

COPE-A-Palooza

Frequently Asked Questions

Q1. What should I wear?

A1. Comfortable loose-fitting clothes, but nothing too baggy. Closed toed shoes. Shorts should be long enough to go under harness straps. Long hair should be tied up or tucked away. Clothing must be appropriate for wearing a harness including: no bulky items in pockets, no large belt buckles, etc.

Q2. Will a bus be running?

A2. Yes, bus transportation will be available. Additionally, unit transportation is acceptable. Parking is available at the commissary for tower and COPE program. Parking is available at Lonestar dining hall to walk to lakefront and catch pontoon boat to cedar bluff.

Q3. Can I bring my own harness?

A3. Yes, personnel equipment must be inspected at check-in and will be marked after it is approved. Marked equipment will be allowed to be used. This includes harnesses, helmets, rappel devices, and carabiners. This policy is specific to COPE-A-Palooza and will not be allowed at summer camp. Personnel ropes, lanyards, and webbing are not allowed. Camp equipment will be provided to those who need it.

Q4. Are meals provided?

A4. No, units are to provide their own meals.

Q5. What time is lunch?

A5. Whenever you eat it. Program will run over the noon hour. Staff will stop program to eat at some point mid-day at their program site. Participants will eat with their units.

Q6. What will happen at check-in?

A6. Campsite assignments will be made. Annual health and medical record parts A & B are required. Wristbands will be given to all paid participants after medical recheck. Personal climbing gear will be inspected and marked at check in. Event recognition item will be distributed.

Q7. Will program be offered after dinner?

A7. Evening program will be offered from 7-9. It is recommended that you bring a headlamp for evening participation.

Q8. Where will we camp?

A8. Camping will be assigned throughout Piercing Arrow and Pioneer Trails. Pending weather, restrooms and showers will be available at the Piercing Arrow Pool house.

Q9. Are there any age restrictions?

A9. All participants must be Scouts BSA aged. All events are open to all paid participants. It is recommended that first time rappeler's start at the tower before going to the natural sites.

Q10. Is COPE-A-Palooza open to Venturing Crews?

A10. Yes, COPE-A-Palooza is open to all registered Venturing Crews