

CAMP KARANKAWA

OCTOBER 23-25, 2026 CUB SCOUT FAMILY CAMPOUT
PARENT'S GUIDE

CUB SCOUT *Family* CAMPOUT!

GET READY FOR A GREAT
ADVENTURE!



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WELCOME TO CAMP KARANKAWA!

This Parent's Guide is designed to help you and your Cub Scout get ready for a fun-filled weekend of adventure at Camp Karankawa.

Inside, you'll find helpful information about what to expect, what to bring, and how to make the most of your family campout experience.

From outdoor adventures and exciting activities to campfires and making great Scouting memories, we want your family's time at Camp Karankawa to be safe, fun, and memorable.

We encourage you to read through this guide before arriving at camp and keep it handy throughout the weekend. Think of it as your trail map for a great Cub Scout adventure!

If you have any questions that are not answered in this guide, please feel free to contact our camp leadership. We're happy to help and can't wait to see you at Camp Karankawa!



GENERAL INFORMATION

VEHICLES IN CAMP

For the safety of all Scouts and families, vehicles are not permitted in campsites or on camp roads during the event. Vehicles may enter designated areas only to unload equipment during check-in and to pick up equipment during check-out.

Riding in the bed of a pickup truck or other open cargo area is not permitted. Every passenger must ride in a designated seat and wear a seat belt.

FOOD ALLERGIES & DIETARY NEEDS

If you or your Cub Scout have food allergies, dietary restrictions, or religious dietary needs, please notify the Camp Director at least two weeks before the event. Advance notice gives our camp staff the best opportunity to make reasonable accommodations and help ensure a safe and enjoyable experience.

LOST AND FOUND

Lost and found items will be collected and kept at the Camp Trading Post throughout the event. Please check the Trading Post before leaving camp if you are missing any belongings.

Located on the shores of scenic Lake Corpus Christi, near Mathis, this 130-acre Scout camp includes 15 campsites. A beautiful 300 person Air Conditioned Dining Hall, 3 state-of-the-art restroom/shower buildings, and an awe-inspiring chapel overlooking Lake Corpus Christi.

CONTACT INFORMATION

CAMP KARANKAWA ADDRESS

Camp Karankawa
23564 Park Road 25
Mathis, TX 78368

SOUTH TEXAS COUNCIL OFFICE

Phone: (361) 814-4300 Ext. 117
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DIRECTOR

Chelise Hyatt: (361) 500-3646

CAMP RANGER

(361) 816-3891

CAMP KARANKAWA SONG

On the hill above the water
Up above the trees,
Flows the flag of Camp Karankawa
Waving in the breeze.
Camp Karankawa, Camp
Karankawa
With your boys so true.
Scouts and Scouters all together,
Sing their praise to you.

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.



23564 Park Road 25

Entrance

GPS Coord. 28.071658N, 97.883772W

1.5 Miles To 1068



Camp Karankawa

South Texas Council

Boy Scouts of America

southtexasbsa.org

(361) 814-4300

(800) 299-2267



Lake Corpus Christi State Park



GENERAL CAMP FACILITIES ALSO INCLUDE:

Extensive Waterfront
Health Lodge
Shower & Bathroom Facilities
Office
Heritage Center
Scoutcraft Area
Gaga Ball Pit
Carter Campfire Circle
Swimming Pool
Training Center
Climbing Wall
Fishing Areas
Trails
Paintball
Kayaking
Canoeing
Paddle Boarding
Sailing
Snorkeling
Tomahawk Throwing

CAMP AMENITIES

CAMPSITES

All 15 campsites have a fire ring, picnic area, and nearby bathroom & shower facilities.

CAMP TRADING POST

Open throughout the day, the Trading Post offers a variety of Scout items such as socks, hats, shirts, merit badge books, handicraft provisions, toothpaste, candy, juices, ice cream and a wide assortment of souvenirs. Cash and credit cards accepted.

DINING HALL

All meals are provided by professional cooks and served (cafeteria style) by our staff. Well-planned meals provide a balanced diet and seconds are usually available.

RANGES

The B.B. Gun and Archery facilities have been designed with safety in mind, and are certified by BSA standards.

MESQUITE LODGE/SCOUTMASTER LOUNGE

Adult Leaders can enjoy our Scoutmaster Lounge which offers air-conditioning, WIFI, and couches. This is a great place to relax or get caught up on any work you may need to take care of.



NATIONAL CAMP STANDARDS

Camp Karankawa is committed to providing a safe, well-maintained, and high-quality camping experience for every Scout and family.

Each year, Camp Karankawa is inspected as part of Scouting America's National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP). Trained reviewers evaluate the camp's facilities, programs, procedures, and operations to ensure that applicable national standards and safety requirements are being met.

Camp Karankawa is also subject to applicable state and local health and safety inspections. During camp, the Health Lodge is staffed and overseen by qualified personnel who are prepared to address injuries, illnesses, and other health concerns that may arise.

Our camp leadership and staff work throughout the event to maintain established health, safety, and program standards so families can focus on what camp is all about: adventure, learning, friendship, and fun!



CAMP KARANKAWA STAFF AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. To provide every camper with a wholesome and safe experience.
2. To help campers develop a keen awareness and appreciation for the great outdoors and to motivate them to assume the responsibility for living in harmony with nature.
3. To help fulfill the basic objectives of Scouting America – building character, citizenship training, physical and mental fitness – through personal examples, stimulation and educational programs.
4. To demonstrate an enthusiastic Scouting Spirit and good leadership.
5. To exemplify the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.
6. To promote a spirit of genuine friendliness and understanding of others and cooperation.



REFUND POLICY

Refunds of prepaid camp fees will be made by check to the participant's unit or the individual who paid the fee as follows:

- Written refund requests received at the Scout Service Center more than 45 days before the first day of the camp will be refunded in their entirety except for \$65.00.
- Written refund requests received at the Scout Service Center 45 days or less before the first day of the camp and more than 7 days before the participant's scheduled arrival at camp will be refunded in their entirety less 60%.
- No refunds will be granted less than 7 days before the participant's arrival at camp.

Written refund requests will be granted, unquestioned, according to the guidelines outlined above. Prepaid camp fees may be transferred to another Scout within the same Scouting unit without a penalty. This refund policy is being enacted to provide the maximum flexibility to Scouts and their families while protecting the council's pre-paid camp expenses based on the unit's reservation numbers.

CAMP STAFF MISSION STATEMENT

To provide scouts and scouters with a fun, educational, and memorable experience in order to perpetuate the values and traditions of Camp Karankawa through the worldwide movement of Scouting.



INFORMATION FOR GROWN-UPS

This Parent's Guide will walk you through the activities, adventures, and accomplishments your Cub Scout can look forward to during camp.

Each Scout will be placed into a camp den based on age and rank. This allows us to tailor the program to each group while keeping safety our top priority and ensuring that every activity is age-appropriate, engaging, educational, and, most importantly, fun!

Our goal is for every Scout and family to have an amazing experience at Camp Karankawa. Camp is one of the great adventures of childhood. It is a chance to spend time outdoors, make new friends, try new things, develop new skills, build confidence, and create memories that can last a lifetime.

We want everyone to feel welcome, safe, and supported throughout the weekend. If you, your Scout, or another member of your family is having a difficult time or needs assistance for any reason, please reach out to Camp Leadership. We will do everything we can to address the situation promptly and help ensure that everyone gets the most out of their Camp Karankawa experience.

FIRST TIME ADULT AT CAMP?

SAFEGUARDING YOUTH:

The Youth Protection Policies of Scouting America are practiced at Camp Karankawa. To insure that all Scouts have their privacy respected, National Camp Standards require that all adults and youth shower separately.

SECURITY AT CAMP:

Be certain to secure all valuables. Keep spending money in a safe place and work with the Scouts to provide only the amount of money that they need each day. Please report all suspicious activities to camp staff. This is for the safety of all campers.

EACH PARTICIPANT MUST BRING THEIR PROPERLY COMPLETED MEDICAL FORMS. PARTS A & B .



POLICIES PERTAINING TO ALL SCOUTS, LEADERS, STAFF AND VISITORS

- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and narcotics are prohibited on all property owned or operated by Scouting America. Prescription medications must be used only as directed by a licensed medical provider.
- Fireworks of any kind are prohibited on South Texas Council camp property.
- Hazing in any form is strictly prohibited. Hazing is considered a form of abuse and will not be tolerated at any Scouting activity.
- Please help protect Camp Karankawa's natural resources. Do not cut, damage, or remove live trees or vegetation.
- For fire safety, candles, open flames, and any other flame-producing devices are strictly prohibited inside tents. Only battery-powered lanterns and lights may be used inside tents.



CAMP POLICIES

INSECT CONTROL

Parents should make sure that their Scout be prepared for insect control. A good insect repellent will handle the situation.

Both insect repellent and mosquito netting will be available at the Camp Trading Post. **DO NOT** spray insect repellent on tent surfaces (it destroys waterproofing). If ant problems occur, contact the Camp Ranger for assistance.

MEDICATIONS AT CAMP

Medications to be taken at camp may either be turned in at the Health Lodge during medical recheck or kept under lock & key at the campsite. All medications must be in the proper original containers labeled with the name of the medication and written dosage directions. Use the Medication Check In form located in the forms section of the Parent's Guide.

CAMP STAFF AREA

Scouts and Leaders are not allowed in the camp staff personnel area at any time unless permitted by the camp director.

SHOWER HOUSES AND RESTROOMS

Please supervise your Scouts when they are using the facilities to ensure they are caring for the facilities properly.

Please ensure if the Scouts are using the facilities they are out by a reasonable time as some are very close to campsites and we must be "courteous" to our fellow campers.

DISCIPLINE

The conduct and discipline of your Cub Scout is your responsibility. We ask for your cooperation. Camp Staff will not discipline Scouts unless serious bodily injury or property damage may result. Your campsite is your home. Entering another campsite or loitering there can cause problems.



FORMS:

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO
DOWNLOAD AND FILL OUT
IMPORTANT CAMP FORMS**



EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

CAMP KARANKAWA MAINTAINS A COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN (EAP) COVERING SEVERE WEATHER, FIRE, MEDICAL EMERGENCIES, MISSING PERSONS, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, ACTIVE THREATS, EVACUATION, AND OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. UNIT LEADERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR KNOWING EMERGENCY PROCEDURES AND ACCOUNTING FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THEIR UNIT.

- Emergency Muster Area: Parade Ground/flagpole in front of the Dining Hall. Secondary area is the Parade Ground at the Training Center.
- When the emergency alarm sounds: Immediately report to the designated muster area, keep your unit together, conduct a headcount using your roster, and report any missing individuals to camp leadership.
- Follow all directions from the Camp Director, Camp Ranger, Emergency Plan Coordinator, or emergency personnel.
- Do not leave the muster or shelter area until directed by camp leadership.
- Maintain an accurate unit roster and know the location of your Scouts and leaders throughout camp.
- For immediate fire, police, or medical emergencies, call 911 and notify camp leadership so emergency responders can be directed to the appropriate location.
- If evacuation is ordered, leaders will receive evacuation routes and instructions from camp leadership and are responsible for keeping their unit together and accounted for.



WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

OCTOBER 23-25

Friday - Oct 23	*There is no Dinner at camp on Friday Night.
5:00PM	Check-In/Set-Up * and Fun & Games IN THE DINING HALL
7:00PM	Cracker Barrel in the DINING HALL
10:00PM	Lights out/Quiet Time
Saturday - Oct 23	
6:30-7:30AM	Late Check-in at the CAMP OFFICE
7:20AM	Flags in front of the DINING HALL
7:30AM	Breakfast in the DINING HALL
8:30AM-9:30AM	GROUP 1 - Canoeing AT THE WATERFRONT GROUP 2 - Archery BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 3 - Raingutter Regatta & Rocket Launch! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL GROUP 4 - Fishing AT THE PIER GROUP 5 - Leatherworking AT THE SCOUTCRAFT BARN GROUP 6 - Slingshots BEHIND THE DINING HALL
9:45AM-10:45	GROUP 1 - Slingshots BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 2 - Canoeing AT THE WATERFRONT GROUP 3 - Archery BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 4 - Raingutter Regatta & Rocket Launch! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL GROUP 5 - Fishing AT THE PIER GROUP 6 - Leatherworking AT THE SCOUTCRAFT BARN
11:00AM-12:00PM	GROUP 1 - Leatherworking AT THE SCOUTCRAFT BARN GROUP 2 - Slingshots BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 3 - Canoeing AT THE WATERFRONT GROUP 4 - Archery BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 5 - Raingutter Regatta & Rocket Launch! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL GROUP 6 - Fishing AT THE PIER
12:15PM-1:00PM	Lunch in the DINING HALL

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

OCTOBER 23-25

Saturday - Oct 24	
1:15PM - 2:15PM	GROUP 1 - Fishing AT THE PIER GROUP 2 - Leatherworking AT THE SCOUTCRAFT BARN GROUP 3 - Slingshots BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 4 - Canoeing AT THE WATERFRONT GROUP 5 - Archery BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 6 - Raingutter Regatta & Rocket Launch! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL
2:30PM - 3:30PM	GROUP 1 - Raingutter Regatta & Rocket Launch! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL GROUP 2 - Fishing AT THE PIER GROUP 3 - Leatherworking AT THE SCOUTCRAFT BARN GROUP 4 - Slingshots BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 5 - Canoeing AT THE WATERFRONT GROUP 6 - Archery BEHIND THE DINING HALL
4:45PM-5:45PM	GROUP 1 - Archery BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 2 - Raingutter Regatta & Rocket Launch! IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL GROUP 3 - Fishing AT THE PIER GROUP 4 - Leatherworking AT THE SCOUTCRAFT BARN GROUP 5 - Slingshots BEHIND THE DINING HALL GROUP 6 - Canoeing AT THE WATERFRONT
6:00PM-7:00PM	Dinner IN THE DINING HALL
7:00PM-8:00PM	Haunted Trail! IN SCOUTCRAFT
8:30PM	Campfire! AT THE COUNCIL FIRE RING
9:30PM	Night Hike AT THE COUNCIL FIRE RING



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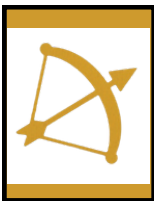
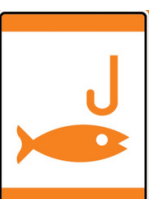
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Sunday - Oct 25	
7:30AM - 8:30AM	Flags in front of the DINING HALL
8:30AM - 9:00AM	Scout's Own Service in the OA CAMPFIRE RING
9:15-10:15AM	GROUPS 1,2,3 - Swimming AT THE POOL GROUPS 4,5,6 - Archery, BBs, Slingshots AT THE RANGE
10:30AM-11:30	GROUPS 1,2,3 - Archery, BBs, Slingshots AT THE RANGE GROUPS 4,5,6 - Swimming AT THE POOL
11:45	Check-Out



BELT LOOPS

SCOUTS CAN EARN FIVE BELT LOOPS!

Lion	Archery 	Time to Swim 	Go Fish 	Sling Shot 	Race Time! 
Tiger	Archery 	Tigers in the Water 	Fish On 	Sling Shot 	Race Time! 
Wolf	Archery 	Paws for Water 	A Wolf Goes Fishing 	Sling Shot 	Race Time! 
Bear	Archery 	Salmon Run 	A Bear Goes Fishing 	Sling Shot 	Race Time! 
Webelos	Archery 	Aquanaut 	Catch the Big One 	Sling Shot 	Race Time! 
Arrow of Light	Archery 	Swimming 	Fishing 	Sling Shot 	Race Time! 

CAMP REGISTRATION AND FEES - OCT 23-25

CAMP FEES

Siblings 5 and over - \$30/Full Weekend.
Adults - \$50/Full Weekend.
Under age 5 free.

Tent rentals are available for \$40 for the weekend.
Tents comfortably hold 3 people and will be set up and taken down by event staff.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER NOW!

AT MINIMUM ONE
PARENT PER FAMILY
NEEDS TO CAMP
WITH THEIR SCOUTS



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**THANKS TO A GENEROUS SPONSORSHIP BY H-E-B,
ALL CUB SCOUTS CAN ATTEND THE OCTOBER CUB
FAMILY CAMPOUT FOR FREE!**

WHAT ARE THE CUB SCOUT SIX ESSENTIALS?

THESE ARE ITEMS EVERY CUB SCOUT SHOULD CARRY IN THEIR PERSONAL GEAR WHEN GOING ON HIKES OR CAMPOUTS:

- FIRST-AID KIT: ADHESIVE BANDAGES, MOLESKIN, GAUZE, ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT, ETC.
- WATER BOTTLE: FILLED AND LARGE ENOUGH TO LAST UNTIL IT CAN BE FILLED AGAIN
- FLASHLIGHT: FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY
- TRAIL FOOD: CAN BE MADE AS A DEN ACTIVITY PRIOR TO HIKE OR CAMPOUT
- SUN PROTECTION: SUNSCREEN OF SPF 30 OR GREATER AND A HAT
- WHISTLE: ALSO FOR EMERGENCY USE ONLY

PACKING LIST

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU BRING THE FOLLOWING TO CAMP

- ☐ TENT OR TARP, POLES, AND STAKES
- ☐ WATERPROOF GROUND CLOTH OR PLASTIC SHEET
- ☐ SLEEPING BAG, PILLOW, AIR MATTRESS OR PAD
- ☐ CUP, BOWL, PLATE, KNIFE, FORK, SPOON, MESH BAG
- ☐ CLOTHES BAG
- ☐ SWIMSUIT
- ☐ CUB SCOUT UNIFORM
- ☐ PONCHO OR RAINCOAT
- ☐ PAJAMAS
- ☐ UNDERWEAR
- ☐ DURABLE SHOES, SHOE LACES
- ☐ HAT
- ☐ GLOVES
- ☐ EXTRA SOCKS, SHOES, OTHER EXTRA CLOTHING
- ☐ TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSH, COMB
- ☐ WASHCLOTH, TOWEL
- ☐ SOAP
- ☐ EXTRA PLASTIC BAG OR CONTAINER
- ☐ FIRST AID KIT
- ☐ WATER BOTTLE
- ☐ FLASHLIGHT, BATTERIES
- ☐ SUNSCREEN
- ☐ INSECT REPELLENT
- ☐ WHISTLE
- ☐ SAFETY PINS



ITEMS TO LEAVE AT HOME

- FIREWORKS
- FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION
- BOWS AND ARROWS
- ELECTRONIC GAMES
- PETS