

**MYSCHIEVIA
2022**

Coming

Home



SURVIVAL GUIDE

WHAT IS MYSCHIEVIA?

CAMARADERIE THROUGH ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

Myschievia is a temporary community that is a forum for participant-driven creativity and artistic self-expression. There are no spectators, no commerce is permitted, and the event is organized entirely by volunteers. Tickets are only sold in advance and this is a "Leave No Trace" event. Myschievia provides participants the opportunity to create and contribute, experience and evolve, share and accept, work and play.



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BEFORE



YOU



GO

**READ THIS SURVIVAL
GUIDE.**

Understand that you voluntarily assume the risk of **serious injury** or **death** by attending Myschievia.

Know that October weather in Texas is a bitch. Record temps range from 97* for the high and 29* for the low with the average being 79* to 55*, usually with an evening mist and morning dew. That being said, we've had temps in the 90's and have been flooded with freezing rain all in the same weekend! Pack prepared for any kind of weather.

We've stylized this guide to make it easier and more fun to read, but please remember: the warnings are *very very real*.

Cell and data reception are spotty at Armadillo acres. Service is most reliable at Gate. Data/internet is can be difficult to achieve with so many people, so enjoy some time off the grid!

Guiding Principles

Unity in Diversity

Everyone contributes something different. We welcome the stranger on the condition that they respect our culture.

Consent

Personal boundaries vary by individual and it is our shared responsibility to gain enthusiastic prior agreement through active communication to ensure that everyone is either willfully involved or able to distance themselves from inclusion in any particular experience.

Solidarity

Welcome home! If you need something, ask. If you can share something, do. The more we work with others, the more they work with us as well.

Accountability

Nobody's perfect, you just have to own it. Ask for help if you have to.

Stewardship

We are mindful of our relationship with the land. It's okay to *be* trash, it's not okay to *leave* trash.

Playful Mischief

Growth is impossible without pushing against pre-existing limits. The magic of inner growth and achieving the impossible happens outside of our comfort zones. Lean into your discomfort. Safety third.

Liminality

This is the leap into the unknown. This is a transitional form, a space between what is and what is to come. A place of the in-between where the creation of new identities and social arrangements is possible and new potentials and limits can be challenged and explored.

Self-Organization

A community is an active process between equals; a collaborative negotiation toward the greater good of everyone involved. It amplifies with every new addition until the whole is far beyond the sum of its parts. The collective effervescence we experience at the event is the emergent property of the focused efforts and intention of countless individuals and groups acting of their own volition. There is no one place where everything coheres, it is distributed among us in a dynamic and ever-changing state but nevertheless maintains its equilibrium.





GATE HOURS

Thursday: 12pm - 12am
(early entry: 9am - 12pm)

Friday: 12pm - 12am

Saturday: 12pm - 6pm

EXODUS

Monday - GTFO @ Noon



Gate will be closed one hour before Effigy and Temple burns. If you plan to leave, please do so before the burn events.

EARLY ENTRY

Early entry is reserved for volunteers working Thursday shifts and large theme camps/ art installations. Please contact ntxb-volunteer-coordinator@googlegroups.com if you need to on the early entry list.

If you arrive after gate hours, please be aware that you will be asked to leave and return when gate opens. We have a law enforcement officer present for our safety (not to scare you or scold you for running on burner time). They can be in direct contact with LLC should an issue arise. Also, please be respectful of our neighbors!

CHECK IN

***Masks are required at gate. If you don't have one, one will be provided!**

Be ready to show gate staff:

- You have enough equipment, food and water to survive the weekend
- Your ticket confirmation and you **valid** photo ID
- Proof that you may make legal decisions for any minor in your care. If you don't want to risk bringing original legal docs, contact NTXB-LLC@googlegroups.com for alternative solutions.

All participants will sign a liability waiver. Parents/guardians must also sign one for their minors.

Please do not remove your wristband for the entirety of the event. If you are seen without your wristband, you will be asked to prove you are legally at the event and, if you cannot, you will be told to leave.

THERE ARE NO TICKETS SOLD AT GATE!

Questions for gate can be directed to NTXB-gate-lead@googlegroups.com.



PARKING

You are allowed two hours to find your camp, unload your gear, and get your car to parking. While unloading, **PARK OFF OF THE ROAD.** The Fire Lane must remain clear at all times.



NO PARKING ZONES:

- Burn field
- Fire performance areas
- Within 100 ft of the creek
- Any road or pathway

Code of Conduct

NTXB wishes all participants to be able to experiment in community, create art, and interact with one another with few rules or restraints. However, certain conduct or behaviors serve only to harm other participants or the event itself and cannot be tolerated.

- At all events organized by NTXB, participants are responsible for their own behavior and resolving their own issues.
- NTXB will not condone any behavior that may endanger its ability to hold Myschievia or any related community events.
- Participants may report any incident in which another person is behaving in an abusive, intimidating, threatening or unsafe manner to a Ranger or anyone with a radio, or by emailing NTXB-LLC@googlegroups.com.
- Physical hazards, such as unsafe art installations or fires, should be reported to Rangers or anyone with a radio immediately.
- Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied **AT ALL TIMES** by a parent or legal guardian.
- All events organized by NTXB must comply with the principle of Consent. Participants must feel free to say “yes” or “no” and to stop the activity at any time. Cajoling, pleading, persuading, taunting, or any other form of emotional blackmail after a “no” is unacceptable.



VIOLATIONS THAT **MAY RESULT IN
EVICTION AT THE LLC'S DISCRETION:**

- **Failure to respect boundaries** that are not of an aggressive or sexual nature
- **Photographing or videoing** another participant without their consent
- **Unsafe driving**, including art cars, or failure to comply with DMV regulations
- **Disrespect of the land**, such as digging, felling trees or limbs without permission
- **Failure to comply with NTXB policies**, including sound, laser, fire, and service animal policies
- **Vending or commerce** of any kind.
- **Possession of or serving alcohol to anyone under the age of 21**
- Effigy, Temple or other **burn perimeter violations**



THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS **WILL RESULT
IN EVICTION FROM THE EVENT:**

- **Consent violations** of an aggressive or sexual nature. This includes any kind of physical contact with the body of another without their express consent.
- **Stalking or harassment.** This includes continuing to follow or engage with someone after they have asked you to stop. Verbal assault, especially of a continues aggressive and/or sexual nature and hate speech also constitute harassment and will not be tolerated.
- **Endangering others.** This includes anything that will put others in serious danger. Do not bring items to an NTXB event that could endanger others, which includes but is not limited to: firearms, explosives, fireworks, and unsafe fire art. Endangering others also includes non-consensual intoxication.
- **Not having a ticket or wearing a wristband** for the duration of the event. All participants, volunteers, Leads, LLC, and Batcave members gain entry by purchasing a ticket. Any other entry will be considered trespassing.
- **Destruction, using, or taking of property** without the express permission of the owner of said property. If you inadvertently damage another's property, this is a matter to be resolved between you and the owner of that property.
- **Minors (under the age of 18) that are not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian at all times.** Failure to ensure proper adult supervision or allowing a minor for whom you are responsible to violate any of the stated rules and regulations.

Violations of any of these codes of conduct can result in eviction from the event or banning from one or more future NTXB events. Nothing herein is intended to or shall waive the right of NTXB to ban or restrict access by an individual or entity as it may determine, in its sole discretion, is warranted. NTXB complies with all local, state, and federal laws and expects the same from all participants. You can file a complaint 5 of a suspected violation by emailing the LLC at NTXB-LLC@googlegroups.com.

WHAT TO BRING

Bring enough **FOOD & WATER** for your entire stay; Two gallons of water per person per day and a container to carry it with you on your adventures!

Bring items to protect you from the elements like your **TENT, BUG SPRAY, SUNSCREEN, and TARPS.**

Bring **WEATHER-APPROPRIATE CLOTHING** and personal items like **SOAP, CONDOMS, TOILET PAPER, and MEDICATION.**

Bring a **FIRE EXTINGUISHER**, just in case. Better to have than to burn down your whole camp!

Bring **GARBAGE BAGS** and **PORTABLE ASHTRAYS** to prevent MOOP. Remember to take your trash with you!

Bring **ICE MONEY** to stay cool. Ice is sold Friday - Sunday and is \$2 a bag. It is the only thing that is sold.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

NO FIREARMS of any kind.

NO FIREWORKS OR EXPLOSIVES. If it goes BOOM, leave it at home.

NO PETS. For participants with registered service animals, please email NTXB-LLC@googlegroups.com to pre-register them. View the service animal policy here: <http://tiny.cc/ntxb-ServiceAnimals2022>

NO GLASS CONTAINERS. Plastic and aluminum are easier to crush for packing out trash and they don't break!

NO DRONES. Professional media must have cameras tagged. If you are a media professional, email NTXB-LLC@googlegroups.com to learn





CAR CAMPING

Solo camping in your car?

- Stay parked and stationary for the entire event.
- Park only in designated areas.
- There is NO car camping allowed in the lower field.

Car-camping with a theme camp?

- Stay parked and stationary the entire event.
- You must creatively modify your vehicle to make it unrecognizable as a car.
- There is NO car camping allowed in the lower field.

ART CARS

- Only a vehicle with plenty of clearance, in reliable running condition is permissible to travel during the event.
- Art cars must have **SOBER** drivers and yield to all pedestrians.
- The Department of Mutant Vehicles (DMV) will inspect your vehicle to make sure it is well-lit before granting a night-driving permit.
- Art cars must not block any roads when stopped.
- Art cars must not impede any other vehicles or emergency exits at any time.
- **The speed limit is 7mph.**
- NTXB reserves the right to have an art car's movement privileges revoked for any reason.
- Art cars **MUST BE REGISTERED** with the DMV.
- Art cars with amplified sound **MUST BE REGISTERED** with sound marshals.

BE AWARE!

The terrain at Armadillo Acres is unpaved and the roads can get pretty rough. Your car may never be the same after a weekend on the Piney Playa!



Contact the DMV at NTXB-DMV-lead@googlegroups.com. 7

WELCOME HOME

1. STOP

Upon seeing Greeters, pull off the road and get out of your car.

2. BE GREETED

Say hi and check the map!

3. POP QUIZ

Did you read this entire Survival Guide? Prove it!

4. ZONE OUT

Drive up to the Zone Guide. They'll help you find where you need to be!

Participation

Myschievia is staffed entirely by volunteers. Volunteering gets us out there, interacting with other participants. It's how we give back to our community and make this event happen!

Check out the volunteering opportunities, fill out the Volunteer Form, then hop in the Volunteer Schedule and choose your shift!

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES AT THE EVENT

CITY

Zone Guide - Help people with directions

Site Ops - Set up, tear down, maintain

PARTICIPANTS

Greeters - Say hi and give info

Parking - No parking like assholes

Ice - Keep people cool

Volunteer HQ - Help with check-in

Earth Guardian - MOOP checks

ART

Procession - Fire spinners and helpers

Pyro - Help start the fires

Sound Marshall - Decibel checks

SAFETY * = requires training

Rangers* - The eyes and ears of the event

MEAT* - Myschievia Emergency Assistance Team

FIRE* - Help stop the fires

GATE - Check people in and give wristbands

SANCTUARY - Mental and emotional assistance



DURING THE EVENT

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY for your actions.

PICK UP any Matter-Out-of-Place (MOOP) you find on your adventures and dispose of it back at your camp.

PORT-O ETIQUETTE includes closing the lid, bringing a flashlight (no candles!), and disposing of anything that is not toilet paper or waste back at your camp. If it didn't come out of your body, don't put it in the potty!

WATCH YOUR CHILDREN. As a parent or guardian, you are liable for the minor you accompanied for the entire event. **Children must be with their legal guardian at all times.** Unattended children are grounds for eviction!



Using an RV or trailer? **Register it!**

Do I need to register my trailer? Is it really classified as an RV? The roads on the Piney Playa are rough and unpaved and tree clearance varies. It's important that all participants register their RVs for proper placement. An RV, or recreational vehicle, is a motor vehicle or trailer that will be used for living, sleeping, or entertaining purposes while on land. RVs include motorhomes, camper-vans, caravans (also known as travel trailers and camper trailers), fifth-wheel trailers, popup campers, teardrop trailers, toy haulers, truck campers, tiny homes, and converted box and flatbed trailers. Use the form on the website (ntxb.org) to register. **Deadline for RV Registration is Sept 7th.**

NO larger vehicles, trailers, and or campers can be parked on the lower field. Offloading gear and infrastructure is fine, as long as it's not wet/muddy.

Bringing Art? **Register it!**

Contact the art lead so we can put your art on the map! ntxb-art-lead@googlegroups.com

Put your theme camp on the map. **Register it!**

Theme camps are the heart of Myschievia. Let people know how to find you by registering your theme camp for placement on the Piney Playa. Use the form on the website (ntxb.org) to register. **Deadline for Theme Camp Registration is Sept 7th.**

Sound? **Register!**

If you have an event or theme camp with a sound feature, you must register it. ntxb-sound-lead@googlegroups.com

Event? **Register!**

Use the form on the website (ntxb.org) to register your event and get on the schedule!

QUIET ZONE

There is a quiet zone designated on the map (known as Quebec). Please do not use amplified sound and please baffle generators in that area.

NTXB 2022 COVID-19 AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE POLICY

At the recommendations of the CDC, WHO, and all state and local laws, and upon the advice of our community Epidemiologist, the NTXB, LLC has developed the following protocols to protect our community and events during these unprecedented pandemic times.

We will be requiring all participants at any of our officially sponsored events to provide proof of vaccination in advance of purchasing tickets and/or attendance of said events until such time as the CDC recommendations regarding large events change. You will be required to upload a digital copy of your proof of vaccination for verification in advance of purchasing tickets. You must be fully vaccinated, which means all required doses and boosters of your vaccine have been completed at least 2 weeks prior to the start of the event. You may also be requested to show proof of full vaccination upon entering an event. Submitting falsified documents will result in a lifelong ban from any NTXB sponsored events.

In addition to requiring full vaccination prior to admittance, we will also be conducting health screenings and temperature checks upon arrival. If you are feeling ill, we recommend you stay home. Anyone that presents symptoms, including a fever over 100 degrees, will not be allowed admittance. If NTXB, LLC are notified of your absence due to COVID related symptoms 24 hours in advance of the start of the event, ticket refunds may be considered. If any individual is turned away at the gate due to lack of proof of vaccination or presenting COVID-19 symptoms, that individual and any other individuals in a vehicle with them will be turned away and not allowed admittance to the event for the duration of the event without refund. It is highly recommended that all participants take a rapid COVID test within 72 hours prior to arrival at the gate and get required boosters as they become available.

If an individual begins to feel ill after admittance to an event, or displays symptoms of COVID-19, including fever over 100 degrees, we will have rapid PCR COVID tests available in our medical station. If an individual tests positive for COVID during an event, they will be asked to leave the event. We will also perform contact tracing of their immediate contacts, such as car or tent mates, and offer COVID testing to them.

NTXB will also provide hand sanitizer available at volunteer stations and extra handwashing stations throughout the event. We encourage good hygiene practices to prevent the spread of illness. The CDC has relaxed mask requirements in most instances, however, it is still recommended to wear a mask in confined spaces where social distancing may not be possible. Theme camps may choose to require masks to enter their spaces and may post signage to notify participants of their request. Please use social distancing throughout the event when possible. We will be providing special wristbands upon request for those individuals who would prefer social distancing and masks be utilized around them as well. Repeated refusal to comply with masking or social distancing requests may result in eviction from the event.

NTXB recommends that when possible, refraining from social gatherings or large crowds prior to the event may aid in lessening the likelihood of asymptomatic spread. We also recommend participants get tested upon their return home after the event and again 5 days later to prevent community spread.

We appreciate your understanding and assistance in implementing these measures so that we may all gather together again as safely as possible. Questions or concerns can be submitted via email to ntxbllc@gmail.com or ntxb-llc@googlegroups.com



GENERAL AND PERSONAL SAFETY

BE AWARE

Know what's going on around you, be it weather, events, or who your neighbors are.

RESPECT THE SITE

Texans have guns. Don't jump fences or cross posted boundaries.

FLOODING

Parts of the land are subject of flash flooding. Stay informed and have an evacuation plan in place.

PESTICIDES

Armadillo Acres forbids the use of chemical pesticides. The landowner has a fantastic mix he uses so if you see ant hills, let a Ranger know!

PERSONAL LIGHTING

It can get very dark in the woods. Bring a headlamp or a flashlight when moving around at night.

RESPECT BOUNDARIES

Listen to and respect others' personal boundaries. Be clear and firm with your own!

ASK FIRST

Before touching anyone or anything that is not yours, ask for permission. Do not assume consent. Ever.

ROAD SAFETY

Rain can make the roads slippery and hazardous. Drive slowly and safely!

RESPECT NATURE

Don't eat the berries, they are toxic. Be mindful of biting or stinging insects and wildlife.

EXPLORATION

There are 200 acres so be sure to take water, a friend or two, and a flashlight.

WRISTBANDS

Once attached, do not alter or remove your wristband for the entire event. If you lose or destroy yours, head back to gate with your ID to get a new one.

FOOTWEAR

Sturdy, closed-toed shoes are mandatory. Waterproof hiking boots are the safest for the land.



SAFETY IN NATURE

While the site has been carved out for Myschievia over the years, it is still very much undeveloped. Don't let your time in the outdoors get ruined because you weren't aware of the dangers of local nature!

PLANT LIFE

Poison oak and poison ivy

If exposed, saturate the area with rubbing alcohol to dissolve the oils BEFORE washing with soap and water.

Hairy vines on trees

Avoid touching these. They have tiny thorns that can cause severe irritation.

Honey locust plants

These suckers have super sharp, very strong thorns that can puncture shoes, tires, and feet!



WILDLIFE

Wild Hogs - DO NOT ENGAGE. If you see one, slowly back away and notify a Ranger immediately.

Snakes - Copperheads and Water Moccasins are common in East Texas. Watch your step in tall grass.

Spiders and Scorpions - Sneaky little buggers! Keep tents zipped and shake out your shoes before putting them on.

INSECTS

Mosquitoes

Use repellent to and avoid standing water.

Ticks

Avoid tall grass on bare skin. Use DEET and tuck pants into boots when hiking.

Fire Ants

Sprinkle cinnamon around your camp to act as a barrier. Pour boiling water on ant mounds.

Tiger Moths/Asps

Avoid! Will cause rashes.

FIRE SAFETY

Flame Effects

All projects using propane or flame effects must register with the Fire Art Safety Team (FAST). Contact them at ntxb-FAST-lead@googlegroups.com

Smoking

Use portable ashtrays or Altoid tins to put out and dispose of anything you're smoking.

Camp Fires

Never leave fires unattended. Be aware of local burn bans. Only start fires in approved fire containers. If you're unsure, ask a Ranger!

Burn Ban

In the event of a local burn ban, no open fires will be permitted.

Performances

Fire performances will only be allowed on the main burn field and with a fire spotter. All fire performers must be knowledgeable of fire performance safety guidelines.

Space

Make sure there is nothing flammable within a 15 foot radius of any camp fire, burn barrel or fuel depot. Do not smoke near fuel depots.

Burning Art

All projects that will be burned must be approved and scheduled before the event. Contact the Fire Lead at NTXB-fire-lead@googlegroups.com



LEAVE NO TRACE

Take your trash with you! There are no trash cans or dumpsters provided.

Do not leave anything behind that does not naturally occur in Northeast Texas, including biodegradable materials!

Do not burn your trash, especially any hazardous materials like metal, plastic, glossy paper, or treated wood.

CONSENT

At Myschievia, we try not to have too many rules, but two merit declaration and elaboration:

- 1. Respect each other's boundaries** whether you're taking photos, making out, or juggling knives. Consent applies to ALL areas, not just sex.
- 2. Take responsibility for your own experience.** The interplay of these two rules forms a social contract that makes our event a safe place to explore boundaries.

Recognize boundaries and respect them. Before you assume someone wants a big hug or a new best friend, ask them. Being direct like this isn't a "kill your fun" obligation, but simple protocol.

What does this mean in practical terms?

When someone says NO, it means NO. Regardless of what is happening before that moment, the word NO is a **BIG FAT RED LIGHT**. Cajoling, pleading, persuading, taunting, or any form of emotional blackmail is unacceptable and, if it persists, is grounds for eviction from the event.

You must also be able to say NO. Stay sober enough to be in control. YOU are responsible for your experience and in charge of your own boundaries. Perceived fear of confrontation or having someone not like you will only detract from your experience!

Talk to those around (or a Ranger) about ANYTHING that is making you uncomfortable.

And, finally, please **look out for each other**. If you see a situation that looks like someone may not have consent, speak up or find a Ranger.



GETTING THERE

From Dallas: Head east on I-30 toward Mount Pleasant. Exit #160 to Hwy 271/Hwy 49 and turn right. Continue on Hwy 49 about 25 miles until you are just past Hughes Springs.

There's a 4-way stop at the intersection of FM 2612 near the Wildflower Inn and Cafe. Turn right on FM 2612 and continue about a half mile. Turn left at the Love Chapel Cemetery sign (which is CR 2984).

Continue forward for about a mile. The road will merge with another, but stay left. Continue another half mile and pass CR 2987 on your right. SLOW DOWN. Gate will be on your left. Look for the green underground cable box and if you see the Love Chapel Church on the left, you've gone too far.

From other locations: Use the intersection of Hwy 49 & FM 2917 as your way point. Find your best route to that location and then proceed from the second paragraph above!



LOCAL RESOURCES

Hughes Springs has been very accomodating to NTXB and our event. We'd like to return that spirit of cooperation by spending your supply funds locally!

Nearest hospital:

Marion County Hospital
District
1113 N Walcott St
Jefferson, TX 75657

Spring Market (Grocery, Beer, Wine)

(903) 639-3746
870 Taylor St, Hughes Springs, TX 75656
7am-9pm

Hughes Spring Frozen Foods (Freshly cut meat)

(903) 639-2941
105 Foster St, Hughes Springs, TX 75656
M-F 8am-5pm, closed weekends

Hughes Springs Hardware & Auto (Hardware)

(903) 639-2597
202 W 1st, Hughes Springs, TX 75656
M-F 7:30am-5:30pm, Sat 7:30am-1pm, closed
Sun

TriCo Lumber (Lumber)

(903) 639-2691
2016 TX-11, Hughes Springs, TX 75656
M-F 7:30am-5:30pm, Sat 7:30am-4pm, closed
Sun

Dollar General (Misc.)

(903) 650-8873
417 E 1st St, Hughes Springs, TX 75656
8am-11pm

Greg's Miracle Mart (Beer and Ice)

(903) 639-2576
1416 E 1st, Hughes Springs, TX 75656
Sun-Th 5am-11pm, Fri-Sat 5am -12am





LEGAL STUFF



Tickets to this event are non-refundable.

By entering gate, you agree that you have read this Survival Guide in it's entirety and agree to abide by all information and guidelines contained herein. If you're bringing other participants, please make sure they've read this guide, as well.

NTXB and its affiliates comply with all local, state, and federal laws. We cooperate with all law enforcement officials and encourage all participants to do the same.

NTXB is happy to make reasonable accomodations for burners with disabilities. If you would like to request an accomodation, email NTXB-LLC@googlegroups.com.

No commercial or media photography or videography is permitted without prior permission from NTXB LLC. Professionals are required to sign a media contract.

No pets allowed. Participants with registered service animals, please contact NTXB LLC at NTXB-LLC@googlegroups.com to pre-register.

No vending, firearms, fireworks, explosions, or glass containters.

In case of a **burn ban**, no open fires will be permitted.

NTXB, LLC reserves the right to deny event entry or revoke entry access at any time what-so-ever.

For more information, visit our website at www.ntxb.org.

Enjoy your burn!