



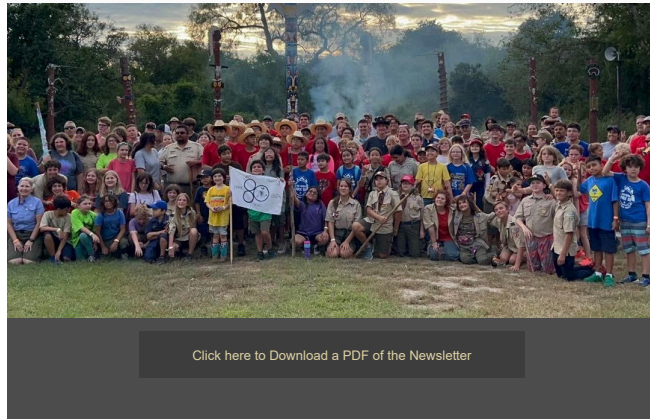
# STC Chronicles

South Texas Council Scouting Updates

## Quick Highlights

Click the events below for more information.

- Oct 3 - Unit Recharter Training
- Oct 4-6 & Nov 2-3 - 2024 Woodbadge Training
- October 11 - Toughest Scout Challenge
- October 12 - Workday at Camp Karankawa and Huisache
- October 18-20 - Cub Fall Family Campout @ Camp Karankawa
- October 26 - Scoutreach Trunk or Treat
- November 9 - Council Leadership Summit
- November 16 - Javelina Night TX A&M Kingsville
- November 16 - Scouting for Food
- November 22-24 - Cub Family Campout @ Camp Karankawa
- November 23 - Scout Trek Family 5K & 10K
- December 6-8 - OA Fellowship
- December 26-30 - Scouts BSA Winter Camp



[Click here to Download a PDF of the Newsletter](#)

## Scouting Forward

Dear South Texas Council Scouting Family,

Our Camp Karankawa 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bash was a success! Over 450 Scouts, Scouters, family members, guests, and alumni attended Saturday's events including the Camp Staff and Eagle Scout reunions. Check out photos on social media and the council website (see recap article below). All in all, this was a great Scouting event highlighting our local Scouting program, and the only thing that would have made it better would be more Scouts running around our beloved Camp Karankawa.

Fall is a great time to go camping to practice our outdoor skills including leave no trace practices. Whether you are a new Cub Scout parent or a seasoned Scouter let's take our Scouts camping and allow them to make lasting memories and build the next generation of Scouting alumni. I hope to see you this Fall at a Cub Scout Family Campout, Woodbadge Training, Order of the Arrow Fellowship, or Scouts BSA Winter Camp. Let's go camping!

Youth Protection Training is vital to our commitment to keep our Scouts safe, be sure to check your Youth Protection Training expiration date to stay compliant. Our local council policy is to take the training annually and November is our designated Youth Protection Training month, but don't wait, do it early and be a supporter of our safety commitment to our Scouts.

I'll close by congratulating our units that are participating in the Hit a Home Run for Scouting membership growth tournament, the South Texas Council ended September with 2.6% growth over last September. We have achieved 25 months of positive month-over-month growth, way to go STC!

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



# Scouting America

THE MISSION OF SCOUTING AMERICA IS TO PREPARE YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE ETHICAL AND MORAL CHOICES OVER THEIR LIFETIMES BY INSTILLING IN THEM THE VALUES OF THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW.

THE VISION OF THE BSA: SCOUTING AMERICA WILL PREPARE EVERY ELIGIBLE YOUTH IN AMERICA TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE, PARTICIPATING CITIZEN AND LEADER WHO IS GUIDED BY THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW.

## November is Youth Protection Month!

The South Texas Council (STC) Scouting America firmly believes that being an adult leader in Scouting is a privilege, not a right. Every adult leader must undergo an extensive, multilayered selection process to ensure they will uphold Scouting America's proud commitment to youth safety.

**All STC adult volunteers must be registered with the BSA and trained in youth protection** to ensure that all adults know how to recognize and correctly report behaviors suspicious for grooming and abuse.  
**Any adult who goes camping with a Troop, Crew, Ship, or Post must be registered and be current on their Youth Protection Training (YPT).**

Although the current Scouting America Youth Protection Training is valid for two years, the STC requires all volunteer leaders to have a valid YPT Certificate for their entire registration period/year. In other words, it must be taken annually and the STC has adopted November as our Youth Protection Training renewal month. For more on youth safety, please look at the [Youth Protection page](#) on the national BSA website.

### How to Complete Online Youth Protection Training

**First-time users:** Visit the [My.Scouting website](#) and create an account. From the [My.Scouting](#) portal, Youth Protection Training is available through the BSA Learn Center. The course has three learning modules and a certification test. You must complete all four parts. Upon completion, print the training certificate. Training certificates must accompany all adult applications.

**Returning users:** Log in to the [My.Scouting website](#). Click on "Menu," then "My Dashboard." On the Youth Protection Training listing, choose "Retake Course." Complete the training and print out the completion certificate. Records sync with the national and council databases within 24-48 hours of completion.

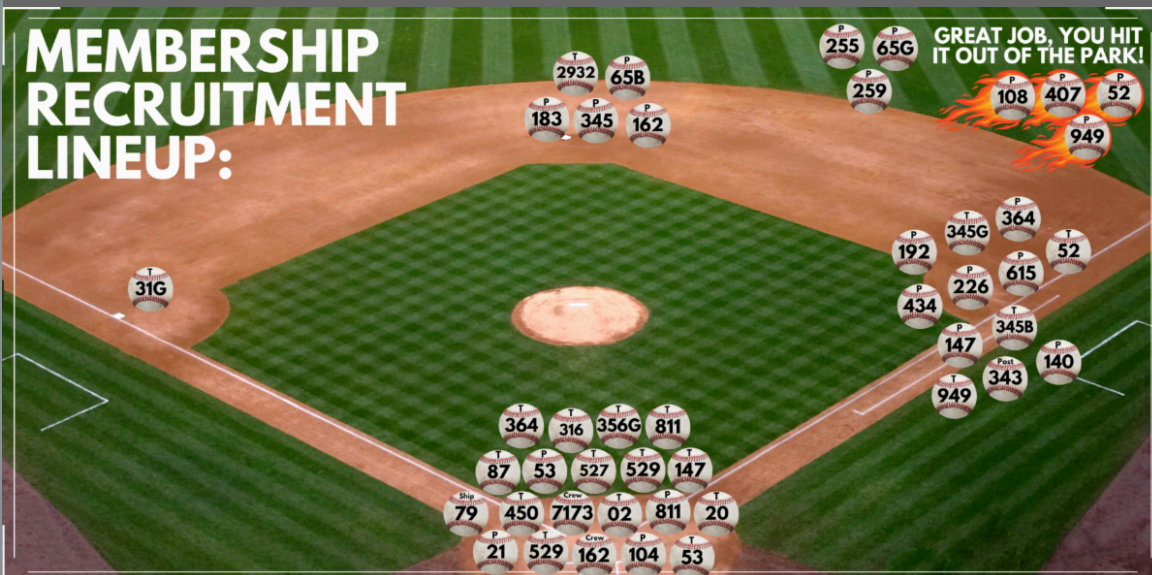
If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Karl Kemm, Council Training Chair, or James Rangel, Assistant Scout Executive.

Karl Kemm: [kkemm@delmar.edu](mailto:kkemm@delmar.edu)

James Rangel: [james.rangel@scouting.org](mailto:james.rangel@scouting.org)



## STC Membership Recruitment Update!



**Congratulations Pack 52, Pack 407, Pack 108, and Pack 949 for hitting a Grand Slam!**



Don't see your unit on the field? It's not too late to get in on the game!  
Contact James Rangel today to have your unit added to the batter line up. [James.Rangel@scouting.org](mailto:James.Rangel@scouting.org) | 361.816.3843  
[Click HERE for more information and Membership Recruitment resources.](#)

## Unit Incentives for Membership Growth



Incentives will be given to the Unit key 3 (Charter Representative, Committee Chair, Unit leader: CM, SM, Advisor, Skipper) and the unit membership/recruitment lead.

Once the unit has achieved a specific growth level all other members of the unit can purchase the incentives.

- **10% Growth and hold a Sign-Up-Night event** at your school for Packs or an Open House for older programs – South Texas Council Home Run for Scouting Council Strip Patch.
- **20% Growth** – South Texas Council Home run for Scouting Rally Towel.
- **30% Growth** – South Texas Council Home run for Scouting Jersey Shirt.
- **40% Growth** – South Texas Council Home run for Scouting Baseball hat.
- **50% Growth** – South Texas Council Home run for Scouting Day Backpack.

A free collector's edition youth recruiter patch is available for all youth who recruit a new youth\* into Scouting between August 1st and November 30th. (\*new youth must be registered to qualify)



## Exciting New Popcorn News!



Online Sales have begun! Show and Sell will be here the week of the 5th. Don't forget about the 40% commission!  
**It's not too late to get in on the sale!**

Popcorn arrives September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Units may set a pick up time starting at 11am to pick up their unit's entire order.

Please bring help and a vehicle big enough if you have a large order.

Pick up cut off time is 6pm Thursday, we would like it all picked up on Thursday.

Contact [James.Rangel@scouting.org](mailto:James.Rangel@scouting.org) for more information | 361.816.3843

### KEY POPCORN DATES

**Oct 15** Show & Sell Popcorn Money Due to Council Office by 5PM.

**Oct 24** Take Order Popcorn Orders are Due Online by Midnight.

**Nov 7-9** Take Order Popcorn Delivered to Units by District (Determined by Districts)

**Nov 22** Take Order Popcorn Money Due to Council Office by 5PM.

**Dec 31** Last Day to Claim Prizes Due Online.

**Congratulations to the following units on their outstanding Popcorn Sales!**

1	Pack 259	Sea Breeze	\$42,168.00
2	Pack 226	Sea Breeze	\$28,123.00
3	Pack 65B	Sea Breeze	\$20,482.00
4	Troop 226	Sea Breeze	\$8,888.00
5	Pack 65G	Sea Breeze	\$8,426.00
6	Troop 31	Sea Breeze	\$8,197.00
7	Pack 108	LaSalle	\$7,068.00
8	Troop 3	Sea Breeze	\$5,119.00
9	Pack 364	LaSalle	\$4,268.00
10	Troop 364	LaSalle	\$3,955.00



Click [HERE](#) to Purchase these Limited Edition items now!

**Toughest Scout Challenge!**

IS YOUR COMPANY LOOKING FOR A UNIQUE TEAM BUILDING OPPORTUNITY?

# TOUGHEST SCOUT CHALLENGE!

**OCTOBER 11, 2024**



[CLICK HERE For More Information!](#)

**September Safety Moment - Campout Safety Checklist**

**SUMMARY**

Camping is a long-honored tradition for many families, including the BSA family. Timing, supplies, and location should be determined ahead of time so you can make the most of your camping experience. There might be some instances where you overthink or underestimate a camping trip, but there are also many ways to enjoy the adventure, fun, discovery, and teamwork involved. A campout safety checklist will help to ensure these aspects of camping are accomplished while keeping you safe.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Camping can be enjoyable in almost any area—from the backcountry to summer camp, as well as national high-adventure bases, to name a few. When you decide on a camping trip, you need to consider who, what, where, when, how, and why.

Here are a few items to check off on your Campout Safety Checklist:

- Documentation Needed—This includes medical records, guidebooks, and permission slips. A Scout leader can ensure your safety as well as his or her own when you are both better informed of any limitations, hazards, or permissions.
- Training—General training, such as Youth Protection training, CPR/first aid, and Hazardous Weather, or specific training, such as Trek Safety or Wilderness First Aid, gives you the confidence to know what to do in the event of an emergency.
- Planning—Planning is important. Become familiar with your campsite location and do some research about the weather, licensing/permit requirements, and project or activity guidelines so you can be prepared.
- Equipment—Plan for vehicles involved or tools necessary for your camping experience. Also consider trailer requirements and first-aid or emergency kits.
- Emergency Planning—A prepared Scout is a confident Scout. Keep a cellphone handy as well as a list of local authorities (fire department, police, hospitals, etc.) in case an emergency occurs, such as inclement weather or a lost Scout. If you are in the backcountry, canyons, or a remote location, coverage may be one to two hours away. A GPS tracking/messaging device is helpful in these locations.
- Program—Know your program. There should be age-appropriate activities, safety equipment, proper supervision, and a discussion on potential hazards.

**RESOURCES**

- Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities
- Campout Safety Checklist
- Guide to Safe Scouting





## Distinguished Citizen Award Dinner

Scouting  America  
*Distinguished Citizen*  
**AWARD DINNER**



**Honoring Mike Shaw**

October 30, 2024 | 7:00PM Dinner and Program | Sponsors Reception 6:00PM  
Omni Corpus Christi Hotel - 900 N Shoreline Blvd, Corpus Christi, TX 78401

The South Texas Council Scouting America annually recognizes a 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 **Mike Shaw**, Army Veteran, Owner of Mike Shaw Toyota and Mike Shaw Kia, as our 2024 Distinguished Citizen Award Recipient 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.](#)

[CLICK HERE for more information!](#)

## Karankawa's 80th Anniversary

# KARANKAWA'S 80TH BASH RECAP!



Camp Karankawa's 80th Bash was a special event that celebrated Camp Karankawa's rich history. Excitement was in the air with over 450 participants throughout the bash, from past camp staff members reuniting to cub scouts making crafts to celebrate Camp Karankawa. Camp Karankawa is a special place and we are looking forward to the next 80 years!

[Click HERE](#) to view the 80th Bash Photo Gallery!

## LIMITED EDITION

- 80th Anniversary
- Council Shoulder Patch
- On sale now for \$10 at the Council Office.
- Grab yours today!



Click the button below to preorder an 80th Anniversary neckerchief, belt buckle, and rare black Council Shoulder Patch. Available to be picked up at the 80th Anniversary Bash.



## Cub Scout Fall Family Campouts!



**CAMP KARANKAWA**  
FALL CUB SCOUT CAMPING!

**CUB SCOUT Family CAMPOUT!**

**OCTOBER 18-19 CUB SCOUT FALL FAMILY CAMPING!**  
**OCTOBER 19-20 CUB SCOUT FALL FAMILY CAMPING!**  
**NOVEMBER 22-24 CUB SCOUT FALL CAMP!**

**80 YEARS**  
1944-2024  
SOUTH TEXAS COUNCIL

The banner features a stylized illustration of a marshmallow on a stick, a campfire, a tent, and a pine tree. The text is in various colors and fonts, with 'Family' in a large, white, cursive font.

### October 18-20 – Cub Scout Family Campout at Karankawa

Join us for an amazing Cub Scout Family Campout at Karankawa! Bring the whole family for a weekend of fishing, swimming, games, crafts, and wholesome camping fun! Families can bring their own tent, but there are also a limited number of tents available to rent. Rental tents can comfortably hold 3 people, and will be set up and taken down by camp staff, all you have to do is show up!

**Click [HERE](#) to Register.**

**Click [HERE](#) to download the Parent's Guide**

### October 18-19 – Cub Scout Family Campout at Camp Huisache

Join us for our annual Fall Cub Scout Family Campout! Enjoy a night under the stars and a day full of fun activities. Make memories with your Cub Scouting family.

**Click [HERE](#) to Register now!**

### November 22-24 – Cub Scout Family Campout at Karankawa

Get ready for an exciting Cub Scout Family Campout at Karankawa! Pack up the family and embark on a weekend of outdoor fun, thrilling activities, and a chance to earn brand-new belt loops. Whether you bring your own tent or opt for one of our rental tents, we've got you covered. The rental tents, which comfortably accommodate up to three people, will be fully set up and taken down by our team, making your stay hassle-free. Don't miss out on this adventure-filled weekend!

**Click [HERE](#) to Register.**

**Click [HERE](#) to download the Parent's Guide**

## Coastal Bend Day of Giving

**SOUTH TEXAS COUNCIL** is proud to be participating in Coastal Bend Day of Giving, a 24-hour online matching fundraising event administered by Coastal Bend Community Foundation. The event will be held Tuesday, November 12 (12:00AM – 11:59PM). Mark your calendars because we will need your help!

We will be joining more than 60 local nonprofits to raise money together. This year, 22 local funders have pledged \$1.5 million in matching grants. The amount donated will be matched and doubled, up to \$24,000 per organization, each raising at least \$48,000 in just 24 hours!

Just for Scouts and Scouters, donate a minimum of \$25 to the Day of Giving Campaign and receive a limited edition Day of Giving Patch! Donations over \$100 will receive a special patch outlined in gold trim!

Learn more about the Day of Giving at [www.coastalbenddayofgiving.org](http://www.coastalbenddayofgiving.org).

#### How can you help Scouting during Coastal Bend Day of Giving?

- Save the date – Tuesday, November 12, 2024, will be a great day of generosity in the Coastal Bend. Get excited and ready to share your enthusiasm for the South Texas Council throughout the day.
- Make your gift early – Early Giving is available on November 4-11. We encourage you to donate early if you cannot participate on November 12.
- Donate to us on November 12!
- Spread the word! Tell your friends that you will be giving to South Texas Council Boy Scouts of America during Coastal Bend Day of Giving on November 12 and that you need their help.
- Post about Coastal Bend Day of Giving on your social media pages. Let your friends and followers know how they can give and how their donations can help us meet the match.
- Don't forget to use #CBDayofGiving2024.
- Cheer us on! On November 12, watch the live ticker on [www.coastalbenddayofgiving.org](http://www.coastalbenddayofgiving.org)

Develop Youth Leaders, Support Families, Create Great Communities - right here in the Coastal Bend.  
Questions contact Marty Sepulveda at [martin.sepulveda@scouting.org](mailto:martin.sepulveda@scouting.org). Learn more [Coastal Bend Day of Giving](http://www.coastalbenddayofgiving.org).



## Venado Javelina Campout!

## Join us for a night of Scouting fun, friendship, and Javelina football!

Scouting America Packs, Troops, and Crews are invited to experience an unforgettable campout at the Javelina Football Game on November 16, 2024, at Texas A&M University-Kingsville.

### Enjoy a Night of:

**Football Game:** Cheer on the Javelinas as they take the field in an exciting game.

**Camping:** Spend the night under the Texas stars at a designated camping area near Javelina "Pepsi" Stadium

**Scout Activities:** Participate in fun and engaging activities designed for Cub Scouts Dens, Scouts of All Ages.

**Movie Night:** Scouts can watch a movie on the field on the Jumbotron after the game.

### Registration Details

**Date:** November 16, 2024

**Location:** Texas A&M University-Kingsville – Javelina Stadium

**Cost:** Free

**Campout Agenda:** Details Coming Soon

**Youth Protection Training:** Updated Certificate Required

**Annual Health and Medical Record:** <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

**Updated AB Forms:** Applies to ALL participants in basic Scouting activities such as local tours and weekend camping trips that are less than 72 hours in duration.

**Volunteers Needed! Contact:** [venadodistrict03@outlook.com](mailto:venadodistrict03@outlook.com)

**Rolando R. Garza - Venado District Chair**

**Ryan Parr - Venado District Commissioner**



# JAVELINA CAMPOUT!

NOVEMBER 16, 2024



**Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity for your Scouts to have a memorable experience!**

## Scout Trek Challenge

# Scouting America

## South Texas Council

NOVEMBER 23, 2024 | COLE PARK AMPHITHEATER  
7:30AM CHECK IN RACE STARTS @ 8:00AM

## SCOUT TREK CHALLENGE

### 1K/5K/10K RUN & FAMILY FUN FEST

YOUTH! FAMILIES! SENIORS! EVERYONE!

\$25 for Adults | \$10 for Kids Under 18 | Beach to Bay Teams (of 6): \$125

SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO SIGN UP NOW!



FAMILY FUN FEST | 7:30AM-NOON  
VENDORS! | PRIZES! | GAMES!

For More Info Please Contact:

Mary A: 361-960-9203 | Mary M: 361-726-6503



## Uniforms - Everyone Should Have One!

### The Scouting Uniform – Why you should wear it and promote it.

Scouting America (Boy Scouts of America) has always been a uniformed body. Its uniforms help to create a sense of belonging. They symbolize character development, leadership, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Wearing a uniform gives youth and adult members a sense of identification and commitment.

**Personal equality.** The uniform represents a democratic idea of equality, bringing people of different racial, economic, religious, national, ethnic, political, and geographic backgrounds together in the Scouting tradition.

**Identification.** The uniform identifies youth and adult members of the Scouting America, visible as a force for good in the community. When properly and smartly worn, the uniform can build good unit spirit. When worn on the correct occasions, it can attract new members.

**Achievement.** The uniform shows the wearer's activity, responsibility, and achievement. What each youth or adult member has accomplished with program opportunities can be recognized by the insignia worn on the uniform.

**Personal commitment.** The uniform is a constant reminder to all Cub Scouts, Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and adults of their commitment to the ideals and purpose of Scouting America. The uniform is a way of making visible members' commitment to a belief in God, loyalty to country, and helping others at all times.

While wearing the uniform is not mandatory, it is highly encouraged. The leaders of Scouting—both volunteer and professional—promote the wearing of the correct complete uniform on all suitable occasions.

If you have questions about Scouting uniforms, contact our local Scout Shop at 361-814-4300 ext. 12 or come by the Holloway Scout Shop located at the South Texas Council Flournoy Service Center and try on a new uniform!

[Click HERE](#) to visit our local Scout Shop.





## Holloway Scout Shop News and Deals!

### FALL RECRUITMENT UNIFORM PROMOTION! thru Nov 3

20% off Uniform Bottoms with the purchase of the matching Uniform Top! Tops include Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Lion T-Shirts. Clearance uniforms are also INCLUDED in this promotion. Bottoms include Switchbacks, Shorts, Skorts, and Roll-Up Pants.



### CUSTOMER "BOUNCE BACK" OFFER RETURNS! July 29 thru December 31

We're excited to announce that our Customer Bounce Back Promotion is returning just in time for Fall Recruitment

All receipts will print with a special "\$5 Off of \$25 or More" coupon that can be redeemed in Scout Shops during this time period!



## District Events

### Seabreeze District

October 11 - Toughest Scout Challenge  
October 12 - Workday at Camp Karankawa  
October 18-20 - Cub Fall Family Campout @ Karankawa  
October 26 - Hot Wheels Derby  
October 30 - District Committee Meeting

### Phoenix District

October 3 - Unit Recharter Training  
October 10 - District Meeting  
October 11 - Toughest Scout Challenge  
October 12 - Workday at Camp Karankawa  
October 18-20 - Cub Fall Family at Camp Karankawa

### Aztec District

October 3 - Unit Recharter Training  
October 8 - District Meeting  
October 11 - Toughest Scout Challenge  
October 12 - Workday at Camp Huisache  
October 18-19 - Cub Family Campout at Camp Huisache

## Nominate a Deserving Scouting Volunteer

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 should be submitted to [martin.sepulveda@scouting.org](mailto:martin.sepulveda@scouting.org) by December 1, 2024.

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.](#)

**District Award of Merit**

[Click here for the nomination form.](#)

**Exploring Leadership Award**

[Click here for the nomination form.](#)

**Boy Scouts of America Council Alumnus of the Year Award.**

[Click here for the nomination form.](#)

**Elbert K. Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award**

[Click here for more information on the award.](#)



[Click here for the nomination form.](#)

Award nominations should be emailed to Marty Sepulveda at [martin.sepulveda@scouting.org](mailto:martin.sepulveda@scouting.org) or mailed to the South Texas Council, 700 Everhart Rd., Building A, Corpus Christi, TX 78411.

## Eagle Scout Award Nominations

### The South Texas Council Eagle Scout Association is accepting nominations for the National Eagle Scout Association Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA).

The Outstanding Eagle Scout Award is a distinguished service award of Scouting America. It is awarded to an Eagle Scout by the National Eagle Scout Association for distinguished service in their profession and community upon the recommendation of the local council NESAs committee, scout executive and council president.

Nominations should be submitted to [martin.sepulveda@scouting.org](mailto:martin.sepulveda@scouting.org) by December 1, 2024. Two awards will be presented at the Eagle Scout Class Reception March 1, 2025.

NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award.

[Click here to visit the NESAs Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Webpage.](#)

[Click here for the nomination form.](#)



### Glenn A. & Melinda W. Adams Service Project of the Year Award Nomination

Nominations for the South Texas Council Adams Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award are now being accepted.

All Eagle Scout Service Projects completed in 2024 will automatically be considered and reviewed by the Council Adams Award Selection Committee.

However, if you would like to ensure a particular service project is given serious consideration, please submit the South Texas Council Glen A. & Melinda W. Adams Award nomination form by December 1, 2024, to:

South Texas Council Scouting America  
700 Everhart Rd., Building A,  
Corpus Christi, TX 78411  
Attn: David Russell

Nominations may be also be emailed to [dhussell0717@gmail.com](mailto:dhussell0717@gmail.com).

Download Nomination Form [HERE](#).

## Commissioner's Corner

The South Texas Council Commissioner Team is excited to welcome two new district commissioners: Pauline Ridley from the La Salle District, and Edward Salazar, from Seabreeze District.

Pauline has been involved in Scouting since 2011 serving in numerous unit leave positions in Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA and at the district level including Day Camp Director, on the District Committee, and on District and Council Training Teams. She is Wood Badge trained and is a Silver Beaver recipient. Pauline can be reached at (insert email address). The La Salle District serves Victoria, Calhoun, Jackson, and Goliad counties.

Edward has enjoyed Scouting in his youth and as an adult. Prior positions in Scouting include Cub Scout Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader & Assistant Scout Master. He recently served as a unit commissioner and currently is a merit badge counselor. Edward works as a Community Educator with The Purple Door. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army and a member of the 82nd Airborne Association of South Texas. Edward can be reached at (insert email address). The Gulf Breeze District serves the Corpus Christi Metro area including most of Nueces County.



## Order of the Arrow News

**October 19** - (Contact Francisco to help with the Haunted Trail)

**December 6-8th** - December Fellowship

**December 27-30** - 2024 Winter Camp at Karankawa

OA elections are still available, please contact your local chapter or one of our lodge advisors.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the lodge advisor Sharon Swize ([ssswize@gmail.com](mailto:ssswize@gmail.com)) or Staff Advisor Francisco Orozco ([francisco.orozco@scouting.org](mailto:francisco.orozco@scouting.org).)

Make sure your OA dues are up to date. You can pay them online at:

<https://mycouncil.southtexasbsa.org/Event/OA-Dues-2024>

[Click here to get the latest news from OA Today!](#)





## Eagle Scout Association

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

#### 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.

All Eagle Scouts age 18 and over are welcomed to the networking social. This is a great opportunity to meet other Eagle Scouts and learn more about volunteer opportunities to support local Scouting.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the South Texas Council Eagle Scout Association.



### Scoutreach Trunk or Treat



The Corpus Christi Metro Scoutreach program will be holding a trunk or treat on the morning of October 26th for Cub Scouts enrolled in the Scoutreach program. All Troops, Crews, Ships, Posts and BSA members are welcome to host a trunk in the parking lot of the council office at 700 Everhart from 10am-12pm. Set Up is from 8:30-9:30am. Dress up, decorate a vehicle trunk, and hand out candy! For more information on how you can help out please contact Carlos Sepulveda @ 361.228.0704 or Roberta Paz @ 361.946.6176 by October 16th. [Click HERE](#) for more information.

## NEW CUB SCOUT WELCOME KIT!



**ALL new Cub Scouts** who register via BeAScout.org from August 1 through October 31, 2024, will receive a **special Welcome Kit** in the mail (excluding APO/FPO addresses) shortly after completing registration.

This Welcome Kit contains **one car magnet**, **one sticker** (for a water bottle), one **Scout Life Mini Magazine**, and a **Peer-to-Peer Recruiting card** that provides details on how to recruit a friend into Cub Scouts and **earn a FREE Recruiter Strip Emblem** (SKU 219) at any Scout Shop.

## Winter Camp



# WINTER CAMP MERIT BADGES

Check out some of the exciting Merit Badges being offered at this year's Winter Camp at Karankawa!



**LAW**



**PROGRAMMING**



**RAILROADING**



**BUGULING**



**DIGITAL TECH**



**AUTOMOBILE  
MAINT.**



**MUSIC**



**TEXTILE**

**...AND A WHOLE LOT MORE!**

Be a part of winter camp and get frozen in time with us for the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register Now!

Contact [Francisco.orozco@scouting.org](mailto:Francisco.orozco@scouting.org) with any questions.

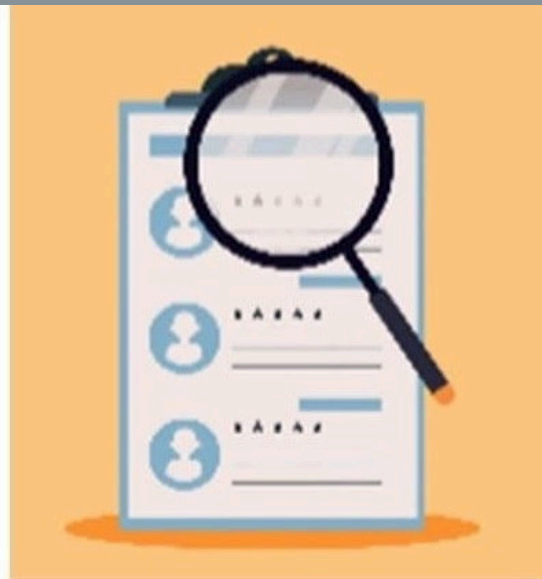
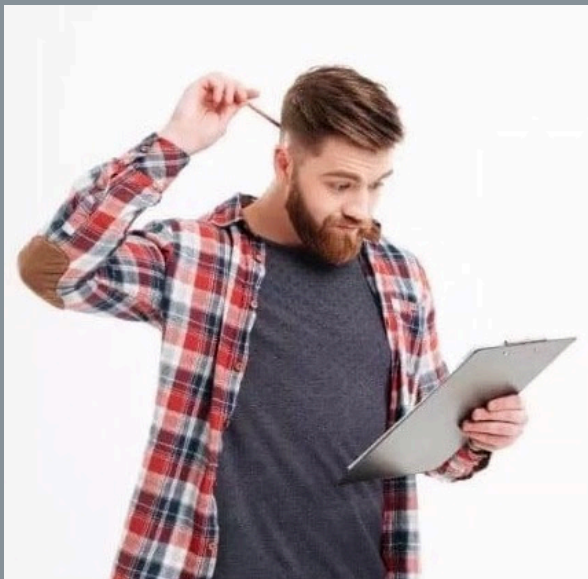
**Did you know that Camp Karankawa and Camp Huisache are available for  
Unit Weekend Camping throughout the year?**

CAMP USAGE FEES LIST and RESERVATION INFORMATION can be found [HERE](#).





## Have You Checked Your Rosters Lately?



With fall recruitment, October is a prime registration month for the annual subscriptions. Please check your unit rosters for any memberships that may be expiring in October and need to be renewed. Registrations can be renewed on [my.scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

## National Jamboree

### Mark your calendars for The BSA's Premier Event!

The **2026 National Jamboree** at the Summit Bechtel Reserve will be held on July 22-31, 2026

### What is Jamboree?

Jamboree is more than a destination. It's the adventure of lifetime. And there is simply nothing else like it on the planet. What's a Jamboree? It's not camp. National Jamboree is 360-degrees of fun, friends and fellowship with hands-on adventure that takes you places you never thought you'd go and challenge you to try things you never thought you could.

It's the beginning of your own heroes' journey that will challenge you to go farther than you ever thought possible. You'll reach deeper and lift yourself higher to become the best version of yourself.



Are you interested in becoming a part of the 2026 National Jamboree Council Contingent Leadership? If so [please fill out THIS form](#) and return it to the council service center at 700 Everhart or email it to [martin.sepulveda@scouting.org](mailto:martin.sepulveda@scouting.org)

There are also positions available on the National Jamboree Staff. [Click HERE for more information.](#)



# Year Round Philmont Adventures for Everyone!

By Bryan Haney - Council Philmont Ambassador

## So Many Opportunities!

Philmont Scout Ranch is Scouting America's largest National High Adventure Base. Philmont covers 140,177 acres of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sange de Cristo range in northeastern New Mexico. Philmont has become a prime center for high adventure, training, and family adventures. Philmont is known most famously for its summer backcountry treks that allow scouts to traverse the ranch and take part in many backcountry programs.

Most activities take place during the summer season, but Philmont also offers programs during the off season such as Autumn and Winter adventures and an array of youth and adult training opportunities that take place at the renowned Philmont Training Center. Philmont has become a year-round operational High Adventure Base. Below are a highlight of all that Philmont has to offer.

- High Adventure Programs: Visit: [www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks)
  - Back Country Expeditions (7, 9, and 12 day treks) – crews backpack, camp and take part in one of a kind program opportunities across the ranch.
  - Cavalcades (8 days) – horseback trek across Philmont's most scenic areas.
  - Autumn and Winter Adventures – backcountry adventures in September and October and how to camp in winter months December – March
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- **Individual Opportunities:** Visit: [www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks/individualprograms](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/philmonttreks/individualprograms)
    - Trail Crew Trek
    - Order of the Arrow Trail Crew
    - Ranch Hands
    - Roving Outdoor Conservation School (ROCS)
    - STEM Trek
    - Rayodo
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- **Family Adventure Camp:** Visit: [www.philmontscoutranch.org/pct](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/pct)
    - Welcome to Philmont Adventure
    - Philistorical Adventure
    - Mini-bear Adventure
    - Adventure Seekers Adventure
    - Happy Hiker Adventure
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- **Philmont Training Center (PTC):** Visit: [www.philmontscoutranch.org/pct](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/pct)
    - Over 50 conferences per year – bring your family, tent housing, restrooms, and meals provided
    - National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NYLT) – designed to provide advanced leadership training at Philmont



## Save the Date!



## Council Program Calendar

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

## Stay Connected!

