



# STC Chronicles

*South Texas Council Scouting Updates*



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## Scouting Forward

Providing fun and safe Scouting adventures for your Scouts starts with training and knowing the Guide to Safe Scouting. Planning safe and age-appropriate activities is the cornerstone of safeguarding our youth and families.

Are you trained in your position or current role? Is your Youth Protection Training certificate current? Summer is right around the corner, and having trained and prepared adult supervision will ensure you enjoy the adventures as much as the youth you serve.

Review your adult roster for training to ensure everyone is up to date. A few hours of personal time are worth more than the headache of spending time filling out an incident report or time at an emergency room. Let's make Scouting fun and enjoyable for all.

Finally, I'm excited about our revamped popcorn product sale. There are lots of changes to the product line, pricing, support, and commission structure. Come out to the May 10th Popcorn Kickoff and earn your first bonus commission. Make adventures come to life by participating in the 2025 Popcorn Sale! May the Great Scoutmaster of all times be with us until we meet again!

**Marty Sepulveda**  
**Eagle Scout**  
**Scout Executive & CEO**



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America.**  
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## Lets Keep Scouting Safe!



Scouting is all about fun and adventures. When planning a day activity, weekend campout, or a long-term camping trip, review the current Guide to Safe Scouting. This serves as our guide in organizing events and ensures that all activities align with age-appropriate guidelines and do not fall under the prohibited list. The Guide to Safe Scouting is updated from time to time, so it is important to refer to it prior to and during the planning process of any event

[View the Guide to Safe Scouting Here](#)



### Popcorn - Fuel the Adventure!

**Exciting changes** are coming to this year's popcorn program! We are introducing Popcorn 2.0—a **fresh, dynamic** approach that goes beyond just selling popcorn. This isn't just a fundraiser; it's a powerful opportunity for Scouts to **develop confidence, master salesmanship**, and experience firsthand how effort leads to **success**.

Join us at the **Council Coordinated Meeting on May 10th** and be part of this exciting initiative. By coming to the meeting and signing up to sell popcorn, your unit automatically earns an additional 2% commission—putting more funds directly into the hands of your Scouts and families!

We will have a giant **Popcorn Kick-Off Rally on August 9th** where your Scouts and Parents can practice their popcorn pitch, get comfortable using the Trails End App, and have all their questions answered. Attend this event and snag another 2% commission for your unit!

We're here to support and encourage every unit on this journey. Stay tuned for more details, and let's make this the most successful popcorn season yet!



### National Youth Leadership Training

**National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT): Unlock Your Leadership Potential!** Get ready for an epic six-day adventure where leadership comes to life! NYLT is a dynamic, hands-on course packed with challenges, games, and team-building experiences—all designed to sharpen your skills and boost your confidence as a leader in Scouting and beyond.

Through exciting activities and real-world scenarios, you'll explore what leadership truly means and learn how to apply it in every area of your life.

To attend, you must:

- Scouts BSA: Be 13–17 years old, First Class rank, and completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops
- Venturers/Sea Scouts: Be 14–20 years old, completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Crews/Ships, and have basic camping experience
- Have a unit leader's recommendation

Step up. Lead boldly. NYLT is waiting!

[Click HERE For More Info](#)



### April Safety Moment - Is it Scouting?

What is an official Scouting activity? An official Scouting activity is consistent with the values, charter and bylaws, rules and regulations, operations manuals, and applicable literature of Scouting America.

So, what is the program of Scouting America? Collectively, it is all the books, literature, training, materials, policies, and guidelines provided by Scouting America. The program is not something you create and call Scouting but something that can be found in the resources provided by Scouting America. It develops leadership, character, and physical and mental fitness when executed properly.





## May 17 - Work Day at Camp Karankawa!

A Scout is Always Prepared — and Camp Should Be Too!

Join us for a very special Work Day at Camp Karankawa this May as we get ready for a summer packed with friendship, adventure, and plenty of camping!

This free event offers Scouts the chance to:

- Earn community service and conservation hours toward rank advancement and awards.
- Take on special improvement projects.

Plus, for one day only, every participant will receive a limited-edition council shoulder patch — completely free and **only available** at this event.

A hearty lunch will be provided at noon on Saturday, so just bring your water bottle, sunscreen, and can-do spirit!

Let's come together to get Camp Karankawa ready for an unforgettable summer. See you there!

For more information, contact Ranger Frank @ 361-816-3891 or Doug Manheimer at (361) 728-6571.



## 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 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.



## Raise Funds with SONIC Coupon Cards!

Looking for an easy and effective way to support your Scouting adventures? Sell SONIC Drive-In coupon cards and earn money while offering great deals to your community!

Whether you're saving for camp, gear, or your next big Scouting activity, this fundraiser helps you get there.

Each card sells for just \$5. You earn \$3 for every card sold, and \$2 goes directly to support our council — so every sale makes a difference!

The best part? These coupons are good from now until December 31, 2025, giving everyone plenty of time to enjoy their savings.

Getting started is easy stop by the council office to pick up your cards, and you're ready to hit the ground running.



## Friends of Scouting

**Scouting changes lives.** It builds character, leadership, and resilience in our youth, equipping them with skills that last a lifetime. As a valued member of our Scouting community, we invite you to be part of something truly impactful—the 2025 Friends of Scouting campaign. Through your generous support, we can continue to provide life-changing experiences for our Scouts, including outdoor adventures, leadership training, and service projects that benefit our communities. Your contribution helps support Camp Huisache and Camp Karankawa. It also covers camp scholarships, program supplies, and ensures that every child has the opportunity to participate - regardless of financial circumstances.

**Every dollar makes a difference!** Together, we can inspire and support the next generation of leaders. Thank you for your commitment to Scouting and for making a difference in the lives of young people.



## Upcoming Events



### April 11-13 Scouts BSA Pushcart Derby!

Push, steer, and race to glory! The Scouts BSA Pushcart Derby is an action-packed event where troops build their own cars, then put their skills to the test in a high-speed challenge!

[Click Here to For More Information](#)



### April 25-26 Cub Family Campout at Camp Huisache

Pack your gear and get ready for an exciting weekend at Camp Huisache in Laredo, TX! The Cub Family Campout is the perfect opportunity for Cub Scouts and their families to enjoy the great outdoors together.

Bring your sense of adventure and join us for a weekend full of fun, fellowship, and scouting spirit! We can't wait to see you there!

[Click Here to For More Information](#)



### June 8-14 Scouts BSA Summer Camp!

Get ready for an unforgettable summer camp experience at Camp Karankawa! Join with your troop, come for a day, or be part of our Provisional Troop—no matter how you attend, adventure is guaranteed!

With over **50 merit badges** to choose from, including **14 Eagle-required badges**, there's something for everyone. Our action-packed program offers incredible value, and this year, we're making it even better with special reduced pricing—**only \$290 for Scouts!**

Don't miss out! Check out our Leader's Guide for more details and get ready for a summer full of excitement, learning, and lifelong memories.



### Order of the Arrow

#### Scouting's National Honor Society

For more than 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others.

Mark your calendars! The OA May Fellowship is set for an unforgettable weekend of service, brotherhood, and fun at Camp Karankawa. Join your fellow Arrowmen for Fellowship Fiesta! Welcome new member, take on meaningful service projects, and enjoy camaraderie, games, and great food. Ordeal and Brother challenges will be available. Deadline to register is April 29th at 10PM. Annual awards banquet will be held Saturday night.





## Holloway Scout Shop News and Deals!

Now Available at Holloway Scout Shop!

The perfect way your Cub Scout can show off their well-earned Adventure Loops for all to see! This durable, lightweight pack is perfect for any adventure their Cub Scout journey will take them.

Grab yours today and ensure your Cub Scout is set for their next journey!



## Spend Your Weekend at Camp!

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

Click below for more information:



## National Jamboree! July 22- 31, 2026

**What is Jamboree?** Jamboree is more than a destination. It's the adventure of a lifetime. And there is simply nothing else like it on the planet. What is Jamboree? It's not camp. National Jamboree is 360-degrees of fun, friends and fellowship with hands-o 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?** Adults intrested in leading and helping with the local Council Contingent please [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). Limited opportunities available. Apply by January 15th.

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



## September 12-14 - International Camporee

Join us for the South Texas Council Scouting America's International Camporee! This exciting event brings together Scouts from the United States and Mexico for a weekend of camaraderie. Hosted at the picturesque Camp Karankawa, the camporee will feature fun games, neckerchief and patch trading, delicious food, and unforgettable fellowship. Don't miss this unique opportunity to connect and create lasting memories!

# EAGLE SCOUT ASSOCIATION

Once an Eagle Scout, Always an Eagle Scout



## 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.



## Aztec District

- April 8** - District Meeting
- April 10** - Friends of Scouting Dinner
- April 12** - Camp Clean Up
- April 25** - Scouts, BSA Meet & Greet
- April 25&26** - Cub Family Campout



## Phoenix District

### 2025 Phoenix District Awards Reception

3:30 PM Sunday, April 6th  
St Christopher's By the Sea | 820 Wildcat Dr. | Portland, Texas  
Anyone in the District and their family are welcome to attend.  
For more info. Contact John Dietz (361)442-6880  
dietz.john@proton.me



## Seabreeze District

**Thursday, April 3** - Fireside Chat @ the Council Service Center with the Council leadership. 6:00PM All adults in the council are welcome to attend. Don't miss this chance to discuss Scouting directly with the Council's Key 3!

**Thursday, April 24, 6:30PM-8:00PM** - Join us for our Annual District Awards Banquet! 6:30-8:00PM. VFW Hall, 4441 Ayers, Corpus Christi, TX. All Seabreeze Units are invited. Bring your favorite Italian dish or side enough for a family of five. Adults Fee: \$5.00

Contact your District Executive, David Hebert, at David.Hebert@scouting.org





## LaSalle District

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## Venado District

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