connection to their creative spirits. Whether they're weaving intricate patterns, capturing emotions on canvas, directing short films, or designing digital masterpieces, each Scout will find a unique way to tell their story. Step into our Handicraft Area and transform your ideas into art, creating memories and masterpieces that last a lifetime.



# OUTDOOR SKILLS



## ADVENTURE AWAITS

Embark on a journey of discovery and skill-building in the great outdoors with Camp Perry's Outdoor Skills program. Here, Scouts have the chance to earn merit badges in camping, cooking, pioneering, orienteering, and geocaching. Each activity is designed to challenge Scouts, enhance their Scouting skills, and deepen their appreciation for nature. Under the guidance of experienced instructors, Scouts will learn how to set up camp in the wilderness, prepare meals over an open fire, construct sturdy structures using traditional pioneering techniques, navigate through camp's terrain, and use GPS Geocaching technology to find hidden treasures. The Outdoor Skills Area is not just about learning; it's about applying knowledge in real-world scenarios, fostering independence, teamwork, and a lasting respect for the environment. Join us for a hands-on adventure that transforms basic outdoor activities into life lessons and leadership experiences.



# NATURE



## CALL OF THE WILD

This immersive nature and conservation area offers Scouts the opportunity to earn the Nature merit badge, alongside specialized badges in bird study, mammal study, and fishing. Each program is carefully designed to foster a deep respect and understanding of the natural world. Scouts will learn to identify various bird species, understand the behaviors of different mammals, and master the art of angling. Our expert guides and naturalists help Scouts to not only observe but interact with the ecosystem in meaningful ways, promoting conservation and wildlife appreciation. Whether they're by the lakeside waiting for a catch, or quietly observing wildlife, Scouts will gain invaluable skills and memories that last a lifetime.

Join us at Camp Perry, where nature's secrets unfold and inspire every Scout.



# STEM



## A NEW FRONTIER

Camp Perry's newest, STEM is dedicated to fostering innovation and exploration through hands-on activities in space exploration, chemistry, and inventing. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn merit badges as they delve into the mysteries of the cosmos, experiment with exciting chemical reactions, and turn their inventive ideas into reality. Guided by experts in each field, our programs are designed to spark a passion for science and technology, encouraging Scouts to think critically and solve problems creatively. Whether they're launching rockets, mixing solutions, or crafting prototypes, Scouts will learn essential skills to prepare them for tomorrow. Join us for a summer of discovery at the STEM Area, where future scientists and engineers take flight!

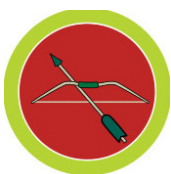


# BMX TRACK





# SHOOTING SPORTS



## SHOOTING SPORTS

Here, Scouts can engage in archery, rifle, and shotgun shooting, learning the finer points of each under the guidance of certified BSA and NRA instructors. Our programs are designed to teach safety, responsibility, and skillful handling of equipment while fostering an appreciation for the shooting sports. Scouts will have the opportunity to earn merit badges as they improve their accuracy, learn about the mechanics of firearms, and practice the principles of good sportsmanship. The range is a place of focus and precision, where every participant is encouraged to set personal goals and achieve them through dedication and practice. Whether they're drawing a bow, sighting a rifle, or firing a shotgun, Scouts will develop confidence and capabilities that extend beyond the range. Join us for a season of safe, educational, and empowering shooting experiences at Camp Perry!



# HEALTH & SAFETY

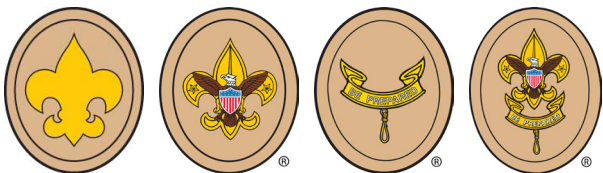


## FIRST AID, SEARCH & RESCUE, AND SAFETY

This area offers the opportunity to earn merit badges in First Aid, Search and Rescue, and Safety, providing Scouts with the knowledge and skills to respond effectively in emergency situations. Through practical hands-on learning and real-life simulations, Scouts will master first aid skills, develop the ability to assess and react to various scenarios, and learn to maintain safety in both everyday and high-risk situations. Guided by professionals and trained staff with expertise in emergency response and safety education, our program is designed to empower Scouts with confidence and competence that will serve them for a lifetime. Join us in building a foundation of courage and care that can truly make a difference.



# FIRST YEAR CAMPER



## CAMP PERRY PIONEERS

Camp Perry offers the CP2 program to provide structured, basic scout skills as a part of the summer camp program for the first-year camper. The program involves new scouts in a patrol setting, led by CP2 staff members. Scouts will participate in skills instruction and other advancement situations throughout day. Scouts will be organized into patrols, using the patrol method, and will work together during the same class all week. Scouts enrolled in the CP2 program are not restricted to only Tenderfoot requirements, but will progress toward Second and First Class requirements. There will also be requirements completed towards First Aid, Swimming and Leatherwork Merit Badges. Totin' Chip, Firem'n Chit, and the Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award will be also be offered. Merit badge completion is not guaranteed, but it is possible.





# PROGRAM SCHEDULE

# DAILY SCHEDULE



6:00AM	Sunrise Activity	Parade Ground
7:30AM	Morning Flag	Parade Ground
7:45AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:45AM	Leader's Meeting	Leader's Lounge
9:00AM	First Period	Program Areas
10:10AM	Second Period	Program Areas
11:20AM	Third Period	Program Areas
12:30PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:30PM	SPL Meeting	Commissioner
1:50PM	Fourth Period	Program Areas
3:00PM	Fifth Period	Program Areas
4:15PM	Open Areas	Program Areas
6:15PM	Evening Flag	Parade Ground
6:30PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
7:30PM	Evening Program	Dining Hall
9:00PM	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
9:00PM	Troop Activities	Dining Hall
11:00PM	Lights Out	Dining Hall

# MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

## AQUATICS (POOL):

	1ST PERIOD	2ND PERIOD	3RD PERIOD	LUNCH	4TH PERIOD	5TH PERIOD
	9:00AM-10:00AM	10:10AM-11:10AM	11:20AM-12:20PM	12:30PM-1:40PM	1:50PM-2:50PM	3:00PM-4:00PM
Instructional Swim			CP <sup>2</sup> Only	LUNCH		
BSA Lifeguard.	All Day Class				All Day Class	
Swimming			CP <sup>2</sup> Only			
Paddleboarding & Snorkeling						
Lifesaving	2 Hour Class					

## AQUATICS (DOCKS):

Canoeing				LUNCH		
Kayaking						
Rowing						
Motorboating						

## HANDICRAFT:

Basketry				LUNCH		CP <sup>2</sup> Only
Art						
Welding						
Movie Making						
Graphic Arts						

## OUTDOOR SKILLS:

Camping				LUNCH		
Wilderness Survival						
Orienteering						
Cooking						
Pioneering						
Geocaching						

# MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

## SHOOTING SPORTS:

	1ST PERIOD	2ND PERIOD	3RD PERIOD	LUNCH	4TH PERIOD	5TH PERIOD
	9:00AM-10:00AM	10:10AM-11:10AM	11:20AM-12:20PM	12:30PM-1:40PM	1:50PM-2:50PM	3:00PM-4:00PM
Archery	2 Hour Class			LUNCH	2 Hour Class	
Rifle Shooting		2 Hour Class			2 Hour Class	
Shotgun Shooting		2 Hour Class			2 Hour Class	

## STEM:

Space Exploration				LUNCH		
Chemistry						
Robotics			FULL			
Inventing						

## NATURE:

Nature				LUNCH		
Bird Study						
Mammal Study						
Fish & Wildlife Management						
Fishing					FULL	

## HEALTH LODGE:

First Aid				LUNCH	CP <sup>2</sup> Only	
Safety						
Search and Rescue						

## BMX:

Open Track				LUNCH		
------------	--	--	--	-------	--	--

## FIRST YEAR CAMPER PROGRAM:

Camp Perry Pioneers (CP <sup>2</sup> )	Scout Skills	Swimming	LUNCH	First Aid	Crafts
--	--------------	----------	-------	-----------	--------



EVENING  
PROGRAM



## OPENING CAMPFIRE

Monday, June 24, 2024

@ WATERFRONT  
AMPHITHEATER

## CLOSING CAMPFIRE

Friday, June 28, 2024

@ R.W. LISTON  
AMPHITHEATER

# ORDEAL CALLOUT

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

The Order of the Arrow is Scouting's National Honor Society, chartered by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. As a service-oriented honor society, Wewanoma Lodge supports camping and Camp Perry year round in a variety of ways, one of which is sponsoring several Camperships for scouts. Youth and adult Wewanoma Lodge leaders will occasionally be present throughout camp. The OA Camp Chief—a paid member of Camp Perry summer camp staff—will act as a liaison for the OA while carrying out their other staff duties. The OA Camp Chief will also coordinate Wednesday night's OA Callout Ceremony, starting in the Waterfront Amphitheater at 7:45 PM. Immediately following, the Lodge will hold an Ice Cream Social in the OA Lodge for OA members and new candidates at camp after the Callout ceremony.



WEWANOMA LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

**SUMMER CAMP**



**2024**

**JUNE 23RD-29TH**

**REGISTER TODAY:**

[WWW.RIOGRANDECOUNCIL.ORG](http://WWW.RIOGRANDECOUNCIL.ORG)

