



# Activity-Based Facility Usage

**All facility usage requires the oversight of adults at all times following appropriate Youth Protection Guidelines, Age-Appropriate Guidelines, and the Guide to Safe Scouting in addition to any state laws.**

Some facilities require trained adults for their use. It is the responsibility of the unit to provide these trained adults. Copies of the certificates will need to be provided at check-in as proof of qualification for use.

## ***Boating (Canoes):***

- Canoes are available for use at all four camps, which includes use of the canoe, PFD, and paddles.
- Camp Constantin uses Possum Kingdom Lake, a large public lake.
- Camp James Ray uses Lake Texoma, a large public lake.
- Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp uses McElvaney Lake, a private lake within the property.
- Camp Wisdom: canoes are on Lake Shirley, a private lake on the property.
- Leaders must be trained in Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense (completed through <https://my.scouting.org/>), and any other training as required in the Guide to Safe Scouting. Please review the **Age-Appropriate Guidelines** before booking canoes.
- Packs: All Cub Scouts, including Webelos and Arrow of Light, must have an adult in the canoes with them at all times.
- If the wind is forecasted to be above 15 mph, the ranger reserves the right to cancel all water-based activities.

## ***Climbing Tower:***

- Units must provide their own Instructors who must provide their climbing certifications to the Ranger upon check-in. National COS requires at least one Level 2 instructor and one additional certified instructor to take a unit climbing; additional instructors must be at least Level 1 maintaining a 6:1 ratio of active participants.
- Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts are permitted to participate in bouldering (climbing on boulders or bouldering walls) no higher than the climber's shoulder height with adults (or camp staff with adult supervision) who are trained to provide spotting for bouldering activities (per the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)).
- In addition, Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts are permitted to rappel with a trained adult belayer and backup (per the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)).
- You must review the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#) and [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) prior to booking and again prior to your activity to ensure you are following the latest National guidelines.



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## **Swimming Pool:**

- Swimming pools are available for unit use at Camp James Ray, Camp Wisdom, and Trevor Rees-Jones Scout Camp.
- Opening/closing dates are April 1 – October 1 which may change based on the weather.
- **Units must provide at least two certified lifeguards when using the pool.** This is a State of Texas administrative code. *Acceptable certifications for lifeguards include Red Cross, YMCA, Star Guard, and Ellis.*
- Leaders must be trained in **Safe Swim Defense** (completed through <https://my.scouting.org/>). Please review the [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) before booking the swimming pool.

## **Sunfish Sailboats (Camp Constantin only):**

- We have 8 Sunfish sailboats which include paddles and life vests.
- Leaders must be trained in **Safety Afloat** and **Safe Swim Defense** (completed through <https://my.scouting.org/>). Please review the [Age-Appropriate Guidelines](#) before booking canoes.
- If the wind is forecasted to be above 15 mph, the ranger reserves the right to cancel all water-based activities.
- Sunfish Sailboats may only be reserved and used by Ships, Crews, and Troops. Packs are not permitted to rent or use these sailboats.

## **Target Sports (general):**

- Only Troops, Crews, and Ships may book and use the ranges. Packs may only use the ranges at Council or District events. This is a BSA National policy.
- Usage Policy: You must read the policy before booking ranges and ammunition.
- The unit is responsible for providing their own qualified rangemasters and be ready to provide a copy of the appropriate certificates upon request.
- **All Scouts BSA troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships who provide unit-level sponsored/planned range and target activities must have at least one registered unit leader 21+ years of age take the **Range Activity SAFETY** online training available on [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/).** This individual must be present at the range during the range and target activity(s). Participating in this training will help ensure a unit understands Scouting America's range and target activities policies.
  - To access the updated training, log onto [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org/) and search the catalog in the BSA Learn Center for "**Range Activity SAFETY**." For additional information regarding Scouting's Range and Target Activities, please refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting and the National Range and Target Activities Manual.
- Ammunition for rifle and shotgun: This must be purchased via our camp reservation system at least 7 days prior to arrival at camp. **No outside or personal ammunition or equipment may be used at the ranges.** Only the equipment provided by the camp may be used. Ammunition is non-refundable once booked.



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### **Target Sports - Archery:**

- Personal bows and arrows are NOT permitted to be brought onto camp.
- Rental of the range includes use of bows, arrows, targets, and exclusive access to the range during your reserved time.
- It is the responsibility of the unit to provide the required certified personnel to run each range. Currently, the requirement is:
  - *(1) Archery 1 USAA Level 1 (or higher) trained adult for every (8) archers.*

### **Target Sports - Rifle:**

- Personal firearms or ammunition are NOT permitted to be brought onto camp.
- Rental of the range includes the use of firearms and exclusive access to the range during your reserved time. Ammunition is purchased separately at the time you book your reservation.
- It is the responsibility of the unit to provide the required certified personnel to run each range. Currently, the requirement is:
  - *One NRA Range Safety Officer (1:8) must be present for each group consisting of a maximum of eight shooters. One NRA certified Rifle Instructor per eight active (1:8) shooters is required when loading and firing a Rifle. The RSO and Instructor must be two separate people.*

### **Target Sports - Shotgun:**

- Personal firearms or ammunition are NOT permitted to be brought onto camp.
- Rental of the range includes use of firearms, throwers, clays, and exclusive access to the range during your reserved time. Ammunition is purchased separately at the time you book your reservation.
- It is the responsibility of the unit to provide the required certified personnel to run each range. Currently, the requirement is:
  - *One NRA Range Safety Officer must be present for each group consisting of a maximum of six shooters. One NRA certified Shotgun Instructor is required for each active shooter. The RSO and Instructor must be two separate people.*

### **Questions?**

For questions regarding each of the activities, please reach out to the appropriate committee chair.

- Aquatics Committee Chair: Keith McCain, at [keithmccain@hotmail.com](mailto:keithmccain@hotmail.com)
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