



# STC Chronicles

*South Texas Council Scouting Updates*

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## Scouting Forward

This month we celebrate and recognize our 2023 Roy and Glenda Griffin Eagle Scout Class. All 68 Scouts that earned their Eagle Scout Rank are being honored for their accomplishments at the annual Eagle Scout Reception. The class is named after South Texas Council executive board members Roy and Glenda Griffin for their lifetime of exceptional service to Scouting.



Roy and Glenda have served in the field as Venturing Crew Advisors, in numerous district committee positions, and currently serve on the South Texas Council Executive Board. Roy is a past council president and Glenda served as an advisor to the Venturing Officers Association. They are generous Friends of Scouting Supporters and are members of the McIver Furman Legacy Society.

In 2023 over 19,000 community service hours were recorded through Eagle Rank service projects, the labor value of these hours is over \$400,000! The top 10 Eagle Rank service projects highlighting their impact in our communities along with the awarding of the Glenn and Melinda Adams Eagle Service Project of the Year Award will be presented this month.

Our Scouts are making an impact in their neighborhoods and communities every day, their commitment to be helpful at all times is amazing. When our Scouts recite the oath and law we sometimes wonder if they are truly understanding the words, but I know they do when I see the Eagle Scout service hours alone, not counting all the service hours for other ranks and special projects our Scouts perform every day.

Your impact as a volunteer Scout leader is valuable to the youth you mentor and serve.

Keep up the good work!

**Yours in Service,  
Marty Sepulveda  
Eagle Scout  
Scout Executive & CEO**

## Changes to BSA Fees

Effective **April 1, 2024**, the **BSA will eliminate the \$25 one-time joining fee** for new program participants in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting. The BSA will implement the following national membership fees, which were approved by the National Executive Committee in addition to the council \$24 program fee.

**\$85/yr** for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing and Sea Scouting participants (\$5 increase)

**\$65/yr** for all adult volunteers (\$5 increase)

**\$25/yr** for Merit Badge Counselors (No change in fee. This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers)

**\$50/yr** for Exploring participants youth & adults (No change in fee)

**\$100/yr** unit renewal/affiliation fee (No change in fee)

**\$15/yr** for *Scout Life* magazine (No change in fee)

**For a more detailed breakdown of fee changes, please visit our website here.**

## Youth Protection – Everybody’s Business

### **BSA Youth Protection Mission Statement**

True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. It is the mission of Youth Protection volunteers and professionals to work

within the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, territory, area, council, district, and unit levels.

[Protección Juvenil En Español](#)



### Leadership Selection

The Boy Scouts of America takes great pride in the quality of our adult leadership. *Being a leader in the BSA is a privilege, not a right.* The quality of the program and the safety of our youth members call for high-quality adult leaders.

The adult application requests background information that should be checked by the unit committee or the chartered organization before accepting an applicant for unit leadership. While no current screening techniques exist that can identify every potential child abuser, we can reduce the risk of accepting a child abuser by learning all we can about an applicant for a leadership position—his or her experience with children, why he or she wants to be a Scout leader, and what discipline techniques he or she would use.

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has a multilayered adult leader selection process that includes criminal background checks administered by a nationally recognized third party and other screening efforts. Click [here](#) for information on the selection process.

## Roy and Glenda Griffin Eagle Scout Class Reception

Honoring All 2023 Eagle Scouts

March 2, 2024 3:00pm Program – Reception to Follow

Del Mar College Oso Creek Campus  
Culinary Arts Building – Multipurpose Room  
[7002 Yorktown Blvd., Corpus Christi, TX 78414](#)

All 2023 Eagle Scouts from across the council are invited to attend and join in the celebration and the recognition of the top 10 Eagle Scout Service Projects. The highlight of the ceremony is the awarding of the South Texas Council's Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Service Project of the Year Award.

This is a Free Event – all are welcomed. [RSVP Here.](#)

For more information contact Marty Sepulveda at [martin.sepulveda@scouting.org](mailto:martin.sepulveda@scouting.org)



## Once an Eagle Scout, Always an Eagle Scout.

The South Texas Council Eagle Scout Association is looking for members.

### What is the South Texas Council Eagle Scout Association?

The South Texas Council (STC) Eagle Scout Association (ESA) is a local affiliate group of the National Eagle Scout Association. The STC ESA serves as the National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) connection, though one need not be a member of NESA to be a member of the Council ESA.

Councils are where the heart of the Alumni Program is located. The purposes of STC ESA are to:

- To support the council's mission and vision
- To help the council achieve its strategic goals.
- To find and encourage each Eagle Scout to serve as an active resource for the council's leadership and programs.

Local events include social activities, business networking, mentoring, serving as merit badge counselors, assisting with recognition events, and participating in council and community service opportunities. All in that effort to help bring our Alumni back to the program and further support our young people.

If you are interested in learning more about the STC ESA Coastal Bend Chapter contact Matt Adler, STC ESA Committee Chair at mattadler@sbcglobal.net or Marty Sepulveda, Scout Executive, at martin.sepulveda@scouting.org.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

## Camp Cards

### An Easy Way to Earn Funds!

Is your unit looking for an easy fundraiser? Why not try the 2024 Camp Card Sale? Your unit can earn a 50% commission on every card sold. No upfront deposit or cost to sell, simply sign up and check out the number of cards your unit wants to sell.

These are special community cards for the Coastal Bend Area and can be picked up at the Council Service Center.

[For more information click here.](#)



## March Safety Moment - Risk Assessment

**The Guide to Safe Scouting asks us to assess risks for activities that are not covered by the BSA program.**

This begs the question: How do I assess risks?

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The BSA National Health and Safety Committee has developed the following tools to help assess risks in Scouting:

- The enterprise analysis tool is primarily used to record, assess, and manage council-wide risks. The risks identified using this tool should be serious enough to jeopardize council operations. This tool may cover many areas, such as financial, legal, or liability risks.
- Program hazard analysis is used mainly for program areas within camps or high-adventure bases. It covers specific risks to the program areas. This tool has a defined way of assessing probability and severity of risks.
- Safety checklists are used for small events or campouts. Checklists provide a body of knowledge for running Scouting activities safely. Like an airline pilot reviewing a checklist before takeoff, these tools help to make sure critical safeguards are in place for a specific Scouting activity.
- The Safety PAUSE (Pause, Assess, Understand, Share, and Execute) process stresses the importance of a last-minute safety check in the field. By encouraging each Scout or adult leader to pause and reflect on the tasks at hand just before beginning, you have an opportunity to take necessary precautions to prevent any present or potential hazards. This is not a stand-alone tool. A formal risk assessment should be done first, such as a safety checklist or a program hazard analysis (PHA).
- You can reference the Enterprise Risk Management Committee Guidebook to learn exactly how to use these tools. Reach out to Scouters in your units or councils with backgrounds in risk management or safety. Doing risk assessments is likely part of their everyday routine. With their know-how and these tools, risk assessing can be easily accomplished.

## RESOURCES

- Guide to Safe Scouting
- Scouting Safely
- Program Hazard Analysis
- Enterprise Risk Analysis Tool
- Event Safety Checklist
- Campout Safety Checklist
- Safety PAUSE
- Enterprise Risk Management Committee Guidebook



[More information on Risk Assessment Can Be Found Here](#)

## Council Camporee at McGloin Ranch!

**April 12-14, 2024**

Come join us for a special Council Camporee full of adventure for Troops, Crews, Ships and Posts! The main day consists of 13 different Stations with exciting and challenging games for Patrols to compete in, but the weekend is filled to capacity with activities and events from start to finish! Here is a sample of some of the highlights:

- Living history exhibits and museum tours.
- Order of the Arrow events
- Campsite element contests
- Raft and running relay races
- Dutch oven exhibit and free samples!
- Leader tournaments and competitions
- Cracker barrel and music by the Nueces River
- Hay Rides!

Many more activities are planned, check out the leaders guide for a full list of events.  
[Click here to register today!](#)



## National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

**June 23-29, 2024**  
Camp Karankawa

\* We are still looking for staff members, if you are a former NYLT graduate, are a team player, and looking for some extra adventure, we want you!

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.

Fee: \$325 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](mailto:francisco.orozco@scouting.org).

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

All areas wanted. Contact James Rangel at [James.Rangel@scouting.org](mailto:James.Rangel@scouting.org) or Francisco Orozco at [Francisco.Orozco@scouting.org](mailto:Francisco.Orozco@scouting.org) to schedule an interview.



[Click Here to Apply Now!](#)

### Plan for Spring Recruitment!

It is never too early to think about expanding your unit! Now is the time to start thinking about recruiting those families that might have missed joining during the fall season.

Here are some items your unit can take advantage of:

- Den Open Houses can help grow your den size. Strive for a goal of 8 youth minimum per den.
- Troops can visit with fifth graders and invite them to the Scout BSA program in March, possibly even creating a brand-new patrol for scouts. Do not forget about Arrow of Light scouts that will need a troop!
- Crews, Ships, and Posts can visit eighth graders and invite them to join after their fourteenth birthday or after completing the eighth grade.
- All units can host an 'invite-a-friend' event and invite families around the community to a bowling party, barbecue, or other fun community gathering.

School recruitments are a great way to bring in extra scouts from the area. If you already did a recruitment in the fall, don't hesitate to do another one in the spring -- it is a great opportunity to get more people involved in scouting.

Remember, membership fees cover 12 months, so don't hesitate to recruit no matter what time of year it is.

Contact your district executive to set up Spring Recruitment now!  
[Click here for membership recruitment ideas and resources.](#)

By Mike Ledbetter, Council Commissioner

#### Four Ways To Know If An Activity Is Considered S.A.F.E For Scouts:

##### 1. Is it Scouting?

If in doubt, check it out. Scouting is defined by published program materials. If you don't see an activity included, it may not be "Scouting".

##### 2. Does it support Scouting's values?

While "fun" is an essential element of Scouting, it isn't one of its values.

##### 3. Is it age appropriate?

If in doubt, check it out: [Age Appropriate Guidelines For Scouting Activities](#)

##### 4. Is it prohibited or unauthorized?

If in doubt, check it out: [Prohibited and Unauthorized Activities](#)



## Events

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The reception will be at 3pm at Del Mar College. This is a free event, and all are welcomed. Registration is required for program planning. [RSVP Here](#).

### March 16 - Workday at Karankawa

The day will run from 8am-5pm and is coordinated by the Camp Karankawa maintenance committee. Bring your water, sunscreen, work gloves, and great attitude! All volunteers will receive a camp service patch for participating. For more information contact the Camp Maintenance Committee Chairmen, Doug Manheimer at [ManheimerD@bayltd.com](mailto:ManheimerD@bayltd.com)

### March 22-24 - Cub Family Campout at Karankawa

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 adventures 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!](#)

### April 6th - Workday at Camp Huisache

Come ready to trim trees, pick up trash, and clean trails! The workday runs from around 8-11:30am. Bring your sunscreen and water! For more information and to RSVP [click here!](#)

### April 12-14 - Council Camporee @ McGloin Ranch

The 2024 Council Camporee will be held at the McGloin Ranch near Old San Patricio on April 12-14 and will have an Irish theme. Troops, Crews, Ships, and Posts - we hope everyone will be able to attend! [Click here to register!](#)

### April 19-20 - Cub Family Campout at Camp Huisache

Cub Scouts of all ages are invited to join the \*Mystery Team\* during our Cub Scout Investigator themed Spring Family Campout! Along with tons of Scouting fun, we will also work on advancement from the Cub Scout program.

[Click here to register now!](#)

### June - Scouts BSA Summer Camp

Join us for an extra-special 80th anniversary summer camp at Karankawa! Check out the leader's guide [here](#), and [Click here for early registration](#).

## June 23-29, 2024 - NYLT Camp Karankawa

Fee: \$325 per participant. [Click here to register](#).

For more information about NYLT contact Francisco Orozco, staff advisor, at 361-816-3868 or [francisco.orozco@scouting.org](mailto:francisco.orozco@scouting.org).

# Karankawa

**80 Years Old**

## 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!



## District Events

### Aztec District

March 8-10 - [Merit Badge Weekend @ Camp Huisache](#)

March 9 - [Pinewood Derby Workshop 10am-12pm](#)

March 12 - District Meeting 6:30PM

March 16 - District Pinewood Derby 1PM

March 21 - [FOS Dinner 6:30PM](#)

April 6 - [Camp Cleanup 9AM](#)

April 9 - District Meeting

April 19-20 - [Cub Family Campout 6PM @ Camp Huisache](#)



### Sea Breeze District

**March 7** - Roundtable for all leaders - Topic: Year-round Planning @6PM Council Service Center

**March 12** - Commissioners Meeting

**March 27** - District Committee Meeting

**April 4** - Roundtable for all leaders - Topic: Changes to the Cub Scout Program @6PM Council Flournoy Service Center

**April 31** - District Committee Meeting

**May 2** - Roundtable for all leaders - Topic: Summer of Scouting @6PM Council Flournoy Service Center

### La Salle District

**April 11** - District Committee Meeting - Fireside Chat with Council Key Three

### Phoenix District

**March 21** - District Meeting

**April 18** - District meeting

### Venado District

**March 2** - Venado District Pinewood Derby

**April 11** - District Roundtable Meeting 6-7PM

## Order of the Arrow News



### A Message From the Lodge Advisor:

Karankawa Lodge is pleased to announce that it is time for the OA elections. We can assist with elections, please contact Sharon Swize, Lodge Advisor at [ssswize@gmail.com](mailto:ssswize@gmail.com) or Henry Ruschhaupt, Lodge Chief at [karankawalodgechief.307@gmail.com](mailto:karankawalodgechief.307@gmail.com), to help with the election process.

We will be having a call out at the Council Camporee in April and an ordeal in May. We would like to have unit elections prior to April.  
Download the Candidate Information Form [Here](#)  
Download the Unit Election Report [Here](#)  
Download Unit Election Ballots [Here](#)  
For more news and info click [here](#) to visit our website.

## Cub Scout Day Camps!

Summer Will Be Here Before You Know It!

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.

District Day Camp Summer Schedule:

**Seabreeze** - June 17-21. For more information contact Pauline at [ppaycheck82@gmail.com](mailto:ppaycheck82@gmail.com).

**Venado** - TBD

**Phoenix** - May 31-June 2 More information coming soon.

**Aztec** - July 8-10, More information coming soon.

**La Salle** - TBD



## Woodbadge - Register Now!

**October 4-6, 2024**

**November 2-3, 2024**

Camp Karankawa

Wood Badge is an advanced national leadership course open only to Scouting volunteers and professionals. Scouters from Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and district & council Scouters -- all are encouraged to attend.

The training focuses on enhancing listening skills, conflict resolution, leadership styles, team development, coaching & mentoring, project planning, and more! This multi-day course is taught through a series of presentations, games, discussions, activities, and other engaging learning methods.

The course will help you better understand how all the Scouting programs tie together. It will provide you with many useful leadership tools to help enable our youth to have the best possible Scouting experience. There is no better time to attend a Wood Badge course and make a difference in your unit than right now!

Fee: \$325 Before August 31, \$350 After August 31.

For more information, please contact:

David Hebert at [David.Hebert@scouting.org](mailto:David.Hebert@scouting.org) or Jennifer Swan at [jswan0529@gmail.com](mailto:jswan0529@gmail.com)



[Click Here to Register!](#)

## Exciting News About the Cub Scout Program!

*By Michele Gaines*

Cub Scouts are getting a major upgrade!

5 years of hard work and research, coupled with a close look at how the Cub Scout program is actually used by the, 'boots on the ground' has lead to a revamp of the curriculum. The new program is fun, simple, and easy for leaders (seasoned or new) to deliver Scouting in a meaningful way to Cubs.

The program hasn't lost anything. In fact, just the opposite is true. The underutilized parts of the program, (like awards) have been redesigned into elective adventures where they will be closer at hand for leaders, and be offered to Cubs more regularly.

A few key highlights:

- The required adventures have been realigned to create an organized and systematic path from rank to rank.
- Tons of elective adventures have been added to keep challenging Scouts throughout the year.
- Many of the traditional Scout activities like camping, fishing, biking and swimming have been added as elective adventures at each rank to encourage Scouts to keep doing the things Scouting is known for.
- The program has been realigned so each grade level has their own rank.

These exciting renovations are only a sampling of the great things to come. Your Scouts may not notice the upgrades, but volunteer Scout leaders will definitely notice how much easier it is to run a den meeting, and new parents will be able to understand the program with ease.

Look for new Scout handbooks to hit the Scout Shop soon.

The program upgrades go live June 1, ensuring the 2024-2025 Cub Scout year will be amazing!

[Click here for more information on the new Cub Scout Program Updates.](#)

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## Council Program Calendar

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

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**Stay Connected!**

