

TEXAS PATHFINDER CAMPOREE
SECURITY & EMERGENCY PROCEDURES
LAKE WHITNEY RANCH

Safety is one of our main concerns at Texas Pathfinder Camporee, and we want to make sure our youth and staff members are safe at all times. In the past few years, we have been where we had buildings to go in, for some protection in severe weather. We are now in an open-air situation, so it will be important to review these guidelines and procedures, in case of emergency. As our camp property continues to develop, we will adjust these procedures accordingly. Thanks for your cooperation.

1. Security personnel and Master Guide personnel will handle day time patrol.
2. We will have Police officers on duty at night.
3. Directors, know where your youth are at all times during the Camporee. Please do not let your Pathfinders wander off by themselves.
4. Directors, please carry with you an information sheet of your youth, at all times, so you can do a roll call at any time, in case of emergency.
5. Please stay alert at all times. Be ready for ANY type of emergency: weather, intruders, medical, animals (such as snakes or wild animals, etc.) PLEASE STAY ALERT!
6. Plan your EMERGENCY KIT. Make sure you have all the proper equipment inside, with updated supplies. Review the following:

Emergency Kit: Each Club must have an Emergency Kit consisting of a big trash container with wheels, easy to pull, and specific color (red), to differentiate from the other containers at your campsite. The container must bear a sign that says **Emergency Kit**, and include the full name of your Church on the sign (i.e., San Antonio East Gate Sp). You are to use reflector paint which will make container easy to identify when it is dark. Your kit must contain, enough for 15 people, the following supplies: canned food or dry food, can opener, supply of water, a radio, fresh battery, flash light, and blankets. Prior to each campout, check your supply for expiration dates on food, fresh battery life, then discard or replace as appropriate.

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Severe Weather

We will continually monitor the weather, day and night, for severe weather changes, and will communicate to club Directors of any urgent situations, or if a Take Cover situation would be necessary. If there is a severe weather change, Directors will be immediately notified. At that time, our emergency plan will go into action.

1. In case of severe weather report, Individuals should return to join the rest of your club, if at all possible. This procedure must take less than 5 minutes maximum.
2. Take caution in using your cellular phone, if there is lightening.
3. Security Staff will be in charge of **evacuating Bathroom and Shower areas**, as well as the **various Event Locations**, instructing individuals to return to join the rest of their club. This procedure must take less than 5 minutes maximum.
4. Directors, please communicate to your club members not to panic. Encourage them to stay calm, as they make their way to the appropriate locations, having them wait till further instructions.
5. Directors, once your group is together, please take a roll call, to ensure all your staff and pathfinders are accounted for. Report to your Area Coordinator (or any Security Staff) that your group is accounted for.
6. If there is anyone missing in your group, please contact any Security Staff (or your Area Coordinator) as soon as it is safe.
7. Emergency Kits can be retrieved from your campsite area, by the Security Staff, for usage once there is an "all clear".

Tornado:

1. Take cover by dropping to the ground, or if you are next to a ditch, take cover there, get inside.
2. Place your hands over your head, to cover the back of your head.
3. Stay low on the ground until everything is all clear.

Severe Rains or Storm:

1. Take cover under the big meeting tent, or inside your own tent.
2. Monitor your tent to make sure water is not coming in.
3. Stay together as a group.
4. Do not touch any live wires, for any reason.

Again, we want to make sure our youth and staff members are safe at all times. If you need to report a problem, look for one of our Staff who is wearing a radio or a security vest. They will relay the information to us.

Thank You,
TX PF Coordinators