

# **Boy Scouts of America**

Texas Trails Council

Pecan Valley District

2026

Thirteenth Annual

## **San Saba Mountain Man Camporee**

APRIL 10TH – 12TH

Check in at Risien Park (Back Gate)

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# Leader's Guide

## 2026 Pecan Valley District (PVD)

### San Saba Mountain Man Camporee (SSMMC)

Texas Trails Council & the Pecan Valley District, is once again for the 13th year, putting on the San Saba Mountain Man Camporee (SSMMC). **We invite all Scout Troops, and Webelo & Arrow of Light Scouts if accompanied by a Troop, from within the Texas Trails Council, to participate.** If outside the Texas Trails Council, please contact us about the possibility of you joining us.

This year's SSMMC will offer a great time for all who come. We will again, do a race with fantastic challenges along the way. The challenges along the course will be: Canoeing, the Tunnel/Creek Trudge, Fire Starting, Tomahawk Throwing, Knot Tying, Log Toss, a Scout Law Bridge, and, Gold Panning for REAL GOLD **(24k gold, silver, & copper) that you get to keep.** A couple of other activities we will be doing during the weekend include: Campfire Skits, Outrageous Mountain Man Stories, a Dutch Oven & Mountain Man Punch Contest, & a Potluck Dinner to follow, for all of the Troops that contribute!!! Typically, every Troop joins us for the Potluck.

What to consider? Every boy/girl will need an extra pair of shoes that are closed toe, and ok to get wet and dirty, for the Tunnel/Creek Trudge. Each Patrol running the race should be between 4 & 7 Scouts. Each Troop should bring all of the things they need for a weekend campout. That includes food, water, dealing with their own trash, cooking utensils, a "Leave No Trace" method of cooking with your Dutch Ovens, tents, and so on. Campsites should be kept clean at all times. There will be camp inspections.

Of course, all BSA rules for a campout, apply to this event. So, all participants will need to have a BSA medical form part A & B upon arrival. Scout leaders will need to have the medical forms on them at all times, in case of a problem.

Everyone needs to come with a great attitude, be examples of the Scout Oath and Law, and be ready to have a lot of fun. We've enjoyed much success with this event every year, and we are looking forward to another great time, this being the 13<sup>th</sup> year.

If you have any questions, feel free to call the Camp Coordinator, Lance Anderson at 325-320-6996; Co-Camp Coordinator, or the Texas Trails Council Executive, Gwangi T. Shippat (325)-677-2688, or Hunter Chapman at 432-553-3433, and one of us will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

**Registration limited to the first 80 Scouts. Adults do not count toward this limit.**

# 2026 SSMMC Schedule

## Friday

- 5:00pm Troops arrive, check in, and setup camp @ Risien's Park (back entrance), in San Saba (See Map)
- 9:00pm Scoutmaster, SPL, and all available adults, meeting (Pavilion)
- 9:30pm Event coordinator's, meeting (Pavilion)
- 11:00pm All Troops, in campsites, and quiet time begins

## Saturday

- 7:00am Quiet time ends and Troops prepare breakfast, eat, and cleanup
- 8:30am Flags and Race Registration, meet at LCRA Park parking lot, right off 190
- 9:00am Let the races begin
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:30pm Race resumes (If your Patrol has not finished, return to where you checked in before lunch)
- 3:00pm Community Service Project: If you've finished the race, please pick up trash around the amphitheater, camping areas, bathrooms, creeks, gravel roads. Please place full trash bags on the right end of the adult bathrooms, or place them at the Race Start/Finish. Remember the buddy system while doing this community service project.
- 4:00pm Troops prepare Dutch Oven Contest entries, for Potluck Dinner, Turn in between 6:15-6:30
- 6:30pm Deadline to turn in Dutch Oven & Mountain Man Punch, Contest Entries (Pavilion)
- 7:00pm Potluck Dinner (Pavilion)
- 8:30pm Bonfire (All Patrols need to do at least one comedy skit, & prepare an exaggerated, "Mt. Man Story". Ex: When Joe was 2 months old, he could already do 25 pushups. At the age of 3 he killed his first grizzly. Get the idea? This should be hilarious!!!)
- 11:00pm All Troops in campsites and quiet time begins

## Sunday

- 7:00am Quiet time ends and Troops prepare breakfast, eat, pack, and cleanup
- 9:30am Chapel
- 10:00am Awards Ceremony
- 11:00am Troops finish packing and clean campsites, volunteers clean restrooms
- 12:00pm SSMMC is officially over, but feel free to enjoy these 3 gorgeous San Saba parks, for as long as you like as a troop. Have a SAFE trip home!

**Registration Information**  
**13th Annual San Saba Mountain Man Camporee**  
**APRIL 10TH – 12TH, 2026**

LCRA San Saba River Nature Park, Risien Park, & Mill Pond Park  
San Saba, TX

Troop \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Leader's Email \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Leader's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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**PAYMENT INFORMATION**

**IF PAID BY April 3rd**, pay the following amounts to receive the **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**:

Number of youth attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If paid after April 3rd, pay the normal fees of the following amounts:

Number of youth attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$25 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment deadline is APRIL 10TH, 2026, at the event.**

Mail this form with your check to: Texas Trails Council  
SSMMC 2026  
3811 N 1st  
Abilene, TX 79603

Make checks payable to Texas Trails Council. **You may also register/pay online, at the council website**

# SSMMC 2026 Dutch Oven & Mountain Man Punch Contest Rules

Last year's Dutch Oven and Mountain Man Punch, Potluck, was such a success, we're doing it again. Every year we have amazingly delicious, Entrees, Desserts, and MM Punch. Can't wait to see what happens this year.

This is a Troop event. This means that Leaders and Scouts can work together on this, or, Scouts can do it alone, or, Leaders can do it alone. Each Troop can have multiple entries. Just remember, it is a Troop event. This means that the prize will be a Troop prize, and the SM of that Troop can decide how to handle it. If you would like to join the Potluck dinner, we ask that each Troop provide an Entrée and a Dessert. Please provide enough food to feed your entire Troop, and then some, so that there will be plenty for all. Also, please provide a serving spoon or whatever makes sense to serve your dish to everyone. If it's soupy, please provide bowls.

The Dutch Oven & Mountain Man Punch Entries, along with serving devices, must be taken to the Pavilion when completed. All cooking with the Dutch Ovens must be done utilizing, "LEAVE NO TRACE", techniques. If you are unable to cook at your campsite using, "Leave No Trace", techniques, you may put foil on the slab at the Pavilion, and cook there, on the concrete. All Entries must arrive at the Pavilion between 6:15 and 6:30pm to be eligible for the contest. If you miss the deadline, go ahead and bring it when you can, to participate in the Potluck Dinner, but it will be too late to be judged. The Pot Luck dinner will begin at 7pm. We will award 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place prizes, in the Entrée, Dessert, & Mountain Man Punch, categories.

As stated earlier, you may enter the Mountain Man Punch contest along with your Entrée' and Dessert entries. The Mountain Man Punch is optional for participating in the Potluck Dinner. If you as an individual, a patrol, or a troop, want to whip up a great, non-alcoholic punch, we'll be judging that as a separate category, along with the dessert and main entrée categories. A minimum of 3 gallons of cold punch is needed to enter. Turn your Punch in, between 6:15 and 6:30, to be eligible. Again, we will be awarding 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place prizes, in this category.

The judging will start at 6:30pm, and the potluck where everyone will join in the feast, will begin at 7:00pm. Tip: it is probably best that when you drop off your entry in the contest, then go back to your camp until the 7pm when the feast begins.

In all categories, the Judges are looking for the best tasting, most appealing to the eye, originality, and difficulty of preparation. Good Luck!!!