

# Weekend Camping

Government Canyon State Natural Area, TX  
January 21-22, 2023



*Registration closes January 18 at 12pm.*

## **Schedule:**

### **Friday January 20:**

5:00PM Required Pre-Trip Meeting at OAC

### **Saturday January 21**

7:30AM Depart from Rice  
11:30 AM Arrive at SNA  
Lunch, Set Camp and Hike

### **Sunday January 22**

8:00 AM Breakfast & Break Camp  
Morning Hike  
1:00 PM Lunch  
2:00PM ETD for Rice  
6:00PM ETA Rice  
Gear Check-in and Clean-up

ROPE is heading out to the Hill Country for some hiking and camping in the crisp winter air. An undeveloped nature preserve, the State Natural Area is a quiet space with small canyons, wandering bluff trails, and even some dinosaur footprints. Winter trips can see both warm and cold spells so be prepared with a warm jacket, hat, layers that you can add or remove to adjust to the weather. We will have a cozy cup of cocoa waiting for you.

## Gear Guide for Cool Weather

### Overnight Camping Trips

Please dress & pack appropriately for this trip. Review the guide below to support a comfortable and successful backpacking trip!

All the gear listed as provided is included in your trip registration. Rental agreements and gear issue will take place during your pre-trip meeting.

#### Equipment ROPE provides:

- ✓ Sleeping Bag
- ✓ Sleeping Pad
- ✓ Bowl & Personal Utensils
- ✓ Headlamp
- ✓ Tents
- ✓ Cooking Equipment
- ✓ Meals on Trail

#### Optional yet recommended

- Sunglasses (strongly recommended)
- Camera (H2O protection encouraged)
- Campshoes (lightweight; e.g. sandals)
- 1 pair of waterproof pants
- Sun hat
- Bandana(s)
- Journal & Pen
- Cards/Game
- Water reservoir (Camelbak)
  - One-liter back-up bottle required.

#### Necessary Personal Items:

- Backpack for day hikes
- 1 pair of Hiking shoes or sturdy sneakers
- 1-2 of hiking socks (synthetic or wool)
- 1 Hooded Rain Jacket (No Ponchos)
- 1 heavy fleece or down jacket
- 1-2 Long sleeve synthetic shirts
- 1-2 synthetic T-shirts (NO cotton)
- 1-2 of underwear
- 0-1 synthetic shorts
- 1-2 synthetic pants (NO cotton)
- 1 insulating long-sleeve shirt
- 1 insulating legs layer
- 1 warm hat
- Warm gloves
- Personal toiletries (Toothbrush, etc.)
- 2 Bottles for water (storage for 2 liters/64 oz)
- Small and lightweight face towel (4x4in)
- Medications (for allergies, etc.)  
**You Must inform us if you take any medications.**
- Money for meals on the road (if applicable)
- Clean shoes for travel

It is not necessary for you to purchase a set of new expensive equipment; many items listed above you may already own as athletic or day-to-day apparel. Check with your friends for options to borrow or rent items too. Items that you choose to purchase may be available at low cost from mail order suppliers or your local outdoor specialty shop. Our primary concern is that all participants have appropriate equipment for a safe and comfortable experience.

If you are unsure whether an item or clothing you own is appropriate for this trip, please contact us prior to the trip or bring the item/clothing to the pre-trip meeting.

Please leave jewelry and other non-essentials at home.

**These requirements are for the safety and comfort of participants. ROPE reserves the right to refuse involvement in the program to anyone not properly equipped.**

Alcohol, tobacco, and recreational drugs will *not* be tolerated on any trips led by ROPE. If you have such items, do *not* bring them!

**[Register for the Trip!](#)**