



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®  
EAST TEXAS AREA COUNCIL



*6th Annual Turkey Camp*  
*November 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021*



Dear Scouting Leaders,

2021 marks the sixth year of the East Texas Area Council's Turkey Camp. Each year we take the feedback of our youth and adults to improve upon the previous years' program. This program is driven by YOU and we take your recommendations, needs, and comments seriously. We are dedicated to delivering the promise of a quality outdoor program in a great setting provided by a staff of volunteers that is second to none. We do all of this in a safe, clean and friendly camp atmosphere here at the beautiful George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation.

The Turkey Camp program is designed to help each Scout in your unit to achieve the best possible experience. We strive to provide engaging programs for every Scout that comes to Turkey Camp, whether they be a first-year camper, or the Scout that has been coming to camp for four or five years. It is our hope that this experience at Camp Pirtle will provide a lifetime of memories and the tools necessary for advancement to the next rank. We invite your Troop to join us this November at Turkey Camp. If you have any questions as you plan your Turkey Camp experience, please drop us a line.

See you in November!

Jason Beaton  
Turkey Camp Director  
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## Program and Operational Key Points

- **HOLD HARMLESS STILL REQUIRED!**
- Masking will NOT be required
- Hand Sanitation Stations at Dining Hall, Health Lodge, Trading Post and Headquarters.
- Over 60 Merit Badge and Class options!
- Dining Hall Service Patrol Instructions are included
- Dining Hall Clean Up Procedures Defined
- Shower/Bathroom Service Patrol Instructions
- MB Scheduled posted at all MB Locations
- Updated Menu – Thanksgiving Meal Lunch on Tuesday, Pizza (most requested item) and PB & J available at all meals.
- COVID Hold Harmless - Must be signed by every Scout parent and Leader/Instructor
- **New Merit Badge – Horsemanship! Class size limited to 5 scouts.**
- **New Merit Badge – Chemistry!**
- **New Program addition – Monday Night Closing Campfire**



## **CAMP REGISTRATION & FEES**

A non-refundable CAMPSITE DEPOSIT of \$100 (sites assigned by date of payments) is required to reserve your campsite. This deposit will be applied to your Troop's total camp fees.

All units must have two registered adult leaders (one must be at least 21 and one at least 18) in camp at all times. Two adults per campsite must be present in accordance with national policy. All leaders must be registered with BSA. Compliance with two-deep leadership requirements will be the responsibility of the unit.

**\$100 Troop Deposit due with Campsite Registration. \$150 per Camper if paid in full to Council Office by close of business Monday 11/8/2021. \$175 per Camper after 11/8/2021. \$50 per adult volunteer.**

### **Refund Policy:**

A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required upon registration. Refunds are to be processed via written request to the East Texas Area Council prior to the Unit's attendance at Turkey Camp. All refund checks will be made payable to the Troop (not an individual). Requests that are submitted 15 days before scheduled attendance at camp may receive up to 100% of fees back (minus deposit). Requests that are received less than 15 days before scheduled attendance at camp may receive up to 50% of fees back (minus deposit). Requests that are received 1 week or less before scheduled attendance at camp may receive up to 25% of fees back (minus deposit). Any refund request made during or after the event will not be honored. All requests will be handled on an individual basis as each situation is different and we understand that some things are unavoidable. In the event that Turkey Camp is cancelled by the East Texas Area Council for any reason, a 100% refund will be provided for all fees paid.

Your Troop will receive a final financial settlement statement at camp. This will reflect any last-minute changes and incidental expenses. These accounts must be settled before your Tuesday departure. Checkout packets will not be issued to any unit that has an outstanding balance.

### **Guest Policy**

Due to COVID Safety Protocols, only registered participants and instructors will be allowed on camp.

### **Youth Protection & More**

Due to recent changes in the Texas Administrative Code for Camps (Summer Resident Camp, NYLT, and Turkey Camp), any adult attending camp within the State of Texas MUST take the newly required BSA Youth Protection Training Course. Even if you are current in your BSA Youth Protection Training, you must take the new course to maintain compliance with the state code. The past iterations of BSA YPT are not valid for this purpose

This is required for all adult camp staff and leaders (volunteers or paid staff) who are responsible for the immediate supervision of campers at licensed camps in the State of Texas. Adults must present a training certificate stating that Texas YC06-0014 was completed prior to arrival at camp. This training will be valid for two years from the date of completion. Adults must also provide proof of BSA registration. Any unregistered adult staying the night at camp will be required to submit an adult application and answer all questions related to criminal history and consent to a criminal background check.

## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Alcohol, Drugs or Stimulants:** The consumption, possession, or use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or misuse of prescription or over the counter medication while participating at Camp Pirtle will not be tolerated. We will enforce all local, state, or federal laws where violations involving the above are reported. Violators will be reported to law enforcement and the National Office of the BSA.

In accordance with national BSA policy, as outlined in the "Guide to Safe Scouting", Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and will not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. This includes e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

**Camp Emergency Procedures:** There is a camp-wide plan to help leaders deal with fire, flood, lost persons, injury, and accident of fatality. This plan will be posted in all campsites, buildings, and program areas. The Troop Fire Guard Plan will be in effect. Each Troop will appoint a troop fireguard to maintain fire equipment at the site.

Troops sharing a campsite should share this responsibility. Troop leaders should provide instruction as troops arrive.

Instructions for Emergency Procedures will be distributed at the Leaders Meeting Saturday.

**Campsite Fire Protection:** Use provided fire barrels and pails for fire buckets. They should be placed at each tent and fire site. Safety regulations require full fire buckets at each tent. All fires are to be tended at all times with adult supervision. No fire is to be left burning in a campsite when there are no campers. Only one fire per campsite is allowed and must be in the designated fire ring at the campsite. A Troop Fireguard Chart will be provided during check-in. It must be properly filled out for the week and posted on your site bulletin board.

**Chapel:** A nondenominational chapel service is held each morning at 6:30 AM at the chapel.

**Code of Conduct:** Leaders and Scouts are expected to live by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Please respect each other's space and do not enter other campsites without permission.

**Special Dietary Needs:** Due to the large number of special dietary needs that are becoming prevalent, our chefs Turkey Camp cannot cook special meals for each Scout or Leader with a food allergy or religious meal requirement. Scouts or Leaders with special dietary needs must contact the Camp Director Directly prior to arriving at camp. Should a Scout or Leader choose to provide their own food, cold storage in the kitchen will be provided.

**Dining Hall Procedures:** We eat in shifts at Turkey Camp. The procedure for Table Waiters will be the same regardless if your Troop is assigned A or B meal. Before each meal, Troops will form up around the flagpoles in front of the dining hall. A Scout volunteer will lead the camp in a blessing before the troops are dismissed. The leader at each table is responsible for the conduct, manners, and general supervision of the Scouts at his or her table.

AN EXPERIENCED CAMPER, NOT A FIRST TIME CAMPER, SHOULD BE YOUR FIRST WAITER. BE SURE YOUR WAITER KNOWS THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES. TABLE WAITER RESPONSIBILITIES SHOULD BE SHARED AMONG ALL TROOP MEMBERS, and NOT USED AS PUNISHMENT. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITY.

Table waiters must report **10 minutes** before each meal to set their troop's tables. They are also responsible for cleaning up after each meal. Table waiters will also assist in cleanup after everyone has left the Dining Hall. The Dining Hall staff has a systematic procedure to help everyone complete their tasks as quickly as possible. This important procedure allows the Dining Hall staff to maintain order during clean up. Please encourage your Scouts to comply with these procedures. All procedures are subject to change based on COVID safety best practices.

**Fires, Liquids & Propane Fuels:** Fires are to be built only in designated areas and under adult supervision. Liquid or propane fuels are to be used only under adult supervision. Propane cylinders and cans of liquid fuel must be stored under lock and key. National policy prohibits the use of open flames in tents. This includes mosquito coils, catalytic heaters, gas lanterns, stoves, candles, and smoking materials.

**Food and Trash Removal:** Units are asked to bag their trash and leave at the entrance to their campsite for pick-up each morning before 9:00 am.

**Footwear:** NO OPEN TOE SHOES (sandals, Birkenstocks, etc.) or aqua sock type shoes are permitted. Shoes MUST be worn at all times during camp.

**Hazing & Bullying:** It is the BSA Policy that hazing, and initiations are prohibited. "Hazing" refers to any activity expected of someone joining a group (or to maintain full status in a group) that humiliates, degrades or risks emotional and/or physical harm, regardless of the person's willingness to participate. Bullying of another Scout will not be tolerated under any circumstance.

*The East Texas Area Council has a zero-tolerance policy on hazing and bullying*

**Insurance Coverage:** All registered members of East Texas Area Council troops are covered by Health Special Risk unit insurance and must follow the normal procedure for filing claims. A claim form must accompany each Scout who is referred to an outside medical facility. Each troop is responsible for filing its own claims. This is secondary coverage and will be filed after any other policy has been filed on and has paid. If there is no other policy, this will be the primary insurance. "Out of Council" troops must provide proof of accident and sickness insurance upon arrival at Camp Pirtle.

**Leaving Camp:** For your protection, all campers (youth and adult) who leave camp must check out and, when returning, check in at the Headquarters Building. Troop leaders must verify the accompanying adult's (parent or guardian) identity with camp staff at headquarters before a Scout may leave camp. Adults are reminded of the "two deep" leadership rule of Scouting. All individuals entering and re-entering camp will have a temperature check before being allowed back on property.

**Mail:** Camp Pirtle has daily mail service. **Scouts Love Mail!** To retrieve mail while at camp, go to the Camp Headquarters Building. All outgoing mail leaves from Headquarters and should be placed in the outgoing mailbox. Please make sure all outgoing mail has appropriate postage. Mail should be addressed as follows:

Scout John Doe, Troop # \_\_\_\_\_  
George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation  
440 CR 1241  
Gary, TX 75643

**Medical Services:** The Health Lodge is staffed 24 hours a day and is prepared to handle minor injuries and illnesses. Any emergencies that cannot be treated at the Health Lodge will be referred to an appropriate hospital or physician's clinic. The unit leader or assistant will transport the patient to the outside medical facility unless an ambulance is required (following Youth Protection Protocols).

Every Scout and Scouter who attends camp MUST have completed an Annual BSA Health & Medical Record, Parts A, B, & C.

No other medical form will be accepted. This form must have a physician's signature on Part C. No Scout or Leader will be allowed to stay at Camp Pirtle without the Annual BSA Health & Medical Record. This medical form must be completed annually. Military or athletic physicals are NO LONGER acceptable.

All medications must be accompanied by written permission from a parent or guardian. Make sure the Scout's name and instructions on how the medication is to be administered are clearly marked on the container. All prescription medications must be in original prescription bottle. All youth medication must be collected by the medical staff during screening and will be administered by the medical staff during camp. All adult medications must be kept under lock and key by the adult leaders at all times.

Rifles, Ammunition, Bows & Arrows: Personal firearms of any type (rifles, shotguns, handguns, BB guns, pellet guns, paintball guns, black powder rifles, cannons, bows, arrows, ammunition, and fireworks) are not allowed in camp. Camp Pirtle will provide all equipment needed for shooting sports activities.

**Personal Possessions:** Camp is a rustic outdoor experience. Personal items such as cell phones, tablets, mp3 players, electronic games, etc. should not be brought to camp unless required to complete a merit badge. In all cases, personal valuables, (watches, wallets, money, etc.) should not be left out in the open at camp. Lost and Found items can be turned in and retrieved from the Headquarters Building. **Bicycles are not allowed at Camp Pirtle.**

**Pets:** No pets are allowed in camp. Official service animals are welcome, but the official paper MUST accompany the service animal. Please notify the Camp Director should this need arise.

**Program Fees/ Merit Badge Specifications:** Not all Merit Badges are appropriate for all Scouts nor can all be completed at camp. Please review the Merit Badge Detail List to identify limitations on classes and special items a Scout may need to bring to participate. Pay close attention as some merit badges require program fees for participation. All program fees will be included on the Troop Financial Settlement Statement.



**Showers:** Male/Female/Adult/Youth times will be discussed at the SPL/Leaders Meeting on Saturday. The showers near Campsite 1, 6, & 13 (New Showers in 2019), and Staff Area have individual locking stalls. A shower cleaning schedule and shower key will be shared at check-in. Each Troop will be responsible for cleaning a shower block 1 time during their stay.

**Telephones:** Camp Pirtle's Headquarters telephone is 903-693-3286. The "after hours" emergency ONLY number is 903-690-9576 (Camp Ranger's Home). Please do not call this number unless it is an emergency!! No youth is permitted to use the camp office phone for phone calls. Experience has shown that youth who bring cell phones get more homesick, not less. You are strongly encouraged not to let your Scout bring cell phones to camp unless needed to complete a Merit Badge.

As a courtesy to all our campers and in respect of the outdoor experience, adult cell phone use should be outside of any active program area.

**Tenting Policy:** Scouts are required to follow Youth Protection Guidelines and COVID safety protocols with tenting. All participants are encouraged to sleep head to toe if sharing tents. Troops need to supply their own tents. There are some tent pallets in each camp site. Unfortunately, additional pallets or picnic tables in campsites are not available.

**Trading Post:** Our Trading Post has a limited supply camp mugs, shirts, patches, souvenirs, equipment, snacks, cold drinks and ice cream. A small supply of Merit Badge Books will be available for purchase. Hours of operation will be posted and announced. The Trading Post accepts Master Card and VISA. Adult volunteers for crowd control are appreciated during peak times.

**T-Shirt Orders:** Each fully paid participant (both youth and adult) to Turkey Camp will receive a t-shirt at no additional cost. Shirt sizes will be collected via a link that will be shared in October. All shirt sizes must be entered no-later than Friday, November 5th. Any T-Shirt order submitted after that time cannot be filled.

**Uniform:** We encourage units to wear their uniforms to and from camp, during chapel services, evening meals and at the evening flag ceremony.

**Vehicles in Camp:** Troops will be allowed to transport supplies into camp by the use of ONE (1) vehicle and/or a troop trailer. Each unit will receive a pass that will give them access to their campsites at check-in. Troops may park their trailers in their campsites so long as it does not interfere with another troops camping experience. **All vehicles must return to and remain in the parking lot once unloaded. No unauthorized vehicles may travel through camp.**

# Turkey Camp 2021 Daily Schedule

|                       | <i>Saturday</i>              | <i>Sunday &amp; Monday Times</i> | <i>Sunday</i>                | <i>Monday</i>       | <i>Tuesday Times</i> | <i>Tuesday</i> |
|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------|
|                       | <i>20-Nov</i>                | -                                | <i>21-Nov</i>                | <i>22-Nov</i>       | -                    | <i>23-Nov</i>  |
| <b>Saturday Times</b> | Program Area Set Up          | 6:15                             | Reveille                     | Reveille            | 6:15                 | Reveille       |
|                       |                              | 6:30                             | Chapel                       | Chapel              | 6:30                 | Chapel         |
|                       |                              | 7:00                             | A Breakfast                  | A Breakfast         | 7:00                 | B Breakfast    |
|                       |                              | 7:40                             | Flag Ceremony                | Flag Ceremony       | 7:40                 | Flag Ceremony  |
|                       |                              | 7:45                             | B Breakfast                  | B Breakfast         | 7:50                 | A Breakfast    |
|                       |                              | 8:30                             | 1st Period                   | 1st Period          | 8:30                 | 1st Period     |
|                       |                              | 10:00                            | Break                        | Break               | 9:45                 | Break          |
| 12:00 to 2:30         | HQ Opens Troop Check-In      | 10:15                            | 2nd Period                   | 2nd Period          | 9:50                 | 2nd Period     |
|                       |                              | 11:45                            | Class Ends                   | Class Ends          | 11:05                | Class Ends     |
|                       |                              | 12:00                            | A Lunch                      | B Lunch             | 11:15                | B Lunch        |
|                       |                              | 12:40                            | B Lunch                      | A Lunch             | 11:55                | A Lunch        |
|                       |                              | 1:30                             | 3rd Period                   | 3rd Period          | 12:40                | 3rd Period     |
| 2:30                  | Instructor Meeting           | 3:00                             | Break                        | Break               | 1:55                 | Break          |
| 3:30                  | Leaders & SPL Meeting        | 3:15                             | 4th Period                   | 4th Period          | 2:00                 | 4th Period     |
|                       |                              | 4:45                             | Class Ends                   | Class Ends          | 3:15                 | Class Ends     |
| 5:00                  | A Dinner                     | 5:00                             | A Dinner                     | B Dinner            | 3:20                 | Break Camp     |
| 5:45                  | Flag Ceremony                | 5:45                             | Flag Ceremony                | Flag Ceremony       | 5:00                 | Camp Closed    |
| 6:00                  | B Dinner                     | 6:00                             | B Dinner                     | A Dinner            |                      |                |
| 6:45                  | Troop Meetings               | 6:45                             | Leaders/ SPL Meeting         | Leaders/SPL Meeting |                      |                |
| 7:00                  | 5th Period                   | 7:00                             | 5th Period                   | 5th Period          |                      |                |
| 8:35                  | Cracker Barrel Movie Night 1 | 8:35                             | Cracker Barrel Movie Night 2 | Closing Campfire    |                      |                |
| 10:30                 | Lights Out                   | 10:30                            | Lights Out                   | Lights Out          |                      |                |



# Turkey Camp 2021 Merit Badge Offerings

| Merit Badge                     | First Period | Second Period | Third Period | Fourth Period | Fifth Period | # Classes Offered | Class Periods Needed | Max Class Size | Fee  |
|---------------------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|------|
|                                 | 8:30-10:00   | 10:15-11:45   | 1:30-3:00    | 3:15-4:45     | 7:00-8:30    |                   |                      |                |      |
| American Cultures               |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Animation                       |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Archery                         |              |               |              |               |              | 2                 | 2                    | 10             | \$10 |
| Art                             |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 20             | \$10 |
| Astronomy                       |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Automotive Maintenance          |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 2                    | 15             |      |
| Basketry                        |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 20             | \$15 |
| Camping*                        |              |               |              |               |              | 2                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Chess                           |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 60             |      |
| Citizenship in the Community*   |              |               |              |               |              | 4                 | 1                    | 16             |      |
| Citizenship in the Nation*      |              |               |              |               |              | 4                 | 1                    | 16             |      |
| Citizenship in the World*       |              |               |              |               |              | 4                 | 1                    | 16             |      |
| Chemistry                       |              |               |              |               |              | 2                 | 2                    | 14             | \$5  |
| Climbing                        |              |               |              |               |              | 2                 | 2                    | 10             |      |
| Coin Collecting                 |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Communication*                  |              |               |              |               |              | 4                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Cooking*                        |              |               |              |               |              | 2                 | 2                    | 25             | \$15 |
| Crime Prevention/Fingerprinting |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 30             |      |
| Digital Technology              |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Disability Awareness            |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Electricity & Electronics       |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Emergency Preparedness*         |              |               |              |               |              | 2                 | 2                    | 20             |      |
| Engineering                     |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Environmental Science*          |              |               |              |               |              | 2                 | 2                    | 20             |      |
| Family Life*                    |              |               |              |               |              | 2                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Farm Mechanics                  |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 2                    | 15             |      |
| Fire Safety                     |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 30             |      |
| First Aid*                      |              |               |              |               |              | 2                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| First Class Trail               |              |               |              |               |              | 2                 | 2                    | 15             |      |
| Fishing                         |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 10             |      |
| Fly Fishing                     |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 10             |      |
| Forestry                        |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Game Design                     |              |               |              |               |              | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |

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| Genealogy |  |  |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 15 |  |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|---|---|----|--|

| Merit Badge          | First Period<br>8:30-10:00 | Second Period<br>10:15-11:45 | Third Period<br>1:30-3:00 | Fourth Period<br>3:15-4:45 | Fifth Period<br>7:00-8:30 | # Classes Offered | Class Periods Needed | Max Class Size | Fee  |
|----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|------|
| Geocaching           |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Horsemanship         |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 2                 | 2                    | 5              |      |
| Indian Lore          |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 20             | \$15 |
| Law                  |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Leatherwork          |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 20             | \$15 |
| Metalwork            |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 15             | \$10 |
| Moviemaking          |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Music                |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Orienteering         |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Personal Fitness*    |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 2                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Personal Management* |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 2                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Photography          |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Pioneering           |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 2                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Plumbing             |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Public Speaking      |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 30             |      |
| Public Health        |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Pulp & Paper         |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 15             | \$10 |
| Radio                |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 2                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Rifle Shooting       |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 2                 | 2                    | 10             | \$15 |
| Robotics             |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 2                    | 15             |      |
| Search & Rescue      |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 15             |      |
| Shotgun Shooting     |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 2                 | 2                    | 10             | \$30 |
| Space Exploration    |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 2                    | 15             | \$15 |
| Traffic Safety       |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Welding              |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 2                 | 2                    | 7              | \$15 |
| Wilderness Survival  |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 20             |      |
| Wood Carving         |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 15             | \$5  |
| Wood Working         |                            |                              |                           |                            |                           | 1                 | 1                    | 10             | \$10 |

\* Signifies Eagle Required

**WE NEED VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS!!!!!!**



# Merit Badge Special Instructions

At Turkey Camp, we Do Our Best to ensure that every requirement is taught to the fullest and no critical piece of a Merit Badge that is difficult to complete outside of Camp goes unaddressed. Some Merit Badges have requirements that simply cannot be completed while at camp. Below is a list of “prerequisites or follow up items” that can be done with documentation ahead of Turkey Camp, need to be completed at the Troop level or have materials that need to be brought to camp to maximize their opportunity for completion.

| Merit Badge/Course            | Requirements that Cannot Be Completed at Camp | Restrictions  | Pre-Requisites or Items Scouts Must Bring to Camp  | Program Fees** |
|-------------------------------|---|---------------|--|----------------|
| Animation                     |   |               | Small Sketchbook & Pencils                         |                |
| Archery                       |   |               |  | \$10           |
| Art                           |   |               | Sketchbook & Colored Pencils                       | \$10           |
| Astronomy                     | 5b, 6a and 9                                  | First Class + | Red Filter Flashlight                              |                |
| Basketry                      |   |               |  | \$15           |
| Camping*                      | 8d and 9                                      | First Class + | Backpack and Gear prepared for Requirement 5       |                |
| Citizenship in the Community* | 7a, 7b, 7c & 8                                |               |  |                |
| Citizenship in the Nation*    | 2a, 2b, 2c & 3                                |               |  |                |
| Chemistry                     |   |               | Pre-printed MB Worksheet                           | \$5            |
| Climbing                      |   | 13 or Older   | Hiking Boots                                       |                |
| Coin Collecting               |   |               | Bring coins from every year since birth            |                |
| Communication*                | 5 & 8   |               |  |                |
| Cooking*                      | 4   |               |  | \$15           |
| Digital Technology            |   |               | iPad or Tablet Device                              |                |
| Drafting                      |   |               | Sketchbook, Pencils & Ruler                        |                |
| Emergency Preparedness        |   |               |  |                |
| Family Life*                  | 3 & 5   | First Class + |  |                |
| First Class Trail*            | Up to 50%                                     |               | Day Pack for 5 Mile Hike                           |                |
| Fishing                       | 10 if Legal Fish not Caught                   |               | Texas Fishing License, Pole and Tackle             |                |
| Fly Fishing                   | 11 if Legal Fish not Caught                   |               | Texas Fishing License, Fly Fishing Pole and Tackle |                |
| Genealogy                     | 2b, 4b and 4c                                 |               |  |                |
| Geocaching                    | 8   |               | GPS Device, Spare Batteries and Compass            |                |
| Horsemanship                  |   | 15 or Older   | Must Sign Additional Release                       |                |

| Merit Badge/Course   | Requirements that Cannot Be Completed at Camp | Restrictions  | Pre-Requisites or Items Scouts Must Bring to Camp          | Program Fees** |
|----------------------|---|---------------|--|----------------|
| Indian Lore          |   |               |  | \$15           |
| Leatherwork          |   |               |  | \$15           |
| Metalwork            |   |               | Leather Gloves   | \$10           |
| Moviemaking          |   |               | iPad, Tablet or GoPro Device                               |                |
| Orienteering         |   |               | Personal Compass   |                |
| Personal Fitness*    | 1 & 8   | First Class + | Running Shoes & Deodorant                                  |                |
| Personal Management* | 2   | First Class + |  |                |
| Photography          |   |               | Personal Camera (Not a Phone)                              |                |
| Pioneering           |   |               | Pocket Knife and Tote N' Chip                              |                |
| Pulp & Paper         |   |               |  | \$10           |
| Rifle Shooting       |   | 13 or Older   |  | \$15           |
| Shotgun Shooting     |   | 13 or Older   |  | \$30           |
| Space Exploration    |   |               |  | \$15           |
| Welding              |   |               | Sunscreen, Leather Shoes, Jeans and Long Sleeve Work Shirt | \$15           |
| Wilderness Survival  |   |               | Prepared for Overnighter                                   |                |
| Wood Carving         |   |               | Pocket Knife and Tote N' Chip                              | \$5            |
| Wood Working         |   |               | Jeans and Long Sleeve Work Shirt                           | \$10           |

\* Denotes Eagle Required Merit Badge

\*\* Additional Program Fees will be added to the Troop Invoice. No program materials will need to be purchased while at camp unless Scout is a last-minute addition.

**WE NEED VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS!!!!!!  
THIS PROGRAM DOESN'T HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU!!!**





# Turkey Camp 2021 Merit Badge Worksheet

This worksheet is here to help you obtain all your Scouts top 10 Merit Badge selections. **All selections should be reserved beginning Monday 11/1/2021 at Noon.** Classes will be offered on a first come-first serve basis.

Though we offer many Eagle Required Merit Badges, please help to ensure that no Scout is registered for more than 2 of these offerings. This will allow more Scouts the opportunity to obtain Eagle Required Badges as some classes are limited.

To ensure that each class can be taught in a meaningful way, we must adhere to the maximum class size listed in the Merit Badge Schedule. No overbooking will be permitted. If enough demand is present to dictate additional class offerings, Troops will be notified about any class additions.

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_ T Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Troop: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Meal Considerations or Unique Situations: \_\_\_\_\_

2021 Turkey Camp Merit Badge Choices (In order of preference)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_



# Check-In Process

The Headquarters will not be staffed until 11:00 on Saturday for questions.

**Troop Check-In will begin promptly at Noon.** We will provide all campsite assignments at the beginning of check-in so that the Troop can begin setting camp.

Only two leaders and the Senior Patrol Leader should be present at Check-In (Leaders and SPL must be wearing face coverings). All individuals entering the Headquarters will receive a temperature check.

All Medical forms will be reviewed by our Camp Medics. Every Scout and Leader will need to answer a COVID questionnaire before being allowed into Camp.

To have an efficient, smooth check-in, please plan to have the following documents prepared to turn in:

- List of any Scouts/Leaders not attending and Last-Minute Additions
- Current BSA Health & Medical Record for attending scouts & adults parts A, B & C
- All medications and instructions for dispensing as prescribed by BSA procedures
- "Out of Council" troops must provide proof of accident and sickness insurance
- Monies for any remaining balance





## Turkey Camp 2021 Youth Service Schedule

### Meal Serving Schedule (8-10 Scouts Each Meal)

| Meal        | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|-------------|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| Breakfast A |          |        |        |         |
| Breakfast B |          |        |        |         |
| Lunch A     |          |        |        |         |
| Lunch B     |          |        |        |         |
| Dinner A    |          |        |        |         |
| Dinner B    |          |        |        |         |

### Flag Ceremony Schedule

| Meal      | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|-----------|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| Breakfast |          |        |        |         |
| Dinner    |          |        |        |         |

### Shower Cleaning Schedule

|            | Saturday | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday |
|------------|----------|--------|--------|---------|
| Shower 1   |          |        |        |         |
| Shower 2   |          |        |        |         |
| Shower 3   |          |        |        |         |
| Staff Area |          |        |        |         |

**Dining Hall Clean Up Tuesday (Multiple Troops Needed)**

# Adult Service Opportunities

There are many adult service needs at Turkey Camp. Below is a list that should be shared with the leaders of each Troop as you plan your Turkey Camp experience. Please contact Camp Director directly with your commitments.

Merit Badge Instructors and Support (2-3 people per class)

Daily Merit Badge Data Entry at the Headquarters (2-4 w/ Laptops)

Cracker Barrell Serving Leaders (4-6 Nightly)

Audio Visual Team for Movie Night (2 People Nightly)

Water Patrol – Distributes water bottles to all program areas throughout the day (2-3 People w/ Truck)

Program Support Runner – Willing to make runs to town for supplies (1-2 People)

Dining Hall Support at Meals – Coffee, Drink and Trash Team (4-6 per meal)

Camp Maintenance Projects – Any helping hand for proactive maintenance (Open)

Camp Commissioners – Quality and Customer Service Liaisons. Also, may serve as morning Coffee Patrol in campsites prior to breakfast (2-3)

Conservation Project Leaders

Trading Post Supervision (1 leader during all business hours)

**Volunteering:**  
**IT'S EASIER**  
**THAN**  
**YOU**  
**THINK.**

# Turkey Camp 2021 Reservation Form

Please register via email to [Matthew.Anderson@Scouting.org](mailto:Matthew.Anderson@Scouting.org) or fill out the information below and submit with \$100 non-refundable deposit to:

Turkey Camp  
East Texas Area Council  
1331 E. Fifth Street  
Tyler, Texas 75701  
(903) 597-7201

Troop/Crew/Ship: \_\_\_\_\_

Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Campsite Preference: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Campsite Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Campsite Deposit (Due at time of reservation): \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees: \_\_\_\_\_ (Credit Card, Troop Check or Cashier's Check Only)

**Merit Badge Program Fees should be paid prior to attending camp. Please note the program fees in the Merit Badge Schedule.**

# **TURKEY CAMP 2021 INFORMED CONSENT, RELEASE, HOLD HARMLESS, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT**

I understand that participating in Scouting activities such as Turkey Camp 2021 at the George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation operated by the East Texas Area Council Boy Scouts of America (the “Council”) involve a certain degree of risk that could result in illness including but not limited to COVID-19, injury, permanent disability, or death. In consideration of the benefits to be derived by the person named below (the “Participant”) at Turkey Camp 2021, after carefully considering the risk involved, in view of the fact that the Council is a not-for-profit organization, and in consideration for being allowed to participate in Turkey Camp 2021:

“COUNCIL PARTIES” MEANS THE COUNCIL AND RELATED ORGANIZATIONS, ANY AND ALL SCOUTING CHARTERED ORGANIZATIONS, EACH OF THEIR AFFILIATES, AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AND ANY AND ALL VOLUNTEERS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SCOUT LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS CONDUCTING OR PARTICIPATING IN TURKEY CAMP 2021.

“ALL CLAIMS” MEANS ANY AND ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ATTORNEYS’ FEES, REASONABLE INVESTIGATIVE AND DISCOVERY COSTS, COURT COSTS, AND ALL OTHER SUMS THAT THE COUNCIL PARTIES INCUR AS A RESULT OF ANY DEMAND, CLAIM OR ASSERTION OF LIABILITY BROUGHT BY THE PARTICIPANT OR ANY PARTICIPANT PARTY UNDER ANY MUNICIPAL, STATE, OR FEDERAL LAW OR CAUSE OF ACTION, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY ACTION FOR ILLNESS OR INJURY TO PERSONS OR PROPERTY, INCLUDING DEATH, AND ANY ACTION UNDER THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, ARISING OR ALLEGED TO HAVE ARISEN OUT OF ANY ACT OR OMISSION OF THE COUNCIL PARTIES, OR ANY USE OF REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY BELONGING TO OR USED BY THE COUNCIL PARTIES, IN CONNECTION WITH TURKEY CAMP 2021, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ANY CLAIM ARISING IN WHOLE OR IN PART FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OR FAULT OF ANY OF THE COUNCIL PARTIES.

“PARTICIPANT PARTY” MEANS THE PARTICIPANT, and THE PARTICIPANT’S PARENTS, GUARDIANS, HEIRS, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS, INSURERS, AND EACH OF THEIR ASSIGNS.

ON BEHALF OF THE PARTICIPANT NAMED BELOW, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I HEREBY RELEASE AND WAIVE ANY AND ALL CLAIMS THAT I OR THE PARTICIPANT MAY HAVE IN CONNECTION WITH TURKEY CAMP 2021 AGAINST THE COUNCIL PARTIES.

**TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY LAW, I WILL AND DO HEREBY INDEMNIFY, HOLD FREE AND HARMLESS, ASSUME LIABILITY FOR, AND DEFEND THE COUNCIL PARTIES FROM ALL CLAIMS PARTICIPANT OR ANY PARTICIPANT PARTY MAY HAVE NOW OR IN THE FUTURE HAVE IN CONNECTION WITH TURKEY CAMP 2021.**

**IT IS THE EXPRESS INTENTION OF THE PARTIES HERETO, BOTH MYSELF AND THE COUNCIL PARTIES, THAT THE INDEMNITY PROVIDED FOR IN THIS DOCUMENT IS A RELEASE AND INDEMNITY BY ME TO RELEASE, INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, AND HOLD HARMLESS THE COUNCIL PARTIES FOR THEIR OWN NEGLIGENCE, WHETHER THAT NEGLIGENCE IS THE SOLE OR CONCURRING CAUSE OF THE ILLNESS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO COVID-19, INJURY, DEATH, OR DAMAGE.**

**Due to the nature of Turkey Camp 2021 programs and activities, the East Texas Area Council, its employees, and its volunteers cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. However, so that leaders can be as familiar as possible with any limitations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below.**

**This Agreement will be construed under and governed by Texas law and any disputes related to it will be subject to venue in Tyler, Smith County, Texas.**

**List Participant restrictions, if any (or state none): \_\_\_\_\_**

|                           |                             |             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------|
| _____                     | _____                       | _____       |
| <b>Participant's Name</b> | <b>Unit Type and Number</b> | <b>Date</b> |

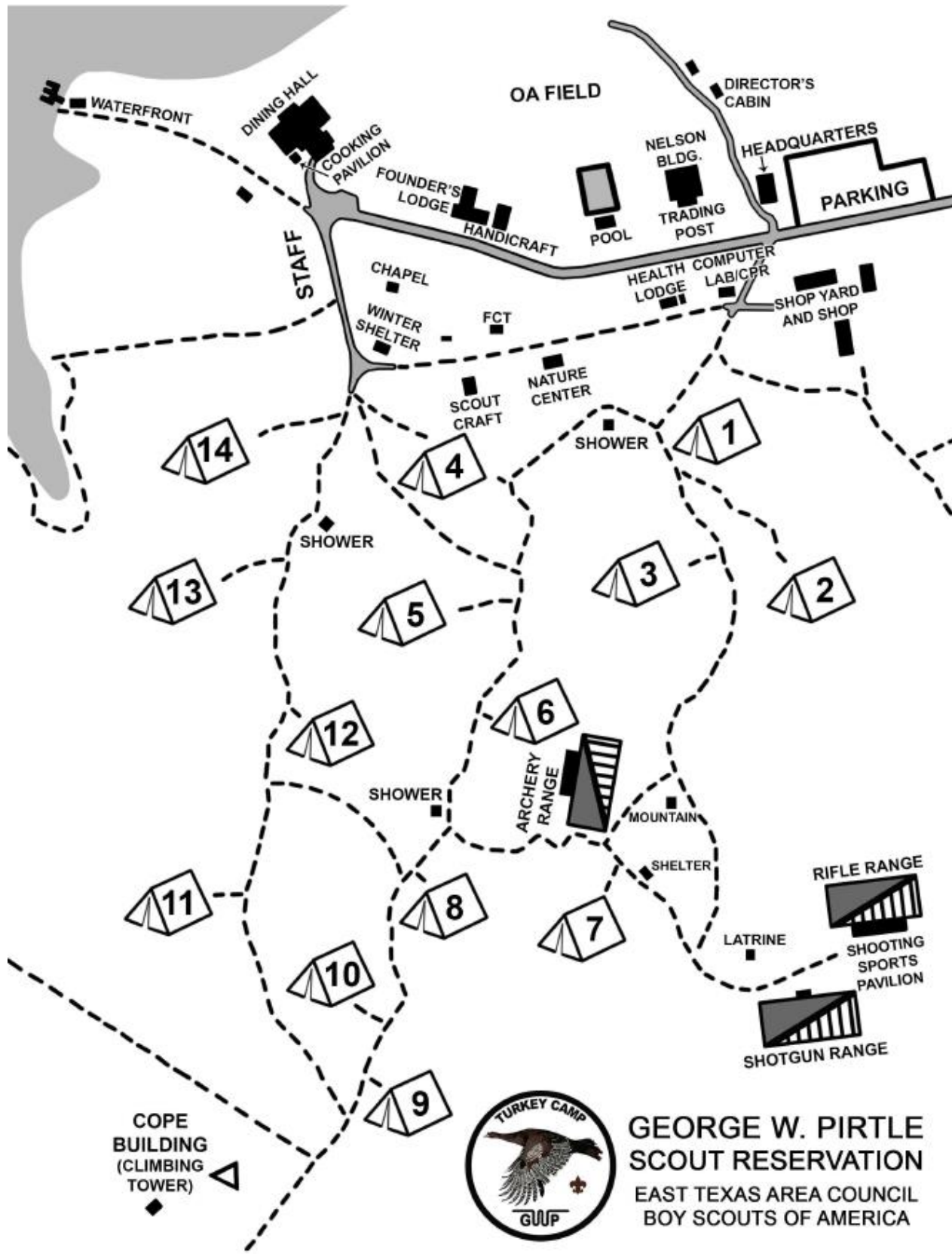
**If participant is less than 18 years of age, a parent or guardian must sign.**

|   |                             |             |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------|
| _____                                       | _____                       | _____       |
| <b>Adult Participant/Parent or Guardian</b> | <b>Unit Type and Number</b> | <b>Date</b> |

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Printed Name**

**All persons participating in Turkey Camp 2021 must bring this form completed and signed to participate in Turkey Camp 2021.**





**GEORGE W. PIRTLE  
SCOUT RESERVATION**  
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