



STC Chronicles

South Texas Council Scouting Updates

Quick Highlights

Click the events below for more information.

- November 9 - Council Coordinated rescheduled for Feb15th.
- November 12 - Coastal Bend Day of Giving
- 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
- January 11 - Camp Huisache Merit Badge Weekend
- January 25 - Council Awards Reception
- Jan 31 - Feb 1 - Cub Scout Campout

[Click Here to download a PDF of the newsletter.](#)



Scouting Forward

Dear South Texas Council Scouting Family,

As Scouts we love camping! Camping is the hook to keep our youth active in Scouting. Scouting activities at all levels (unit to council) should be fun and safe. Fun activities keep our youth engaged and wanting more adventures.

But safety is important. Knowing the rules, policies, and guidelines for a safe outing is just as important as picking the activity and location. Being safe doesn't mean not having fun, it means we are ensuring our Scouts are going to come home and share their stories with their family and friends. We want them to talk about all the fun they had, and not about the accident and the ER visit.

Being safe is simple, start by reviewing the [guide to safe scouting](#) for the planned activity and then make appropriate plans.

A Scout is prepared!
Let's go outdoors and provide our Scouts with great adventures to be excited about!

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



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.

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

Develop Youth Leaders, Support Families, Create Great Communities - right here in the Coastal Bend.

Questions contact Marty Sepulveda at martin.sepulveda@scouting.org. Learn more [Coastal Bend Day of Giving](http://www.coastalbenddayofgiving.org).



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
 James Rangel: james.rangel@scouting.org

STC Membership Recruitment Update!



Congratulations Pack 5, Pack 108, Pack 407, Pack 52, Pack 349, Troop 84, Pack 147, 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 | 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!



Congrats to our Top Sellers so far. There is still time to sell online-deadline is end of the year, keep earning commission. Take orders should be here within the next few days. Make sure all sales are entered in the app so Scouts get credit for their Amazon Gift Cards!

Reach out if you have questions. James.Rangel@scouting.org | 361.816.3843

KEY POPCORN DATES

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!

Rank	Unit	District	Total Sales
1	Pack 259	Sea Breeze	\$50,389.00
2	Pack 226	Sea Breeze	\$28,470.00
3	Pack 65B	Sea Breeze	\$21,023.00
4	Troop 226	Sea Breeze	\$13,179.00
5	Troop 364	LaSalle	\$11,390.00
6	Troop 31	Sea Breeze	\$9,787.00
7	Pack 65G	Sea Breeze	\$8,791.00
8	Pack 108	LaSalle	\$8,519.00
9	Pack 364	LaSalle	\$8,010.00
10	Pack 949	Sea Breeze	\$6,894.00



November Safety Moment - Food Allergies

WHAT TO DO IF SOMEONE HAS A FOOD ALLERGY

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

Prepare food for people with allergies on a separate, clean surface to ensure there is no cross contamination. Start with clean hands and use separate and clean utensils and cooking tools, such as toasters. For some people, bringing their own foods can be easier and safer when eating with a group. If you or someone in your unit has food allergies, be sure to review the BSA Food Allergy Guidance and the other resources below before planning any event that includes food.

[Click HERE](#) to find out more.

REFERENCES

- Food Allergy Research & Education, Living with Food Allergies
- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Food Allergies and Intolerances
- Mayo Clinic, Food Allergy
- BSA Food Allergy Guidance



Karankawa's 80th Anniversary

LIMITED EDITION

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



Don't miss out on your chance to grab an 80th Anniversary neckerchief, belt buckle, and rare black Council Shoulder Patch. Available at the Council Office.

Cub Scout Fall Family Campout!

CAMP KARANKAWA
FALL CUB SCOUT CAMPING!

CUB SCOUT Family CAMPOUT!

NOVEMBER 22-24 CUB SCOUT FALL CAMP!

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

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
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!

[Click HERE to Register!](#)

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



[Click HERE to Register!](#)

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 80th anniversary.

[CLICK HERE to Register Now!](#)

Holloway Scout Shop News and Deals!

FALL RECRUITMENT UNIFORM PROMOTION! thru Dec 31st.

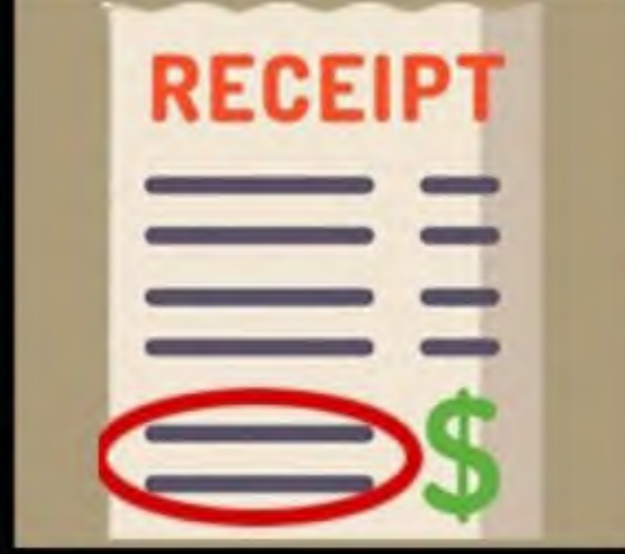
20% off Uniform Bottoms with the purchase of the matching Uniform Top! Tops include Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Lion T-Shirts. Clearance uniforms are also INCLUDED in this promotion. Bottoms include Switchbacks, Shorts, Skorts, and Roll-Up Pants.



CUSTOMER "BOUNCE BACK" OFFER RETURNS! THRU DECEMBER 31

Don't forget to use your \$5 Off of \$25 coupon!! Perfect for Pinewood Derby merchandise or Christmas stocking stuffers!!

- All receipts will print with a special "\$5 Off of \$25 or More" coupon that can be redeemed at Holloway Scout Shops during this time period.
- Look for your receipts 😊



GIVING TREE NOV 9 - DEC 15

The Holiday Giving Tree program works on a donation basis. A Holiday Giving tree (similar to an Angel tree) will be set up at Holloway Scout Shop with Holiday Giving cards on it.

Holloway Scout Shop is providing an opportunity for the Scouting community to help local Scout members who may be in need of uniforms and uniform items.



NOW AVAILABLE WITH THE PURCHASE OF A NEW SHIRT AT HOLLOWAY SCOUT SHOP

Scouting America
UNIFORM SHIRTS



Click [HERE](#) to visit the Holloway Scout Shop Website

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 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 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 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 NESA 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.

Download Nomination Form [HERE](#).



Commissioner's Corner

Commissioners are veteran volunteer Scouters who support unit leaders. They help leaders of new units get off to a good start and strengthen existing units by identifying training and other resources they need, establishing a solid organizational and financial foundation to build unit strength.

They do that by helping unit leaders:

- Deliver a great, safe program (it's that program that attracts and retains youth and adult volunteers)

- Build sustainability (ensure the unit has sufficient resources – funds, equipment, space, volunteers, etc.) to continue serving youth
- Promote the unit in the community it serves.

So, get to know your Unit and District Commissioner. Invite them to your pack, troop, and committee meetings. If you do not have a Unit Commissioner in your area, please contact your District Commissioner or Council Commissioner; we will be happy to come by for a visit and collaborate on resources available to your unit. Here is my cell 903-941-4207 (Mike Ledbetter) for you to call me personally anytime.



Order of the Arrow News

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) or Staff Advisor Francisco Orozco (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!



Camp Cards!

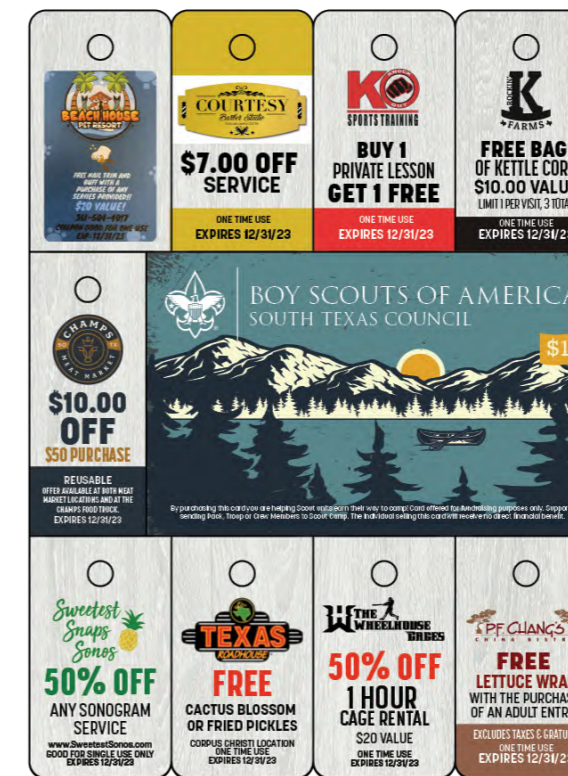
Camp Cards

An Easy Way to Earn Funds!

Is your unit looking for an easy fundraiser? Why not try the 2025 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 soon at the Council Service Center.

Do you have a business you think would like to be on next year's card?
Contact David Hebert David.Hebert@scouting.org for more info!



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](#).



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

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

Save the Date!



Council Program Calendar

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

Stay Connected!

