Conservation Awards Weekend

Fall 2025

Participant Guidebook

Lost Pines Scout Reservation

Oct 17-19, 2025

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Version History

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Purpose and Goals

The purpose of this weekend is to provide Scouts with opportunities to explore Scouting in conservation, natural sciences, and the environment.

This is a camping event and fulfills the “outside” learning experiences of Scouting and will count towards camping nights for rank advancement.

The goals for this weekend include:

- Foster enthusiasm for conservation related topics through advancement classes and activities
- Follow Scouting Methods, skills, procedures, aims and values in the activities of the event
- Demonstrate youth-led program segments
- Introduce the Scouts to a wide variety of skills and potential careers via merit badge classes and presentations about Scouting Awards
- Providing Scouts and Scouters an opportunity to network, engage, build camaraderie and just spend time with others from across our Council and the State.
- Provide a safe, fun and constructive outdoor experience for Scouts, Scouters, Volunteers and Staff.

Conservation Awards Weekend is hosted by the Conservation Activities Committee. This committee is comprised of volunteers from the Capitol Area Council. If you are interested in joining the committee and helping make events like this is possible, please email ledouxjapan@yahoo.com and jessica.snider@scouting.org.

Contacts

Event Main Contacts

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Other Event Contacts

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Other numbers to know

- Capitol Area Council Main Reception Desk
  - 512-926-6363
- Jon Yates, Council Scout Executive
  - jon.yates@scouting.org
  - 512-496-3289 cell
- Emergency
  - 911

Event overview

Event starts at 6:00pm, Friday, October 17th, 2025.
Check-in will be at Lindsay Lodge
Friday: 6:00pm - 9:00pm
Saturday: 6:00am - 7:30am
If you plan to arrive outside of these times, please contact the event lead or the staff advisor.

Event ends at 12:00pm, Sunday, October 17th, 2025.
Check-out will be at Lindsay Lodge
Saturday: 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Sunday: 10:00am - 12:00pm
If you plan to depart outside of these times, please contact the event lead or the staff advisor.

Event Schedule

	Time	Description	Location
Friday	6:00pm	Check-In opens	Lindsay Lodge
	6:30pm	Friday Evening Classes begin	Various across camp
	9:00pm	Check-In closes	Lindsay Lodge
	10:00pm	Friday Evening Classes end	Dining Hall
	10:30pm	Lights Out and Quiet Time	All of Camp
Saturday	6:00am	Check-In opens	Linday Lodge
	7:00am	Breakfast begins	Dining Hall
	7:30am	Check-In closes	Linday Lodge
	7:45am	Breakfast Ends	Dining Hall
	8:00am	Flags and Announcements begin	Parade Ground
	8:15am	Flags and Announcements ends	Parade Ground
	8:30am	Sat Morning Classes Begin	Various across Camp
	12:00pm	Sat Morning Classes End	Various across Camp
	12:00pm	Lunch Begins	Dining Hall
	1:30pm	Lunch Ends	Dining Hall
	1:30pm	Saturday Afternoon Classes begin	Various across Camp
	5:00pm	Saturday Afternoon Classes end	Various across Camp
	5:10pm	Evening Flag Ceremony and Announcements	Parade Ground
	5:30pm	Dinner Begins	Dining Hall
	6:30pm	Dinner Ends	Dining Hall
	6:30pm	Saturday Evening Classes Begin	Various across Camp
	8:00pm	Saturday Evening Check-out begins	Lindsay Lodge
	10:00pm	Saturday Evening Classes End	Various across Camp
	10:30pm	Saturday Evening Check-out ends	Lindsay Lodge
	10:30pm	Lights Out	All of camp
Sunday	7:00am	Breakfast Begins	Dining Hall
	7:50am	Scouts on Services	Dining Hall
	8:00am	Breakfast Ends	Dining Hall
	8:00am	Morning Flags Ceremony and Announcements	Parade Ground
	8:30am	Sunday Morning Classes Begin	Various across Camp
	11:00pm	Check-Out begins	Lindsay Lodge
	12:00pm	Sunday Morning Classes End	Various across Camp
	12:00pm	Closing Flag Ceremony	Various across Camp
	1:30pm	Final Check-Out Ends and All Souls off camp	Various across Camp

Event Learning Options/Merit Badge Options

Scouts can select up to 5 classes during the event

Class Option times include

- Friday evening
  - Class Options - see chart on next page
  - You must arrive to the camp by 6:20 PM to attend a Friday Evening Class
  - Not all Scouts are expected to sign up for a class/merit badge during this period.
- Saturday Morning
  - Class Options - see chart on next page
  - You must arrive to the camp by 7:45 AM to attend a Saturday Morning Class
  - All Scouts are expected to sign up for a class/merit badge during this period.
- Saturday Afternoon
  - Class Options - see chart on next page
  - You must arrive to the camp by 12:45 PM to attend a Saturday Afternoon Class
  - All Scouts are expected to sign up for a class/merit badge during this period
- Saturday evening
  - Class Options - see chart on next page
  - Not all Scouts are expected to sign up for a class/merit badge during this period.
- Sunday Morning
  - Class Options - see chart on next page
  - You must arrive to the camp by 7:45 AM to attend a Sunday Morning Class
  - All Scouts are expected to sign up for a class/merit badge during this period unless not attending Sunday (this is acceptable)

Class changes may be made online until registration closes. Changes may be made at camp if the class has space available.

Class Matrix

Class	Fri Evening	Sat AM	Sat PM	Sat Evening	Sun AM	Requirements no met
Bird Study		Dining Hall			Dining Hall	maybe 5
Leave No Trace Basics			Eagle Quest			
Citizenship in the World		Dining Hall	Dining Hall	Dining Hall		
Conservation Awards Academy		Lindsay Lodge				
Energy			Eagle Quest	Eagle Quest		4, maybe 1
Environmental Science			Nat-E-Con		Nat-E-Con	
Fish and Wildlife Management	Dining Hall				Dining Hall	
Fishing		Fishing Dock	Fishing Dock		Fishing Dock	4, maybe, 9 and 10
Fly Fishing		Parade Ground/Waterfront			Parade Ground/Waterfront	11, maybe 10
Forestry		Eagle Quest	Eagle Quest			
Gardening					A Building Porch	2,4,5,8
Geology		A-Building Porch	A-Building Porch			4b
Insect Study	Dining Hall	Dining Hall				3b, 4c, 9
Landscape Architecture					Dining Hall	1
Mammal Study		Smith Pavilion	Smith Pavilion			
National Outdoor /Paul Bunyan Awards				Lindsay Lodge		
Nature				A Building Porch		Some parts of 4
Nuclear Science			Dining Hall	Dining Hall		
Oceanography		Dining Hall	Dining Hall	Dining Hall		8
Plant Science			Dining Hall			7,8
Pulp and Paper	Dining Hall			Dining Hall		maybe 7
Reptile and Amphibian Study		Trading Post Porch	Trading Post Porch			8
Soil and Water Conservation				Trading Post Porch	Trading Post Porch	
Sustainability			Commissioner's Area	Commissioner's Area		
Take Care of Texas					Lindsay Lodge Porch	
Weather		Eagle Quest			Eagle Quest	

Class options with length and completion summary

Class	Number of Class Periods	Description and Requirements
National Outdoor Award Paul Bunyan Conservation Skills	1	Learn about tools, conservation skills and other information to complete parts of the National Outdoor Award: Conservation and part of the Paul Bunyan Award.
Bird Study Merit Badge	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirement 5 may or may not be completed depending on number of birds found.
Citizenship in the World	1	Merit Badge Class - May be completed at camp.
Conservation Awards Academy	1	Awards Presentation covering all the various conservation awards that can be won while in Scouting. Open to both youth and adults
Energy	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirement 4 will not be completed in class, Requirement 1a should be complete before class.
Environmental Science	2	Merit Badge Class - May be completed at camp. Participants must sign up for BOTH part 1 and part 2 to complete the merit badge.
Fish and Wildlife Management	1	Merit Badge Class - May be completed at camp
Fishing	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirements 9 and 10 may not be finished at camp. Requirement 4 should be completed before the class.
Fly Fishing	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirements 10 and 11 may not finished at camp
Forestry	1	Merit Badge Class - May be completed at camp
Gardening	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirements 2,4,5 and 8 may not be finished at camp
Geology	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirement 4b may not be finished at camp
Leave no Trace Basics	5	Training class – Can apply to several conservation awards
Insect Study	2	Merit Badge Class - Requirement 3b,4c and 9 may not be completed at camp. Participants must sign up for BOTH part 1 and part 2 to complete the merit badge.
Mammal Study	1	Merit Badge Class - May be completed at camp

Merit Badge Completion Session	At meals	Counselor available to help confirm completion of merit badges not completed at a previous event.
Nature	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirements for 4 (a-h) may not be completed at camp.
Nuclear Science	1	Merit Badge Class - May be completed at camp.
Oceanography	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirement 8 may not be completed at camp.
Plant Science	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirements 7 and 8 may not be completed at camp.
Pulp and Paper	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirement 7 may not be completed at camp
Reptile and Amphibian Study	1	Merit Badge Class - Requirement 8 may not be completed at camp.
Soil and Water Conservation	1	Merit Badge Class - May be completed at camp.
Sustainability	1	Merit Badge Class – May be completed at camp.
Take Care of Texas	1	Conservation Hours – Participants complete a conservation onsite and can earn up to 3 conservation hours.
Weather	1	Merit Badge Class – May be completed at camp.

In the table above, "*May be completed at camp"* means that Scouts have the *opportunity* to complete the merit badge during the weekend if they are able to complete the requirements as written through show/demonstrate/ explain/discuss/etc.

Other classes *may* be completed if Scouts complete all prerequisites/homework ahead of camp and discuss with their counselor.

Prerequisites: A few merit badges have prerequisites. These include (as stated in the chart above.

- Energy: 1a
- Fishing: 4

Homework: Some Merit Badges cannot be finished at the event. Options on finishing merit badges include:

- Check with the CAW Counselor as many counselors have agreed to work with Scouts after camp.
- Many units have merit badge counselors who can help Scouts after the event.
- During meals at Conservation Awards Weekend, a Merit Badge Counselor will be available to review work completed and report results.
- If Scouts or families have a question about completing partial merit badges, please email jessica.snider@scouting.org.

Event Advancement Expectations

Group Instruction – Setting Expectations in Advance

Some classes have age restrictions, but there is no rank or age limit to attend the weekend event. It is imperative that all Scouts be attentive and engaged in the interactive environment that is created by the counselors.

Scouts have the *opportunity* to complete nearly all class requirements during the weekend. Not all badges may be completed at camp, either by design (see Appendix C for pre-requisites/homework) or by the Scout's ability to demonstrate proficiency.

From the BSA Merit Badge Group Instruction Guide:

"For many badges—perhaps even most of them—partial completion is not only acceptable but expected from a merit badge event. … Simply taking notes, completing a workbook, or listening during a group instruction session does not constitute completing a requirement. To award merit badges in such a manner takes away from the Scout's opportunity for learning and personal growth through exploring the merit badge topic."

It is essential that the Scouts themselves are capable of performing all requirements as written and without parental assistance.

From the BSA Guide to Advancement:

"It is acceptable - and sometimes desirable - for merit badges to be taught in group settings. … We must know that every Scout - actually and personally - completed them. If, for example, a requirement uses words like "show," "demonstrate," or "discuss," then every Scout must do that. It is unacceptable to award badges on the basis of sitting in classrooms watching demonstrations, or, remaining silent during discussions."

Event Service/Conservation Projects for Scouts and Scouters

Scouts can complete service or conservation hours during the following options:

- Take Care of Texas Project
    - Sunday Morning Class
    - Usually clearing or planting based project. Scouts will be supplies with basic tools but should bring their own gloves.
    - This class will also cover the Paul Bunyan Award. More information about this award can be found at https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/paul-bunyan/.
    - Some tool use have age restrictions – please see https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-028.pdf for more about Safe Tool Use.

Scouters can complete service or conservation during the following options:

During each class period, adults can sign up for service. Adults should report to Lindsay Lodge when they have time to volunteer and can select which project they will help with. Common volunteer needs include:

- Taking supplies, paperwork or checking on classes
- Sitting in on large classes or helping new teachers
- Cleaning general use areas
- Helping facilities address water jug and trash needs
- Help prepare food in commissary
- Assist in results data entry
- Assist in packing up after classes or organizing general gear

Scout Volunteers

During check-in and at camp notification times, Troops will be asked to volunteer Scouts for a variety of activities. Some of these include:

- *Flags*: A group of Scouts are needed to raise the flags on Saturday and Sunday mornings and lower flags on Saturday evening.
- *Grace:* Scouts will be asked to volunteer to lead the camp in grace before meals. The Lost Pines Grace or the Philmont Grace are always appropriate, but other graces may

be used if they are appropriate for the variety of religious beliefs that are present. If you have any questions, please check with the camp staff.

- *Scout's Own Service:* Scouts will be asked to help to lead the Scout's Own Service, held on Sunday. If your Chaplain's Aide or other Scouts wish to participate in the service, please sign up at check-in. All are welcome to attend.

Scouters Training Options

LNT Level 1 - Learn to be an Advisor for the Outdoor Ethics Guide in your unit. Also learn to be an Outdoor Ethics Trainer and help with Outdoor Ethic Awards.

Registration

All eligible youth and adult participants may register at this link:

https://scoutingevent.com/564-95348

Fees

Registration Type	Early Bird Rate	Regular Rate
Scouts	NA	$90
Adults/Scouters	NA	$40
Event Volunteers	NA	$0

Onsite participant (Scout) registrations are not allowed at this event. Limited Adult registration are allowed.

Registration cost includes

- Campsite
- Activities and up to 5 classes
- Classroom and cleaning supplies
- Meeting spaces/tables/chairs/restrooms
- Weekend event patch, notebook and sticker
- 3 meals on Saturday and 1 breakfast on Sunday

Youth and adults may sign up individually or as a troop. Individual Scouts may attend with a single parent/guardian if that person is registered with BSA (per national rules effective September 1, 2023). Troops shall provide a minimum of 2 adults and strive to send at least 1 adult for every 4 youth attending the event weekend. No lone or provisional Scouts are allowed.

There is no rank or age limit to attend this weekend event. However, some classes have restrictions and it is imperative that all attendees be attentive and engaged in the interactive environment that is created by the counselors. It is essential that the Scouts themselves are capable of fulfilling all requirements without parental assistance.

Check In

1. Every participant attending camp (youth and adult) must report to Lindsay Lodge for check-in upon arrival at camp.
2. Please do not bring backpacks or other gear into Lindsey Lodge.
3. Turn in a copy of parts A&B of the Annual Health and Medical Release (AHMR) forms. Each person must turn in their form individually to the health officer for review.
4. Adults will need to provide proof of Youth Protection Training completion *and* proof of BSA registration
5. All Scouts get a nametag and class schedule.
6. Sign up for a campsite and locate it on the map.
7. Sign up for Scout opportunities (flags, grace).
8. Sign up for adult service (meals, logistics, class aide).
9. Pick up or buy t-shirts and other Conservation and STEM gear. Pre-orders may be picked up on Saturday. Patches for this event are received at check-out.
10. Carry your gear from the parking lot to your campsite and set up camp.
11. Lights out and quiet time is at 10:30 PM.

Any persons entering camp outside of main check-in hours must still check in at Lindsay Lodge. Likewise, any participant leaving camp for any reason before Sunday dismissal must always log their departure at Lindsay Lodge.

Refunds

For the Council's refund policy please visit https://www.bsacac.org/refund-policy/.

Class Changes

Class changes may be made on the BlackPug registration system until Tuesday before the event. After that time, changes may be made at Lindsay Lodge if space is available. Remember, some classes may be full and no longer available.

Event Communication

Most event communication will come via email from the Black Pug System. Please add the email no-reply@247scouting.com to your safe email list.

Youth Protection

All adults must be registered with BSA and have unexpired Youth Protection Training.

Units are encouraged to sign up as a group, including 2 or more registered adult leaders. Per BSA youth protection policy, there must be a registered female adult leader 21 years of age or over in every unit serving females.

A single Scout or siblings may sign up with a registered parent or guardian. If a troop or group of Scouts wish to attend, they need to arrange adult supervision in advance.

No lone or provisional Scouts.

This camp relies 100% upon adult volunteers and we ask that groups plan for a ratio of 1 adult to 4 youth (and a minimum of 2 adults), so that some adults may help with camp duties outside of monitoring your Scouts. Areas where we need help are cooking, serving, cleaning, water delivery, equipment & paperwork runners, and other logistics.

Per BSA policy:

- Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
- Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
- Youth and adults must tent separately (even if parent and son or daughter)

All Adults MUST bring a troop roster or membership showing registration status and proof of YPT my.scouting.org. (We have no way to check status outside of the Capitol Area Council.)

Please see https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01/#a for more information.

Event Rules & Regulations

Safe Scouting

- Follow Youth Protection: *http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx*
- Follow the Guide to Safe Scouting: *https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss*
- All the BSA regulations that apply to your unit's regular campouts apply to District and Council Events:
    - All Scouts must be at camp with a registered parent/guardian or adult unit leaders who are responsible for them. No lone Scouts.
    - For bringing multiple youth, two-deep leadership is a BSA requirement.
    - For female youth, at least one leader must be a registered female leader 21 years of age or over.
    - All adults must have current youth protection training.
    - Annual health A & B forms are required.
    - Adults and youth may not share tents.
    - All youth attending must be registered with Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, or Exploring. (Cubs and Siblings cannot camp with older youth and must stay on the Cub World Camp Tom Wooten side of camp.)

Vehicles

Speed Limit is 10 MPH everywhere. These rules are in place for Scout safety and to reduce dust pollution during the event.

Trailers are allowed at this event but will not be allowed to park at campsite without prior approval from event contacts.

Park vehicles as directed by staff in the main parking lot north of Lindsay Lodge or in overflow areas. *No vehicles are allowed beyond this point or in the campsites*. Only camp staff and personal vehicles displaying disabled/handicap plates or signs are allowed in the central camp area. If you require special assistance, please contact the Primary Staff Contact in advance. The walk from the parking lot is not far.

Sharing Campsites

All units should expect to share their campsite with one or more other troops. Please be courteous and do not take over the entire campsite including platforms, picnic tables, and pavilions. Campsite selection is chosen on a first-come, first-served basis at check-in on Friday.

Bring a tent. Tents may be placed on platforms. Camp does not have canvas tents set up for this event.

Conduct Policy

The conduct and discipline of the youth in your troop are your responsibility. Please be vigilant in making sure your Scouts' behavior is consistent with the Scout Oath and Law. This is a camp policy that we have found to be of mutual benefit.

Your campsite is your home. So is everyone else's. Entering or loitering around another campsite without that troop's permission invites problems. Lights out is at 10:30 pm. All campers are expected to be in their own campsites by that time.

Outdoor Code

Please abide by the outdoor code while at camp. Do not bother or take home any wild animal. Do not cut or mar trees. Help your Scouts know the importance of caring for trees and all property. Ground fires are not permitted in campsites during this event weekend. Be familiar with the principles of Leave No Trace. Be considerate of other participants.

As an American, I will do my best to –

- **Be clean in my outdoor manners.**
- **Be careful with fire.**
- **Be considerate in the outdoors.**
- **Be conservation minded.**

Stuff not allowed

- Hammocks: Capitol Area Council prohibits the use of hammocks on all properties including Lost Pines Scout Reservation. We appreciate your cooperation.
- Drones: The use of drones and other unmanned aerial vehicles on Capitol Area Council property is prohibited without the express permission of CAC staff and the program director

- Knives: Council policy prohibits the carrying of fixed-blade knives on all properties including Lost Pines Scout Reservation.
- Bicycles: Due to the number of people at this event, for safety we are not allowing bicycles.
- Tobacco, Vapes, Alcohol, Energy Drinks, Illegal Drugs, Fireworks, and Firearms: Adult leaders should not allow the use of tobacco/vape products at any BSA activity involving youth participants. In addition, tobacco use in the presence of Scouts is not permitted at camp. Adult Leaders wishing to use tobacco products or vape may do so only in the main parking lot north of Lindsay Lodge. The consumption, possession, or use of any alcohol, illegal drug or controlled substance is strictly forbidden on any Capitol Area Council property. We will enforce all local, state, or federal laws where violations involving the above are reported. Violators will be asked to leave camp. Because of the potential health risks, energy drinks are to be discouraged at all Scouting events. https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/energy-drinks/ Fireworks, personal firearms and ammunition, and personal bows and arrows, of any type are not allowed at camp.
- Pets of any kind are not allowed on camp. Service animals are allowed, and if you have such a furry friend, we ask that you please notify camp staff beforehand.

Camp Staff Areas

- Scouts are not allowed in the camp staff areas at any time. We ask adults to help enforce this policy.

Late Arrivals

- Late arrivals to camp must check in immediately upon their arrival at Lindsay Lodge.
- Scouts who check in after 6:30 PM on Friday will be too late for Friday night classes and will be rescheduled.

Visitors

Visitors are not allowed. Everyone must be registered as a participant or staff for this event.

Lost and Found

Lost and found will be kept at the dining hall and Lindsay Lodge. Please take only what belongs to you from the lost and found areas. Unclaimed items will be kept at the council office for 30 days before being donated to a charitable organization.

Health and Safety

The Health and Safety of the Scouts and Scouters is a primary consideration at Lost Pines. We provide a Health Lodge staffed with one or more persons trained to handle minor accidents or illness.

Medications

Medications to be taken at camp must be controlled by the unit leader. All medications must be in the proper original containers labeled with the patient's name, medication name and written dosage directions. Adults may dispense medications to Scouts but must never allow medication to be in the possession of a Scout.

The only exceptions are epi pens, inhalers, and other medical devices which the Scout is trained on and needs to carry on their person at all times or for extreme emergencies. In this case, this form must be completed and turned in at check-in: https://www.bsacac.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/epi_pen_and_inhalers_cac.pdf

Dining Equipment

All participants are encouraged to bring their own person dining equipment to Dining Hall meals – plate, bowl, utensils, bottle or cup. Dish lines are provided for washing. Disposable items will still be provided as needed.

Dietary needs

The volunteer Quartermaster team are able to accommodate the following dietary needs:

- *Gluten Free*
- *Dairy Free*
- *Vegetarian*

If one of the above dietary restrictions are needed, the unit leader should note on the registration form and will be verified at check-in. For more advanced dietary needs, a refrigerator/freezer and microwave will be provided for food brought by any individuals. Food should be in Ziploc-style bags labeled and dated with the individual's name and unit number. Scouts must be accompanied by an adult when getting food in the kitchen area.

Mobility Accessibility

If accommodation is needed, please reach out to event contacts. Those with mobility limitations should consider asking to stay in Freedom campsite (partially paved) and each restroom block

has ADA accessible restrooms. Those with mobility issues can get a mobility needs parking pass and allowed to park in A-Building Parking areas.

For individuals who need power during the evening, most campsites have at least one electrical outlet and some campsites, such as Smith and Maverick campsites, have electrical outlets at all tent pads. Reach out to event contacts early campsite reservations need to be made for accommodation needs.

Finally, classes are a mix of walking and instruction. Parents and unit leaders are welcome to sit in and if needed, assist youth with special needs in the learning process.

Appropriate clothing and footwear

- While wearing the field uniform is always appropriate, it is not required for the weekend. If it is your unit or personal preference, it is recommended for flags, Sunday service, and while travelling to and from camp.
- Any Scout-appropriate clothing is acceptable. Not permitted are caps, t-shirts, etc., with words or pictures not representing the best spirit of the Scout Oath and Law. A shirt *with sleeves* must be worn at all times.
- For safety reasons, *closed shoes (sneakers or boots) are to be worn at all times* (except in your tent or in the shower). No crocs, flip-flops, clogs, sandals, or any shoes with openings on the side. Walk to and from the showers in close-toed shoes.

Wild Critters

- Do not bother the wildlife. Stay on trails. Especially watch out for these:
    - Snakes: Lost Pines is home to three types of venomous snakes - rattlesnakes, copperheads, and coral snakes. If you see a rope on the ground, take a good look at it. Chances are it could be a snake. Teach Scouts not to approach (or bother or pick up) any wildlife.
    - Plants: Lost Pines is home to poison oak, poison sumac, poison ivy, and peppervine. If you get into any of these, immediately go to the Health Lodge staff.
    - Ants & Scorpions: Lost Pines is home to fire ants and scorpions. Watch where you stand, walk, and set up camp.

Utilities

Lost Pines has potable water. Some campsites have limited electricity. Camp staff have access to electricity for emergencies. For any health issues needing electricity, please contact the Primary Staff Contact as soon as possible.

Personal Electronics Policy

Some classes may use electronics as tools for their classes. Scouts are not to use devices during class unless instructed by the counselor.

Enjoy the sights and sounds of the outdoors! We ask that all Scouts and Scouters refrain from using devices at other times for any non-Scouting related activities. Playing video games, watching YouTube, or listening to the radio are not appropriate at camp. There are plenty of activities during the weekend and acres of forest at Lost Pines to explore to engage youth and adults.

Mobile phone coverage may be available, but we ask that you not use phones unless necessary. If you must take a call, please step away from participants so as not to disturb them.

Restrooms

Bathhouses at Lost Pines have single-stall restroom and shower facilities. Follow attire, footwear, and youth protection training policies at all times. Only wear shower shoes in the shower – always wear closed-toed shoes to and from the facilities. Portable toilets will also be used for this event.

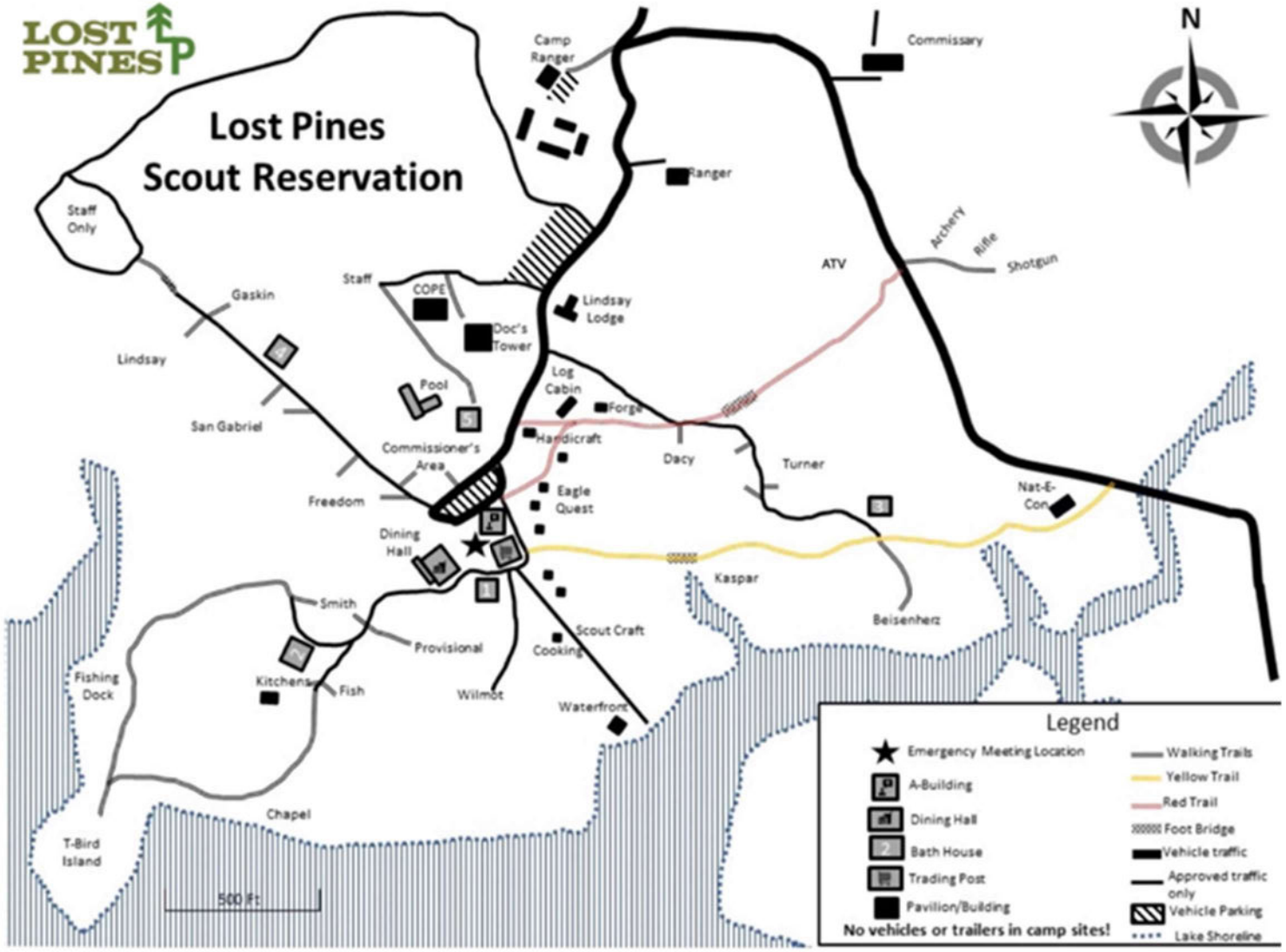
Please help keep all facilities clean and stocked. Contact a staff member if anything needs to be addressed.

Trash

Please help keep Lost Pines clean and pick up trash anywhere you see it. All buildings have trash containers. Please help us patrol the camp before you check out on Sunday. Leave No Trace.

After meals trash can be disposed of in trash bins outside of both main sets of doors of the dining hall. After each meal, the event facility volunteers will take trash to the main camp waste containers. Additional adult help may be needed to help complete this process.

If you find the trashcans in any restroom full, please let the event leadership know. Units /Adults will be asked to help check and clean restrooms during the event.



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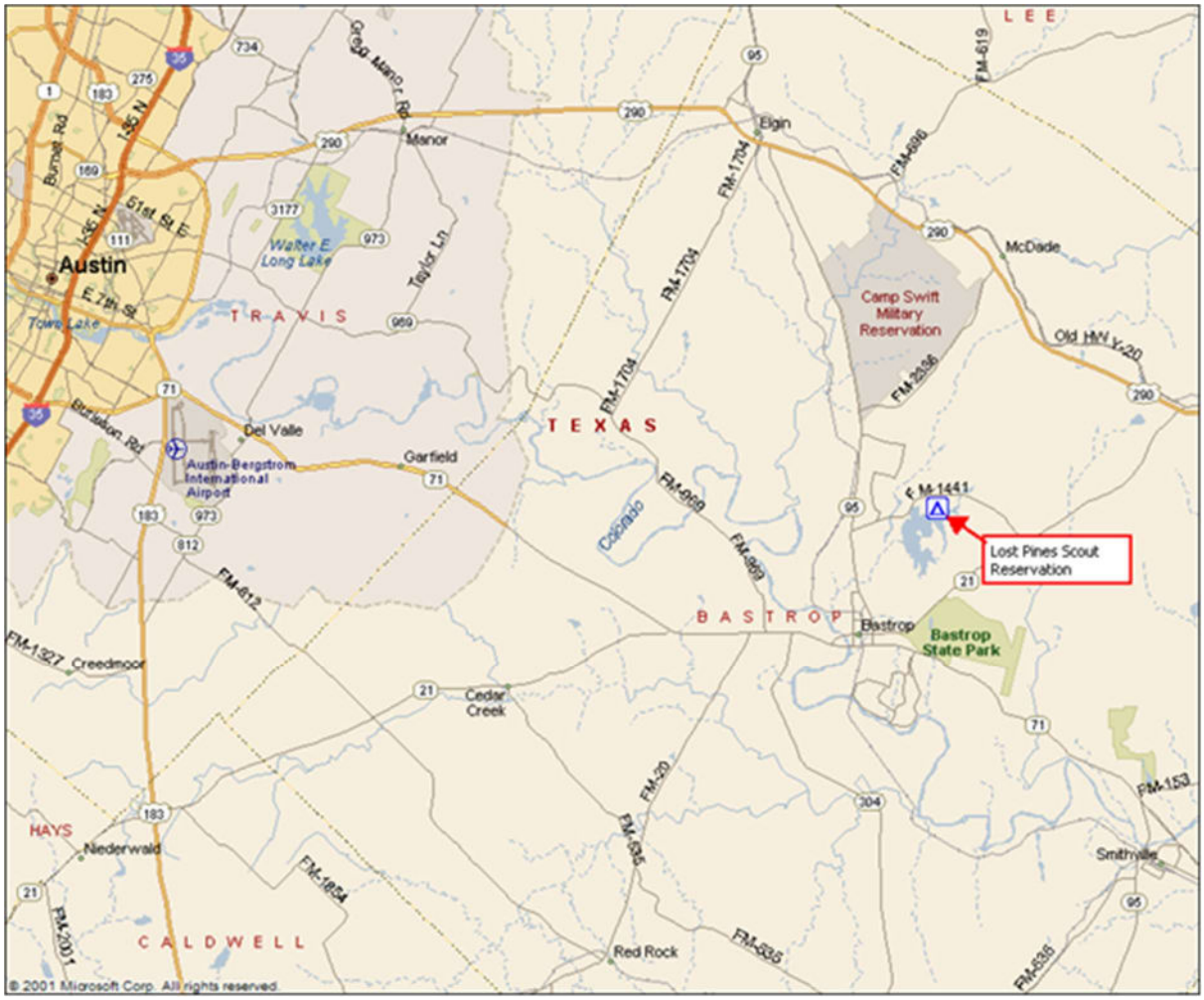
Appendix B – Directions to Lost Pines



785 FM 1441, Bastrop, Texas 78602

<u>To reach Lost Pines Scout Reservation from Austin using Hwy 290:</u>
East on Highway 290 to Elgin.
South on Highway 95 approximately 12.8 miles to FM 1441.
East on FM 1441 3.4 miles.
South into Lost Pines Scout Reservation.

<u>Or, reach Lost Pines Scout Reservation from Austin using Hwy 71:</u>
East on Highway 71 to Bastrop.
North on Highway 95 approximately 3.8 miles to FM 1441.
East on FM 1441 3.4 miles.

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South into Lost Pines Scout Reservation.
(Report to Lindsay Lodge for check in)