

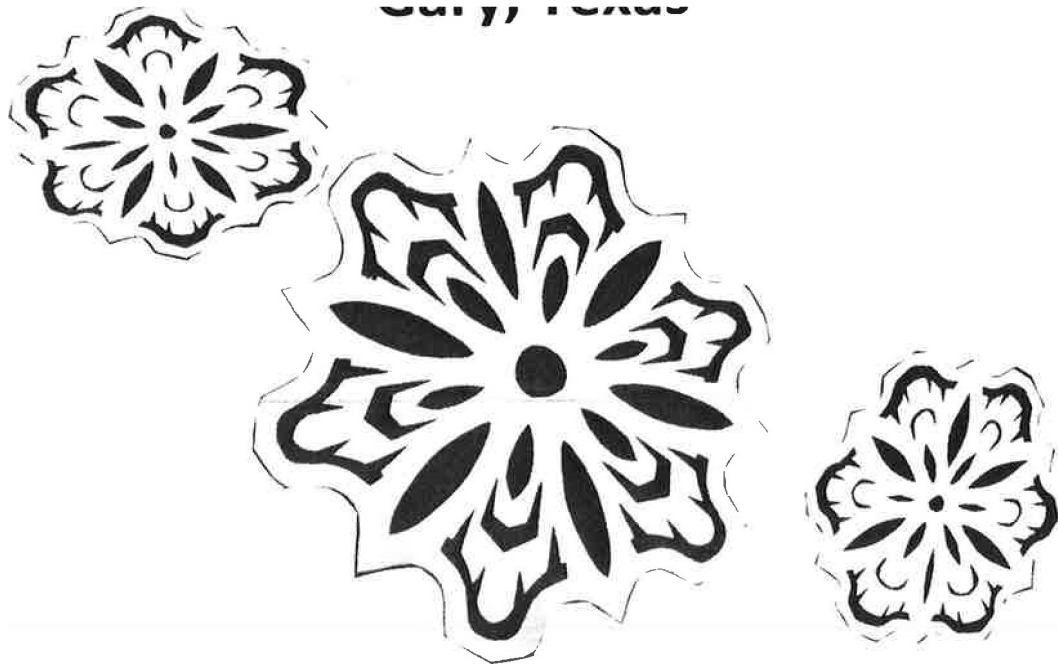
2018

Winter Camp

East Texas Area Council

George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation

Gary, Texas



Leader's Guide

George W. Pirtle

Scout Reservation

East Texas Area Council, BS.A.



G.W.P. can be used for your next
campout or service project!



Call the East Texas Area Council Scout Office to
place your reservation. Call 903-597-7201.

General Information

Location and Dates

The beautiful George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation is in Panola County, near the East Texas town of Carthage. The nearest community, however, is Gary City. G.W.P. is located off FM 1970 on County Road 1241, 75643. The camp's phone number is 903-597-7201. Winter Camp will be at G.W.P. from Thursday, December 27 — Monday, December 31.

Check-In and Check-Out

Check-in is between 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 27. Your troop will be greeted by our staff upon arrival and given their assigned campsite name and number. The Scout Leader should come to the Headquarter Building with all required paperwork and the balance of camp fees to complete the check-in process.

Troops may check-out Sunday evening, December 30 by contacting the Camp Director no later than lunch that day. If the troop camps that night, check-out is no later than 10:00 AM, Monday, December 31.

Pricing and Reservations

The cost to attend Winter Camp is \$140 per Scout. There is no late fee. The leader fee is \$45.00. The E.T, A.C. appreciates the time that you are taking away from your family during this holiday season to provide leadership to your troop.

Camp Leadership

It is the policy of the B.S.A. that trips and outings be led by two or more adults. One of the adults must be 21 years or older. This is required for all outings and includes leadership for Scouts that are camping just one day.

Provisional Leadership

A troop with a Scout or Scouts wanting to attend and no available leadership should contact the Camp Director. Provisional leadership is limited but may be available.

Senior Patrol Leaders

The Senior Patrol Leader should lead the troop with the guidance of the Scoutmaster through the program. If your troop's S.P.L. is unable to attend, your troop should elect a Winter Camp S.P.L. He will be a member of each Camp Leader's Meeting.

Camp Leader's Meeting

All Scout leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders will attend the Leader's Meeting, Thursday night, December 27, at 6:30 PM. This meeting will be held in the Headquarters Building. In addition, there will be a brief meeting each morning after breakfast. It will be held next to the coffee pot. Listen for that announcement during breakfast.



Camp Staff

A staff of outstanding Scouts and Scouters has been assembled to assist each troop in obtaining the maximum opportunities available at G.W.P. Each has skills that can be tapped as a resource. There is always a need for more staff in any camp. Each adult leader should consider sharing their abilities by teaching at least one merit badge of interest. To do so, please contact the CampDirector prior to arrival. By participating in this endeavor, you can assure the success of each Scout.

Camp Rules and Regulations

Use of our camp is subject to the posted rules and regulations of Camp Pirtle. Please ensure that your Scouts and Leaders understand and abide by the posted rules and regulations. Copies will be posted at various locations around camp, including each campsite. Thank you for being a good steward of your camp.

Vehicles in Camp

The speed limit within Camp Pirtle is less than 10 miles per hour. Upon check-in, vehicles will be allowed to transport troop gear, personal gear, program equipment and trailers to campsites for unloading. Trailers may be kept in the campsite assigned. All vehicles must return to the parking lot for the remainder of camp. No one under 18 will be allowed to drive in camp; except for arriving at the camp parking lot. Visitors must park in the parking



lot and check in at the Headquarters Building. Due to safety and conservation, vehicles used in camp will be limited to only those assigned by the Camp Director. These include administration vehicles.

Dining Hall

Meals are served in the Dining Hall overlooking beautiful Lake Murvaul. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM. It will be preceded at 7:25 AM by the morning flag ceremony and blessing. If your troop or a patrol would like to participate in a flag raising, contact the Camp Director. Lunch will be served at 12:00, preceded by its blessing, while the evening meal and blessing will take place at 5:30 PM. It will be preceded at 5:25 PM by the evening flag ceremony and blessing. Once again, if a troop or patrol would like to participate in this ceremony, contact the Camp Director. Visitors can join your troop after they check in at the Headquarters Building. The cost for the meal is \$8. Cleanup is the responsibility of each troop. Instructions will be given at the conclusion of the first evening meal on Wednesday night.

Camp Programs

Opening Program

The highlight of our first night at camp will be the opening campfire. Each troop or patrol is encouraged to participate by presenting a skit and/or song/yell at the campfire. This will be the troop's chance to show their Scout spirit. Your skit will need to be approved by the Camp Director. It is important that each troop or patrol prepare before arrival at camp.

Klondike Derby

This exciting event will create a competitive spirit among the troops. Each troop should design and create a dog sled for this competition. Plans can be drawn during the weekly Scout meetings and when finished, the needed materials for building the sled can be secured prior to arriving at camp. It will be assembled at camp during the evening program. Remember to include a harness which will allow the Scouts to pull the sled. One Scout will be the musher and the remaining Scouts will pull the sled around the course. A list of items will be carried on the sled during the race's duration. This list will be issued during check-in. There will be mandatory stops along the route where the Scouts will be asked to answer questions or perform an activity. These will be based on B.S.A. history and scouting skills. If there are questions, feel free to contact the Camp Director before arriving at camp.

Chapel

A Scout is reverent. Each morning, a Chapel service will be held at 7:00 AM. Our Chaplain, Brother Tom, will hold this non-denominational service for all faiths and everyone in camp is encouraged to participate.

Trading Post

The T.P. will be stocked with snacks, drinks, t-shirts and other Scouting needs. The hours of operation will be posted when camp begins.



Scouts and adult leaders in camp may receive mail at the following address;

Scout's Name and Troop Number

George W. Pirtle Scout Reservation

440c. R. 1241

Gary, Texas

75643

Leader Survey

At the conclusion of camp, each adult leader and Scout will have the opportunity to participate in this feedback. Each should fill out the survey and turn it in to the Camp Director. This information will be used by the E.T.A.C. and camp administration to improve the quality of our product through management and leadership dedicated to excellence.

Health and Safety

Our Health Lodge is located across the street from the Headquarters Building. It will be staffed by one or more persons trained to handle minor accidents or illnesses. Special arrangements for the treatment of more serious cases have been made with the hospital in Carthage, fifteen minutes away. An ambulance will respond and transport the case when necessary. In the event such treatment is needed, the Scout's parents will be notified by telephone giving the nature of the emergency. Their desires concerning further treatment will be followed. If the parents of Scout will not be home during the time their son is in camp, please find out where they can be reached. Please note this information on the Scout's Medical form.

Each Scout who attends camp must have an annual health history attested (signed) by parents or guardians supported by a medical evaluation completed and signed within the last 12 months by a physician licensed to practice medicine. The "Annual Health and Medical Form" must be used for camp by youth members.

Each adult who attends camp must have a current health history supported by a medical evaluation within the last 12 months prior to arrival at camp, performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine. An "Annual Health and Medical Form" is to be used for Winter Camp. The Annual Health and Medical Forms are available at the Council Service Center at no charge.

Insurance

All medical forms must include the parent's medical insurance information (or the leader's own medical insurance information). The primary insurance for any medical services by hospital, or emergency room will be the camp insurance.



Winter Camp Schedule of Merit Badges

8:30-10:00

Citizenship in the
Community

Citizenship in the Nation

Art

Disability Awareness

Wilderness Survival

Fingerprinting

10:15-11:45

Citizenship in the World

First Aid

Indian Lore

Forestry

Genealogy

1:15-2:45

American Heritage

Environmental Science

Camping

Electricity

Communications

3:00-4:30

Personal Management

Emergency Preparedness

Fire Safety

Scouting Heritage

6:30-8:00

Family Life

Crime Prevention

Geocaching

Chess

Fishing

Offered throughout the
Day

Fishing

Climbing



Winter Camp Merit Badge Locations

Citizenship in the Community: West shelter

Citizenship in the Nation: Nelson Building

Art: Handicrafts

Disability Awareness: Chapel

Wilderness Survival: Scoutcraft

Citizenship in the World: West Shelter

First Aide: Health Lodge

Indian Lore: East Shelter

Forestry: Nature

American Heritage: East Shelter

Environmental Science: Nature

Electricity: Old Ranger House

Camping: Scoutcraft

Personal Management: East Shelter

Emergency Preparedness: Health Lodge

Fire Safety: Office Scouting

Heritage: Nelson Building

Family Life: Dining Hall Crime

Prevention: Dining Hall

Geocaching: Dining Hall

Chess: Dining Hall

Fishing: Lake

Climbing: Tower