



BSA TROOP 77

NOVEMBER

2019

CAMPOUT

ROSS PRAIRIE

LEADER/SCOUT

INFORMATION PACKET

NOVEMBER 8TH – 10TH, 2019
Ocala, FL

POC: MR. NOEL 727-453-8253
Bring your Mountain or BMX bike.

Rentals are available if needed at:
<http://greenwaybikeshop.com/>



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CYCLING

NOVEMBER 2019 CAMP OUT LOCATION

**ROSS PRAIRIE TRAILHEAD & CAMPGROUND
10660 SW Hwy 200
Dunnellon FL 34431**

DEPARTURE POINT AND DATE / TIME

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH, 2019 *DEPART AT 6:00 PM*
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEVEN SPRINGS
4651 LITTLE ROAD, NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34655**

PICKUP POINT AND DATE / TIME

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH, 2019 *ARRIVE APPROX 12:00PM
Trinity Presbyterian Church of Seven Springs
4651 Little Road, New Port Richey, FL 34655**

**Bring your Mountain or BMX bike.
If you do not have one there is:
Bike Rental across from Santos Trailhead**

<http://greenwaybikeshop.com/>

ATTENDANCE

CAMPOUT LEADERSHIP (SM/ASM) CONTACT INFORMATION:

Mike Noel, ASM/POC, 727-453-8253
Doug Howlett, ASM, 727-729-0792
Aihab Alhassan, ASM, 727-647-3366
Rich Doherty, ASM, 207-343-0383
Christian Gerlach, ASM, 256-683-5743
Paul Koljeski, CM (Fri/Sat), 727-364-4745

Total Adult Leadership Camping: 6

SCOUTS ATTENDING:

Adam Alhassan
Demetri Athanasoulis
Cooper Burden
Nicholas Clohessy
Trenton Doherty
Geoffrey Dziena
Andreas Gerlach
Dylan Greenwald
Brody Howlett
Henry Koljeski
Jake Noel
Chase O'Brien
Matthew Smith
Andrew VanSickle
Ethan Covert
Jackson Fuchs (Sat Only)
Vanden Boham (Sat Only)

Total Scouts: 17

TRANSPORTATION:

1. Mike Noel-ASM

- a. Jake Noel
- a. Cooper Burden
- b. Andrew Vansickle

2. Christian Gerlach-ASM

- a. Andreas Gerlach
- b. Nicholas Clohessy
- c. Dylan Greenwald

3. Doug Howlett-ASM

- a. Brody Howlett
- b. Matthew Smith
- c. Demetrios Athanasoulas
- d. Henry Koljeski(possibly only ride back)
- e. Chase O'Brien

4. Rich Doherty-ASM

- a. Trenton Doherty
- b. Geoff Dziena
- c. Ethan Covert

5. Aihab Alhassan-ASM

- a. Adam Alhassan

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- a.
- b.

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- a.
- b.

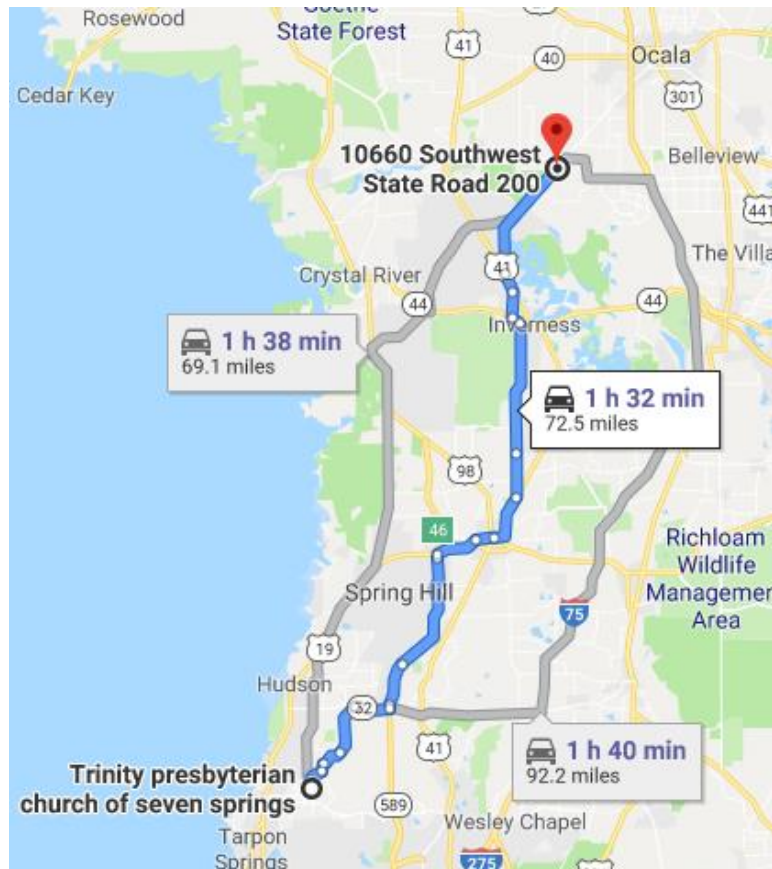
NOTE – TRANSPORTATION/SEATING SUBJECT TO CHANGE

DIRECTIONS:

MAP FROM TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEVEN SPRINGS TO
ROSS PRAIRIE TRAILHEAD & CAMPGROUND

110660 SW Hwy 200

Dunnellon FL 34431 (72.5 Miles)



ROSS PRAIRIE SCOUT CAMPSITE

SHAUNA/GARY 352-732-2606

GATE CODE: 0411

WHEN WE ARRIVE IN PARKING, IF WE ARE NOT GREETED, CALL
352-732-2606 AND THEY WILL COME OUT TO SHOW US HOW TO GET TO
THE SITE.



CONTACTS:

POC: MIKE NOEL, 727-453-8253

NEAREST TOWN:

Ocala, FL (2.6 MILES)

NEAREST POLICE LOCATION:

DUNELLON POLICE DEPARTMENT (12.8 MILES)

12014 S WILLIAMS ST, DUNNELLON, FL 34432

ANY EMERGENCY 911

NON-EMERGENCY # TO REQUEST A DEPUTY: (352) 465-8510

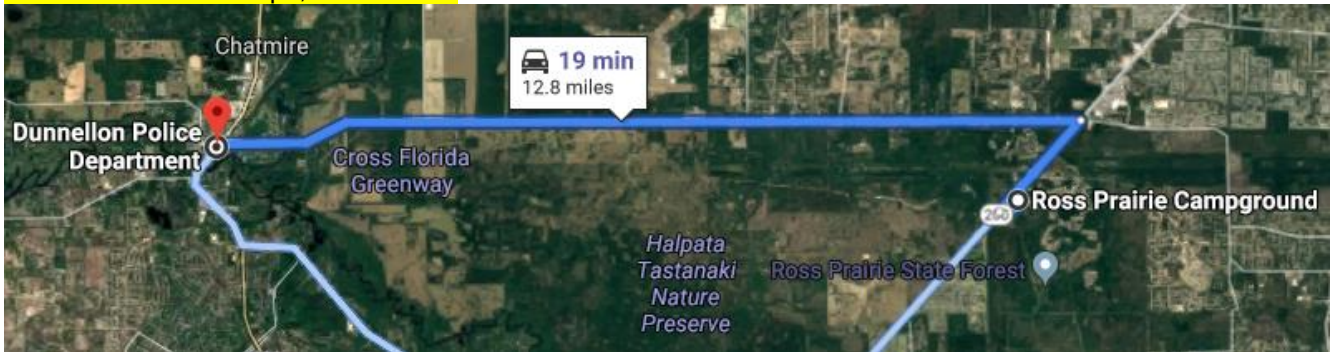
NEAREST MEDICAL FACILITY:

TIMBER RIDGE HOSPITAL, Ocala FL

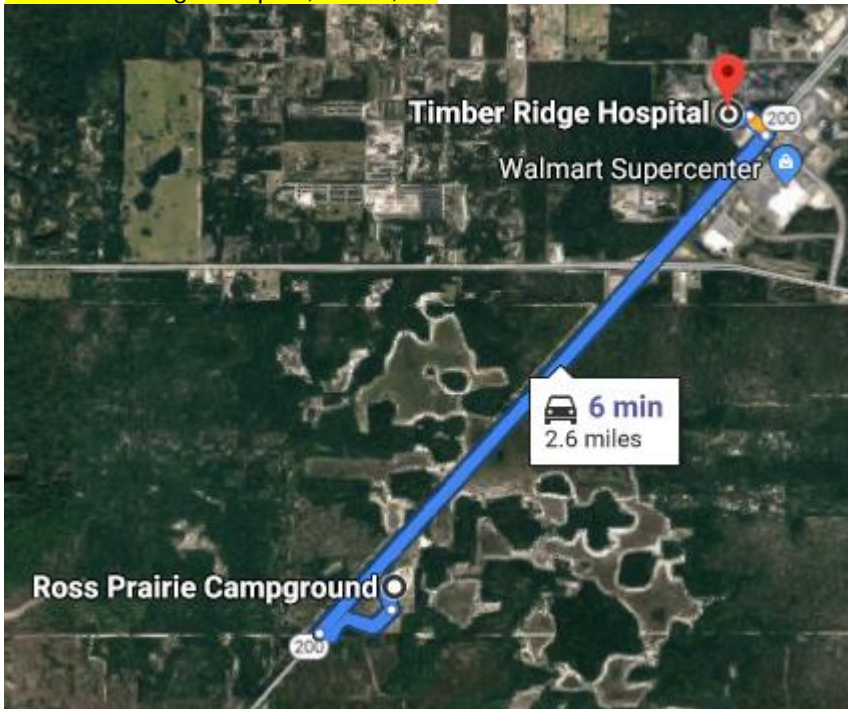
9521 SW State Rd 200, Ocala, FL 34481

(352) 351-7500

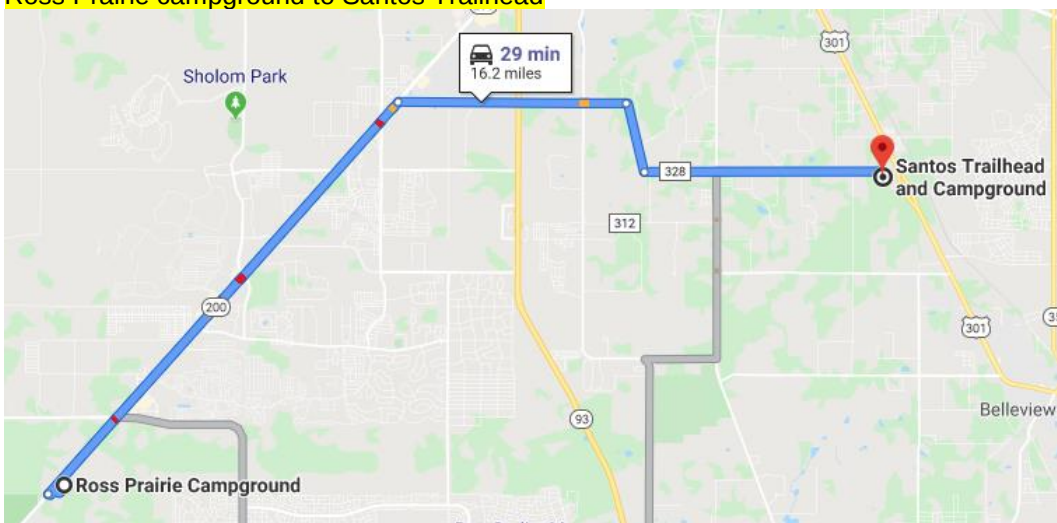
To Dunellon Police Dept., Dunellon FL



To Timber Ridge Hospital, Ocala, FL



Ross Prairie campground to Santos Trailhead



AGENDA:

Friday, November 8th, 2019

Dinner at home

5:30 pm Loading trailer and vehicles

6:30 pm – Leave Church: Approx. travel time 1hr 40mins

8:15 pm – Set up camp

9:15 pm – Cracker Barrel

11:00 pm – Lights out

Saturday, November 9th, 2019

6:30 am – Cooks up to prep/cook breakfast

7:00 am – Scouts up Breakfast

9:00 am – 12:00pm - Travel to Santos(30mins), bike riding adventures

12:00 pm- 2:00pm - Prepare/Eat Lunch. AT SANTOS!

2:00 pm – 5:30pm- Bike riding

5:30- 6:00 pm – travel back to Ross Prairie 30mins

6:00 pm – Prepare/Eat Dinner

8:00 pm - Games / Rank Sign offs / Merit Badge work.

9:30 pm – Cracker Barrel

11:00 pm – Lights Out

Sunday, November 10th, 2019

7:00 am – Scouts up / Pack-up Site

8:00 am – Eat Breakfast

8:30 am – Thorns and Roses

9:00 am – Leave for Church

11:00 am – Arrive at Church

*** We will notify parents of departure time.**

TENT ASSIGNMENTS: (BY SPL)

Tent 1:Cooper Burden
Jake Noel
Tent 2:Andrew Vansickle
Trenton Doherty
Tent 3:Chase O'Brien
Brody Howlett
Tent 4:Matthew Smith
Andreas Gerlach
Tent 5:Nicholas Clohessy
Dylan Greenwald
Tent 6:Athanasoulas Demetrios
Henry Koljeski

Tent 7:Geoff Dziena
Ethan Covert
Tent 8:Adam Alhassan
Self or w/Aihab
Tent 9:
Tent 10:
Tent 11:
Tent 12:
Tent 13:
Tent 14:

WEATHER:

Fri 11/8	Sat 11/9	Sun 11/10
73° 54°F	72° 51°F	76° 58°F
		
PM Showers	Partly Cloudy	Mostly Sunny
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- As of 11/06/2019

MEALS:

TROOP MENU:

Friday Cracker Barrel – Oreos/Grapes

Saturday Breakfast – Pancakes w/Bacon, Strawberries

Saturday Lunch – Cold Cut Sandwiches / Chips

Saturday Dinner – Steak, French Fries, Green Beans, Corn

Saturday Cracker Barrel – Cheese and Crackers, Apples, Bananas

Sunday Breakfast – Assorted Donuts

DUTY ROSTER: (BY SPL)

	Friday CB	Saturday Breakfast	Saturday Lunch	Saturday Dinner	Saturday CB	Sunday Breakfast
SITE CLEANUP	N/A					Everyone
FIRE						N/A
WATER						N/A
Meals						
Dishes						
Service	N/A	Everyone	Everyone	Everyone	N/A	N/A

MEALS – Cook assigned meal for all scouts.

DISHES – Heat water and Clean dishes for assigned meal.

SITE CLEANUP – Pick Up & Discard any trash in the camp site.

FIRE – Gather firewood and start fires. Care for and refuel. Put out fire.

WATER – Get drinking water and all water needed for any fires.

SERVICE – Service project(s) as chosen by the Camp Ranger.

"Sand Hill Grace"

For the hills, for the sand,
for the bounty of the land,
for water bright
and the pristine sunlight.
For all who guide our programs path
for all opportunities that Scouting hath
We thank Thee, O Lord.

PACKING LIST:

Troop Equipment List

- Tarps / Tents
- Hand soap/sanitizer
- Propane Lanterns/trees/hoses
- Ice Chest/Jugs and Gatorade mix
- Food
- Cooking Equipment
- Duct Tape
- First Aid Kit
- Axe / Rope
- Garbage Bags
- Troop Banner, Patrol Flags, Troop Flag
- BSA Medical Forms and Copy of Insurance Cards
- Dry Fire Wood

SCOUT PACKING LIST

- BSA Field Uniform – (class A)
- BSA Activity Uniform – (class B)
- Sweatshirt (*cool nights*)
- Hiking Boots or sneakers
- Scout Hat
- Backpack
- Sleeping Bag & pillow
- Sleeping Mat
- Personal First Aid kit
- *** Sunscreen ***
- Insect Repellant
- Rain Gear
- Camp Chair
- Shower Towel
- Shower Sandals
- Toiletries – soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush, etc
- Flashlight/Lantern/Headlamp
- Mess Kit
- Camelback/Water Bottle
- Bike, Mountain or BMX
- Helmet
- Bike Pump,
- Tire Repair kit
- Cycling Gloves
- Chain Oil
- A way to track mileage if desired

- Merit Badge Booklets
- Scout Handbook
- Pens/Pencils/Paper

Optional Items:

- Camera (not a mobile device)
- Book of Faith
- Pocket Knife
- Fire'm Chit Card & Totin' Chip Card
- Rope
- Medications
- Sunglasses
- Hammock
- Watch

NOTE: Label EVERYTHING with your name!

A banner image showing a grassy field with a wooden picnic pavilion in the background, surrounded by trees. The text 'ROSS PRAIRIE TRAILHEAD & CAMPGROUND' is overlaid in large white letters. Below it, the text 'ECOLOGICALLY UNIQUE HABITAT TO A WIDE RANGE OF SPECIES' is overlaid in yellow letters. A solid orange vertical bar is on the left side of the banner.

ROSS PRAIRIE TRAILHEAD & CAMPGROUND

ECOLOGICALLY UNIQUE HABITAT TO A WIDE RANGE OF SPECIES

Located along the southern boundary of the [Cross Florida Greenway](#) along the east side of State Road 200 and adjacent to the entrance to Ross Prairie State Forest is the Ross Prairie Trailhead and Campground.

Having the sandhill and wetland prairie systems adjacent to each other helps to provide habitat to a wide range of species. The habitat changes with the seasons and water volume of the prairie; when wet, dozens of waterfowl, wading birds and more wildlife can be spotted.

The day-use trailhead facilities include an equestrian staging area, bike and hike trailheads for the natural surface mountain bike and Florida Trail hiking trails. There are restrooms with potable water and a picnic pavilion as well. The Ross Prairie Campground has 14 public-use campsites with water and 30/50 amp hookups available. An on-site campground host is available 365 days a year. Reservations can be made through [Reserve America](#).

The trails in this area meander through beautiful oak hammocks and islands interspersed around the edge of Ross Prairie. Wildlife in this area are abundant with whitetail deer, wild turkey, bobcat, alligators in the prairie, gopher tortoises in the sandhills and numerous other species to observe. This part of the Greenway is also conveniently located within two miles of major shopping and dining opportunities just north of the County Road 484 and State Road 200 intersection.

Cycling Merit Badge Requirements

1. Do the following:
 - a. Explain to your counselor the most likely hazards you may encounter while participating in cycling activities and what you should do to anticipate, help prevent, mitigate, and respond to these hazards.
 - b. Show that you know first aid for injuries or illnesses that could occur while cycling, including cuts, scratches, blisters, sunburn, heat exhaustion, heatstroke, hypo-thermia, frostbite, dehydration, insect stings, tick bites, and snakebite. Explain to your counselor why you should be able to identify the poisonous plants and poisonous animals that are found in your area.
 - c. Explain the importance of wearing a properly sized and fitted helmet while cycling, and of wearing the right clothing for the weather. Know the BSA Bike Safety Guidelines.
2. Clean and adjust a bicycle. Prepare it for inspection using a bicycle safety checklist. Be sure the bicycle meets local laws.
3. Show your bicycle to your counselor for inspection.
Point out the adjustments or repairs you have made. Do the following:
 - a. Show all points that need regular lubrication.
 - b. Show points that should be checked regularly to make sure the bicycle is safe to ride.
 - c. Show how to adjust brakes, seat level and height, and steering tube.
4. Describe how to brake safely with foot brakes and with hand brakes.
5. Show how to repair a flat by removing the tire, replacing or patching the tube, and remounting the tire.
6. Describe your state and local traffic laws for bicycles. Compare them with motor-vehicle laws.
- 7.* Using the BSA buddy system, complete all of the requirements for ONE of the following options: road biking OR mountain biking.

Please Note: Option A: Road Biking removed

OPTION B: MOUNTAIN BIKING

- a. Take a trail ride with your counselor and demonstrate the following:
 - (1) Properly mount, pedal, and brake, including emergency stops.
 - (2) Show shifting skills as applicable to climbs and obstacles.
 - (3) Show proper trail etiquette to hikers and other cyclists, including when to yield the right-of-way.
 - (4) Show proper technique for riding up and down hills.

- (5) Demonstrate how to correctly cross an obstacle by either going over the obstacle on your bike or dismounting your bike and crossing over or around the obstacle.
 - (6) Cross rocks, gravel, and roots properly.
- b. Describe the rules of trail riding, including how to know when a trail is unsuitable for riding.
- c. On trails approved by your counselor, take two rides of 2 miles each, two rides of 5 miles each, and two rides of 8 miles each. You must make a report of the rides taken. List dates for the routes traveled, and interesting things seen.
- d. After fulfilling the previous requirement, lay out on a trail map a 22-mile trip. You may include multiple trail systems, if needed.
 - e. Stay away from main highways. Using your map, make this ride in six hours.