



Announcements



The Boy Scouts of America announced on May 7, 2024, it will change its name to Scouting America. This change reflects the organization's ongoing commitment to welcoming every youth in America to experience the benefits of Scouting. The name change will officially go into effect on February 8, 2025, the organization's 115th birthday, though they are encouraging immediate use of the new name.




2024 BSA National Annual Membership Fees

EFFECTIVE

MAY
1
2024

FOR ALL NEW
AND EXISTING
MEMBERS

NATIONAL \$ 85 /YR COUNCIL \$ 65 /YR	Participants in kindergarten through age 20. 
NATIONAL \$ 65 /YR COUNCIL \$ 50 /YR	All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position). 
NATIONAL \$ 25 /YR COUNCIL \$ 0 /YR	This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers.  <small>Merit badge counselors who are not also registered in a unit position are not allowed to attend overnight scouting activities/events.</small>
NATIONAL \$ 50 /YR COUNCIL \$ 0 /YR	 For all Exploring youth and adults.

Additional fees might be charged by local councils and units.

UNIT RENEWAL FEE

\$100/YR

For all new and existing units.

SCOUT LIFE MAGAZINE FEE



\$15/YR





Your donation to Scouting in New Mexico will make an Investment in the Character & Leadership development of our youth!

Scouting prepares young people to have more confidence, be better leaders, get involved in their community and make ethical choices over their lifetimes. Youth leave Scouting Prepared for Life.

Your Investment in Developing Responsible Leaders will MAKE A DIFFERENCE in a child's life!

What you can do to help - Make an Investment in New Mexico's Youth! A gift to the GSW-Yucca Council of just \$250 will provide the Scouting program for a year to a deserving Scout! Any amount helps!

Does Scouting Work?

Scouting was put to the test. A 3-year Tufts University study to measure character attributes showed Scouts are more likely to embrace positive social values than non-Scouts in important areas including hopefulness, helpfulness, obedience, cheerfulness, kindness and trustworthiness. 84% of Scouts say Scouting has helped them be more honest, better leaders and stronger team players..

With fun and discovery at every turn. Scouting makes the most of right now. Thank you for your support!

Make your gift today at: www.gswcbsa.org and click SUPPORT YOUTH or mail a check to the GSW-Yucca Council; 5841 Office Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

505 345-8603



Red Cross CPR for Professionals-North

February 15, 2025

8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Great Southwest Service Center

Designed for professional-level rescuers, this course teaches response techniques for breathing and cardiac emergencies across all age groups until advanced medical personnel arrive. Required for lifeguards and high-adventure guides, the course includes an online component, which must be completed in advance. Participants should bring the completion certificate to class, where a final test will be administered.

Registration closes 2/12/25

Cost \$35/person

Register Here: <https://scoutingevent.com/573-92918>



**Archery
Day**

**Arrow of
Light,
Webelos
and Bear
Scouts**

**GREAT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL OFFICES
5841 OFFICE BLVD NE, ABQ**

March 8th, 2025

**2 Hour Sessions
begin at 8:00 am**

**Earn Your Archery
Adventure Pin or Belt Loop!**



QUESTIONS: GSWCMEMBERSHIP@GMAIL.COM

OA Lodge Leadership Development - North

March 7 & 8, 2025

More Details to Come



Wilderness First Aid

March 13-16, 2025

Grace Park

Wilderness first aid, or “WFA”, is a generic term that commonly refers to any training course that focuses on prevention, assessment, and treatment for an ill or injured person in a remote environment where definitive care by a physician and/or rapid transport is not readily available. This is defined as being an hour or more away from advanced care. WFA courses are intended for anyone planning a remote high adventure, from lay responders to medical professionals.

Saturday 8-5; Sunday 8-4

Camping is available.

If the links below are not active, registration is not available at this time.

[Read more.](#)

Registration for this event will take place in the Council's new registration system, Blackpug.

[Click HERE](#)

OA Section Conclave - North

April 4-5, 2025

More Details to Come



SAVE THE DATE

Albuquerque Metro Pinewood Derby

April 12, 2025

More details to come!





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ZOO U

MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

APRIL 19, 2025

(watch council calendar for registration info)



- Zoo U is looking for recruiting dynamic Merit Badge Counselors and other scouters to assist as needed for each class.
- Saturday, April 19 from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm
- Potential Classes include:
 - Insect Study
 - Landscape Architecture or Architecture
 - Reptile and Amphibian Study
 - Veterinary Medicine
 - Geocaching or Orienteering
 - Photography
 - Nature
 - Mammal Study

Contact Jessie Brown at 505-710-3277, abqjessie@gmail.com

IOLS/BALOO

- IOLS in ABQ or Gorham
 - Looking at April 26-27, 2025
 - Details to follow as soon as confirmed
- IOLS in Four Corners
 - Looking at early fall for course
 - Details to follow as soon as confirmed
- BALOO – still looking for a course director

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May 2-4

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International Trash the Trash Day
May 3, 2025

More details to come!

Metro Area Spring Adventure Day

May 3, 2025

The Council offices will be hosting our annual Spring Adventure day.

This is a great opportunity for scouts (or prospective scouts) to come check out a sampling of scout activities. We are still finalizing the plans, but historically we have included archery demonstrations,

NM Fish and Game fishing station, Climbing wall, information stations for scout camps, and much more! We are reaching out to Metro area troops to host stations and be available to answer questions about their programs for up and coming prospective Scouts BSAs. More details to follow. Please note, the Spring Adventure day makes the ideal capstone event for a spring recruiting drive!

More details to come!

OA Spring Conclave - North



May 15-16, 2025


More Details to Come




Scouting  America

Save the Date!

Join us for the Great Southwest- Yucca Council Topgolf Fundraiser!

 Location: Topgolf, 1600 Desert Surf Cir NE, Albuquerque, NM 87107

 17 Event Date: Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

 Time: 1 PM – 4 PM

 **Registration Opens Monday, February 10th!**

Don't miss your chance to support local Scouting while enjoying a fun afternoon of golf, raffle prizes, and more!

 Team packages, individual tickets, and sponsorships available.

For questions, contact Edward.Barceleau@scouting.org.

Brownsea 22

The Brownsea 22 camp is an outdoor Scouting adventure for individual Scouts based upon the concept of the very first Scout camp conducted by Lord Baden-Powell on Brownsea Island in the year 1907.

The methods he tested at this camp became the core of the Scouting program – the Patrol Method of Scouting and learning relevant Scout skills through stories, games, competition, and FUN!

When: June 8-14, 2025

Where: Gorham Scout Ranch

Cost: \$375

Registration is open till April 30th

Brownsea 22 is a great program for any Scout, however, it is most beneficial for Scouts that are in the first 1-3 years of their Scouting career and are First Class or lower in rank.

<https://www.gswcbsa.org/content/111382/Brownsea-22--Brownsea-22>

Brownsea 22 - Staff

Staff

2025 Scoutmasters

Mrs. Lily Bray and Mr. Trevor Goldwater

2025 Boy Troop SPL

Dax Martin

2025 Girl Troop SPL

Kaitlynn Russell

Staff Applications due January 21, 2025

Youth who are 14+ and 1st Class and above

Contact: brownsea22camp@gmail.com

Staff Development Dates

(* times may vary slightly as plans are solidified)

Feb 8 (Sat.) - 9:30am-4:00pm – Location TBD

(Albuquerque-Rio Rancho)

Mar 8 (Sat) - 9:30am-4:00pm – Location TBD

(Albuquerque-Rio Rancho)

Apr 11-13 (Fri-Sat) - 6:30pm Friday thru 4:00pm

Saturday – Gorham

May 10 (Sat) - 9:30am-4:00pm – Location TBD

June 5-8 (Thurs-Sun) - Staff week @ Gorham



WOOD BADGE

Aug 22-24, 2025 and Sept 6-7, 2025

Gorham Scout Ranch

Cost approx. \$270 per participant

Registration is live on council website

Click Here:

<https://www.gswcbsa.org/content/124334/Wood-Badge-2025--Wood-Badge>

Upcoming Training

15 Feb – **COR/Committee Training** – Zoom Time TBD

15 Feb, **Red Cross CPR for Professionals**, 8:00 am - 2:00pm, location Scout Office, \$35, class min 5

14-16 Mar, **Wilderness FA/ CPR/ AED**, Friday 6:00-9:00 pm, Saturday 8:00am- 5:00pm, Sunday 8:00 am- 4:00 pm, location Grace Park, CPR:\$45, WFA:\$75, class min 6 prefer 8+

2-4 May, **Wilderness FA/ CPR/ AED**, Friday 6:00-9:00pm, Saturday 8:00 am -5:00 pm, Sunday 8:00am - 4:00 pm, location Grace Park, CPR:\$45, WFA:\$75, class min 6 prefer 8+

- New Email for Training Chair
 - council.412.training@gmail.com – should appear as “Council 412 Training” in inbox
- Unified point of contact for council training
- You can still reach out to Joe at jbalestri55@gmail.com, but training emails are coming from the new email address.



Membership: Developing a Culture of Growth

A week at Philmont Training Center
July 6-12, 2025



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- Council Membership VPs
- Scout Executives and Staff Advisors
- Council Membership Committee members
- Commissioners at all levels
- CST Membership Leads
- New Member Coordinators
- Anyone else interested in developing a *Culture of Growth*



Our Membership Growth Team is ready to help you develop a *Culture of Growth* in your Unit, District, Council, or Territory.



Among the themes we'll explore are:

- Building local membership teams
- National strategic growth initiatives
- Reaching today's youth and their families
- Market analysis and marketing support
- Council membership planning
- ...and much more!

What Scouting needs right now is a Culture of Growth!

TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE THAT HAPPEN!



WHY NOW?

Scouting's membership has been in decline since the 1970's, and plunged during COVID.

It's going to take urgent, NEW and intense efforts to establish membership growth. We must get to work immediately!



OUR VISION FOR THIS CONFERENCE

- Sharing successful strategies from across the country and the world
 - Opportunity to collaborate in exploring the "why" and "how" of a wealth of growth ideas
- We believe that councils, districts, and units can be ready for action.**



OUR MISSION

The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

We invite all youth and adults to share in our Mission.

REGISTER NOW!



<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/>



17 Deer Run Road,
Cimarron, NM 87714



Great Southwest-Yucca Council

In Observance of

President's Day

Will be closed

February 17, 2025



**NEXT NORTH SERVICE AREA
COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE**

March 13, 2025