



# 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 \$ <b>85</b> /YR COUNCIL \$ <b>70</b> /YR	<p>Participants in kindergarten through age 20.</p> 
NATIONAL \$ <b>65</b> /YR COUNCIL \$ <b>45</b> /YR	 <p>All registered adult volunteers in unit and non-unit positions. (Volunteers with multiple registrations will continue to pay for only one position).</p>
NATIONAL \$ <b>25</b> /YR COUNCIL \$ <b>0</b> /YR	 <p>This fee is for Merit Badge Counselors <b>who are not already registered volunteers.</b></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>
NATIONAL \$ <b>50</b> /YR COUNCIL \$ <b>0</b> /YR	 <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](http://www.gswcbsa.org) and click SUPPORT YOUTH or mail a check to the GSWC; 5841 Office Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87109.**

**505 345-8603**



# *Bethlehem Peace Light Ceremony*

*7pm on Wednesday, December 18th, 2024*

Juan Tabo Community of Christ Church  
4701 Juan Tabo Blvd



Join us on this special evening for friendship and peace. We will share the Peace Light from last year's ceremony since turmoil in the Middle East prevented a renewal of the Light directly from Bethlehem.



This annual event is hosted by Troops 395 and 1395. We invite other scout units, other congregations, and all your family and friends! A small social with cookies and punch will immediately follow the ceremony.

*All are welcome.*

# 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](mailto:michael.cutter@msn.com)

# **ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**

**Saturday, January 25, 2025**

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

**\*\*Nominate Scouters and Community Members now\*\***

Contact Brian Tolson with nominations

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## GREAT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL



The Great Southwest Council is encouraging all units to include “Scouting for Food” in their plans for the upcoming year. This is a long-standing Scouting America service project tradition.

### What is Scouting for Food?

Scouting for Food began in St. Louis as an Eagle Project in 1981. He coordinated efforts to drop off bags at houses in his community and pick up donations the next week and deliver the nonperishable goods to a local food bank. It was such a success - the Greater St. Louis Council picked up on the plan and made it a council-wide event. A few years later - BSA National picked up on it and it became a Nation-wide service project and thousands of Scouts went door to door and collected millions of pounds of food for their communities. Over the years - it has become more of an individual council or unit project and the collection methods have changed - but it is still an important and recognizable part of Scouting



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>



# **Great Southwest Council**

**In Observance of**

***Christmas & New Year's***

**Will be closed**

**December 23-27, 2024**

**Dec. 31, 2024 & Jan. 1, 2025**



# **NEXT COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE**

**January 9, 2025**