

MAY 2025



STC Chronicles

South Texas Council Scouting Updates



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Quick Highlights

May 2-4 - OA fellowship

May 10 - Council Coordinated Meeting

May 17 - Workday at Karankawa

June 8-14 - Scouts BSA Summer Camp

June 22-28 - National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

July 25-27 - Scouts BSA Summer Mini Camp at Karankawa

September 12-14 - International Camporee at Karankawa

Scouting Forward

What do you enjoy about Scouting? Is it the fun outdoor adventures? The personal growth of your son or daughter? The leadership skills scouts learn through the advancement system? Or maybe the fellowship and camaraderie of other adult leaders? Maybe it's a combination of a couple or all these things, whatever it might be we can all agree Scouting is good for youth development and good for adult relationships.

For 115 years Scouting has been transforming the lives of young people in a positive manner and impacting our communities, state and nation. Like many of you I'm a product of Scouting and give Scouting credit to the person I am. I serve as your Scout Executive because giving youth an opportunity to experience the fun and adventures my brothers, my friends and I had is important to me.

Right now, Scouting in South Texas needs our attention, as we continue to emerge from the negative impact of Covid 19 our local council is working hard to return to the level of membership participation before the pandemic, but it has been challenging. However, we can turn the tide if we all work together to grow Scouting in our communities.

Brian Chassells, former Scoutmaster and council commissioner, has taken the lead to mobilize our council to implement simple but effective growth and retention plans that can have a lasting effect if we all join him and his team of dedicated volunteers to turn the tide. Learn more about Brian's vision in the June newsletter.

Finally, I'm excited about the 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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Lets Keep Scouting Safe!



Why Prompt Incident Reporting Matters

Prompt incident reporting is critical to keeping Scouting safe for everyone. Timely reports help us respond quickly, identify risks, and prevent future accidents. All incidents must be reported using [this form](#), ideally within the first 48 hours—and no later than 72 hours after the incident. Please email the form to david.hebert@scouting.org. Your commitment to quick reporting ensures we can protect our Scouts, leaders, and communities effectively.

More Details about Incident Reporting can be Found Here.

Every Scout Deserves a Trained Leader



Training is not just important — it is essential. Every Scout deserves leaders who are fully prepared to deliver the safe, high-quality, and inspiring program that Scouting promises. Trained leaders know how to create meaningful adventures, foster leadership and character growth, and ensure the well-being of every youth. When every adult in a unit is trained, the entire Scouting experience improves — making it safer, stronger, and more rewarding for Scouts and leaders alike.

Go to my.scouting.org -> my training -> requirements, and complete everything under "my position requirements".
Let's give every Scout the gift of a leader who is ready to guide them on their journey.

Popcorn!



Funding Adventures
Quick And Easy!

40% Commission!
35% Base Commission
2% Attend May Kick-Off @ Sign-up
2% Attend Kick-Off Pop Rally
% Increase Sale Over Last Year.

POPCORN

Trail's End

Exciting changes are coming to this year's popcorn program! Some Highlights include Big-Box Storefront Locations available to ALL units, Trails End Tap-to-Pay integration, up to a 40% commission, and much more!

Join us at the **Council Coordinated Meeting on May 10th** and earn a bonus 2% commission for your unit.

Everyone should make plans to attend the **Popcorn Kick-Off Rally on August 9th** where Scouts and Parents can practice their popcorn pitch, get comfortable using the Trails End App, and have all their questions answered. Units who come can snag another 2% commission!

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

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](#)



CAMP KARANKAWA

SOUTH TEXAS COUNCIL **CAMP SERVICE AWARD**

May 17 - Work Day at Camp Karankawa!

Join us for a very special Work Day at Camp Karankawa!

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!

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

[Click Here to Register](#)



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.

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



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.

[Download the Merit Badge List Here](#)

[Click Here for Registration Info & Leader's Guide](#)



Cub Scout Day Camps!

May 2-4 - Jackson County Cub Scout Campout. [Register Here.](#)

June 16-20 - Corpus Christi Cub Scout Day Camp. [Register Here.](#)

Jun 20-22 - Kingsville Cub Scout Day Camp. [Register Here.](#)

July 4 - Laredo Cub Scout Summer Fun Series. [Register Here.](#)

July 11-13 - Portland Cub Scout Day Camp. [Register Here.](#)

August 2 - Laredo Cub Scout Summer Fun Series. [Register Here.](#)

Cub Scout Day Camps offer fun-filled adventures where Cub Scouts can enjoy outdoor activities, learn new skills, and make lasting memories—all while earning advancements and building friendships.

It's the perfect summer experience for young explorers! Find a Day Camp near you and register your Cub today!



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!

Scouting News



Congratulations Brian Chassells!

Congratulations Brian Chassells! Silver Antelope Recipient!

Scouting America volunteers help transform the lives of this country's youth, preparing them to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes.

To honor certain Scouters and others for their outstanding efforts, Scouting America bestows what is known as the Silver Family of Scouting America awards. These include the council-level Silver Beaver, territory-level Silver Antelope and national-level Silver Buffalo. These awards are given to recipients of exceptional character for their extraordinary service to America's youth.

The Silver Antelope, created in 1942, honors Scouters who have provided distinguished service within one of Scouting America's territories. It comes with an orange-and-white knot to wear on the uniform and an orange-and-white ribbon medal.

Brian has been serving as Commissioner and Commissioner Elect for National Service Territory 7 for the past four years. The territory covers the southern half of Texas and the entire state of Louisiana.

His local council and unit service includes past Council Commissioner, Wood Badge Course Director, Vice President of Program, Vice President of Technology, Cubmaster and Scoutmaster. Brian currently serves as the South Texas Council Membership Growth Lead.

He will be formally honored during Scouting America's National Annual Meeting on May 14 in Orlando, Fla.

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.



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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!

[Click HERE to Shop Now](#)



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 father than you ever thought possible. You'll reach deeper and lift yourself higher to become the best version of yourself.

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 SOUTH TEXAS COUNCIL

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.

[Click HERE For More Info](#)



Aztec District

May 13 - District Meeting at Camp Huisache @6:30

July 4 - Cub Scout Summer Fun Series. [Click Here to Register.](#)

August 2 - Cub Scout Summer Fun Series. [Click Here to Register.](#)

Contact your District Executive, Ali Manrique, at alexandra.manrique@scouting.org



Phoenix District

July 11-13 - Cub Scout Day Camp. [Click Here to Register.](#)

Contact James Rangel at James.Rangel@Scouting.org for more information.



Seabreeze District

The first Thursday of every month - Round Table at the Council Service Center.

June 16 - June 20 - Cub Scout Day Camp. [Click Here to Register.](#)

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



LaSalle District

La Salle District Meetings: Join us for District Meetings the 1st Thursday of every month. We talk about the key events in the district, discuss how we can help our units and more!

May 2-4 - La Salle Cub Scout Campout: We have a special campout at Camp Mauritz for our Cub Scout Families. Join us and have fun at Camp Mauritz! [Click Here to Register.](#)

Contact your District Executive, Francisco Orozco at Francisco.Oroz@Scouting.org for more information.



Venado District

Jun 20-22 - Venado District Cub Scout Day Camp. [Click Here to Register.](#)

Contact James Rangel at James.Rangel@Scouting.org for more information.

Event Recaps



Family Fun @ The Mall

By Edward Salazar This month, Scouting America in partnership with The Purple Door and La Palmera Mall held a Family Fun Day public event on Saturday, April 26, 2025, at the La Palmera Mall Center Court.

Other community partners in attendance included: Oakley, Warby Parker, Crocs, Build-a-Bear Workshop, 4H, San Maros Treatment Center, MHP Salud, CC/Nueces County Health Dept. and CC Police Dept.

Scouts opened the event with the Scout Oath and Scout Law and participated in an interview to promote Scouting America. Several Scout Units participated in the Clothesline Project. Scouts designed and wrote positive messages for our local survivors of sexual abuse – A very good deed.

This Clothesline Project was displayed at the event for public awareness. The event also provided a recruitment opportunity for Scouting America. There were fun activities and giveaways for the public to enjoy. It was a fun and successful community event!



Bike Rodeo

By Diego Villarreal

On Saturday, April 5th, the Sea Breeze District partnered with several local businesses to host a bike rodeo at the Coastal Bend Food Bank. The intention of the bike rodeo was to teach Scouts bike safety, give Cub Scouts a chance to earn their belt loop, and give the Troop-level Scouts an opportunity to start their merit badge.

It was also an opportunity to help raise food donations for the food bank and provide an experience for the public to learn what Scouting is all about. A total of 19 brand new bikes and 12 brand new helmets, along with some gently used bikes and safety equipment, were given away to public and Scout participants.

Overall, it was a great, fun, and exciting event everyone enjoyed.



Pushcart Derby

By Misty Mealer

Fun times at the Push Cart Race at Karankawa! We had 11 entries, First, Second, and Third place trophies. Sonic prizes and Sonic Hotdogs!