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Council Commissioner Corner

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- Information from the 3/7 National Commissioner Confab
 - Working on getting topics and resources for training portion of monthly district commissioner meetings; hope to release by end of year
 - Do not anticipate any significant changes to recharter process for 2022
 - Commissioner position-specific training being updated by end of year
 - College of Commissioner Science courses are being updated
 - BS courses released Jan; MS targeted for April release; PhD and Continuing Ed released by end of year
- If your units have questions about Scoutbook, suggest they check out <https://help.scoutbook.scouting.org>. Also, BSA just released two "Sandbox" documents with info on accessing learning environments for the Den Leader Experience and Scoutbook in general. Both documents are being sent with this newsletter.
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- BSA National has released a listing of unit service resources for commissioners. The listing is attached to the email distributing this newsletter.
- Commissioner Technology Focus Group Status Report #53, with tons of info on recent or upcoming changes to BSA's software tools, is also being sent with this newsletter!
- The latest (Winter 2021) National Commissioner newsletter has been released and can be viewed at: <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/newsletter/>
- The information for units on the **Headlines** pages is being sent directly to Unit Commissioners this month.

Yours in Scouting,


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Dale Balmer

Council Commissioner

Accessing Advancement Reports

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Organization Manager

Unit Pin

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Reports

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Reports

Date From: Date To:

Report Name	Description	Action
UNIT PIN	This report lists unit pin data that will be displayed on BeAScout.org	Run
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HEADLINES!!!! — PG 1

Key information for units in the Great Southwest Council!

ALL UNITS

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- **Questions about Scoutbook?** Check out: <https://help.scoutbook.scouting.org>
Also, BSA just released two "Sandbox" documents with info on accessing learning environments for the Den Leader Experience and Scoutbook in general. Both documents are being sent with this newsletter.
- **Council-wide virtual campout coming up!** The Great Southwest Council invites all Scouts to join us for a month of fun, competition, and more! Through mid April and May, scouts will complete challenges to score points for your teams. Gather your team members and get off the couch! Register once to participate with your team- \$10.00 per team for access to all 4 challenges. Patches will be available after the event - \$5.00 per patch. Deadline to order patches is April 23, 2021 . More details are in an attachment being included with the email distributing this newsletter, or check out the following link:
<http://www.gswcbsa.org/registration/calendar/detail.aspx?activitykey=2804500&orkey=45&ReturnURL=//www.gswcbsa.org/app/calendar/month/45/2021-04-01/45/0/>
- **Council-wide virtual Roundtable on April 8th!** See the flier on the second page following this one!

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HEADLINES!!!! — PG 2

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- **PACKS**

- Virtual Cub Day Camp June 24-26, theme is “Weird Science.” For more info about this Virtual Day Camp, please contact Skye at montanaskye@hotmail.com
- Webelos Weekend in the Woods at Gorham Scout Ranch will be July 23-25!

- **TROOPS**

- IOLS, May 22nd (8am) to 23rd (Noon) at the Baca Ranch (near Algodones). Registration opening soon.
- Gorham Scout Ranch will be open for summer camp this summer! Check out https://app.doubleknot.com/OpenRosters/View_Homepage.aspx?orgkey=2362
- NYLT, July 18-24 @ Gorham, see <http://www.gswcbsa.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=2744929&orgkey=45&ReturnURL=//www.gswcbsa.org/app/calendar/month/45/2021-07-01/45/0/>
- Brownsea, July 18-24 @ Gorham, see <http://www.gswcbsa.org/registration/calendardetail.aspx?activitykey=2801026&orgkey=45&ReturnURL=//www.gswcbsa.org/app/calendar/month/45/2021-07-01/45/0/>
- Interested in a Virtual ILST (Intro to Leadership Skills for Troops), contact Stephanie Allen at scoutsbsatroup1919@gmail.com to register.
- Looking for ideas/resources for virtual scouting? Check out: <https://troopresources.scouting.org/>

- **CREWS**


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Accessing Advancement Reports

BSA just updated the Roster area of my.scouting to allow unit Key 3 to run advancement reports!

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Council-wide Virtual Roundtable!

- Our next Council-wide Virtual Roundtable will be on Thursday, April 8th, at 7pm, via Zoom.
- The program will include:
 - Our main speaker will be Shalada Creecy. Shalada is a Licensed Master School Social Worker who currently works as a Teen Intervention Specialist at Belen Middle School, therapist/counselor for a non-profit in ABQ, and behavioral reviewer for adults with development and intellectual disabilities. Shalada also serves on the Belen Consolidated Schools Crisis Team and Threat Assessment Team. She will be giving a very basic overview of various behavioral issues with the different age groups in Scouting, as well as how to recognize more serious behavioral and mental health issues that Scouts may be challenged with, including suicidal ideations. The behavioral and mental health of youth is something that Shalada is very passionate about and hopes to be able to give some insight into these often daunting and confusing topics.
 - Greg Kelly, Vice President for Camping and Outdoor Properties, will give us an update on Gorham summer camp
 - And we'll have representatives from NYLT and Brownsea to discuss their camps.
- Zoom Link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82035198929?pwd=ZytEWTJHVVEpTY0lvSEJGa1VSZHIEQT09>
- Zoom Meeting ID: 820 3519 8929; Passcode: 273644

Commissioner-Related Strategic Plan Goals

This page summarizes the commissioner-focus areas outlined in Section 4, *Unit Service*, of the Council's 2021 Strategic Plan, dated March 25th, 2021. With the pandemic and other challenges facing the council, and the elimination of District and Council JTE goals, the Strategic Plan for this year has been streamlined to focus on key components of the Council's operations, so there are fewer goal areas than in previous years. Subsequent pages in the newsletter look at each of these areas. All data is as of **March 30th, 2021**, unless otherwise noted. Results are shown for last month and the current month.

2021 Council Strat Plan Area	Goal	Last Month	Current Snapshot	Page
Strategic Plan Goals				
4.1.1	80% of unit rechartrers to Council by 12/31/21	88.4%	91.6%	10
4.1.2	80% of unit charters posted by 1/31/22	52.1%	66.4%	11
4.2.1	50% of units have six contacts, including one Detailed Assessment	0.0%	3.2%	12
4.3.1	50% of units achieve Partner status by 1/31/22, under the Partnership for Scouting (PFS) program	16.1%	Too early to measure	13-14
Other Commissioner Metrics				
N/A	Commissioner Training	86.9%	86.9%	15
N/A	Units without Commissioners	34.5%	Not Available	16
N/A	Units per Commissioner Ratio	3.2	3.0	17

Strat Plan Area: 4.1.1

Recharterers to Council

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

Recharter data current as of 3/26/2021

District	Total Units	Units Dropping	Units Rechartering	Units logged into online tool	Units Submitted online	Pct @ Submitted
Rio Grande	53	12	41	41	41	100%
San Juan Mountains	27	4	23	23	23	100%
Sandia	43	5	38	36	34	89.5%
Sangre de Cristo	20	3	17	13	11	64.7%
Council Total	143	24	119	113	109	91.6%

Only four units are left to submit online, with another six needing to log into the online tool. BSA National has re-opened the online recharter tool for another 30 days, so units have until the end of April to submit.

Strat Plan Area 4.1.2

Rechartering Process-Charters Posted

(Goal is to have 100% of rechartering posted by 1/31/2022)

Recharter data current as of 3/26/2021

District	Units Rechartering	Charters Submitted	Pct Submitted	Charters Posted	Pct Posted
Rio Grande	41	41	100%	29	70.7%
San Juan Mountains	23	23	100%	13	56.5%
Sandia	38	34	94.7%	28	73.7%
Sangre de Cristo	17	11	76.5%	9	52.9%
Council Total	119	109	95.0%	79	66.4%

Last month, 63 charters had been posted, so we've posted 16 in the last month. The challenge with posting is resolving different paperwork issues with the remaining units.

Strat Plan Area: 4.2.1

Unit Contacts

(Goal: 50% of units have 6 or more contacts, including one DA)

This page looks at the critical unit-service area of unit contacts. The National goal is for at least six contacts per year for each unit, 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 National goal. Data is from a Council-level "District_Contact_Stats" report.

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	2021 Pct w/6 or more AND a DA
Rio Grande	53	92	33	62.3%	6	11.3%	14	26.4%	4	7.5%
San Juan Mountains	27	48	18	66.7%	1	3.7%	3	11.1%	1	3.7%
Sandia	39	36	19	48.7%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Sangre de Cristo	15	22	12	80.0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	134	198	82	61.2%	7	5.2%	17	12.7%	5	3.7%
Council Goal (50%)									67	
Needed to reach Council goal									62	

This data above reflects the current data. However, it doesn't reflect units that may not have had their charter posted, or units that are not rechartering.

Strat Plan Areas 4.3

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.

2021 Partnership Status Criteria

- \$175 per registered youth, via FOS contributions, popcorn or other product 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: Summer camp and day camps were cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, so that year won't be counted, unless a Troop attended a virtual Gorham sessions. In that case, they'll be given credit for camp attendance, but otherwise 2020 data in this area wasn't 'counted.'**
- Earn overall JTE Bronze or higher
 - **Note: BSA National 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, 2021

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 Area: 4.3.1

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%

Data shown is for 2020 units earning Partner status for 2021. 2021 units earning Partner status in 2022 won't be available until later in 2021.

Strat Plan Area: N/A

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 February to March. We remain above our 80% goal.

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 Assigned_Unassigned_Units report in Commissioner Tools.

District	# Units	# Not Assigned a UC	Pct Unassigned
Rio Grande	53	*	N/A
San Juan Mountains	27	*	N/A
Sandia	39	*	N/A
Sangre de Cristo	15	*	N/A
Total	134	*	N/A

***-Data currently unavailable due to ongoing unit and district recharter actions**

Strat Plan Area: N/A

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	39	13.0	14	2.8	-1.0
Sangre de Cristo	15	5.0	4	3.8	1.0
Total	134	44.7	45	3.0	-0.3

There was a slight improvement in the ratio, due to a drop in the number of units due to rechartering actions.

GSWC District and Council Commissioners

as of 3/30/2021

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