

Fall 2021 Campout

Lake Tawakoni State Park

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Purpose

Purposes of this trip:

1. Fun!
2. Less challenging trip than normal campouts.
3. Lightly structured camp activities by Lake Tawakoni, just over an hour east of Dallas!

Costs

The camp cost will be \$25. There are additional costs below in boldface.

Your camp fee covers:

- Your double occupancy site with power and water at Lake Tawakoni State Park for 2 nights.
- Check-in on Friday (10/15).
 - NOTE: There have been a few inquiries about going to the park earlier than usual since the Scouts are off for Fair Day. This is completely ok! Prior campers are asked to be out by noon. You may setup as soon as your site is unoccupied.
- [Campsite Assignments](#)

Routing

Each driver must be knowledgeable of the route.

Use of mapping software, especially Waze or Google Maps, is recommended.

The drive will be 1 hour, 20 minutes (55 miles)

Meals

Bring everything you need with you, including food. While grocery stores may be on the way, diversions will complicate the trip.

You will supply your own drinks and meals.

There is water in the area, however we will be on primitive style tent sites. It may be wise to use disposable dishes on this campout.

Scouts should be involved in significant roles in meal prep within the context of your family unit, with adult guidance only as needed. This is a valuable skill for them.

When and Where	Who Provides It	Suggestions
Friday Dinner	You	Eat on the trip to LTSP
Saturday Breakfast	You	Griddle Breakfast, Granola, Fresh Fruit, <u>Coffee</u> , Cereal
Saturday Lunch	You	Brown Bag, Sandwiches, Fruit, Chips
Saturday Dinner	Pack will provide Brisket, You	Fruit, Macaroni Salad, Green

	bring a side for 10-15	Salad, Cole Slaw, Rolls
Sunday Breakfast	You	Yogurt, Oatmeal, <u>Coffee</u> , Fresh Fruit
Sunday Lunch	You	on the trip home

Supplies

This will be a car camping style campout, close to the Shower/Latrine Facilities and with power and water at your tent site. [Please reference the Pack 862 suggested packing list.](#)

Forecast lows high 50's, and daily highs in the low to mid 80's. Rain, Hazardous Weather

Forecast: Rain Possible

Additionally:

- We will have opportunities for hiking, as well as fishing, cycling, etc. Recommend bringing a small backpack, and something to carry water.
- Comfortable walking shoes are a must on Saturday and Sunday.
- Bring some firewood and s'more supplies. Bamboo skewers are an excellent option if you do not have metal skewers for mallow roasting.
- Cooking Implements like pot/pan, spatula, tongs. Continuing good practices around CV19, we will practice safe social distancing and limit sharing as much as possible. Do your best. That said, no one will be left on an island, so if you need something ASK!
- Plates, utensils, paper towels, a few trash bags. The pack will have some supplies, like disposable plates or utensils, but we will not be planning to supply everyone everything like at prior Fall campouts.
- **Field uniform needed for Saturday evening.** The rest of the time, Scout-related t-shirts are preferred, but street clothes are also fine.
- Prepare for rain. Bring appropriate clothing and attach and stake rain fly when setting camp.
- This is a good opportunity to work with your scout on remembering the 6 cub scout essentials: flashlight, water, first aid, sun protection, trail food, whistle.

Agenda

Friday, October 15

Formal plans for Friday begin with a 9 pm leaders meeting to check-in

- Orient (bathrooms, campsite generalities, location of First Aid and AED)

- Discuss following day's schedule
- Unique site information observed when arriving
- Reminder about Electronics
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From Central Lutheran the Lake Tawakoni State Park is 55 miles, or 1 hour, 20 minutes in ideal driving conditions. Twilight will be 7:00 pm.

On arrival you will check-in at the ranger's station, and **pay for daily use fee**. It works out to \$5/day for campers 13+.

Our Campsites are on the [White Deer Reach Camping Loop](#).

Site Assignments will be posted here after registration closes. A scout is friendly. Sites are assigned to group scouts with others near their age, and a mix of experience levels. Please honor the assignments to help us with safety as well.

Saturday, October 16

Plan to breakfast at 8am with a goal to start morning activities by 9:30. There will be a planning call in the coming week to discuss activities more (tentatively 10/7 @ 8pm). If you are willing to lead an activity, please plan to participate in the call!

Morning Activities

- Biking - John Mielcarek
- Flag Football - Tim Grigsby, Trevor Decker
- Geocaching - Paul Sivinski
- Fishing - Christopher Calle
 - Fishing Report: Worms, Shrimp, Catfish Dough baits effective. Reports of stripers caught to the right of the boat ramp. Activity picking up as water is getting cooler.

Afternoon Activities

- [Camp area Hiking Trail Map](#) - Paul Sivinski
 - The Spring Point Trail features bird watching, and trail goes down toward the water.
 - Geocaching - Bring an item to place in the caches
- Sponge War, Scavenger Hunt
- NOVA activity? - Tunks
- Night Hike with Star Gazing, John Mielcarek & Justin Leger if it goes sideways

Lunch should be as a Den. This is a great opportunity to nail down your campfire skit!

Dinner will be 6:30pm, **with campfire program** and night hike to follow.

Sunday, October 17

7:30 am Scout's Own service.

Breakfast, and decamp as families.

Checkout is 12pm.

Please practice **Leave No Trace** by tidying up your camp area before leaving!

Accounting

For a detailed breakdown of the schedule and cost model, see attached spreadsheet.

Almanac

Wills Point, Texas

October 15-17, 2021

<i>avg. high</i>	77	<i>exp. precip</i>	2 out of 12	<i>sunrise</i>	7:28
<i>avg. low</i>	58	<i>moon</i>	88% (Wx)	<i>sunset</i>	6:50

This period in OCTOBER 2021 is an interesting opportunity to view the moon! As the moon gets fuller by coming more into alignment with the earth and sun, also observe how the moon rises and sets closer and closer to dusk and dawn.

Site Information

Lake Tawakoni State Park ([map](#))

10822 FM 2475

Wills Point, TX 75169

(903) 560-7123

- **Sites:** White Deer Reach Camping Loop (12-15, 21, 22, 24-28, 31-37)
- **Fire Status:** Good to Go inside fire rings, keep some method of suppression in mind
- **Special Considerations:** October can be windy, and being next to the water, the cool air might feel colder. Please prepare to dress in layers, and especially consider how to stay comfortable and warm while sleeping.
- **Parking:** at site. There is a gate that closes after 10pm. We will have access to the gate code during the time there.

Communications

We will use GroupMe for some communications before and during the campout. While we intend that GroupMe will supplement in-person communications at the campout, there may be times that for those using GroupMe, communications may be faster or evolve more quickly than those reliant on in-person communications.

Per [Opensignal](#), cell phone service should be solid, even at the State Park. If your phone gets no signal, you may want to assure that someone with a signal gives you updates.

If we run into poor coverage, we will work as a group, and arrange set times to be places in case the group gets separated, or decides on separate activities on camp day, for example.

Install the [GroupMe app](#) on your phone, prior to departure so you don't receive each message as a separate text!

Note about electronics: Youth should lock all their electronics in the cars. This is a time to connect with old and new friends and engage in outdoor fun. Adults: we need to set an example and minimize the use of electronics for personal entertainment purposes.

Health and Safety

Each participant should bring a completed [health form](#), Parts A&B, if you have not already submitted one to Tara Drennan.

Tara Drennan will have the first aid kit and AED.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911.

Closest Medical Facilities

Hunt Regional Emergency Medical Center

738 E Quinlan Pkwy
Quinlan, TX 75474
(903) 408-4800