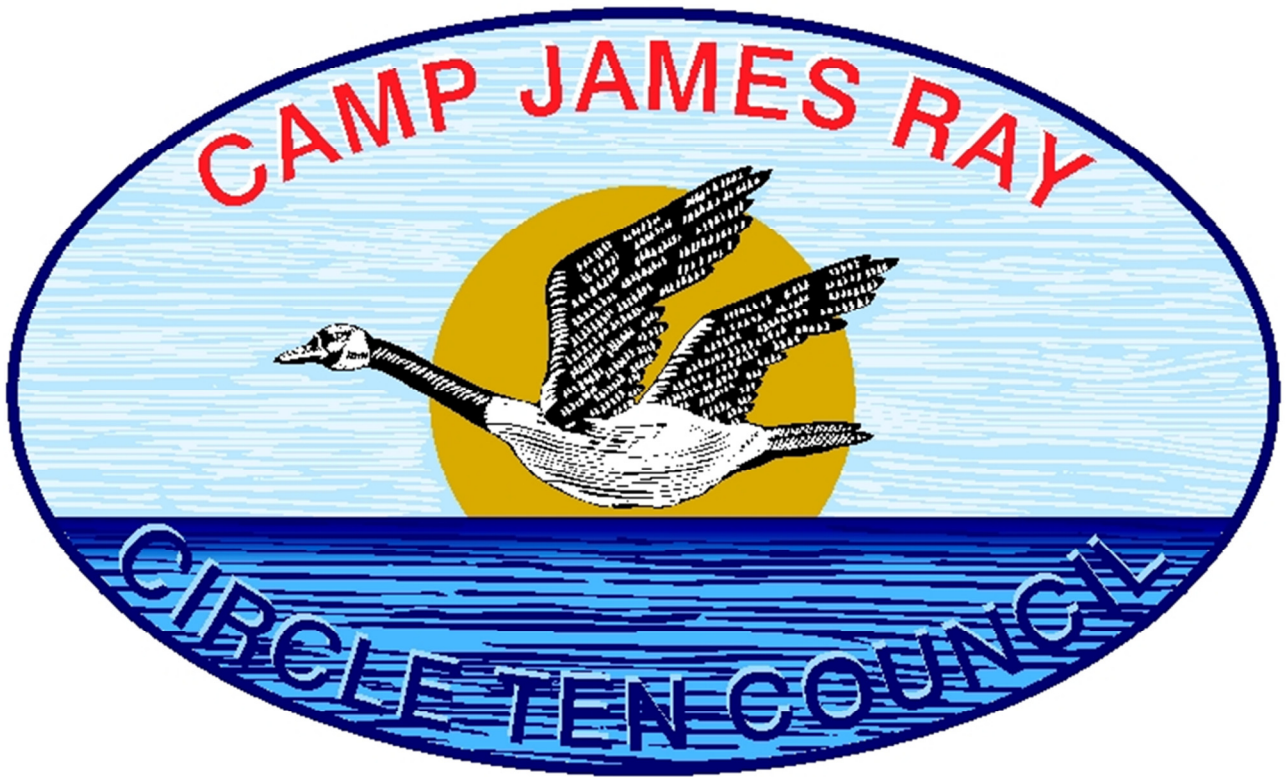


2012



***CAMP JAMES RAY  
PROGRAM GUIDE***



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# **GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION**

## **Legacy of Boy Scout Camping**

We have a rich tradition of Boy Scout camping along this portion of the Red River. Come join us at Camp James Ray to keep the spirit alive!

1929 - Grayson Council Camp, Grayson County Council, BSA

1930-35 - Camp Armstrong, Red River Valley Council, BSA

1936-48 - Grayson/Texoma Scout Camp, Red River Valley Council, BSA

1949-77 - Camp Texoma, Circle Ten Council, BSA

1949-51 - Texoma Scout Camp, Sherman Area Council, BSA

1952-93 - Camp Grayson, Texoma Valley Council, BSA

1994-99 - Camp Grayson, Circle Ten Council, BSA

2000-present - James Ray Scout Reservation, Circle Ten Council, BSA

All of this camping has taken place within 1000 yards of our current campsites.

## **Camp Specifics**

James Ray Scout Reservation is located on the banks of beautiful Lake Texoma near Pottsboro, Texas, on the Texas-Oklahoma border. From Dallas, take US 75 north to exit 69 (FM 120); turn west and follow FM 120 to Pottsboro. At the stop sign, proceed straight west on FM 996 past the Pottsboro Post Office and continuing west on FM 996 after stopping at the intersection of FM 996 and the State Highway 289 extension. Follow FM 996 approximately 4 miles as it curves north. About 1 mile past the northerly curve, take Locust Road left. Proceed to Locust Grocery, and turn right at the stop sign onto Mill Creek Road. Follow Mill Creek Road past Locust Cemetery and All Saints Camp until you come to the intersection of Mill Creek Road and Mill Creek Resort Road. The James Ray Scout Reservation entrance is on the right just past Mill Creek Resort Road.

## **Mailing Address**

(Please mail letters no later than Monday to ensure arrival during camp week):

Camp James Ray  
Scout's Name/ Troop Number  
71 Camp James Ray Road  
Pottsboro, Texas 75076

## **Emergency Telephone Number**

**CAMP JAMES RAY: (903) 786-2591**

The camp telephone number is for medical and family *emergencies only*. Parents are asked to use this number only for emergencies. Camp James Ray is not equipped with a paging system. If a parent calls with a non-emergency, that message will be communicated at the next meal.

CIRCLE TEN COUNCIL SERVICE CENTERS: Dallas: (214) 902-6700 Fairview: (214) 509-2100

## **Camp Headquarters Hours**

Telephone number 903-786-3957 (Office operates June 6 – July 11)

Sunday: 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Monday-Friday: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM - Noon

## **Camp Leadership**

Camp Director:

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214-902-6776

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Dr. Wade Graves

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Business Manager:

Mr. Eric Williamson

214-509-2117

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Camp Ranger:

Mr. David Carson

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# ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

## Check-in

Please make sure that your unit brings the following for check-in (no copies can be made at camp):

- A complete camp roster of Scouts and adults showing name, address, home and emergency phone numbers. Entering and updating contact information in Campmaster will streamline this process.
- Payment record with receipts.
- Complete Annual Health and Medical Record for all Scouts and adult leaders attending camp. The full physical is required for all Scouts and adults attending camp (Parts A, B and C of the new health form). All medical forms will be returned to the troop after camp is concluded. Shots must be dated with month, day, year, or official shot records must be attached to the medical forms.
- For each adult leader attending camp, the following forms must be turned in upon arrival:
  - Copy of the Sexual Offender database check.
  - Copy of a valid online Youth Protection certification card. (training valid for two years)If any of these three forms are missing, the adult will not be allowed to remain at camp overnight.

Camp check-in occurs between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Sunday afternoon. When you first arrive at camp, a camp staff member (who will serve as your Staff Guide for the week) will meet you at the Fry Center (located at the north end of the parking lot) to begin the check-in process and prepare your unit for medical re-checks, swim checks, and a tour of camp. One adult leader and the Senior Patrol Leader are responsible for checking in the troop at Camp Headquarters. NOTE: To ensure safety, only one vehicle per unit will be allowed into the campsite to deliver gear.

Although the camp needs an immediate head count for meals on arrival, Scoutmasters are free to take their time and settle-up on fees by 8:00 PM Sunday night. This will allow you to immediately head to your campsite with your accompanying Staff Guide. After you and your Staff Guide inspect camp-supplied equipment for damage, your troop can begin to set up your site, take your tour, and complete medical re-checks. Please take the time to note any damaged equipment so that it may be repaired or replaced and your troop won't be charged at the end of your week at camp—troops must pay for any equipment they damage. Additionally, throughout your stay a senior staff member will visit your site daily. Please let this senior staff member know if there are any items that need our attention.

The Camp Director has the right to move any unit to another campsite due to overcrowding or to make units fit in more comfortably.

## Swim Tests, Medical Re-checks and Medical Forms

Swim Tests: Swimming in the pool and boating on Lake Texoma are two of the most enjoyable activities at James Ray Scout Reservation. Safety is our number-one priority, and we have established some simple guidelines to ensure a safe stay. Any Scout or leader who wishes to participate in aquatic activities must have completed the BSA swim test.

- Units can take the BSA swim test conducted at Camp Wisdom by certified members of the Circle Ten Council Aquatics staff (dates of testing will be published on the Council website prior to camp) as a unit activity prior to coming to camp or can go through the BSA swim test conducted by the James Ray Aquatics staff. The camp Scoutmaster must present a completed swim test roster signed by Council-approved testing personnel to the Aquatics Director to receive swimming ability “buddy” tags for waterfront and pool activities.
- When swim tests are conducted prior to camp, the camp Aquatics Director reserves the right to review or retest all participants to ensure that standards have been maintained.

Medical Re-checks and Medical Forms: All Scouts and leaders attending camp must have completed a BSA medical form 34605 before attending camp. The form is available at <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/whole.pdf>. All medical forms will be returned to the troop at the end of your week in camp. Shots must be dated with year, or official shot records must be attached to the medical forms.

As part of your camp tour, leaders and campers will visit with the Camp Medic for a brief medical re-check. The purpose of this re-check is not to conduct a second physical, but to make the Medic aware of any potential health problems, personal medications, or concerns that a camper or leader may have.

## Typical Campsite

Camp James Ray has eleven campsites – 9 whose names honor Native American Tribes and 2 that honor famous Native American Chiefs – with wooden platforms and BSA Wide Wall Tents. Additionally, each campsite has a pit latrine and ground water temperature shower facility. Please note: the campsites **do not** have electricity. Flush toilet and hot shower facilities for both youth and adults are available at the pool. Additionally flush toilet and hot shower facilities for adults only are available behind the Charles K. Pool Activity building. Flush toilets for adults are also available during daylight hours in the dining hall. All Scouts and adults are asked to leave the facilities cleaner than they found them. Troops are responsible for latrine cleanliness.

## **Check-Out**

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM on Saturday. After breakfast, Scouts are to return to their campsites to pack and clean up. All of the Program Area Directors will be available inside the Dining Hall after breakfast to answer any questions that unit leaders might have concerning merit badge or advancement reports. Please take advantage of this service, so we can solve any problems before your unit leaves camp.

A camp staff member will visit your campsite to inspect it with your Senior Patrol Leader. Remember that all camp equipment that was borrowed must be returned to the Quartermaster before your unit will be cleared to leave. Once you have been cleared, take your clearance form and the Camp Evaluation Form to the office. Camp patches and any remaining material will be issued when you check-out at the Headquarters building. Remember, to ensure safety, only one vehicle per unit will be allowed into the campsite to pick up gear. Gates will open at 6:45 AM to start packing your vehicles.

# DAILY SCHEDULE

## Sunday

1:00 PM -4:00 PM .....Check-in, Camp Tour, Medical Re-checks, Swim Checks  
6:05 .....Gathering and Flag Ceremony  
5:45 .....Table Waiter Call  
6:15 .....Dinner  
8:30 .....Opening Campfire

## Monday –Friday

6:30 AM.....Reveille  
7:45 AM.....Table Waiter Call  
7:50 .....Gathering and Flag Ceremony  
8:00 .....Breakfast  
9:00-9:50.....Merit Badge Session I  
10:00-10:50.....Merit Badge Session II  
11:00-11:50.....Merit Badge Session III  
12:00 noon.....Table Waiter Call  
12:15 PM.....Lunch  
12:50 .....Daily Leaders Meeting  
1:00-1:50.....Camp Quiet Hour (“shoes-off time”)  
2:00-2:50.....Merit Badge Session IV  
3:00-3:50.....Merit Badge Session V  
4:00-4:50.....Merit Badge Session VI  
4:00-5:30.....Open areas (handicraft, waterfront, shooting sports, pool)  
6:00 .....Table Waiter Call  
6:05 .....Gathering and Flag Ceremony  
6:15 .....Dinner  
7:30 .....Evening Activity  
10:00 .....Call to Quarters (everyone in your campsite – get ready for bed)  
10:30 PM.....Taps (please be considerate of your neighbors)

## Saturday

7:15 AM.....Table Waiter Call  
7:20 .....Gathering and Flag Ceremony  
7:30 .....Breakfast  
8:15 .....Break Camp and Check-out

# CAMP PROGRAMS

## Overview

James Ray Scout Reservation offers a wide variety of fun and challenging programs for your Scouts. Scouts will have the opportunity to learn new skills that will help them on their trail to Eagle. The camp has eight program areas that are staffed by fellow Scouts who are eager to teach. The program areas include:

- Aquatics (Waterfront and Pool)
- Field Sports
- Brownsea Island Program
- Handicraft
- Nature
- Outdoor Skills
- Shooting Sports
- Training

While at camp, Scouts are encouraged to participate in a variety of special programs. These special opportunities offer Scouts, Adults, and Troops the opportunity to earn:

- BSA Lifeguard
- Totin' Chip
- Baden-Powell Troop Award
- Mile Swim BSA
- Boardsailing BSA
- "A" Troop Award
- Kayaking BSA
- Paul Bunyan Woodsman Award
- Human Foosball
- Snorkeling BSA
- Canoe Overnight Adventure
- Amateur Radio Technician Class
- STEM Nova and Supernova Award Jumpstart program

## Amateur Radio

Come join the fun and learn about the world of Amateur Radio! Scouts who want to get the full benefit of this exciting program should sign up for the Amateur Radio Technician course as well as the Electronics and Radio merit badges (both of which are STEM NOVA badges as well). In addition to the opportunities our Scouts and Adult leaders will have to use our camp radio station N5CJR, we will hold an amateur radio Technician license class for any older Scout (14 years old) or Adult interested in becoming an FCC licensed radio amateur. Classes will be held each afternoon to help study the material for the exam. On Friday we will have local Amateur Radio Volunteer Examiners visit our camp to administer the test. There is not a fee for the Amateur Radio class. If you choose to take the exam, there is a \$15 fee due to the examiners on the day of the test to cover the cost of the exam. This is an excellent opportunity for older Scouts and Adult leaders to become licensed amateur radio operators. Please contact Program Director Wade Graves, [wade.graves@gmail.com](mailto:wade.graves@gmail.com), if anyone in your unit is interested. Wade will be happy to send you the study guide and other materials in PDF format. NOTE: Licensed radio amateurs may sign up to run the N5CJR radio station. Contact Wade for details when you arrive at camp.

### Camp James Ray Merit Badges Offered

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1. American Cultures            | 31. Fish & Wildlife Management | 60. Reptile & Amphibian Study *           |
| 2. American Heritage            | 32. Fishing *                  | 61. Rifle Shooting                        |
| 3. Archaeology (%)              | 33. Forestry                   | 62. Robotics * # (%)                      |
| 4. Archery                      | 34. Gardening *                | 63. Rowing                                |
| 5. Astronomy %                  | 35. Geocaching                 | 64. Safety                                |
| 6. Aviation (%)                 | 36. Geology (%)                | 65. Scholarship * %                       |
| 7. Athletics *                  | 37. Golf                       | 66. Scouting Heritage                     |
| 8. Basketry                     | 38. Graphic Arts               | 67. Shotgun Shooting                      |
| 9. Bird Study                   | 39. Indian Lore                | 68. Skating                               |
| 10. Camping                     | 40. Insect Study               | 69. Small Boat Sailing                    |
| 11. Canoeing                    | 41. Inventing *                | 70. Soil & Water Conservation             |
| 12. Chemistry %                 | 42. Journalism                 | 71. Space Exploration (%)                 |
| 13. Chess                       | 43. Landscape Architecture     | 72. Sports *                              |
| 14. Cinematography              | 44. Leatherwork                | 73. Swimming                              |
| 15. Citizenship in the Nation * | 45. Lifesaving                 | 74. Water Sports #                        |
| 16. Citizenship in the World *  | 46. Mammal Study               | 75. Weather (%)                           |
| 17. Communication *             | 47. Metalwork                  | 76. Wilderness Survival                   |
| 18. Collections *               | 48. Motor Boating              | 77. Woodcarving                           |
| 19. Composite Materials (%)     | 49. Nature                     | 78. Woodwork #                            |
| 20. Computers (%)               | 50. Nuclear Science %          |   |
| 21. Crime Prevention            | 51. Oceanography (%)           | *partial only                             |
| 22. Disabilities Awareness      | 52. Orienteering               | #limited to Life/Eagle Scouts             |
| 23. Electricity (%)             | 53. Personal Fitness *         | or age 13 and older                       |
| 24. Electronics %               | 54. Photography                | % STEM Nova/Supernova                     |
| 25. Emergency Preparedness *    | 55. Pioneering                 | award CORE badge for 1 <sup>st</sup>      |
| 26. Energy (%)                  | 56. Plant Science (%)          | Class and above                           |
| 27. Engineering * # %           | 57. Plumbing #                 | (%)STEM Nova/Supernova                    |
| 28. Environmental Science       | 58. Pulp & Paper (%)           | award optional badges for 1 <sup>st</sup> |
| 29. Fingerprinting              | 59. Radio (%)                  | Class and above                           |
| 30. First Aid                   |                                |   |

## **Special Events**

Evenings at Camp James Ray provide some of the most memorable moments of your camping experience. We offer a variety of activities that will appeal to both the New Scout and the Eagle Scout. There are opportunities for individual, patrol, troop, and camp activities that everyone is invited to participate in. Participate in all special events, some, or none—you choose. We also hope your adult leaders will take advantage of some of the training opportunities that are available to them throughout the week.

Sunday: Welcome to Camp! Opening Campfire and Camp James Ray OA Ash Ceremony.

Monday: Sundown Sundaes and the Pool Party

Tuesday: Troop Open Areas (Pool, Boats, Rifle/Archery Ranges, Ham Radio Station). Harold Young invitational “Mega-ball Relay”

Wednesday: Safe Swim Defense & Safety Afloat Training (after lunch), Dodge Ball Tournament, and the Astronomy Star Party

Thursday: Leave No Trace Training (after lunch), Troop Open Areas (Pool, Boats, Rifle/Archery Ranges, Ham Radio Station), Canoe Adventure Overnighter, and Wilderness Survival Overnighter

Friday Family Night: Family dinner, Award Ceremony, and Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremony. Friday evening has always been a special time at James Ray Scout Reservation. Many families join their Scouts for the inspirational closing campfire and the Order of the Arrow Call-Out Ceremony. Troop leaders will be asked to provide a headcount for Friday night dinner guests at lunch on Wednesday. The cost of the Friday dinner is \$6 for guests. All guests must register at Camp Headquarters before proceeding to camp. Please remind your parents that family animals, other than service animals, are not permitted at camp, and any visitor who arrives with an animal will not be allowed to participate in the evening programs.

## **Troop Activities**

On Tuesday and Thursday nights, Troops may enjoy troop activities: canoeing, sailing, swimming, and shooting. Slots for these programs are limited and will be coordinated by Program Area Directors. Sign-ups for these activities will be Monday, directly following lunch. Please note that the James Ray staff will do its best to accommodate all troops and that some troops might be asked to share time slots. In addition, troops must follow all rules and regulations that apply to each open area. This includes Safe Swim & Safety Afloat requirements to participate in troop canoeing and sailing. Each slot starts promptly on time and ends at the designated time.

## **Harold Young Invitational “Mega-ball Relay”**

Patrols will compete as they convey a 5-6 foot diameter ball through a relay course. At each stop along the course the patrol must decide the fastest and safest way to get the Mega-ball from point A to point B without damaging the ball or knocking over the obstacles. Obstacles might include tight spaces, not touching the ground, not leaving the ground, not getting wet, or not falling. In addition to the bragging rights, the winning patrol will receive a prize for their efforts.

## **Strengthening the Unit Program**

The program at Camp James Ray also includes several awards and recognitions designed to enhance and strengthen the troop and patrol program. Troops may perform a camp service project, earn the Order of the Arrow Camp Attendance Ribbon, the Baden-Powell Troop Award, and the Camp James Ray “A” Flag. All troops are encouraged to hold their own flag ceremonies before breakfast and after dinner in their campsite, in addition to participating in the camp-wide flag ceremonies each morning and evening. Inter-troop competitions throughout the week (dodge ball, human foosball, soccer, etc.) are designed to build troop and patrol spirit. Troops are encouraged to hold a troop campfire on Wednesday evening to promote fellowship and allow older Scouts to plan and lead a campfire (Communications Merit Badge requirement).

## **Boy Scout Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) award jumpstart program**

Our STEM jumpstart program will assist boys who are 1<sup>st</sup> Class and above in getting a head start on the Dr. Bernard Harris NOVA Award (basic award for Boy Scouts). For older Scouts who have already completed the merit badge requirements for the Dr. Bernard Harris NOVA award, we offer most of the remaining STEM merit badges to help them pursue the Thomas Edison NOVA Award (intermediate award for Boy Scouts) and the Albert Einstein NOVA Award (the advanced or challenge award for Boy Scouts). The Camp James Ray Amateur Radio Technician program (FCC license) can also assist Scouts interested in earning any of these awards. The merit badges for these awards are marked in the merit badge list.

## Requirements for Baden-Powell Troop Award

1. Demonstrate continuous Scout spirit during the week.
2. The teaching of Scout skills is included in the troop's program for the week.
3. Planned troop and patrol programs are posted in troop site and/or patrol site (day or weekly).
4. The Scout Fireguard plan is reviewed by troops, is posted, and fire protection is available at each tent.
5. Troop site is neat, clean and free from unnecessary hazards; the troop participates in an anti-litter pick-up.
6. Fly the flag of the United States properly in the campsite when the troop is in camp; fly the troop flag if available.
7. Follow the Camp procedures and policies as set forth in the Leader's Guidebook.

### **The Troop is to complete 5 of the following 8 projects:**

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8. Conduct troop or inter-troop campfire.
9. Select and perform a worthwhile Good Turn or conservation project of camp wide importance, approved by the Program Director.
10. Be coached in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat. Conduct a troop Safe Swim or Float Trip.
11. Scoutmaster or other registered adult leader spends the entire week at camp with the troop, and gives continuing leadership to troop activities and advancement.
12. Patrol Leaders Council plans troop program through daily meetings with staff help if needed.
13. Participate in three camp-wide activities to be decided on by Program Staff, Senior Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters. (Such events as Critter Crawl, Swim Meet, Skill Meet, etc.)
14. Develop troop program to include use of 3 of the following: archery range, rifle

range, horsemanship, fishing, hiking, sports, and boating.

15. Conduct a troop overnight - Outpost camp.

### **Each Patrol is to complete 5 of the following 8 projects:**

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16. Develop and produce a skit or stunt for troop, inter-troop, or camp wide campfire.
17. Plan and carry out conservation project selected by, or originated by Patrol members and approved by Camp Ambassador or Camp Ranger.
18. Have and use a patrol flag throughout the week.
19. Take a purposeful hike (nature, compass, bee-line, follow-the-stream, etc.).
20. Plan and go on an overnight camping trip; coordinate all the plans, food, map and compass, and plan a special program for use along the trail or at the campsite.
21. Construct an approved pioneering project (bridge, tower, table, camp gadgets, etc.).
22. All patrol members with Scout uniforms wear the uniform daily for at least Retreat Ceremony, supper, and the evening events, when appropriate.
23. Help plan and participate in a troop wide activity (campfire, camp-wide game, special activity hike, skill instruction, etc.).

UNIT

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Leader Name

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# NOTES