

Texas Southwest Council

Winter Camp 2016

Leader's Guide



Winter Camping is Really COOL!!!

December 27-30, 2016

Dear Scouts,

I would like to invite you to Camp Sol Mayer for Winter Camp. Please come and enjoy an opportunity to earn a wide selection of Merit Badges. Coming to Winter Camp will give you a chance to learn new skills and have fun while working on advancement so you are one step closer to being an Eagle Scout!

-Michael Steelman

What is a Winter Camp?

Winter Camp at Camp Sol Mayer is a unique opportunity for Scouts to work toward merit badges required for the rank of Eagle Scout in the indoor/outdoor experience. Even with a chill in the air, and sometimes snow on the ground, each Scout will work on merit badges which are normally not offered during summer camp.

When is Winter Camp?

From 12:00 pm on Tuesday, December 27, 2016 through 12:00 pm on Friday, December 30, 2016. Merit badges will be taught starting at 1:30 pm on Tuesday and end on Friday at 12:00 noon.

Where will Winter Camp be held?

Winter Camp will be at Camp Sol Mayer, located 3 miles east of Fort McKavett, TX on FM 864, 20 miles west of Menard, TX off of HWY 190.

What does it cost to attend?

The fee is \$100.00 for each Scout which covers meals, program materials, insurance and a patch. There are discounts for early registration! See chart below and register early to guarantee your spot and campsite.

The fee is \$60.00 for each adult/non Scout. If an adult is willing to teach at least one (1) merit badge, their fee will be \$30.00. Please contact the council office, camp director, or program director for availability.

Camperships are available, and will be reviewed upon written request to the council office. Please see the attached form for more information.

All registration will close at 5:00 pm on December 19.

	If paid by 11/18/2016	If paid on or after 11/19/2016
Scouts	\$100.00 (plus MB fees)	\$120.00 (plus MB fees)
Adults/non Scouts (not teaching)	\$60.00	\$70.00
Adults/non Scouts (teaching)	\$30.00	\$30.00

Contact Information

Camp Sol Mayer
299 Sol Mayer Road
Menard, TX 76859-9205

Texas Southwest Council
P.O. Box 1584
San Angelo, TX 76902
325/655-7107 or 800/321-7107

Camp Health and Safety

A Health Lodge is located at camp and will be staffed by one or more persons trained to handle minor accidents or illnesses. Special arrangements for the treatment of more serious cases have been made with the health care facilities in the Eldorado. In the event such treatment is required, the camper’s parents will be notified by telephone of the nature of the emergency and their desires concerning further treatment. If anyone is ill before or upon arrival at camp we highly recommend those that are ill stay home or return home.

REQUIRED OF EVERYONE ATTENDING CAMP – An Annual Health and Medical Record (parts A, B, & C) which can be found at: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf. Part C must be signed by a medical professional on or after December 31, **2015** to be valid for this camp. Physicals used for summer camp may be used as long as it has been less than one (1) year since it was performed.

A medical recheck will be given to each camper upon arrival, the camp reserves the right to refuse admittance to any camper who has developed any physical and/or mental situation which could present a hazard to the camper or to others.

No one will be allowed to stay in camp without a current medical form.

Visitors

Visitors are always welcome in camp, but we do ask that they check-in and check-out with the office so we know who is in camp. Visitors are classified as a non-registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and those individuals who do not have the proper health forms, youth protection certificate, or completed winter camp application documents. At check-in, they will be given an ID band to identify they are visitors.

Visitors may bring their meal with them or they may purchase meal tickets for \$5.00 (per person, per meal) at the Trading Post. Please let us know as soon as possible if meals will be needed by visitors so we can ensure we have enough food to feed everyone.

Visitors are not permitted to spend the night in camp.

Camp Security

Everyone in attendance at the camp must wear identification that signifies legitimate participation in the camping program. Wristbands will be the method used at Camp Sol Mayer. The importance of wearing this identification will be stressed when the unit checks in. It is not necessary to explain the youth protection aspect of this identification beyond its signifying a properly registered participant in the camp program.

If someone is on camp that does not have either a camper or visitor ID band, they should be escorted to the camp office so that the staff can determine why they are in camp and issue an ID band if needed.

Youth Protection Requirements

The state of Texas and the BSA require that the Face-To-Face YPT has been taken by all adults within the last 12 months. If proof of YPT is not provided by the opening of camp, everyone ages 18 and up will be required to go through the training at camp on Tuesday, or they will be required to leave camp.

All adults are required to fill-out and turn in the attached form to authorize a background check to be performed. This form must be turned in at the time of registration. Please make as many copies of this form as needed for each adult that will be attending.

Check-In & Check-Out

Check-in will begin at 12:00 pm on Tuesday, December 27, 2014. Lunch will not be provided. Troops will be responsible for their own lunch upon arrival.

Check-out will begin at 12:00 pm on Friday, December 30, 2014. Lunch will be the last meal served at 12:00 pm.

Trading Post

The camp maintains a well-equipped trading post to serve you. Trading Post hours may vary, but will be open throughout the day and evening except during meal times. Items such as candy, soft drinks, and handicraft supplies will be available at the Trading Post.

Maverick Campers

Some units are unable to attend Winter Camp due to scheduling issues. If you have Scouts that want to attend without a leader, please work with another unit or contact the council office. While we want everyone to attend camp that wants to, we would like to know in advance if we need to make arrangements for these youth.

Early Scout Release from Camp

At Camp Sol Mayer, it is required to check Scouts out of camp with adults that are approved by the camp unit leader or the parent's name that appears on the Scout's medical form. Any adult not approved by the camp unit leader and not named on the Scout's medical form must have a completed "Release Authorization Form" to check the Scout out of camp. This release form is available from the council office upon request.

Meals

All meals will be served in the dining hall. We have made every effort to provide an appropriate menu for winter conditions. **If you have dietary needs/restrictions (allergies, diabetes, etc.) please contact the council office as soon as possible so we can ensure everyone's needs are met.**

Proposed Menu	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner
Tuesday 12/27			Shepard's Pie Corn Mac N Cheese Yeast Roll
Wednesday 12/28	Scrambled Eggs Sausage Patties Biscuits Gravy	Stew Potatoes Brown Gravy Yeast Rolls	Chicken and Rice Peas and Carrots Sweet Potatoes
Thursday 12/29	Pancakes Eggs Bacon	Chili Red Beans Macaroni Salad Cornbread	Lasagna Green Beans Vegetable Soup Breadsticks
Friday 12/30	Sausage, Egg, Potato Burritos	Pulled Pork Refried Beans Rice Tortillas	
All meals will also include: All breakfast: coffee, milk, juice, fruit All lunches: Tea, Gatorade, salad, PB&J and dessert All supper: Tea, Gatorade, salad and dessert			

Scoutmaster's Luncheon

Teacher, listener, motivator, disciplinarian, coach, mentor; these are just a few roles of a Scout leader. Though a leader's role in camp is probably the most challenging, it can also be the most rewarding. The camp staff at Texas Southwest Council understands the challenges and the rewards, so we are also willing to assist where needed.

As a token of our appreciation for your leadership in bringing Scouts to winter camp; the camp leadership staff will be hosting a Scoutmasters luncheon on Thursday in the Admin building.

Cobbler Cook-Off

There will be a Cobbler Cook-Off on Wednesday prior to the Scoutmaster's Luncheon. This will be just one of the fun opportunities that our wonderful adult leaders will have a chance to show off their skills! Scoutmasters are encouraged to put their skills to the test and cook up their own creation. Scoutmasters will have to supply their own ingredients and Dutch oven. Can't wait to see who will win the ***Cobbler Champion*** Honor. Entries will be judged during the Scoutmaster's Luncheon.

Camp Leadership

Winter Camp is open to all chartered units who wish to participate. If your unit is willing and able to accept Maverick Scouts, please contact the council office so we can ensure there is adequate supervision of these youth.

Adult Leadership

Each unit must have responsible adult leadership which consists of at least two (2) adult leaders in camp at all times. For the leaders, one must be at least 21 years of age and the second must be at least 18 years of age (both of these ages are as of the first day of camp, December 27, 2016). If your unit is unable to secure two-deep leadership for the entire stay at camp, please work with another unit, contact your district committee, or contact the council office.

If you have adults that will only be in camp part of the time we ask that at check-in, we are notified who will be in camp which days.

General Cleanliness

The eleventh point of the Scout Law is CLEAN. If everyone does their part to keep their campsite clean along with the program areas and dining halls, the workload is greatly reduced for everyone. Trash barrels are located in each campsite and around camp and we ask that the bags are taken to the dumpsters on your way home on Tuesday.

The bathhouse (with hot water) will be available for all Scouts and leaders and again we ask for everyone to do their part and leave things better than they found them.

Emergency Action Plan & Camp Emergencies

In the event of a camp emergency, notify the Camp Director, Program Director, Camp Ranger, and/or the Camp Medical Officer immediately. Where an emergency involving a camper is concerned, the appropriate Scoutmaster/unit leader should also be contacted. Emergency phone numbers are posted at each phone location.

With the exception of a weather emergency, all campers are to report immediately to the dining hall upon hearing an emergency signal. In the case of a weather emergency, campers should go to assigned protective shelter. Once the weather emergency has passed, campers

should report to their campsites. Campers should remain in the campsites until the “all clear” signal has been given. Leaders should review these procedures with their campers.



What to Bring

completed medical form, parts A, B, & C	medications in original containers, clearly labeled with name & dosing instructions	Scout uniform
underwear (4-5 pair)	t-shirts BSA or no logo (4-5)	shirts (4-5)
pants/jeans (4-5 pair)	long underwear	rainwear/poncho
warm socks (4-5) pair	heavy/warm jacket	drinking cup
pillow	heavy/warm sleeping bag	sweatshirts BSA or no logo
toiletries	bath towel	pen & paper/notebook
Scout handbook	air mattress or pad	gloves/mittens
waterproof boots/shoes (need 2 pair)	merit badge pamphlets and any specific items needed for merit badges	personal first aid kit
flashlight & extra batteries	small pocket knife with Totin' Chip	knit hat or one with ear muffs
cup	water bottle/Camelbak (something similar)	camp stool or chair

What Not to Bring

sheath knives	archery supplies	firearms or ammo
fireworks	matches/lighters	cell phones
video games	MP3 players	any other electronics

Clothing

We do ask that everyone wear their Scout uniform for our evening meals, but do understand that staying warm and dry may take precedence.

Unit leaders, we ask that you ensure all of your Scouts have the necessary clothing and camping supplies so they will be warm and dry throughout their time in camp.

Inter-Faith Worship Service

The last point in the Scout Law is REVERENT. An inter-faith worship service will be held Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm in the Amphitheater. (Inclement weather: Dining Hall)

Order of the Arrow

Our Lodge will be holding a call-out ceremony following the closing campfire on Thursday evening. An election team will be available for any Troop wishing to hold an election during camp.

All OA members are encouraged to wear an OA t-shirt on Thursday and also their sash for supper Thursday evening.

Campsite Inspections

Twice daily there will be campsite inspections conducted by the Camp Commissioner. He will be looking for camp gadgets, an updated fire guard chart, duty roster, overall camp tidiness, and more. The goal is to be troop of the week! Each troop that gets the prized spirit stick will get to leave their mark on the spirit stick and have bragging rights!

LOST & FOUND

Lost and found items will be kept at the Admin office. Leaders and parents should urge Scouts to mark all possessions with the name and troop number. Please check with the Administration office to inquire about lost and found items or to turn in found items.

2016 Winter Camp Schedule (Tentative)

Tuesday	12:00 pm	Camp opens & check-in begins
	12:00 pm	Troops are responsible for their own lunch
	1:30-2:25 pm	Session 5
	2:30-3:25 pm	Session 6
	3:30-4:25 pm	Session 7
	4:30-5:25 pm	Session 8
	5:45 pm	Flags and Dinner
	7:00 pm	Opening Campfire
	8:30-9:30 pm	Free time & evening program
	10:00 pm	Taps and lights out
Wednesday	6:30 am	Reveille
	7:00 am	Flags and Breakfast
	8:00-8:55 am	Session 1
	9:00-9:55 am	Session 2
	10:00-10:55 am	Session 3
	11:00-11:55 am	Session 4
	12:00 pm	Lunch
	1:30-2:25 pm	Session 5
	2:30-3:25 pm	Session 6
	3:30-4:25 pm	Session 7
	4:30-5:25 pm	Session 8
	5:45 pm	Flags and Dinner
	7:00 pm	Interfaith Worship
	7:3- 8:30 pm	Camp-wide activities
	8:30-9:30 pm	Free time
10:00 pm	Taps and lights out	
Thursday	6:30 am	Reveille
	7:00 am	Flags and Breakfast
	8:00-8:55 am	Session 1
	9:00-9:55 am	Session 2
	10:00-10:55 am	Session 3
	11:00-11:55 am	Session 4
	12:00 pm	Lunch with Scoutmaster's luncheon (Cobbler Cook-off)
	1:30-2:25 pm	Session 5
	2:30-3:25 pm	Session 6
	3:30-4:25 pm	Session 7
	4:30-5:25 pm	Session 8
	5:45 pm	Flags and Dinner
	7:00 pm	Closing Campfire
	8:00-9:30 pm	Free time
10:00 pm	Taps and lights out	
Friday	6:30 am	Reveille
	7:00 am	Flags and Breakfast
	8:00 – 8:55 am	Session 1
	9:00 – 9:55 am	Session 2
	10:00 – 10:55 am	Session 3
	11:00 – 11:55 am	Session 4
	12:00 pm	Lunch, Load, and Depart

Merit Badges

The camp staff is committed to providing the best counselors to teach the Scouts. Please review the requirements for each merit badge prior to camp to ensure the Scouts understand what is required of them and that they bring to camp any needed supplies or have completed any prerequisites.

Merit badges offered and Session Numbers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Archery – Scout must be at least 12 years old. \$8.00 fee for arrow kit.					XX		XX	
Cit in Nation	XX							
Cit in World			XX					
Chess	XX		XX					
Coin Collecting/Collections – 2 MB's	XX							
Communications							XX	
Cooking					XX			
Climbing – Scout must be at least 12 years old & 100lbs. Subject to cancellation due to weather. \$10.00 fee.		XXX			XXX			
Home Repairs	X				X			
Electricity		X				X		
Emergency Prep – Must have completed First Aid MB before starting.			XX		XX			
First Aid – Bring personal first aid kit from home.	XX						XX	
Fish & Wildlife Management								
Geology				X	X			
Basketry - purchase kit in Trading Post	X				X			
Leatherwork - purchase kit in Trading Post		X				X		
Indian Lore - purchase kit in Trading Post			X				X	
Woodcarving - purchase kit in Trading Post				X				X
Fingerprinting				X	X			
Music							X	X
Personal Management							XX	
Plumbing		X	X					
Photography					X			
Rifle Shooting – Must be at least 12 years old. See fees	XX		XX					
Scouting Heritage							X	X
Shotgun Shooting – Must be at least 12 years old. See fees					XX			
Space Exploration					X		X	
Sustainability			XX					
Weather		X				X		
Welding		XXX						
Wilderness Survival – Need a tarp, paracord, and personal first aid kit.				X				X

Prerequisites

Please review this list with each scout that is registered. Please have each scout “Be Prepared” for winter camp by having these prerequisites completed.

Merit badge Prerequisites

Merit badges	Prerequisites	Scouts per Class
Archery	Need kit	8
Cit in Nation	2, 3, 6, 8	20
Cit in World	7	20
Chess		15
Coin Collecting/Collections		20
Communications	3, 5, 7, 8	20
Cooking (2016 Requirements)	4, 6	12
Climbing		8
Home Repairs		20
Electricity		20
Emergency Prep	1, 8	20
First Aid	2d	20
Fish & Wildlife Management		20
Geology		20
Basketry		20
Leatherwork		20
Indian Lore		20
Woodcarving		20
Fingerprinting		20
Music	3c	20
Personal Management	1, 2, 5	20
Plumbing		20
Photography	4	20
Rifle Shooting		8
Scouting Heritage	4, 6	20
Shotgun Shooting		8
Space Exploration		20
Sustainability	5a	20
Weather		20
Welding		8
Wilderness Survival		20

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Unit # & Type (Troop/Crew) _____ Unit Point of Contact _____

Phone (home/cell) _____ e-mail _____

Please make as many copies of this page as needed in order to list everyone from your unit. We also ask that one adult from the unit coordinate with the Scouts on what Merit Badges they want to take.

Adults Attending	YPT (office use only)	Background (office use only)
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		

	Scout Last Name	Scout First Name	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4	Session 5	Session 6	Session 7
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Unit # & Type (Troop/Crew) _____ Unit Point of Contact _____

Number of Scouts (paid after 11/19/16)	#	x \$120.00	\$
Number of Scouts (paid on/before 11/18/16)	#	x \$100.00	\$
Number of Adults (paid after 11/19/16, not teaching)	#	x \$70.00	\$
Number of Adults (paid on/before 11/18/16, not teaching)	#	x \$60.00	\$
Number of Adults (teaching)	#	x \$30.00	\$
T-shirts (indicate sizes and quantities below)	#	x \$12.00	\$
MB fee – Indian Lore/basketry/leatherwork/woodcarving**	#	X	\$
MB fee – shooting (archery or rifle)	#	x \$10.00	\$
MB fee – climbing	#	x \$10.00	\$
Total Registration Amount : (1-6801-604-20)			\$

**We need to know the number of scouts in the Handicrafts merit badges so we will have enough kits available. Scouts will need to purchase their kits in the Trading Post or bring their own.

Please indicate the quantity of each size t-shirt (Only orders received by November 18 will be guaranteed). All t-shirts are 'adult' sizes only.

Small	Medium	Large	XL	2XL	3XL

Dietary Needs or Allergies _____

Special Physical Needs _____

Camp Sol Mayer Map

