



Rowlett Citizen Corps Council

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CERT News



The next **CERT General Meeting** is on Wednesday, September 17th, 2025 7PM at Old Glory Station, 5100 Dalrock Road. The meeting topics will include Go-bag Equipment and Clothing.

CERT "11 Questions" Challenge

Each month, we randomly pick a member to answer a set of questions. They will always be the same questions but the answers can help us get to know some important stuff about our volunteers.

We can't take credit for the questions as they are a revised version of Stephen Colbert's questions for celebrity guests. Please note that participation, should someone be selected, is completely voluntary. This month, let's get to know **Jimmy Zapata!**



Jimmy Zapata

- Best sandwich? **Portillo's Italian Beef with Jalapenos**
- What's one thing you own that you really should throw out? **My 1989 softball cleats**
- What is the scariest animal? **Alligator turtle**
- Native Texan or From Another Land? **Native Texan (West Texas)**
- Favorite action movie? **Top Gun (1986)**
- Favorite smell? **Fresh baked bread**
- Least favorite smell? **Burned popcorn from the office microwave**
- Flat or sparkling water? **Flat**
- Most used app on your phone? **All six of my weather apps**
- You get one song to listen to for the rest of your life: what is it? **"Jump" by Van Halen or "Rock Mi" by VoxxClub**
- Describe the rest of your life in 5 words? **Let's get this work started!**

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ARES News



We've got a number of upcoming meetings and nets. If you'd like to present a topic, or learn to run net control, please talk to ARES director Mark Riaboy.

Please note the following events and schedule changes:

Monday, September 1st the **ARES monthly NET is CANCELLED** due to the Labor Day holiday weekend

Monday, September 15th @ 19:00 - Monthly In-Person meeting at FS#2 training room, 8602 Schrade Rd.

Wednesday, **September 17th** @ 19:00 - CERT General Meeting at Old Glory, 5100 Dalrock Road

Saturdays, October 4th and **October 11th** — CERT G317 training. If you know of anyone that would be interested, information and registration is available at "https://rowlettcitizencorps.org/wp/?page_id=471". If any member of ARES is interested in refreshing their skills, you may audit either or both days at no charge. Keeping our skills sharp helps everyone during ARES and CERT activations.

Monday, October 6th @ 20:00 - Monthly NET on AB5U UHF 441.325 + 162.2

We need at least 12 radio operators for each of the two shifts to assist with radio communications during the NTX CERT Rodeo scheduled for **Saturday, October 25th**. The shifts will be running from 07:00 to 10:30 and 10:30 to 14:00. Nine radio operators will work with each of the 9 rodeo activities to keep things coordinated. The other three positions will be helping with the registration table, parking coordination, and working with administrative staff to keep things running smoothly. You can sign up on TrackItForward at "<https://www.trackitforward.com/site/629100/event/1098769>"

Explorer News



Throughout August, the Post worked with other members of the RCCC as we learned about Skywarn, reviewed our first aid and touched base on nutrition and fitness education. This month we also got closer as a Post with our paintball lock-in at GatSplat Paintball in Rowlett. The night kept going with games and stories as we tried to clean paint out of our hair.

We hosted the Circle 10 BSA First Aid meet where we put the Scouts' abilities to the test. The meet focused on scenarios for burns, splinting, stop the bleed, and c-spine.



Explorer News (continued)



Explorer Highlight: Julian Cardenas

Julian has been a part of the Post for four months now.

He joined the Post to learn and get more experience for fire and EMS careers.

Outside of the Post he likes to work out, work on fashion and photography, and a big part of his focus is on his school's news team as the photographer.

His priorities in the Post are to learn more medical skills and show that anyone can be an EMT.

Upcoming events:

Ziplining Campout We are off to our neighbor in the North, to Shiloh Adventures in OKC. While there, we have ziplining, an obstacle course, and team building exercises. Friday, September 26th—Sunday, September 28th.

Shooting Campout. We're going down to West Texas to celebrate Halloween and practice our firearm skills. Friday, October 31st 7PM —Sunday, November 2nd noon.

Scouting News



Help the Scouts Help Our Schools

Collection boxes will be available at OG (5100 Dalrock Road) and Fire Admin (4701 Rowlett Road) for dropping off donated supplies.

After surveying many teachers, asking what supplies they run out of during the year, this is a list of needed items:



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Elementary teachers:

- Pencils
- Crayons
- Dry erase markers-black
- Glue sticks
- Colored pencils
- Black and red pens
- Scissors-rounded and sharp
- Markers in Primary colors-skinny and regular

Middle School teachers:

- Kleenex
- Paper towels
- Pencils-mechanical and regular
- Paper
- Expo dry erase markers

High School teachers:

- Expo Wet erase markers
- Kleenex
- Lysol wipes
- Sharpie permanent markers, fine tip
- Pencils
- Pens-black, blue and red
- Thin permanent markers
- Color pencils
- Index Cards
- Paper
- 1-inch binders

Teachers are requesting brand name products, and please, nothing from Dollar Tree. Nothing lasts for over a month if the product is cheap.

Thank you for any help you can give the teachers.

Weekly Scout Meetings are at Old Glory Station, 5100 Dalrock Road, Rowlett. We are there every Monday night from 7PM until 8:30PM unless it's a holiday: There will not be a meeting the week of Labor Day.

If you know someone between the ages of 10.5 through 17 years, let them know about Scouting. Visit us on any Monday (except holiday weeks, such as Labor Day).