

POLICIES GOVERNING THE USE OF TEXAS TRAILS COUNCIL PROPERTIES

When using council facilities, all groups can help to preserve scouting's favorable image by observing the policies listed below.

1. **CHECK-IN & CHECKOUT** – All groups must check in and out of camp with a Texas Trails Council representative. This will include either the Camp Ranger or the staff person in charge of the activity. Be prepared to provide any required documentation regarding your program activities or leaders. No group should attempt to enter the property without proper notification and credentials. All equipment, facilities, campsites, and program areas will be inspected for damage, misuse, and cleanliness before checkout. Any damages, lost equipment, or vandalism will be paid for before departure.
2. **MOTOR VEHICLES** – All vehicles, campers, and any other means of transportation are to be parked in the designated area(s) provided. The posted Camp speed limit is 10MPH, and travel is restricted to the main camp roads. Do not take vehicles into the campsite. Riding in the bed of a pick-up truck is strictly prohibited.
3. **CAMP BOUNDARIES** – All persons using camp property must stay within the property boundaries. Trespassing on neighboring areas without permission is illegal and a violation of the Scout Law. An adult leader must accompany any hike or program activity out of the camp.
4. **ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS & CAMP CLEAN UP** – The camp property is an environmentally sensitive area. Do your part in maintaining a clean environment. Please do not litter or discard items that may be hazardous to the property/facilities. Do not bury any waste or refuse. Camp Tonkawa does not have a janitorial service. Clean up is the user's responsibility. Cleaning materials and equipment will be made available. Please deposit trash in the proper receptacles.
5. **FIRES** – Fires are only to be set in the campfire rings provided. Fire use by camp guests will be at the discretion of the Camp Ranger. Be aware of the hazards of a dry climate. Use only dead wood for fires. Do not cut live trees. Be sure all fires are completely extinguished before leaving for any reason. Do not dig holes for fires.
6. **LIQUID FUEL USE** – Use of white gas or other flammable material stoves and lanterns shall be restricted to adult use. If required, youth campers may use LP gas (propane or butane) in stoves and lanterns designed for its use. All liquid fuels must be stored in the camp or unit designated storage facility.
7. **AQUATIC ACTIVITIES** – All swimming at camp must be supervised by at least one adult leader (21 years of age) who has one of the following aquatic certificates: BSA Aquatic Instructor, Red Cross Water Safety, BSA Safe Swim Defense and BSA Safety Afloat. This certificate must be currently valid. Swimming pool use is subject to the discretion of the Camp Ranger. The use of boats and canoes must be supervised by at least one adult leader (21 years of age) who has one of the above aquatic certificates. All boaters must wear lifejackets at all times while in boats or canoes.
8. **ARCHERY RANGE** – An adult leader (21 years of age or older) must supervise the use of the archery range and must be in attendance at all times during its use. Hazardous and dangerous use and discharge of bows and arrows is grounds for dismissal. Proper care of equipment and facilities is the user's responsibility. Damage to equipment and facilities will be paid for upon checkout.
9. **RIFLE RANGE** – An adult leader (21 years of age or older) must supervise the use of the rifle range and must be in attendance at all times during its use. The adult leader in charge of the range requires BSA Shooting Sports or an approved shooting/marksmanship certification. No unauthorized weapons will be allowed. All participants and staff must follow all range rules. Hazardous and dangerous use and discharge of weapons is grounds for dismissal. Proper care of equipment and facilities is the user's responsibility. Damage to equipment and facilities will be paid for upon checkout.
10. **ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, FIREWORKS** – The possession and consumption of alcoholic beverages on council properties is strictly prohibited. Tobacco products are not allowed in camp program areas, and their use is limited to designated areas only. Illegal drug use is not permitted and the possession or use is strictly prohibited. Fireworks are not allowed on council properties. A violation of the Texas Trails Council Alcohol, Tobacco, and Fireworks Policy is grounds for immediate dismissal from the property.
11. **ADULT LEADERSHIP FOR USE OF COUNCIL PROPERTIES** – All Cubs, Webelos, Scouts, and Venture Scouts using council properties and facilities must be supervised by at least two adult leaders (21 years of age or older). Two deep leadership is required if members of your group are 18 years or younger. Coed groups require a female adult attendee. All adult leadership required must remain in attendance for the duration of the encampment.

These policies have been set to give the Texas Trails Council properties a Scout-like atmosphere, and we ask for your cooperation.

The Camp Ranger or designated staff person in charge of the activity is charged with the responsibility to carry out these policies as they may affect the council property and members. Our concern is the health, welfare, and safety of our campers, visitors, and guests, as well as property, conservation, preservation, and environmental protection.