



STC Chronicles

South Texas Council Scouting Updates

Quick Highlights

- Nov 4 - Council Coordinated Meeting
- Nov 14 - Coastal Bend Day of Giving
- Nov 18 - Scouting for Food Aztec District
- Nov 30 - Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner
- Dec 8-9 - OA Fellowship
- Dec 27-30 - Winter Camp at Karankawa
- Jan 5-7 - Merit Badge Weekend @ Huisache
- Jan 12-14 - Webelos Scouting Adventures
- Jan 27 - Council Awards Reception
- Feb 17 - Merit Badge College @ Del Mar
- June 9-15 and June 16-22 - Karankawa's 80th Birthday Summer Camp!
- June 23-29 - NYLT



Are you Scouting Forward?



Scouting is a movement, that's what our forefathers in Scouting told us growing up. Are you part of the movement of the Scout Oath and Law, or are you just going along with the routine of Scout meetings and activities?

Being in the movement means embracing all the points of Scout Oath and Law. Are you doing your best? Are you helping other people at all times? And not just your family or closest friends, but really helping others?

Are you being friendly, courteous, and kind to all, not just to those who have the same beliefs you do?

Living the Scout Oath and Law is not easy, it's work, and that is what our movement demands of us, not to be perfect Scouts, but to be Scouts aware of the meaning of the Scout Oath and Law, and to do our best to include them in our daily lives.

Let's grow our movement now, share the good news of Scouting with someone today, and invite a family or two to join your unit. Imagine the growth our local council could have if every family invited another family to join their unit. Let's impact the world starting with our neighborhoods and community by growing our movement.

If you would like to learn more about growing your unit using time tested methods of the movement, contact me or any staff member.

Marty Sepulveda
Eagle Scout
Scout Executive & Chief Executive Officer

Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner

We Stand. We Salute. We Honor.

The South Texas Council Boy Scouts of America annually recognizes a ***Distinguished Citizen*** from the Coastal Bend area who has distinguished themselves as an exceptional volunteer leader through their personal and professional contributions to the broader community. This year, we are excited to honor **Augustin "Augie" Rivera, Jr.**, past council president and Del Mar College General Counsel, as our **2023 *Distinguished Citizen*** for the positive impact of his many accomplishments and contributions to the betterment of South Texas.

The Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner is the second largest fundraiser for the council. All funds raised will support and impact the South Texas Council's ability to provide a quality Scouting program for our members.

[Click Here to donate and learn more.](#)

It's Recharter Time!

This year's recharter process remains unchanged from last year

The unit key 3 (Charter Representative, Committee Chair or Unit leader or designee) has access to the recharter via the [internet advancement site](#). The same username and password for my.scouting can be used. Instructions and how to videos are available [here](#).

If you need additional help contact your unit or district commissioner. You can also call your District executive or Sam Jackson, the council registrar, at the council service center. The deadline is December 31st....Complete the recharter before then and don't miss out on the fun!

REMINDER: South Texas Council (STC) now requires all registered adults to maintain Youth Protection Training (YPT) compliance for their entire registration period. This is a local council policy. As it is currently possible for YPT to expire during that period, the STC new policy may require retaking YPT training even though a registered adult's current YPT completion certificate may not expire for several weeks or months but will expire before the next recharter registration. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Council Service Center Holiday Office Hours:

November 23-24 Closed for Thanksgiving.

December 22 -26 Closed for Christmas.

December 27-28 Open 10:00am - 1pm

December 29 - January 1st Closed for New Years.

*The Holloway Scout Shop will be closed from December 22nd thru January 1st.

Coastal Bend Day of Giving

The Coastal Bend Day of Giving brings the region together as one community, raising money and awareness for our local nonprofits during the 24-hour online giving challenge. We inspire people to give generously to nonprofits making our region stronger, creating a thriving community for all.

The South Texas Council is honored to be a part of this event. Every donation made is matched, and the council has an opportunity to receive up to \$22,400 in matched funds. This is great way to make your "Friends of Scouting" contribution if you have not done so.

Remember Scouting is local, no national council financial support, our council's strength is depended on our local community support.

[Click here to donate and learn more.](#)



Popcorn

The 2023 Popcorn season is in full swing!

Key Popcorn Dates:

November 28 - Take Order money due to Council office by 5PM.

December 31st - Last day to claim prizes online.

Contact James Rangel at james.rangel@scouting.org for more information.



Nominate a Deserving Scouting Volunteer

Council Awards Nominations – Due November 27, 2023

The **Silver Beaver** is a national award presented by the local council. It is the highest honor the South Texas Council may bestow upon a volunteer.

Nominations for the Silver Beaver awards consist of three parts:

- Noteworthy service of exceptional character to non-Scouting youth
- Exceptional service to the Boy Scouts of America (unit, district, council)
- Service or standing within the community or community organization.

Nominations cannot be made for posthumous awards. Additionally, the award is limited to adults 21 years of age or older.

[Click here for Silver Beaver Nomination Form.](#)

Vale La Pena Award – Outstanding Service to Hispanic Youth.

[Click here for the nomination form](#)

Whitney Young Award – Outstanding Service to Rural or Urban Youth.

[Click here for the nomination form](#)

Spurgeon Award – Outstanding Service to the Exploring Program (individual or Organization).

[Click here for the nomination form](#)

Council Duty to God Award - The Council Duty to God Award was created to recognize registered Scouters who have demonstrated an exemplary history of transformational leadership in supporting and promoting the spiritual foundation of Scouting at the local Council level. [Click here for the nomination form.](#)

Award nominations should be emailed to Marty Sepulveda at martin.sepulveda@scouting.org or mail to the South Texas Council, 700 Everhart Rd., Building A, Corpus Christi, TX 78411.

November Safety Moment

Food Allergies

According to Food Allergy Research & Education (FARE), one in every 13 children has a food allergy. Every 3 minutes, a food-allergy reaction sends someone to the emergency room. And while the responsibility for management of a food allergy lies with the individual or the individual's parent or guardian, all of us need to be ready to assist in preventing — or helping in response to — a reaction.



A food-allergy reaction happens when the immune system overreacts to a food protein. A reaction can range from mild to severe. In the U.S., the most common food allergens are milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, soy, wheat, fish, shellfish and sesame seeds. However, any food might cause an allergic response, and many people are allergic to more than one food. Also, initial food-allergy reactions can occur at any time.

A food allergy should not be confused with a food intolerance. An intolerance is when someone cannot digest a component of a food, such as lactose, a sugar found in milk. An intolerance may cause abdominal cramping or diarrhea but is not life-threatening.

WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE HAS A FOOD ALLERGY

If someone has a food allergy, they must be diligent about avoiding allergens. They must always read all food labels before eating or drinking any food. Even tiny amounts of an allergen can cause an allergic response.

When preparing food, prepare food for people with allergies on a separate, clean surface to ensure there is no cross contamination. Start with clean hands and use separate and clean utensils and cooking tools, such as toasters.

For some people, bringing their own foods can be easier and safer when eating with a group. If you or someone in your unit has food allergies, be sure to review the [Food Allergy Guidance](#) before planning any event that includes food.

Be A Part of the 80th Anniversary Karankawa Summer Camp Staff!

All areas wanted. Contact James Rangel at James.Rangel@scouting.org or Francisco Orozco at Francisco.Orozco@scouting.org for more information.



Events

November 4 - Council Coordinated Meeting

Every three months the council hosts a coordinated meeting of all BSA registered adults in the South Texas district. The meeting usually consists of a one to two hour update focusing on council health and finances, membership growth, and upcoming events. The main meeting is followed by smaller break out sessions covering a variety of important topics. All registered BSA leaders are encouraged to attend. It is a great opportunity to meet new people, ask questions, and stay updated on the health and future of the South Texas Council.

Our next Council Coordinated Meeting will be held on November 4th at the Council Flournoy Service Center located at 700 Everhart Rd. Gathering begins at 9:30. General Session starts at 10:00 AM.

November 14 - Coastal Bend Day of Giving

Coastal Bend Day of Giving brings the region together as one community, raising money and awareness for our local nonprofits during the 24-hour online giving challenge. We inspire people to give generously to nonprofits making our region stronger, creating a thriving community for all.

South Texas Council is honored to be a part of this event. Every donation made is matched, and the council has an opportunity to receive up to \$22,400 in matched funds. [Click here to donate and learn more.](#)

November 18 - Scouting For Food Aztec District

Units can stop by Camp Huisache and drop off their canned goods from 9am-1pm. They will be delivered to the South Texas Food Bank later during the week. Contact Alexandra Manrique at alexandra.manrique@scouting.org for more information.

November 30 - Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner

This year, we are excited to honor **Augustin "Augie" Rivera, Jr.**, past council president and Del Mar College General Counsel, as our **2023 Distinguished Citizen** for the positive impact of his many accomplishments and contributions to the betterment of South Texas.

[Click Here to donate and learn more.](#)





December 27-30 - Karankawa Scouts BSA WINTER CAMP!

Space is COLD, and so is Winter Camp! Our theme for this year is "SPACE", so bring your Moon Boots, Space Suit, and Tricorder, and get ready to join us for an 'Out of this World' adventure!

Pre-registration is now open. [Click here to learn more!](#)

January 5-7 - Merit Badge Weekend at Camp Huisache

Merit Badge Counselors are needed to teach classes. If you are available, please reach out to alexandra.manrique@scouting.org



Save the Date! September 20-22, 2024

Council wide celebration. A weekend full of activities for all ages and programs. More details in the coming months.

Camp Karankawa turns 80 years old in 2024!

Join us for an extra-special fun-filled summer at camp as we celebrate Karankawa's 80th Birthday!

A place above the hill is turning 80 years in 2024, preparation has already started. A celebration event is being planned and summer camp will be celebrating the 80yrs of Camp Karankawa. You do not want to miss out, keep your eye out for more information regarding Camp Karankawa's 80th birthday!



Summer Camp information is out and available. Check the leader's guide [here](#). Click [here](#) for early registration.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

June 23-29, 2024
Camp Karankawa

National Youth Leadership Training is an exciting, action-packed program designed for councils to provide youth members with leadership skills and experience they can use in their home units and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others.

The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what they must KNOW, and what they must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and assisted by the use of memory aids, which allow participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

In order to attend a NYLT course, a youth must have the following qualifications by the beginning of the course:

- Must be a registered member of a Scouting unit.
- Must have a current BSA Health and Medical Record form parts A, B, and C.
- As of March 1, 2019, Scouts BSA members (male and female) must be at least 13. They must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops. Scouts are required to earn the First Class rank before attending NYLT.
- Venturers and Sea Scouts (male and female) must be at least 14, or 13, have completed the eighth grade, and fall within the maximum age allowance for their program. They must have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews or Ships. It is recommended that they have had at least one year of camping experience. While NYLT is not an outdoor skills course, it is important that each participant have basic camping and outdoor cooking experience.
- Have a unit leader recommendation.

Fee: \$300 per participant. Click [here](#) to register online.

For more information about NYLT contact Francisco Orozco, staff advisor, at 361-816-3868 or francisco.orozco@scouting.org.

District Events

Aztec District

November 4 - Council Coordinated Meeting

November 14 - Monthly District Meeting at 6:30pm

November 18 - Scouting for Food

December 16 - Wreathes Across America,

10am at the City Cemetery: Scouts and Scouting Families will help lay wreathes on Veteran graves after ceremony/presentation.

December 27-30 - Winter Camp at Karankawa!

January 5-7 - Merit Badge Weekend at Camp Huisache

MB Counselors needed to teach classes. If available, reach out to alexandra.manrique@scouting.org

Sea Breeze District

November 2 - Round Table for all leaders.

November 4 - Council Coordinated Meeting

November 14 - Commissioners Meeting

November 29 - District Committee Meeting

December 7 - Round table for all leaders.

December 27-30 - Winter Camp at Karankawa!

La Salle District

November 4 - Council Coordinated Meeting

November 9 - District Committee Meeting

December 14 - District Committee Meeting

December 27-30 - Winter Camp at Karankawa!

Phoenix District -

November 4 - Council Coordinated Meeting

November 9 - District Meeting

December 27-30 - Winter Camp at Karankawa!

Venado District -

November 4 - Council Coordinated Meeting

November 9 - District Roundtable Meeting 6-9PM

December 14 - District Roundtable Meeting 6-9PM

December 27-30 - Winter Camp at Karankawa!



Order of the Arrow News

The Order of the Arrow will be having a fellowship on December 8-9th. Candidates can complete their Ordeal, reaffirm their commitment to service with the Brotherhood challenge, and help recognize the newest Vigil honor members.

You can register for the event and pay your 2024 lodge dues here.

What is a Cub Scout Day Camp?

Cub Scout Day Camps are facilitated by local councils. They are offered as a three or five day event and provide opportunities to make new friends, earn new adventures, and participate in special activities.

Individuals who serve as camp director, program director or staff adviser must be nationally certified by taking the National Camping School Day Camp Administration training.

Does your District have a Day Camp?

It's time to start planning for the 2024 camping year!

Theme: Outdoor Adventures!



We need day camp certified leaders in each district for next year's day camps.

If you are interested in getting trained, please contact Alexandra Manrique at alexandra.manrique@scouting.org

Cub Scout Day Camp Training Dates:

March 2-3, 2024 at Camp Strake – Sam Houston Area Council

March 23-24, 2024 at Camp James Ray – Circle Ten Council

Have you completed your Health Form?

ALL participants in basic Scouting activities need to fill out both the Part A and Part B health forms. You can find a copy of the forms [here](#).

Is Your Unit Leaving No Trace?

Crystal Ferrer-Florez is the council's new Outdoor Ethics Advocate and will be heading a new Outdoor Ethics Committee to bring Leave No Trace awareness and administer LNT training throughout the council. If you would like to learn more about Outdoor Ethics/Leave No Trace skills & training or have any question on Scoutings Outdoor Ethics email Crystal at ferrerc86@yahoo.com



No matter how you choose to spend your time outdoors, there are always things you can do to help minimize your impact and keep the outdoors great for generations to come.

The Basics of Leave No Trace are:

1. **Know Before You Go** - Planning ahead and being prepared for your adventures can keep you safe and prevent unnecessary impacts to the areas around you.
2. **Don't Be a Party Pooper** - Animal waste is not only visually disturbing, but it can spread disease and attract insects and rodents. Make sure you dispose of waste properly when bringing your pet along on adventures!
3. **Trash Talk** - Pack it in, Pack it out! Put trash and food scraps in trash cans or carry it out with you.
4. **Better Together** - Nature is there for everyone to enjoy. Please be courteous of others and work together to keep the outdoors great.

To find out more about all seven principles of Leave No Trace, and to take the free 45 minute LNT introduction course, visit the LNT website at <https://lnt.org/>.

Council Program Calendar

Click [here](#) for the latest council and district event calendar updates.
Be informed!

Stay Connected!



Boy Scouts of America - South Texas Council | 700 Everhart Terrace, Bldg. A, Corpus Christi,
TX 78411