

2025 WINTER CAMP

A complete guidebook for unit leaders,
scouts and parents.

R I O G R A N D E C O U N C I L . O R G

Dear Scouter,

The number of Scouts achieving the Eagle rank has increased dramatically since the Rio Grande Council added Winter Camp to its rich tradition of quality programs. Scouters who have participated in past Winter Camps can feel proud of having been a part of this great achievement. We can't emphasize enough what a great opportunity Winter Camp represents toward keeping our scouts on their Trail to Eagle all at an affordable price.

This year we celebrate our 31st Winter Camp and 116 years of Scouting!!! On behalf of the Rio Grande Council and the Winter Camp Committee we would like to extend a cordial invitation to all troops and a big thanks to all who have contributed with their time and effort to make Winter Camp the great experience it is. Last year's Winter Camp was a success, and we are looking forward to ANOTHER Great Winter Camp Again.

This year's Winter Camp will be a Short Term Camp. All classes will be held at Camp Perry and will start at 1:15 pm on Friday, December 26, 2025 and we're ending camp on Monday, December 29, 2025 after 2 nd Period with a 1:00 pm departure (or earlier) time allowing everyone to make it home in time to enjoy the end of year. The gates will open at 10:00 am Friday December 26, 2025—Leaders/SPL Meeting at 12:00 pm in Gym. On December 26, 2025—3 rd , 4 th and 5 th Period classes will take place and only 1 st and 2 nd Period classes will take place on December 29, 2025. A Brown Bag Lunch will available on Friday December 26, 2025 and on Monday December 29, 2025.

Please read this Leaders' Guide thoroughly, since changes have been made. Troops attending should register as soon as possible since class space is limited.

ALL SCOUT LEADERS NEED TO COMPLETE THE ADULT LEADER PARTICIPATION APPLICATION BY Wednesday DECEMBER 9, 2024. PLEASE EMAIL OR FAX TO THE SCOUT OFFICE at 956-421-4950

Winter Camp is an All-Volunteer run camp put on by the Rio Grande Council. With the assistance of qualified adult leaders, scouts and merit badge counselors, we can offer a quality program with counselors that have the required expertise for the subjects they are teaching. If you would like to teach a merit badge or have any ideas how to enhance the program, please let us know as soon as possible via the e-mails listed below. Contact Oscar Garza at (956) 624-7610 or email him at cholrep@yahoo.com if you want to be a Winter Camp Volunteer. We want to hear from all of you. Registered troops will be notified of any changes to the program. An updated Merit Badge Schedule will be posted to the website with available course offerings as we get closer to the event.

We hope this information will be helpful and we look forward to seeing you and your troop at Winter Camp 2024.

Yours in Scouting,

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PARENTS / VISITORS

In effort to keep accurate records of Scouters at CAMP PERRY, and ensure Scout safety, individuals are not permitted on camp property without prior authorization. The Texas legislature has enacted the Texas Youth Camp Safety and Health Act that requires the council to conduct a criminal background check and sex offender database check on every adult who will be at camp. All adults attending camp in any capacity must complete an Adult in Camp Compliance (ACC) form a minimum of two weeks before camp, to allow sufficient time for the background checks to be completed. Completing this form allows the council office staff to complete a criminal background check on each adult in camp (regardless of time spent in camp). Visitors should also complete an ACC form; persons who have not completed an ACC form will have to be escorted by an adult the entire time they are on camp property and will only be permitted to enter camp if someone is available to escort them. Please take a photo or screenshot of the receipt for documentation of when you submitted your form

General Information

UNIFORMS

Please be in full official Scout uniform (all Scouts and adult leaders) for only Morning/Evening Flag Ceremonies and each evening meal. Activity shirts, i.e. Winter Camp T-Shirt, may be worn all other times.

COMMUNICATION WITH SCOUTS

We ask parents not to call their Scout except in the case of emergency. It's a good idea to contact the Unit Leader before contacting a Scout. In an attempt to discourage homesickness, we ask that you tell your Scout to not call home. Our experience shows that a homesick Scout doesn't improve if they call home.

VEHICLES IN CAMP

Vehicles are only allowed in the camping area to deliver equipment upon arrival to camp. All vehicles must be moved to the parking lot immediately after unloading so that others arriving have the same convenience. Do not wait to move your vehicle - campsites should be set up only after vehicles have been moved to the parking area.

FOOD ALLERGIES | DIETARY NEEDS

Any dietary restrictions or requests must be submitted on registration by December 18, 2024. Please contact Oscar R. Garza directly for any special food requests at (956) 624-7610 or cholrep@yahoo.com. While accommodations will be met to the best of the program's ability, Kosher/Vegan/Vegetarian diets should consider bringing items that will fulfill their scouts appetite throughout the course of the week.

SUPPLIES

Additional items such as trash bags, toilet paper, twine, brooms, water hoses and fire buckets may be checked out by contacting the Quartermasters.



CAMP AMENITIES

CAMPSITES

All campsites have a fire ring. The C.O.P.E. Course campsite provides primitive camping and modern restrooms at the South Latrines. The buildings and developed areas of the Camp Perry provide 19 campsites, select sites complete with platform tenting or pavilions, in close proximity to the central Dining Hall.

CAMP TRADING POST

The Trading Post will be open to serve items such as elotes, candy, cold drinks, and dry snacks. Various handicraft items will be offered along with T-shirts, mugs, patches and literature including some merit badge pamphlets for the merit badges being offered in the Winter Camp Program.

Hours of Operation: THU FRI SAT SUN

Accepted forms of payment: Cash, Debit Card, Credit Card

O.A. LODGE / SCOUTMASTERS LOUNGE

Adult leaders are invited here to take a break during the program day. Leaders can enjoy our Scoutmaster Lounge which offers air-conditioning, WIFI (for adults only). This is a great place to relax or get caught up on any work you may need to take care of.

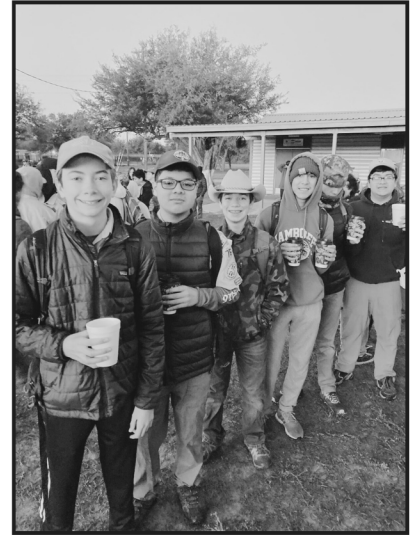
DINING HALL

All meals are provided by adult cooks and served (cafeteria style) by our youth staff. Well-planned meals provide a balanced diet and seconds are usually available. For Scouts with special dietary needs, send an email noting limitations to Cholrep@yahoo.com by December 18, 2025

The first meal of camp will be dinner on Thursday December 26, 2024. The last meal will be Lunch with a scheduled a 5:00 pm (or earlier) Departure on Sunday December 30, 2024.

SHOOTING RANGES

Rifle, Archery, and Shotgun have been designed and certified by BSA standards. The camp furnishes .22 caliber rifles for use on the rifle range, 20 gauge shotguns for use on the Skeet range, and recurve bows for use on the Archery range.



GENERAL CAMP FACILITIES INCLUDE:

Dining Hall
Health and Fitness Center
Trading Post
STEM Building
Order of the Arrow Lodge
Archery Range
Rifle Range
Shotgun Range
Fishing Dock
Aquatics Dock
Swimming Pool
ADA Campsite
Shower / Latrine Facilities
Gaga Ball Pit
OA Ceremonial
Amphitheater
Quartermaster's Facility
Basketball Court
BMX Course

NATIONAL CAMP STANDARDS

Camp Perry scout reservation is inspected annually by a team that represents the Boy Scouts of America. The camp meets or exceeds all standards and regulations. We are also inspected regularly by the Texas Health Department. We feature a Health Lodge staffed by qualified professional provider for routine health checks and problems. Strict health and safety standards are maintained at all times.

How To Register Your Troop

Registration for Summer Camp is done online at [\[CLICK HERE\]](#). A \$50.00 per Troop deposit is required to reserve a slot. The site accepts all major credit cards and also accepts e-checks. Please have only one person per unit handle the registration process to avoid duplication of registrations and other common admin problems.

\$ 99.00 per Scout before December 15th, 2025 / midnight deadline

\$ 65.00 per Adult before December 15th, 2025 / midnight deadline

(Fee includes all meals, a Winter Camp Item (for the first 200 who register) and an Official Winter Camp Patch.

- After December 9th, 2024, a \$55 Administrative Late Fee will be imposed on all registrations.
- NO Walk-in Registrations will be accepted.
- All fees must be paid on-line prior to the start of camp.

Campsites are assigned based on Troop size and need. You will receive your campsite assignment at check in . For assistance, email Cholrep@yahoo.com.

HOW TO PREPARE FOR CAMP

- Know each Scout's advancement status before coming to camp.
- Encourage work on prerequisites before coming to camp.
- Set a goal for each Scout - challenge them to do their best.
- Register your Scouts information prior to the registration deadline.
- Collect physicals for all Scouts and adults attending camp early.
- Alert the camp to special needs such as diet, disabilities or medications by December 18th, 2025 via email at cholrep@yahoo.com.

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

No adults will be allowed into camp without a cleared Criminal Background Check conducted by the Rio Grande Council. (Submit no later than December 9, 2025).

All adults attending camp and staying overnight with a troop must comply with the following:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) training and bring a copy of the card.
- Complete Health Form- Part A, B & C (Page 27-30)

Each Troop must have two registered adult leaders in camp at all times. LEADERS MUST BE AT LEAST 21 YEARS OLD. The Boy Scouts of America requires "two deep leadership" for the safety of your Scouts. All Leaders must bring a copy of their Youth Protection Training certificate and a completed Health Form. We recommend a ratio of 8 scouts or less per leader.

CAMP STAFF

Camp Perry is always looking for great people that live by the Scout Oath to fill several positions at camp. Our staff is selected for their enthusiasm and knowledge. We reinforce that knowledge with regular training sessions prior to the camping season and create a sense of team spirit that is carried over to the Scouts visiting our camp. We are not successful unless you are satisfied with our program. We make every effort to provide the quality learning environment you expect at Camp Perry. Anyone interested in teaching a merit badge class or helping out in another capacity can contact the Winter Camp Director, Oscar Garza at cholrep@yahoo.com or call (956) 624-7610 to volunteer.

All volunteer instructors must be State of Texas Youth Protection Certified, have a Criminal Background Check for 2024 performed through our system, and be a registered adult leader.

CHECK-IN

CHECK IN TIME BEGINS AT 10:00A.M. FRIDAY DECEMBER 26, 2025

Check-in is completed at the health & fitness building before your troop has received their campsite assignment.

Camp staff will be checking in units after 10:00 am on Thursday December 26, 2025. Please plan your arrival at Camp Perry accordingly because there is an ADULT LEADERS/SPL MEETING AT 12:00 PM IN THE GYM. First Class begins promptly at 1:15 pm.

Early arrivals are asked to wait in the parking lot area with their adult supervision until the check-in process begins. Any maverick scouts should be accompanied by an adult until the scout is checked in and given their campsite assignment. Campsites are assigned based on Troop size and need. You will receive your campsite assignment at check. For assistance, email Cholrep@yahoo.com.

Wrist Bands will be provided for all attendees. Leaders, Scouts and guests arriving/leaving camp during the week must stop at the camp office to sign in or out. Any changes to campsite adult leadership must be provided to the Camp Director when it occurs. This allows staff to account for all persons on site in case of an emergency.

MEDICATIONS

All medications brought to camp will be kept in the Health Lodge. Medication will be checked in with the Health Officer, who will see that medications are made available to campers at the prescribed times. It is the scouts responsibility check in with Camp Health Officer for medication distribution. Be sure that medications are clearly labeled with camper's name and troop number on each container. No medications will be kept in campsites, other than those approved by the Camp Health Officer.

CHECK-IN REQUIREMENTS

- ALL YOUTH AND ADULTS MUST BE REGISTERED WITH BSA.
- TWO (2) COPIES OF UNIT'S BSA ID CARDS
- BSA HEALTH FORM PART A B & C FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS
 - PART A, YOUTH SIGNATURE REQUIRED
 - PART A, PARENT SIGNATURE REQUIRED
 - PART C, DOCTORS SIGNATURE REQUIRED
- A PRINTED COPY OF EACH ADULTS YPT CERTIFICATE
- OUT OF COUNCIL TROOPS WILL NEED PROOF OF INSURANCE.

CAMP DIRECTORS TIPS

- Make sure your parents have signed the medical forms and accompanying notes before you get to camp.
- Photocopy forms and keep the originals in a safe space at home
- Keep an extra copy of special dietary & medical needs roster with a unit adult leader for quick reference while at camp.

Check out

Departure is scheduled for Sunday, December 30, 2024 at 1:30 pm (or earlier). **NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED BUT A GRAB AND GO SNACK WILL BE PROVIDED ON DECEMBER 29, 2025!**

Each troop is expected to complete a camp clean up assignment before check out can be started. This area will be assigned to your troop on Friday. Please speak with office staff if you have not received this assignment.

Each troop is expected to return all camp provided items to the Quartermaster. These items include tools. Flags, water jugs, etc, that are used during the week in your campsite or for service projects. Any items missing will be accounted for before a troop is allowed to check out.

A final campsite inspection will be made to insure no waste articles are left for the next occupants to clean up.

All Medical forms will be returned at check-out time. If a medical binder is left behind, please note that administrative staff will destroy all documentation to prevent violation of HIPAA laws.



REGISTRATION NO-SHOW'S

For compliance in the protection of all campers pre-registered to attend Camp Perry the following procedures will be followed:

- Scoutmasters are asked to verify any “no shows” from their attendance roster turned in prior to arrival at camp. This may be done at a Leader’s Meeting or via e-mail.
- If there are “no shows” the Scoutmaster must provide written explanation of “no shows” from information he has concerning the Scout.
- If the Scoutmaster is unaware he must investigate the reason for the “no show(s)” and then prepare a written explanation within 24 hours and submit to the Camp Director.

Please see our [Refund Policy](#) for protocols on how to request registration refunds from Rio Grande Council.

LEADER’S MEETING

There will be an adult leaders’ meeting the first afternoon Thursday Dec. 26, 2024 at 12:00 pm in the gym because 3rd, 4th and 5th Period classes start that day.

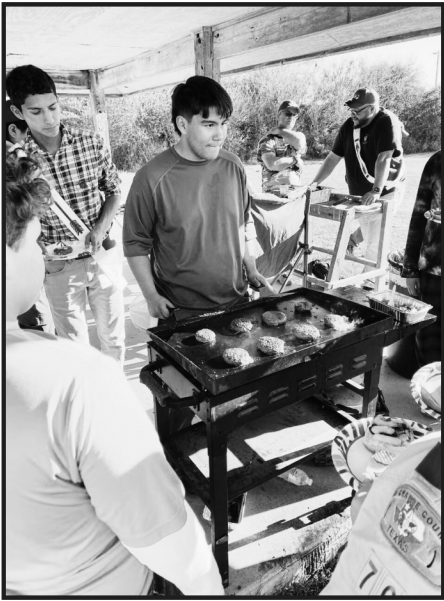
All ADULT LEADERS/SPL’S are required to attend the meeting, keeping in mind that scouts should not be left without any adult supervision. Additional rules and guidelines not listed in this Leaders’ Guide will be covered. Class rosters will be passed out to those who have volunteered to teach Merit Badge classes. Merit Badge Class changes will be discussed. While every effort is made to keep this to a minimum, there may be some classes without assigned merit badge counselors. At that time, we will ask for volunteers to teach these classes. Volunteer merit badge counselors should come prepared to teach the basic requirements of their assigned classes.

Any last minute volunteers will gain access to the office computer and other resources as needed in order to prepare for their classes. Other leaders’ and/or SPL meetings will be scheduled as needed. All those adult leaders/scouters need current Texas YPT.



DAILY PROGRAM SCHEDULE

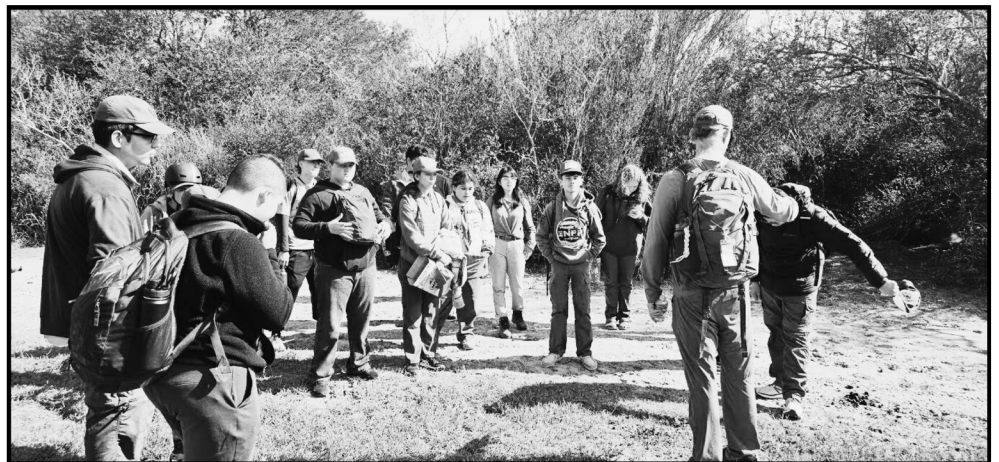
	THURS	FRI	SAT	SUN
6:45		Flags		
7:00		Breakfast		
7:45				
8:15		Merit Badge Session 1		
9:45				
10:00	Arrive at Camp Check In begins at 10:00AM	Merit Badge Session 2		
11:30				
11:45		Lunch		Check Out Begins at 1:30PM
12:45				
1:15	Merit Badge Session 3			
2:45				
3:00	Merit Badge Session 4			
4:30				
4:30	Special Programs			
5:30				
5:30	Flags / Dinner			
6:45				
7:00	Merit Badge Session 5			
8:30				
8:30	Study Hall / Cracker Barrel			
9:45				
10:00	Lights Out			





MERIT BADGE SCHEDULE

	8:15	10:00	1:15	3:00	7:00
1st Year Program	Path to First Class 1	Path to first class 2			
Eagle Required	Communications Public Speaking Personal Fitness	Cit. in the Community Cooking	Cit. In the Nation Personal Management	Cit. in the World Cooking	Cit. In Society First Aid
Shooting Sports	Archery	Shotgun 1	Shotgun 2	Rifle	
Handicrafts		Pottery Sculpting Textiles Painting	Woodwork		Sculpture
Nat-E-Con	Bird Study Soil & Water Conservation	Environmental Science	Insect Study	Sustainability Nature	Astronomy
Scout Craft	Pioneering	Wilderness Survival Orienteering	Fire Safety First Aid	Emergency Preparedness Search & Rescue	Backpacking Camping
Occupational	Crime Prevention Fingerprinting Law Plumbing	Engineering	Automotive Maintenance Electricity Home Repairs Cyber Security Nuclear Science	Welding Disability Awareness Digital Technology	Architecture Medicine Photography
Other	Athletics	Music Sports	American Labor American Heritage	Chemistry Composite Materials Collections Stamp Collecting Signals, Signs, Codes	Chess



MERIT BADGE SIGN-UP

Registration for Merit Badges should take place prior to your arrival at camp. Upon check in at camp, copies of each Scout's Daily Schedule will be given to his Scoutmaster. A copy will be maintained in the camp office. Any last-minute changes will take place after Friday December 26, 2025 ADULT LEADER/SPL Meeting in the office at 12:00 pm. If it becomes necessary to limit classes, higher rank Scouts will be given preference on all Eagle required merit badge offerings

Camp Perry uses an online merit badge system that makes scheduling easy. The Scoutmaster should counsel each Scout to determine which merit badges he should select and identify any requirements of those selections he should complete prior to Winter Camp in order to insure completion at camp. Most of the Eagle required Merit Badges require extra time. Some cannot be completed until after the Scout fulfills requirements following Winter Camp. Be sure your Scouts have enough free time to keep up with their studies and still have time for some fun.

Be sure to read the following information before you sign up online and remember that on line Merit Badge Sign-ups go live.

- Each Merit Badge requires one block with the exception of the Path to First and Target & Range Classes, which requires additional blocks.
- Adult BSA Training sign-up is done at camp.

CLASSES AND ACTIVITIES

Our counselors will only sign off on completed merit badges when the merit badges are earned. In some cases, partials cannot be avoided. The time to resolve questions is when counselors are available, and participants are present to discuss discrepancies, We do not expect to modify our records at a later date.

There is always something to do at Camp Perry Winter Camp. See the variety of Merit Badge classes, scheduled classes, and free-time activities below, and use the classes and program schedule to plan your winter adventure.

PATH THE FIRST CLASS PROGRAM

The "Path To First Class" is open to any scout needing assistance in gaining the First Class Rank. Camp Perry Winter Camp will offer "Path To First Class," for 2 hours each day. This should assist in jump starting those Scouts needing the Rank Advancement. It also allows the Scout to take additional merit badge classes as well.

We encourage all Scouts to learn basic skills in an environment of fun and cooperation. Teamwork is emphasized along with team spirit. We encourage all leaders to get involved in this program.



HELPFUL HINTS FOR MERIT BADGES

Many of the Merit Badges can be completed at winter camp. However, some have time requirements, special projects/visitations, special skill levels or other prerequisites so they cannot be completed at winter camp. Attendance at Merit Badge instruction sessions, and projects associated with them, is necessary to complete the badges. If a Scout finds it necessary to miss a session for valid reasons, he should work with the instructor to compensate for the lost time. Please make sure your Scouts understand that all merit badges may not be completed at winter camp. Encourage them to choose a variety of merit badges so they have a fun experience. We want happy campers!

CAMP DIRECTOR'S NOTE:

We encourage you to test their skills from what they've learned, however require troop leadership to sign their handbooks. If your Scout completed the swimming merit badge they also completed the rank requirements associated with swimming. Likewise, First-aid instruction includes only those skills necessary to achieve rank. Though some skills can be applied toward the First Aid Merit Badge, the topics covered in the Path to First Class Program will not satisfy them all unless Scouts choose and attend First Aid as their elective class.



MERIT BADGE COMPLETION REPORTS

Each troop is responsible for reviewing the computer generated Merit Badge completion list on Sunday before unit departure. These reports are available under your units group registration via Doubleknot. The time to resolve questions is when counselors are onsite, still available, and participants are present to discuss discrepancies. We do not expect to modify our records at a later date.

WITH PERFECT ATTENDANCE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK, PATH TO FIRST CLASS WILL COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

SCOUT

1 a, 1 b, 1 c, 1 d, 1 e, 1 f, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 3a, 3b, 4a, 5

TENDERFOOT

3a,3b,3c,3d,4a,4b,4c,Sa,Sb,Sc,7a,7b,8

SECOND CLASS

1 b, 1 c, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2f, 2g, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4,6a,6b,6c,6d,6e,8a,8b,9a,9b

FIRST CLASS:

1b,3a,3b,3c,3d,4a,Sa,Sb,Sc,Sd,7a,7b,7c, 7d, 7e,7f

MERIT BADGE HANDBOOKS & WORKSHEETS

All merit badge booklets need to be purchased in advance at the Scout Office in Harlingen, Texas. Some booklets may be available at the camp. Please note that the Rio Grande Council store is closed for inventory in late December and will not be open during the week of Winter Camp. Be Prepared and make your purchases early. Scouts should be prepared for their classes and bring Merit Badge worksheets with them to camp. Printing services will not be available at camp. Here is the link for the [Merit Badge Worksheets](#).

BLUE MERIT BADGE APPLICATION CARDS AND SUPPLIES

No Blue Cards are required for Winter Camp.

MERIT BADGE COMPLETIONS / PARTIALS

Requirements are recorded daily in conjunction with attendance. All records will be made available to unit leaders after camp via email in the form of excel spreadsheet. Please allow up to 2 weeks to receive your document. Merit Badge Instructors will not be available for contact once camp has concluded. If there are any concerns regarding completions or partials please speak with office staff prior to departure or collaborate with a registered council Merit Badge Counselor.

STUDY HALL

Study Hall is to be held at the Dining Hall starting at 8:30pm for Scouts to study, write reports, and prepare for classes. Study Hall ends at 10:00 pm and Lights Out at your Campsite is at 11:00 pm each night.



Merit Badges & Special Programs

The final listing of merit badges and special programs is contingent on demand and availability of qualified instructors. An final listing of Merit Badges and other special programs will announced at the first Leader's Meeting on Saturday. BE PREPARED. Some Merit Badges may be added or cancelled! Have your scouts plan for alternative classes. Class schedule changes can be made at the Health and Fitness Building.

MERIT BADGES (Eagle Required)

Camping	Cooking
Citizenship in the Community	Emergency Preparedness
Citizenship in the Nation	Environmental Science
Citizenship in the World	First Aid
Citizenship in Society	Personal Fitness
Communications	Personal Management
	Sustainability

MERIT BADGES (Other)

American Heritage	Insect Study
American labor	Law
Architecture	Medicine
Archery	Music
Astronomy	Nature
Athletics	Nuclear Science
Automotive Maintenance	Orienteering
Backpacking	Painting
Bird Study	Photography
Chess	Pioneering
Chemistry + Composite Materials	Pottery
Collections	Plumbing
Coin and Stamp Collecting	Public Speaking
Crime Prevention	Rifle Shooting
Cyber Security	Salesmanship
Digital Technology	Sculpture
Disability Awareness	Search & Rescue
Electricity	Signs, Signals, Codes
Electronics	Shotgun Shooting
Engineering	Soil & Water Conservation
Fingerprinting	Sports
Fire Safety	Textiles
Home Repairs	Welding
	Wilderness Survival
	Woodwork





Special Programs

Shotgun Competition
Pioneering Competition
Dutch Oven Competition
Camp Service Projects

Tote'N Chip
Fire'm Chip
Camp Relay
Branding (Thursday 4:30PM)

Optional Training

Scouts and leaders not attending Camp Perry Winter Camp may participate in these classes by special appointment only. Contact the Camp Director at least 1-week before the class via email at cholrep@yahoo.com

TRAINER'S EDGE

Trainer's EDGE is designed to help Scouters (adult & youth) understand the EDGE (Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, Enable) training model and gain self-confidence through hands-on training experiences. Presenters of all levels and skills are welcome and expected to attend. This training does not have an expiration date; practice makes for a more knowledgeable and experienced trainer.

SCOUTMASTER SPECIFIC TRAINING (CLASSROOM)

The purpose of Scoutmaster Position-Specific training is to provide an active, fun, and positive learning experience for new and experienced Scoutmasters to learn and apply proven techniques or running an effective Boy Scout troop. Any registered adult may complete this course.

INTRODUCTION TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS (CLASSROOM)

To safely offer Scouting's outdoor program, you need a certain set of skills and knowledge – and that's why leaders required to take Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (also known as "IOLS") Training. You'll learn how to build a fire, use an axe, cook outdoors, use a map and compass, responsibly care for the outdoors, and much more. This course is the classroom portion only. All registered leaders may complete this course.



WINTER CAMP PACKING LIST

MAKE SURE TO MARK ALL ITEMS WITH SCOUT'S NAME AND UNIT NUMBER

CAMPING GEAR

Trunk or Footlocker
Drinking Cup or 2nd Water Bottle
Daypack
Twin Size Sheet/ Blanket
Sleeping Bag
Pillow
Cot
Ground Cloth/Tarp
Mosquito Net and Frame
Camp Chair (small/easy to carry)
Pocket Knife (and Totin' Chip Card)
Headlamp / Flashlight
Battery-power fan
Personal First Aid Kit
Sunscreen
Bug Spray

TOILETRIES

Bath Towels (2)
(one for aquatics, one for showers)
Washcloth
Toilet Paper
Deodorant
Comb / brush
Shower Shoes
Body-wash
Shampoo
Soap
Toothbrush
Toothpaste
Feminine Hygiene
Shaving
Chapstick
Facial wipes
Hand Sanitizer

CLOTHING

Full BSA Field Uniform
OA Sash (OA Members Only)
Hoodie or Light Jacket
T-shirts (3 days)
Shorts or Pants (3 days)
Socks (3 days)

Thermal Wear
Flip Flops (shower ONLY)
Rugged Pants
Long Sleeve Dry-Fit Shirt
Work Gloves
Rain gear/jacket
Hiking boots
Hat / cap

MERIT BADGE ITEMS

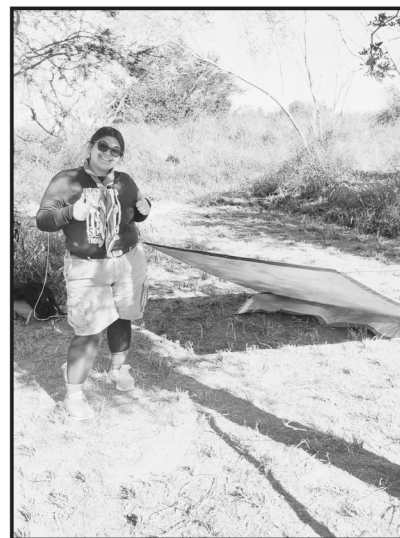
Scout Handbook
Writing Items (pen/pencil/paper)
MB Pamphlet
Prerequisites done before camp
Compass (required for Orienteering MB)
Personal First Aid Kit (required for First Aid MB)

SUGGESTED EXTRAS

Collapsible Wagon
Clothes Hanger for Uniform
Sunglasses
Cooling Towel
Compass
Bag for laundry
Spending money for Trading Post
Camera
Watch
Book of Faith
Extra batteries
Portable Charger
Card / Board Games

LEAVE AT HOME

Sheath knives
Fireworks
Skateboards & scooters
Valuables
Electronic games
Pets



UNIT PACKING LIST

- Unit Roster
- Adult YPT Certificates
- Copy of Insurance (*out of Council units*)
- BSA Health Forms
- Medications
- Signed Permission Slips for Target and Range
- American Flag
- Unit Flag
- Patrol Flags
- Bulletin Board
- First Aid Kit
- Campsite Lighting
- Neon Flagging Tape
- "No Flame" tent signs
- Rope & Twine
- Duct Tape
- Chuck Box
- Dutch Oven
- Cooking Utensils
- Water Cooler
- Merit Badge Pamphlets
- Foot Locker for Valuables
- Dining fly or Canopy
- Foldable Tables
- Collapsible Wagon

VEHICLES IN CAMP

Vehicles are only permitted in the circular driveway located in front of the Quartermaster Building to deliver troop camping equipment upon arrival to camp. All personal vehicles and troop trailers must be parked in general parking lot at all times. Handicap Licensed Vehicles are to be used as a mode of transportation, not as a carpool or shuttle for able Scouts. Likewise, permitted transportation is for essential locations only, as approved by Camp Director. Individuals needing accommodation, must have a handicap placard or license plate, and notify the Camp Director via email at Cholrep@yahoo.com by DEC 9th.

CAMP POLICIES

INTRODUCTION

It is the goal of Camp Perry to provide a safe, quality program to our campers. In addition to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Guide to Safe Scouting, and Scouting Code of Conduct, the following rules have been established to ensure the continuation of excellent safety record. Leaders are asked to cooperate in observance of these rules and in the common-sense operation of their troop. For the safety and enjoyment of all scouts in camp, troops unwilling to observe camp rules and policies will be asked to leave. Any questions or comments of these rules and policies can be addressed before camp by emailing cholrep@yahoo.com. We ask that leaders read all policies and procedures as they may be referred to while at camp and we want to make sure everyone is well informed.

REGISTRATION

Every youth and adult that attends winter camp must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America. BSA Charter Rosters with participants highlighted must be turned in to the front office upon check-in at camp as proof of registration.

UNIT LEADERSHIP

Each unit must have a minimum of two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required in camp at all times. There must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over present in any unit serving females. The leaders' primary responsibility is the safety of their Scouts, 24 hours a day. Adult leaders are also responsible for the discipline and control of Scouts they bring to camp. Some leaders have a great deal of knowledge of camping, scouting skills or merit badges and are asked to help in program areas.

BCSC is grateful for any adult leader willing to lend a hand with camp programs.

PARENTS AND VISITORS

In effort to keep accurate records of Scouters at CP, and ensure Scout safety, individuals are not permitted on camp property without prior authorization. All visitors must check in and out at Health and Fitness building. Parents or visitors planning to attend the Friday Family Dinner event must follow the instruction.

The Texas legislature has enacted the Texas Youth Camp Safety and Health Act that requires the council to conduct a criminal background check and sex offender database check on every adult who will be at camp. All adults attending camp in any capacity must complete an Adult in Camp Compliance (ACC) form a minimum of two weeks before camp, to allow sufficient time for the background checks to be completed. Completing this form allows the council office staff to complete a criminal background check on each adult in camp (regardless of time spent in camp). Visitors should also complete an ACC form; persons who have not completed an ACC form will have to be escorted by an adult the entire time they are on camp property and will only be permitted to enter camp if someone is available to escort them. Please take a photo or screenshot of the receipt for documentation of when you submitted your form. For questions, email Cholrep@yahoo.com.

LEAVING CAMP

Anyone leaving camp must sign out at the Health and Fitness Building. The front gate of CP will be closed at all times. Scouts will not be allowed to leave camp with someone other than their parents or legal guardian and without the approval of the Scoutmaster. Scoutmasters should be advised not to allow Scouts to leave camp.

TOBACCO/VAPING

Use of Tobacco or vaping products are prohibited on all Rio Grande Council properties.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

The first aid lodge is available with a qualified health officer on duty 24 hours a day. In addition, CP has an agreement with local physicians and hospitals if additional medical treatment is required. In the case of non-life-threatening injury or illness, the unit leader will be asked to provide transportation to the hospital or clinic as directed. Emergency services will be called in the case of accidents or illness of a more critical nature. There is no charge for medical services performed in camp. All campers needing services from hospitals/clinics are required to handle payment through their insurance policy.

INSURANCE

The Rio Grande Council provides council-wide accident and sickness insurance coverage for all registered Scouts and leaders within the Rio Grande Council. Scouts and leaders from outside the Rio Grande Council must provide certification that they have troop and/or council insurance coverage. It is necessary that your troop be covered by medical insurance at camp. A copy of your certificate of insurance and necessary information for processing a claim must be on file with the camp medical officer before your troop can camp at CP. This allows the CP staff to arrange medical services quickly if needed. If your troop does not have insurance, please contact your local council. A national policy is available at a minimal fee.

MEDICAL RE-CHECK

All Scouts and adult leaders must complete the current Annual Health and Medical Record with parts A, B & C completed within the last 12 months, if staying at camp for any length of time. If a camper arrives at camp without their medical record, it is the camper's responsibility to obtain the physical examination and complete the form before being allowed to participate at camp. During check-in the Camp Health Officer will check each troop's roster and medical forms to confirm that all participants are covered. The Health Officer will interview troop leadership to confirm that all campers are in good physical health. The camp retains the right to send Scouts and leaders home if it is deemed that they pose a significant health risk to themselves or others.

MEDICATION

All Prescription Medication must come to camp in the original bottle from the pharmacy.

The Label must Contain:

- The camper's name
- Date of prescription
- Doctor's name & phone number
- Correct dosage

No handwriting will be allowed on prescription medication bottles. All over-the-counter medication must come to camp in the original containers.

The taking of medication is the responsibility of the individual taking the medication and/or their parent/guardian. A Scout leader after obtaining all the necessary information, can agree to accept the responsibility of making sure a Scout takes the necessary medication at the appropriate time.

BSA policy does not mandate nor necessarily encourage the Scout leader to do so. All prescription medication must be accompanied by a note from a parent or guardian giving permission for the medication to be administered by the Scout leader. Medical marijuana/cannabis is not authorized for use by Scouts or leaders during their time at camp.

IMMUNIZATIONS

BSA Rules and Regulations require that all participants have current Tetanus immunization prior to attending summer camp.

SCOUT UNIFORM IN CAMP

Scouts are expected to wear the BSA field uniform to breakfast, morning flags, evening flags, dinner, and to the Friday's closing campfire. Scoutmasters and adult leaders should instruct their troop in how to properly wear the uniform in line with the BSA Guide to Awards and Insignia.

SWIMMING ATTIRE

Swimsuits must be modest. Outside of aquatics areas all campers are required to wear shirts and shorts or pants.

FOOTWEAR

Campers will need sturdy shoes for hiking and a spare pair in case their shoes get wet. No open-toed shoes. Water shoes are encouraged for boating areas.

EVERYBODY GET A BUDDY

No Scout should be without a buddy at camp.

QUIET HOURS

Quiet hours are from 10:00PM pm to 6:30am.

CAMPSITES & BATHROOMS

Campsite and bathroom cleanliness are the responsibility of the campers who use them. Any damage done to camp property by campers will be the responsibility of the individual's troop. Campsites may be inspected at any time to ensure the health and safety of all campers.

Few campsites have access to electric outlets. Electric is a shared resource between the troops staying in the campsite and special consideration must be made for campers who require electricity for medical purposes. A Scout is helpful, courteous, and clean, and we ask that troops work together to make sure that restroom facilities are cleaned daily. The camp will supply all necessary items to clean and sanitize restrooms. Before checking out of camp, the camp staff will inspect all facilities to insure they are clean and free of damage.

GARBAGE & FOOD IN CAMPSITES

The Quartermaster Staff will pick up trash nightly before 9:30pm. Bag and place trash on the roadside of the nearest restroom to be collected. No food is allowed inside of tents, food left in campsites must be secured in wildlife-proof container or secured inside a covered trailer CP is in the country where there are raccoons and other smaller animals who will make a mess of unsecured food or garbage.

LIVING TREES

Camp Perry is a showcase of native trees and shrubs of South Texas. Please do not cut live trees and shrubs without permission from the Camp Ranger/Camp Director.

PETS/ANIMALS/WILDLIFE

No pets of any kind may be brought to camp. Wild animals are not to be fed, teased or captured. If there is a wild animal that poses a danger to campers, notify the staff. Please remember that camp is in a natural environment. Snakes or other critters will be spotted. If it does not pose a threat, Scouts and leaders should take the opportunity to view nature from a safe distance and does not warrant notifying camp staff. If an animal is found inside a tent, building or in an area that would put Scouts in harm's way please call the staff to safely remove the animal.

VEHICLE POLICY

The speed limit on the county road which parallels a portion of CP is 30 mile per hour (MPH). The speed limit on roads on camp is 10 MPH with the following exceptions:

1. The speed limit in the Program Valley (the area after the second low water crossing) is 5 MPH.
2. The speed limit in campsite areas is 5 MPH.

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that: Seat belts are required for all occupants in vehicles. The driver of any vehicle operated on camp must be at least 18 years of age. The beds of trucks or trailers, or fenders, must never be used for carrying passengers. Vehicles may be allowed in the campsite to deliver camping equipment on the day of arrival. Troops may leave trailers in campsites. Trailer tow vehicles may also remain in the campsite under the following conditions:

1. The trailer and tow vehicle remain connected throughout the week.
2. Both the trailer and the tow vehicle are at least three feet from the edge of any camp road.
3. The tow vehicle is not moved during the week.

All other vehicles must be removed to a designated parking area for the duration of their visit. Driving in the Campsite areas or Program Valley is not permitted.

HANDICAP VEHICLES

Only vehicles with state issued Disabled Parking placards or license plates may park in designated Disabled Parking spaces. State issued placards are issued as an accommodation for a disability, and therefore should also be noted on the camper's Medical Record. Vehicles are to be used as a mode of transportation, not as a carpool or shuttle for able Scouters. Likewise, permitted transportation is for essential locations only ... not for sightseeing purposes. If transporting a Scout under the age of 18, all Youth Protection Policies must be met. Individuals needing accommodation, must have a handicap placard or license plate, and notify the Camp Director via email at Cholrep@yahoo.com by DEC 9th to ensure the assigned campsite has accessible parking.

GATE POLICY

Perimeter gates **MUST** remain closed at all times – no exceptions. If you find a gate open, close it.

EMERGENCY DRILL

There will be a camp wide emergency drill within the first day of camp. Emergency procedures will be posted on camp bulletin boards in all campsites. As a rule, Scouts and Scouters hearing vehicle horns honking repeatedly must report immediately to the nearest gathering point without delay. Gathering points are:

Meet at the flag pole closet to Dining Hall.

It is the responsibility of the leaders to make sure the Scouts are aware of what to do during an emergency. Consult the camp map to locate these areas.

LOST CAMPERS

In the event a camper is reported lost, immediately send someone to notify the Camp Director. At the same time, send a Staff member or a reliable camper to the missing camper's campsite, his scheduled activity area for that period as well as any other likely place to determine the accuracy of this report. After these reports have returned negative, and other likely spots have been searched and the Camp Director or his representative has determined that the missing camper will not be found easily, the alarm will be sounded for a Camp-wide Emergency.

If the assembly shows the camper to still be missing, consult with anyone who might have additional knowledge of his whereabouts and send additional searchers to those locations. Additional steps to be taken in sequence are: Arroyo bank search and camp-wide search until missing camper is found or the authorities are notified.

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The following activities are forbidden and violators may be immediately escorted off camp property.

1. Hunting.
2. Unauthorized use of all-terrain vehicles.
3. Pets.
4. Starting fires with gasoline, oil, diesel fuel, lighter fluid, propane, etc.
5. Starting fires outside of designated areas. No flames in tents or cabins, this includes lit mosquito coils, candles & hot plates. Please check with the camp staff to see if any burn bans are in effect before starting a fire. When not in use, all fuel (propane, white gas, etc) must be kept locked up.
6. Towing passengers on sleds, trailers or any other conveyance not intended for such use. No Scouts or leaders may ride in the back of pickup trucks.
7. Firearms and ammunition are available at the camp for use **ONLY** at the rifle and shotgun ranges. No other firearms are permitted on camp property. Do not bring your personal firearms, ammunition or bows.
8. Use of fireworks.
9. Absolutely no alcohol or illegal drugs will be allowed on camp property. Drug and alcohol laws will be strictly enforced according to the laws of the state of Texas. Use of these substances will result in immediate removal from camp.
10. Chainsaws are not allowed at camp unless prior permission is received. National BSA has implemented stringent new rules for their safe use.

GENERAL EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

1. Report all emergency situations (fires, accidents, etc.) to the nearest Staff member.
2. The Staff member will report directly to the Camp Director, Program Director, or the Camp Ranger.
3. If the situation is evaluated as a **CAMP-WIDE EMERGENCY**, the bell near the Parade Ground will be rung and the camp sirens will be sounded to alert all persons in camp.
4. On hearing the bell and sirens:
 - a. All Staff members will gather at the flagpole on the parade ground.
 - b. All Scoutmasters, troop leaders, and Scouts will report to the flagpole in the center of the parade ground.
 - c. Emergency instructions will be given at the flagpole.
5. Fire:
 - a. Campsite: (Remember to bring a water hose to camp).
 - i. Drop all canvas immediately after checking whether tents are occupied.
 - ii. Notify Camp Director, Program Director, or Camp Ranger immediately.
 - iii. Use water buckets to extinguish fire.

- iv. If help is needed, a camp-wide emergency will be signaled.
- b. Building:
 - i. Evacuate building immediately.
 - ii. Notify Camp Director or Camp Ranger immediately.
 - iii. Stay away from buildings until given further directions by the Camp Director or Camp Ranger.
- c. On Camp property (brush or grass):
 - i. Contact any campsite in path of fire to evacuate site.
 - ii. Notify Camp Director or Camp Ranger immediately.
 - iii. A Camp-wide Emergency will be signaled