

Sid Richardson Scout Ranch Spring-O 2023

March 25, 2023

Course Setter's Notes

Welcome to Spring-O 2023.

Competition Start and Finish – The Start/Finish line is located on the parade ground in front of the dining hall. The first start will be at 10:00 am. Final start is at 11:30. **Time limit is 2.5 hours.**

Maps will be distributed at the start line.

All courses will be e-punch. You must bring an e-stick or rent one to participate. Be sure to clear and check your e-stick at the start area. Be sure to punch the e-stick at the start line, each control, and the finish line.

NEW MAP PROCEDURE: Each member of the team will receive a map. Each team will receive ONE(1) Team ID Card. This punch card must be turned in at Finish and will be used to ensure participant safety. Map bags will be available.

You MUST Check In after completing your course. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.

Map - The map has 5-meter contour lines, printed at 1:7,500 or 1:10,000 scale. Base map drawn 2006. Many changes since then. A legend is included on the map.

International Clue Symbols are printed on the map or supplied separately. Text clues are included for the white and yellow courses.

Many new man-made features have been added or changed in several places around the camp, while others have been removed. There have also been changes in vegetation due to removal or new growth. Not all of these changes are reflected on the map. We do try, though. See Trails section below.

Reduced use of the camp has resulted in lots of plant growth. Seldom-used trails that appear on the map are likely overgrown and difficult to find. Many trails are marked with streamers. Forest undergrowth can be much thicker than indicated. Tall grass and weeds obscure underlying hazards such as rocks and cactus. Move cautiously in these areas.

Lake level – Lake Bridgeport is several feet below normal. Shorelines may be different than shown on the map.

Streams – Streams shown on the map are seasonal. Most streams are dry. Do not drink surface water.

Dangers - Running through unfamiliar terrain is always dangerous. Notable terrain hazards at Sid Richardson include cliffs, loose rocks, barbed wire, poison ivy, briars, cactus, mesquite, and just plain ol' North Texas. It is home to many critters including venomous snakes, stinging and biting insects, birds and mammals large and small. Pay attention!

Protective clothing is recommended. Do not approach or harass livestock or wildlife.

Water – There are six water stops on the course. They are marked on competition maps. **Bring your own drinking container.**

Do not tamper with flagging or trail markers, and please be patient with us until we can get the new trails properly mapped. Be aware that in some areas the official people trails may be indistinct while the cattle and game trails are more clearly worn.

Fences - A good barbed wire fence runs almost the width of the camp in the area west and southwest of the dining hall. In addition to road gaps through the fence, several other crossing points are indicated on the map. Most other fences should not require crossing and runners must choose their own routes when crossing broken or partially down fences. Please do not climb or cut fences.

Hunters' Stands – Tree platform and metal deer stands are marked on the map with the IOF symbol (T) for Small Tower. The portable hut-style blinds are shown as a building. They are occasionally moved so their location on the maps may not be accurate and they cannot always be depended upon as a navigation point unless used as a control.

Out-of-Bounds Areas - These areas are clearly indicated on the map in red hatch. They include the rangers' houses and the maintenance yard. Anyone trespassing through these areas either during competition or during free time will be disqualified from the event and may be asked to leave the camp.

Sportsmanship -- Please ensure that members of your group do not enter the competition area before the event. Early exploration may result in disqualification. Tampering with controls will result in unit disqualification. It is the duty of all competitors to help injured runners.

Electronic aids such as GPS, smart phones, pedometers, altimeters, rangefinders, etc. are NOT ALLOWED. Use a regular watch or stopwatch for managing your time and carry your phone for emergencies only.

Safety direction – Go Up! - Sid Richardson is a large (2,500 acre) camp on a peninsula, with a lake on three sides. The main road through camp is on a ridge line which is the generally the highest point in most areas of the camp. If you become lost or require help, hiking uphill will usually get you to a road.

Course	Number of Controls	Length (km)	Climb (meters)
White	11	2.3	70
Yellow A	10	3.7	110
Yellow B	10	3.7	105
Orange	13	4.8	140
Brown	10	4.3	95
Green	11	5.2	135
Red	14	7.2	180

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