

TEXAS PATHFINDER CAMPOREE 2015

Dates: April 2-5, 2015

Times: Thursday, April 2 starting at 12:00pm, through Sunday, April 5, at 12 noon

Location: Lake Whitney Ranch, 813 FM 2841, Clifton TX 76634

THEME: "Risen"

Description: Texas Pathfinder Camporee is a time of friendship, competition, discipline, and spiritual commitment. Your enthusiasm and excitement is our heartbeat around the conference. If you require a Camporee Packet hard copy mailed to you, please contact our office.

SCHEDULE:

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| • Check-in | Thur, April 2 | 12:00pm – 12:00am |
| • Late Check-in | Fri, April 3 | 8:00 - 10:00am |
| • Events begin | Fri, April 3 | 9:00am |
| • Entry to Camp to pack | Sun, April 5 | 9:00am |
| • Nightly Curfew | Thur & Fri | 10:00pm (All generators off) |
| • Nightly Curfew | Sat | 12:00am (All generators off) |

Check-In: Begins Thursday 12:00pm-12:00am. Please call ahead to your Area Coordinator to let us know if you will be running late on Thursday, so they can wait up for your arrival.

Parking: There is to be no vehicle parking in the streets or property of the campground. All vehicles that are not a part of the campsite are to be parked in the approved parking lots outside the fenced campground. After off loading of club camping gear from the vehicles in the camping area, all vehicles not a part of the campsite are to be immediately removed from the camping area. *If a vehicle is left in the street of the camping area, a Security or Camporee Staff member will ask the owner to immediately move the vehicle. **If the vehicle is not immediately moved upon request of Security or Camporee Staff, the vehicle will be subject to towing at the owners expense.***

Vehicles in Campsite: You may include trailers, campers, RV's and other motor vehicles in your campsite but you will not receive additional camping area because of your vehicle(s). Those vehicles must remain in the campsite for the entirety of the Camporee and can not be moved.

Programming: We encourage your Pathfinders to be a part of the program by participating in song service, whether by singing or by playing instruments, or special music. The Area Coordinators will choose one special music from their Area to perform at the evening meetings and Sabbath morning.

Be a Good Neighbor: When we are camping together, each campsite is literally touching the next campsite and it is tremendously important to practice being a good neighbor. That means that if you come in late, you set up your camp **QUIETLY**. Many if not most of your neighbors have already gone to sleep or would like to go to sleep. It means turning off your generators at curfew. At curfew, please remind your Pathfinders that they should quiet down and remain at their campsites except for shower and bathroom runs and then must be accompanied by an adult when outside the campsite. Sadly it has also become necessary to remind our clubs that being a Good Neighbor means watching your language no matter what

time of the day. ***Cursing and using foul language by anyone will not be tolerated.*** The Pathfinder Camporee Leadership looks to the Club Leadership staff to make sure this does not happen. Let our language and conversations be clean and Christ-Like., whether in camp or outside camp.

Cell Phones: It is recognized that cell phones have become a way of life for most people. Cell phones have also become a standard camera for many people. It is up to you and your club to provide your own means of charging your cell phones. The Camporee will not provide any outlets or means of charging your cell phones. Please charge all cell phones in your campsite rather than using the outlets that you may see that are not being used at the moment around the Camporee grounds. **If any cell phones are found to be plugged in to the Camporee equipment outlets, they will be removed and taken to Camporee Security where you may claim them.**

We ask that you as Club Director and Staff *remind your Pathfinders that during meetings, their cell phones must be turned to Vibrate and remain in their pocket unless there is an emergency.* We ask that if there is an emergency, make your phone call outside the meeting tent so the rest of the Pathfinders may enjoy the meeting.

Meeting Decorum: The purpose of the Pathfinder Camporee is to have lots of fun, meet new friends, renew old friendships and begin or renew our relationship with Jesus Christ. All of our nightly and Sabbath Morning meetings have been planned to make sure all will be given the opportunity to meet Christ, whether through music, through performance or through the message of the speaker. ***Remember, our Big Tent is our Worship Center.*** *Directors and Staff, we need your help by making sure you maintain control of your Pathfinders. At times we will be lively, but in God's presence. Encourage your Pathfinders to sing when we are singing and encourage them to participate in everything that is taking place up front. Most important, please show them, through your example, how to be responsive to the leaders/speaker up front.*

Sabbath Afternoon Activities: It is not necessary to sign up for the Sabbath Afternoon Activities. We will be providing a large number of activities for you to choose from. A listing will be provided to you when you register, with a map showing where each activity will start. Some activities are planned to take the entire three hours, others are planned for you to rotate through and participate in many.

RV Sites: 20 sites will be available for use during the weekend. Water and electric hookup available, but no sewer hookups. These sites are not recommended if you are to supervise your Club. Reservations must be made. Please call the office to make a reservation, 817-790-2255 x2201. Payment should be made with reservation, but can be made On-site, if sites are still available. First come First serve.

Refund Policy: As of this date, if you have purchased a ticket(s) for persons not attending, please substitute someone to attend in your place. No-Shows will forfeit their full registration fee.

Camporee ADD-ONS: If your club registers by deadline, but has add-ons after the deadline, the add-ons will pay the later price. Please be sure to bring appropriate Medical Consent Forms for all add-ons.

Letter of Excused Absence: Please use for your attendees for absence from work or school.

Consent Forms:

Parents complete the **Medical Consent Release Form**, and **Trip Permission Form**, give to Club Director. Staff complete the **Safe Driver Pledge**, and give to Club Director. Club Director completes the **Field Trip Checklist**, and reviews the **Safety Guidelines**.

Director retains all completed forms, except the **Medical Consent Form** (see next item).

Club Director must submit two copies of the signed **Medical Consent Form** (*In English, per hospital requirements*)(one for Director's tent, and one for Registration Medical station) at time of check-in, for every registrant under the age of 21. Please handle basic First Aid issues at your campsite. For emergency treatment, a nurse will be available at this event. We have limited accident insurance for participants of this event. In case of emergency, parents insurance is primary, and parents of minors are notified as soon as possible.

EVENTS PACKET: Start the fun now with your club planning and preparing for the Friday events at Camporee. Friday Events will run continuously from 9:00am until 5:00pm.

Campsite Inspection Checklist: Please review as a guide to what the inspectors are watching for.

What To Bring: Class A Uniform, toiletries, sleeping bag, blanket, pillow, towel, washcloth, tennis shoes, flip flops, flashlight, insect repellent, sunscreen, jacket, water bottle, hat, camera, Uniform, Bible (Please mark your personal belongings with your name).

What Not To Bring: Valuables, Radios, TV, Jewelry, Fireworks, Alcohol, Tobacco, Drugs, Electronic Games, Laptop Computer, Laser Pointer, or any Items deemed inappropriate (The camp cannot take responsibility for lost or stolen items). Weapons will be confiscated and not returned.

Emergency Kit: Please provide container for your campsite Emergency Kit (see **Security & Emergency Procedures**).

Weekend in Review: We will have copies of the Weekend in Review DVD for your purchase at check out.

Approved Vendors: Texas Youth Ministries, Advent Source.

Contact Us: For additional information, contact Iris Escobar at 817-790-2255 x2201, or email iescobar@txsda.org

DETAILS:

- All youth should arrive at the campgrounds Thursday with their Club Director, please no unattended young people.
- Please have staff or supervisor with your pathfinders at all times throughout the weekend.
- Clubs will carry their Event Sheet to each event on Friday, and have signed by each event judge.
- Please keep your personal activities on Sabbath appropriate, regarding soccer, football, etc. Please refrain.
- NOTE: No electric hookups are available at your campsite. **Generators** are acceptable at campsites, but must be turned off at curfew. ***Please assist us by turning off your generator at curfew without camporee staff having to tell you to turn off your generator.***
- Only above the ground fire containers are allowed for Campfires. (*Unless total FIRE BAN in effect*) No fire pits allowed.
- Please provide your own firewood. Wood from premises is not available for our use.
- Water truck will be making rounds throughout the campsite area. Please bring your own containers.
- There will be mobile shower trailer units.
- No animals. No dogs, etc., at campsites. If someone gets bit or hurt, we cannot be responsible.

- Please observe Curfew and Quiet Times.

Our desire is to provide opportunities for young people to make their decision to follow Jesus as a result of the activities of this weekend. We look forward to our time together with you in fellowship. Thank you for your dedication and service, and in making this a great opportunity for our youth.

We are also excited about Lake Whitney Ranch, and the possibilities the property holds for our youth, and we hope to develop it to be a place of spiritual journey for everyone who sets foot on the property. Please continue to pray for our Camp project, as leaders make decisions, as contractors work, as the community watches, and as youth attend, that all eyes may be lifted upward to our Savior. Come Soon Lord Jesus!!

Sincerely,

Texas Youth Ministries
and the Pathfinder Council