"Scouting's Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA. Points are awarded using predefined criteria and measures in the categories of finance, membership, program, unit service, leadership, and governance.
At the Great Southwest Council, our mission is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. It is our vision to provide unparalleled programs for an increasing number of young people. Unparalleled experiences create value, enthusiasm, robust growth and retention of program participants. On behalf of our Executive Board, 2,825 registered adult volunteers, and nearly 7,000 youth members, we thank you for your support of our Scouting and Learning for Life programs. It takes time, talent and treasures from thousands of volunteers and supporters like you to provide the Scouting program to our youth. Your involvement provides our community with future leaders, making it a great place to live and work. Your role is crucial to the success of the youth in our community and the entire Scouting program.

Thank you for your continued support!

Financial Facts

How We Invested

- 2018 Income: $1,407,259
- 2018 Expenses: $1,267,445\(^*\)

\(^*\)12/31/18 unaudited financials

2018 End Of Year (EOY) Membership (Unit type, # members)

- Boy Scouts 2902
- Cub Scouts 3428
- Venture Scouts 120
- Explorers 68

Membership Notables

- 1.1% increase in community membership
- 2,825 registered adult volunteers
- 145 packs, 137 troops, 15 crews, and 5 posts
- 6,518 registered youth
- 21% increase in number of Cub Scouts recruited
Great Southwest Council Highlights

- 36 youth attended National Youth Leader Training
- 52 Scouts attended Brownsea

**3,712 total rank advancements**

- 1,927 in Cub Scouts
- 1,264 in Boy Scouts
- 4,287 Merit Badges earned
- Over 30,000 pounds of food collected during the Scouting for Food service project, benefitting the Roadrunner Food Bank and other local pantries

**Over 44,000 hours of Service,**

valued in excess of $750,000
- On-line auction raised more than $9,500
- Our Sporting Clays event hosted 17 Teams-of-Five and raised over $26,600

**144 young men achieved the rank of Eagle Scout,** contributing 20,564 hours of service project work

Camping News

- 9 Cub Scout day camps held for 889 youth
- 946 youth attended summer programs at Gorham Scout Ranch
- $8,395 awarded in camp scholarships to 82 youth
- **76%** of our Boy Scouts attended summer camp
- Webelos Week in the Woods at Gorham Scout Ranch had 87 participants
- The ATV Adventure was introduced at Gorham Scout Ranch in 2018, providing an exciting and safety oriented all-terrain vehicle program for older Scouts.

Journey to Excellence

Five of GSWC’s seven districts earned a JTE rating for 2018.

- **Mesa Verde** – Winner of the Presidents Award presented to the District with the highest JTE score.
  - Mesa Verde - Gold
  - Rio Grande - Gold
  - Sandia - Gold
  - Anasazi - Bronze
  - Sangre de Cristo - Bronze

Recognition Center

**Silver Beaver Class of 2018** The Silver Beaver Award recognizes registered Scouterers of exceptional character who have provided distinguished service within a council. Congratulations to Ross Crown, Cynthia Howard, Cami Moses, Bob Robey, Dennis Snodgrass.

**Venturing Awards** The Venturing Leadership Award is presented to Venturing youth and adults who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing and who exemplify the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Congratulations to Olivia Stewart and Brian Tolson.

Girls in Cub Scouts

Cub Scouting welcomes Girls in 2018: The Great Southwest Council introduced Scouting for the whole family in 2018 by inviting girls to join Cub Scouting. Forty Packs enrolled 131 girls this past year to be the first female Cub Scouts in our neighborhoods and communities. These girls built pinewood derby racecars, attended Cub Scout Day Camp and Webelos Week in the Woods, earned advancement, and will be amongst the first Scouts BSA girls in early 2019.
The Great Southwest Council

The Council is governed by an Executive Board of Directors that consists of volunteers elected by each unit’s chartered organization representative, Council members-at-large and the current Executive Board. The Executive Board is headed by two volunteers: the Council President and the Council Commissioner. The Council President, Council Commissioner and other Board officers are also members of the Council’s Executive Committee. The Executive Committee oversees the monthly operations of the Council and makes policy recommendations to the Executive Board.

*Former Council President  National Council Representative

**District Chairmen & Executive Board Members**

James Larson, Anasazi
Ty Till, El Valle Manzano
John Moore, Mesa Verde
Jeremy Ziegler, Rio Grande
Jeff Morris, Sandia
Mark Allen, Sangre De Cristo
John Mangum, Zuni Mountain

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