



STC Chronicles

South Texas Council Scouting Updates



Quick Highlights

Click on the events below for more information:

January 22 -Council Annual Business Meeting
January 31 -Council Awards Reception
February 14 -Del Mar Merit Badge College -
February 14 Council Coordinated Meeting
March 6-7 & 7-8 - Cub Family Campout at Camp Karankawa
March 21 -Camp Karankawa Work Day
March 27-29 -Order of the Arrow Section 2 Conclave at Camp Karankawa
April 17-18 -Cub Family Campout at Camp Huisache
June 7-13 -Scouts BSA Summer Camp
July 5-11 -National Youth Leadership Training
July 22-31 -National Jamboree
October 9-11 -Woodbadge Part 1
November 13-14 - Woodbadge Part 2

Scouting Forward

A New Year of Growth and Celebration in Scouting The beginning of a new year brings excitement and opportunity for change. As Scouting prepares to celebrate 116 years of service next month, the core values found in the Scout Oath and Law remain our cornerstone. Now more than ever, these values must be the driving force behind Scouting's growth across our communities.

2026 needs to be the year Scouting grows in South Texas. We are beyond the fog of the pandemic and the light of the new moon, and the timeless sun should guide us toward a year filled with adventure and success. Together, let's continue working to provide the very best Scouting program for the youth and families we serve.

On January 31, we will gather for the annual Council Volunteer Awards Ceremony and Reception to recognize the countless hours of service so many of you give to Scouting every day. Please make plans to attend and help us celebrate our fellow Scouters, especially our Silver Beaver Award honorees.

I look forward to seeing you at the awards ceremony as we kick off a strong and inspiring year for Scouting. May the Great Scoutmaster of all times be with us until we meet again!

Marty Sepulveda
Eagle Scout
Scout Executive & CEO



Woodbadge Course Update

Please note the Date Change for our 2026 Course October 9, 10, 11 and November 14-15.

In order to put on the best course possible, the committee has decided to move the course to fall of 2026.

Contact Course Director Rob Strathearn robs_2002@yahoo.com for more information



Council Awards Reception - January 31, 2026

COASTAL BEND FOOD BANK - 5442 Bear Ln, Corpus Christi, TX 78405

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2026 SILVER BEAVER HONOREES:
RYAN PARR, NICK BLACK, AND VIVIAN ARMSTRONG!



Recognizing our amazing volunteers for the work and dedication in providing exceptional experiences for our youth is important to the South Texas Council. Everyone should make plans to attend this annual event celebrating the great work of our volunteers and friends.

The annual Council Awards Ceremony and Reception recognizes volunteers from across the council with the prestigious Silver Beaver Award, Vale La Pena Award, Whitney Young Award, Spurgeon Award, and the new Duty to God Award. The council Extra Miler Award for exceptional service to local council programs and services will also be presented.

Don't forget to wear your Scout uniform and past award honorees should wear their appropriate award ribbons identifying their past recognition.

This is a free event open to all Scouts, Scouters, and family members.

Eagle Scout Reception - Saturday, February 28, 2026

All 2025 Eagle Scouts from across the council are invited to attend and join in the celebration and the recognition of the top 10 Eagle Scout Service Projects. The highlight of the ceremony is the awarding of the South Texas Council's Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams Service Project of the Year Award.

This is a Free Event – all are welcomed.



Order of the Arrow Section G2 Conclave

CAMP KARANKAWA

LONE STAR FELLOWSHIP - MARCH 27-29, 2026

ORDER OF THE ARROW!

@ Karankawa
FOR THE FIRST TIME IN
50 YEARS!



CALLING ALL ARROWMEN!

Section Conclave is coming to Camp Karankawa for the first time in 50 years! Don't miss out, sign up now!

Friends of Scouting Society

Breaking News: Join the 2026 Friends of Scouting Society!

Be one of the First 150 to donate \$150 and receive a commemorative Friends of Scouting Society Neckerchief.

Open to unit leaders and parents.

Click [HERE](#) to Donate Now and get a jump start on 2026.

Contact James.Rangel@scouting.org for more information.



Mclver Furman Legacy Society

Dr. Mclver Furman became the South Texas Council's first Eagle Scout in 1920, and his legacy of leadership lives on. A devoted physician and civic leader, he helped found Driscoll Children's Hospital and served as mayor of Corpus Christi, championing parks, the arts, and youth development throughout the city.

The Mclver Furman Societies honor his enduring impact by uniting a community of visionary donors committed to securing the future of Scouting in South Texas. Through their support, Furman's lifelong commitment to service continues to shape young leaders and strengthen communities across the region.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.



JOIN
THE
LEGACY

Cub Scout Family Campouts!



March 6-7 & 7-8 - Cub Family Campout at Camp Karankawa!

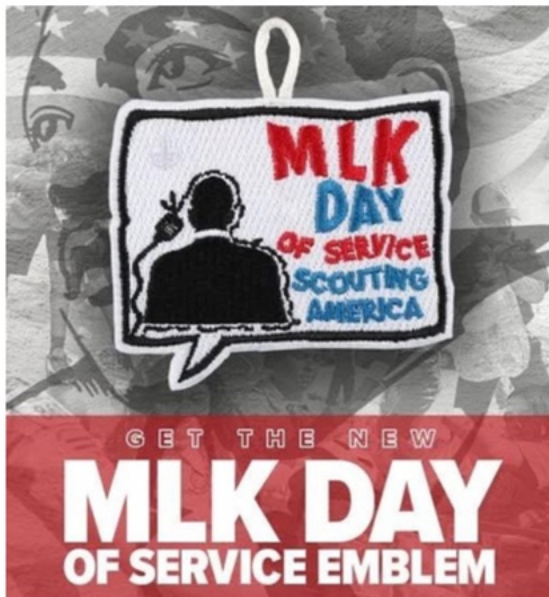
Join us for a Cub Family Campout at Camp Karankawa, where adventure, laughter, and unforgettable memories await under the South Texas stars. Families will enjoy hands-on activities, campfires, and outdoor fun designed to help Cub Scouts explore, learn, and grow together.

April 17-18 - Cub Family Campout at Camp Huisache!

From nature hikes to games and stories around the fire, this campout is all about unplugging, connecting, and experiencing the outdoors together.

Pack up the tent and bring the whole family for a weekend of discovery at Camp Huisache, made just for Cub Scouts.

Scout Shop News and Deals!



National Jamboree! July 22- 31, 2026

Spots are Limited! Sign up now!



The South Texas Council National Jamboree Contingent is now accepting youth applications. The council contingent will consist of a Boy Troop (36 youth) and half of a Girl Troop (18 youth).

To attend the National Jamboree, a Scout must: Be a currently registered member of Scouting America and be at least 12 years of age and no older than 17 years of age. If attending as a member of a Venturing Crew or Sea Scout Ship, a Scout must be at least 13 years old and have completed the 8th grade or is age 14 and not yet 21 years of age. Tentative costs including jamboree fees, troop gear, travel and lodging is \$3,500-\$3,900, final cost will be announced as soon as it is confirmed.

The South Texas Council contingent will be traveling with the Alamo Area Council Contingent as we did in 2023. Reserve your spot on the 2026 National Jamboree South Texas Council Contingent with a non-refundable \$150 deposit today. There are limited adult leadership positions available for both troops. Interested adults should contact Marty Sepulveda at martin.sepulveda@scouting.org. To attend the National Jamboree, an adult must be a currently registered member of Scouting America and be no less than 21 years of age.

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 do.

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.

District News

Aztec District

Contact Ali Manrique at alexandra.manrique@scouting.org for any questions about Scouting in the Aztec District.

District Program Coordinator: Jose "Joe" Gutierrez | jose.gutierrez@scouting.org
District Commissioner: Jacklyn Juarez | jaczzlyn@gmail.com

January 17 - Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

Leadership is a vital part of the Scouting program. Youth in positions of leadership run the troop. They take care of the many tasks necessary for troop and patrol meetings and activities to run smoothly. By accepting the responsibilities of troop leadership, Scouts are preparing themselves to be leaders throughout their lives. Completion of ILST is a prerequisite for Scouts to participate in the more advanced leadership courses, National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT).

March 14 - Join us for the 2026 Aztec District Pinewood Derby at Camp Huisache!

Derby Workshop will take place on Saturday, March 7th at 10am. District Derby Race will take place on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 1pm. Fee: \$10 (includes derby kit and patch)

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Coastal Bend Service Area

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

Contact James Rangel at James.Rangel@Scouting.org for any questions about Scouting in the Coastal Bend Service Area.

District Commissioner: Edward Salazar | esalazar@purpledoortx.org

January 23 at 6PM - January 24 4:30PM - IOLS and BALOO Training - Troop 52/652 Scout Hut, 10500 Stonewall Blvd

February 28 8AM - 1PM - Coastal Bend District Pinewood Derby - @ Peter Piper Pizza



LaSalle District

The First Thursday of every month is our Round Table

The Second Thursday of every month is the District Meeting at the Crossing First United Methodist Church in Victoria.

Contact Francisco Orozco at Francisco.Oroz@Scouting.org for more information on Scouting in the LaSalle District.

District Commissioner: Pauline Ridley | jamespaulineridley@sbcglobal.net

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.



Council Program Calendar

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

Are you leaving a legacy? Consider Scouting in your will.
Leave a trail for others to follow.