



Great Southwest Council **Council Commissioner**



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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

- Recharter is underway! The online recharter tool has been open since early October. Please encourage your units to log into the tool as soon as possible so they know they can access the tool, and get an idea of what actions might be needed (YPT, add/drop adults/youth, fees needed, etc). 16 of 100 units have logged in; we'd like to get that to 100% by Nov 15th. The end goal is to have all units submit their charter by Dec 15th.
 - Weekly updates with various recharter topics are being emailed weekly to each unit's Recharter Champion. If your units are not receiving them, please let me know.
- As you work with your units, you probably recognize those leaders that make things happen, and have done so for many years. Maybe it's time they get nominated for the Silver Beaver award! The award nomination form and a writing guide are being sent with this newsletter; please make sure your units get copies. Suspense for submission is Nov 4th!

Yours in Scouting,

Dale

Dale Balmer

Council Commissioner

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UNIT-RELATED INFORMATION!!!!**

Key information for **all type** units in the Great Southwest Council!

- Unit Leaders – here’s a number of online resources available to help you!
- **All Units:**
 - What’s the latest with Leader training? Check out: <https://www.scouting.org/training/training-updates/>
 - Looking for ideas on how to start, sustain, or grow your unit? Check out: <https://www.scouting.org/commissioners/starting-sustaining-and-growing-units/>
 - A reminder about all the resources available to units via the BSA Marketing and Membership Hub: <https://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/>
- **Packs:** Looking for a simple reference on what adventures apply to which age group? Check out: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/cub-scouts/what-cub-scouts-earn/cub-scouting-adventures/>
- **Troops:** Part of a “linked troop” where a chartering org sponsors a Boy and Girl troop? Check out this BSA webinar on best-practices for them. <https://www.scouting.org/program-updates/scouts-bsa-linked-troops-best-practice-webinar-september-17-2022/>
- **Crews:** Why Venturing? <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2022/10/17/why-venturing-a-greater-st-louis-area-advisor-weighs-in/>

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Key information for **all type** units in the Great Southwest Council!

- Nominations for the Silver Beaver award are still being gathered! The award nomination form and a writing guide are being sent with this newsletter. Deadline is Nov 4th
- Recharter update!
 - At this point we're encouraging units to just log into the online recharter tool by Nov 15th, to ensure they have access and can get an idea of what might need to be done to finish the charter. So far, 16 of 100 units have logged on.
 - The ultimate goal is for each unit to have their recharter submitted to the Council Office by Dec 15th
 - Weekly updates are being emailed to each unit's recharter champion. If your champion isn't receiving them, please let the Council Commissioner know as soon as possible:
dbalmer8@comcast.net
- A reminder that anyone with expired Youth Protection Training is now having their membership status changed to "Suspended" until they complete YPT. Anyone in Suspended status will not appear on unit rosters. More details on YPT are on the following two slides.

Youth Protection Training Current Status

BSA has established a national standard for Councils for Youth Protection Training (YPT) currency. The standard is to be at 98% or higher of registered adult leaders being Current with their YPT. For a Council our size, with approximately 1000 adults, this means we can have no more than 20 expired at any one time. Here is a snapshot of where we are as of October 31st, 2022.

District	Current	Expired	Pct Current	Pct Expired
Rio Grande	304	2	99.35	0.65
San Juan Mountains	147	0	100	100
Sandia	410	1	99.76	0.24
Sangre de Cristo	170	1	99.42	0.58
Council Staff	51	0	100	100
Council Overall	1082	4	99.63	0.37

Trend data is on the next chart.

A reminder that anyone with expired YPT prevents a unit from submitting their recharter! Effective October 1st, the Council is now Suspending the membership of anyone with expired YPT.

Youth Protection Training Trends

Council Trend*	
6/1/2022	96.88
7/1/2022	96.93
7/30/2022	97.33
8/31/2022	96.38
9/30/2022	96.60
10/31/2022	99.63

National Trend Data**					
Date	GSWC YPT %	GSWC NST Rank	GSWC National Rank	Councils Meeting Standard	Councils @ 100%
5/30/2022	96.74	6 of 12	149 of 249	76	7
6/30/2022	97.38	4 of 12	87 of 249	62	7
7/31/2022	97.03	4 of 12	79 of 249	63	10
8/31/2022	96.38	5 of 12	86 of 248	62	9
9/30/2022	96.58	6 of 12	70 of 248	49	12

*-data from Council's my.scouting.org Training Manager

**-data from National "Stack Charts"

Goal: Greater than 98% of adult leaders are current!

A reminder that effective October 1st, anyone with expired YPT is being placed in Suspended status until their YPT is current. There will no longer be a grace period for completing once expired! Questions can be addressed to the Council YPT Champion, Dale Balmer, at

dbalmer8@comcast.net

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 **Oct 31st, 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
Strategic Plan Goals				
4.1.1	80% of unit rechartrers to Council by 12/31/22	Too early to track	16% logged in	9
4.1.2	80% of unit charters posted by 1/31/23	Too early to track	0%	10
4.2.1	50% of units have six contacts, including one Detailed Assessment	24.0%	23.8%	11
4.3.1	50% of units achieve Partner status by 1/31/22, under the Partnership for Scouting (PFS) program	26%	26%	12-13
Other Commissioner Metrics				
N/A	Commissioner Training	85.7%	88.2%	14
N/A	Units without Commissioners	35%	37.6%	15
N/A	Units per Commissioner Ratio	3.8	4.0	16

Strat Plan Area: 4.1.1

Recharterers to Council

(Goal is to have 80% of recharterers submitted to the Council by 12/31/2022)

The online recharter tool opened on October 3rd, for the 2023 recharter season. This is the initial report on recharter progress. At this point in the process, the goal is for units to log into the online tool by Nov 15th, which would then give units a month to meet the goal of submitting their charters to the Council by Dec 15th.

District	Total Units	Units Dropping / Out of Cycle Recharter	Units Rechart-ering	Units logged into online tool	Pct logged online	Units Submit-tered to Council online	Pct submitte d to Council online
Rio Grande	34	0/0	34	3	9%	0	0
San Juan Mountains	19	0/0	19	2	11%	0	0
Sandia	34	0/1	33	9	27%	0	0
Sangre de Cristo	14	0/0	14	2	14%	0	0
Council Total	101	0/1	100	16	16%	0	0

Strat Plan Area 4.1.2

Rechartering Process-Charters Posted

(Goal is to have 100% of rechartering posted by 1/31/2023)

The online recharter tool opened on October 3rd, for the 2023 recharter season. This is the initial report on recharter progress. The goal is to have charters submitted to the Council by December 15th, so that they can be posted by January 31st, 2023.

District0	Units Rechartering	Charters Submitted	Pct Submitted	Charters Posted	Pct Posted
Rio Grande	34	0	0	0	0
San Juan Mountains	19	0	0	0	0
Sandia	33	0	0	0	0
Sangre de Cristo	14	0	0	0	0
Council Total	100	0	0	0	0

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	34	292	34	100%	24	70.6%	11	32.4%	8	23.5%
San Juan Mountains	19	128	19	100%	10	52.6%	5	26.3%	2	10.5%
Sandia	34	222	33	97.1%	27	79.4%	12	35.3%	12	35.3%
Sangre de Cristo	14	151	14	100%	14	100%	2	14.3%	2	14.3%
Total	101	793	100	99%	75	74.3%	30	29.7%	24	23.8%
Council Goal (50%)									51	
Needed to reach Council goal									27	

**The number of units with six or more contacts increased by one this month.
There was a new unit created in Sandia District.**

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.

*An **updated** report on the **2022** Partnership program, reflecting initial FOS and Gondola Patrol donations, and day/summer camp attendance, was released on 9/9/2022. It can be viewed 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 15th, 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.

District	# Units	Partners	Pct Partners
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; this reflects the final 2021 data.

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	1	1	10	10	3	3	14	14	100%
SJM	1	1	0	0	7	4	0	0	8	5	62.5%
SA	0	0	2	2	6	6	2	2	10	10	100%
SDC	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	50.0%
Total	1	1	3	3	25	21	5	5	34	30	88.2%
Pct Trained		100.0%		100.0%		84.0%		100.0%			

To Goal	-0.2	-0.6	-1.0	-1.0	-2.8
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The percentage of trained commissioners increased slightly this month, from 85.7% to 88.2%. This was due to suspending one un-trained unit commissioner due to expired YPT.

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	34	13	38%
San Juan Mountains	19	7	37%
Sandia	34	4	12%
Sangre de Cristo	14	14	100%
Total	101	38	37.6%

The percent of unassigned units increased this month from 35.0% last month to 37.6% this month, due to a new unit in Sandia, and commissioners ending their service.

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	34	11.3	10	3.4	1.3
San Juan Mountains	19	6.3	7	2.7	-0.7
Sandia	34	11.3	6	5.7	5.3
Sangre de Cristo	14	4.7	2	7.0	2.7
Total	101	33.7	25	4.0	8.7

After the ratio being static at 3.8 for four consecutive months, it climbed to 4.0 this month, due to a new unit in Sandia, and a commissioner ending their service.

GSWC District and Council Commissioners

as of 10/31/2022

District	Name	Email	Phone
Rio Grande	Vacant		
Sandia	Vacant		
Sangre de Cristo	Vacant		
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
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