



WINTER CAMP 2021

LEADER & PROGRAM GUIDE

CAMP TONKAWA

4117 FM 89 Tuscola, TX 79562



Dear Scout, Leaders and Parents:

Our staff is committed to making your Winter Camp experience the highlight of bringing an end to your Scouting year. The outdoor setting offers your Scouts the opportunity for outstanding adventures including camping, merit badges, COPE, and more. We continually enhance our program to provide the best well-rounded camping experience for your Unit and your Scouts. Texas Trails Council Camp provides distinct characteristics to enhance your outdoor program opportunities. Winter Camp Program will be covered in this guide.

For the Scouts,

This Winter Camp Program will be 3-day 2-night Camp section. To a Scout, Winter Camp is the greatest adventure that Scouting holds. It will be particularly exciting for all the Merit Badge that are going to be started for Scouts BSA. The program offers the opportunity for Scouts to work on Merit Badges, plus just have a fun camping experience at Camp Tonkawa.

During the Camp, Scouts will have the chance to pick 4 Class Blocks with 22 different Merit Badges including 8 Eagle required, plus work as a team as they clip into adventure on our COPE course. However, the main goal is for the Scouts to have fun and to leave camp with a positive camp experience and enthusiasm for the Scouting program.

At the end of the Camp, each Scoutmaster will be given a letter listing the Merit Badge requirements that were covered. The staff will not be using Blue-Card. We have a system to record each Scouts requirement that are finished and complete.

For the Scouters (Leaders),

Each Leader will have the opportunity to sign-up for several different training classes as well if they would like. These classes will be based on what a leader needs for basic outdoor camping and outings with your Unit. Training like CPR/AED, Outdoor Leadership Skills, and maybe basic Dutch Oven/Camp Cooking for adults. Some of these Classes will be take place the whole 3 days of camp and others maybe an evening or two to complete them.

It is not important that the Adult Leaders sign-up for Training. If you as a Leader want to come to Camp and just hang out, walk around with your Scouts, or just sit in the dining hall and drink Coffee all day by all means do so. The Training Class are just there in case a Leader would like something else to do.

We are requiring Units that have more than 5 Scouts sign-up for Winter Camp MUST have an Adult Leader sign-up as well to help with your Scouts.

Safety precautions

With COVID19 being a big concern over the past few years, as a camp we have taken extra precautions to keep your scout safe while enjoying their time at camp. Our mitigation plan includes Pre-attendance education:

- Health screening conducted by your unit prior to travel to our camp, including a temperature check.
- Health screening upon your arrival at camp conducted by our camp health officers, which will also include a temperature check.

o Note: Should anyone in the unit NOT pass the arrival screening, the entire unit will not be allowed to enter camp.

- Visitors in camp.
 - o Once Scouts or Units are on Camp and have gone through Check-In there is NO Visitors allowed on Camp.
 - o Only approved essential visitors, food vendors, equipment vendors for example will be allowed to enter Camp once the session has started.
 - o If you have any need to Leave Camp you must go Through the Check-In Health Screening again.
- Hygiene reminders throughout the camp experience.
- Extra handwashing /sanitizer stations throughout camp.
- Dedicated staff to clean and disinfect high-touch surfaces and shared program equipment.
- An emergency response plan that includes isolation and quarantine protocol should a person at camp develop symptoms of COVID-19 or other communicable disease.
- Check-ins with each unit/family one week and two weeks after the unit leaves camp to determine if any participants have developed symptoms.

This is just a highlighted list of the precautions we are taking; we will be following the guidelines set by the State/CDC as posted on <https://dshs.texas.gov/youthcamp/>. We as a council take COVID19 seriously and will do everything we can to keep your scouts safe while giving them the opportunity to enjoy the scouting summer camp experience.

This guide is constantly being updated to provide you with the latest information on our facilities, programs, and tools to help you plan your program for the week. For the latest information and changes, please visit our website at www.texasrainsbsa.com. Arriving to camp prepared for your stay will enhance your experience and ensure your safety.

We here at the Texas Trails Council are excited to offer this program for ALL Scouts and look forward to an amazing Winter Camp adventure like no other.

Sincerely,

Bobby Goodson

Camp Ranger

How it Works.

Scouts will register as individual or as Unit. We are expecting many Maverick Scouts to Sign-up for this Camp, and that is completely fine. We will be placing all the Scouts into Campsites as they are sign-up. These groups will not be by Units, unless a whole Unit signs up together. We are Limiting the number Scouts that can attend the Winter Camp this year to 75 scouts and it will be as a first come first serve registration. The cost per is \$150 per Scout, this will cover the cost of all Meals and the Material for Merit Badge. Troops that are going to Sign-up their whole Troop (with more than 10 Scouts) will be place in the Campsite together, smaller Troops (with less than 10 Scout) will have Maverick Scout added to their Campsite. Any Unit having 5 or more Scouts attending Winter Camp MUST have a Leader sign-up with those Scouts.

There is a Time Frame for Scouts to get Signed-up to get the best deal. Sign-up now through November 1st, and you will receive a \$50 early bird discount for all Scouts attending when paid in full. Sign-up on November 2nd, through December 17th and all Scouts will pay the regular Winter Camp price of \$150. On December 17th, through walking on at Camp to attend it will Cost \$175 per Scout to attend.

Time Frame for Leaders to get Signed-up to get the best deal. Sign-up now through November 1st, and you will receive a \$25 early bird discount for all Scout Leaders attending when paid in full. Sign-up on November 2nd, through December 17th and all Leaders will pay the regular Winter Camp price of \$75. On December 17th, through walking on at Camp to attend it will Cost \$100 to attend. These prices for Adult Leaders doesn't cover the Price of the Training Classes you can Sign-up for, those prices will be added as you sign-up for those classes. It is not mandatory for an Adult to Sign-up with the Unit, the Camp will have Adult Leaders on Staff that can stay with your Unit. Plus, if a Leader wants to Sign-up without their Troop coming to take part in the Training offered for Adults that is okay too. Those Adults will be placed in a Campsite where Adults are need just for YPT and Leadership at night.

Our goal is to place Scouts in Campsites with other scouts they may know, these groups will be made up from Scouts across the Council that Sign-up.

There is a Big Change this Year. All Scouts and Leaders will need to Bring a Tent for Winter Camp this year. The Camp and Staff will Not have Tents' setup this year for anyone.

There is a Packing List for Youth and Adults further in this Guide.

What NOT to Bring to Camp.

There is a long list of what not to bring on a Scouting Trip. Most Scouts and Leader know the list of what not to Bring, so here are just a few of those items.

Fireworks, Firearms, Bicycle, Tobacco, Alcohol, Generator or Pets of any kind except service dogs!!!

What to Bring for Scouts.

As a Scout you should have a good understanding of what to Bring on a Camping Trip, but here is the List of items you might forget about.

So, what to Bring:

Housing - You need to Bring a Tent or another type of housing like Hammocks, NO RV for Camp.

Clothing and Bedding - Pants, shirts and Troop tee shirts, Field Uniform, Daily change of underwear and socks, Handkerchiefs, Raincoat and/or poncho, Hiking Boots, Pajamas, Sweater and Jacket, Sleeping Bag and Pillow (if desired)

Toilet Articles - Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Hand Towel, Bath Towels, Washcloths, Comb, Brush, Shampoo and Soap

Optional - Knapsack/Daypack, Knife, Fork, Spoon, Flashlight, Extra Batteries, Book, Pen, Pencil, Pad, Compass, Camera & film (single use camera's work GREAT!), Mess Kit and Canteen, Sewing Kit, Individual First Aid Kit, About \$20 or more for Trading Post Items, etc.

What to Bring for Adult Leaders.

So, what to Bring:

Housing - You need to Bring a Tent or another type of housing like Hammocks, NO RV for Camp.

Clothing and Bedding - Pants, shirts and Troop tee shirts, Field Uniform, Daily change of underwear and socks, Handkerchiefs, Raincoat and/or poncho, Hiking Boots, Pajamas, Sweater and Jacket, Sleeping Bag and Pillow (if desired)

Toilet Articles - Toothbrush and Toothpaste, Hand Towel, Bath Towels, Washcloths, Comb, Brush, Shampoo and Soap

Optional - Knapsack/Daypack, Knife, Fork, Spoon, Flashlight, Extra Batteries, Book, Pen, Pencil, Pad, Compass, Camera & film (single use camera's work GREAT!), Mess Kit and Canteen, Sewing Kit, Individual First Aid Kit, About \$20 or more for Trading Post Items, etc.



MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

Merit Badge classes form the backbone of the program for the Winter Camp. Each day is divided into Block Periods of class instruction time during the day and after dinner. With 22 different Merit Badge classes and COPE during the Winter Camp, your scouts will learn the things needed for the merit badge. Each of our classes are taught by highly qualified staff dedicated to helping scouts earn their requirements. At Camp Tonkawa we pride ourselves on our commitment to providing your troop with the opportunity to complete your badge, staff are available to provide campers with extra instruction if it is needed. Additionally, on the last day during check-out time our staff is available to help with Merit Badge Makeup time, this gives scouts ample opportunity to work on their badges.

Advancement is an integral part of Scouting and as such is important to any successful time at camp. The following are guidelines for planning your Scout's trail during your stay at Camp Tonkawa.

Please be sure to carefully review pre-requisites for each Merit Badge.

WORKSHEETS

Merit Badge Worksheets will be handed out on the first day of class one Worksheet per Scout. You are more than welcome to bring your own if you so desire. **PARTIAL COMPLETION** For all merit badges, a scout will receive a partial statement if they have completed any of the requirements. The partials will state the requirements that the Scout has accomplished. The philosophy behind a partial is for a scout to return home and complete the badge as soon as possible. The counselor and Scoutmaster have the right to review all the completed requirements before signing for the merit badge.

Some merit badges allow for options to be chosen by the scout. Some options are NOT available at camp. Scouts who choose an option not available will be given a partial for work completed at camp.

MERIT BADGE PRE-REQUISITES & REQUIREMENTS NOT AVAILABLE AT CAMP

Scouts should prepare for class by reading the requirements for the merit badge classes they have chosen. Every Scout shall come to each class prepared. Bring pencil, paper, and any equipment suggested in the merit badge pamphlet. A Scout may want their own merit badge pamphlet. Merit Badge pamphlets will be available for purchase at Scout Shop in Abilene. Merit Badge requirements NOT available at camp may be completed prior to arrival. Proof of a requirement that has been completed prior to camp, **MUST** be notated by the Scoutmaster, and given to the MB counselor prior to the final day of class. This will allow the counselor to sign-off the completion of the badge. If prior MB work is not notated and given to the counselor, the scout will only receive a **PARTIAL** for the work completed at camp.

Merit Badge Classes are going to be pack full of information as these classes are being done in a Mini-camp format. The following is the Schedule for the Winter Camp the Texas Trails Council is going to offer. Each Scout will have the chance to Sign-up for 4 Classes for the Winter Camp to insure they pick the best Merit Badges for their Scouting needs. Each Scout will attend the same Class Block on all 3 of the days of Camp, they will notice that there are some Class Blocks not being taught on the last day.

The Scouts schedule also allows them to have a Free Time Block Period too, so they can go and enjoy Free Time Activities like: Rifle Shooting, Archery, Service Project, Gaga Ball, and the Trading Post.

Any Scout taking Photography Merit Badge needs to bring a Camara with to Winter Camp. The Camara will be used during the Merit Badge Class for those Requirements.

C.O.P.E.

Project C.O.P.E. challenges groups and individual to develop solutions to interesting problems. Participants must step outside of the box and frequently use creative ideas. Participants can then test their solutions and evaluate the results. Meeting the challenges of a C.O.P.E. challenge course allows individuals and groups to develop self-esteem and encourages them to set challenging yet attainable goals.

Every Scout and Leader attending the Winter Camp that has Sign-up for C.O.P.E **MUST** fill out the COPE Registration and Release Form that is in the Guidebook and bring it with you to Camp during Check-In.

Schedule for Winter Camp

Camp Tonkawa Schedule

Day 1

Time	
7:30-10:00	Check In / Setup
10:10	Opening Flags
10:30-12:15	Block 1
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:15	Block 2
3:30-5:15	Block 3
5:30	Flags
5:35-6:20	Dinner
6:30-8:15	Block 4
8:30-10:30	Game Night
11:00	Lights Out

Day 2

Time	
7:20	Flags
7:30-8:15	Breakfast
8:30-10:15	Block 1
10:30-12:15	Block 2
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:15	Free Time
3:30-5:15	Block 3
5:30	Flags
5:35-6:20	Dinner
6:30-8:15	Block 4
8:30-10:30	Movie Night
11:00	Lights Out

Day 3

Time	
7:20	Flags
7:30-8:15	Breakfast
8:30-10:15	Block 1
10:30-12:15	Block 2
12:30-1:15	Lunch
1:30-3:15	Block 3
3:20	Flags
3:30-5:30	Check Out

Free Time	
	Rifle Shooting
	Archery
	Service Project
	Gaga Ball
	Trading Post

** Eagle Required Merit Badge

Block	Merit Badge
Block 1	**Citizenship in the... All 3 MB
	Wilderness Survival MB
	Scouting Heritage MB
	Photography MB
	C.O.P.E.

Block	Merit Badge
Block 3	Painting MB
	Disabilities Awareness MB
	Space Exploration MB
	**Emergency Preparedness MB
	Traffic Safety MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 2	**Personal Fitness MB
	Animal Science MB
	Crime Prevention/Finger Printing MB
	Pioneering MB
	**Sustainability MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 4	Astronomy MB
	**Communication MB
	**First Aid MB
	Chess MB
	Geology MB

Game Night: Day 1 evening come join the staff in the Dining Hall for a night of card games and classic board games. Staff will lead game tournaments and teach Scouts how to play new games. Scouts are welcome to bring their own games..

Movie Night: Day 2 evening will be movie night at Winter Camp! Popcorn and drinks will be available. You can expect the movie may run a little past light out.

Winter Camp Classes

Each Scout can choose from any of the Classes listed below to fill out their Camp Schedule. Scouts will need to pick One(1) Merit Badge or Class from each of the Blocks. These are just the Classes we are offering, and the Block is just the time frame it is being offered each day.

Also, some of the Merit Badges are Limited to how many Scouts can Sign-up for those Merit Badges. So be sure to Sign-up as soon as possible. Here are the Merit Badge Classes with a Maximum number of Scouts,

Wilderness Survival MB max-15 Scouts

Astronomy MB max-15 Scouts

Space Exploration MB max-15 Scouts

Any Scout taking Photography Merit Badge needs to bring a Camara with to Winter Camp. The Camara will be used during the Merit Badge Class for those Requirements.

Block	Merit Badge
Block 1	**Citizenship in the... All 3 MB
	Wilderness Survival MB
	Scouting Heritage MB
	Photography MB
	C.O.P.E.

Block	Merit Badge
Block 3	Painting MB
	Disabilities Awareness MB
	Space Exploration MB
	**Emergency Preparedness MB
	Traffic Safety MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 2	**Personal Fitness MB
	Animal Science MB
	Crime Prevention/Finger Printing MB
	Pioneering MB
	**Sustainability MB

Block	Merit Badge
Block 4	Astronomy MB
	**Communication MB
	**First Aid MB
	Chess MB
	Geology MB

For example, a Scout can sign-up for C.O.P.E from Block 1, Pioneering MB from Block 2, Painting MB from Block 3 and Astronomy MB from Block 4. Once the Scouts Sign-up for their Classes a schedule will be for each Scout. Each Scout will have a Free Time Period on Day 2 that will be based on their Schedule of Classes.

However, a Scout cannot Sign-up for a Class at the same Block Period as another Class they have sign-up for. (i.e., A Scout cannot sign-up for COPE, Photography MB or Scouting Heritage MB as those Class are all being taught at the same time.) So, help your Scouts out when signing up for classes.

Any Scout signing up for COPE Must complete the COPE Registration and Release Form below.

COPE Registration and Release

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Age: _____

Telephone (home): _____ Alternate: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

Medical Information

List any known allergies: _____ List any required medications: _____

Do you wear glasses or contacts? Y N Ladies, are you pregnant Y N Are you allergic to insect bites? Y N
If yes, do you have a sting kit? Y N Have you ever had or do you have now? Diabetes YES _____ NO _____
Angina YES _____ NO _____ Chest Pains YES _____ NO _____ Drug Reactions YES _____ NO _____ Heart Murmur
YES _____ NO _____ Heart Attack YES _____ NO _____ If yes give date: _____ High Blood Pressure
YES _____ NO _____ Physical Handicap YES _____ NO _____ If yes, what _____

Have you had a recent injury, serious disease, or surgery that may impair your ability to participate in this
program? YES _____ NO _____ If yes, give details: _____

Do you have any other medical condition (s) that the medical staff should be aware of?

Participant Requirements Due to the physical activity involved, the following is required of all participants
(please read and sign below). A current Part A, B and C Medical Form must be on file at the Health Lodge.
Wear comfortable clothing appropriate for physical activity. Shorts and T-shirt are recommended. Gloves
will be available, but participants are free to bring their own leather palm gloves. No open toed footwear.
Tennis shoes or sneakers are recommended, shoes that lace up provide support. No jewelry, watches,
bracelets, etc. is allowed, Injury or personal loss may occur if jewelry is worn. Remove all potentially
dangerous objects from pockets and clothing. No pocketknives, pens, badges, pins, etc. Violence will not be
tolerated. Fighting is grounds for dismissal. Equipment and facilities care is your responsibility. No
vandalism. Understanding that any physical activity involves risk of injury, I understand that my participation
is entirely voluntary. I release Texas Trails Council, its employees, staff, and governing bodies from any claims
or liability arising out of my participation. This release does not, however, apply to any harm caused by
negligence or willful misconduct of Texas Trails Council or its employees.

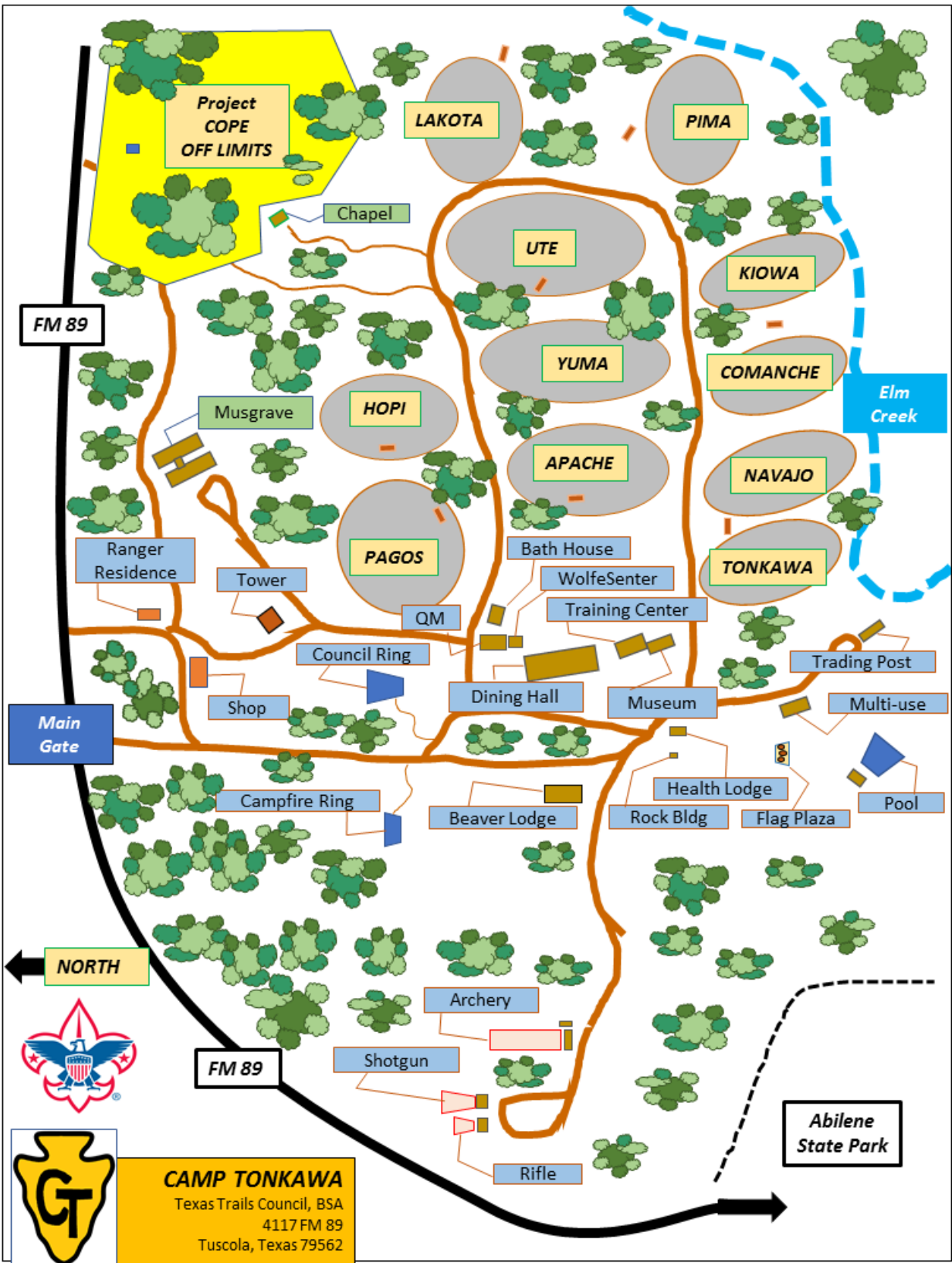
Participants Signature: _____ Date: _____

Scoutmasters Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

If participant is under the age of 18, parent or guardian must sign above.

Camp Map





UNIT Winter Camp T-SHIRT

PRE-ORDER FORM



We are offering Units and individual, who are attending Winter Camp the opportunity to pre-order 2021 camp t-shirts. This will ensure that your unit will be able to purchase the correct sizes. The shirts will be packaged for your unit and will be available upon your arrival at camp. **PLEASE PLACE ONE ORDER PER UNIT.** All shirts must be paid at the time the order is placed. *T-Shirts may cost more and there will be a limited amount at the Trading Post.

Troop # _____ Council _____

Name of person placing this order _____

Phone number _____ Troop # _____

The deadline for placing your order is November 19th, 2021

# _____	Adult Small T-Shirts	@ \$12.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult Medium T-Shirts	@ \$12.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult Large T-Shirts	@ \$12.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult X-large T-Shirts	@ \$12.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult XX-large T-Shirts	@ \$15.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult XXX-large T-Shirts	@ \$15.00 = \$ _____

Total # of T-Shirts _____

Total amount \$ _____



Unit Winter Camp Long Sleeve T-Shirt PRE-ORDER FORM



We are offering Units and individual, who are attending Winter Camp the opportunity to pre-order 2021 camp long sleeve t-shirts. This will ensure that your unit will be able to purchase the correct sizes. The shirts will be packaged for your unit and will be available upon your arrival at camp. **PLEASE PLACE ONE ORDER PER UNIT.** All shirts must be paid at the time the order is placed. *Long sleeve T-Shirts may cost more and there will be a limited amount at the Trading Post.

Troop # _____ Council _____

Name of person placing this order _____

Phone number _____ Troop # _____

The deadline for placing your order is November 19th, 2021

# _____	Adult Small Long Sleeve T-Shirts	@ \$16.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult Medium Long Sleeve T-Shirts	@ \$16.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult Large Long Sleeve T-Shirts	@ \$16.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult X-large Long Sleeve T-Shirts	@ \$16.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult XX-large Long Sleeve T-Shirts	@ \$20.00 = \$ _____
# _____	Adult XXX-large Long Sleeve T-Shirts	@ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Total # of T-Shirts _____ Total amount \$ _____