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March 5, 2017

Scout Shop Fax

The High Desert Scout Shop's Fax Machine is back up and running. To fax advancement orders and other items for the High Desert Scout Shop, please use 505-503-6511

Cub Scout Day Camp Is Buggin' Out

As the school year winds down, it's time to get excited about Cub Scout Day Camp. There are Day Camps happening in June and July throughout the Albuquerque Metro area and in Los Lunas, Farmington, Durango, Los Alamos, Gallup, and Santa Fe. Cub Scouts are invited to attend Day Camp with their Packs and enjoy all of the exciting activities and programs in store. This summer's theme is Bug Hunters. For more information, dates, and locations of Day Camps, visit www.gswcbsa.org/daycamp. Cub Scouts can attend any Day Camp and as many Day Camps as they wish.



Venture Program Update



The Council's Venture Program is off to a great start in 2017. On Saturday, January 28th two Council-level Venture Leadership Awards were presented to youth Eagle Scout Jack Hanson and adult Dr. Karen Cooper. Both recipients are from Crew 11 in Tijeras, New Mexico. These awards are different than the other Venture awards as they are bestowed by a selection committee based on the nominee's leadership qualities and can't be earned.

For 2017's competition, the nomination forms can be found on the Council's web page and will be due in April. Additionally, another Venture leader, Greg Williamson, was recognized with the Silver Beaver Award. Congratulations to all Venture members in the council for their selfless service and dedication to the principles of Scouting.

By now I hope your unit re-charters are completed and all of your

Quick Links

- [Council Website](#)
- [Gorham Scout Ranch](#)
- [My \[dot\] Scouting Site](#)
- [National BSA Website](#)
- [Be A Scout Site](#)
- [Boys' Life Official Site](#)
- [Scout Shop Website](#)

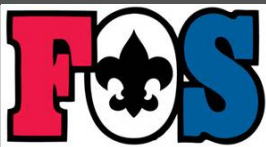
Calendar

Click the links below for more details.

MARCH

- 3
8 - 9 AM
[Development Committee Conference Call](#)
- 3 - 4
8 AM
[Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training](#)
- 8
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- 8
5:30 - 6:30 PM
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- 10 - 11
[IOLS/Baloo - Sandia](#)
- 11
7:30 AM - 3 PM
[Little Philmont](#)

Support Scouting



Text Your 2017 Gift to Scouting Today

You can make your 2017 Friends of Scouting contribution via text message!

Text your name, unit type & number, and gift amount to (505)

404-1995. Example: John Smith
P123 \$145

After sending your text, you will receive a web link to complete your gift securely online.

2017 Friends of Scouting

Friends of Scouting is the largest fundraising effort conducted by the Great Southwest Council each year. As you may be aware, the Great Southwest Council is an independent, 501(c)(3) charity and is entirely self-funded. All registration fees paid annually for your membership is transferred to the National, BSA.

Friends of Scouting funds the Great Southwest Council's Service Center, the district executives and other Council staff, membership growth resources, and much, much more. Contributions made to the annual Friends of Scouting campaign are fully tax-deductible.

We are currently kicking off the 2017 Friends of Scouting campaign, and would love to chat with you about renewing your annual gift for 2017. We need your help!

[Donate Today](#)

Schedule Your Unit Friends of Scouting Presentation Today

Your District staff will be contacting you over the next few weeks to schedule your unit's Friends of Scouting presentation. These presentations are 10 minutes or less, and allow a member of your district's volunteer leadership to share their Scouting story and ask families to support the movement. Please visit with your fellow leaders and be ready with your unit's date and time for the presentation.

What's In It For Us?

By supporting Friends of Scouting in your unit/ward and achieving your goal, you will receive 10% off Gorham Scout Ranch/Day Camp fees, or free card and cloth rank advancements at the High Desert Scout Shop.

Your unit's goal is based on your total number of Scouts x \$145 x 90%.

If you have any questions, please take a moment to contact your [district executive](#).

Use Your Smith's Rewards Card to Give Back to Scouting

personnel. If anyone needs any specific training there are 14 e-learning modules dedicated to Ventures on <http://my.scouting.org>. Once you log on, navigate to the "BSA Learn Center" for position specific training for training related to your position and interest.

This year promises to be very busy for the Crews of the Council with many service projects, camping, backpacking, caving, a Philmont Trek and other awesome activities. We've recently changed our Venture Forum (aka Roundtable) to meet every other month on the odd numbered months. This is an awesome opportunity for the council's Venture Crews to meet and share experiences, ideas, and pitfalls encountered implementing their annual plans. I highly encourage each crew to send an adult and youth representative to the meetings. We gather at the Scout Office from 7:30-8:30 PM on the second Wednesday of the odd numbered months.

Brian Tolson
Venture Forum Commissioner

Brownsea

June 4-10, 2017
Gorham Scout Ranch

Brownsea is an awesome summer camp opportunity for your Scouts. Although any Scout can benefit from Brownsea, it is most beneficial for Scouts that are in the first 1-3 years of their Boy Scout career and are First Class or lower in rank.

Individuals are placed into patrols of six to eight Scouts from many different troops who are of varied backgrounds and experience levels. The program is carefully organized and led by a staff of experienced adult Scouters and a youth leadership corps of older Scouts selected because of their experience and dedication. During the week, each Scout will learn the Patrol method, along with the history of Scouting and some of the original games, skills and stories that provided the spark that became the largest youth movement in the world.

Click [here](#) to view the Brownsea promotional video.

Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Camperships Are Available for Scouts in Need

Each year, the Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge of the Order of the Arrow makes available camperships (summer camp scholarships) for Scouts who need financial assistance in order to be able to attend summer camp.

All Scouts are eligible to apply. The forms can be found at the links below. Applications are due to the Council Service Center no later than April 3rd. Unit leaders will be notified of Scouts receiving campership assistance on April 12th.

[Cub Scout Campership Instructions](#)

[Cub Scout Campership Application](#)

[Boy Scout Campership Instructions](#)

[Boy Scout Campership Application](#)



- 15
5:30 - 6:30 PM
[Camping Committee Meeting](#)
- 15
7 - 8 PM
[Membership Committee Meeting](#)
- 18
[Commissioner Basic Training](#)
- 18
[District Committee Workshop/District Operations Meeting](#)
- 18
[Leader Specific Training - All Programs - Rio Grande](#)
- 20 - 24
Spring Break
APS, Rio Rancho, Los Lunas, Santa Fe, Farmington
- 25
[University of Scouting](#)
- 25
8 AM - 1 PM
[CPR/AED/First Aid Training](#)
- 27 - 31
Spring Break:
Durango
- 27
6 - 7 PM
[Training Committee Meeting](#)
- 31
[FOS Benchmark - 85%](#)
- APRIL**
- 1
[IOLS/BALOO @ Santa Fe - SDC](#)
- 3
[Popcorn Showcase Meeting](#)
- 5
[Day Camp Directors Meeting](#)
- 5
[Key Three Meeting Weck's @ Osuna](#)
- 7
8 - 9 AM

Give back to Scouting with the gas and groceries you already purchase every week! Follow these simple instructions to enroll you Smith's Rewards Card and begin earning dividends to help grow Scouting in the Great Southwest Council. Enrollment in the Smith's Community Rewards program will not affect the fuel points you earn while shopping. Don't have a Smith's card? No problem! You can register a digital rewards card when you enroll at www.smithcommunityrewards.com.

Scoutingwire News



The Official Blog of the Scouting Movement

Visit the Scoutingwire site any time for the latest news from around the United States by visiting www.scoutingwire.org

The Little-Known Story of How This Basketball Star Became an Eagle Scout

When Villanova Wildcat Josh Hart steps on the court this March for the NCAA men's basketball tournament, he'll be doing so as a young man who has already achieved something great.

No, we're not talking about how Josh and his team became national champions when they won the tournament during Josh's junior year in 2016. We're also not talking about how he and his team just became Big East Conference regular season champions for the fourth straight year.

Those are definitely commendable achievements, but what many people don't know is that, in addition to being a bonafide college basketball star, Josh Hart is an Eagle Scout.

- Read more by clicking [here](#).

BSA Seeks to Inspire Next Generation of Explorers with the Launch of the New Exploration Merit Badge

New discoveries are made every day, thanks to technological advancements and the keen curiosity of today's explorers. To encourage future discoveries, the nation's largest youth-serving organization is working to inspire the next generation of explorers by introducing the new Exploration Merit Badge. Created and developed by experts in the field, the Exploration Merit Badge is the 137th addition to the BSA's bank of merit badge programs and is now available to Scouts nationwide.

Read more by clicking [here](#).

Join Our Spring Popcorn Sale



Visit www.gswcbsa.org/springpopcorn for all of the details. This Spring, Scouts will have the opportunity to sell popcorn online and earn 40% commission! Incentives for the sale include:

- 40% commission back to your unit
- Scouts who sell \$1,000 or more will receive a free Cronel
- All sales count towards the Trail's End Scholarship Program
- 30% of your Unit's total sales will count towards your Unit's Scouting Partnership Goal for 2017

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Won't selling now interfere with my Fall sales?

A: Online Sales made during the Spring will count the same as they do in the Fall. Selling now allows our Scouts to utilize funds for summer camp and other things earlier in the year.

Q: Why is selling online better than Show & Sell or Take Order sales?

A: Online selling isn't better, but it is easier! Why? You don't have to touch any money, or any product! The order is placed and paid online, then shipped by Trail's End directly to the consumer. Your Scouts advertise via email, and then watch the sales roll in!

Little Philmont

Saturday, March 11
7:30 AM to 2:00 PM

Santa Fe LDS Stake Center
410 Rodeo Rd, Santa Fe

Little Philmont is a training opportunity led this year by the Santa Fe LDS Stake leadership to help all leaders with implementing their Scouting program. This training is open to all Scout leaders and is free of charge. Training sessions are geared towards helping leaders integrate the Scouting program with Faith in God and Duty to God, to share examples of successful programs and activities, and to share innovative ideas to run successful Scouting programs.

For more information and to sign up, please click [here](#).



Scouting Partnership Plan

Hopefully you were able to review the Scouting Partnership Plan that was sent out via email last week.

If you have not yet had an opportunity to review the letter from the Great Southwest Council Executive Board, we encourage you to do so by [clicking here](#).



Development Committee Conference Call

7 - 8
8 AM - 5 PM

[Wilderness and Remote First Aid Training](#)

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[IOLS/Baloo@ Northeastern NM - SDC](#)

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[Commissioners Meeting](#)

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[Life to Eagle](#)

12
[FOS Report Meeting](#)

12
5:30 - 6:30 PM
[Program Committee Meeting](#)

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7:30 - 9 PM
[Venturing Officers Association Meeting](#)

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4:30 - 5:30 PM
[Executive Committee](#)

14 - 15
Easter Holiday - Office Closed

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[FOS Family Deadline for 10% Camp Rebate](#)

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[District Committee Meeting](#)

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5:30 - 6:30 PM
[Camping Committee Meeting](#)

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[2017 Order of the Arrow Section W6E Conclave](#)

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[Leave No Trace Trainer Course - SDC](#)

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[Charter Org. Representative Training - Sandia](#)

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[Leader Specific Training - Scoutmaster](#)

Scoutbook - Online Record Keeping for your Unit



Tracking the Scouting Experience from Tiger to Eagle Scout

From the first knot tied to final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like no other. Scoutbook ensures not a moment is missed - tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way.

[Click here](#) to watch a video of how Scoutbook can improve your Scouting experience.

For more details, visit www.scoutbook.com

March Training Opportunities



There are a lot of training opportunities coming up this month! See below for all of the details

March 10-11 Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) hosted by Sandia District Campbell Scout Ranch

IOLS Training is one of the required courses to be fully trained as a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Varsity Coach, and Varsity Assistant Coach. Topics include orienteering, cooking, wildlife ID, fire building, plant ID, first aid, camp tools, and much more!

To sign up, please [click here](#).

For questions, please contact course director [Victor Chacon](#).

March 11 Little Philmont

More details are available in the main article for Little Philmont. To sign up, please [click here](#).

March 18 Leader Specific Training hosted by Rio Grande District

LDS Cabezon Center (near corner of Cabezon Rd and Golf Course Rd in Rio Rancho)

Attend the basic leader training for any Scouting position! Training will be available for:

Scoutmaster/Assistant

Cub Scout Camping at Gorham Summer 2017



There are several opportunities for Packs, Dens and Cub Scout families to go camping at Gorham Scout Ranch this summer. More information, including registration procedures, is available on the camp's website www.gorhamscouranch.org.

Cub Scout Family Camp May 27 - 29 and Sept 2 - 4

Cub Scout Family Camp is a weekend full of activities, fun and adventure. This camp is open to families of boys who have just completed the kindergarten, first, second, third, or fourth grades. Each individual family makes its own reservation and payment. Meals are provided by our camp dining hall staff, beginning with lunch Saturday through breakfast Monday. There is no cost for children who are age four and under. Camp fees are: Youth (ages 5-17) \$45 and Adult (ages 18+) \$35.

Cub Scout Family Camp begins on Saturday morning at 11:00am and ends Monday morning by 10:00am.

Webelos Week in the Woods July 17 - 21

Webelos Week in the Woods is a top-notch experience available for dens of Webelos Scouts. It is a five-day/four-night adventure for boys who have just completed the third or fourth grades. Webelos Scouts will work on a variety of adventures. Camp fees are: Early Bird (Before May 15) Youth \$220 and Adult \$180; On-time Youth \$255 and Adult \$215.

Webelos Week in the Woods begins on Monday after-noon at 1:00pm and ends on Friday morning by 10:00am.

New! Eagle Scout Scholarship at Paul Smith's College



Paul Smith's College, set in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State, is offering a new scholarship for Eagle Scouts in the amount of \$1,000. The Eagle Scout must be accepted into Paul Smith's College to receive the scholarship, which will renew each year he is enrolled at Paul Smith's and will be offered in addition to other scholarships or grants from the college. For more information, please contact Keith Braun at Paul Smith's College at kbraun@paulsmiths.edu or (518) 327-6072.

New! New Mexico Jiffy Lube Teen Driver Scholarship: Deadline March 10!



Jiffy Lube is offering a new scholarship for New Mexico students 15-17 years old enrolled in Driver's Ed during the 2016-17 school year, and for New Mexico students 16-18 years old enrolled in high school during the 2016-17 school year. The deadline is soon, March 10!

Write about your goals, drive, ambition, and your future in a 500-word essay about "What Drives You." One person will be chosen as the \$5,000 Overall Scholarship Award winner, and two finalists will win \$1,500. Go to yourturn2apply.com/newmexico.htm for more information and to

& Venturing - Sandia

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[Cub Scout Day Camp Registration Deadline](#)

24

6 - 7 PM

[Training Committee Meeting](#)

Great Southwest Council Service Center

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8 AM - 1 PM

[CPR/AED/First Aid Training](#)

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[FOS Benchmark - 95%](#)

Internet Advancement

Thank you for using Internet Advancement from the Boy Scouts of America. **As you are likely aware, utilizing the internet advancement system to report ranks and achievements in your unit is MANDATORY. Paper forms not from internet advancement will not be accepted.**

Internet Advancement allows you to enter youth advancements, awards, and merit badges and perform the following actions:

- Select members from your existing roster
- Review, update, or add ranks, merit badges, and/or awards
- Access an online Review Unit Roster feature and the Unit Advancement Summary
- Print an Advancement Report with a Unit Awards Summary to assist in purchasing

Before beginning Internet Advancement, collect all member information, including advancement records, award records, and merit badge applications with the

- Scoutmaster/Assistant
- Chartered Organization Representative
- Varsity/Venturing
- Cub Scout Leaders (all levels)
- Committee Members (all levels)
- Unit Commissioner Basic Training
- District Committee Workshop

This training is being offered free of charge. Registration begins at 8:00 am, with classes beginning at 8:30 am. All classes will end around 11:00 am except Scoutmaster/Assistant which will end around 1:30 pm (pack a lunch).

For more information, [click here](#).



University of Scouting Saturday, March 25

The University of Scouting is one of the premier training opportunities available for Scouters. In conjunction with the Yucca & Conquistador Councils, the Great Southwest Council helps to put on this awesome training in Ruidoso, NM.

For more information and to sign up, [click here](#).

apply today.

Online Registration is Coming!



Beginning April 3, 2017, Scouts & Adult volunteers will be able to fully complete their registration online. Paper form processing isn't going away. This simply allows another way for families to join our programs!

How does it work?

The online registration process utilizes two BSA systems that you are probably already familiar with. The first is www.beascout.org. This site has been live for many years to help guide prospective member families to units in their area. Now, in addition to searching for local units, the family can join right from within that system.

The second system is my.scouting.org. The unit Key 3 (unit leader, committee chair, and COR) all play a role in the online registration process. Once a family fills out their application(s), notification will go to the appropriate leader for action. This is much like the paper process requiring signatures, but can be completed online with the click of a button.

The Online Registration system through BeAScout is mobile-friendly. New families can join right from their smartphone!

For more details, FAQ sheets, and instructional videos, please [click here](#).

appropriate signatures. To complete Internet Advancement, you must be connected to a printer to print the final report.

Each unit selects one person who will have the log in information and be authorized to do advancement reporting for the unit. To request your Unit ID number and password to access Internet Advancement, please contact the Great Southwest Council Service Center at 505-345-8603 ext. 100.

You can find out more information regarding internet advancement, including detailed instructions, by [clicking here](#).

Thank You to Our 2017 Eagle Banquet Sponsors

The Great Southwest Council is pleased to announce that the following community leaders generously sponsored last week's 2017 Eagle Banquet.

We thank them for their support!

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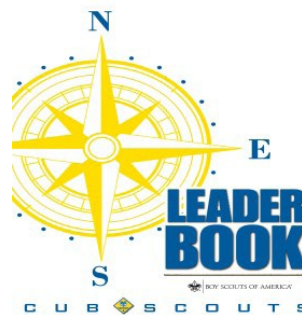
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Terry Brown Dawn & Dave Kristensen
Durango Colorado Stake James Van Hecke, Jr.
Bryon Kesner Mike Maurer

Purchase Your Cub Handbooks and Leader

Guides Through the Great Southwest Council and SAVE!

We are now offering all Cub Scout Packs the opportunity to save money on purchasing Cub Scout handbooks and Leader books!



Hurry, supplies are limited!

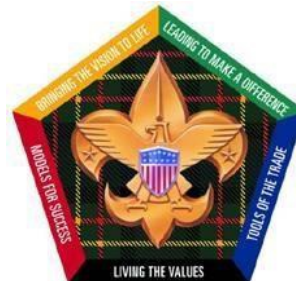
All Cub Scout handbooks are available for \$11.00 each, Den Leader guides for \$7.50, and Cub Scout Leader Guides for \$8.50.

This special pricing is not available at the High Desert Scout Shop. Order can be placed in person at the Great Southwest Council Service Center or by calling 505-345-8603

Wood Badge 2017

It's time to sign up for the 2017 Wood Badge Course!

September 8-10, 2017 AND
September 15-17, 2017
Gorham Scout Ranch



What is Wood Badge?

Wood Badge is advanced leadership training provided by experienced Scouters from throughout the Great Southwest Council. This amazing six day experience will challenge you but more importantly inspire you. Please [click here](#) to learn more about the benefits of Wood Badge.

For more information about this year's course and to sign up, please [click here](#).

For questions about this year's course, please contact Course Director [Jeremy Conlin](#).

Join the Gorham Scout Ranch Staff Today

Looking for a way to earn money this summer while having fun? Is one week of summer camp not enough? Let Gorham Scout Ranch be your home this summer! A camp staff position at Gorham Scout Ranch is an experience that you will always remember.



For more information about being on the Gorham Scout Ranch staff and available positions, [click here](#).

To download this year's staff application, [click here](#).

My.Scouting Training Manager

my.Scouting

Did you know that your unit Key 3 (Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Coach or Advisor; Committee Chair; and Chartered Organization Representative) can not only see all training recorded for adults in your unit, but also ADD TRAINING to records?! It's not very hard -

just follow these instructions:

1. Log in to my.scouting.org

2. In the upper left corner, click the down arrow
3. From the list, click on your unit
4. One of the tools available should be "Training Manager" - click there
5. This will open your unit's dashboard with two pie charts, one for basic training and one for youth protection training
6. Click on the certificate icon with a plus arrow to add training
7. From the drop down menus, select the program level (Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, etc.), select the course (BALOO, This is Scouting, etc.), select the completion date
8. This should open a window to the left where you will search for the leader whose training you are updating
9. Complete your search and select the appropriate leader
10. Click "Submit"
11. You're done!

Your unit Key 3 can also select a Training Manager delegate who can then manage and enter training for your leaders. There are a few more steps to that process. Give us a call at 505-345-8603 ext. 100 and we'll help you through it.

Watch the next Trailmarker for more helpful my.scouting.org info!

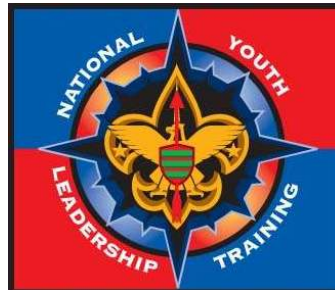
For a detailed PDF document with these instructions and screenshot, please click [here](#).

NYLT - National Youth Leader Training

June 4-10, 2017
Gorham Scout Ranch

National Youth Leadership Training is a six-day outdoor experience for youth leaders. It supports the Scout leader

responsibility to train youth leaders. Participants sleep in tents, prepare their own meals by patrols, learn life skills, and live by the Scout Oath and Law. This is the pinnacle course for youth leaders in Scouting. You will not be disappointed!



Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

Powderhorn

Powder Horn is a hands-on training opportunity for Venturing and Boy Scout leaders, designed to showcase the activities and resources necessary to operate an amazing, successful high adventure and Ranger program for our Scouts. Myriad activities will be provided featuring accomplished, certified and experienced consultants to answer questions and guide you.



This nationally accredited course is co-ed & open to registered youth and adults, ages 14 & up. The course runs 3 1/2 days, and is scheduled to start the evening of August 3 and run through early afternoon on August 6.

Click [here](#) for more details and to sign up.

Send in Your Ideas for Future Newsletters

We want this monthly e-newsletter to be valuable for you! If you have article ideas, or items you believe would be helpful to you and your Scouter colleagues, please contact [Amy Cliser via email](#).

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