

Texas Stampede 204: Meet Director Notes

Welcome to Camp Clements and the annual Texas Stampede!

This camp is operated by the Circle Ten Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The property includes 3,300 acres of pine/hardwood forest and ranchland. The area is divided into two camps: Camp Trevor Rees-Jones and Camp Meisenbach. This venue was the site of the 2008 U.S. Interscholastic Orienteering Championships.

Our event will be in Camp Trevor Rees-Jones. Camp Trevor Rees-Jones is the area one first enters from the main entrance, with two lakes. Bear right at the first fork and drive straight until you reach the HQ building. Registration will be in the HQ building.

Online registration will remain open until 6:00 PM Thursday before the event. A limited number of extra maps are available day-of-race first come, first served.

Things to avoid

- **Disturbing other visitors:** Please do not run through obviously occupied campsites if you encounter them. Go around. Be polite.
- **Shooting range:** It could be in use. There's a big fence around this area, so you cannot wander into it by accident. Do not wander into it on purpose, either.
- **COPE equipment area:** If people are using the ropes course, do not run through their activity. Go around.
- **Horses and riders** may be present on trails. The chances you will encounter one another are slim, but please follow these directives:
 - Do not run in the vicinity of horses and riders.
 - If your paths cross, step aside and let the riders go by. They always have right of way
 - If you are approaching from the rear and must pass, announce yourself from a distance, slow to a walk and pass by giving them a wide berth. Do not squeeze by on the trail; the horse could spook or you could be kicked. It's better to approach from the front, if possible.

Potential hazards

Keep an eye out for abandoned barbed wire anywhere in camp, even the forests, as much of the area is former ranchland. With no hard freeze yet, some old poison ivy might be around. Wildlife should keep out of your way, but don't be surprised to spot feral hogs, armadillos, deer or even some little alligators in the ponds. (Don't feed the alligators!)

There's a 3-hour time limit on all courses. Please be back at HQ before 3 hours are up, even if you haven't found all the controls--and be sure to check in, so we know you're safe.

Have fun navigating!

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