

## Camp Karankawa - Camp Welcome Letter & Check-In Procedures

Dear Campers,

Welcome to Camp Karankawa and thank you for camping with us this weekend.

To make your weekend stay with us memorable and enjoyable, below is some very helpful information. Please read through the information thoroughly.



DK Hopwood, Camp Ranger

**Gates** - Camp is located at 3249 FM 1459 Rd., Sweeny, TX 77480. The main entrance is on FM 1459. Please be sure you enter here. Other entrances are locked. Gates open at 6 p.m. on Fridays. Check-out by 11 a.m. on Sundays.

**Campsites** – Family/Unit campers - You may choose any open campsite on the map. Out-of-Council Units - The Camp Ranger will email you a camp location before your reservation dates.

**Directions to Campsites** - Upon entering the main entrance, you will pass the Ranger House on the right, continue through the red main gate. Travel on to the Tee in the road. (Ranger Road & Lodge Road.)

**Cub Campsites** – At the tee, continue straight and as you near the garbage dumpster, the parking area is on your left.

**Troop Campsites** – At the tee, turn right onto Lodge Road. Drive to Scout Road (1/4 mile), and turn right. Drive to the troop parking lot.

**Speed Limit** - The speed limit at camp is 10 mph (maximum).

**Hauling Gear** - There are wagons to haul gear from the parking lot to your campsites. (Please return them after each use.)

**Bathhouses** - The Bathhouse at the Troop and Cub campsites are individual rooms with a flush toilet, sink and shower with hot water. Toilet Paper is supplied. Towels, soap, etc. are not provided.

**Fires & Firewood** - Fires are only permitted in the provided fire rings at campsites. Firewood is complimentary at campsites. You may also use wood, that is laying on the ground only, for your fires.

**Picnic Tables** - There are a few picnic tables for use at each camp site.

**Prohibited areas** – Chained or taped off areas are to be respected at all times for your safety. Only the Camp Ranger (white truck or ranger UTV) is allowed on non-paved roads.

**Refrigeration** - Refrigeration is not available at camp.

**Wildlife** - Snakes (Copperheads, Corral, and Moccasins) and alligators are active in camp. Be aware. Do not approach or bother animals.

**Water** - Make sure everyone has a water bottle and is staying hydrated.

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*(In-Council - Click Activities tab. Choose your program. Choose Fall Family Camping. Out-of-Council - Click Camping tab. Choose Camp Karankawa. Fill out reservation form)*



## Camp Karankawa

3249 FM 1459 Rd.  
Sweeny, TX 77480

## Facebook

[facebook.com/CampKarankawaBAC](https://facebook.com/CampKarankawaBAC)

Find the Fire Status [HERE](#).

## Amenities

*(Amenities may not always be open.  
Email the ranger for questions.)*

Bathhouses

Gaga Ball

Fire rings & fire wood

Nature Center

Hiking Trail

Picnic tables

Outdoor Chapel

Pool – Certification required

Ranges – Certification required

Wildlife viewing

## Cell & WIFI Service

Service is very limited at camp.  
Radios are allowed.

## Emergency Contacts

Camp Ranger, DK Hopwood  
979-248-4330

[donald.hopwood@scouting.org](mailto:donald.hopwood@scouting.org)

Scout Executive, Charlie Tinsley  
(409) 795-8023  
[charlie.tinsley@scouting.org](mailto:charlie.tinsley@scouting.org)

Police Department  
911 or 979-798-2195

Fire Department  
979-798-2277

# Camp Karankawa Family Camping Requirements

*(For Use During Recreational Family Camping only.)*

## Family Campers are required to:

1. At least one youth **MUST BE A REGISTERED MEMBER** of the Bay Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.
2. All adults **MUST HAVE CURRENT YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING** with a certification on file with the Council office.
3. Bring their own food, tents and all needed supplies, including a first-aid kit.
4. Leave the camp area in the same condition as when they arrived.
5. Check in and check out with the Camp Ranger.
6. Behave in a Scout-like manner while on camp property.
7. Follow all directions of the Camp Ranger.
8. Wear close-toed shoes.
9. Understand that this is a rustic, nature area with various wildlife, including poisonous snakes, spiders, bobcats, and alligators.
10. Supervise children at all times.
11. Only use existing fire rings. Keep your fire small. Make sure it is out and cold before you leave.

## Camp Karankawa will provide:

1. A designated camping area.
2. Fire ring for campfires.
3. Wood for campfires.
4. An on-property Camp Ranger in case of emergencies and check in/check out.

*\*You will not be at camp alone. When walking around camp, masks & social distancing required during known health crisis.*

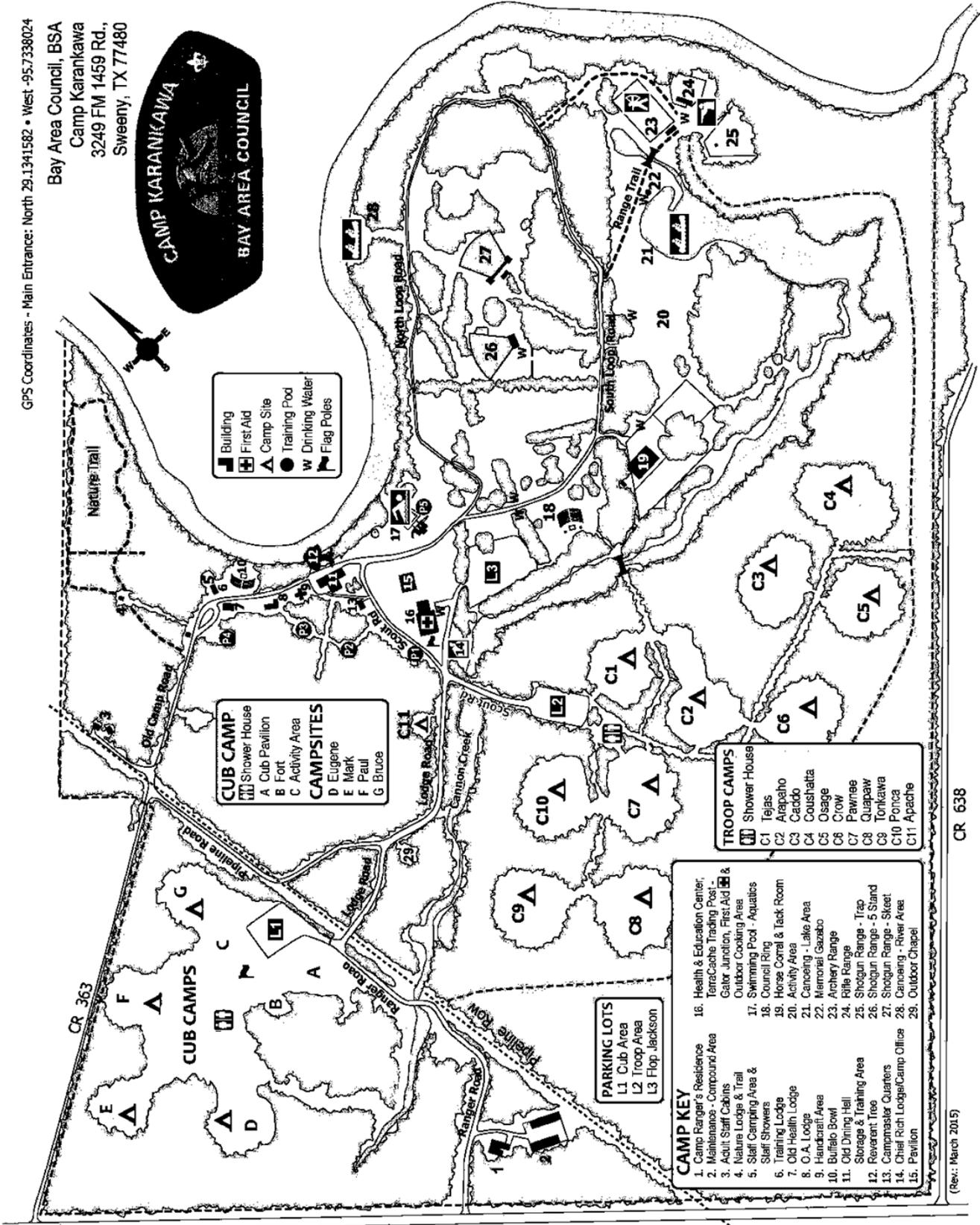
## Packing List

*Camp Karankawa is a primitive camp. Electricity is not available. Refrigeration is not available. Water is available at bathhouses. Pack accordingly. Wagons are available for transporting gear to campsites.*

<input type="checkbox"/> Tents & Sleeping gear	<input type="checkbox"/> Swim gear (Certification required. Modest swimwear only. No bikinis. Email the Camp Ranger.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Chairs	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain gear if needed. (Campers may camp under the pavilion in the event of rain. Email the Camp Ranger.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries & towel	<input type="checkbox"/> Sun protection and bug repellent
<input type="checkbox"/> Close-toed shoes (Required)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hammocks (May be used sparingly. Campsites have limited trees.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking gear (No open flames allowed in tents.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire rings and firewood are complimentary. (Fires in fire rings only!)
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & water	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited picnic tables are available.
<input type="checkbox"/> Lights, headlamps & flashlights	
<input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit	

# Camp Karankawa Map

GPS Coordinates - Main Entrance: North 29.1341582 • West -95.7338024  
 Bay Area Council, BSA  
 Camp Karankawa  
 3249 FM 1459 Rd.,  
 Sweeny, TX 77480



- Building
- ⊕ First Aid
- ▲ Camp Site
- Training Pod
- W Drinking Water
- ⚑ Flag Poles

- CUB CAMP**
- SH Shower House
  - A Cub Pavilion
  - B Fort
  - C Activity Area
- CAMP SITES**
- D Eugene
  - E Mark
  - F Paul
  - G Bruce

- CAMP KEY**
1. Camp Ranger's Residence
  2. Maintenance - Compound Area
  3. Adult Staff Cabins
  4. Nature Lodge & Trail
  5. Staff Camping Area & Staff Showers
  6. Training Lodge
  7. Old Health Lodge
  8. C.A. Lodge
  9. Handicraft Area
  10. Buffalo Bowl
  11. Old Dining Hall
  12. Rejuvenate Tree
  13. Camomile Quarters
  14. Chief Rich Lodge/Camp Office
  15. Pavilion
  16. Health & Education Center; TairaCache Trading Post - Galor Junction, First Aid 15 & Outdoor Cooking Area
  17. Swimming Pool - Aquatics
  18. Council Ring
  19. Horse Corral & Tack Room
  20. Activity Area
  21. Canoeing - Lake Area
  22. Memorial Gazabo
  23. Archery Range
  24. Rifle Range
  25. Shotgun Range - Trap Storage & Training Area
  26. Shotgun Range - 5 Stand
  27. Shotgun Range - Skeet
  28. Canoeing - River Area
  29. Outdoor Chapel

- PARKING LOTS**
- L1 Cub Area
  - L2 Troop Area
  - L3 Flop Jackson

- TROOP CAMPS**
- SH Shower House
  - C1 Tejas
  - C2 Atapatho
  - C3 Caddo
  - C4 Coushatta
  - C5 Osage
  - C6 Crow
  - C7 Pawnee
  - C8 Quapaw
  - C9 Tonikawa
  - C10 Ponca
  - C11 Apache

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 FM 1459 MAIN ENTRANCE TO CAMP

CR 638

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