

Fall 2022 Campout

Martin Creek Lake 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 Martin Creek Lake SP, 140 miles 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 Martin Creek Lake State Park for 2 nights.
- There is a **day use fee of \$4 per person per day ages 13+**. You will pay this to the Ranger station upon arrival.
- Check-in on Friday (10/14).
 - 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](#) will be posted close to departure date.

Routing

Each driver must be knowledgeable of the route.

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

The drive will be about 2 hours, 22 minutes (140 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 and power at each site.

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
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Friday Dinner	You	Eat on the trip to MCLSP
Saturday Breakfast	Pack provide pancakes, you bring sides	Griddle Breakfast, Granola, Fresh Fruit, <u>Coffee</u> , Cereal
Saturday Lunch	You or Den depending on individual Den Strategy	Brown Bag, Sandwiches, Fruit, Chips
Saturday Dinner	Pack will provide main course, You bring a side for 10-15	Fruit, Macaroni Salad, Green 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.
- Bring some charcoal and s'more supplies. Bamboo skewers are an excellent option if you do not have metal skewers for marshmallow roasting.
- Cooking Implements like pot/pan, spatula, tongs.
- 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.
- Consider bringing a **grocery bag** or trash bag to pick up trash around the park while we're out, as a Good Turn for the park

Agenda

Friday, October 14

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

- Raise the Pack Flag (Ke'o will transport flag pole)
- Orient (bathrooms, campsite generalities, location of First Aid and AED)
- Discuss following day's schedule
- Unique site information observed when arriving
- Reminder about Electronics
- **9:30ish Night Hike** with Star Gazing - Will Villegas!

From Central Lutheran the trip will take a little over 2 hours 20. 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 \$4/day for campers 13+.

Our Campsites are on the BEE TREE 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 15

Breakfast (8:00am - 9am)

- Mobilize 7:30.
- Plan to be eating breakfast around 8am with a goal to be cleaning up by 9
- Start morning activities with an opening flag ceremony at 9:30. There will be a planning call in the coming week to discuss activities more (tentatively 10/5 @ 8pm). If you are willing to lead an activity, please plan to participate in the call!

Morning Activities (9:30am - 11:45am)

- These are ideas based on last year's activities.
- Trail Biking - John Mielcarek
- Soccer - lead by Webelos II, with some light leader facilitation Grigsby, Casteneda
- 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.
- Twilight times are most ideal for varied fish, and lures - we will be using mostly hotdogs and bobbers on the hunt for sunfish
- If you have a newer angler please plan to actively participate.

LUNCH AS A DEN (12:00pm - 1:30pm)

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

Afternoon Activities (2:00pm - 4:00pm)

- 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
 - NOVA activity - WILD! (req't 3)
 - short discussion within your Den prior to taking off on the hike.
 - identify examples of plants and animals while hiking and discuss where they fit in the food chain/ecosystem.
 - Park Scavenger Hunt!

Chicken Wrangler should depart to pick up chicken @ 5:35 pm

Chicken Should be Ready to pick up @ 6 pm (Chicken Express 101 US-79, Henderson, TX 75654)

Suit up for dinner and sides around 5:30, and walking/driving to the program area by 6:00

Dinner will be 6:30pm, **with campfire program.**

- Currently planned for Pavilion, possible to have in amphitheater if available
- Invocation
- Adult Leader Skit
- Den Skits
- Den Awards
 - **** DEN LEADERS - enter awards and belt loops into Scoutbook by Sunday evening (10/9) Firm Cutoff ****
 - Please apprise new parents how Bobcat flip works!
- Flag Retirement Ceremony lead by Royal Crews
- Pack S'mores facilitated by Untamable Wolverines (Webelos II)

Sunday, October 16

Scouts' Own Interfaith (7:30am - 8:30am)

- Breakfast, and decamp as families.
- After packing please patrol your campsite one final time to ensure all rubbish and debris are picked up.
- 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

Tatum, Texas

October 14-16, 2022

<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>	10% (Wa)	<i>sunset</i>	6:50

ASTRONOMIC EVENT! Brief astronomic discussion.

Site Information

Martin Creek Lake State Park ([link to park map](#))

9515 Co Rd 2181D

Tatum, TX 75691

(903) 836-4336

- **Sites:** BEE TREE. [Site List HERE](#)
- **Fire Status:** BURN BAN in place. Charcoal in the fire ring, no wood.
- **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 between 10pm and 6am. We will have access to the gate code during the time there.
- **Park Rangers:** Sara Depaepe, Park Superintendent; Curtis Daugherty, Asst. Park Superintendent; Shannon, Park Staff

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 Nurse Tara Drennan. These should be updated annually.

Health forms are kept securely for emergency use only. If you have concerns about privacy of medical information, etc. you may place your forms inside a sealed 10x12 envelope with the names of contents legibly printed on the outside.

Tara Drennan will have the first aid kit and AED.

IN AN EMERGENCY CALL 911.

Closest Medical Facilities

UT Health - Henderson

300 Wilson St.

Henderson, TX 75652

(903) 657-7541