

November 6th-8th, 2026

Camp Karankawa 3249 Farm to Market Rd. 1459, Sweeny, TX 77480

Quiet Hours – 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM

Get ready to launch into a universe of discovery, creativity, science, and adventure! Welcome, explorers, to Frontier Exploration 2026, where curious minds become bold pioneers and the wonders of space come to life! Today, we're going beyond the ordinary to explore the extraordinary through hands-on activities, exciting demonstrations, and opportunities to learn about science that helps us understand our world and the universe beyond it. Whether you dream of becoming an astronaut, a scientist, an engineer, or simply love discovering how things work, there is something here for every young explorer!

EMERGENCY

- Frontier Exploration Camp Director: Alexis Sadeski (832-205-5048)
- Program Director: Jill Anaya
- Medic: Rick Walquist
- Camp Master: David Hall
- Admin: Leah McWhinnie
- Range Director: David Barker
- Coordinator: Katie Benn
- Cook: Karen Robertson

- Poison Control: (1-800-221-1222)
- Brazoria County Sheriff Dept. (non-emergency) 979-849-2441
- Sweeny Community Hospital (non-emergency) 979-487-9070
- Old Ocean Volunteer Fire Dept. (non-emergency) 979-487-9077

- Scout Executive: Lisa Stegman 832-385-5217 or 409-744-5206

2026 Frontier Exploration Camp Check List

MANDETORY for all participants at check in: BSA Health Form (Parts A&B) WITH THE FRONT AND BACK MEDICAL INSURANCE CARD COPIED.

Backpack / Hiking 6 Essentials

- Flashlight
- First Aid Kit
- Healthy Snack
- Whistle & Compass
- Sunscreen & Bug spray
- Full Water Bottle or Canteen

Clothing & Apparel

- Class A Cub Scout Uniform (Examples; Shirt, Belt, Neckerchief & Slide, Pants)
- Class B Shirts (Pack Shirt)
- Space Theme Costume! (Ex.; Astronaut, Alien, Star Wars, Star Trek, Planets, Etc.)
- Shirts
- Pants / Shorts
- Undergarments
- Socks (bring extra)
- Pajamas
- Jacket, Sweater, or Coat
- Rain Gear (Raincoat, Rain Boots, and Water-resistant hat)
- Hiking Gear (Hiking boots, Long Pants, Hiking Backpack w/ top essentials)
- Hat/Cap or Beanie
- Sunglasses
- *Appropriate Footwear*
  - Closed-toed shoes (NO Crocs allowed)

Sleep & Shelter

- Tent: stakes, tarp (ground cover), rubber mallet
- Bedding: Cotts or Blow-up Mattresses, Sleeping Bags, Sheets, Blankets, and Pillows
- Lanterns and Head Lamps
- Fans

Toiletries

- Shampoo & Conditioner
- Body Wash
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Hand Soap (Antibacterial)
- Aloe Lotion
- Deodorant
- Hairbrush
- Ponytails / Hair Ties
- Glasses or Contacts
- Toilet Paper

Kitchen

- Mess Kit (Plates, Cups, Bowls, and Silverware)
- Sponges
- Dish Soap
- Coffee Mugs
- Paper Towels
- Garbage Bags
- Towels
- Zip-blocks
- Knives or Scissors
- Hand Sanitizer
- Cooler

Health, Safety, Comfort

- First Aid Kit
- Insect Repellent
- Water Bottles
- Jugs of Water (refills)
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- Chapstick
- Sun Protection
- Hand Warmer (Seasonal)
- Hand Fans and Regular Fans (battery or rechargeable)
- Folding Chairs

Tech

- Phone & Watch
- Chargers (Cell Phones, Watches, Fans, Etc.)
- Extra Batteries

Food

- Friday Night Dinner **"OYO"**
- Saturday Breakfast, & Lunch, Dinner **"OYO"**
- Sunday Breakfast **"OYO"**

***OYO**: On your own as a family or a pack

NOTE: If you have purchased the Meal for Saturday Lunch, then you will be eating at the HEC Hall. Make sure to pick up those wristbands at Check-In. Disregard the "OYO" for Saturday Lunch.

Money for the Trading Post for items you left at home, snacks, drinks, souvenirs, and ICE CREAM!



WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Friday, November 6th, 2026-

5:00 PM- Gates Open

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM- Check in Registration, Location: Leaders' Lodge

Pick- Up: Color Code Wristbands, Mission Logs, Schedules, Campsite Info, & T-shirts (if purchased)

Drop Off- BSA Health Forms A, B1, & B2 or Binders with the Medic (Back room of the Leaders Lodge)

5:00 PM- Unload & Set up Campsite. Dinner is "OYO".

7:00 PM- Range Master Training & Range Meeting, Location: Training Lodge (7pm-10pm 3 hr. class)

9:30 PM- Staff Meeting & Leaders Meeting (1 to 2 Adults per unit), Location: HEC Hall

9:00 PM- Gates Close

10:00 PM- Lights Out

Saturday, November 7th, 2026-

7:00 AM- Gates Open

7:05 AM – 8:45 AM- Check In Saturday Arrivals, Location: Leaders' Lodge

Saturday Arrivals ONLY- Pick Up: Mission Logs, Wristbands, Schedules, T-Shirts (if purchased)

Saturday Arrivals ONLY- Drop Off: Health Forms A, B1, & B2 or Binders with the Medic (Backroom of the Leaders Lodge)

NOTE: The Trading Post will be OPEN at various times throughout Saturday.

8:40 AM- Opening Ceremony at Flag Poles & Announcements, Location: HEC Flag Poles

9:00 AM- Program Activities & Ranges Begin!

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM- Lunch "OYO" or (Purchased Lunch- Neon Orange wristbands), Location: HEC

ALL PROGRAMS ARE CLOSED 12:00 – 12:59 PM

1:00 PM- ALL PROGRAMS start back up!

5:45 PM- Closing Flag Ceremony, Location: HEC Flag Poles

ALL PROGRAMS CLOSE 5:45 PM

6:00 PM- Dinner at your Campsites "OYO", Location: Campsites

6:30 PM- Astronomy On Wheels Telescopes, Location: The Council Ring

8:00 PM- SPACE PARTY & Costume Contest, Location: HEC

*We have an award for the winner of the best space theme costume! *

9:00 PM- Return to Campsite or Home

Saturday Check Outs ONLY- Pick Up: Health Forms A, B1, B2, Belt Loops Certificate, & Swag Bags

*Your Pack Leader will be picking up the Frontier Exploration Patches

10:00 PM- Lights Out & Gate Closes

Sunday, November 8th, 2026- *Saturday Night Campers ONLY

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM- Clean Up, Pack up, & Check Out

GATES CLOSE AT 11am (No occupancy on property after check out.)

Pick Up: Health Forms A, B1, & B2, Belt Loops Certificate, and Swag Bags

*Your Pack Leader will be picking up the Frontier Exploration Patches

FOR ALL CHECK-IN:

At Check in everyone should receive wristbands that follow the color code schedules, and neon-orange wristbands if you have purchased lunch through Council. If you have also purchased t-shirts that will be handed out by the size, you ordered on the online registration.

PARKING: Past the Leaders Lodge located at the (Flop Jackson Parking Area)

STAFF PARKING: Flop Jackson Parking Area *Orange Cone Area

CAMPSITES: 1 & 7

These campsites will be assigned to you at Check-In. If you need more assistance locating the campsite, ask one of the staff members and pick up a map from the Leaders' Lodge. There will be yard signs in front of the entrance of both campsites 1 & 7. Reminder, you can NOT set up camp without your Health Forms turned in.

Bathroom assignments are for cleaning purposes only. Each Pack is responsible for taking care of and cleaning a restroom before they leave, but they can use any restroom unless otherwise stated on the outside of the door. You MUST have your medical forms turned in before you receive your wristbands and unload at campsite. If you have a Pack or Troop Medical Binder/folder; I suggest the person that will be bringing it needs to come before everyone else in the unit to turn in the binder/folder.

***LEAVE NO TRACE!!**

MEDICAL FORMS: You MUST have your medical forms turned in before you receive your wristbands and unload at campsite. If you have a Pack or Troop Medical Binder/folder; I suggest the person that will be bringing it needs to come before everyone else in the unit to turn in the binder/folder. The Medic will be in the back room of the Leaders Lodge. If you do not have any forms with you upon arrival, we will have tables providing blank forms you can fill out and pens.

WRISTBANDS

Colored wristbands will be assigned for Range, Target Activities, and Stations. Those that have pre-purchased lunch at time of online registration will receive a separate color wristband.
You will get your "Color Schedule" the day of arrival.

CHECK OUT: Please, make sure you collect all your belongings and trash; Keep Camp K clean! Your Pack Leader will be picking up the 2026 Frontier Exploration Patches.

Pick Up: Don't forget to pick up BSA Health Forms & your Frontier Exploration Swag Bag 😊

SCOUTS, NOTE: I would love to hear ideas for Next Years Theme of the Frontier Exploration Camp. Make sure to write your idea theme, name, pack/unit on piece of paper and place it in the jar. We will provide paper and pens; all you need is the idea. Scouts, you get to have a say in what theme it will be for 2027 Frontier Exploration. See You Next Year!!!

VISITORS

All camp leaders, Scouts, and staff must check in and out when arriving or leaving camp. Camp programs are designed and intended for registered members and the adult leaders who will be working with them. Other family members (including siblings or other youth -aged relatives) must be registered members of the BSA, or if they would like to camp or participate in the program, they must do so through Cub Scout Family Camping only. Visitors to Scouts BSA programs will be asked to stay in the Leader' Lodge at all times with a designated wristband.

CAMPSITE: Your campsite assignments will be emailed to leaders within 72 hours before the event. Our goal is for camp to be available to all Scouts who wish to enjoy our camp experience. As such, units may be required to share campsites. If so, please try to keep your pack members together in the same area.

MEDICAL/FIRST AID: ALL medication for both youth and adults must be kept with the Pack or Troop and dispensed appropriately by the designated adult. The adult designated to dispense youth medication is required to complete the Routine Drug Administration Record and be prepared for the camp medic to review it. The medic can be reached by anyone with a walkie talkie. Battery power for medical devices is allowed in certain areas. Consult the Camp Ranger or Medic.

LATE ARRIVALS & EARLY CHECK-OUT: Anyone arriving late or leaving early must sign in and out at the registration desk at the Leaders' Lodge. If leaving early, you must fill out the Camper Release form and have it signed by your leader.

LEADERSHIP: All units must have proper adult leadership in camp at all times and must follow ALL SAFEGUARDING YOUTH GUIDELINES. No one-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is allowed.

BUDDY SYSTEM: Scouts must be instructed to use the buddy system when hiking or exploring around camp and are encouraged to inform their leaders of their plans when leaving their campsite.

QUIET HOURS: Quiet hours are 10 p.m. to 6 a.m.

STAFF CABIN: Cabin is reserved for staff only. Scouts and adult leaders cannot enter cabin.

PHONES & WIFI: Phones can be a great way to enhance an outdoor Scouting experience, but they can be a challenge to manage. Phones are only to be used by adults or youth if your unit leader approves of them. Wi-Fi is available at camp for education purposes. Please visit the Leaders' Lodge for guest Wi-Fi login information.

WEATHER & EMERGENCIES: Be Prepared! Please pack rain gear and extra clothing for your Scout. Secure your tent. Ensure tents are properly guy-lined to prevent rain from entering. In the event of Heavy Down pours:

- Follow Instructions. Program staff will provide clear directions in case of heavy rain. The designated Shelter-in-place area is the Dining Hall/ HEC. If heavy rain is short-lived, we'll take temporary shelter and resume activities once it passes. We may relocate activities and make in or adjustments to ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment.
- In the event of an emergency evacuation, everyone should report to the Pavilion behind the Dining Hall/ HEC.
- Emergency Drills - When you hear the camp bell/ siren, you must IMMEDI ATELY assemble your unit at the flag poles in front of the Dining Hall/ HEC and have a head count ready. Instructions by supervised staff will follow.
- Intruder – Contact the Camp Directors immediately. Do not approach them directly, let staff handle this situation. Remove youth. Do not lose sight of the intruder if possible.

RULES

Rules are made for the safety of campers, protection of equipment, and providing fairness to all. There is an emergency alert siren on campus. If that sounds proceed to HEC for shelter.

SANDALS/ SHOES - It is the policy of the Bay Area Council that closed-toed shoes must always be worn at camp, except while at the shower house. No Crocs are allowed.

SMOKING/ VAPING - Adults are not permitted to smoke around Scouts, in buildings or tents. A designated smoking area is provided between the Leader's Lodge and Flop Jackson parking area, or in your personal vehicle only.

WEAPONS, FIREARMS & KNIVES - It is the policy of the Bay Area Council that no hunting, sheath knives, fixed-blade knives, switch blades are allowed at camp. No personal firearms or ammo are allowed. No fireworks of any kind are permitted in camp.

ALCOHOL & DRUGS - Alcohol and federally declared illegal drugs/substances are not allowed at any time. Immediate removal of camp and Scouting membership revoked.

PETS - No pets are allowed in camp.

VEHICLES - The camp speed limit is 10 mph. No passengers will be permitted in the beds of trucks. All passengers must be seated inside the vehicle. Seatbelt use is required in camp in accordance with national policies. We require that you keep your vehicle in the designated parking areas at all other times. Limiting the amount of driving that goes on in camp makes the trails safer for all of us.

DRONES – No Drones allowed on Camp Karankawa property unless it is part of the scheduled program.

LEAVE NO TRACE/ TRASH DISPOSAL - Camp has been used and enjoyed by Scouts for many years. As caretakers of this property, we ask that you be aware of your impact on the land so future generations can enjoy our camp. Please dispose of all litter by placing ALL trash in a bag and drop it at the dumpster near Cub World on your way out of camp. It is everybody's job to keep camp litter-free. If you are at a week-long camp, trash pickup is near the Scout bath house, to be picked up by 5 p.m. each day.

CAMPFIRES/COOKING EQUIPMENT - Campfires are permitted unless a burn ban is in effect. Firewood is available. You may only gather small, dead branches and sticks around your campsite. Camp is a great place to teach Scouts fire safety. Each unit should complete and use the Unit Fireguard Chart. These will be provided at camp. Fires must always be attended. There are two 5-gallon buckets at the entrance to each campsite. Your camp site fire barrel should always be filled with water. Please refill it if it is empty. If a fire is out of control, contact the Camp Ranger/Camp Master and Fire Department immediately. As a leader, it is your job to account for and evacuate your Scouts.

Unit-supplied gas stoves may be used under adult supervision. **Propane stoves and lanterns are allowed only outside of tents.**

NO OPEN FLAMES OR FUME RELATED EQUIPMENT IN TENTS OR ENCLOSURES which include candles, portable heaters, portable AC, lanterns, stoves, or generators.

NO FUEL GENERATORS ARE ALLOWED THAT PRODUCE FUMES (Gasoline, diesel, biodiesel, natural gas or propane.)

ONLY ZERO EMISSIONS silent operation generators are allowed. (Battery and solar.)

PERSONAL PROPERTY - Camp does not assume responsibility for damage or loss of any personal property.

PHOTOS AND VIDEOS - Pictures and videos may be taken of your Scouts while at camp but you must follow Youth Protection Guidelines at all times.

SOCIAL MEDIA - We have Facebook. We do post videos and pictures of Scouts at camp. If you have photos or videos that you would like us to share, please email them to the Camp Ranger.

Enjoy Nature. Stay Alert. Respect Wildlife.

Camp Karankawa is home to a variety of wildlife that makes our outdoor experience unique and memorable. As we explore and enjoy the beauty of camp, we ask all campers, families, and visitors to remain aware of their surroundings and respect the wildlife that calls this area home. Wildlife sightings are a natural part of the outdoor experience. However, certain animals and insects require extra caution, including copperhead snakes, wild boars, wasps, fire ants, and alligators.

For everyone's safety, follow simple precautions:

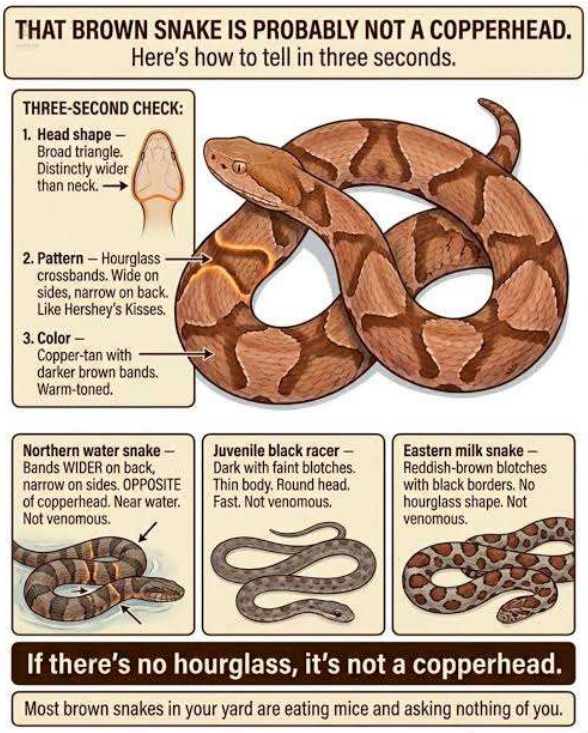
Watch where you walk. Stay on designated trails and paths and be mindful of where you place your hands and feet, especially around logs, brush, tall grass, and wooded areas.

Give wildlife plenty of space. Never approach, touch, chase, or attempt to feed wild animals. If you encounter a snake, boar, or alligator, calmly keep your distance and notify camp staff.

Be mindful of insects. Watch for wasp nests and fire ant mounds. Avoid disturbing them and let camp staff know if you spot a nest or mound in a high-traffic area.

Keep food secure. Dispose of trash properly and avoid leaving food unattended, as it will attract wildlife.

Supervise children. Remind young campers to stay with their group, avoid unfamiliar animals and insects, and alert an adult if they spot wildlife.



For the safety of all visitors, never play near the water's edge. Avoid standing, walking, or lingering close to the shoreline, as alligators and snakes may be present in or around the water. Maintaining a safe distance from the water and remaining alert to wildlife helps reduce the risk of injury and ensures a safer outdoor experience for everyone.



Our goal is not to discourage anyone from enjoying the outdoors, but to help everyone have a safe, enjoyable, and memorable camp experience. By staying alert, respecting nature, and following camp safety guidelines, we can share this beautiful environment responsibly.

A little awareness goes a long way. Stay safe, respect the wildlife, and enjoy your time at Camp Karankawa!

Programs

All Parents must stay with their children during the activities.

The Trading Post will be open Saturday November 7th, 2026.

Cosmo Closet

Cosmo Closet is part of the Cold Stowage Schedule that will have real NASA space gear! These are historical items; please keep in mind to be respectful because it is **Government Property**. There will be a NASA Rocket Scientist educating the Scouts and answering questions. Please wait for them to assist before touching any of the displays. Please have clean hands before touching the equipment; there will be wipes available at this station. Cosmo Closet will be OPEN in the afternoon.

Cold Stowage

Cold Stowage is a NASA Team of Rocket Scientist that will be showing experimental demonstrations. It is an educational presentation of what they do for NASA & SpaceX. Cold Stowage will be unveiling new fun experiments for this year. Their equipment will also be displayed for kids to look and touch with assistance from Cold Stowage Team members. WARNING: Loud Noises

Edible Science

Welcome to Edible Science, where science gets delicious! Become a cosmic chef as you experiment with tasty treats, build edible creations, and discover the science behind the snacks. From cookie astronauts to candy-powered cone rockets, you'll mix creativity with a little scientific magic to create treats that are truly out of this world. Get ready to explore, experiment, and take a bite into the wonders of the universe — because in this lab, the experiments are delicious and the discoveries are even sweeter! Edible Science is a station that contains a variety of different treats and candy. **Please be cautious if your child has an allergy.** (Gingerbread, Icing, Cookies, M&Ms, Reese's Peanut Butter Cups, Gum drops, Ice Cream Cones, etc.)



Gravity Lab

A Classic Competition of Tug-O-War. Scouts will be working together in teams using the pull of gravity to win. We encourage all scouts to participate as well as some parents. The next challenge of gravity is building with boxes and creating something extraordinary.



Launching Rockets

The Launching Rocket station will have leaders & adults helping the Scouts assemble their rockets. When finished they will be able to launch their rocket into the air. At the very end when everyone in their group has launched rockets; the leaders will notify you when you can go retrieve your rocket. DO NOT run out in the field until you are allowed! **NOTE:** You may or may not be able to find and retrieve your rocket if it launches too far or lands in the pool area.



Ranges- Head Range Master: David Barker

The BB Gun & Archery Range will have assigned time slots for each group. You must have one adult per scout that will be supervised in ALL Ranges. Please, respect the Yellow Ropes on the Ranges- do **NOT** go over nor under them. Also, don't be late because you could miss your time slot and be asked to come back later. It's crucial to get to the Ranges on time for the Rangemasters to go over the Safety Talk. If any of the Rangemasters ask an adult or a youth to leave the Range, they must go immediately and will **NOT** be able to return. In the National BSA Rules, Lions can **NOT** participate in BB gun ranges; our Staff will be notifying all of you as much as possible. Location of the Ranges will be at the Corrals. You must have your colored wristband on to be able to participate. It is very important to stay on the trails. Keep in mind, **WE ARE VISITORS** to the wildlife; **WARNING** (Fire Ants, Yellow Jackets, Red Wasps, Coyotes, Bob Cats, Copper Heads, Alligators, and Boars. This does **NOT** count towards earning the Range & Target Activities Awards. Sling Shots are **NOT** a scheduled activity and is **OPEN** all day.

Youth must be 14 years or older to help with the Ranges.

Youth including siblings must be 6 years old, to enter the BB Gun Range.

Youth including siblings must be 5 years old, to enter the Slingshots and Archery Ranges.

Science Lab

Inspired by WALL-E, where a little robot dreams of bringing life back to a planet covered in waste, it's your turn to become a space-saving scientist! At this station, you'll plant your very own Carrot seed to help grow a greener future and build a cup rocket ready for an out-of-this-world mission. Discover how plants help keep our planet alive while exploring how creativity and science can make a difference both on Earth and beyond. Your mission: grow something green, build something amazing, and help make the galaxy a better place — one plant and one rocket at a time!

Astro-Art Lab

Astro-Art Lab has many crafts and activities for the Scouts to create and invent. Get ready to unleash your inner space explorer as you design and build your own out-of-this-world creations. From futuristic spacecraft and intergalactic inventions to cosmic masterpieces, you'll transform everyday materials into extraordinary works of space-age engineering. Think like an astronaut, create like an inventor, and prepare for liftoff — because in this galaxy, your imagination is the only limit!

Astronomy On Wheels Fort Bend Astronomy Club- Telescopes

Astronomy On Wheels Club from Fort Bend is volunteering their time, sharing their personal equipment and telescopes to educate the youth on reading the night sky. The location of the AOW telescope showing will be at the Council Ring. No running around the telescopes, and do not shine flashlights directly at the telescopes. You will need flashlights to walk along the trail to get to the Council Ring where they will be located. The AOW will start at **6:30 PM.**

SPACE PARTY & Contest

Blast off into an unforgettable night of cosmic fun at our **Space Disco Party!** Get ready to dance among the stars with tons of dazzling disco lights, glowing colors, awesome music, and an atmosphere that's truly out of this world! Dress to impress in your best space-themed costume! Whether you're an alien, astronaut, galaxy superstar, or Star Wars jedi, show off your creativity in our **Out-of-This-World Costume Contest!** So grab your dancing shoes, bring your best moves, and get ready to shine brighter than the stars. It's going to be a night full of laughter, dancing, glowing lights, and cosmic memories! We have an award for the winner of the best space theme costume!

ONE NIGHT. ONE GALAXY. ONE EPIC SPACE PARTY! 🌎 ✨ 🛸

Crafts

- Constellation Viewer
- Wall-E's Plant
- Paper Airplanes
- Paper Cup Rockets
- Rainbow Planet
- Model Rockets

Range & Target Activities

- BB-Guns
- Archery
- Slingshots

Science Experiments & Building

- Cold Stowage
- Alien Color Morph
- Mission Moon Ocean
- Space Dust

Shows, Demonstrations, & Presentations

- Cold Stowage
- Astronomy On Wheels (AOW) Telescopes
- ISS Videos
- Cosmo Closet (Astronaut suit & more)
  Picture Time

Engineering & Solving

- Launching Rockets
- Gravity Lab

Competitions

- Tug-Of-War
- Costume Contest
- Alien Invasion

🚀 UNTIL NEXT TIME, EXPLORERS!

As our Frontier Exploration adventure will come to an end, we hope you leave with wonderful memories, new friendships, exciting discoveries, and a little more curiosity about the world beyond our own!

A very special **THANK YOU** goes out to our incredible staff and volunteers who make this camp possible. The majority of our camp staff generously give their time, energy, and talents to create these unforgettable experiences. From planning and preparation to running activities and keeping everything moving, this camp would not be possible without their dedication and hard work. Please take a moment to show them your appreciation!

To all of our families, Scouts, and participants, thank you for spending your time with us, joining in the fun, trying new things, and making Frontier Exploration 2026 such a success. You are what make this camp special!

When you head home, we wish everyone safe travels, and we hope you carry a little bit of the adventure with you. Keep exploring, keep learning, keep asking questions, and never stop reaching for the stars!

We hope to see all of our explorers back again next year for another unforgettable adventure!

Until then, keep looking up, keep discovering, and remember…

THE ADVENTURE NEVER ENDS WHEN YOU HAVE A FRONTIER TO EXPLORE! 🚀 🌎 ✨

