

Bay Area Council Webelos Woods 2023



Event Guide

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Webelos Woods Weekend Camp Introduction

Thank you for registering for the 2023 Bay Area Council Webelos Woods! We look forward to a great event!

This event is designed to help grow the enthusiasm for Scouting as your Webelos Scouts get closer to crossing over to Scouts BSA. The stations of this event are primarily run by current Scouts BSA with adult oversight. We ask that you respect the program and do not become involved in the stations. Doing so would defeat the purpose of this camp.

Please remember as you are entering camp to pay attention your vehicle speed (10 mph max) and all parking personnel.

The registration fee for each Webelos or AOL Scout includes activities, supplies, Saturday dinner, Sunday breakfast, and a patch.

There are NO Walk-Ins and we will turn non-registered people away.

New to Camp Karankawa or Scouting

Welcome to Camp Karankawa! There will be so many fun activities and new experiences this weekend! Your Camp Staff are here to help you!

Webelos Woods is organized and put on by volunteers in BSA. Most of the programs on Saturday are run by Scouts BSA youth and their leaders. If you need assistance or have questions, just ask us.

The Webelos Woods camp welcomes Webelos and AOL Scouts from all over the Council and beyond! We encourage you to meet new friends from other units and grow your Scouting family!

Admittance into Webelos Woods

You must have successfully registered for Webelos Woods to take part in the program.

You must complete the check-in process at Webelos Woods to obtain your campsite location and wristband.

If you do not have a wristband on, you will be taken to Check-in. If you are not registered, you will be directed off camp property.

Camp Safety

The Guide to Safe Scouting, Youth Protection procedures, and Camp Karankawa Rules will be followed by all individuals at camp to ensure the health and safety of our participants.

- Guide to Safe Scouting (Updated February. 2022)
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>
- Youth Protection <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>
- Camp Karankawa Rule and Policy <http://www.bacbsa.org/camp-karankawa/69179>
- Shoes - **Everyone must wear closed toe and heel shoes!!!** (NO Crocs or sandals.) Make sure they are comfortable. Sneakers or comfortable rain boots are great for the day. Be prepared! If you do not bring the appropriate shoes, you will be asked to leave and purchase footwear. If you choose not to purchase footwear, you will be directed to leave and no refund will be given. Please make sure to bring an extra pair (or two) of shoes and plenty of extra socks.
- Weather – It could be wet, muddy and/or cold, or hot and sunny! Check the weather for Sweeny, Texas before you arrive and prepare accordingly!

Camp Gear

Be Prepared - each pack or individual family should have the following:

1. **Day Pack** with Essential 6 (a reusable water bottle, snack, flashlight with extra batteries, whistle, first aid kit, and skin protection/sunscreen, bug spray recommended). We will have coolers of water available at several locations around the camp activities.
2. **Attire** - Scouts may choose to wear or bring their field uniform (Class A). A pack t-shirt, called an activity uniform (Class B) (purchased from the pack) can be used while in patrol campsite area. Otherwise dress comfortably. Bring a hat, rain jacket or poncho, pajamas, extra clothes, extra socks and shoes, mud boots/rain gear, closed toe shoes only.
3. **Foul weather gear** for rain or cold.
4. Copies of each participant's BSA health and **medical record, parts A&B**. This includes all Scouts, siblings, and adults.
5. **Food** - Packs/Individuals should plan to make or supply their own food. (see 'meals' in the next section) If you forgot to bring food, and the snacks are not enough, then your leadership or other Scouts may be able to help you. There is a small gas station that sells groceries approximately 7 miles away.
6. **Water bottle** - Bring a re-usable bottle for water to drink during the day. We will have coolers of water available at several locations around the camp activities.
7. **Mess kit** - You must provide your own mess kit for the weekend. The mess kit consists of a plate, bowl, cup or your water bottle, spoon and fork or spork (combination). If you do not own one, be resourceful. A frisbee and plasticware from takeout will work too. NO GLASS!
8. **Trash bags** for your pack's trash (supper supplies, etc.)
9. Gear to consider for camping: camp drinking/cooking water supply, wagon, pack/den flags, table, chairs, tent, sleeping bags, pillow, lantern, camp stove, pots, utensils, can opener, measuring cup, percolator, 3 wash, rinse & sanitize tubs, dish soap / sanitizing tablets, sponge, towels, paper towels, aluminum foil, mess kit, spork/plastic silverware, reusable cup / coffee cup, roasting stick, Scout Handbook, toiletries.

Meals

Adults and Scouts will need to provide their own meals for Friday night (if they are camping,) and Saturday morning & lunch (sack lunch is recommended.) The Scouts will be cooking for themselves and their leaders and parent's dinner (Saturday night) and breakfast (Sunday morning). Meals may contain gluten or other allergens. If you have a sensitive to these, please bring an alternative. Campfires will depend upon the status of the burn ban in our area, so you MUST plan your meals accordingly and/or bring camp stoves. Campfires are allowed in campfire rings only. Bring your own tables, chairs, ice chests, etc.

Sleeping Arrangements

Adults and Scouts will need to provide their own tents and camping equipment. If your unit is planning to bring both male and female Scouts, have the adults' tents in between the genders. Adults should have their own sleeping quarters.

Welcome to Camp Karankawa!

2023 Webelos Woods Schedule

Friday Night – Registered Campers Only

5:00 pm GATES OPEN / Friday arrival attendees set up camp

A SCOUT IS HELPFUL, KIND AND COURTEOUS – PLEASE FOLLOW THE CHECK-IN AND PARKING PROCEDURES COVERED IN THIS GUIDE UPON CAMP ENTRY.

5:00 - 9:00 pm Registration/Check-In for campsite location – Leaders Lodge

9:00 pm Webelos Woods Pack Orientation Meeting (1-2 Adults per unit) – Leaders Lodge

9:00 pm Gates Close (NO admittance until 7 am Saturday)

10:00 pm Webelos Woods Staff Meeting – Leaders Lodge

10:00 pm Lights Out

Saturday – All Webelos Woods Attendees

6:30 am Reveille

7:00 am GATES OPEN / Saturday arrival attendees

7:00 am – Participants prepare breakfast in sites

7:00 – 9:00 am Registration/Check In for event Wrist Bands – Front Parking Area

8:00 am Webelos Woods Opening Ceremony – Flag Field of Health & Education Center

8:15 am – 4:00 pm Program Activities

4:30 pm – Dinner preparation

6:30 pm - Webelos Woods Closing Ceremony

6:45 pm – Dinner clean-up

8:00 pm - Evening Program Campfire

9:00 pm - Return to campsite or Home

10 pm - GATES CLOSE

Sunday – All Webelos Woods Saturday Night Campers

8:00 – 11 am Check-Out – Leaders Lodge **(Remember to pick up your Medical Forms)**

7:00am – Breakfast

9:30 am Scouts Own Worship Service – Camp Karankawa Chapel

11:00 am GATES CLOSE - All Campers must leave Camp no later than 11:00 am

Camp Spirit

Patrol Spirit

Do you have a den flag? Or a patrol yell? Get ready to show pride in your patrol as you display these emblems as you travel from location to location.

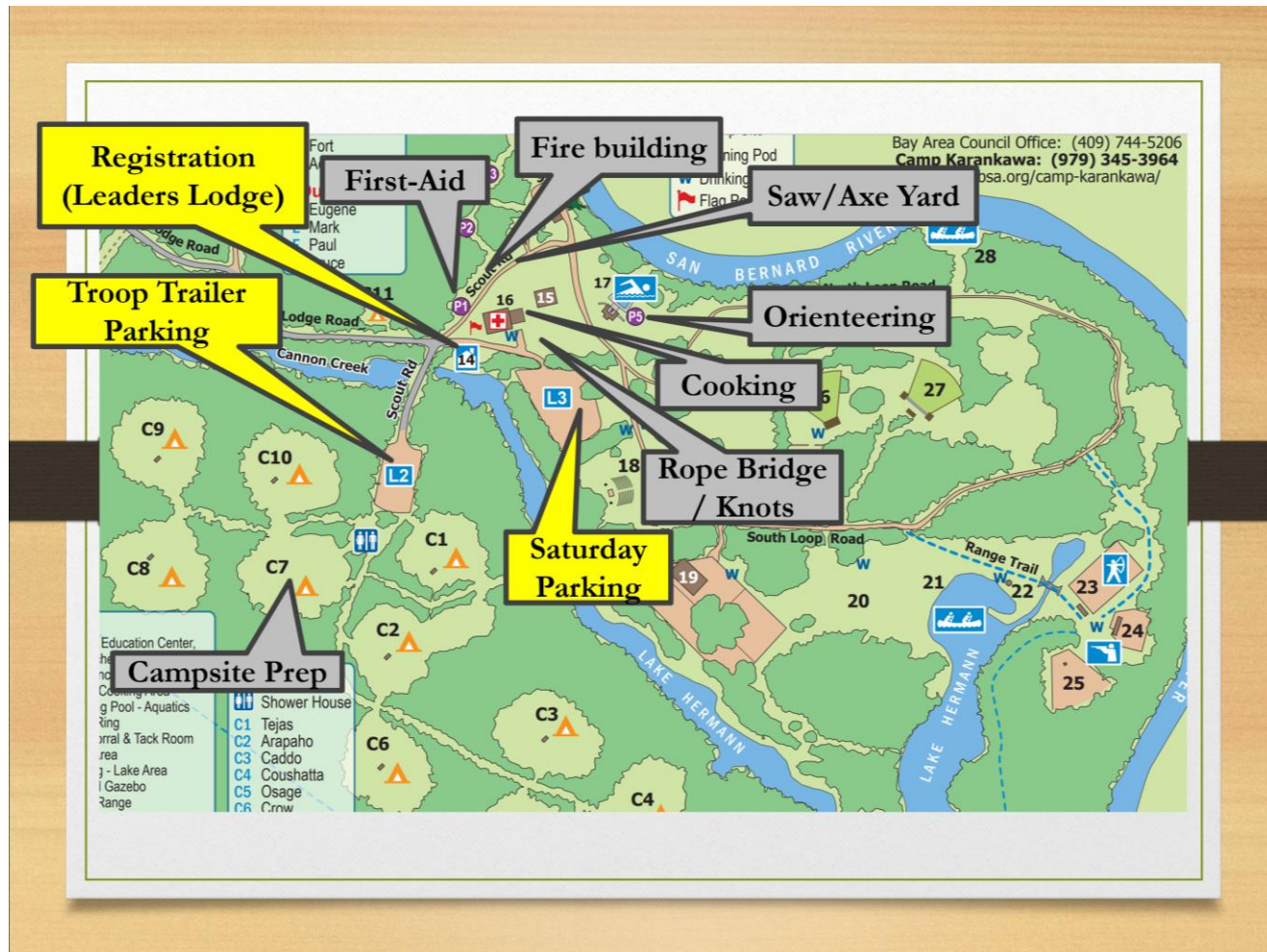
Decorate Your Campsite

Your campsite is part of your identity. Decorate it to show pride in your pack.

Campfire Program

A campfire program is an essential part of the Scouting experience. Work with your patrol to come up with something to present to the group. Jokes, songs, skits and stories are all welcomed. These need to adhere to Scout Law.

2023 Webelos Woods Activity Program Areas



Cooking

Scouts will work within their patrols to prepare meals for themselves, their leaders and parents. Scouts will get experience with preparing a meal using camp kitchens, Coleman stoves and Dutch ovens.

First Aid

Scouts will learn what First Aid is. They will also show what to do for hurry cases of first aid

Campsite Preparedness

Scouts will learn the techniques related to a good camping site setup. Scouts will discuss topics such as location, size and shape, protection from weather, insects and animals, ground cover, drainage and concepts of leave no trace will be covered. Scouts will also get to see lashing possibilities in action.

Knots/ Lashings

Scouts will use a variety of techniques to learn lashing techniques and the knots used throughout Scouting.

Fire Building

Scouts will discuss fire and stove safety. Scouts demonstrate proper fire building technique.

Saw/Axe Yard

Scouts will expand their experience of knife safety with the use of a saw (and axe) and the skills to chop a piece of wood.

Orienteering

Scouts will discover the concepts with utilizing the compass to determine their direction and proper path to take.

Camp Arrival and General Information

Health & Safety

Part A&B of the BSA health forms is mandatory for Check-In to Webelos Woods (doctor visit is not required for part A & B). Everyone that comes to camp no matter their age needs a health form, including Scouts, Adults, Siblings, etc.

If you do not bring a BSA Health Form you will have to fill one out before your registration wristbands are handed out.

These forms will be turned into the medic upon arrival and returned once your bathroom assignment is complete. Forms will not be returned unless you go to check-out and request upon leaving.

During program times, a medic will be available at the Health and Education Center (HEC). A trained staff member will be on site to handle minor accidents or illnesses. If an injury occurs needing more than a Band-Aid, at the discretion of the camp medic, an ambulance may be called. There will be a medical team on property all weekend. If the need arises for attention, a medic can be found in First Aid located in the Health and Education Center, plus medics may be contacted by a staffer with a radio.

Medications should be kept with an adult with the exception of rescue inhalers and epi-pens where the doctor permits the child to use these emergency medications on their own. **At the time of check in, the parent or pack's event organizer MUST inform the Medical Officer of anyone carrying an inhaler or epi-pen.**

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Friday Arrival at Camp

No one other than staff will be allowed through the gates before 4:00 PM.

Arrive no later than **FRIDAY at 9:00 PM**. The gates will be open on **FRIDAY at 5:00**.

The gates will re-open again for check-in at 7:00 AM on Saturday.

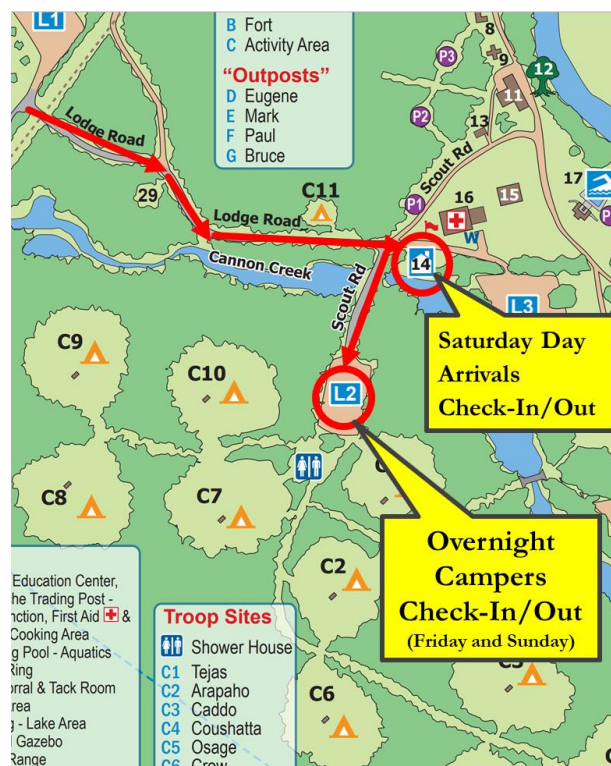
CAMP SPEED IS 10 mph - maximum.

Check-In for Overnight Campers

1. Enter Camp Karankawa at main entrance. Drive SLOW (10 mph max) and follow the directions of traffic control staff.
2. Check-in at the L2 parking area
 - a. BRING your health forms to turn in.
 - b. Determine where your unit's campsites will be located.
 - c. Attendance wrist bands will be given. (MUST be worn while at camp.)
3. Unload vehicle and Setup campsite.
4. Designate 1-2 primary unit leaders to attend Camp Orientation on Friday night

Saturday Day Arrivals Check-In

1. Enter Camp Karankawa at main entrance.
2. Drive SLOW (10 mph max) and follow the directions of traffic control staff.
3. Park your vehicle in the **Flop Jackson** parking lot.
4. Check in at the Leaders Lodge. (every participant)
 - a. BRING your health forms to turn in.
 - b. Attendance wrist bands will be given. (MUST be worn while at camp.)



Parking

Primary parking for campers is the perimeter of L2. Troop trailers may park in the middle area of the “Troop Area” (L2) parking lot.

Handicapped parking will be made available for those vehicles registered as handicapped. Trailer parking is very limited and will be assigned by a parking Staff attendant. Please make sure you park in your assigned area and avoid having to move your vehicle until you leave camp. Please obey all signs while out at camp.

*Once you’ve entered the gates there is no need to rush. STAY ALERT! There will be people walking up and down the roads. Our camp roads are also WALKWAYS. **No parking on a camp road for emergency compliance.***

Leaving Camp Property

Camp Director/Staff must be able to locate individuals at any time in case of emergency. For this reason, everyone - adult, parent, or Scout of any Rank, MUST sign out at the Leaders Lodge upon leaving and sign back in upon returning.

Privacy & Safety

Use the buddy system **at all times**. The lake, river and pool areas are off limits.

Bathrooms and showers are available. Please do not let your child try to find the restroom in the dark. All tents & trees look alike not only to an adult but for a little one it can be a nightmare!

Footwear on Camp Property

For safety reasons, **everyone MUST wear closed-toe and heel shoes at ALL times**. No swim shoes, sandals, flip-flops, or Crocs are permitted outside of the shower area.

This is BSA policy. If you DO NOT have the proper shoes you will have to leave camp.

A Walmart is located close to camp to buy appropriate footwear. If refusal to change into appropriate footwear, immediate dismissal from Camp property will occur with no refunds.

Uniforms & Attire

Field uniforms are to be worn for both Scouts and Adult Leaders during all program times. Activity uniforms should be worn during periods of rest within campsite.

Clothing with words or pictures not representing the best spirit of the Boy Scouts of America (*Rude and Obscene*) is NOT PERMITTED. You will be asked to change. If refusal to change attire, immediate dismissal from Camp property will occur with no refunds.

Pocket Knives

No fixed blades. No youth may have a pocket knife in possession that does not have a Whittling Chip or Tote-n-Chip. (3rd grade and up). If anyone, youth or adult, is seen using a pocket-knife in an inappropriate manner, it will be confiscated and returned upon departure from camp. Refer to the Guide for Safe Scouting.

Inclement Weather

Please watch and prepare for the weather before arriving to camp. At times, the weather conditions may change during the duration of camp or activities. In the event such weather threatens our activities, **3 horn blasts** will indicate that we need to stop all activities. We will gather and make our way to the Health and Education Center (HEC) until the Camp Ranger alerts us that the threat is no longer imminent.

Lost and Found

If you lost an item, go to the Leaders Lodge. At the end of camp, any items will be taken to the Leaders Lodge for the lost & found. If you found an item, please turn it in to the Leaders Lodge. If it is valuable, LEAVE IT HOME.

Campsites

Your campsite assignment will be provided during Check-In. Set your camp site up in a circular fashion as to keep your camp site identifiable. You are not the only one in a campsite area. Restrooms will also be assigned but that is only for cleaning purposes. Both areas will need to be inspected by the inspection team at check-out in order for release on Sunday.

There are a limited number of campfire rings in each campsite. They are first come first serve. Scouts are friendly. They are campsite rings not a family, pack or troop ring. Everyone is welcome to campfires in campsites. You must have water buckets filled by any fire.

DO NOT start a campfire outside of a ring.

DO NOT move rings to other locations in the campsite once a fire has started in it.

Observe all state and local guidance to burn bans and other fire hazards in the area.

Fire is never left unattended, day or night.

Camp Trash

All trash created by you or your unit in the campsite areas will need to be taken to the woodpile near the restrooms and parking lot. Remember to secure your trash. Camp Karankawa's local residents (animals) love having visitors. It is not the critters responsibility to pick up...it is yours.

Carts & Trails

A cart for hauling equipment to and from the parking lot is available for each campsite. Carts are for **Scouts BSA and adult use only**. You may also bring your own cart to transfer camp items from the parking area to your site. No motorized vehicles are permitted on the trail.

Units are responsible for their cart if any damage occurs.

Trail and cart users should do the following:

1. Always return the cart to the staging area once you are done with it. Please do not leave it at your campsite.
2. Never allow anyone to ride, sit or stand on the carts.
3. While loading the carts, keep the heavier items over the wheels. Ropes or bungee cords are helpful in keeping bulky loads from falling on the trail.
4. DO NOT play on the empty carts. This is to avoid injury.
5. Carts should be manned by **two** people, with additional help to keeping the gear steady.
6. Drive and walk courteously, keeping to the right when meeting others. Flashlights are helpful at night but should be aimed at the ground and not at oncoming campers.

Camp Karankawa Rules

You must observe Bay Area Council Camping Rules

General Rules

1. The Scout Oath and Law and Outdoor Code are the laws of the camp.
2. A registered adult Scouter, 21 years or older, must be in charge of each unit at all times. In addition, two deep leadership will be strictly enforced. The whereabouts of the youth while at camp must always be known by the designated leadership.
3. **The camp speed limit for all vehicles is 10 mph - maximum.**
4. *NO MOTORIZED VEHICLES* are allowed in campsites for any reason. They will be parked in designated parking areas. A Unit's trailer must be parked in designated areas only.
5. There are only four designated parking areas for campers, three in the Boy Scout area and one in the Cub Scout area. Parking areas are for parking of vehicles and should not be used for camping. Vehicles should use the allotted space as efficiently as possible. *In order to protect the environment and to ensure Emergency Access when needed, ALL OFF-ROAD PARKING IS PROHIBITED. Special designated overflow parking may be assigned by the Council for large District or Council events.*
6. No individual will be allowed to ride on the outside of a vehicle or in the bed of a pickup truck, or in a trailer. No more than the legally allowable number of passengers shall ride inside any vehicle at any time. Seat belts must be worn in vehicles at all times.
7. PERSONAL firearms, ammunition, air rifles, pellet guns, bows and arrows, and slingshots are NOT allowed in camp at any time.
8. Dogs and other personal pets are prohibited. Exceptions will only be made for Registered Service Animals wearing their vests to accompany their partner.
9. No open flames, candles, stoves, gasoline or kerosene lanterns, or heaters are allowed in tents.
10. Gasoline and/or propane lanterns and stoves must be operated in a safe manner under adult supervision. Fuel supplies will be stored separately and secured.
11. Be careful with fires. Some camp sites are equipped with fire rings. Fires should only be built in those rings when provided. No fires are to be left unattended day or night. Provide shovel and fire bucket with sand, water or other fire protection equipment.
12. Conserve water, turn off faucets, and wash stands and/or showers. Facilities are not to be used to wash dishes or laundry.
13. Do not cut any live trees, shrubs, or underbrush. *Exceptions* to this rule will be allowed under the following conditions: Ranger or Campmaster may approve the cutting of saplings and underbrush as long as cutting is done on a small scale in areas that are not visible from trails, program areas, or camp sites. This cutting should be done to provide materials for program use such as teaching lashing, building of camp gadgets, etc. The preferred plant for cutting should be Yaupon (*Ilex Vomitoria*).

14. Keep noise down between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Respect your neighbor.
15. No alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs will be allowed in camp.
16. The use of tobacco products inside any buildings or facilities at Camp Karankawa is strictly prohibited. The use of tobacco products in front of Scouts is prohibited under BSA National Policy. We will have a designated smoking area nearby, but away from most of the activities. Please ask one of the staff where it is.
17. All persons stay on camp property. Do not trespass on adjacent property.
18. All trash will be placed in areas designated by the Ranger or Campmaster.
19. Before leaving camp, designated unit or event leader will "check out" with the Event Director
20. When leaving, check to ensure you have all your personal items. Collect your medical forms from the registration area.
21. The possession or use of any fireworks on Camp Karankawa is forbidden.
22. The altering of existing facilities is strictly forbidden except with the specific approval of the Council Executive or his designee.
23. The proper clean-up of all facilities used must be done before leaving camp. Clean-up will be approved by Ranger, Campmaster or Event Director.
24. Two-wheel carts are provided for the use of transporting equipment to or from campsites. These carts can be dangerous if improperly used. Youth should be restricted from horseplay on these carts and should be supervised at all times when using them.
25. All illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate civilian authorities.

Refund Policy

Refunds will only be granted to the original paying customer, whether it is the unit or individual. All unit refunds will be paid to the Committee Chairperson on record for that unit. **All but 15% of an individual's fee is refundable, under certain circumstances (sickness, death in family, summer school, military deployment or relocation only)** as long as it is requested in writing, with back-up documentation, and received in the Scout Service Center, 3020 53rd Street, Galveston, TX 77551-5917. Refund requests due to light weather issues, homesickness, and schedule conflicts, misinterpretation of printed council policies and procedures or reasons other than those noted above will not warrant a refund. In addition, partial refunds will not be granted for partial camp/event stays. If a camp or event is forced to be canceled by the council, because of severe weather, or circumstances prior to the camp or event occurring, the council will reschedule the camp/event or initiate the refund process. All requests are due to the council office 15 days prior to the start of the event. Refunds will be issued in the form of a check.

We hope you enjoy YOUR CAMP KARANKAWA.

Please leave it better than you found it.

Respect the facilities and equipment.

Neither would be available to you
without your Bay Area Council
operations.

REMEMBER it is your ultimate backyard
to take care of and support!

Supporting Friends of Scouting =
Partnership in Scouting

*Be part of a solution by supporting
Friends of Scouting and volunteering.
Together we can accomplish the
mission.*

THE OUTDOOR CODE

*As an American, I will do my best
to be clean in my outdoor manners.*

To be careful with fires.

*To be considerate in the outdoors
and to be conservation minded.*

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