

TLUSA DALLAS AREAS TRAIL JUNCTION LEADER'S GUIDE NOVEMBER 3-5, 2023

Basic Information

Welcome to the 2023 Dallas Areas Trail Junction. We hope your troop will have an enjoyable time here and it's a great opportunity to learn about fire, wood tools, and trail skills. Here is some basic information to help make your weekend a good one. Please note that the Trail Junction weekend schedule is included at the end of this guide.

THE PROGRAM: Troops should organize into patrols of approximately 6-8 Trailmen. All members of the patrol will participate in round-robin activities throughout the day.

Challenge: The Saturday morning and afternoon blocks will include a fun-filled Patrol competition where Trailmen will use their skills to gain points in specific events. This will include patrol spirit.

Friday/Saturday Night Campfire: The Adventure Camp First and Second Officer will be running our night campfires. Patrols will need to be prepared with their favorite skits, cheers, and songs for the Saturday night campfire.

Registration: Payment is \$12 per person to be handled by our Area Trail Junction Camp Staff.

When the Troops check in, they will need to have:

- A complete roster of attendees
- Medical forms for all attendees
- Name of their Health and Safety Officer

Contact the Area Point Man Joshua Chilton at joshuadchilton@gmail.com with questions.

The Patrol Method: This Area Trail Junction will be run using the Patrol Method within your Troop. If possible, each Patrol should maintain an individual area within their Troop campsite.

Each Patrol should:

- Stay together with their Patrol during events & competitions
- Have a Patrol Flag
- Have a Patrol Cheer
- Follow all instructions & rules and be respectful of event judges

Uniforms:

TLUSA Troop Uniforms are expected for Flag Ceremonies, Campfires and Chapel Services.

Trail Uniforms or any casual clothes may be worn during the day while participating in activities.

Camping: Each troop is responsible for all camping gear, food, safety, and discipline within their troops. Each troop will be provided a space to camp. Please set up inside the space provided. Space is limited. There will be fire rings for cooking and no open fires outside of the fire rings.

(As of 10/16/23, there is currently a Fire Ban of all combustibles within Fannin County, where Camp Savoy is located. We are hoping this gets lifted, but if not, adjustments will need to be made to Propane cooking only.) Up-to-date info on fire ban can be found at

<https://www.co.fannin.tx.us/page/fannin.Public.Notices>

Flag Raising: This will occur on Saturday and Sunday morning.

Meals: All Troops/Patrols should plan and bring their own meals and food prep gear. Think about working on your outdoor cooking.

Challenge the patrols to cook on various fires: open fire, camp stove, charcoal and dutch ovens so they can work on that.

Health & Safety Officer: Each troop will need to identify their own Health & Safety Officer and bring their own Troop first aid kit. Minor injuries should be handled within your troop when possible. However, if you feel that outside help is needed, please notify Camp Staff. We need to know if something has happened requiring medical attention to assist you further.

Ins and Outs: There are two outhouses and two portable toilets. Potable water will be available on-site.

Tread Lightly: Please camp using Tread Lightly principles. Please come prepared for any kind of weather, and bring canopies, portable chairs and tables, as well as items like bug repellent, sunscreen, etc. Make sure your Trailmen have good ground cloths and sleeping pads, and proper gear to handle any weather conditions.

Location: CAMP SAVOY – Savoy, TX Address/Directions:

33°36'40.8"N 96°19'08.7"W

<https://goo.gl/maps/KMXFVKaCCqevEoGx7>

DESSERT COMPETITION: Saturday Night, Adventurer and Navigator Patrols will compete in a DESSERT COMPETITION. Event Judges will come around after dinner and sample your patrol dessert. Judging will include creativity, yummy factor, difficulty, and looks. Wow the judges with your favorite dessert to help you earn points.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday

05:00 - 08:00 PM	Camp Check-in, Camp Setup & Dinner
07:30 - 08:00 PM	PM, TM, First, and Second Officer's Meeting
08:30 - 09:30 PM	Campfire
10:30 PM	Lights Out

Saturday

07:00 - 08:30 AM	Reveille and Breakfast Cooking/dining by patrols
09:00 AM	Flag Raising & Devotional
09:30 AM	Skills Activities
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch
01:00 – 04:00 PM	Competition Activities
05:00 - 07:00 PM	Dinner – PATROL DESSERT COMPETITION
07:00 - 07:45 PM	TM, First & Second Officer's Mtg, Clean Up and Campfire Prep
08:00 - 09:30 PM	Campfire
10:30 PM	Lights Out

Sunday

07:00 - 08:30 AM	Reveille and Breakfast
09:00 AM	Flag Raising
09:00 - 09:30 AM	Worship Service
09:30 - 11:00 AM	Break Camp, Camp Inspection
11:00 AM	Flag Lowering & Camp Dismissal