

CAMP KARANKAWA

NOVEMBER 22-24, 2024 CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMPOUT
PARENT'S GUIDE

CUB SCOUT *Family* CAMPOUT!

GET READY FOR A GREAT
ADVENTURE!



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INTRODUCTION

This Parent's Guide is designed to assist you in effectively planning your Camp Karankawa Cub Scout Family Campout, and to be your "guide" during your adventures at camp.

If, after reading this guide, you have any unanswered questions, please feel free to contact the camp leadership:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

VEHICLES IN CAMP

No vehicles are allowed in Campsites or to drive in camp, except to drop-off equipment during check-in, and to pick up equipment during check-out. No riders are allowed in the backs of pickups or trucks. All riders must have a seat belt. If possible, consolidate bulky items into one vehicle to help in transporting them to campsites.

FOOD ALLERGIES & DIETARY NEEDS

If you have any special dietary needs due to food sensitivities or religious restrictions, please let the Camp Director know at least two weeks in advance so that we can make every effort to accommodate you.

LOST AND FOUND

All lost and found items will be kept at Camp Headquarters. Unclaimed items will be donated.

Located on the shores of scenic Lake Corpus Christi, near Mathis, this 130-acre Scout camp includes 15 campsites. A beautiful 300 person Air Conditioned Dining Hall, 3 state-of-the-art restroom/shower buildings, and an awe-inspiring chapel overlooking Lake Corpus Christi.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CAMP KARANKAWA ADDRESS
Camp Karankawa
23564 Park Road 25
Mathis, TX 78368

SOUTH TEXAS COUNCIL OFFICE
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Fax: (361) 814-5798

DIRECTOR
Chelise Hyatt: (361) 500-3646

CAMP RANGER
(361) 816-3891

CAMP KARANKAWA SONG

On the hill above the water
Up above the trees,
Flows the flag of Camp Karankawa
Waving in the breeze.
Camp Karankawa, Camp Karankawa
With your boys so true.
Scouts and Scouters all together,
Sing their praise to you.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

DIRECTIONS FROM CORPUS CHRISTI

Travel north on Interstate 37 to Mathis, Texas.

Take exit 34 towards Lake Corpus Christi State Recreation Area.

Turn left at State Highway 359. Travel on State Highway 359 south to Mathis.

Turn right on to park road 25 right before the Nueces River Bridge.

Follow park road 25 until you come to the entrance leading to the Lake Corpus Christi State Park.

Turn left into the entrance to the park.

Proceed towards the park until you reach the fork in the road.

Take the right fork right before entering State Park Headquarters to Camp Karankawa. Travel on road until you reach the camp entrance, turn left into the entrance and follow driveway to camp parking lot.

DIRECTIONS FROM VICTORIA

Take US 59 south to Beeville (55 miles). Take US 181 south to Skidmore (12 miles).

Follow TX 359 southwest into Mathis. Travel on State Highway 359 through Mathis.

Turn right on to park road 25 right before the Nueces River Bridge.

Follow park road 25 until you come to the entrance leading to the Lake Corpus Christi State Park.

Turn left into the entrance to the park. Proceed towards the park until you reach the fork in the road.

Take the right fork right before entering State Park Headquarters to Camp Karankawa.

Travel on road until you reach the camp entrance, turn left into the entrance and follow driveway to camp parking lot.

DIRECTIONS FROM LAREDO

Take US 59 north to Freer. Take State Hwy 44 east to Alice. Take TX 359 north to Mathis.

Cross the Nueces River Bridge and then turn left at Park Road 25. Follow this road until you come to the entrance leading to the Lake Corpus Christi State Park. Turn left into the entrance to the park.

Proceed towards the park until you reach the fork in the road. Take the right fork right before entering State Park Headquarters to Camp Karankawa.

Travel on road until you reach the camp entrance, turn left into the entrance and follow driveway to camp parking lot.



23564 Park Road 25

Entrance

GPS Coord. 28.071658N, 97.883772W

1.5 Miles To 1068



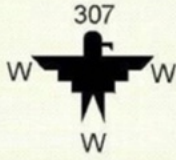
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Main Gate



130 Acres
Founded 1947



307

Archery Range

Rifle Range

Shotgun Range

Mesquite Lodge
Staff Cabins

PARKING

Maintenance Barn

Ranger's House

Health Lodge

Vern Herring
Visitor's Center

Dining Hall

Camp
Headquarters

Trading Post
& RESTROOMS

Staff Cabins

RESTROOMS
& SHOWERS

C.O.P.E.

Cabin 17

Carter
Campfire
Circle

Council
Ring

8

10

12

Scoutcraft
Area

Nature
Area

13

Swimming
Pool

RESTROOMS
& SHOWERS

6

Waterfront

C

14

5

4

RESTROOMS
& SHOWERS

PARKING

15

16

3

Chapel

Training
Center

1

2

Lake Corpus Christi

Lake Corpus Christi State Park



**GENERAL CAMP FACILITIES
ALSO INCLUDE:**

- Extensive Waterfront
- Health Lodge
- Shower & Bathroom Facilities
- Office
- Heritage Center
- Scoutcraft Area
- Gaga Ball Pit
- Carter Campfire Circle
- Swimming Pool
- Training Center
- Climbing Wall
- Fishing Areas
- Trails
- Paintball
- Kayaking
- Canoeing
- Paddle Boarding
- Sailing
- Snorkeling
- Tomahawk Throwing

CAMP AMENITIES

CAMPSITES

All 15 campsites have a fire ring, picnic area, and nearby bathroom & shower facilities.

CAMP TRADING POST

Open throughout the day, the Trading Post offers a variety of Scout items such as socks, hats, shirts, merit badge books, handicraft provisions, toothpaste, candy, juices, ice cream and a wide assortment of souvenirs. Cash and credit cards accepted.

DINING HALL

All meals are provided by professional cooks and served (cafeteria style) by our staff. Well-planned meals provide a balanced diet and seconds are usually available.

RANGES

The B.B. Gun and Archery facilities have been designed with safety in mind, and are certified by BSA standards.

MESQUITE LODGE/SCOUTMASTER LOUNGE

Adult Leaders can enjoy our Scoutmaster Lounge which offers air-conditioning, WIFI, and couches. This is a great place to relax or get caught up on any work you may need to take care of.



NATIONAL CAMP STANDARDS

Every year, Camp Karankawa undergoes an inspection conducted by a team representing the Boy Scouts of America. The inspectors ensure adherence to all standards & regulations and grant certification through the National Camp Accreditation Program. Additionally, the camp is regularly inspected by the Texas Health Department. The Health Lodge is overseen by a qualified healthcare professional who performs routine health checks and addresses any issues. Camp Karankawa's stringent health and safety protocols are maintained at all times.



CAMP KARANKAWA STAFF AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. To provide every camper with a wholesome and safe experience.
2. To help campers develop a keen awareness and appreciation for the great outdoors and to motivate them to assume the responsibility for living in harmony with nature.
3. To help fulfill the basic objectives of Scouting America – building character, citizenship training, physical and mental fitness – through personal examples, stimulation and educational programs.
4. To demonstrate an enthusiastic Scouting Spirit and good leadership.
5. To exemplify the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.
6. To promote a spirit of genuine friendliness and understanding of others and cooperation.



REFUND POLICY

Refunds of prepaid camp fees will be made by check to the participant's unit or the individual who paid the fee as follows:

- Written refund requests received at the Scout Service Center more than 45 days before the first day of the camp will be refunded in their entirety except for \$65.00.
- Written refund requests received at the Scout Service Center 45 days or less before the first day of the camp and more than 7 days before the participant's scheduled arrival at camp will be refunded in their entirety less 60%.
- No refunds will be granted less than 7 days before the participant's arrival at camp.

Written refund requests will be granted, unquestioned, according to the guidelines outlined above. Prepaid camp fees may be transferred to another Scout within the same Scouting unit without a penalty. This refund policy is being enacted to provide the maximum flexibility to Scouts and their families while protecting the council's pre-paid camp expenses based on the unit's reservation numbers.

CAMP STAFF MISSION STATEMENT

To provide scouts and scouters with a fun, educational, and memorable experience in order to perpetuate the values and traditions of Camp Karankawa through the worldwide movement of Scouting.



INFORMATION FOR GROWN-UPS

This parent's guide will break down the specifics of what your Scouts will accomplish at camp.

Each scout will be organized into camp dens, allowing us to customize the program for each cub, keeping the safety of each scout the top priority and ensuring all activities are age appropriate, engaging, educational, and fun!

Our hope is that everyone has an wonderful time while at Karankawa! Going to camp is an amazing part of childhood. Spending time in the outdoors, meeting new friends, having adventures, developing new skills, and making life-long memories.

If you, a Scout, or someone else is having a difficult time, please reach out to the Camp Leadership and we will do everything we can to take care of the matter as fast as possible ensuring everyone gets the most out of their camping experience.

FIRST TIME ADULT AT CAMP?

YOUTH PROTECTION:

The Youth Protection Policies of the Boy Scouts of America are practiced at Camp Karankawa. To insure that all Scouts have their privacy respected, National Camp Standards require that all adults and youth shower separately.

SECURITY AT CAMP:

Be certain to secure all valuables. Keep spending money in a safe place and work with the Scouts to provide only the amount of money that they need each day. Please report all suspicious activities to camp staff. This is for the safety of all campers.

ADULT IN-STATE COMPLIANCE FORM.

ALL ADULTS attending any BSA resident camp in the state of Texas are required to complete and submit copies prior to check-in of their current **Youth Protection Training** and **Adult In State Compliance Form**.

YOUTH CAMP SAFETY ACT COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

ADULT MEMBERS/PARENTS/STAFF (18 YEARS OR OLDER) Completed form **MUST BE** in council office **AT LEAST 2 WEEKS** prior to arrival at camp. Adults not in compliance with the state law will be asked to leave camp.

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST BRING THEIR PROPERLY COMPLETED MEDICAL FORMS. PARTS A & B .



POLICIES PERTAINING TO ALL SCOUTS, LEADERS, STAFF AND VISITORS

- It is against the policies of Scouting America to possess or consume any form of alcoholic beverages, drugs or narcotics (not under the prescription of a physician licensed to practice medicine) on any property owned or operated by Scouting America.
- The South Texas Council also prohibits the possession or use of any type of fireworks on camp property.
- Hazing of any form is considered child abuse and will not be tolerated anywhere under the auspices of Scouting America.
- Do not cut live trees.
- Absolutely no candles, flames or open fires of any kind may be used in tents. Only battery lanterns are permitted in tents.



CAMP POLICIES

INSECT CONTROL

Parents should make sure that their Scout be prepared for insect control. A good insect repellent will handle the situation.

Both insect repellent and mosquito netting will be available at the Camp Trading Post. **DO NOT** spray insect repellent on tent surfaces (it destroys waterproofing). If ant problems occur, contact the Camp Ranger for assistance.

MEDICATIONS AT CAMP

Medications to be taken at camp may either be turned in at the Health Lodge during medical recheck or kept under lock & key at the campsite. All medications must be in the proper original containers labeled with the name of the medication and written dosage directions. Use the Medication Check In form located in the forms section of the Parent's Guide.

YOUTH PROTECTION

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CAMP STAFF AREA

Scouts and Leaders are not allowed in the camp staff personnel area at any time unless permitted by the camp director.

SHOWER HOUSES AND RESTROOMS

Please supervise your Scouts when they are using the facilities to ensure they are caring for the facilities properly.

Please ensure if the Scouts are using the facilities they are out by a reasonable time as some are very close to campsites and we must be "courteous" to our fellow campers.

DISCIPLINE

The conduct and discipline of your Cub Scout is your responsibility. We ask for your cooperation. Camp Staff will not discipline Scouts unless serious bodily injury or property damage may result. Your campsite is your home. Entering another campsite or loitering there can cause problems.



FORMS:

**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO DOWNLOAD AND
FILL OUT
IMPORTANT CAMP
FORMS**



CAMP EMERGENCY PLANS

LIGHTNING

If you are caught in an exposed place, quickly move in a direction away from the direction of the approaching storm, and squat down, keeping your head low. A dense forested area located in a depression provides the best protection. Avoid taking shelter under isolated trees or trees much taller than adjacent trees. Stay away from water, metal objects, and other substances that will conduct electricity long distances.

By squatting with your feet close together, you have minimal contact with the ground, thus reducing danger from ground currents. If the threat of lightning strikes is great, your group should not huddle together but spread out at least 15 feet apart. If one member of your group is jolted, the rest of you can tend to him. Whenever lightning is nearby, take off backpacks with either external or internal metal frames. In tents, stay at least a few inches from metal tent poles.

In the event of lightning or thunder, all aquatics and target activities will be suspended until the storm passes.



WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

NOVEMBER 22-23

Friday - Nov 22	*There is no Dinner at camp on Friday Night, but outside snacks are allowed if needed.
5:30PM	Check-In/Set-Up * and Fun & Games IN THE DINING HALL
8:00PM-8:30PM	Campfire at the COUNCIL FIRE RING
9:00PM	Cracker Barrel in the DINING HALL
10:00PM	Lights out/Quiet Time
Saturday - Nov 23	
7:20AM	Flags in front of the DINING HALL
7:30AM	Breakfast in the DINING HALL
8:00AM-9:20AM	GROUP 1 - Kayaking AT THE WATERFRONT GROUP 2 - BBs BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 3 - Cooking Adventures IN THE DINING HALL GROUP 4 - Let's Camp! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL
9:30AM-10:50	GROUP 1 - Let's Camp! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL GROUP 2 - Kayaking AT THE WATERFRONT GROUP 3 - BBs BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 4 - Cooking Adventures IN THE DINING HALL
11:00AM-12:20PM	GROUP 1 - Cooking Adventures IN THE DINING HALL GROUP 2 - Let's Camp! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL GROUP 3 - Kayaking AT THE WATERFRONT GROUP 4 - BBs BEHIND THE DINING HALL
12:30PM	Lunch
1:00PM - 2:20PM	GROUP 1 - Build it up, Knock it Down IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL GROUP 2 - Cooking Adventures IN THE DINING HALL GROUP 3 - Let's Camp! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL GROUP 4 - Kayaking AT THE WATERFRONT
2:30	Cub Scout Pizzaz! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL
2:45	Check-Out/Tear Down
3:30PM-5:30PM	Camp Karankawa Carnival!!! IN THE DINING HALL

THERE WILL BE DINNER AT 6:00PM ON SATURDAY IN THE DINING HALL FOR INDIVIDUALS REGISTERED FOR THE FULL WEEKEND.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

























NOVEMBER 23-24

Saturday - Nov 23	*The Dinner on Saturday is only available to individuals who have registered for the full weekend. Please bring outside snacks if needed.
3:30-5:30	Camp Karankawa Carnival!! IN THE DINING HALL
5:30PM	Check-In/Set-Up * and Fun & Games IN THE DINING HALL
8:00PM-8:30PM	Campfire at the COUNCIL FIRE RING
9:00PM	Cracker Barrel in the DINING HALL
10:00PM	Lights out/Quiet Time
Sunday - Nov 24	
7:20AM	Flags in front of the DINING HALL
7:30AM	Breakfast in the DINING HALL
8:00AM-9:20AM	GROUP 4 - Plant Science IN THE NATURE AREA GROUP 2 - Archery BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 3 - Climbing Adventures IN C.O.P.E. GROUP 4 - Fishing AT THE WATERFRONT
9:30AM-10:50	GROUP 1 - Fishing AT THE WATERFRONT GROUP 1 - Plant Science IN THE NATURE AREA GROUP 3 - Archery BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 4 - Climbing Adventures IN C.O.P.E.
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2:30	Cub Scout Pizzaz! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL
2:45	Check-Out/Tear Down

BELT LOOPS

SCOUTS CAN EARN UP TO 4 BELT LOOPS! *

*The AOL Elective 'Outdoor Adventure' can only be completed by participating in a patrol campout, and will not be fully completed during this weekend adventure .

Lion	Built It Up, Knock It Down 	Archery 	Go Fish 	Let's Camp! 
Tiger	BB Gun 	Archery 	Go Fish 	Let's Camp! 
Wolf	BB Gun 	Archery 	A Wolf Goes Fishing 	Let's Camp! 
Bear	BB Gun 	Archery 	A Bear Goes Fishing 	Let's Camp! 
Webelos	BB Gun 	Archery 	Catch the Big One 	Let's Camp! 
Arrow of Light	BB Gun 	Archery 	Fishing 	Let's Camp! 

CAMP REGISTRATION AND FEES - NOV 22-24

CAMP FEES

Youth 5 and over - \$45/night or \$85/Full Weekend.

Adults - \$30/night or \$55/Full Weekend.

Under age 5 free.

Tent rentals are available for \$40 for the weekend.

Tents comfortably hold 3 people and will be set up and taken down by event staff.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!

AT MINIMUM ONE
PARENT PER FAMILY
NEEDS TO CAMP
WITH THEIR SCOUTS

Full
Weekend
Bonuses!

Register to stay the full weekend and get the following extras for free:

- \$5 Discount per person off Camp Fees.
- Museum Tours and Scavenger Hunt from 5:30-7:30 Saturday Evening.
- Dinner Saturday Night at 6:00PM in the Dining Hall.
- Fun and Games in the Dining Hall from 5:30-7:30 Saturday Evening.

WHAT ARE THE CUB SCOUT SIX ESSENTIALS?

THESE ARE ITEMS EVERY CUB SCOUT SHOULD CARRY IN THEIR PERSONAL GEAR WHEN GOING ON HIKES OR CAMPOUTS:

- FIRST-AID KIT: ADHESIVE BANDAGES, MOLESKIN, GAUZE, ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT, ETC.
- WATER BOTTLE: FILLED AND LARGE ENOUGH TO LAST UNTIL IT CAN BE FILLED AGAIN
- FLASHLIGHT: FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY
- TRAIL FOOD: CAN BE MADE AS A DEN ACTIVITY PRIOR TO HIKE OR CAMPOUT
- SUN PROTECTION: SUNSCREEN OF SPF 30 OR GREATER AND A HAT
- WHISTLE: ALSO FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY

PACKING LIST

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU BRING THE FOLLOWING TO CAMP

- TENT OR TARP, POLES, AND STAKES
- WATERPROOF GROUND CLOTH OR PLASTIC SHEET
- SLEEPING BAG, PILLOW, AIR MATTRESS OR PAD
- CUP, BOWL, PLATE, KNIFE, FORK, SPOON, MESH BAG
- CLOTHES BAG
- SWIMSUIT
- CUB SCOUT UNIFORM
- PONCHO OR RAINCOAT
- PAJAMAS
- UNDERWEAR
- DURABLE SHOES, SHOE LACES
- HAT
- GLOVES
- EXTRA SOCKS, SHOES, OTHER EXTRA CLOTHING
- TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH, COMB
- WASHCLOTH, TOWEL
- SOAP
- EXTRA PLASTIC BAG OR CONTAINER
- FIRST AID KIT
- WATER BOTTLE
- FLASHLIGHT, BATTERIES
- SUNSCREEN
- INSECT REPELLENT
- WHISTLE
- SAFETY PINS



ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME

- FIREWORKS
- FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION
- BOWS AND ARROWS
- ELECTRONIC GAMES
- PETS