



STC Chronicles

South Texas Council Scouting Updates

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Is your unit moving forward?

Congratulations to the following units on their outstanding recruitment efforts this year!



- Aztec Post 2304 grew by 26 new members!
- LaSalle Pack 108 had 8 new registrations!
- Phoenix Pack 345 led their district with 11 new members!
- Scoutreach Pack 3801 had 19 new scouts join!
- Venado Pack 140 had 11 new registrations!

Sea Breeze Pack 259 was the top recruiter in the council with 32 new members! **Wow!**

Great job everyone! Keep up the good work!

Call your district service executive to learn more about free recruitment materials including flyer printing and yard signs. For more membership resources [click here](#).

Reminder: Resources and Detailed Information on BSA's Ongoing Commitment to Keep Kids Safe Can Be Found on the BSA Youth Safety Site



The [BSA Youth Safety site](https://www.scouting.org/about/youth-safety/) has a variety of information and resources, including an [infographic](#) and video, to help you answer questions and share details about the BSA's ongoing commitment to keeping kids safe. The site contains key facts about the parts of our multilayered approach and also shares common misconceptions some people may have about youth safety in the BSA.

Be sure to share this site with all of your unit leaders and parents to help educate them on this important topic so they can in turn educate others.

<https://www.scouting.org/about/youth-safety/>

Popcorn

The 2023 Popcorn season is in full swing!

Key Popcorn Dates:

October 10 - Show & Sell money due to Council office by 5PM.

October 19 - Take Order Popcorn orders are due online by Midnight.

November 7-9 - Take order popcorn delivered to units by district (determined by districts)

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

December 31st - Last day to claim prizes online.



Congratulations to the following units for leading their districts in outstanding salesmanship!

LaSalle Pack 108 has made \$7,715 in Popcorn sales.

Phoenix Troop 349 made \$1,543.

Venado Pack 140 made \$1,550.

Sea Breeze Pack 226 has sold \$25,921.

Sea Breeze Pack 259 has sold \$25,218.

Amazing! Great Job!

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

What is a Safety Moment?

Safety Moments are short briefings, around 2 minutes long, focusing on a single safety-related topic. They are best used at the beginning of meetings or before a scouting activity. Anyone can deliver safety moments in Scouting. Any adult leader, Scout, or employee can step up with little preparation to make a SAFE difference to everyone participating. A Safety Moment should focus on improving the safety of Scouting. They can be on general safety topics or guided towards a particular upcoming activity. Pick a topic that is relevant to all participants. All Safety Moments need to be fact-based and age-appropriate for the audience. If you have time, provide a demonstration of safe practices.



You can develop your own Safety Moment, or use one of the many Safety Moments that the BSA regularly publishes online.

October Safety Moment

Snake Bites

Most snake bites happen when someone accidentally steps on the snake. You should learn to identify the snakes in the areas of your activities, because the ability to identify the type of snake or the bite marks will help determine the potential severity of the bite and the care that is needed. If you are not sure whether the snake is non-venomous or venomous, assume it is venomous and seek medical care.



CARE FOR SNAKE BITES

Care for a non-venomous snake bite is the same as for any minor wound: wash with soap and water, apply antibiotic ointment—if you are not allergic—and apply a bandage.

For all venomous snake bites:

- Get everyone away from the snake.
- DO NOT try to capture the snake.
- Keep the victim quiet.
- Immobilize the injured part of the body.
- Gently wash the bite with soap and water.
- Seek medical care immediately!
- Carry the victim out, if possible, because their reduced activity may slow the spread of the venom. If attempting to carry the victim delays care, then have them walk.
- DO NOT delay getting the victim to emergency healthcare by taking time to do such things as cleaning the wound. That can be done on the way to the emergency department.

When caring for ANY venomous snake bites:

- DO NOT cut the victim's skin.
- DO NOT use mouth suction or any other suction device.
- DO NOT apply ice or cold packs.
- DO NOT apply a compression bandage to any snake bite. It does not help and only slows the victim getting to advanced medical treatment.

What is a 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.

Events

October 7 - Work Day #1 at Camp Huisache

This Work Day is open to all registered BSA members. There is no fee to attend, but please sign up [here](#) so we can get an accurate headcount.

October 14 - Work Day at Camp Huisache & Eclipse Viewing

Come ready to trim trees, pick up trash, and clean trails! The workday runs from around 8-11:30am. Bring your sunscreen and water! Around 11:30 there will be a break to view the eclipse. Glasses will be available to purchase at camp. [Click here to participate.](#)

Oct 13-14 - BALOO and IOLS training at Karankawa

BALOO stands for Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation and covers everything Pack leaders need to know to run a safe and fun camping event. All packs must have at least one BALOO-trained leader on every campout, but it is recommended to have more.

IOLS (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills) covers all skills from Tenderfoot to First Class and is a required course for all Scoutmasters and Assistant Scoutmasters. It is also highly recommended for all adult leaders regardless of skill level, to help prepare them to teach and supervise youth.

\$30/Participant. [Click here](#) to register.

October 14 - Work Day at Camp Karankawa

Help us make Karankawa ready for fall and winter camping programs. After a hot scorching summer, the camp maintenance committee has a long "To Do List" from repairs and cleaning, to beautification projects. A special service patch will be given to all participants. For more information and to register, [click here](#).

October 14 - Annular Solar Eclipse!

Camp Karankawa has the unique opportunity of being directly in line of the 2023 North American Eclipse! There are a lot of great activities going on around Corpus Christi and at Karankawa that weekend. Mark your calendars now, come out early and help with the work day projects and participate in the eclipse activities, because you won't want to miss this rare solar event!

Scouts wanting to attend should register under the [Karankawa Work Day Link](#)

Cubs and their Packs should register here for the [Cub Eclipse Party!](#)

October 20-21 - Cub Family Camp at Camp Huisache

Cub Scouts and their families are invited to join us for a one-night adventure under the stars! Camp Friday night and enjoy Saturday activities. Your day at camp will be filled with fun activities for your Scout and the entire family. Take advantage of this opportunity to create new memories and enjoy some quality family time!

[Click here](#) to register!

October 20-21, and 21-22 - Cub Family Camp at Camp Karankawa

Whether you are an experienced camper or just getting started, this weekend is for you. Come spend one glorious night under the stars at beautiful Camp Karankawa located on Lake Corpus Christi.

Click [here](#) to register for October 20-21.

Click [here](#) to register for October 21-22.

October 28 - November 18 Scouting for Food

The Boy Scouts of America, South Texas Council will be holding its annual Scouting for Food drive to support local Food Banks in their mission to serve the needs of the community.

As Scouts, we know how fortunate we are to have a warm meal every night whether around the campfire or at the kitchen table. And we know that not everyone is so lucky. That's the genesis of Scouting for Food, the annual food-collection drive where every youth can give back. It's another reminder to our local communities that Scouts are here, doing good turns.

Scouts BSA Troops, Cub Scout Packs, Venture Crews, Sea Scout Ships, and Explorer Posts traditionally place door hangers or flyers on homes starting the week prior to the pick up date asking the community to place non-perishable food outside of their door for pick up on the morning of October 28th. The Scouts will start picking up donations as early as 8:00am from the neighborhoods where they have placed flyers.

The donations will go to help local food banks, pantries and agencies in their efforts to feed the hungry.

Get with your district committee to coordinate your district's drive.

Aztec District - alexandra.manrique@scouting.org

Sea Breeze District - james.rangel@scouting.org

La Salle District - james.rangel@scouting.org

Phoenix District - francisco.orzoco@scouting.org

Venado District - david.hebert@scouting.org

October 28 - Scoutreach Trunk or Treat

The Corpus Christi Metro Scoutreach program will be hosting a trunk or treat on the morning of October 28th for Cub Scouts enrolled in the Scoutreach program. All Troops and BSA members are welcome to join us in the parking lot of the Garcia Arts Education Center at 2021 Agnes St from 10am-12pm. Dress up, decorate a vehicle trunk, and hand out candy! For more information on how you can help out, please contact Carlos Sepulveda at carlos.sepulveda@scouting.org.

Scoutreach is an after school program serving title 1 schools in Corpus Christi and West Oso ISDs.

November 10-12 District Camporee

This fall Camporee is hosted by Phoenix and Seabreeze districts, and is open to all troops in the council! [Click here to register.](#)

Camporees are great team-building opportunity for troops. Patrols work together to compete in endurance, skills, and creative challenges. Webelos are encouraged to attend with their scout troops and participate in the activities.



Karankawa **WINTER** **CAMP**

December 27-30 - Karankawa Scouts BSA WINTER CAMP!

Join the festivities at Camp Karankawa during the most wonderful time of the year! Drink hot cocoa, earn merit badges, and make friends around a bonfire. This is one event no scout will want to miss! Pre-registration is now open. [Click here to learn more!](#)



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.



Order of the Arrow News

The Order of the Arrow will be having an ordeal at Camp Huisache on October 14-15, and a Haunted Trail at Camp Karankawa on October 21st. For more information contact Sharon Swize at ssswize@gmail.com.

OA members can register [here](#) to volunteer at the Haunted Trail.

Cub Scout Camping Reminders

Cub Scout Pack camping programs are an important element in the Cub Scout journey. Cub Scout camping guidelines are here to keep everyone safe.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

AOL specific guidelines have been recently updated:

The Arrow of Light Scouting Adventure is an important step to preparing our Arrow of Light Scouts to transition into a Scouts BSA troop. Part of this adventure provides them the opportunity to “participate in a troop’s campout or other outdoor activity. Use the patrol method while on the outing.”



As with all Scouting activities, this participation must follow the policies of the Boy Scouts of America as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting. Here are a few helpful tips:

- It is not required for the Scouts to camp overnight. The troop event could be a campout or other outdoor activity such as an age-appropriate hike or other outdoor event. That is a decision the Arrow of Light den, the den leadership, and the Scouts BSA troop they are working with should make in collaboration. If the troop and pack do not share the same charter partner, the troop and pack/AOL den **must receive permission from the council** to hold the join activity.
- If the outdoor event is an overnight campout and the Arrow of Light Scouts are staying overnight, the Arrow of Light den must camp according to the specific camping guidance for Cub Scout found in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#). This includes: 1.) The den must have a BALOO trained adult leader in attendance. 2.) Webelos and Arrow of Light Den Camping: Each Scout should attend with their parent(s) or guardian(s). A Webelos or Arrow of Light Scout whose parent or legal

guardian cannot attend a den overnight camping trip may participate under the supervision of at least two registered leaders. The leaders and a parent or legal guardian must agree to the arrangement, and all Youth Protection policies apply. Reminder, a Scout cannot share a tent with any adult other than their parent or guardian. 3.) Cub Scout youth may tent with a parent or guardian as outlined in Scouting's Barriers to Abuse.

- Scouting's Barriers to Abuse outline registration requirements for adults. AOL dens must have registered two deep leadership in attendance at the overnight event. Additional parents/legal guardians who also attend with their own child/legal ward may qualify for the registration exception indicated in Scouting's Barriers to Abuse so please review to determine applicability.
- What does it mean to "use the patrol method while on the outing"? First, engage the youth leadership of the troop you are collaborating with to find ways they can help the Arrow of Light Scouts in attendance see and experience the patrol method. There are many wonderful ways to use and see the patrol method during this event! Examples could include: 1.) Assign a member of the Arrow of Light den to serve as the "patrol leader" of their "Arrow of Light" patrol during the event. 2.) Provide the Arrow of Light den the opportunity to divide up chores or other necessary tasks to enable them to work together as a group to meet their group's goals. 3.) Showcase the patrol method through the Scouts BSA patrols in attendance at the event/activity so the Arrow of Light Scouts can see the value and fun that comes from participating in a patrol.
- Regardless of the activity, verify that your planned Arrow of Light "Scouting Adventure" aligns with the policies in the Guide to Safe Scouting, including whether the planned activities are approved for an Arrow of Light Scout to participate in. Check out the Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities for a reference.
- Finally the "SAFE Checklist" is a helpful tool for your Arrow of Light den leaders and Scouts BSA troop youth leaders and adults to review and use as they plan for a successful event.

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](#).

Annular Eclipse - October 14

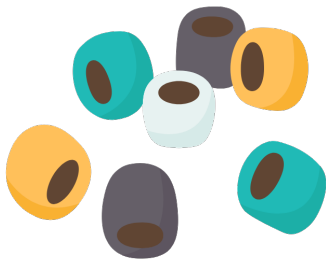
On October 14th, there will be an Annular Solar Eclipse, and Camp Karankawa will be directly in its path!

Timeline of Events as seen from Camp Karankawa:

10:25 am - Partial Eclipse begins
11:54 am - Full Eclipse begins
11:57 am - Maximum Eclipse
11:59 am - Full Eclipse ends
1:36 pm - Partial Eclipse ends

Never look directly at the sun, even during an eclipse! The sun's rays can burn your retinas and permanently damage your eyes. Always wear special eclipse glasses that are made to block all harmful rays -- regular sun glasses won't work!





Eclipse Activity #1

Did you know there are beads that change color in the sun? These UV-reactive beads can be found online and in craft stores for around the same price as the non-reactive kind.

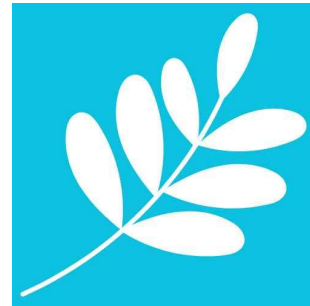
Use string to make bracelets, or lace beads on pipe cleaners to make unique creations. Let scouts experiment with the beads, observing the effects of UV radiation. What happens if you coat them in sunscreen or drop them in ice water?

Eclipse Activity #2

Solar paper (also known as Cyanotype paper) is a special paper coated in a light sensitive solution. When exposed to the sun, the compound reacts with the ultraviolet rays to create a deep blue pigment.

Have scouts arrange flower or leaf pieces to make unique designs on the paper. Place in the sun for about five minutes, or until the paper turns bright blue. Rinse thoroughly with water to remove any remaining solution and set the image. Place paper in the sun to dry.

Discuss how the sun's radiation can have an effect on objects even though they can't physically see the rays!



Council Program Calendar

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

Stay Connected!



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