

**Camp James Ray
Pottsboro, TX**

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Meet Director Notes

Just like our last two events, we will run the Camp James Ray meet as a barebones event due to COVID-19. We are following the recommendations of the sport's national organizing body, Orienteering USA, to try to prevent SARS-CoV-2 transmission at events. This includes some different rules from our traditional events with the goal of minimizing interpersonal interaction.

Before the event:

- Pre-registration at NTOA.com is required. We had a few day-of-race walk-ups at the Red River Ramble and although we were fortunately able to produce a few extra maps due to no-shows, we discourage walk-ups in order to avoid social contact. This also means you can't switch courses.
- Pre-payment is also required. We accept PayPal (payntoa@yahoo.com), Zelle ntoa.treasurer@gmail.com or you can make other arrangements by emailing the NTOA treasurer.
- To reduce physical contact, we ask that you preprint/fill out the participation waiver and bring it with you to the meet. If you don't, we will have a table where you can fill out a waiver.
- We'll have a short slate of three courses available: Yellow (advanced beginner, the easiest choice), Brown (short advanced) and Red (Long advanced). See Ray and Gene's course setter notes for more details.
- All three courses will use electronic timing. If you don't own an e-punch, that's OK – you can rent one from NTOA for the day for \$3. Note: If you DO own your own e-punch, please use it, as we only have about 130 rentals.

At the event:

- Park in the two large parking lots as you enter Camp James Ray.
- Event HQ will be on the covered patio of the Camp James Ray Activity building. This is the second building a short walk north of the parking area. We will have stations spaced out to maintain social distance.
- All participants must wear a face mask except when out on a course. This includes while checking in and waiting in lines. You may remove your mask once you are heading to the start triangle. We also ask everyone to maintain six feet of separation.
- We won't be placing drinking water along any of the courses. Please bring your own water carrier if desired.
- Restrooms are located behind the Event HQ and also at the small pavilion just north of the parking area.

Start and Finish process:

1. Come to the registration table to turn in your completed waiver. When you do, you'll receive a bag with a label, clue sheet, and epunch (if rented). Remember to put the

epunch lanyard around your wrist so you don't lose the epunch—if you do, you will owe us \$30, unfortunately. Due to the pandemic, we will NOT be holding driver's licenses or keys as collateral until you return the epunch, so please remember to do so.

2. Once you get your bag, you can proceed to the start area which is a short walk west of the Event HQ. Because everyone is using epunch, no start times are assigned. Instead, starts will be on based on the order of people lined up at the start. Please remain socially distant while you wait your turn.
3. Show your bag with its label to the start captain and you will get the map for your course. You will also need to clear and check your epunch. (They can show you how.)
4. You can start any time you wish between 9 a.m. and noon – though we encourage you to go out as soon as you reasonably can so that we don't have a lot of people at noon.
5. After you get your map, go to the start triangle where the start control is located. Please remember to epunch the start control so that your time counts.
6. Once you are out on the course, you can remove your mask. But please don't congregate at controls or elsewhere out on the courses.
7. The time limit on all courses is 3 hours – please be back in time, even if you don't find all of the controls on your course.
8. Once you finish, you need to put your mask back on. Proceed to the finish table and download your epunch data. This prints out your result and lets us verify that you got back safely. Even if you don't find all the controls, you MUST check in. If you rented an epunch, there will be a bin to drop your rented e-stick into.
9. Because this is a barebones event, there will be no awards, but the results will be posted on the NTOA website.

Note: There will not be a beginner's clinic/class. However, there are many good beginner orienteering resources online. For example: www.bit.ly/OrienteeringForBeginners is a good video from UK that shows how to use the epunch, map, and compass. (Note that they call an epunch a "dibbler" in the video.) NTOA volunteers will also be around to answer questions.

Thanks for joining us, safely! See you soon.

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