



Helpful Hints for Campout & Missions Mania and the Mighty Men of Texas Competition

Listed below are helpful hints to prayerfully consider as you and your group prepare for this year's Campout & Missions Mania at Latham Springs. Be sure to download a copy of the Missions Mania Manual from the TBM's Website at www.texasbaptistmen.org. The manual outlines the activities and events that will be held during the Campout & Missions Mania event.

The following information can assist your group plan if you choose to participate in the Mighty Men of Texas Competition:

- ▶ **PRE-REGISTRATION** – Save time, money and earn bonus points for Mighty Men of Texas! Either online by pre-registering or on the day of registration at the event, all members of every group are entered into the TBM computers. By pre-registering before November 1st, you will not only receive discounts and bonus points, but your group will not have to wait outside while someone is typing all their names. Names can be added and subtracted upon final registration and fees applied only for those in attendance. *(Suggestion...Pre-Register everyone you think might be coming and at final registration you can simply delete those that didn't make it and add the extras that did.)*
- ▶ **REGISTRATION** – Registration will be open from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. on Friday evening and reopens at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning. Registration closes at 12:00 noon. Groups that will be arriving late might consider sending an advance leadership team to register their group and begin setting up their campsite.
- ▶ **MISSION PROJECT** – Each year we encourage Royal Ambassadors and Challengers to participate in the annual statewide mission project. Groups participating in this missions project by praying for and also bringing the items listed with a mission offering to the registration area will receive the Mission Project patch for each person in addition to receiving bonus points.
- ▶ **MISSIONS DISPLAYS** – Encourage each of your Royal Ambassadors and Challengers to assemble a mission display showing one or more mission projects they have done this year (past twelve months). There are two Mission Display categories: Mission Education Projects and Mission Action Projects. Each RA and Challenger can enter one or more mission displays in each of these categories. You can also enter a Missions Display for each RA chapter (Lads and Crusaders) and also Challengers group. Be sure to check the rules in the Missions Mania Manual. Registration for Missions Displays will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday and all displays must be set up for judging by 12:00 noon. Groups will receive bonus points for the first individual or group mission display. Competition points are awarded to the top three places in each division.
- ▶ **MEETING WITH MISSIONARIES** – Everyone is encouraged to visit with the Missionaries at Missions Central and/or other locations during the weekend. Be sure that all of the members of your group with a Missions Mania number participates and completes the requirements at Missions Central or they sign-up at registration to visit one of the designated Missionaries. The entire group (including leaders with a Missions Mania number) has to complete the requirements for visiting with the Missionaries in order to receive the maximum number of missionary points available.

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- ➡ **PRAYER WALK** – Everyone is encouraged to participate in the designated prayer walk trail on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Each member of your group with a Missions Mania number will need to check in with the Prayer Walk Coordinator at the beginning and end of the prayer walk trail to receive credit for participating in the prayer walk. The entire group (including leaders with a Missions Mania number) has to participate in the Prayer Walk in order to receive the maximum number of Prayer Walk points available.
- ➡ **MISSIONS SPEAK-OUT** – Encourage each of your Royal Ambassadors and Challengers to participate in the Missions Speak-Out competition during the Missions Mania event. Bonus points are awarded to each group for the first participant from your church group. Competition points are also awarded to the top three participants in each division. RAs and Challengers must sign-up in the registration area by 12:00 noon on Saturday to participate.
- ➡ **BIBLE DRILL** – Encourage each of your Royal Ambassadors and Challengers to do their best in locating books of the Bible and Bible verses. Bonus points are awarded to each group for the first participant from each group that participates in the Bible Drill. Competition points are also awarded to the top three participants in each division.
- ➡ **COMPETITIVE EVENTS** – There are many events in which Royal Ambassadors, Challengers, and Leaders can participate. As an “Ambassador for Christ”, we encourage everyone to do their best. There are both individual and group competitive events. Most of these events will award patches and chevrons to the top six places. The top three places in each of the competitive events will earn competition points. Be sure to check the Missions Mania Manual concerning the rules and age requirements for each of the events.
- ➡ **ATTENDANCE** – We encourage at least one Leader from each group to participate in the Leadership meeting at 9:30 p.m. on Friday night in the registration area. We also encourage your group to participate in the Flag Raising on Saturday morning.
- ➡ **CAMPSITE INSPECTION** – Be sure to sign up during registration to have your campsite judged for safety, general appearance, and campcraft skills demonstrated. Your group can earn a bunch of bonus points by having a good campsite. Be sure to check the Missions Mania Manual for the items that will be judged during the campsite inspection.
- ➡ **CAMPFIRE COOKING** – Be sure to pick up several entry forms during registration for your group to participate in the Campfire Cooking competition. There are four Campfire Cooking categories: Main Dish, Side Dish, Desserts, and Breads. Each group can enter as many dishes as it would like to prepare in each of the four categories. Be sure to check the Missions Mania Manual for information concerning the Campfire Cooking event. All dishes must be prepared on-site and be brought to the judging area by 6:30 p.m. on Saturday evening. Once the judging has completed, your group will be encouraged to take your dishes back to your campsite and enjoy them around the campfire. Groups participating in the Campfire Cooking competition will receive bonus points. Patches and chevrons are awarded to every participant who made the dish for the top six places.
- ➡ **MIGHTY MEN OF TEXAS** – The Mighty Men of Texas is the highest honor that will be awarded at the Royal Ambassadors and Challengers Campout & Missions Mania. This award is determined by the church group who’s participation in the Campout & Missions Mania activities earns the most points.

