Texas Stampede 2026: Meet Director Notes

Welcome to Camp Clements and the annual Texas Stampede in Athens, TX!

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 host of the 2008 U.S. Interscholastic Orienteering Championships.

Our event will be held in the Camp Trevor Rees-Jones area which is closest to the main entrance and has two lakes.

Headquarters will be in our usual building. After entering the camp, take a right at the first fork and follow the orienteering marker signs and arrows to the HQ building on the left where the registration and download stations will be set up.

Online registration will automatically close at 6:00pm on Thursday Dec 10. Please register ahead of time so that we can get a count of maps needed and keep our printing costs to a minimum. A limited number of extra maps will be available on the day of the race, first come, first served, but registered runners will get priority starts.

Things to avoid:

- Disturbing other visitors: Please do not congregate around there or run through obviously occupied campsites - go around.
- Shooting range: It could be in use. There is 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, go around instead of through their activity for the safety of you and the ropes course participants.
- Horses and riders may be active on trails. If you encounter them, do not run near the horses or riders. They have the right of way, so step aside and let them pass. If you approach them from the rear and must pass, slow to a walk, announce yourself, and give the horse a wide berth to avoid spooking it or being kicked.

Potential hazards

- Keep an eye out for abandoned barbed wire anywhere in camp, including the forests, since much of the area is former ranchland.
- There may be some straggling poison ivy.
- As for wildlife, you may see some feral hogs, armadillos, deer, and small gators (these will likely stay in the lakes, and hopefully you don't get that lost!).
- Depending on the weather things could be a little slippery so be careful when going downhill.

There is a 3-hour time limit on all courses. Please check back in at HQ before the 3 hours are up even if you haven't found all of the controls so we know you're safe and don't need to send a search party to look for you.

Have fun navigating!

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