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STC Chronicles

South Texas Council Scouting Updates



Quick Highlights

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- August 23** - Aquatics Adventures at Camp Karankawa
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Scouting Forward

Summer is here! What adventures are you and your Scouts doing this summer?

Camp Karankawa Scouts BSA Super Troop (provisional) Camper Program still has room available, it's not too late to register your Scout(s) for a week of fun and excitement. For more information see the article in this month's newsletter. There is also Scouts BSA Mini Camp at the end of July, this is a great opportunity for Scouts to earn more merit badges before school starts.

And there are plenty of fun activities for Cub Scouts at day camps across the council and the Cub Family Campout at Karankawa this month. Let's get outside and enjoy the best of Scouting, this is the Scouting season!

Membership growth planning is underway, and every unit should be thinking about a back-to-school recruitment event and activity. Mark your calendar for the Council Membership Rally and Popcorn Sale Kickoff August 9th. It is going to be a big Scouting party. More information about the big party will be shared later this month. Let's grow Scouting in South Texas!

May the Great Scoutmaster of all times be with us until we meet again!

Marty Sepulveda
Eagle Scout
Scout Executive & CEO



Scouting America Launches Enhanced Safeguarding Youth Training



Scouting America has unveiled a new comprehensive Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) program, reinforcing its unwavering commitment to creating the safest possible environment for young people. This updated training represents a significant step forward in Scouting America's multi-layered approach to youth protection.

The new training is mandatory for all registered adult volunteers and has been developed with insights from leading experts in child safety, law enforcement, and child psychology. It incorporates the latest strategies for recognizing, responding to, and preventing various forms of abuse, including emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

Key Features of the Updated Training:

- **Comprehensive Focus:** Our new Safeguarding Youth Training (formerly Youth Protection Training) program reflects the more comprehensive nature of the training and its focus on safeguarding youth from all threats.
- **Inclusive Content:** The training covers a wide range of topics, ensuring volunteers are well-informed about potential risks and best practices for youth protection.
- **Annual Refresher Courses:** Recognizing the ongoing need for education and awareness, Scouting America will now require annual refresher courses, estimated to take 15-20 minutes, to keep youth protection knowledge current.
- **Alignment with Best Practices:** Scouting America regularly consults with experts to ensure its policies and training reflect the most up-to-date knowledge and prevention techniques in the field of youth safety.
- **Focus on Prevention:** The training emphasizes proactive measures to prevent abuse and create a culture of safety within Scouting.

Your existing Youth Protection Training remains valid until May 31, 2026, at which point the new Safeguarding Youth Training will be required.

Scouting America's proactive approach to youth safety underscores its dedication to providing a secure and enriching environment where young people can learn, grow, and thrive. The launch of this enhanced Safeguarding Youth Training demonstrates a continuous effort to adapt and improve safety measures, ensuring the well-being of all Scouts remains the top priority.

Merit Badge Program Revolutionized with Ongoing Digital Transformation



Scouts BSA volunteer leadership, working closely with Scouting America professional staff, has launched a major digital transformation of the iconic merit badge program for Scouts BSA youth, making all merit badge pamphlets available as free PDFs online, and planning for the release of exciting new badges later this year. Additionally, as part of the upcoming launch of the Scoutly chatbot, Scouts will be able to have an additional resource to help them learn about badge requirements for select merit badges. Earlier this year, the Scouts BSA Merit Badge "Test Lab" launched to gather feedback on potential new merit badges, including Auctioneering, Life Skills, and Wildland Fire Management. Remind

Scouts to keep an eye on the Test Lab for updates with future potential merit badges. This multi-year digital plan aims to modernize the merit badge experience with interactive content, resource videos, and digital guides—recognizing that today's Scouts expect digital experiences to be easy, effective, and engaging – like the tech platforms they've grown up with. More information can be found at <https://www.scouting.org/topics/program-updates/program-updates-scouts-bsa/>.



Popcorn - Fuel the Adventure!

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!

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 (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!



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! Super Troop 1944 Opportunities

Get ready for an unforgettable summer at Camp Karankawa! Whether your troop is attending or not, you can still join the fun by signing up with our Super Troop 1944 for Boys or Super Troop for Girls. These provisional troops are open to all Scouts, so no one has to miss out on the adventure!

Our action-packed program offers incredible value—this year at a special reduced rate of just \$290 per Scout. From outdoor skills and merit badges to campfires and new friendships, it's a week packed with fun, growth, and lifelong memories.

Check out the Leader's Guide for details and secure your spot today!



June 13-14 Cub Scout Summer Adventure!

Join us for an amazing Summer Camp experience at Camp Karankawa just for Cub Scouts! Camping, Swimming, and Belt-Loop Adventures!



Adventure Days!

For Scouts and their Friends! – Invite a Friend to join you for some Summer Fun at Camp Karankawa!

Adventure Days at Camp Karankawa are your ticket to summer excitement! Join us for a series of unforgettable one-day adventures where fun meets learning in the great outdoors.

Each day brings something new—step back in time during Heritage Day, unleash your creativity at Art Mania Day, or make a splash during our action-packed All-Out Aquatics Day!

These special programs are open to all youth 5-18yrs and offer a hands-on, high-energy experience filled with discovery, laughter, and lasting memories. Whether you're slinging paint, paddling a canoe, or exploring pioneer life, Adventure Days at Camp Karankawa are the perfect way to make this summer extraordinary!

June 28 - Heritage Day



Travel back in time and learn about how the early Texas settlers lived, how they cooked, and what they did for fun. Sample tasty snacks, make unique crafts, and get something branded! Don't miss out on this very unique day of fun and excitement at Camp Karankawa!

July 26 - Art Mania! (For Ages 5-10 Only)



Unleash your inner artist! Play with paint, make fun crafts, and build something amazing. This Adventure Day runs at the same time as the Scout BSA Mini Summer Camp, so **this adventure is only available to Cub-Scouts and their 5-10 year old friends!**

August 23 - Aquatics Adventures!



Swim, splash, jump, and paddle your way into an unforgettable adventure at Camp Karankawa! This action-packed aquatics day is overflowing with water-filled fun to keep you cool under the Texas sun. With age-specific activities designed for safety and excitement, every youth is guaranteed a wave of fun!



Cub Scout Day Camps!

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!



July 25-27 Scouts BSA Mini Camp!

Don't miss this great opportunity to earn a few more summer themed merit badges.

Scouts BSA merit badge camp is a three-day weekend camping experience for Troops and individual Scouts to earn both traditional summer camp and non-traditional camp merit badges.

Check in starts Friday morning, merit badge classes start Friday afternoon and end Sunday afternoon.



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!



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.



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!



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-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.



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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

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!

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.