

Camper's Corner

South Texas Council 2014 Camporee?

Did you attend 2014 Council Camporee? If you were unable to attend, you missed out on a weekends worth of competitions that troops and crews eagerly participated.

Competitions included totem pole raising where each patrol has to raise a pole out of a 30 foot circle; Uncle Perry's Fire-Building Skill where each patrol had to make a fire and then cook and eat a pancake; and the Emergency Shelter Building Competition where patrols competed to build an emergency shelter the quickest.

The most popular competition was by far Karankawa Joe's Cardboard Canoe Challenge. The challenge required each troop to construct a canoe from cardboard and a roll of duck tape then competed to see which

troops creation floated in Lake Corpus Christi the longest.

The weekend concluded with a closing campfire lead by James Bangert who served as the "Campfire Chief". A memorable slide show of the 70 years of Camp Karankawa was also presented during the campfire.

The campfire program also included the annual Calling Out Ceremony of the Karankawa Lodge Order of the Arrow. Over one hundred candidates to the Order were called in this years ceremony.

A special thanks goes out to Brian Chassells who served as the "Camporee Chief" and the all the volunteers who made this year's Camporee an huge success.



From the Camp Director

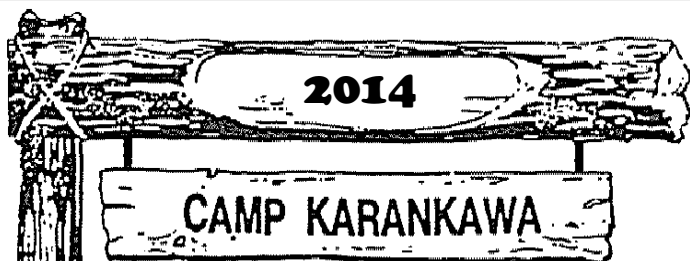
As we look out from above the water, over the trees, Spring is upon us and summer camp is just two months away. Before you know it, swim tests will be conducted, Blue Frosty's will be bought, and merit badges will be earned.

This year, we celebrate Camp Karankawa's 70th anniversary. It will be a birthday party all year round with special event patches, the return of the 8 Ball Staff and many other goodies and exciting events.

As we look back over the past few years, camp Karankawa has changed, both physically and spiritually. The Spirit of 44 camp staff has been reborn and returned with a renewed experience. This year presents new challenges, such as more applicants than positions for staff. A unique issue we have not had in some time. The staff is really the

heart of soul of camp Karankawa. We are truly blessed to have such great Scouts and parents that allow them to share in that experience; and for that, I want to say thank you. We are proud to say many of our Arrowmen are serving on camp staff. Always giving back. Again for that we say thank you from all the Scouts and leaders that will be joining us this year and in future years. Without you we would not be what it is.

See you at Camp Karankawa this summer!



Campsite reservations at Camp Karankawa for 2014 are shown below and space available as indicated. If your Troop does not have a reservation, now is the time to make it while there is still a choice of campsites and dates available. Make your reservation through the South Texas Council Office today!

Has Your Troop Signed Up for Summer Camp?

Week	Campsite Assignment															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	13	14	15	16	
June 15-21	SH 1294	CA 1998	226	7/25	SH 1944	615	162	84	87	CA 271	157	Closed	49	188	364	
June 22-28	SH 1294	144/ 186	52	SH 246	BA 499	289 SH 1013	100	255	318/ 232	451	3	Closed	421	RG 6	SH 120	
June 29 - July 5				145/ 311		1944	AA 17		RG 112		32	Closed				

Councils: AA = Alamo Area | BA = Bay Area | CA = Capital Area | RG = Rio Grande | SH = Sam Houston Area |

Declaration of Candidacy



Karankawa Lodge Order of the Arrow Declaration of Candidacy

The following Arrowman is seeking election to be considered for the position of Lodge Chief, Vice Chief of Program, Vice Chief of Administration, Lodge Secretary or Lodge Treasurer. For more information about these positions and the minimum qualifications, please refer to the Guide for Lodge officers and advisors <http://www.oa-bsa.org/uploads/publications/GOA-2012.pdf>

This is a multipart application that includes a written statement of qualifications that the candidate is expected to discuss with parents, the unit leader/chapter advisor and the Lodge Advisor prior to being approved for consideration.

District/Chapter: _____ Troop/Crew#: _____

Honor: ___Ordeal___ Brotherhood___ Vigil

Officially declares the intent to run for the following position:

- Lodge Chief
- Vice Chief of Program
- Vice Chief of Administration
- Secretary
- Treasurer

Name _____
(Type or Print)

Home address _____ State _____ Zip _____

Day phone _____ Cell phone _____
(Area code + No) (Area code + No)

Email _____

Parent's name _____

Parent's phone _____ Parent's email _____

The nominee should attach no more than six 8 ½ x 11 inch pages of white paper to this application stating personal qualifications for the position(s) for which he is applying. Applicants seeking nomination for multiple positions may, at their own choosing, submit separate statements of qualifications for each desired position. **Do not enclose the statements in notebooks, binders, or sheet protectors.**

The nominee's statement of qualifications should include:

1. Experience as chapter officer
2. Scouting positions, awards and experiences
3. Non-Scouting awards, recognitions, scholarships
4. Leadership positions in school, clubs, sports and other entities
5. A statement on present school status and college or career plans
6. A statement on why you want to serve and what you hope to accomplish in the position(s) you are seeking

I, the nominee, hereby certify that I meet the qualifications for the above-nominated position (s). I understand that while I may apply for multiple positions; if selected, I can serve in only one position per year. I do hereby agree to attend the 4 lodge meetings and LEC/Officer meetings as needed to fulfill my position requirements.

Nominee's signature _____ Date _____

Parent's approval _____ Date _____

Chapter Advisor's endorsement _____ Date _____

All declarations are due by at the May Fellowship

Karankawa Lodge #307- Order of the Arrow May Ordeal and Brotherhood Induction Weekend – May 2nd & 3rd, 2014

The May Ordeal and Brotherhood Induction Weekend will be held on **May 2nd – 3rd, 2014** at Camp Karankawa. Registration starts at 6:00 p.m. at the dining hall, followed by activities starting at 8:00 p.m. The weekend's events will conclude with a recognition dinner on Saturday evening around 7:30 p.m.

There will be a \$15 charge for meals and registration. If your dues are not paid, add \$10 to cover your yearly membership dues. The event fee includes a cracker-barrel on Friday, and three meals on Saturday. All participants need to bring their own tents.

BROTHERHOOD Candidates: Your fee is \$35, if your dues are current. This amount includes a \$15 event fee and \$20 for Brotherhood supplies which include your Brotherhood sash and two Brotherhood flaps. All Brotherhood candidates must be in current standing with dues. If your dues are not current, the Brotherhood candidate fee is \$45 which includes the above mentioned items plus your membership dues until December 31, 2014.

All participants MUST pre-register and pay the Scout Office by Wednesday April 23rd. There will be a \$10 late fee for those who do not pre-register and pay at the door. Please make early reservations since the Lodge must make arrangements to purchase food in advance. All participants must complete the registration form below.

An ANNUAL HEALTH and MEDICAL RECORD FORM MUST BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PERSON ATTENDING. Go to our website: <http://southtexasbsa.org/2012/08/07/bsa-health-forms/> for a copy. Be sure to keep a copy for your files as this form may be used throughout the year.

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REGISTRATION FORM - Make-Up Ordeal and Brotherhood Induction Weekend – May 2nd – 3rd, 2014

Name _____ Unit # _____
 Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone: (H) _____ (B) _____ (C) _____
 Email Address: _____
 Circle One: Ordeal - Brotherhood - Vigil

**Avoid Late Fees
and
Pre-Register**

Paying _____	\$10 dues only (Covers May 2014-Dec. 2014)	_____	\$35 Brotherhood Candidate (If dues are Current)
_____	\$15 Event Fee Only	_____	\$45 Brotherhood Candidate plus Dues
_____	\$25 Dues Plus Event Fee	_____	\$10 Recognition Banquet Only

*IF YOUR O.A. DUES WERE PAID WHEN YOUR UNIT WAS RE-CHARTERED THIS YEAR, THAN YOU DON'T HAVE TO PAY DUES AGAIN UNTIL 2009 WHEN YOUR UNIT RE-CHARTERS AGAIN FOR THE YEAR. Check your O.A. membership card to find

Remember all participants MUST Pre-register with the Scout Office (361)-814-4300 (Ext. 113). There will be a \$10 late fee for those who do not pre-register and pay at by the deadline date to the Council Office.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Boy Scouts of America. Mail registration form and check to:
 South Texas Council, BSA, 700 Everhart Terrace, Bldg. A , Corpus Christi, TX 78411-1939
 Registration and Payment by credit card may also be made by Facsimile to (361) 814-3888

Charge my credit card: MC / Visa/ Disc/ Am Exp (Circle One) No.: _____ - _____ - _____

Expiration Date: _____ Signature: _____

REFUND POLICY: Refunds are NOT made after the deadline, except for serious reasons; illness, death in the family, etc., and with the approval of the Lodge Advisor. Refunds are subject to a \$10 non-refundable portion to cover pre-paid expenses. No payments are transferable to forthcoming OA or Council events.



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From the Staff Advisor

Fellow Arrowmen,

As we embark on our journey through spring and into summer, now is a great time to be involved on the Order of the Arrow. We had a great call out ceremony calling out 100+ new Arrowmen.

How do we keep them involved? **YOU HOLD THE ANSWER!!!!** Wear the sash proudly and properly; invite new and old Arrowmen to the chapter meetings; meet outside chapter and lodge meetings; most importantly have fun while giving back to Scouting.

Section conference is around the corner. Go out and explore beyond the boundaries of our Lodge. There is much to

learn that we do not use or experience locally. The National Order of the Arrow conference is about 19 months way. Again, another great opportunity to explore ideas and experiences outside of our Lodge and physical boundaries.

Elections are going to be held at the Summer Lodge Meeting in August. If you wish to run for Lodge Chief, Vice Chief, Treasure or Secretary, please send into the lodge advisor, myself or the office, a declaration of intent to run for office. This is a letter stating "Why you would like to run for office and support your reasons." this will be publicized to help get the word out and ensure you are committed to helping the

lodge run better. You will have the opportunity to speak at the May Fellowship to the new candidates to help spread the word on why they should vote for you. Please take these elections seriously and do not run if you cannot participate in the four Lodge meetings and planning meetings. The lodge depends on you to help others have a great experience. Looking forward to another great year in Karankawa lodge!

Yours in Scouting,

James Rangel - Karankawa Lodge Staff Advisor