



# Great Southwest Council **Council Commissioner**



## **Communicator**



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## Our Mission

***As commissioners, we share the BSA's mission: To prepare youth to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.***

## Our Vision

***Every member of the BSA has a great Scouting experience.***

## *Council Commissioner Corner*

- Commissioners, as we head into summer, keep in touch with your units. Make sure they have summer activities planned, such as day camp, summer camp, or high adventure activities.
- As we look beyond summer, ensure your units know about key popcorn sales dates, and Fall recruitment activities. Help your units out by taking a look at the BeAScout.org website, and seeing how their 'pin' looks. Is the info there current and correct? Are unit leaders reviewing the online Invitation Manager and Application Manager tools to stay current with online applications that may result from someone using the Be A Scout 'pin' to express interest in a unit? If you're working with a troop, do they know how to generate a merit badge counselor listing from my.scouting.org?
  - All these are covered in the material being sent to the units. Please be familiar with it, but if you have any questions, you can always contact myself or Mary Mazza-Andersen.
- And encourage your units to stay current on their youth protection training, and that unit leaders have completed their position-specific training
- Thanks for all you do! Keep in touch with your units, but make sure you're recharging your batteries this summer!

*Yours in Scouting,*

*Dale*

Dale Balmer

Council Commissioner

**COUNCIL COMMISSIONER  
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UNIT-RELATED INFORMATION!!!!**

Key information for units in the Great Southwest Council!

- **Popcorn Info**
  - Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – Popcorn training – in-person at the Council Office and also via Zoom
  - Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Show & Sale Orders due
  - Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> – Show & Sale Distribution
  - Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – Take Orders Due
  - Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> – Take Order Distribution
- **Check out the following slides with information on:**
  - Checking the status of online applications
  - For Troops, how to produce a merit badge counselor listing from [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org)
  - And under the Membership Minute(s), info on the Fall Recruitment Drive and updating your unit's Be A Scout 'pin'

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**MAY 2022**  
**CHECKING ONLINE APPLICATION STATUS**

- For Unit Key 3s or Key 3-Delegates:
  - Log into your my.scouting.org account
  - Click on Application Manager or Invitation Manager; both lead to “Membership Manager”. Click on the Reports link on left
  - A list of 20 reports will appear. Three of the key reports are:
- Applications in Progress
  - The Applications In-Progress report displays the list of membership applications that have not been accepted and posted. These applications are progressing through the workflow and may require a unit leader or council personnel to take an action - review, accept, acknowledge, comment, re-assign, etc.
- Leads In Progress Report
  - The Leads Report displays information about all leads submitted.
- Initiated Applications Report
  - The Initiated Applications report displays applications that have been created, but not yet submitted and are in an Initiated status.

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**GENERATING A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR**  
**LIST**

- Unit Key 3/Key 3 Delegate – log into my.scouting and select the Org Manager tool. Select Reports on left. Click on RUN to the right of the Council Merit Badge Counselor Listing report.
  - Note: due to the volume of data being processed, it may take 20-30 seconds to produce the report
- This produces a report on your screen. From there, you can export it as a pdf or csv/xlsx. Before you do, you can also use the gray “Filter” button on the left (to the left of the “Reload” button) to tailor the report.
- Select any filters you want. There’s seven different filters for things such as order of the report, counselor contact info, etc. Probably the most useful filter is to run the report for just one merit badge and to chose the badge. After selecting your filters, click the Submit button in the Filter dialog box. This will generate the report with the desired filters, again with options to export is as a csv or pdf.



# Membership Minute



Questions about recruiting and membership? Contact the Council Vice President for Membership, John Foley, at [john.foley11@gmail.com](mailto:john.foley11@gmail.com)

- **Here's info on two key upcoming membership-related events**
- Thursday, July 14, Fall recruitment training (this will be the quarterly Council Roundtable via Zoom; you'll get incentive points for having a leader attend)
- Thursday, August 18, Council-wide date for Fall recruitment!!! (Remember that you can hold more than one recruitment; if this date does not work, please let Mary Mazza-Andersen know your alternative plan.)





# Another Membership Minute!!

Questions about recruiting and membership? Contact the Council Vice President for Membership, John Foley, at [john.foley11@gmail.com](mailto:john.foley11@gmail.com)

- A key recruiting tool is the Be A Scout 'Pin' on the [beascout.org](http://beascout.org) website. Here's some tips on how to manage your 'pin'
- Look for your unit on the BeAScout.org website
  - Go to <https://beascout.scouting.org/>
  - Enter your unit's zip code and select your type of unit, then click on the blue "Find and Apply" button
  - Do you see your unit? Is the information for your unit current and correct? Check on similar units near yours. Anything you can learn from how their information is presented to potential Scouts and their families?
  - So you want to make some changes to what's showing up for our unit. How do you do that?
    - Have one of your unit's Key 3 log into their [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org) account. In [my.scouting.org](http://my.scouting.org), select Menu, then Roster.
    - Select Unit Pin link on left
    - Update as necessary
    - Don't forget to scroll down and click on the Save button at the bottom of the page
  - FMI: <http://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Be-A-Scout-Pin-Set-up.pdf>
- This is also a great way to find units near you for combining for activities, or for Troops to look for Packs to recruit from.





# 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 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 **May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**, unless otherwise noted. Results are shown for last month and the current month.

2021 Council Strat Plan Area	Goal	Last Month	Current Snapshot	Page
<b>Strategic Plan Goals</b>				
4.1.1	80% of unit rechartrers to Council by 12/31/21	99.0%	99.0%	10
4.1.2	80% of unit charters posted by 1/31/22	99.0%	99.0%	11
4.2.1	50% of units have six contacts, including one Detailed Assessment	5.3%	7.2%	12
4.3.1	50% of units achieve Partner status by 1/31/22, under the Partnership for Scouting (PFS) program	26%	26%	13-14
<b>Other Commissioner Metrics</b>				
N/A	Commissioner Training	85.7%	85.7%	15
N/A	Units without Commissioners	Bad data	Bad data	16
N/A	Units per Commissioner Ratio	3.7	3.7	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)

**The online recharter tool opened on October 15<sup>th</sup>, for the 2022 recharter season. This is the seventh and final look at 2022 recharter data.**

District	Total Units	Units Dropping / Out of Cycle Recharter	Units Rechartering	Units logged into online tool	Pct logged online	Units Submitted to Council online	Pct submitted to Council online
Rio Grande	42	9/1	32	32	100%	32	100%
San Juan Mountains	23	4/0	19	19	100%	19	100%
Sandia	36	5/0	31	31	100%	31	100%
Sangre de Cristo	14	0/0	14	14	100%	13	92.9%
Council Total	115	18/1	96	96	100%	95	99.0%

**Recharter concluded in April.**

# Strat Plan Area 4.1.2

## Rechartering Process-Charters Posted

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

**Units have been working recharter since the tool opened October 15<sup>th</sup>, so we've had about 6-1/2 months to work the process, which is now completed.**

District	Units Rechartering	Charters Submitted	Pct Submitted	Charters Posted	Pct Posted
Rio Grande	32	32	100%	32	100%
San Juan Mountains	19	19	100%	19	100%
Sandia	31	31	100%	31	100%
Sangre de Cristo	14	13	92.9%	13	92.9%
Council Total	96	95	99.0%	95	99.0%

**Recharter concluded in April.**

# 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. The Council goal is for 50% of the units to achieve the National goal, with a sub-goal that all units receive at least one contact. 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, as well as the sub-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	33	139	32	97.0%	13	39.4%	11	33.3%	3	9.1%
San Juan Mountains	19	89	19	100%	10	52.6%	5	26.3%	2	10.5%
Sandia	32	117	31	96.9%	1	3.1%	11	34.4%	0	0%
Sangre de Cristo	13	71	13	100%	9	69.2%	2	15.4%	2	15.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>446</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>97.9%</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>34.0%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>29.9%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7.2%</b>
<b>Council Goal (50%)</b>									<b>49</b>	
<b>Needed to reach Council goal</b>									<b>42</b>	

**The number of units with six or more contacts increased significantly this month, jumping from 13 units last month, to 33 units this month. This is a great step towards meeting the goal of a unit having six contacts and a detailed assessment by the end of the year.**

# 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.

*The **initial** report on the **2022** Partnership program, reflecting youth membership numbers and financial goal, based on \$175/scout, has been posted at: <http://www.gswcbsa.org/partnership-for-scouting/66229>.*

### 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
- Partner units must complete all recharter actions by Dec 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### Partnership Status Recognition

- Rebate of Council program fee for youth members
- 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.

<b>District</b>	<b># Units</b>	<b>Partners</b>	<b>Pct Partners</b>
Rio Grande	41	15	34%
San Juan Mtns	23	5	22%
Sandia	36	7	19%
Sangre de Cristo	14	3	21%
Total	114	30	26%

**No change from last month**

**Partner status files can be viewed at:**

<http://www.gswcbsa.org/partnership-for-scouting/66229>

# 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	0	0	0	0	10	10	3	3	13	13	100%
SJM	1	1	0	0	7	4	0	0	8	5	62.5%
SA	1	1	2	2	7	6	2	2	12	11	91.7%
SDC	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	50.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>85.7%</b>
<b>Pct Trained</b>		<b>100.0%</b>		<b>100.0%</b>		<b>80.8%</b>		<b>100.0%</b>			

To Goal	-0.4	-0.4	-0.2	-1.0	-2.0
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**The percentage of trained commissioners remained at last month's 85.7%.**

# 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	33	11	33%
San Juan Mountains	19	7	37%
Sandia	32	32	100%
Sangre de Cristo	13	13	100%
Total	97	63	64.9%

**The data above is considered to be unreliable due to the posting of district charters. This normally 'breaks' unit assignments, and until the assignments are re-entered in Commissioner Tools, the data will be inaccurate.**



# 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	33	11.0	10	3.3	1.0
San Juan Mountains	19	6.3	7	2.7	-0.7
Sandia	32	10.7	7	4.6	3.7
Sangre de Cristo	13	4.3	2	6.5	2.3
Total	97	32.3	26	3.7	6.3

**The ratio remained at 3.7, the same as last month.**

# ***GSWC District and Council Commissioners***

as of 5/31/2022

<b>District</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Rio Grande	Vacant		
Sandia	Jerry Brenden	<a href="mailto:jabrenden@gmail.com">jabrenden@gmail.com</a>	505-239-7656-c
Sangre de Cristo	Vacant		
San Juan Mountains	Matthew Griffis	<a href="mailto:matthewgriffis@gmail.com">matthewgriffis@gmail.com</a>	510-427-3843-c
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