

# 2024 Critical Details on National Camping School Participation

## **Course Site:**

CAMP JAMES RAY  
STREET ADDRESS  
CITY, STATE ZIP

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**Dates:** February 24 – 25, 2024

**Theme:** Outdoor Adventure!

## **Course times:**

The adventure begins at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 24th and ends approx. 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

## **Weather:**

Temperatures will be high in the 60s with lows in the 40s. Be prepared for cool mornings and afternoons, as well as some outdoor activities.

## **Early arrivals:**

For an additional fee of \$55.00\*, you may arrive the night before, please make it after 7:00 p.m. and before 10:00 p.m. *This fee covers lodging Friday evening and breakfast on Saturday. This fee does NOT cover a meal on Friday night. FYI: No activities are planned for early arrivals as the staff are busy with preparations.*

## **Before You Arrive at NCS:**

- Take the online NCS course Foundations of Cub Scout Day Camp (CS-62) and the in-person Council led NCS course (CS-63). Don't forget to complete the other pre-requisites: Youth Protection Training and Cub Scout Leader Position Specifics training.
- Please utilize the [BSA pre-event medical screening form](#) and elect to stay home if you are ill, or you have been in close contact with someone who is ill.

## **What to Bring to Camp:**

- Proof of BSA registration & prerequisite online training courses (Youth Protection Training, Cub Scout Leader Position Specific Training, Foundations of Cub Day Camp Online Training, and In-Council Day Camp Training).
- Your completed [BSA health form](#) (parts A and B).
- Samples of your council's day camp promotional materials, staff manuals, or other camp literature, registration forms, schedules, etc., for display or giveaway. Make copies for at least 20 participants (no copying services are available at camp).
- Interesting crafts or activity ideas to share.
- Your camp T-shirt—there will be an opportunity for everyone to wear theirs.
- Notepad and pencil or pen. A participant binder and learning materials will be provided.
- NCS Online Trading Post: You can preview and purchase specialty National Camp School items (shirts, sweatshirts, and more!) to be sent directly to your home via [BSA National Supply](#).

### **Personal Gear:**

- Official complete BSA uniform. We will wear the Field uniform, the official Scout uniform, on Saturday morning and Sunday morning. You may wear any Day Camp T-shirt/Sweatshirt or Scout activity uniform, at other times.
- Pillow, Bed Linens, Toiletries, towel, washcloth, soap, shampoo, etc.
- Warm sleepwear, perhaps “long johns” or sweats.
- Coat, jacket, suitable footwear/socks, gloves, hat, umbrella
- Camera (Take photos of the displays and show others back home what can be done!)
- Cell phone coverage at this site is spotty (camp phones restricted to emergencies)

### **What to Expect and What Is Expected:**

- Arrive rested. Be prepared for concentration, participation, and fun! Days last from early morning to late at night.
- Be prepared for Dorm style - indoor housing with mattresses. Please bring your own bedding.
- **You must arrive no later than 8:00 a.m. on the first day and attend all sessions through the last day to be certified.**
- To focus on the learning, please leave the distractions of life behind: family, children, pets, job, etc. There are no accommodations for anyone but registered participants.
- Please understand that if you receive the names and contact information for other participants or for staff, you may not contact them for commercial purposes unless you receive their expressed permission to do so.

As a member of your council’s day camp leadership team, you will be providing Scouts with an experience that they will remember the rest of their lives. Thank you for making the decision to attend National Camping School.

Yours in Scouting,

Jennifer Anderson  
NCS Course Director

*\*The early arrival fee is handled through your local council. You may or may not be expected to cover it personally.*

## **CAMP JAMES RAY**

Camp James Ray is located on Lake Texoma near Pottsboro, Texas. This 540-acre camp offers camping, hiking, canoeing, sailing, rifle, shotgun and archery ranges, swimming, and 11 year-round campsites. If hiking and exploring are what you want, take a hike across Homesites Road. You can enjoy our many trails with lots of wildlife. Lake Texoma is famous for sand bass and stripers. Come explore miles of shoreline on Camp James Ray which will provide some great fishing and many opportunities to see the geese that call the area home! Don't forget to bring your fishing gear and cameras!

### **AMENITIES**

- 540 acres on Lake Texoma
- Fishing/water sports/shooting sports
- New pool with slide and beachfront entry - opened May 2018
- Air-conditioned dining hall
- Host to eight sessions of resident camp for Cub Scouts and Webelos and six annual sessions of NYLT
- Fully plumbed private bath houses and restrooms

### **CAMP GRACE (Originally the Grayson Grace)**

For the gift for life  
For the joy of serving others through Scouting  
For the food you have provided  
We thank you O Lord  
Amen

### **DIRECTIONS**

**Directions from Dallas:** Take Highway 75 north to Denison, take exit 69 (Highway 120), and turn left at the light. Continue west on Highway 120 to Pottsboro, passing through town (staying in the left lane). At the intersection of Highway 120 and Highway 289, continue on Highway 120 for 5.1 miles. Turn left on Locust Rd (see camp direction sign), travel 1.8 miles to a 4-way stop (Paradise Store on the corner). Turn right on Mill Creek Rd, travel 2.1 miles. Camp James Ray entrance will be on the right (large stone entranceway).

Camp James Ray  
2026 Mill Creek Rd  
Pottsboro, TX 75076

### **Check In**

When you arrive at Camp James Ray, please park in the parking lot and check in at the Dining Hall.

# CAMP JAMES RAY

## CIRCLE TEN COUNCIL



LAKE TEXOMA

Boating  
Activities  
Area



Cherokee



Chapel

Flags



TRADING  
POST

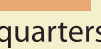


Activity Bldg

Ranger's  
Office



Field  
Sports



Headquarters

Sioux



Geronimo



Handicraft



Check In  
Here



Dining  
Hall



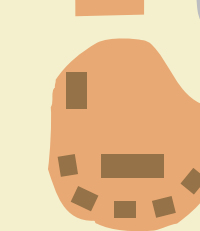
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Maintenance  
Yard



Nature  
Area



Comanche



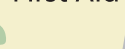
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Parking



First Aid



Sanford  
Aquatics Center



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Outdoor  
Skills



Gate



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Fire Ring



Apache



Lone  
Eagle



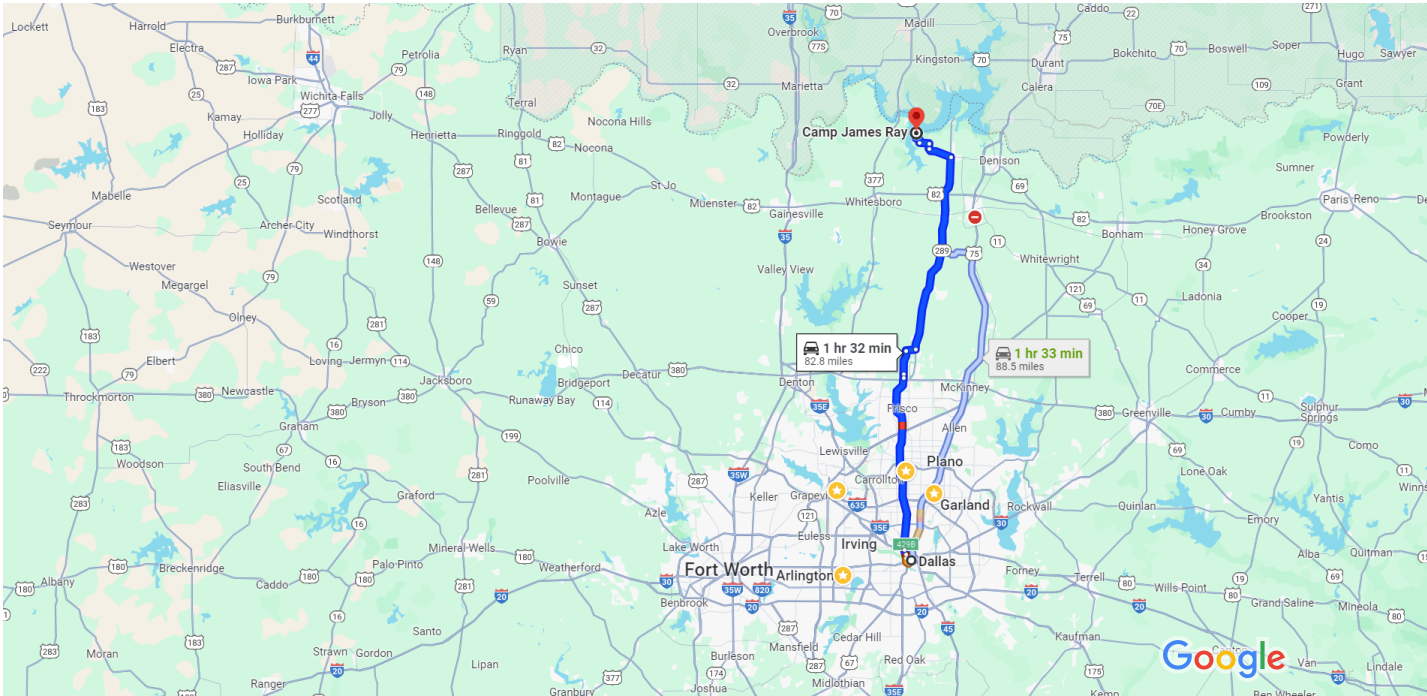
Navajo





Dallas, Texas to Camp James Ray, 2026 Mill Creek Rd, Pottsboro, TX 75076

Drive 82.8 miles, 1 hr 32 min



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Dallas  
Texas

⚠️ This route has tolls.

Follow Dallas North Tollway N to S Dallas Pkwy in Prosper

34 min (33.9 mi)

- ↑ 1. Head east toward Browder St  
299 ft
- ➡️ 2. Turn right onto Browder St  
233 ft
- ➡️ 3. Turn right onto Canton St  
0.1 mi
- ⬆️ 4. Use the left 2 lanes to turn left onto the I-35E N ramp  
0.5 mi
- ↗️ 5. Keep right at the fork to continue toward I-35E  
427 ft
- ↶️ 6. Keep left and merge onto I-35E  
1.0 mi
- ➡️ 7. Take exit 429B toward Dallas North Tollway N  
0.6 mi

- ↗ 8. Keep right at the fork to continue toward Dallas  
North Tollway N  
⚠ Toll road  
0.8 mi
- ↑ 9. Continue onto Dallas North Tollway N  
⚠ Toll road  
30.6 mi

**Continue on S Dallas Pkwy to Celina**

- 10 min (6.4 mi)
- ⬆ 10. Merge onto S Dallas Pkwy  
0.6 mi
- ↑ 11. Continue straight onto N Dallas Pkwy  
4.1 mi
- ➡ 12. Turn right onto W Outer Loop  
1.7 mi
- ↶ 13. Turn left onto TX-289 N  
35 min (33.8 mi)

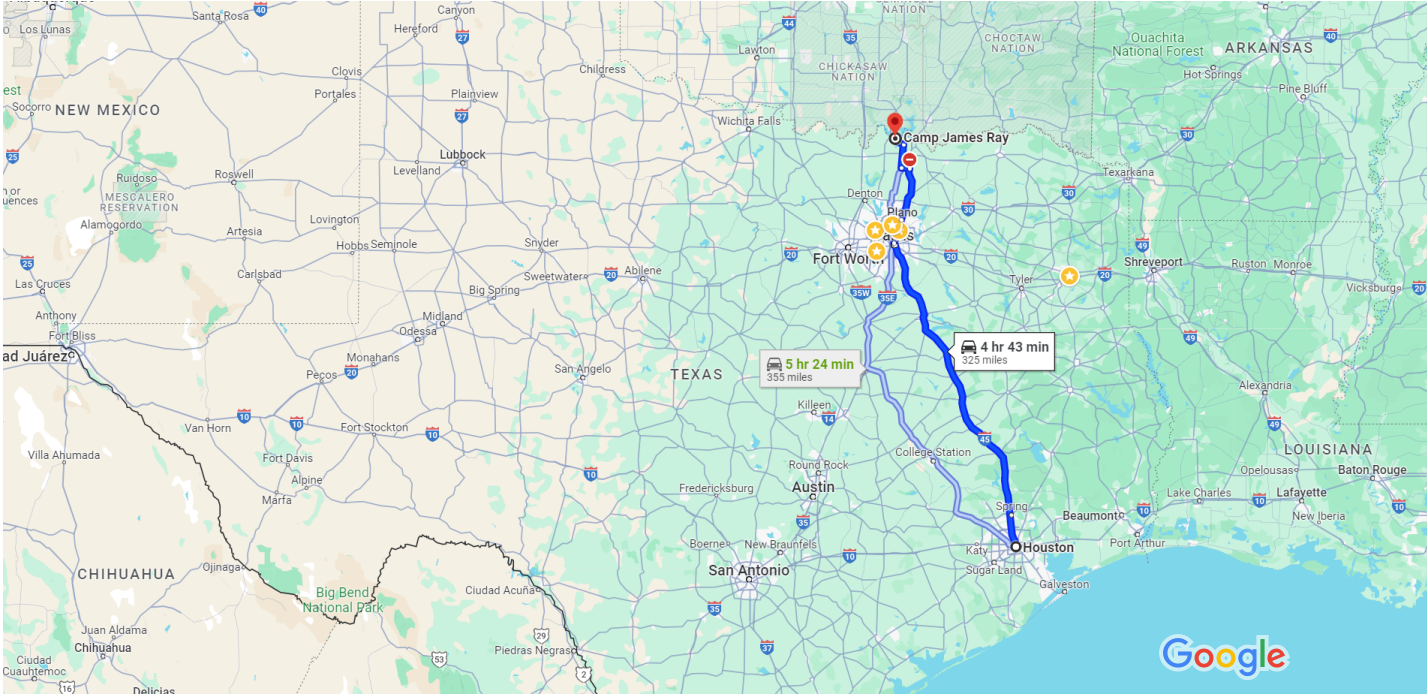
**Continue on FM 120 W. Drive to Mill Creek Rd**

- 12 min (8.6 mi)
- ↶ 14. Turn left onto FM 120 W  
4.1 mi
- ↑ 15. Continue onto Cooks Corner Rd  
0.9 mi
- ↶ 16. Turn left onto Locust Rd  
1.6 mi
- ➡ 17. Turn right onto Mill Creek Rd  
2.0 mi



Houston, Texas to Camp James Ray, 2026 Mill Creek Rd, Pottsboro, TX 75076

Drive 325 miles, 4 hr 43 min



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Houston  
Texas

Get on I-45 N

- 55 sec (0.3 mi)
- ↑ 1. Head northeast on Bagby St
- 141 ft
- ↶ 2. Turn left onto Walker St
- 243 ft
- ⤴ 3. Use the left 2 lanes to merge onto I-45 N via the ramp to Dallas
- 0.2 mi

Continue on I-45 N to Howe. Take exit 54 from US-75 N

- 4 hr 13 min (293 mi)
- ⤴ 4. Merge onto I-45 N
- 237 mi
- ↶ 5. Keep left to continue on I-345, follow signs for 75 N N/McKinney
- 1.9 mi
- ↑ 6. Continue onto US-75 N
- ⚠ Parts of this road may be closed at certain times or days
- 17.1 mi

- ↩ 7. Keep left to stay on US-75 N  
36.7 mi
- ↪ 8. Take exit 54 toward TX-5/Farm to Market Rd 902  
0.2 mi

**Take FM 902 W, TX-289 N and FM 120 W to Mill Creek Rd**

- 35 min (31.3 mi)
- ⬆ 9. Merge onto N Collins Fwy  
0.2 mi
- ↩ 10. Turn left onto TX-5 N  
351 ft
- ↩ 11. Turn left onto FM 902 W/TX-5 S  
[Continue to follow FM 902 W](#)  
6.0 mi
- ↪ 12. Turn right onto TX-289 N/Preston Rd  
[Continue to follow TX-289 N](#)  
16.4 mi
- ↩ 13. Turn left onto FM 120 W  
4.1 mi
- ↑ 14. Continue onto Cooks Corner Rd  
0.9 mi
- ↩ 15. Turn left onto Locust Rd  
1.6 mi
- ↪ 16. Turn right onto Mill Creek Rd  
2.0 mi

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