



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
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2024

FOR ALL NEW
AND EXISTING
MEMBERS

<p>NATIONAL \$85/YR</p> <hr/> <p>COUNCIL \$70/YR</p>	<p>Participants in kindergarten through age 20.</p> 
<p>NATIONAL \$65/YR</p> <hr/> <p>COUNCIL \$45/YR</p>	 <p>All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).</p>
<p>NATIONAL \$25/YR</p> <hr/> <p>COUNCIL \$0 /YR</p>	 <p>This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors who are not already registered volunteers.</p> <p><small>Merit badge counselors who are not also registered in a unit position are not allowed to attend overnight Scouting activities/events.</small></p>
<p>NATIONAL \$50/YR</p> <hr/> <p>COUNCIL \$0 /YR</p>	 <p>For all Exploring youth and adults.</p>

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





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 GSWC 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 GSWC; 5841 Office Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87109.

505 345-8603



REMINDER

Great Southwest - Yucca Council Naming Poll

With the merger of the Great Southwest and Yucca Councils into a singular Council, we have an exciting opportunity to choose a new Council name. As you may recall, we had a contest open to our youth members to submit potential new names. The Council Key 3 have selected two finalists: High Desert Council and El Camino Real Council. We are opening the voting to every unit in the Council.

Each UNIT (Pack, Troop, Crew, or Post) will have one vote to choose our new name. Please discuss the two names at an upcoming unit meeting. Please have your unit select the one name they like the best. Then, any member from your Unit Key 3 (Committee Chair; Unit Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Crew Advisor, Post Advisor; or the Charter Organization Representative) may submit their vote one time on the Google form. If we receive multiple entries from your unit, only the first received from a Unit Key 3 will be counted.

The deadline to vote is **January 17, 2025**. We look forward to sharing the new name with you soon after that!

Here is the link:

<https://forms.gle/ioxq8Lk5p3qw6aL36>

NRA Range Safety Officer Course

January 18, 2025

An NRA Certified Range Safety Officer will be able to organize, conduct, and supervise safe shooting activities and range operations. A participant **must be 21 years old or older**, attend the entire course, participate in the discussions and practical exercises, and achieve a final exam score of 90% or higher.

For all Troop and Crew shoots, an NRA instructor **AND** an NRA RSO is required. If Troops and Crews have an RSO, the organizations will only be required to find an NRA instructor current in the firearm intended to shoot. There will be no firearms or ammunition in the class beyond those which the instructor will provide for demonstration.

No meals will be served.

If you have any questions, please contact the instructor Mike Cutter, 435-730-2837, michael.cutter@msn.com



**Scouting
America.**

Great Southwest Council

Awards Celebration



January 25, 2025

Celebrate the accomplishments of the Great Southwest Council with over 300 of your closet Scouter Friends!

10:30 am – 1:30 pm

Sandia Presbyterian Church

10704 Paseo del Norte, NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122

Registration Closes January 17, 2025

Costs: \$45/adult & \$30/youth

Register Here

<https://donations.scouting.org/#/council/412/event/622>



CUB SCOUT RANGEMASTER TRAINING

February 1st, 2025

9am-3pm at Albuquerque Council Office

Are you willing to help conduct Range Days for our
Cub Scouts? Volunteers Needed!

Cub Scouts can only do Archery, BB Guns and Slingshots at District or Council level events (NOT AT THE PACK LEVEL) and we need more volunteers to run these events to give our Scouts the chance to earn these new adventures.

Interested in participating? - contact Mike Cutter at michael.cutter@msn.com or Randy Reed @ GSWCMembership@gmail.com

HELP US FILL THE TRUCK!



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

February 1st & 2nd, 2025

Donations of non-perishable food will be collected from 9am-5pm at the following

Albertsons locations:

Academy & Tramway

Candelaria & Eubank

Candelaria & Juan Tabo



**ALL
DONATIONS
BENEFIT:**



If your unit is doing a Scouting for Food Drive to support Food Pantries in other areas or to support your charter org - be sure to share totals and pictures with us so we can celebrate your hard work!

**Send us an email:
GSWCScoutingForFood@gmail.com**



Gorham Scout Ranch

KLONDIKE DERBY

SCOUT SKILLS | PATROL METHOD | TEAM BUILDING



FEBRUARY 7 - 9, 2025

Gorham Scout Ranch - Chimayo NM

Since 1949, BSA units have been conducting “Klondike Derbies” to give their Scouts a chance to test their Scoutcraft skills, strengthen their patrols and have fun with Scouts from other Troops. Get those sleds prepped, dig out your cold weather gear and bring your Patrol to Gorham Scout Ranch for a fun and frosty weekend!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.gswcbsa.org/content/121959/Klondike>



Training Available at Klondike

Klondike is Feb 8th @ Gorham Scout Ranch

Potential Classes

Merit Badge Counselor (90 minutes) – AM

Scoutmaster Position Specific (1/2 day) - PM

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>



OA Lodge Leadership Development - North

March 7 & 8, 2025

More Details to Come



Wilderness First Aid

March 13-16, 2025

Location TBD

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](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Albuquerque Metro Pinewood Derby

April 12, 2025

More details to come!



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. \$275 per participant

Registration is live on council website

Click Here:

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

Upcoming Training

18 Jan, **NRA Range Safety Officer Course**, 8:00 am- 5:00 pm, location Scout Office, \$30

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
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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+

Great Southwest Council

In Observance of

Martin Luther King Day

Will be closed

January 20, 2025



NEXT COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

February 13, 2025