



Texas Conference Master Guides Camporee General Instructions 2026

All the information you need to prepare your
Master Guides club to attend the camporee

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Texas Conference

Master Guide Camporee Instructions

Objective

To provide a structured Master Guide program experience for certified Master Guide Clubs under the Texas Conference Youth Department.

Eligibility

- Open to Master Guide Clubs certified by the Texas Conference Youth Department.
- Clubs must have:
 - A current certificate of operation from the Conference Youth Department.
 - Completed registration paperwork, including medical/consent-to-treat forms for all participants.

Registration

- **Fee:** Applies to all attendees (staff, members, support staff, children). Fee details available at masterguides.org.
- **Process:** Register via YMMS at masterguides.org/ymms, the same system used for club registration.
- **Background Check:** All adults (18+) must complete a background check via Sterling Volunteers before registration.
- **Pastors/Special Guests:** Pastors or their spouses attending as guests may obtain a temporary pass (9:00 AM–7:00 PM) from security at the main gate, leaving ID as a guarantee. For camping, they must register in YMMS:
 1. Club Director adds them to the club account (assign any role).
 2. Email Iris to update their role to Pastor or Pastor's Spouse.

Insurance

- All vehicles transporting participants or supplies must have current insurance per Texas Conference Youth Department regulations.

Day Pass

- No day passes are available. Participation in the Ultimate Master Guide Race on Sunday requires full camporee registration and payment.

Volunteers

Download the **Volunteer Handbook** for more details.

- **Eligibility:** Open to TLTs approved by their Pathfinder Club and individuals 18+ involved in club ministries with a valid Sterling Volunteers background check.
- **Expectations:** Volunteers must work two 4-hour shifts, assigned by the volunteer coordinator. Flexibility and responsibility are required.
- **Restrictions:** Volunteers should not be from churches with active Master Guide Clubs to fully engage in camporee activities.
- **Benefits:** Meals and tent camping provided. Additional volunteer information provided post-registration.

Lake Whitney Ranch

Location:

- **Address:** 813 Farm to Market Road 2841, Clifton, TX 76634
- **GPS Coordinates:** 31.894685, -97.408485
- **Description:** A 900-acre ranch with 400 acres of native landscape, featuring limestone cliffs, rolling hills, and rustic hiking trails.

Check-In:

- **Arrival:** Friday, 12:00 PM–11:00 PM. Gates close at 11:00 PM
- **After-Hours Arrival:** No campsite access or tent setup until the next day. Spend the night outside the camping area after security verification.
- **Process:** Enter via the main entrance and proceed to the registration tent. Only the Club Director or designated staff should enter the tent; club members remain in vehicles.
- **Stations:**
 1. **Financial:** Verify registration, participant numbers, add-ons, substitutions, cancellations, and payments with a Conference employee.
 2. **Medical:** Submit two medical consent forms per participant (originals for minors, no photocopied signatures). Keep one copy in the Director's tent; attendees may carry a digital/photocopy. Notify medical staff of specific medication needs (e.g., asthma, epilepsy, diabetes) at check-in. No forms, no check-in.
 3. **Campsite Assignment:** Receive a campsite number based on registration order and club size.
 4. **Director's Package:** Receive wristbands, programs, and camporee information (available online at masterguides.org/camporee).

Unloading:

- Vehicles may enter the camping area Friday, 12:00 PM–10:30 PM, to unload equipment. Follow signs and display the provided car pass.
- Unload at the assigned campsite, then move vehicles to the designated parking area. Only detached trailers may remain at the campsite until checkout.

Departure:

- To leave during the camporee:
 - Use vehicles in the parking area, displaying wristbands and car pass.
 - Process departure through camporee security, enforced by county sheriffs.

Check-Out:

- **Timing:** Vehicles enter the camping area Sunday morning during the award ceremony, once deemed safe by security.
- **Stations:**
 1. **Campsite Inspection:** Clear trash, fill holes, and obtain approval from an area coordinator or designee.
 2. **Director's Exit Package:** Collect participation patches and exit package from the Conference tent.

Camp Information

- **Leadership:**
 - Texas Conference Youth Director: Cristian Ponciano
 - General Coordinators: Alfredo and Sonia Lopez
 - Safety and Nurse Coordinator: Moses Saker
 - Empower Coordinator: Kaicy Thomas
 - Events Coordinator: Tony Facundo
 - Drill Master: Carla and Daniel Amante
 - Bible Achievement Coordinator: Paola and Jimmy Romero
 - Area Coordinators: Christian and Laura Zelaya (HBA), Cristina and Nathan Contreras (DET), Karen Mendez and Jerry Hernandez (KFW), Victor Bojorquez (CTX), Itzelh and Jorge Valadez (VCB).
- **Schedule:** Provided at registration and online at masterguides.org/camporee.
- **Scoring:** Clubs earn points based on activities. The highest-scoring club receives a trophy. Clubs scoring 90%+ of the highest score earn first place, 80–89% second place, 70–79% third place.
- **Campsite Setup:**
 - Establish boundaries with fencing/roping, display club name and flag, and ensure space for fall-in/devotionals.
 - Follow the camp inspection form for etiquette, hygiene, and order.
- **Flag Ceremonies:**
 - Formal flag raising (Friday evening) and lowering (Sunday afternoon) with a four-person Master Guide color guard per flag.

- Color guard arrives 20 minutes early. Clubs fall in by area, notify the area coordinator for attendance.
- **Worship Services:**
 - Bring club chairs, avoid aisle striping, and set up compactly without moving other clubs' chairs.
 - Participate fully, remain until the closing prayer, and maintain respectful behavior.
- **Quiet Time:** 10:00 PM–6:00 AM. Violations result in a warning and 50-point deduction; further violations deduct 100 points and may lead to expulsion.
- **Baptism:** Sabbath baptism available. Submit requests online and notify area coordinator (parental permission required for minors).
- **Investiture:** Sabbath afternoon for Master Guide candidates. Submit applications at masterguides.org and obtain approval from your area coordinator.
- **Director's Meetings:** Friday and Sabbath nights (schedule provided at camp).
- **Restrooms and Bathhouse:**
 - **Hours & Availability:**
 - Facilities are open 24 hours a day.
 - Please Note: Showers will be closed for 10 minutes every 2-3 hours for routine cleaning.
 - **General Courtesy:**
 - Please be efficient to accommodate everyone. Facilities operate on a first-come, first-served basis.
 - Always lock stall doors for privacy.
 - Practice conservation; please use toilet paper and water sparingly.
 - **Shower Specifics:**
 - **Shower time is limited to 5 minutes per person.**
 - For hygiene, **shower shoes (flip-flops) are required.**
 - **Cleanliness & Hygiene:**
 - Dispose of all wipes and personal hygiene products in the trash receptacles—**do not flush them.**
 - Wash and sanitize your hands thoroughly after use.
 - **Our Shared Commitment:**
 - Please leave the facility cleaner than you found it.
 - Thank you for your cooperation in maintaining a clean and respectful environment for all!
- **Sanitation:**
 - Club Directors ensure campsite upkeep. No bathing in campsites or grey water pits.
 - Use wagons to transport grey water to dump stations without spilling.
- **Trash:**
 - Place trash in designated dumpsters. Notify Conference staff if dumpsters are full.
 - Remove large items (e.g., broken chairs) when leaving. Ensure trash handlers can reach dumpster tops.
 - No human waste (except diapers) in trash.
- **Water Distribution:**
 - Safe well water tested four times weekly. Use wagons and containers to collect water from stations.
- **Meals:** Clubs arrange their own meals. Event hosts may provide snacks or a post-event meal.
- **Volunteer Lodging/Meals:** Tent camping and meals provided for registered volunteers; no additional lodging.
 - Camping in designated areas by the lodges and event center.

First Aid

- **Camp First Aid and Medical Tent:** For skilled evaluation only, not for basic first aid or pre-existing conditions. Contact medical staff or security (not 911) for evaluation or transport. Bring personal devices/medications for pre-existing conditions.
- **First Aid Kit(s):** Each club must have two first aid kits (one at camp, and a smaller for activities). Search for a suggested contents for a four-person kit (per American Red Cross):
 - **Customization:** Include items for specific needs (e.g., antihistamines/EpiPen for allergies, glucose tablets for diabetes, paper tape for fragile skin).
 - **Maintenance:** Check supplies every six months, replace expired items, and update for changing club needs.
 - **Medications:** Club members must bring personal medications (e.g., inhalers, EpiPens). Nebulizers not provided.
 - **Training:** Learn practical skills (e.g., CPR, AED use, bleeding control, seizure first aid) to use kits effectively.
 - **Dehydration Prevention:** Encourage use of refillable water containers. Watch for signs: dry mouth, no tears, sunken eyes, reduced urine, dry skin, lethargy, irritability, fatigue, dizziness.
 - **Sun/Wind Protection:** Use sunscreen and lip protection to prevent burns.

Safety

- **General:**
 - Clubs enforce camp policies and security at campsites.
 - All attendees wear wristbands. Only designated cooks remain at campsites during activities.
 - No walk-in visitors or external camping.
 - Ensure safe use of cooking equipment (e.g., gas stoves).
- **Security:**
 - Daytime: Bosque County Law Enforcement, camporee security, and Master Guide personnel patrol and monitor parking.
 - Nighttime: Bosque County Law Enforcement on duty.
 - Report issues to security staff (identifiable by radios/vests).
- **Emergency Preparedness:**
 - Clubs stay together, with Directors maintaining a medical consent form copy and member list for roll call.
 - Be prepared for weather, intruders, medical emergencies, or animals (e.g., snakes).
- **Wind Conditions:**
 - In general, expect 9–12 mph winds, with possible 50 mph gusts. Secure tents and canopies with long spikes or screw-in anchors. Tie down shelving and design club entrances for wind resistance.
- **Weather Monitoring:**
 - Check the safety flagpole near the security tent for weather updates:
 - White: Heat advisory
 - Green: All clear
 - Royal Blue: Chance of storms
 - Yellow: Fair weather, high winds
 - Orange: Thunderstorms, high winds

- Red: Fire
- Black: Tornado
- **Severe Weather Protocol:**
 - Assemble club, take roll call, and report to area coordinator within 5 minutes.
 - Report missing members to security when safe.
 - Security evacuates bathrooms, showers, and event areas within 5 minutes.
 - Avoid cellphone use during lightning.
 - **Tornado:** Take cover, lie face down, cover head, and stay low until clear.
 - **Rain/Storm:** Shelter in tents or eating structures, monitor for leaks, and avoid live wires. Move to vehicles if unsafe.
 - **Injury:** Mobile injured go to the shower trailer area for triage. Non-mobile injured require immediate security contact for medical transport (do not call 911). Avoid driving personal vehicles in the campground.

Camp Policies

- **Generators:** Allowed 6:00 AM–10:00 PM. Violations result in a warning and 50-point deduction; further violations deduct 100 points and may lead to expulsion.
- **Golf Carts/Bicycles:**
 - Only Conference-provided golf carts/ATVs allowed, with seated passengers only.
 - Drivers must be 21+ with a valid license.
 - Only approved Conference/security personnel may ride bicycles, requiring a pass and helmet.
- **Drones:** Prohibited, except for staff/communication team drones.
- **Pets:** Not allowed (except service animals). Violations incur a \$200 fine and expulsion, enforced by county sheriffs.
- **Service Animals:** Must be a certified service animal. Register with security at the registration tent.
- **Vehicle Registration:** Display vehicle tag on windshield always. Violations result in a warning and 50-point deduction; further violations deduct 100 points and may lead to expulsion.
- **Parking:**
 - First-come, first-served parking, with a designated handicap area.
 - Load/unload area limited to 3–5 minutes.
 - Follow traffic flow for entry/exit.