

Meet Director Notes

OUSA Junior Nationals and North Texas Spring-O

March 22-23, 2025

Welcome to Sid Richardson Scout Ranch for the OUSA 2025 Junior Nationals and North Texas Spring-O!

Important weather alert: Texas is under a Red Flag Warning as of March 14, and these conditions are expected to continue through next weekend. This means there is an unusually high risk of wildfires due to dry vegetation, very low humidity and sometimes high winds. There is a burn ban at Sid Richardson Scout, so campers should cook on stoves only. Smokers should avoid putting out cigarettes in dry vegetation. We will monitor the situation closely.

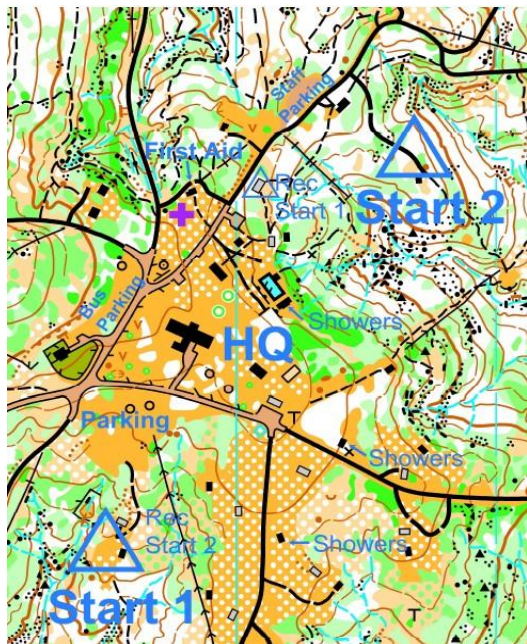
This camp is operated by the Longhorn Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA). North Texas Orienteering Association has been partnering with BSA and lending expertise to the ranch’s orienteering program for over 30 years.

The property includes over 2,000 acres of North Texas hardwood forest and ranchland. The competition area covers about 1,600 of those acres on our new map created by Jon Campbell.

Arriving to the event

Warning: The communities of Bridgeport and Runaway Bay are active traffic-enforcement areas. Observe posted speed limits there!

The action centers around HQ in the main camp area. HQ is 5 miles off the paved road after entering the main gate. Signs will direct you to the main camp area. Part way to main camp, you’ll pass through a paved area with a sign that says to stop and check in. You can ignore this and continue. **Drive slowly and carefully.** Recent rains have made the dirt road into camp extremely rough in places. There may be runners on the road near HQ.



If you are planning to stay at camp, you should have received a site assignment. All sites have signs and one of our camp-masters at HQ can help you find your way.

Once you’re at the event

HQ is at the Dining Hall. During the event, you’ll find Registration here, including packet pick-up, rental e-sticks and posted meet information. This is also where meals will be served for the pre-paid meal plan, as well as the Saturday night BBQ banquet and dancing. (Advance reservations for food are required.) Here you’ll also be able to buy Model maps and event T-shirts, while supplies last.

HQ is on the model map, so you can orient yourself from there when seeking model controls.

See Schedule on website for specific dates, times and details, including Friday Registration times and locations.

Packets will contain:

- Rented e-sticks, if applicable (competitive only)
- Bib, labeled with start times (competitive only)
- Safety pins (competitive only)
- Model map, if pre-purchased
- T-shirt, if pre-purchased
- Wristbands for meal plans and BBQ banquet, if pre-purchased
- Various printouts, including LiveloX QR code for competitive courses

Special notes for Recreational participants only: You need to go to HQ for packet pick-up only if you're collecting a model map, T-shirt and/or wristbands. Otherwise, you can simply go directly to Day 1 or Day 2 Rec Start area any time the courses are open (see Schedule). These will operate like regular NTOA events, with their own maps, Start/Finish, rental e-sticks, payment and download. No assigned start times. A beginners clinic will be offered at 9:30 am. (If someone is available at the Rec start, they may be able to provide instruction at other times.)

That's also where to go for Rec day-of-race sign-up. We will print some extra maps for day-of-race registrants, available first-come, first-served. Rec courses are available for all skill levels EXCEPT Red and Blue.

Each individual participant or team member will receive a map at Start. Map bags will be available. Note: Your Day 1 map must be turned in at Finish due to terrain embargo and will be available to retrieve on Day 2 after the last competition start.

Parking: General parking is in the large field just south of the HQ building. Bus parking is in the small lot to the west. Staff/volunteer parking is down the road south toward Day 2 start. Please follow the directions of the parking crew so we can maximize use of these areas.

Model course: The Model course will be open on Friday and Saturday (See Schedule). Maps are available for purchase first-come, first-served at Registration if you didn't pre-order one. Profits will be donated to OUSA Junior National Team.

Competition format: The format for both Junior Nationals and Spring-O is two-day classic: Awards will be based on combined times from both days. Courses open at 9:30 am Saturday and 9:00 am Sunday. Awards ceremony will be at 3:00 pm on Sunday or earlier if possible. See Schedule for the latest details.

Event jury: Will Enger (COC), Cristina Luis (TSN) and Janet Tryson (DVOA). Back-up: Gene Wee (OK)

Amenities: The camp Trading Post will be open Saturday, selling basic camping supplies, soft drinks, snacks and collectible T-shirts. BSA has arranged for two food trucks to be on-site Saturday: a coffee truck in the morning and sno-cone truck in the afternoon. Otherwise, the nearest stores to SR2 are two convenience stores in Runaway Bay with gas and food to go. The nearest grocery store is Brookshires in Bridgeport, on Hwy 380 behind the Whataburger.

Several showers are located near HQ and shown on the map above. Note: They're rustic; they have hot water but are open air. They're designated for both youth and adults. All campsites have water at the latrines, as well as cold-water, open-air showers. Bring your own towels and supplies.

First aid and emergency info: Wise County EMS will be on site during the event at the First Aid cabin, across the field from HQ in the building titled Health Lodge. In case of injury or other emergency, call one of the numbers below:

- Meet Director: Marc McCauley, 817-907-3126
- Medical Director: Jeff Doggett, 817-692-3435
- Camp Ranger: Chad Crawford, 806-475-8008

On behalf of NTOA and Longhorn Council, thank you for coming and have fun out there!

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