



January 9th, 2025

Great Southwest-Yucca NORTH Roundtable

Agenda

- Announcements – Kathy Ferdig
 - Welcome – Dale Balmer
- Opening Ceremony – Valen Cunningham
 - Scouting “Fun Fact” – Terry Brown
 - Safety Moment - Everett Heinonen
 - Merger Updates –Dale Balmer
 - Brownsea 22 – Cliff Russell
- Four Corners/San Juan County Update – Beth Bregar
 - ~~Recognition Update – Brian Tolson~~
 - Training Update – Joe Balestri
 - Advancement Update – Lois Caipen
 - Membership Update – Randy Reed
 - Commissioner Update – Dale Balmer
- District Executive Update - Mary Mazza-Andersen





Welcome

Dale Balmer





Opening Ceremony

Valen Cunningham Troop 714







Scouting "Fun Fact"

Terry Brown

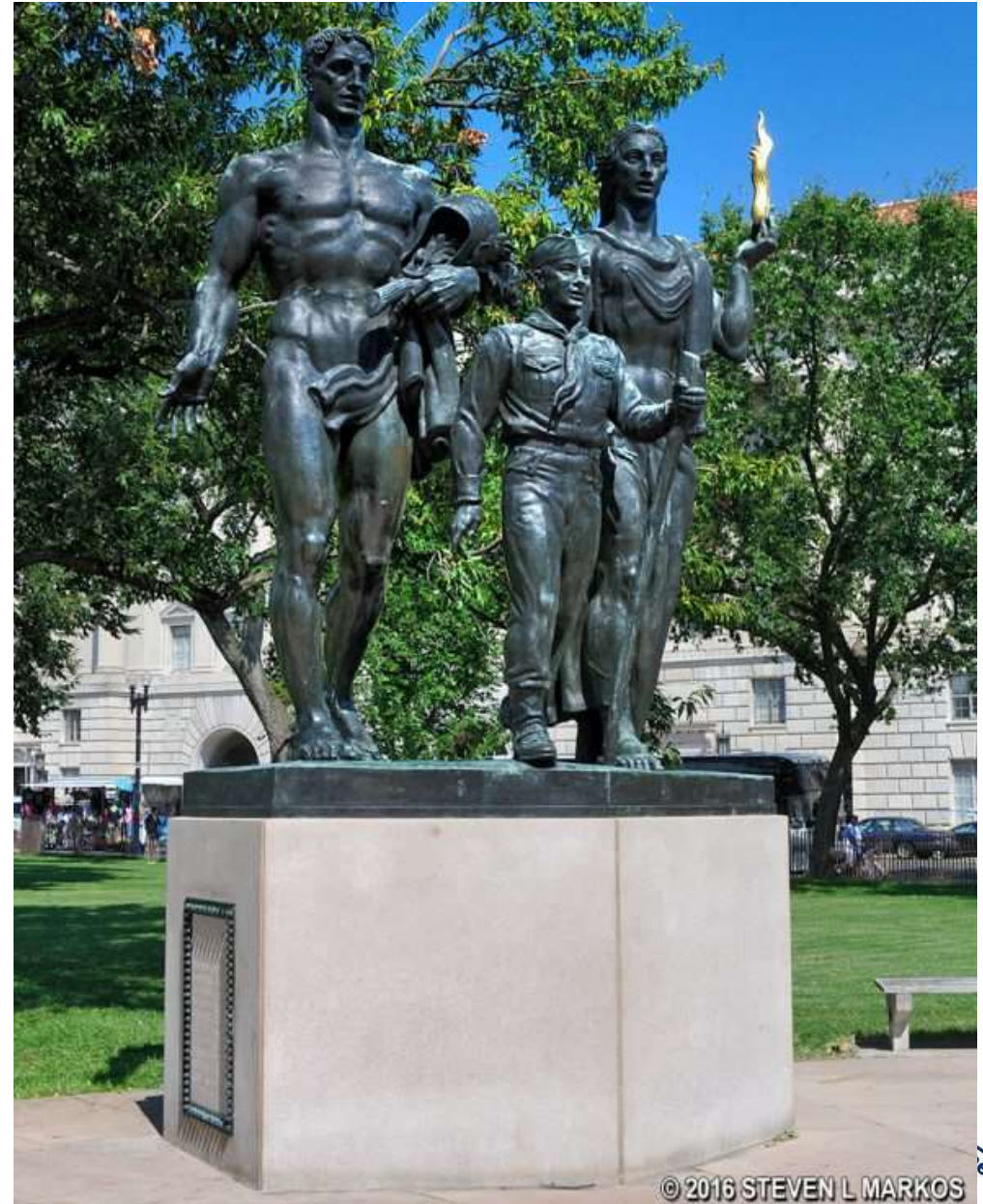




Scouting Fun Fact #18



- **Did You Know?**
- **The Boy Scout Memorial, unveiled in 1964 in Washington, D.C., stands at the site of the 1937 First National Scout Jamboree. One of the few D.C. memorials to commemorate a living cause.**
- **The figures represent Manhood and Womanhood and Scouts worldwide.**
- **"In grateful tribute to the men and women whose generosity, devotion, and leadership have brought Scouting to the nation's youth and to honor all members of the Boy Scouts of America who in days of peace and times of peril have done their duty to God and their country...in recognition of the fiftieth anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America."**
- **The memorial was constructed at no expense to the government. The funds were raised from each Scout unit and each donor signed a scroll that was placed in the pedestal of the statue.**



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Safety Moment

Everett Heinonen





Frostbite



January 2025 Safety Minute





Definition

- An injury caused by freezing of the skin and underlying tissues
 - Liquids within cell walls freeze
- Early stage of frostbite is called frostnip
 - A cold feeling followed by numbness
- As frostbite gets worse, affected skin may change color and become hard or waxy-looking
- Most common on fingers, toes, ears, cheeks, chin and tip of the nose
- Can be caused by direct contact with ice, freezing metals or very cold liquids





Stages

- **Frostnip (Stage 1)**
 - Frostnip is the early stage of frostbite. Symptoms are pain, tingling and numbness. Frostnip doesn't cause permanent damage to the skin
- **Mild to moderate frostbite (Stage 2)**
 - Frostbite causes slight changes in skin color. The skin may begin to feel warm. This is a sign of serious skin involvement. If you treat frostbite with rewarming at this stage, the surface of the skin may look patchy. The affected area may sting, burn and swell. A fluid-filled blister may form 12 to 36 hours after rewarming. This stage also is called superficial frostbite
- **Deep frostbite (Stage 3)**
 - As frostbite progresses, it affects all layers of the skin and the tissues below. The affected skin turns white or blue-gray. Large blood blisters may appear 24 to 48 hours after rewarming. Weeks after the injury, tissue may turn black and hard as it dies





Symptoms

- Numbness
- Tingling
- Patches of skin in shades of red, white, blue, gray, purple or brown
 - The color of affected skin depends on how serious the frostbite is and the usual skin color
- Cold, hard, waxy-looking skin
- Clumsiness due to joint stiffness
- Pain
- Blistering after rewarming





First Aid

- Get out of the cold and remove wet clothing
- If you suspect hypothermia, wrap up in a warm blanket until help arrives
- Protect the injured area from further damage
- Don't walk on frostbitten feet or toes if possible
- Place your affected skin in a bath of warm (not hot) water
- Take a pain reliever if needed
- Drink a warm, nonalcoholic beverage if possible
- Seek medical help if needed
- Do not rub affected areas!





When to seek medical help

- When Stage 2 or 3 Frostbite is present
- Frostbite patients may have hypothermia
- Medical help is necessary if
 - Intense pain even after taking a pain reliever and rewarming
 - Intense shivering
 - Slurred speech
 - Drowsiness
 - Trouble walking





Prevention

- Stay safe and warm
 - Limit time outdoors when it's freezing cold and wet or windy
 - Dress in loose layers
 - Wear a hat or headband made for cold weather. Wear socks and sock liners
 - Watch for symptoms of frostbite
 - Plan to protect yourself
 - Eat well-balanced meals and stay hydrated
- Keep moving





Resources

- <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/frostbite/symptoms-causes/syc-20372656#:~:text=Frostbite%20is%20an%20injury%20caused,become%20hard%20or%20waxy%2Dlooking>





Merger Update

- My.Scouting merged
- New Council Name Vote On-going through January 17th, one vote per unit (Key 3). As of 1/7/2025, 44 of 160 units have voted (vote @ <https://forms.gle/bBkDyzat2fjTSxa7>)
- Nominating Committee working to staff new council leadership positions





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!





Brownsea 22

- 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 Applications due January 20th, 2025

- 2025 Scoutmasters = Mrs. Lily Bray and Mr. Trevor Goldwater
- 2025 Boy Troop SPL = Dax Martin
- 2025 Girl Troop SPL = Kaitlynn Russell
- Youth who are 14+ and 1st Class and above
- Contact: brownsea22camp@gmail.com





Brownsea 22

- 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





The San Juan County Area Round Table for Pack and Troop Leaders

Roundtable is changing its time!

For 2025 we will meet on the 3rd Saturday of January (18th), March (15th), June (21st), September (20th), and December (20th), from 10 am to Noon. It is our goal to make this a supplemental training that will add to your knowledge base to help you provide a quality program for your youth.

January Topics:

Cubs: Pinewood Derby Know How, Blue and Gold Pizzazz and more!

Scouts: Klondike Derby and Winter Camping Know How, Leader Trainings and more!

- **DATE: January 18, 2025**
- **TIME: 10:00 am to Noon**
- **LOCATION: Tyckson Scout Hut, located at 1911 N. Dustin Ave. in Brookside Park.**

Please share this outstanding opportunity with all your Leaders and Parents!

Ideas on topics you may want to cover, email johnnadowning@yahoo.com

Roundtable is an opportunity: To meet other Scouters from our area **FACE TO FACE!** To have current information presented where you can ask a question. To learn “the Tricks of the Trade” from experienced Scouters. To meet and greet new and experienced Scouters you have not seen for a while.

As experienced Scouters we understand the importance of meeting others and sharing information, ideas, the latest news from national, our council, and our area. Please join us.





Recognition Program of the Month (January 2025)

Brian Tolson
Assistant Council Commissioner
And
Council's International Representative
Phone: 505-967-6139
Email: briantolson99@yahoo.com





Save the Date



Awards Celebration



January 25, 2025

- Great Southwest Council Celebration Luncheon recognizing 2024 award recipients
- January 25, 2025 -- Saturday
- Sandia Presbyterian Church
10705 Paseo Del Norte NE
Albuquerque, NM 87122
- Start time = 10:30 AM
- \$45.00 Adult / \$30.00 Youth





Questions





Training Updates

Joe Balestri

Council VP - Training





GSWC Training Reports



"Be the leader you wish you had." – Unknown





YPT - Council

Last Three Months

Date	Trained	Expired	Never Taken	Pc t Trained	% Expired
Starting Baseline 5/19/22	947	22	0	97.73	2.27
1/5/24	1774	0	0	100.00	0.00
11/11/24	1620	0	0	100.00	0.00
1/8/25	2546	6	0	99.76	.24





YPT – North Area

Last Three Months

Date	Trained	Expired	Never Taken	Pc t Trained	% Expired
Starting Baseline 5/19/22	947	22	0	97.73	2.27
1/5/24	1774	0	0	100.00	0.00
11/11/24	1620	0	0	100.00	0.00
1/8/25	1533	4	0	99.74	.26

- Four expired since 1/1/25 (potentially not renewing, Suspending emails sent on 1/7/25)





YPT – South Area

Last Three Months

Date	Trained	Expired	Never Taken	Pc t Trained	% Expired
Starting Baseline 5/19/22	947	22	0	97.73	2.27
1/5/24	1774	0	0	100.00	0.00
11/11/24	1620	0	0	100.00	0.00
1/8/25	827	2	0	99.76	.24

- Two expired since 1/1/25, Suspending emails sent on 1/7/25





Registered Position Training and Trend

Date	Trained	Not Trained	Delta	Pct Trained	% Untrained
3/11/24	801	571	230	58.38	41.62
4/10/24	821	600	221	57.78	42.22
5/6/24	854	592	262	59.06	40.94
8/2/24	882	586	296	60.08	39.92
9/11/24	901	581	320	60.80	39.20
10/9/24	916	578	338	61.31	38.69
11/11/24	929	591	338	62.64	37.36
1/8/25*	1023	1363	-340	42.88	57.12

- *SCO 800 – Hazardous Weather became mandatory every 2 years for all direct contact leaders
- *Integration of GSWC & Yucca into training reports





North Area Registered Position Training and Trend

Date	Trained	Not Trained	Delta	Pct Trained	% Untrained
1/8/25*	657	794	-137	45.28	54.72

South Area Registered Position Training and Trend

Date	Trained	Not Trained	Delta	Pct Trained	% Untrained
1/8/25*	315	505	-190	38.41	61.59

* SCO 800 – Hazardous Weather became mandatory every 2 years for all direct contact leaders





Training Changes

- Hazardous Weather SCO 800
 - Now Monitored by National
 - If not current will show direct contact leaders as “Untrained”
 - 1/8/25 – 151 Leaders not current with SCO 800





Training Changes

- After update for SCO 800, there are errors on reports
 - 1/8/25 – 249 volunteers show “Untrained” but have no mandatory classroom or online courses listed
 - 161 Merit Badge Counselors
 - 9 Cubmasters
 - 2 Asst Cubmasters
 - 14 Scoutmasters
 - 24 Asst Scoutmasters
 - 23 Cub Leaders (Den, Webelos, etc)
 - 16 Misc Supernova, Explorer, Venturing





Wood Badge 2025

- Wood Badge Info
 - Aug 22-24, 2025 and Sept 6-7, 2025
 - Gorham Scout Ranch
- Cost approx. \$275 per participant
- Registration is live on council website





Training Avail at Klondike

- Klondike is Feb 8th @ Gorham Scout Ranch
 - Potential Classes
 - Merit Badge Counselor (90 minutes)
- AM
 - Scoutmaster Position Specific (1/2 day) - PM





Upcoming Training

- 18 Jan, NRA Range Safety Officer Course, 8:00 am- 5:00 pm, location Scout Office, \$30
- 15 Feb – COR/Committee Training – 10am, Zoom
- 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+





Advancement Update

Lois Caipen

Council VP - Advancement





Advancement

Roundtable Jan 9, 2025

- **Lois Caipen** Advancement VP of North Section GSW-Y Council
- **A lot of our Advancement job is sorting out problems.... and we wondered how these problems start. A high % of our leaders are trained, but it's a deluge of info. They don't remember everything they heard.**
- **Tonight we are sharing best practices gleaned from the experience of our advancement committee members. Ideas for supporting advancement in your unit and recording it.**





Advancement: Tips to save your Scoutmaster's Sanity

- Show you care
- Expectations for Adults and Youth
- Mechanics of data entry
- Track Rank Advancement, Track MBs
- Planning and Scheduling the whole works





Show you care

- Be friendly, demo the Scout Oath and Law.
- I know you care about all your Scouts, but the parents and Scouts may not know that. Tell them outright that you care that they feel comfortable here and you want them to gain everything possible during your time together.
- Let them know the 18th birthday is important and you will be tracking their progress. They may also come to think of it as important.
- Encourage parents to ask questions when they don't understand what is happening.
- Tell parents they will have more fun and be good role models for the youth if they are helping the unit leadership make it all happen.





Expectations for Adults and Youth

- **Each of you** is important to how the troop has fun and learns.
- **Youth:** Be on time, in uniform, bring Handbook, required items (newsletters & e-mails help us know what's happening this day) Be prepared for your role as Patrol Member, PL, SPL, QM, Chaplain, Historian.... Tr Guides and PLs are responsible for working with their Scouts on advancement. An experienced ASM guides these youth leaders/trainers. Possible Goal: 1st Class, 1-2 yrs.
- **Adults:** Be on time and prepared for your role this day. Be ready to assist if needed: YPT and Hazardous Weather. Be active in the committee and/or teach some MBs. If adults need to talk and plan, don't distract the youth and leaders.
- **Y and A:** Follow the unit phone policy during scout meetings/activities.





Mechanics of Data Entry

#1

- **Recruit an Advancement Chair** if you can! They will see what's happening, where each Scout is, what each Scout needs next. Which camping, activities, and MBs does the troop need to provide now and in a few months?
- Everyone agreed **using ScoutBook is essential**. Your District/Zone Advancement chair can find you local help if you don't understand SB. May need to search to find the spots to record service projects, camping and hiking.
- **Units with and without Advancement Chairs share the workload** for advancement documentation, buying and awarding. Other adults can buy the items, help youth with the Ct of Honor.





Mechanics of Data Entry

#2

- **Handbooks** may seem archaic, but they provide valuable backup to the computer records and the Scouts can see what is signed off and what needs to be worked on. **MB workbooks** are not (can not be) required, but they also provide visual feedback to the Scout. The following site seems to keep up with MB pamphlet changes:
<http://www.usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp> Be aware that National had many MB changes on Jan 1, 2025.
- Some units have handbooks required every meeting, some 1x/mo. Some schedule a '**Book Work**' time where Scouts write in the events, service, campouts, MBs etc. they recently completed. Some schedule a night where adult volunteers input from handbooks. Tip: **Announce any handbook sessions a week in advance.**





Mechanics of Data Entry

#3

- Unit advancement works to have the Scout Handbooks match the computer records.
- At least one unit emails a monthly report to the parents so the Scout and the Parents know how the Scout is progressing.
- Warning: Please warn the parents to NOT share THEIR log in info with their Scout. At least one youth has gotten creative with the computer records. We are dealing with smart kids!





Track Rank Advancement & Merit Badges

- The Advancement Chair coordinates the specialists and gets the specialists to help with the records.
- **SM & ASMs** are responsible for Scout Skills approval, so allocate weekly Scout Book progress entries to them.
- **MBCs** do the MB entries. Teach them if they don't get it.
- **SMs** need to know they can do a **Scout Master conference** at any time the Scout might need it. Are they stalled in a rank, are they acting differently? It's a chance to check with the youth and see what we can do to help them through a rough patch. Maybe plan on 2-3 SM Conferences a year with each Scout. Show you care.





Planning and Scheduling

#1

- Scouts plan a year ahead. Do the planning at a family BBQ for fun. You will get more input and buy-in.
- May still use the JTE as a guide. Ended Dec 31, 2024 but it provides many opportunities a Scout needs to participate and to advance. Plan 3-4 Courts of Honor. Award Rank advancement immediately and the card at the COH.
- For each SPL term the Scouts include an advancement goal in their objectives.
- Work with the **Council and School Calendars** so you include major events. Pinewood Derby, Klondikes, MB Universities, Leader Training, Brownsea, NYLT, OA Call Outs and Conclaves, Service Events, Summer Camp, Jambo, NOAC, High Adventure, School Breaks, Prom, Pow Wow, WB, Awards Events, Fundraising Events, OA Work Weeks.

Scouting has so much to offer!





Planning and Scheduling

#2

- Many units start tracking heavy duty Eagle requirements with the first MB earned. To complete Eagle before the 18th birthday means earlier ranks need to be completed in time to allow for the next rank's required time of service. An Eagle Extension is rarely granted, special problems.
- MBs are balanced between Scout Requests, Electives and Eagle Required. Easier MBs at first and then tougher ones.
- Advancement Chairs stay in touch with the SM Team (SM and ASMs) to be sure the theme of the campouts, activities and MBs are what the Scouts need at this time.
- Recruit MBCs if you see a specific MB is needed soon. We can arrange MBs themes in GSW-Y South and North. There are many MBCs available through Scout Book. They are vetted at their home Council.





Questions for the Advancement Committee?

Topics for future Round Tables?





Membership Committee Update

Randy Reed
Council VP - Membership

Responsible to the council president to ensure steady, balanced, membership growth throughout the council





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

and mary.mazza-andersen@scouting.org

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A circular icon with a red border, featuring a bow and three arrows pointing towards the center, all within a target grid.

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 and Randy Reed @ michael.cutter@msn.com; GSWCMembership@gmail.com





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Commissioner Update

Dale Balmer

Council Commissioner





Unit Renewal Progress

GSW-Yucca North Service Area Recharter Status	At Start 11/1/24	12/20/2024	12/27/2024	1/2/2025	1/8/2025
Total Units	93	93	93	93	93
Out of Cycle	1	1	1	1	1
Not Rechartering	0	3	3	3	3
Units Available for Renewal	92	89	89	89	89
Renewals Not Started	92	46	42	40	38
Initiated	0	9	11	11	12
Payment Submitted	0	16	18	12	13
Posted Units	0	18	18	26	26
Pct in Tool	0%	48%	53%	55%	57%
Pct Posted	0%	20%	20%	29%	29%





Unit Renewal Updates

- For individuals in required positions for recharter whose annual memberships expired on 12/31/24... they **MUST** renew their membership before they can recharter the unit!
- Units that need to start the process (see above!): 38
- Units needing to pay and turn in charter agreement: 6
- Council trying to get payments in office to process: 6
- Units that have paid but need to turn in Charter Agreement to Post: 7
- How can the Council help YOUR unit finish recharter?





Video Summarizing Unit Renewal

- <https://vimeo.com/1022144666>
 - 2min, 33 sec
- Other info and FAQs:
 - <https://www.scouting.org/resources/unit-and-membership-renewal/>





The Future of Roundtable in the Great Southwest-Yucca Council....

- ...is up to YOU!
- What would you like to see from a virtual council-wide Roundtable?
- When would you like to see a virtual council-wide Roundtable?
- Please provide feedback to dbalmer8@comcast.net





District Executive

Mary Mazza-Andersen





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>





Next North Area Roundtable

- **Thursday, February 13th**
- **7pm**
- **Via Zoom**
 - Meeting ID: 899 5815 6489
 - Passcode: 0g8qai
 - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89958156489?pwd=3YQunbbsoJ9frhUyPG9wVwU8PqNgkc.1>





Notes/Announcements Distribution

- Email to unit Key 3 & Commissioners (Dale)
- Posted to Council website (Fred)
 - <https://www.gswcbsa.org/content/113799/Roundtables>
- Send out by Constant Contact/Trailmarker (Mary)
- Post to Council FaceBook page (Erica)

