

CONSERVATION DAY

NOVEMBER 21, 2026 AT CAMP KARANKAWA
PROGRAM GUIDE



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WELCOME TO CAMP KARANKAWA!

This Program Guide is designed to help you and your Scouts get ready for a fun-filled day of conservation at Camp Karankawa.

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

From outdoor adventures and exciting activities to conservation projects 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 day. Think of it as your trail map for a great 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

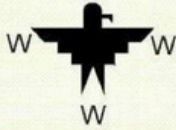
Boy Scouts of America

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Archery Range

Rifle Range

Shotgun Range

130 Acres
Founded 1947

Mesquite Lodge

Staff Cabins

Dining Hall

PARKING

Health Lodge

Vern Herring
Visitor's Center

Trading Post
& RESTROOMS

Camp
Headquarters

Carter
Campfire
Circle

Staff
Cabins

Council
Ring

RESTROOMS
& SHOWERS

C.O.P.E.

Cabin 17

12

Scoutcraft
Area

Nature
Area

Swimming
Pool

Waterfront

RESTROOMS
& SHOWERS

RESTROOMS
& SHOWERS

PARKING

Chapel

Training
Center

Lake Corpus Christi

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 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.

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.



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.



DAY SCHEDULE: NOVEMBER 21, 2026

Saturday - Nov 21	
7:30 - 8:00AM	Check In/ Gathering at the CAMP OFFICE
8:00 - 8:15AM	Opening Ceremony IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL
8:15AM-12:00PM	CUB SCOUTS - Champions for Nature Belt Loop Activities SCOUTS - Merit Badge Sessions ADULTS - Leave No Trace LVL 1 Training Part 1 EVERYONE - Outdoor Ethics Awareness Award activities (incorporated into programming)
12:00PM - 1:00PM	Lunch IN THE DINING HALL
1:00PM - 5:00PM	Conservation Information Tables IN FRONT OF THE DINING HALL Service Projects signups IN FRONT OF DINING HALL ADULTS - Leave No Trace LVL 1 Training Part 2 EVERYONE - Meet local conservation organizations
5:00PM	Closing/Departure



MERIT BADGES & BELT LOOPS

CUB SCOUTS - CHAMPIONS OF NATURE BELT LOOPS!

Lion	Tiger	Wolf	Bear	Webelos	AOL
					

SCOUTS - MERIT BADGES



Environmental
Science



Geology



Sustainability



Oceanography



Reptile and
Amphibian Study



Mammal Study



Soil and Water
Conservation



Fish and Wildlife
Management



Bird Study



Insect Study

ADULT TRAINING - LEAVE NO TRACE LEVEL 1 CERTIFICATION

