



Emergency Action Plan

South Texas Council Camp Karankawa

Camp Karankawa
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Camp Muster Areas

Muster Area: Parade ground in front of Dinning Hall
Secondary Muster Area: Parade Ground at Training Center

See Appendix 1 of this document EVACUATION PLAN

Definitions

Camp Director	Camp director is being used interchangeably with coordinator and event lead.
Campers	Used interchangeably with participants.
Emergency Plan Coordinator (Coordinator)	<p>The coordinator is the designated leader for the council or district event (e.g., camp director, event lead). The coordinator is the person making decisions or taking actions pursuant to this plan.</p> <p>For purposes of South Texas Council licensed camps, the Coordinator is James Rangel (James.Rangel@Scouting.org), Camp Director.</p>
Emergency Plan Manager (Manager)	<p>The lead ranger will also act as the manager, unless an alternative is assigned by the South Council Scout Executive.</p> <p>For purposes of South Texas Council licensed camps, the Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org), Assistant Scout Executive, South Texas Council.</p>
Event Lead	Event lead is being used interchangeably with camp director and coordinator.
Participants	Used interchangeably with campers.
Staff	Staff is being used for contracted staff and vendors, and volunteers.

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Overview

The objective of the South Texas Council Emergency Action Plan (EAP) is to comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) Emergency Action Plan Standard, 29 CFR 1910.38, and Fire Prevention Plan (29 CFR 1910.39), as well as to prepare staff, participants, and campers for dealing with emergency situations.

Additionally, this EAP is designed to comply with the National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) of Scouting America and Texas Health and Safety Chapter 141.

This EAP is designed to minimize injury and loss of human life and resources by training staff, participants, and campers, procuring and maintaining necessary equipment, and assigning responsibilities. This EAP represents a completed assessment of risks to staff, participants, and campers and serves as a written guide for emergency procedures used to address those risks.

This plan will be provided to staff and volunteers during the camp training session and reviewed upon arrival at camp. Each situation training will be conducted during the staff training week prior to camp. Documentation of who is in attendance will be kept annually. Plan will be sent out to registered participants and parents prior to arrival at camp. The Plan is available at our website ww.southtexasscouting.org The plan will be reviewed with leaders of the scout units within 24hours of arrival at camp.

Training for Campers

Training will be conducted by Staff and leaders upon arrival at camp. The training is conducted with leaders guidance to participants and is presented in the age range of our campers 10-18 years old and staff 21-65 years old. Collective the Emergency Action coordinator and directors of the program areas will conduct the training at the grade level and reading level of the ages above.

COMMUNICATION TO LEADERS AND PARENTS

Any and all communication with parents will be via text and phone calls to apprise of the situation as soon as it occurs and updates every 30 minutes. This will be done by the Emergency Plan manager James Rangel and all unit leaders.

The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org)
361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency
Please contact immediately.

South Texas Council Camp Karankawa Location

Camp Karankawa
23564 Park Rd 25
Mathis, TX 78368

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP

DIRECTIONS FROM CORPUS CHRISTI

Travel north on Interstate 37 to Mathis, Texas.
Take exit 34 towards Lake Corpus Christi State Recreation Area.
Turn left at State Highway 359. Travel on State Highway 359 south to Mathis.
Turn right on to park road 25 right before the Nueces River Bridge.
Follow park road 25 until you come to the entrance leading to the Lake Corpus Christi State Park.
Turn left into the entrance to the park.
Proceed towards the park until you reach the fork in the road.
Take the right fork right before entering State Park Headquarters to Camp Karankawa. Travel on road until you reach the camp entrance, turn left into the entrance and follow driveway to camp parking lot.

DIRECTIONS FROM VICTORIA

Take US 59 south to Beeville (55 miles). Take US 181 south to Skidmore (12 miles).
Follow TX 359 southwest into Mathis. Travel on State Highway 359 through Mathis.
Turn right on to park road 25 right before the Nueces River Bridge.
Follow park road 25 until you come to the entrance leading to the Lake Corpus Christi State Park.
Turn left into the entrance to the park. Proceed towards the park until you reach the fork in the road.
Take the right fork right before entering State Park Headquarters to Camp Karankawa.
Travel on road until you reach the camp entrance, turn left into the entrance and follow driveway to camp parking lot.

DIRECTIONS FROM LAREDO

Take US 59 north to Freer. Take State Hwy 44 east to Alice. Take TX 359 north to Mathis.
Cross the Nueces River Bridge and then turn left at Park Road 25. Follow this road until you come to the entrance leading to the Lake Corpus Christi State Park. Turn left into the entrance to the park.
Proceed towards the park until you reach the fork in the road. Take the right fork right before entering State Park Headquarters to Camp Karankawa.
Travel on road until you reach the camp entrance, turn left into the entrance and follow driveway to camp parking lot.



Camp Karankawa Floodplain Map

1. Yellow outline is boundary of Camp Property
2. Large Red circle are staff cabins not used by campers farther than 1,000feet from flood plain
3. White Outline is water and floodplain area
4. Small Red Dots are campsites for Participants-primitive tent camping no cabins in 15 campsites

Area of Responsibility

1. Emergency Plan Manager (Manager)

The resident camp director will act as the manager, unless an alternative is assigned by the South Texas Council Scout Executive.

For purposes of licensed camps, the Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council.

The manager will be responsible for:

- a. Scheduling annual tests of the emergency notification system with the appropriate authorities.
- b. Coordinate with local emergency response personnel and the local emergency manager to ensure they are familiar with this plan.
- c. Ensuring that all staff have access to and been trained on this plan.
- d. Maintaining staff and camper training records pertaining to this plan.
- e. Ensuring that parents or next of kin have access to floodplain maps and this Emergency Action Plan.
- f. Monitoring internet services and availability.
- g. The manager will maintain and preserve parent or next of kin acknowledgment signatures for participating camper showing that the parent or guardian have been given access to this EAP and that parts of the camp are in a flood plain.

2. Emergency Plan Coordinator (Coordinator)

The coordinator is the designated leader for the council or district event (e.g., camp director, event lead). The Coordinator is the person making decisions or taking actions pursuant to this plan. The Coordinator is also responsible for implementation of this plan at the event or camp, making all notifications including coordinating with the Local Emergency Management personnel on specific emergencies and for conducting all training related to this plan.

For purposes of South Texas Council licensed camps, the Coordinator is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org), Camp Director.

3. Emergency Warning/Public Address System

For purposes of our licensed camps at Camp Karankawa, the camp ranger is responsible for the maintenance of the Emergency Warning System/Public Address System. This system is located at the Headquarter Building and is operated electronically without reliance on the internet. This manual system is designed to alert audibly to all camping and program areas utilized at our licensed camp.

This plan calls for the Coordinator, or their designee, to manually activate the alarm in the event that all campers are to be called to the muster area. If coordinator is

unavailable, the ranger is next to sound alarm, if ranger is not available Camp Health officer is next in line to sound alarm If there are campers that are hearing impaired, the coordinator will instruct closest staff and participants to notify those hearing impaired of emergency and assist with administering instructions and guide those persons to the muster area.

4. Internet Providers

Camp Karankawa, utilizes AT&T as its primary internet provider for end-to-end fiberoptic service. The secondary broadband service is through GTek.

5. Contractors, Vendors, or Outside Instructors

Contractors, vendors, or outside Instructors are responsible for complying with this plan and will be provided training or direction from the staff assigned to manage them.

6. Campers/Participants

The Emergency Plan coordinator will ensure the participating unit leadership is aware of the plan and the location, content, and procedures described in this document.

For purposes of South Texas Council licensed camps at Camp Karankawa, developmentally appropriate training for all campers is to be conducted within 48 hours of the beginning of the camp session to include actions and procedures to follow in an emergency event and cover at least the following topics:

- a. The emergency alarm sound and where the alarm is located
- b. Muster area(s) for when the alarm sounds.
- c. Instructions on behavioral expectations during an emergency
- d. Who is responsible for conducting headcount and relaying emergency response information and directives
- e. Camp boundaries and hazards

7. Staff Training and Records

Prior to the beginning of any camp (short-term or long-term camp), the Emergency Plan coordinator or designee will provide emergency planning training for staff to include the following topics:

- a. Anticipated types of potential emergency conditions
- b. The method for alerting the staff, participants, and campers of an emergency condition. The camp's emergency alarm device its location and use.
- c. Location of the camp health officer.
- d. Location of the designated muster areas.
- e. Instructions on conducting head counts and assessments of the physical well-being of everyone once assembled.
- f. Assigning emergency response tasks, such as establishing communications with outside authorities, providing first aid, forming, and initiating searches,

relocating everyone to secure and safe areas, inspecting facilities and grounds for damage, coordinating orderly and safe camp evacuation.

Staff EAP training records will be maintained by the Coordinator for long-term camp staff and will provide the names and date of training. These records will be maintained with Scouting America's National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) training records. No record retention is required for short-term (non-licensed) camps.

8. Drills Fire/Emergency Response

Long-Term Camp: Within 24 hours of providing emergency training to unit leaders, the ranger/coordinator or designee will conduct a camp wide emergency response test by sounding the alarm and oversee the assembly of units and head counting procedures.

Short-Term Camp: Unit leaders will be advised at check-in of emergency response procedures provided by the coordinator or their designee.

Evaluation of this Emergency Action Plan

This plan will be evaluated by the Risk Management Committee, ranger, NCAP chair, and long-term camp director.

This plan has been submitted to, and approved by, San Patricio County Emergency Management.

Once this plan is approved and or updated it will be submitted to City of Mathis EMS, Law Enforcement, Fire, San Patricio County Emergency Response director and Camp Medical Director Dr. James Mobley. This plan is reviewed annually by our NCAP Chair, Council/Camp Medical Director, Camping Committee and appropriate board members and staff.

Use of this Emergency Action Plan

This plan includes individual appendices for emergency events and phone lists for South Texas Council Camp Karankawa. The purpose for the sections is two-fold:

- a. The individual appendices for emergency events are available so the coordinator can have the appropriate section available to them at the time needed.
- b. The individual appendices for the phone listings allow for printing and posting in appropriate areas where people are gathered or where potential issues may arise.

Appendix 1: South Texas Council Evacuation Plans

Camp Karankawa Evacuation Routes



Camp Karankawa Severe Weather, Flood, and Wildfire Evacuation Plan

Severe Weather:

In the event that severe weather necessitates an evacuation at camp, this protocol will be followed.

Flash Flood:

The floodplain map is enclosed and limited to certain areas of camp near the shoreline area of Lake Corpus Christi and does not affect camping and most activity areas. If, however, a flash flood warning is issued, the protocols relating to wildfire as set forth below will be followed.

Fire:

If you spot a fire and can put it out safely and quickly, do so. Notify the Camp Ranger or a staff member.

Evacuation Plan:

If a fire is out of control, send a runner to the Ranger or notify a staff member. Also send a runner to the nearest camp alarm. This will either be the Headquarter building or the location designated by the program leader. Make sure your program designates a camp alarm location.

If a camp emergency alarm is sounded by camp personnel (siren at the Headquarter building but can be communicated by staff members) all campers and staff will muster as quickly as possible in the designated muster area. See map below.

The designated muster area is parade ground at the dining hall. See map.

The Camp Ranger, Camp Director or program leader shall coordinate headcounts at the designated muster area. Each unit should maintain a roster for this purpose.

If necessary, the Camp Ranger, Camp Director or program leader shall give the evacuation order and route instructions. Evacuation will take place from the designated muster area.

Evacuation shall take place by the primary access road to camp. Should the primary road be blocked by fire, flood, downed tree, or power lines, then evacuation shall take place via secondary evacuation routes as noted on the attached map.

If a secondary unification point is ordered, all persons shall go to the Lake City Civic Center.

The Coordinator will ensure that emergency evacuation escape route and secondary evacuation routes are also posted in cabins and buildings and on bulletin boards throughout camp.

In the event an evacuation is necessary, the Coordinator will make arrangements for individuals with disabilities or functional needs, to be evacuated by vehicle or other means coordinating such needs with local authorities and local Emergency Management. In this connection, South Texas Council will make contact with Mathis Independent School District to provide transportation, if necessary, to unification points.

The Coordinator is responsible for ensuring contact is made with parents or guardians of the youth concerning an evacuation or at a unification point following an evacuation.

Camp Karankawa Severe Weather, Flood, and Wildfire Evacuation Plan

Know whether burn restrictions are in place and follow them. Know and use the unit fireguard chart and post it each day. Make sure campfires are "cold out" when done (you can put your hand on it without burning).

If you spot a fire and can put it out safely and quickly, do so. Notify the ranger or a staff member.

If a fire is out of control, send a runner to the ranger or notify a staff member. Also send a runner to the nearest camp alarm. This will be Headquarters or the location designated by the program leader. Make sure your program designates a camp alarm location.

If a camp emergency alarm is sounded by camp personnel, (usually air horn over a megaphone but can be communicated by staff members) all campers and staff will muster as quickly as possible in the designated muster area. See attached map.

The designated muster area is the flagpole at the Dining Hall or other designated location specified by the program leader. See the map below.

The ranger, camp director or program leader shall coordinate headcounts at the designated muster area. Each unit should maintain a roster for this purpose

If necessary, the ranger, camp director or program leader shall give the evacuation order and route instructions. Evacuation will take place from the designated muster area.

Evacuation shall take place by the primary access road to camp. Should the primary road be blocked by fire, flood, downed trees, or power lines, then evacuation shall take place via secondary evacuation routes as noted on the attached map. Unit leaders will use personal vehicles that were used to transport Scouts to camp to evacuate scouts. Ranger and Emergency Plan Coordinator James Rangel will coordinate traffic exiting camp. Medical staff and support staff will notify parents and guardians of evacuation and location of muster point off site. Medical staff and trading post-store and program staff in scout skills area will assist any persons with mobility issues. Emergency Plan coordinator will contact law enforcement and coordinate transportation with local school district to evacuate if personal vehicles are unavailable.

The emergency evacuation escape route and secondary evacuation routes are also posted on bulletin boards though out camp and will be illuminated at night.

Appendix 2: Emergency Stages

When an emergency arises and the entire camp or event must have a headcount, personal accountability includes actions by unit leaders and the coordinator.

South Texas Council has a three-stage plan for emergency incidents.

Stage 1

Units are expected to stay in their current location and upon direction from the coordinator or their designee:

- a. The unit leader accounts for all in their unit and makes note of who is missing and their last known location.
- b. Reports this information back to the coordinator or their designee.
- c. Keeps their unit in place until further orders or directions are given.

Stage 2

Units are expected to quickly travel to the muster location and upon direction from the coordinator or their designee:

- a. The unit leader accounts for all persons in their unit and makes note of who is missing and their last known location.
- b. Reports this information back to the coordinator or their designee.
- c. Keeps their unit in place at the muster area until further direction is given.

Stage 3

Camp is being evacuated to a secondary location or released to go home. The coordinator or their designee is to report all accounted for and the names of any missing.

- a. The unit leader accounts for all in their unit and makes note of who is missing and their last known location.
- b. The **unit leader** reports this information back to the coordinator or their designee.
- c. Units are expected to travel quickly home or to the off-site location.

The coordinator is responsible for staff, visitors, participants, and campers. They must provide a list of the missing to the emergency first responder (the lead fire officer, lead police officer, etc.).

The Coordinator is responsible for ensuring contact is made with parents or guardians or next of kin concerning an evacuation or at a reunification point following an evacuation. This notification can be made by phone with the assistance of staff members.

The coordinator must also inform the staff advisor, or the scout executive, a summary of the event and a list of missing and or unaccounted persons.

Appendix 3: Camper Security

NOTE: Depending on the incident, the emergency incident may cause the coordinator to:

- Notify 911
- The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency Please contact immediately.
- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the staff adviser / scout executive
- Complete a Scouting America Incident Report

Families sending their children to Scouting America camps expect that Scouting America will exercise due care for the security of their children. To mitigate the risk of any unauthorized release of a camper from camp, and against any unauthorized person from being at camp, the following must be followed:

- a. Signs must be posted along the entryway reminding all visitors to sign in at a designated spot, such as registration or the Headquarter Building.
- b. A sign in/out logbook is maintained for the event.
- c. Wristbands (or some designation) shall be issued to everyone that has checked in.
- d. For events where units are coming together, unit rosters are collected at check in and all youth and adults are issued a wrist band indicating that they have checked in.
- e. If any person is identified as not properly checked in (no wristband), then they must be escorted to the designated area to verify that they have permission to be on camp and to get properly signed in.
- f. All staff members wear something that designates them as staff, such as a name badge.

Check In:

All staff, participants, and campers will be checked in by staff when they arrive, either by a parent/guardian or by their unit leader if the camp is unit-based.

- a. During check-in, staff will review Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record.
- b. Staff should be aware that certain custody disputes may involve court orders or other directions from the legal guardian to prohibit specific people from picking up a youth from camp, including another parent.

Leaving The Event Early

Participants:

- a. All participants (youth and adults) must sign out at the designated place / Headquarter Building if departing prior to the end of the event.

- b. Campers can only be released to the individual(s) listed on the Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record. The person seeking to take possession of the camper shall have a valid government issued form of identification.
- c. For troops attending district or council events:
 - I. The unit leader must be aware of the person leaving and their expected return time.
 - II. All youth must have a unit leader with them to sign out (depart the camp). The unit leader is responsible for confirming who the youth is departing with and if they are approved. A camper release form is required for all youth departing prior to the end of camp term.
- d. For long-term camp staff under the age of 18, they must have written permission from their parents/guardians to leave the camp with another staff member.

Unauthorized Persons:

If any staff, participants, and campers observe an unauthorized person entering camp, they are not to approach the person under any circumstances. The staff, participant, and camper should immediately alert the coordinator or ranger to the location of the unauthorized person. This should be done directly without alerting any other staff members or campers.

- a. Once the coordinator or ranger is alerted, they will take the necessary action.
- b. The coordinator will take no less than two (2) other staff members and proceed to the last location the person was seen.
- c. The Coordinator will direct staff to lead campers away from the unauthorized person.
- d. While the coordinator and staff approach the person there will be at least one other staff member in the camp office who is in radio contact with the director.
 - I. If the unauthorized person is one that is to be escorted off the camp property with additional assistance (police, country sheriff), the staff member in the office will contact 911.
- e. The coordinator or ranger will speak to the unauthorized person to determine the identity of the person and why they are in camp.
- f. If it is determined that the person would be approved to be in camp (parent, troop leader), the director will tell the camp office to lower the warning.
 - I. To determine if the person is to be in camp, the director will check the person's driver's license and confirm with the unit leader.
- g. The person will be escorted to the designated area to be formally authorized to be in camp.

The coordinator will review any unauthorized entrant at the weekly staff meeting and adjust procedures to ensure protection of campers.

Appendix 4: Dangerous Wildlife

NOTE: Depending on the incident, this event may cause the coordinator to:

- The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency Please contact immediately.
- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the staff advisor / scout executive
- Complete a Scouting America Incident Report if it involves an injury

If you see a dead animal, or an animal acting in a strange manner, leave the area and notify the coordinator or camp staff. Do not approach the animal.

If an injury occurs with an animal, contact the Coordinator immediately and refer to the South Texas Council's Health Policy and Procedure Manual for guidance.

Appendix 5: Fire Incidents

NOTE: Depending on the incident, this event may cause the coordinator to:

- Contact 911
- The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency Please contact immediately.
- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the scout executive
- Complete a Scouting America Incident Report

The Coordinator or his designee will monitor emergency alerts on a 24-hour basis, including for fires.

South Texas Council reserves the right to limit or ban fires on camp at any time. The ranger/coordinator will know whether any burn ban restrictions are in place.

Under no circumstances will anyone attempt to fight a fire that has passed the incipient stage (that can be put out with a single fire extinguisher), nor will anyone attempt to enter a burning building to conduct search and rescue. These actions will be left to emergency services professionals.

Campsite Fires

- Fires are only allowed in existing fire rings
- Each troop will post a Unit Fireguard Chart in the campsite. It is the responsibility of the unit leader to train campers/participants in the use of the fire plan, fire prevention, fire detection, reporting and fire control.

Unattended Fires

- If the fire is small and able to be suppressed with available equipment, put the fire out and; notify the ranger or coordinator about the location of the fire.
- If the fire is large and unable to be suppressed with available equipment, see protocol below for structure fires and wildfires on camp.

Structure Fires and Wildfires on Camp

- The coordinator will notify 911, the ranger, and call county emergency management personnel.
- If necessary, the coordinator or their designee will sound the emergency signal for all staff, participants, and campers to assemble at the muster area to await instructions from the coordinator.
- The camp health officer will remain in the health lodge for medical assistance if it can be safely done. If not, the camp health officer will report to the muster area.
- The coordinator will designate someone to meet the fire personnel at the camp gate and lead them to the fire location.

- e. The coordinator may ask camp staff to form a fire-blocking team (working as a defensive team to support evacuation of the camp), if needed, and can be done safely, to help maintain a safe path for evacuation of camp.
- f. Unit leaders will be asked to notify parents/guardians via phone communication call of text of situation at camp. Communication will also be made from central office to families updating them of the situation.
- g. The coordinator will account for all staff, participants, and campers at the muster area.
- h. If evacuation of the camp is required, leaders will use their vehicles in the parking lot to transport people. The coordinator or their designee will be responsible for tracking people as they leave to ensure that all people are accounted for.
- i. If the camp is evacuated to a secondary location, the coordinator will once again account for all staff, participants, and campers at the secondary location unless such people are released from camp to go home.
- j. The ranger, with the professional fire-fighting lead, will determine when it is safe to return to the area. The ranger will conduct an inspection of camp structures to verify safe entry.

Wildfires off Camp

- a. The coordinator will monitor the fire danger situation and consult with the ranger and local emergency management authorities on fire movement.
- b. If necessary, the coordinator or their designee will sound the emergency signal for all staff, participants, and campers at the muster area to await instructions from the coordinator.
- c. If evacuation is determined to be the prudent choice, the coordinator will account for all staff, participants, and campers at the muster area. If the camp is evacuated to a secondary location, the coordinator will once again account for all staff, participants, and campers unless such people are released from camp to go home.
- d. If evacuation of the camp is required, leaders will use their vehicles in the parking lot to transport people. The coordinator or their designee will be responsible for tracking people as they leave to ensure that all people are accounted for at the secondary location if such secondary location is necessary.

Reporting

All unintended fires will be reported to the ranger and coordinator as soon as possible.

To eliminate confusion and the possibility of false alarms, only the coordinator and/or ranger is authorized to contact the appropriate community emergency response personnel and notify county emergency management personnel.

Council Headquarters Notification

The coordinator and or ranger will contact the council office and the scout executive as soon as possible with information on employee injuries and/or loss of life and property damage.

Appendix 6: Hazardous Materials Exposure

NOTE: Depending on the incident, this event may cause the coordinator to:

- The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency Please contact immediately.
- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the staff advisor / scout executive
- Complete a Scouting America Incident Report

If a hazardous chemical spill is observed:

- a. All people are to leave the area.
- b. Report the spill to the ranger and provide the time of spill, location, what was spilled, and a description of the area.
- c. The ranger will handle the spill as required by the chemical data sheet.
- d. The ranger will report back when the area is all clear.

All chemicals are stored in their original container. If chemicals are required to be placed in a different style container for use, the container must be clearly labeled as to the contents.

In the event the camp is notified of a release or spill of hazardous material in the area, the Ranger will work with county emergency management personnel to determine if the camp should shelter in place or evacuate.

Appendix 7: Medical Emergencies

NOTE: Depending on the incident, this event may cause the coordinator to:

- Call 911 and contact county emergency management personnel
- The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency Please contact immediately.
- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the staff advisor / scout executive
- Complete a Scouting America Incident Report

NOTE: Additional and more complete information about medical information can be found in the South Texas Council Health Policy and Procedure Manual. If any conflict exists between this policy and the Health Policy and Procedure Manual, Health Policy and Procedure Manual controls.

All council and district events must have a designated camp health officer familiar with the council health policies and procedures (separate document). The camp health officer will evaluate all camp illnesses and injuries for treatment and severity. Treatment will be provided for illnesses and injuries within the scope and capabilities of the medical facilities and standing orders in the council Health Policy and Procedure Manual.

If a suspected or known communicable disease occurs at a Scouting event, see the Health Policy (in the appendix) and contact the Coordinator.

Minor Injuries/Illness: these can be treated with first aid and seen by appropriate medical personnel, when necessary.

Major Accident or Health Emergency: expertise and equipment may not be available at the camp facilities to treat severe injuries and illnesses such as fractures, lacerations requiring stitches, second- or third-degree burns, snake bites, major allergic reactions, and concussions. When these occur, the patient should be taken to the nearest emergency medical facility by ambulance, camp vehicle, or personally owned vehicle. Youth protection requirements are still required when transporting a youth under the age of 18. The coordinator shall notify the parent/guardian, or emergency contact listed on the Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record as soon as possible.

Depending on the severity, the camp health officer may also contact the parent/guardian listed on Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record to pick up their child.

Advanced medical care should not be provided by staff or participants. These situations should be left to emergency services professionals or the camp health officer.

All attempts must be made to provide care listed in the Health Policy and Procedure Manual.

If necessary, call 911 and county emergency management personnel.

Fatalities: if a fatality occurs on camp property, the coordinator shall call 911 immediately and direct that their instructions be followed. Do not disturb the victims or the surrounding area

unless necessary for safety or to provide aid to others. Keep a responsible adult at the scene to prevent disturbance of the area until the authorities arrive. The coordinator will notify the scout executive as soon as possible. The scout executive shall notify the parent/guardian, or emergency contact listed on the Scouting America Annual Health and Medical Record, as soon as possible.

Appendix 8: Missing Person Incidents

NOTE: Depending on the incident, this event may cause the coordinator to:

- The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency Please contact immediately.
- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the staff advisor / scout executive
- Complete a Scouting Incident Report

The coordinator will maintain a list of all staff, visitors, and participants at the camp. If a person is believed to be missing, the coordinator will initiate a headcount of the unit (See Stage 1 in Appendix 2: Accountability Plan) and ask for the whereabouts of the lost person.

It is most important to remain calm and not to frighten any campers / participants to allow all to think clearly.

During the event, coordinator maintains a written listing of places checked and the staff member that cleared the area to allow for an efficient and quick response to all areas of camp.

- a. Missing Person
- b. Determine where and when the last time the person was seen.
- c. Assign a staff member to check:
 - I. Normal areas the person would be found (e.g., campsites, tents, bath houses, dining hall, program areas),
 - II. Camp medical area
 - III. Review the camp sign-out log.
- d. Ask Scouts/friends for possible locations. Possible questions include:
 - I. Who saw the Scout last?
 - II. Who is their "buddy"?
 - III. Where – which way – was the Scout going?
 - IV. When did the Scout leave?
 - V. With whom did the Scout leave?
 - VI. What mood was the Scout in? Angry? Homesick? Normal?
 - VII. Was the Scout feeling ill?

- VIII. Does the Scout have family or a favorite staff member they would contact?
- e. Contact all staff with information on the missing person and include the following:
 - I. Name of the missing person
 - II. Where and when last seen
 - III. Description of the person to include hair, eye color, weight, height, clothing.
- f. If the person isn't found in twenty (30) minutes, they will be presumed lost. The coordinator will enact Stage 2 listed in Appendix 2 of this document and all people will muster at the designated location and a general call out for the missing person will be done.
- g. If the missing person is still not located, the coordinator will institute a public search that will include contacting 911, the staff advisor and/or the scout executive, and youth's parent or guardian, or adult's emergency contact. (This level of missing person event will require a Scouting America Incident Report to be completed and turned into the South Texas Council.)
- h. Emergency Action Plan Coordinator, Camp Director, Ranger in that order will call 911 and coordinate with local Fire, Law Enforcement and EMS. Once they arrive on site will coordinate at headquarters and update on situation and coordinate continued search plan.
- i. Emergency Action Coordinator will contact emergency contact numbers listed on the participants Health form including parent and or guardian.

Missing Person at the Waterfront

- a. The lifeguard on duty will clear the water of all swimmers and the staff on shore will count and assemble all campers/participants and compare them to the buddy tags.
- b. The lifeguard will conduct a visual scan of the area.
- c. If a person is not located immediately, lifeguard will notify the coordinator and the waterfront director, if not already at the swimming area.
- d. All lifeguards and unattached staff will assemble at the swimming area immediately and begin search efforts.
- e. Staff will be sent to common areas to search for the missing person.
- f. Coordinator will notify the health officer, who will report to the waterfront area with the AED immediately.
- g. If the camper/participant is not located, the coordinator will institute a public search that will include contacting 911, county emergency management personnel, the staff advisor and/or the scout executive, and youth's parent or guardian, or adult's emergency contact. (This level of missing person event will require a Scouting America Incident Report to be completed and turned into the South Texas Council.)

Appendix 9: Active Shooter

NOTE: This event will cause the coordinator to:

- Notify 911
- The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency Please contact immediately.
- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the staff advisor / scout executive
- Complete a Scouting America Incident Report

An active shooter is an individual actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a confined and populated area; in most cases, active shooters use firearms(s) and there is no pattern or method to their selection of victims.

Active shooter situations are unpredictable and evolve quickly. Typically, the immediate deployment of law enforcement is required to stop the shooting and mitigate harm to victims.

Because active shooter situations are often over within ten (10) to fifteen (15) minutes, before law enforcement arrives on the scene, individuals must be prepared both mentally and physically to deal with an active shooter situation.

Best practices for coping with an active shooter situation:

- a. Be aware of your environment and any possible dangers.
- b. Take note of the two nearest exits in any facility you visit.
- c. If you are in an office, stay there and secure the door.
- d. If you are in a hallway, go into a room and secure the door.
- e. As a last resort, attempt to take the active shooter down. When the shooter is at close range and you cannot flee, your chance of survival is much greater if you try to incapacitate him or her.
- f. Call 911 when it is safe to do so!

How to Respond When an Active Shooter is in Your Vicinity

Quickly determine the most reasonable way to protect your own life. Remember that campers/participants are likely to follow the lead of staff during an active shooter situation.

- a. **Get out (evacuate).** If there is an accessible escape path, attempt to evacuate the premises. Be sure to do the following:
 - i. Have an escape route and plan in mind.
 - ii. Evacuate regardless of whether others agree to follow.
 - iii. Leave your belongings behind.
 - iv. Help others escape, if possible.

- v. Prevent individuals from entering an area where the active shooter may be located.
 - vi. Do not attempt to move wounded people.
 - vii. Call 911 when it is safe to do so.
- b. **Hide out.** If evacuation is not possible, find a place to hide where the active shooter is less likely to find you. Your hiding place should:
- i. Be out of the active shooter's view.
 - ii. Provide protection if shots are fired in your direction (i.e., an office with a closed and locked door).
 - iii. Not trap yourself or restrict your options for movement.
- c. To prevent an active shooter from entering your hiding place:
- I. Lock the door.
 - II. Block the door with heavy furniture.
- d. If the active shooter is nearby, do the following:
- I. Lock the door.
 - II. Silence your cell phone and/or pager.
 - III. Turn off any source of noise (i.e., radios, televisions).
 - IV. Hide behind large items (i.e., cabinets, desks).
 - V. Remain quiet.
- e. If evacuation and hiding out are not possible, do the following:
- I. Remain calm.
 - II. Dial 911, if possible, to alert police of the active shooter's location.
 - III. If you cannot speak, leave the line open and allow the dispatcher to listen.
- f. **Take out (act against the active shooter).** As a last resort, and only when your life is in imminent danger, attempt to disrupt and/or incapacitate the active shooter by:
- I. Acting as aggressively as possible against him or her
 - II. Throwing items and improvising weapons
 - III. Yelling
 - IV. Committing to your actions

g. How to Respond When Law Enforcement Arrives

Law enforcement's purpose is to stop the active shooter as soon as possible. Officers will proceed directly to the area in which the last shots were heard.

- I. Officers usually arrive in teams of four.

- II. Officers may wear regular patrol uniforms or external bulletproof vests, Kevlar helmets, and other tactical equipment.
- III. Officers may be armed with rifles, shotguns, and handguns.
- IV. Officers may use pepper spray or tear gas to control the situation.
- V. Officers may shout commands and may push individuals to the ground for everyone's safety.

h. How to react when law enforcement arrives:

- I. Remain calm and follow the officers' instructions.
- II. Put down any items in your hands (i.e., bags, jackets).
- III. Immediately raise hands and spread fingers.
- IV. Keep hands visible at all times.
- V. Avoid making quick movements toward officers,
- VI. Avoid holding grabbing ahold of the officer for safety.
- VII. Avoid pointing, screaming, and/or yelling.
- VIII. Do not stop to ask officers for help or directions when evacuating, just proceed in the direction from which officers are entering the premises.

i. Information to provide to law enforcement or the 911 operator:

- I. Location of the active shooter
- II. Number of shooters, if more than one
- III. Physical description of shooter(s)
- IV. Number and type of weapons held by the shooter(s)
- V. Number of potential victims at the location

NOTE: The first officers to arrive at the scene will not stop to help injured persons. Expect rescue teams comprised of additional officers and emergency medical personnel to follow the initial officers. These rescue teams will treat and remove any injured persons. They may also call upon able-bodied individuals to assist in removing the wounded from the premises.

Once you have reached a safe location, you will probably be held in that area by law enforcement until the situation is under control and all witnesses have been identified and questioned. Do not leave until law enforcement authorities have instructed you to do so.

Appendix 10: Severe Weather Incidents

NOTE: Depending on the nature of the weather, damage to the facility, and injuries:

- The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency Please contact immediately.
- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the staff advisor / scout executive
- Decide whether to shelter in place or evacuate
- Complete a Scouting America Incident Report

The Coordinator or their designee will monitor on a 24-hour basis all National Weather Service alerts by weather radio (independent of the internet). The camp Ranger will inspect and maintain these radios every other day to ensure good working order. Radio maintenance logs will be kept at the camp administration HQ office. The Coordinator will issue directives as necessary and reasonable to either shelter in place or evacuate. Daily Weather will be provided to staff and campers and hourly updates in case of incoming weather or sooner if severe weather is looming. Communication will happen during daily leader, staff meetings and communication via short band radio, cell phones and verbal communication.

Weather radios will be maintained by the camp ranger and provided for use at each camp session. While weather is being monitored, meeting with unit leaders to discuss potential options including but not limited to evacuation or shelter in place and locations described. Also discussed is notification of shelter in place decision and alarm if emergency conditions arise.

Some weather incidents, including severe weather incidents, could necessitate a "shelter in place" determination. If a shelter in place determination is made, the Coordinator will direct staff to communicate to campers that they will muster in the closest camp buildings, campsite pavilions, low spots at the campsite and or the nearest bathhouse until the emergency is over. To the extent necessary, the Coordinator may direct staff to remain with campers at their shelter in place location during the emergency. Major shelter in place locations are the dining hall and the training center located at either end of camp. Campers and staff are directed to move to the closest location in case of shelter in place. In case of fast moving emergency, campers are advise to shelter in closest camp building or low spot at camp. Once campers arrive staff assigned to each are will monitor and account for all present. Aquatics staff will report to raining center and scoutcraft staff will report to dinning hall and lead the accounting process for capers.

If a camp emergency alarm is sounded by camp personnel, (usually air horn over a megaphone but can be communicated by staff members) all campers and staff will muster as quickly as possible in the designated muster area. See attached map.

The designated muster area is the flagpole at the Dinning Hall or other designated location specified by the program leader. See the map below.

The ranger, camp director or program leader shall coordinate headcounts at the designated muster area. Each unit should maintain a roster for this purpose

If necessary, the ranger, camp director or program leader shall give the evacuation order and route instructions. Evacuation will take place from the designated muster area.

Evacuation shall take place by the primary access road to camp. Should the primary road be blocked by fire, flood, downed trees, or power lines, then evacuation shall take place via secondary evacuation routes as noted on the attached map. Unit leaders will use personal vehicles that were used to transport Scouts to camp to evacuate scouts. Ranger and Emergency Plan Coordinator James Rangel will coordinate traffic exiting camp. Medical staff and support staff will notify parents and guardians of evacuation and location of muster point off site. Medical staff and trading post-store and program staff in scout skills area will assist any persons with mobility issues. Emergency Plan coordinator will contact law enforcement and coordinate transportation with local school district to evacuate if personal vehicles are unavailable.

The emergency evacuation escape route and secondary evacuation routes are also posted on bulletin boards though out camp.

- If an evacuation is necessary, the evacuation plan will be followed. Emergency Action Plan Coordinator, Camp Director, Ranger in that order will call 911 and coordinate with local Fire, Law Enforcement and EMS. Once they arrive on site will coordinate to accident location and update on situation and coordinate continued plan.

Unit leaders will be asked to contact parents and advise of situation. If unable to staff will coordinate contacting parents via contact information provided on health forms.

Flash Floods

The dangers of flash flooding can occur suddenly and usually within hours of excessive heavy rainfall. Camping in low areas can be hazardous due to flash flooding therefore observe the following.

- a. Camp on the highest ground available within the established camping area.
- b. Secure all boats, canoes, and equipment against possible high water.
- c. *At the first sign of rapidly rising water*, move to the highest ground possible; leave all gear and/or equipment as necessary.

Thunder/Lightning

In the event thunder or lightning is monitored in the areas, care should be taken to prevent injury.

- a. Stay away from natural lightning rods: trees in open areas, high ground, aquatic areas, climbing tower, canoes, and any metal object.
- b. If near a building or vehicle, get inside.

- c. In a wooded area, seek shelter in a growth of trees in a low area and not under the tallest tree in the area.
- d. If in the open seek a low area, such as a ravine or valley.
- e. Groups should spread out.
- f. Never stand under a tree, tall structures, or out in the open during a thunder/lightning storm.

If unable to safely find shelter during a thunder/lightning storm, crouch down in a ball-like position with head tucked and hands over their ears to make minimal contact with the ground.

High winds

- a. Everyone should move to a shelter or an open area away from trees.
- b. Be aware of dead trees and trees with dead limbs.
- c. Monitor for power lines that may have fallen due to high wind in the area.

Tornados

Camp leadership should become thoroughly familiar with the terrain adjacent to their campsite as to the best location for everyone when a tornado warning is in effect. Everyone should try and lay down in a depression, ditch, or ravine to be as low as possible.

Knowing the difference between a watch and a warning can be lifesaving.

- a. A *tornado **watch*** means conditions are right for a tornado to form. Keep apprised of weather conditions and be ready to take shelter.
- b. A *tornado **warning*** means that a funnel cloud or tornado has been spotted in the area. Take shelter immediately in case a tornado approaches.

Hurricane / Tropical Storm

In the event of a Hurricane being reported within 200 miles and heading in the general direction of the camp, all council camps will be closed, and everyone will be requested to return home.

Earthquakes

While uncommon, the potential for an earthquake exists in Texas. Everyone should act immediately to lay flat on open ground with no structures nearby and away from as many trees as possible. All aquatic activities will stop, and the water will be cleared. A swimmer count will be taken.

Appendix 11: Shooting Sports Incident

NOTE: ANY shooting-related injury will require:

- Notify 911
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- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the staff advisor/scout executive
- Complete a Scouting America Incident Report

If an any shooting-related injury occurs, the Shooting Sports Rangemaster will immediately:

- Call a cease fire, order all guns and bows cleared, instruct all shooters to step away from the firing line until the situation has been handled.
- Ensure the safety of all on the range, by assigning a designee to confirm all guns are safe.
- Notify the coordinator with the following information:
 - Name and age of the injured
 - Nature of the injury
 - Severity of the injury
 - If 911 has already been notified
- Contact the camp health officer for treatment.

In the event the injury requires additional medical treatment, 911 will be contacted or (depending upon the severity of the injury), the parents/guardians may transport the participant to the local treatment facility. Other participants will be cleared from the area until the injured are removed. Adherence to Scouting America Safeguarding Youth policies must be maintained in this scenario.

If a serious injury occurs, 911 will be contacted immediately along with the ranger. Other participants will be removed from the area; only those assisting with the injured will remain.

Adherence to Scouting America Safeguarding Youth policies must be always maintained in the event of an injury. This includes during transportation to a treatment center.

Appendix 12: South Texas Council Communication Plans

Communications with the authorities on site must be left to the coordinator or his designee. Communications with the press must be left to the scout executive or his designee.

This plan includes individual evacuation protocols for Camp Karankawa. The individual pages are available for printing and posting in appropriate areas where people are gathered or where potential issues may arise.

Camp Karankawa Phone List

Camp Street Address: 23564 Park Road 25, Mathis Texas, 78368

Scouts First Helpline: (844) 726-8871

Fire, Police, or Medical Services - Call 911 *Notify the ranger to direct services

<p><u>Non-Emergency Calls:</u></p> <p>Fire - Mathis Volunteer Fire Department 361-547-2113</p> <p>EMS – Mathis EMS 361-547-2113</p> <p>Police – Mathis Police Department 361-547-2113</p> <p>Sheriff – San Patricio County Sheriff’s Office 361-364-9600</p> <p>Lake Corpus Christi Park Police Chase Harper 803-733-0030</p>	<p>COUNCIL HEALTH SUPERVISOR</p> <p>Dr. James Mobley 361-643-4907 Home 361-779-8119 Cell Jmobley413@gmail.com</p> <p>San Patricio County Emergency Coordinator-Scott Marion 361.413.9291 ChiefMarionFM@gmail.com</p>
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Police/Sheriff’s Department – Call 911 *Notify the Ranger to direct services

<p>HOSPITALS</p> <p>Corpus Christi Medical Center – ER 24/7 NW 361-767-4300 13725 NW Blvd., CC 78410 361-761-1000</p> <p>Christus Spohn Hospital Shoreline – Emergency Rm 361-902-4100</p> <p>Christus Spohn Alice 361-661-8000</p> <p>Driscoll Children’s Hospital 1-800-324-5683</p>	<p>Mathis ISD Muster Point David Garcia 361-563-3893 Cell dgarcia@mathisisd.org</p> <p>Lake City Emergency Assembly Point Civic Center</p> <p>City Hall – Teresa Miller, City Secretary 361-547-3868</p> <p>Mayor – Dennis Veit 512-789-3205 Cell</p> <p>Family Counseling Service Kristi Phillips. Executive Director 361-852-9665</p> <p>Coastal Bend Regional Advisory Council Telephone: 361-929-5401</p> <p>Critical Incident Stress Management Patricia Arnold, Chair 361-463-1171</p>
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Fire Department – Call 911 *Notify the Ranger to direct services

Council Contact Information

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Assistant Scout Executive	James Rangel	(361) 816-3843
Ranger	Frank Funke, Jr.	(361) 816-3891
Council Health Supervisor	Dr. James Mobley	(361) 779-8119

Suggested Camp Muster Areas:

Primary Muster Area: Parade Ground in front of Dinning Hall

Secondary Muster Area: Parae Ground in front of Training Center

Appendix 13: Transportation Emergencies

Communications with the authorities on site must be left to the coordinator or his designee. Communications with the press must be left to the scout executive or his designee.

- Notify 911
- The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency Please contact immediately.
- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the staff advisor / scout executive
- Notify the youth's parent or guardian or an adult's emergency contact
- Complete a Scouting America Incident Report

Transportation emergencies can include Scout personnel on or off Scout property in vehicles owned or used by licensed drivers in the conduct of Scouting business. Our Camp does not transport participants on or off property in camp owned vehicles. Unit leaders use personal vehicles to transport Scouts to and from camp property.

Response to a Traffic Incident on property:

- STOP: Stop-Think-Observe-Plan to prevent further injury or danger.
- Protect: Immediately ensure the safety of your passengers by moving them further away from the danger, if necessary.
- Emergency Services: Call 911 immediately in case of an accident or personal injury. If necessary, contact county emergency management.
- First Aid: Administer immediate first aid if trained and necessary.
- Communicate: Contact the coordinator and/or the scout executive as soon as possible.
- Emergency Action Plan Coordinator, Camp Director, Ranger in that order will call 911 and coordinate with local Fire, Law Enforcement and EMS. Once they arrive on site will coordinate to accident location and update on situation and coordinate continued first aid plan

Emergency Action Coordinator will contact emergency contact numbers listed on the participants Health form including parent and or guardian.

Appendix 14: Epidemic Plan

Additional and more complete information about medical policy can be found in the South Texas Council Health Policy and Procedure Manual. If any conflict exists between this policy and the Council Health Policy, the South Texas Council Health Policy and Procedure Manual controls.

Depending on the nature and severity of the epidemic event the coordinator may:

- The Emergency Plan Manager is James Rangel (James.Rangel@scouting.org) 361.816.3843 Assistant Scout Executive South Texas Council. In case of Emergency Please contact immediately.
- Notify Camp Health officer on duty immediately
- Notify the staff advisor / scout executive
- Notify county emergency medical service personnel
- Complete a Scouting America Incident Report

Objective:

To establish a comprehensive response plan for containing potentially serious epidemics, ensuring the safety of staff, patients, and the community.

Staff Use of Protective Equipment:

All medical staff are to wear appropriate PPE, including masks, gloves, gowns, and eye protection when handling suspected cases.

Isolation Process:

- a. A specific isolation area will be designated at the camp for suspected or confirmed cases. Health Lodge is the primary location for isolation.
- b. Parent guardian will be notified upon discovery.
- c. Camp Medical director will be contacted and plan for removal or isolation discussed.
- d. Suspected cases will be transported to health lodge via camp vehicle by camp staff and kept in isolation until advisement from camp medical director is given.
- e. Offsite transportation will be provided by EMS or parent guardian
- f. Clear signage will indicate isolation areas and restrict access to authorized personnel only.

Notifications:

- a. Campers and staff must report any suspected serious contagious diseases to the camp medical officer within 24 hours of identification. The Coordinator will utilize a standardized Scouting America injury incident report form for consistency and clarity.
- b. The Coordinator will contact county emergency management personnel and, if necessary, develop a plan that includes representatives from Scouting America staff, emergency management, and public health to coordinate community-level responses.

- c. The Coordinator will promptly notify the parents or guardians for youth, or emergency contacts for adults, of isolated patients. Notification to include the nature of the disease, isolation procedures, and potential exposure risks.