

Parent Guide to Haunted Forest

October 16 – 18, 2026



Come join us for fun at Camp Tonkawa

Located at 4117 FM 89, Tuscola, Texas

For your information

S.A.F.E. Guarding Youth Training: Cub Scout – Overnight Exception

Cub Scout parents or legal guardians taking part in an overnight Cub Scout program with their own child or legal ward are not required to register as leaders. All adults must review the “How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide” that can be found in the front of each Cub Scout Handbook. In addition, the parent or legal guardian must be accompanied by a registered leader at any time they are with youth members other than their own child/ward. All other overnight adults must be currently registered in an adult fee required position.

Annual Health and Medical Record: Forms A and B

For any and all Scouting activities, all participants must complete Part A and Part B (both pages). “All participants” includes parents, guardians, siblings, youth, staff, and unit leaders. Though Part C is only required for participation in events lasting longer than 72 hours, all Scouting America participants are encouraged to complete this pre-participation physical during an annual exam performed by a licensed health-care provider.

Release and Indemnity/Hold-Harmless agreement

All adults must complete the agreement (attached in this parent’s guide). Your children may be listed on one of the parent’s form. It must be completed and ready to turn in when you check in to camp.

Registration for Haunted Forest

Completed online by going to www.texasrtailsbsa.org and clicking on the Haunted Forest button in the calendar of events. If you want to register as a unit or if you need assistance registering online, please contact the Scout office at 325-677-2688.

Friday Evening Check-in

Check-in will be from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. This is where you will pick up your schedule, map, arm bands and event patch. You will not be allowed to participate unless you are wearing an armband. You will be allowed to set up your campsite starting at 5:00 pm. There will be someone available to direct you to your assigned campsite. **There will be NO campsite setup permitted after 9:00 pm on Friday night, and no one will be allowed to enter Camp Tonkawa after 10:00 pm.** Participants will be allowed 15 minutes to drop off their equipment at their campsite, then park across the street. Please do not set up camp until your vehicle has been moved.

Saturday Check-in

Check-in will resume on Saturday from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Saturday Evening Carnival and Haunted Trail

For the safety of all campers, driving on the campsite loop will be suspended from 5:00 pm to 10:00 pm. No one will be permitted to drive through the campsite loop during this time as it will directly interfere with evening activities. Shuttle services will be available at this time. Should you plan to leave Saturday evening, please pack camp and load your vehicle before 5:00 pm.

Trading Post and Snack Bar

The Trading Post will be open Friday evening from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. They will be selling hamburgers, hotdogs, nachos, and personal pizzas. It will also be open throughout Saturday, except for scheduled mealtimes.

Meals

Meals will not be provided for Friday evening. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner on Saturday will be provided. Sunday breakfast will be a simple grab and go that can be picked up at the dining hall. A salad bar will be provided for Saturday meals. **Please contact the Scout Office if you have dietary restrictions.**

T-Shirts

Haunted Forest T-Shirts are available for purchase. They come in Youth sizes Small through Large and Adult sizes Small to 4XL. **This preorder item must be submitted by October 9, 2026.** There will be a few available for purchase at the Trading Post on a first-come basis.

Shuttles

Shuttles will be available to take you to the parking lot across the street. Please do not cross the highway on foot. Please wait for a shuttle at the designated shuttle stops on the map. Shuttle run times are listed on the schedule.

ADA Accommodations

Please contact the Scout Office prior to the campout should you need an ADA accommodation.

Cost:

- \$30.00 per Youth Participant
- \$15.00 per Adult and Volunteers/Staff
- Children 4 years old and younger are free
- \$45.00 If registering the day of the event per person

Schedule*

Friday

05:00pm – 08:00pm	Check-in
05:00pm – 09:00pm	Campsite setup
08:00pm – 09:00pm	Welcome Campfire (Pavilion)
09:00pm	All-Volunteer Meeting (immediately after campfire in Dining Hall)
10:00pm	All quiet in Camp
05:00pm – 10:00pm	Shuttle Service Availability

Saturday

06:30am – 08:15am	Breakfast
08:15am – 08:30am	Flags
08:30am – 11:25am	Rotating Morning Activities
11:30am – 01:25pm	Lunch
01:30pm – 04:25pm	Rotating Afternoon Activities
04:30pm – 06:25pm	Dinner
06:30pm – 09:00pm	Carnival Activities
08:00pm – 10:00pm	The Haunted Trail
06:30pm – 10:00pm	Movie in the Dining Hall
11:00pm	All quiet in Camp
07:00am – 10:00pm	Shuttle Service Availability

Sunday

08:00am – 09:30am	Grab and Go Breakfast
08:30am – 09:00am	Closing Ceremony and Awards
09:00am – 09:30am	Scout's Own Service (Pavilion)
09:30am – 10:55am	Break Camp, Cleanup and Checkout
11:00am	All Campers Cleared Out
07:00am – 11:00am	Shuttle Service Availability

***Tentative schedule subject to change**

Fun Extras

Pumpkin Carving Contest

Bring a pre-carved pumpkin. A table will be set up on the stage in the dining hall.

Campsite Decorating Contest

Get with the other families in your Pack and decorate for the theme.

Pack Scout Spirit Award

Be the Pack with the most spirit; create a cheer and sing throughout camp. Show your Scout Spirit.

Best Themed Costume – Cub Scout

Most Unique Costume – Cub Scout

Best Themed Costume – Scouts BSA

Best Themed Costume – Adult Leader

Please be sure to wear your costume at lunch and dinner so the judges can see you!

All winners will be announced Sunday morning.

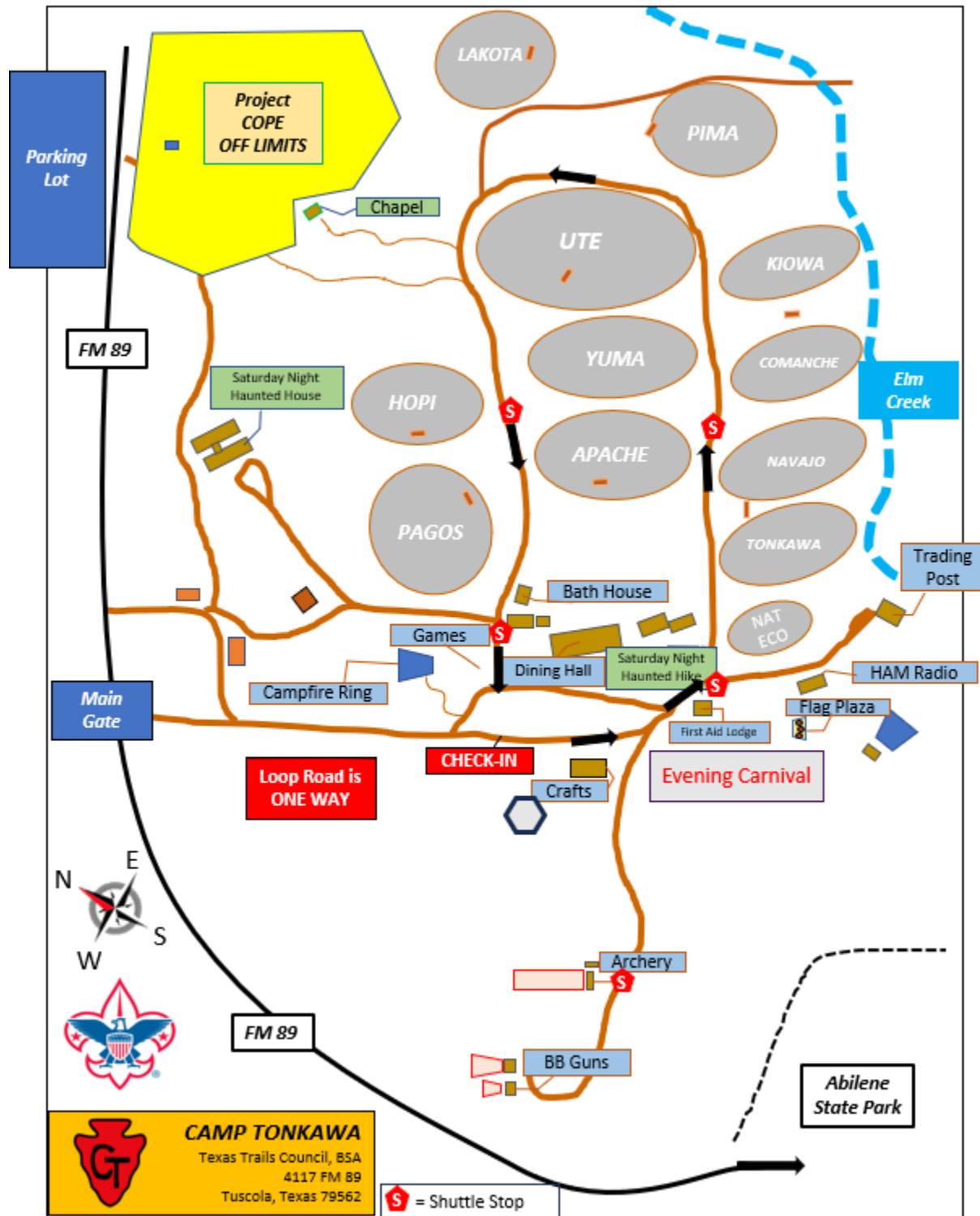
What to Bring

Tent (and stakes)	Towels
Hammer or mallet	Rain gear
Ground cloth/tarp	Jackets
Dustpan & brush and or broom	Hats
Sleeping bags	Sunscreen
Sleeping pads	Small day pack
Pillow	Medications
Headlamps or flashlights (and extra batteries)	Bug spray or bug bands
Lantern (and mantles and fuel/batteries if needed)	Disinfectant wipes
Camp chairs	Hand Sanitizer
Change of clothes	Cub Scout 6 Essentials
Extra pair of shoes	
Sleep wear	
Personal hygiene products (showers are available)	
Shower shoes	
Small first aid kit (Health Lodge will be open if needed)	

Rules for Safety and Conduct

- Speed limit is 10 MPH on ALL camp roads.
- Park only in designated areas. No parking of personal vehicles in camping areas.
- No passengers can ride in the bed of a pick-up truck.
- DO NOT LITTER. Please dispose of trash properly.
- Bag all trash – Do not stack loose rubbish on top of the bin. Place tied trash bags at the entrance to the campsite for pickup.
- Do not place embers or charcoal into the trash bins. Use appropriate means to extinguish fires.
- Swimming Pool, COPE Area, and Tonkawa Tower are OFF-LIMITS.
- Possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is NOT permitted.
- Possession or consumption of illegal drugs is NOT permitted.
- Fireworks, and Personal Firearms are NOT permitted.
- Pets, except for registered service animals, are NOT permitted.
- Camp Tonkawa is a smoke free property. Tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, vaping devices) are not allowed in camping areas or program areas. Please NO smoking or vaping during programs or Campfires. Be courteous to your fellow scouts!

Map of Camp Tonkawa



An updated map will be provided in your check-in packet.

Texas Trails Council, BSA
3811 North 1st Street
Abilene, Texas 79603
325-677-2688

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY/HOLD-HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I understand the use of facilities owned by Texas Trails Council, Scouting America involves a certain degree of risk that could result in injury or death. In consideration of the benefits to be derived and after carefully considering the risk involved and in view of the fact that Scouting America is a not-for-profit organization:

RELEASE AND INDEMNIFICATION

I hereby release and waive any and all claims that I may have against Scouting America, Texas Trails Council, and their employees, agents, representatives, or volunteers arising from use of their facilities. I AGREE TO FULLY INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS SCOUTING AMERICA, TEXAS TRAILS COUNCIL, AND THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, AND VOLUNTEERS FROM ANY AND ALL CLAIMS ARISING FROM USE OF THEIR FACILITIES. THIS INDEMNIFICATION EXPRESSLY INCLUDES ANY CLAIMS ARISING OUT OF SCOUTING AMERICA, TEXAS TRAILS COUNCIL'S OWN NEGLIGENCE OR FAULT OR THAT OF THEIR EMPLOYEES, AGENTS, REPRESENTATIVES, OR VOLUNTEERS. I AGREE THAT THE INDEMNIFICATION INCLUDES THE AMOUNT OF THE CLAIMS, THE EXPENSES OF DEFENDING AGAINST THE CLAIMS, COURT COSTS, AND ATTORNEYS' FEES.

Adult Printed Name

Date

Signature (if over 18 years of age)

Telephone Number

List of your dependent children under 18 years of age.

First and Last Name of Dependent Child

Relationship

