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"Social distancing protects us; Scouting connects us."

Council Commissioner Corner

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- Registration has opened for this year's Tri-Council Commissioner's College! It will be virtual, with a cracker barrel session on Fri, Mar 26th and courses on Saturday, Mar 27th. There will be classes in a Bachelors, Master, and Doctorate track, along with a Continuing Education track. I'd like to encourage **ALL** commissioners in the Council to participate! More information will be sent with this newsletter, and registration can be done via this link:
 - <https://scoutingevent.com/573-TriCommissioner2021>
- The Member Manager function in my.scouting has been renamed to the "Roster" function. Other updates and changes to the BSA tool suite can be found in the attached **CTFG Status Report-Release52.pdf** file.
- The information for units on the **Headlines** pages is being sent directly to Unit Commissioners this month.

Yours in Scouting,

Dale

Dale Balmer

Council Commissioner

HEADLINES!!!!

Key information for units in the Great Southwest Council!

ALL UNITS

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- **2020 Partner Units**: All data's been gathered and analyzed, and the list of units achieving Partnership status is on the next page. Congratulations to those achieving Partner status!
- **PACKS**
 - There's a Council-wide Pinewood Derby on March 6th! See the attached flier for details
 - There are changes coming to Scoutbook and Internet Advancement (IA). See the information sheet two pages following this one
- **TROOPS**
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- **CREWS**
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 - Please see the message from the Assistant Council Commissioner for Older Youth Programs on the third page following this one!

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Congratulations to the **GSWC's 2020 Partner Units!**

(Benefits received in 2021)

As of 2/12/2021

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 - Packs: 508
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- Sandia
 - Packs: 442
 - Troops: 166, 395, 444, 505, 640, 1395
- Sangre de Cristo
 - Packs: 68
 - Troops: 2

The final 2020 Partnership report, with the status of each unit in regards to achieving Partner status, was released on February 14th, 2021, and has been posted to the Council's website at <http://www.gswcbsa.org/partnership-for-scouting/66229> .

Scoutbook and IA Changes Coming!

From the “Commissioner Service”

Facebook page on 2/24/2021:

- Effective March 15, 2021, Scoutbook’s leader invite process will perform a check for a BSA issued MemberID and active BSA registration when being invited to connect with the unit roster.
- Prior to April 12, unit leaders should check their rosters in Roster at <https://my.scouting.org> to ensure all adult leaders listed in Scoutbook and Internet Advancement (IA) are also registered on the official roster or otherwise with the BSA. Action should be taken with the local council to ensure all adult leaders are registered with the BSA. After that date, adults not registered in the BSA will be removed from adult leader unit rosters in Scoutbook and IA.
- On the unit roster in Scoutbook, unregistered adult leaders will appear having a yellow triangle with an "!" next to their name. Often this is caused by the wrong BSA member ID in their Scoutbook profile. This can be changed by the user with Manage Member ID at <http://my.scouting.org>. For assistance, contact your local council or ask on the forums: <http://discussions.scouting.org>. On April 12, 2021 they will be removed.
- Note: unit leaders can find correct member IDs in Member Manager at <http://my.scouting.org> or by contacting your local council
- Contact info for the Great Southwest Council is 505-345-8603, x100; or kathy.ferding@scouting.org.
- **BOTTOM LINE: IF adult leaders are not registered with BSA and their local council by April 12th, 2021, they will NOT appear in Scoutbook or Internet Advancement.**

A Message from Brian Tolson, Assistant Council Commissioner for Older Youth Programs

- Greetings fellow Commissioners and Leaders! I hope all are still staying safe and healthy during the COVID-19 adventure we're all on. As we long to return to normal Crew/Ship/Post meetings I encourage you to take this break in action and complete some overview Venturing and Sea Scouting related training on the my.scouting.org website. There are some outstanding courses that will assist you in knowing the program and empower you to reach out to your Troop Scoutmasters and promote Venturing for their older youth (14-20 years of age). I suggest "What is Venturing" (Course code SCO_1007) and "What is Sea Scouts" (Course code SCO_607). They provide an outstanding overview of the program and totally dispel the notion that the Young Adult programs "steal" Scouts from a Troop. Finally, we have a new Venturing Handbook, it came out in mid to late 2020. Can't wait to see you on the trail again as our state starts moving to the "green" status!

Yours in Scouting.

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Commissioner-Related Strategic Plan Goals

This page summarizes the commissioner-focus areas outlined in Section 5, *Unit Service*, of the Council's 2020 Strategic Plan, dated March 26th, 2020. Subsequent pages in the newsletter look at each of these areas. All data is as of **February 25th, 2021**, unless otherwise noted. Results are shown for last month and the current month.

2019 Council Strat Plan Area	Goal	JTE Area	Last Month	Current Snapshot	Page
5.1.1	80% of unit recharter to Council by 12/31/20	N/A	74.2%	88.4%	9
5.1.2	80% of unit charters posted by 1/31/21	N/A	35.5%	52.1%	10
5.2.1	45% of units have six contacts, including one DA (Gold criteria)	Council #15	29.6%	0.0%	11
5.2.2	75% of units have Bronze JTE or higher (Gold criteria)	District #14	37%	40%	12
5.3.1	Maintain ratio of one UC per three units	N/A	3.2	3.2	13
5.3.2	80% of commissioners complete basic training	N/A	86.9%	86.9%	14
5.3.3	100% of Cub Scout packs have a commissioner assigned	N/A	67.9%	67.9%	15
5.4.1	50% of units achieve Partner status by 1/31/21, under the Partnership for Scouting (PFS) program	N/A	14.0%	16.1%	16-19
5.4.2	Report PFS status periodically; propose changes to PFS by 6/30/20	N/A	Final report issued!	Final report issued!	16-19
5.4.3	Produce a new PFS brochure by 1/31/21	N/A	Too early to measure	Too early to measure	16-19
N/A	Units without commissioners	N/A	34.5%	34.5%	20

Strat Plan Area: 5.1.1

Recharterers to Council

(Goal is to have 80% of recharterers submitted to the Council by 12/31/2021)

Recharter data current as of 2/26/2021

District	Total Units	Units Dropping	Units Rechartering	Units logged into online tool	Units Submitted online	Pct @ Submitted
Rio Grande	53	9	44	40	40	100%
San Juan Mountains	27	4	23	23	22	95.7%
Sandia	43	5	38	35	34	89.5%
Sangre de Cristo	20	3	17	13	11	64.7%
Council Total	143	21	122	111	107	88.4%

Fifteen units submitted their charters online in the past month. This brings us to 88.4% having submitted. Last year at this point, 86% of units had submitted, so we're slightly ahead of last year's pace in this area. With the online recharter tool being closed on March 1st, any remaining charters will need to be handled manually.

Strat Plan Area 5.1.2

Rechartering Process-Charters Posted

(Goal is to have 100% of recharterers posted by 1/31/2021)

Recharter data current as of 2/26/2021

District	Units Rechartering	Charters Submitted	Pct Submitted	Charters Posted	Pct Posted
Rio Grande	44	40	100%	29	67.4%
San Juan Mountains	23	22	95.7%	10	43.5%
Sandia	38	34	89.5%	20	52.6%
Sangre de Cristo	17	11	64.7%	4	23.5%
Council Total	122	107	88.4%	63	52.1%

Last month, 44 charters had been posted, so we've posted 19 in the last month. With 52% of charters being posted, we're double the number from last year at this point, when just 24% had been posted. Despite the closing of the online recharter tool, the Council Registrar will continue to post charters using manual methods.

Strat Plan Area: 5.2.1

Unit Contacts

(Goal: 45% of units have 6 or more contacts, including one DA [Council JTE Gold])

This page looks at the critical unit-service area of unit contacts, which falls under Council JTE Criteria #16. The JTE criteria requires at least six contacts per year, with one a Detailed Assessment. This chart helps determine how a district is doing on both contacts, detailed assessments, and the combination of the two which determines the success in meeting the JTE criteria. Data is from a Council-level "District_Contact_Stats" report. In 2018, 40% of our units met this criteria, which equates to a Silver rating for JTE in this area. In 2019, 51% of the units met the criteria, which earned Gold. The challenge for 2020 is to continue the upward trend!

District	# Units	Total Contacts	# of Units with any contacts	Pct of units with any contacts	# of Units w/6 or more contacts	Pct of units with 6 or more contacts	# of Units with a DA	Pct of Units with a DA	# with 6 or more visits AND a DA	2020 Pct w/6 or more AND a DA
Rio Grande	53	55	30	55.6%	0	0%	6	11.3%	0	0%
San Juan Mountains	27	31	18	66.7%	0	0%	1	3.7%	0	0%
Sandia	42	17	16	38.1%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sangre de Cristo	20	18	17	85.0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	142	121	81	57.0%	0	0%	7	4.9%	0	0%
Bronze Goal (10%)									15	
Silver Goal (25%)									36	
Gold Goal (45%)									64	
Needed to reach Bronze goal									15	
Needed to reach Silver goal								To-Go to Silver	36	
Needed to reach Gold goal								To-Go to Gold	64	

This data above reflects the initial data for 2021. However, it doesn't reflect units that may not have rechartered. March data should reflect updated recharter posting.

Strat Plan Area: 5.2.2

Units with JTE Bronze or Higher

(Goal: 75% of Units achieve Bronze or Higher
[District JTE Gold])

This page looks at the how many units achieve JTE level Bronze or higher, which falls under District JTE Criteria #14. Districts that achieve 50% earn Bronze; 60% are Silver, and 75% are Gold. JTE forms are normally collected at the end of the calendar year, as part of the recharter process.

Data current as of 2/26/2021

District	# Units	NO JTE Form Submitted	Form Submitted	Pct w/ Form	None	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Total Bronze or Higher	Pct Bronze or Higher	District JTE #14
Rio Grande	50	23	27	54%	2	7	2	16	25	50%	Bronze
Sandia	42	23	19	45%	0	2	5	12	19	45%	None
SdC	20	17	3	15%	0	0	0	3	3	15%	None
San Juan Mtns	27	17	10	37%	2	0	1	7	8	30%	None
Total	139	80	59	42%	4	9	8	38	55	40%	None

With the 2021 recharter slowing down, we're seeing less movement in this metric. Last month we were at 37%, this month at 40%.

Strat Plan Area: 5.3.1

Ratio of Units per UC

(Goal: 3.0 or less)

Having enough UCs to cover all units, without overburdening the UC with too many units to provide effective service, requires that we look at that ratio. This metric does just that! The data on number of units for the report is from looking at the number of units in the District_Contact_Stats report, and commissioner assignments from those shown as registered as UCs in the “TrainedLeader_Great_Southwest_Council_412” training report.

District	# Units	Goal # UCs	Actual # UCs	Ratio	# UCs to Meet Goal
Rio Grande	53	17.7	18	2.9	-0.3
San Juan Mountains	27	9.0	9	3.0	0.0
Sandia	42	14.0	14	3.0	0.0
Sangre de Cristo	20	6.7	4	5.0	2.7
Total	142	47.3	45	3.2	2.3

There was no change in the data from January to February.

Strat Plan Area: 5.3.2

UCs are Trained!

(Goal: 80% or more of UCs have completed basic training)

A key component of providing quality unit service is having UCs that are trained in their role. This table looks at commissioner training data. Data is compiled from a Council-level Trained Leaders Report (“TrainedLeader_Great_Southwest_Council_412”) produced from Training Manager in my.scouting.

District	# DCs	# Trained DCs	# ADCs	# Trained ADCs	# UCs	# Trained UCs	# RTCs	# Trained RTCs	Total Comm	Trained	Pct Trained
RG	1	1	2	2	18	18	3	3	24	24	100%
SJM	1	1	1	1	9	5	0	0	11	7	63.6%
SA	1	1	2	2	14	13	3	2	20	18	90.0%
SDC	1	0	1	1	4	3	0	0	6	3	66.7%
Total	4	3	6	6	45	39	6	5	61	53	86.9%
Pct Trained		75.0%		100.0%		86.7%		83.3%			

To Goal	0.2	-1.2	-2.0	-0.2	-3.2
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There was no change in the data from January to February. We remain above our 80% goal.

Strat Plan Area: 5.3.3

Packs have a UC

(Goal: 100% of Packs have a UC assigned)

Having strong packs that excite youth about Scouting is critical to retaining the youth as they age-up to become eligible for Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Exploring. Having commissioners assigned to the unit helps to ensure strong packs. The data is from the Assigned_Units and Unassigned_Units reports in Commissioner Tools.

District	Packs	Packs Assigned a UC	Packs Not Assigned a UC	Pct Packs Assigned
Rio Grande	22	19	3	86.4%
San Juan Mountains	10	6	4	60.0%
Sandia	13	11	2	84.6%
Sangre de Cristo	8	0	8	0.0%
Total	53	36	17	67.9%

There was no change in the data from January to February.

Strat Plan Areas 5.4

Partnership for Scouting (PFS)

The Council's Scouting Partnership initiative, started in 2017, is an effort to recognize those units that meet certain goals for program, camping, and financial support of the Council.

2020 Partnership Status Criteria

- \$175 per registered youth, via FOS contributions, beef jerky or popcorn sales, Gondola Patrol, or other donations to the Council
- Attend a Council-sponsored day camp (packs) or attend Gorham for scout camp (troops) at least once every three years; Crews need to achieve Bronze or higher for Crew JTE Criteria #4, Adventure
 - **Note: Since summer camp and day camps were cancelled due to the pandemic, this year won't be counted. If a Troop attended a virtual Gorham sessions, they'll be given credit for camp attendance, but otherwise 2020 data in this area won't be 'counted'**
- Earn overall JTE Bronze or higher
 - **Note: BSA National has released revised unit-level JTE criteria to reflect the impact of the pandemic on unit operations and increased virtual Scouting**
- Partner units must complete all recharter actions by Dec 15th, 2020

Partnership Status Recognition

- Rebate of \$60 program fee
- 10% rebate for day camps and Gorham Scout Ranch fees
- Free Eagle Scout/Summit Award presentation kits
- Free cloth and card for rank advancement
- Free use of Gorham Scout Ranch in the off-season
- 10% off camping gear at High Desert Scout Shop
- Free basic training for all adult leaders
- 10% off Wood Badge, Brownsea and NYLT training
- 5% bonus commission for take order popcorn sales
- Free Journey to Excellence patches
- Free Pinewood Derby Cars for packs

Strat Plan Areas 5.4

Partnership for Scouting (PFS)

There are three goals in this area:

- 5.4.1-PFS Unit Percentage
 - Goal: Achieve 50% of units qualifying as Partner Units
 - Deadline: 1/31/2021
- 5.4.2-PFS Report
 - Goal: Prepare report on Partnership for Scouting status and proposed changes to PFS requirements to Council Executive Committee
 - Deadline: 6/30/2020
- 5.4.3-Promotion of PFS
 - Goal: Produce a new brochure promoting PFS
 - Deadline: 1/31/2021

The initial 2020 Partnership report containing membership data and initial FOS and Gondola Patrol information was sent to units in mid-July. Updated financial information was released on October 26th, and another update of financial information on November 29th. Another update reflecting popcorn sales and any other changes was released on December 23rd. The final report was released on February 14th, 2021, and has been posted to the Council's website at <http://www.gswcbsa.org/partnership-for-scouting/66229> .

Strat Plan Area: 5.4.1

PFS Unit Percentage

(Goal: 50% of units qualify as Partner units)

The goal for this measure is to have 50% of our units qualify as Partner units.

District	# Units	Partners	Pct Partners
Rio Grande	53	11	20.8%
San Juan Mtns	27	3	11.1%
Sandia	43	7	16.3%
Sangre de Cristo	20	2	10.0%
Total	143	23	16.1%

As of February 14th, 23 units (16%) have qualified for Partner status. The list of Partner units is shown on the next page.

GSWC Partner Units-2020

(Benefits received in 2021)

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Strat Plan Area: N/A

Units without Commissioners

(Goal: minimize the number of units without a UC assigned)

To have effective unit-level commissioner service, there needs to be 'ownership' of a unit (or units) by a UC. While not a Strategic Plan goal, tracking units without a commissioner assigned provides feedback on either making sure a commissioner has been assigned administratively, or show the need to recruit additional commissioners. Data is from the Unassigned_Units report in Commissioner Tools.

District	# Units	# Not Assigned a UC	Pct Unassigned
Rio Grande	53	7	13%
San Juan Mountains	27	11	41%
Sandia	42	14	33%
Sangre de Cristo	20	17	85%
Total	142	49	34.5%

There was no change in the data from January to February.

GSWC District and Council Commissioners

as of 2/26/2021

District	Name	Email	Phone
Rio Grande	George Greenlee	Ltcg2@earthlink.net	505-681-7319-c
Sandia	Jerry Brenden	jabrenden@gmail.com	505-239-7656-c
Sangre de Cristo	David Jones	dciones59@gmail.com	505-662-5289-h
San Juan Mountains	Matthew Griffis	matthewgriffis@gmail.com	510-427-3843-c
Assistant Council Commissioner for Older Youth Programs	Brian Tolson	briantolson99@yahoo.com	505-967-6139
Council Commissioner	Dale Balmer	dbalmer8@comcast.net	505-898-9076-h 505-554-8545-c