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DECEMBER

GREAT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL MEETINGS & EVENTS SCHEDULE

December 5 Council Key Three
December 7-8 Wilderness First Aid

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
Please Note the Upcoming Council Holiday Hours
Christmas: Office Closed December 24-25
New Year's: Office Closed December 31 & January 1

Happy Holidays!

We want to wish you and your loved ones a marvelously holiday season and a prosperous New Year. From your officers, Executive Board, and staff at the Great Southwest Council, we sincerely thank you for your time, resources and generous support.

Ross Crown    Dale Balmer    Chris Shelby

2018 Gift of Scouting: Online Auction

Happy Holidays!
The 2018 Popcorn sale is coming to a close. A couple important dates to remember:

- Dec 3rd: Cutoff date for online sales
- Dec 3rd: End of the campaign
- Dec 5th: Prize orders due

**Individual Prizes**
Remember, prize orders are submitted to the vendor by the unit, not by individuals. Send your Scout’s prize selection to your unit’s popcorn kernel. The kernel will order all prizes for the unit. If you can’t find the prize sheet, look on the GSWC homepage under the popcorn tab. There is a link on the right side of the page, 10th line down.

If you are a kernel ordering prizes, remember the **prize order cut-off is Dec 5th. NO PRIZE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER DEC 5TH.**

- Sign into scouting.trails-end.com.
- Select the Order Prizes button
- If you have questions, call Dawn Kristensen, (505) 345-8603

**Top Seller Prizes**
Council will announce the winners of the top seller prizes after the campaign closes on Dec 3rd.

- **Top Seller Award:** The top two sellers (total sales) in Council may select one of the following Gorham adventures: pool party for 12 people, high in the sky experience for 12 people (not available to Cub Scouts), or shooting gallery experience for 12 people.

- **District Winners:** $100 awards will be given to the top selling units in each district. The quantity awarded in each district will be based on the number of units selling in the district. The bonus is credited to the unit account! Minimum of 10 units must sell in the district for the district to receive a district prize. Districts with less than 10 units selling will be combined with another district.

- **Top Council Winner.** The top selling unit in the Council will receive a $200 bonus credited to their unit account!

- **Grand Prize Program** (this replaces the Spin to Win event): Scouts will receive $25 on a GIFT CARD for each $800 multiple of their total sales. ($800 wins $25; $1600 wins $50, etc.) Choice of Amazon, iTunes, Walmart, or Scout Shop gift card. Gift card selections should be submitted to Dawn.Kristensen@scouting.org no later than Dec. 15th. If your unit is done selling, please feel free to submit the info now. The sooner you submit, the sooner you will receive the cards.

- Provide the Scout’s names and their gift card choices for the entire unit at one time.
- Scouts may choose a combination of vendors. Cards are in $25 increments only.

**Want to continue selling?**

If you have not yet made or renewed your Friends of Scouting gift for 2019, please take a moment to visit this link. Your contribution is 100% tax-deductible and will be credited to your unit’s goal for summer camp or Scout Shop discounts.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your district leadership or email Randy Saunders.

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**Bidding open NOW. Click HERE to view items. Auction ends on December 8th!**

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**Service Center and High Desert Scout Shop Hours**

GSWC Service Center: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm
Closed Sat & Sun

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High Desert Scout Shop: Mon-Fri, 9am-5pm
Sat 9am-1pm
Closed Sunday

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**Use Your Smith’s Rewards Card to Give Back to Scouting**
Give back to Scouting with the gas and groceries you already purchase every week! Follow these simple instructions to enroll your Smith’s Rewards card and begin earning dividends to help grow Scouting in the Great Southwest Council. Enrollment in the Smith’s Community Rewards program will not affect the fuel points you earn.
Scoutingwire News

The Official Blog of the Scouting Movement
Visit the Scoutingwire site any time for the latest news from around the United States by visiting www.scoutingwire.org

Scoutbook - Online Record Keeping for your Unit

Tracking the Scouting Experience from Tiger to Eagle Scout
From the first knot tied to final hours of service performed, the Scouting experience is a journey like no other. Scoutbook ensures not a moment is missed - tracking advancement, milestone achievements and all the fun along the way. Starling January 2019 Scoutbook is free to all units.

Click here to watch a video of how Scoutbook can improve your Scouting experience.

For more details, visit www.scoutbook.com

My.Scouting Tips

My.Scouting.Org is an awesome resource with many great tools. Below are some of the great things you can do at my.scouting.org

Take Training
There are many required and supplemental trainings available at my.scouting.org. You can take Youth Protection training, but there is so much more. Cub Scout leaders can take all required trainings to be considered “trained” for their position. Boy Scout and Venturing leaders can take supplemental trainings such as Weather Hazards, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat - all from the comfort of your home!

To take online trainings, please follow these steps:
- navigate to http://my.scouting.org
- log in to your account
- in the upper left corner, click home
- click “my dashboard”
- click “training center”

Print Membership Cards
Your unit’s Key 3 (Unit leader, Committee Chair, and Chartered Organization Representative) have the ability to generate and print membership cards for anyone registered in your unit. No need to call the Council Service Center - this functionality is there any time you need it!
- navigate to http://my.scouting.org
- log in to your account
- click “menu” in the upper left corner
- click the “>” next to your unit’s information
- click member manager

Check Out What’s Happening at Gorham Scout Ranch in 2019!
Visit www.gorhamscoutranch.org

The Great Southwest Council is pleased to announce that the 2019 Summer Camp Leaders Guide is now available. Now is the time for your Troop to make its reservation for 2019.

Here are some of the program highlights available at Gorham Scout Ranch in 2019:

- Cowboy Action Shooting is NEW at Gorham in 2019. Shoot .22 pistols, .22 rifles and 20 gauge shotguns like in the days of the Wild West
- ATV Adventure returns for older Scouts
- Cycling merit badge is back
- Eagle Scout rank merit badges... Camping, Cooking, Emergency Prep, Environmental Science, First Aid, Lifesaving, Swimming & Sustainability
- STEM merit badges, including Space Exploration
- The Bananathlon on Friday afternoons
- High Adventure: Backpacking treks into the Pecos, rock-climbing, whitewater rafting for older Scouts
- Project COPE is the perfect team-building and leadership development program
- Evening programs include hikes, movies, shooting, swimming, Hawaiian shirts, crazy hats, and much more
- Pizza Nights on Wednesday!
- Training opportunities are available for adults, including IOLS, Wilderness First Aid and more

ZIA - Provisional Camper: The ZIA program allows Scouts to come to Gorham summer camp individually, or as a small group with one adult. These Scouts are placed in a provisional Troop with trained adult leadership to supervise and guide them for the week. The ZIA program helps get ALL of your Scouts to summer camp and participating in merit badges. The ZIA program is available for all five weeks of summer camp in 2019.

Now is the time for your Troop or Crew to make a reservation for summer camp at Gorham Scout Ranch in 2019. Make your reservation soon to make sure you get into the week of your choice. Girl Troops are invited and welcome to attend any of the five weeks of camp at Gorham Scout Ranch in 2019.

Make your 2019 reservation today!

We’re Hiring Camp Staff

Looking for a way to earn money this summer while having fun? Is one week of summer camp not enough? Let Gorham Scout Ranch be your home this summer! A camp staff position at Gorham Scout Ranch is an experience that you will always remember.

For more information and the application, click HERE.
2019 Friends of Scouting Campaign - Scout Me In!

As the holiday season brings your families together, please take a moment to evaluate the impact Scouting has had on your children and loved ones. If you believe that Scouting is a valuable part of your lives, please consider making a pledge and gift to the 2019 Friends of Scouting campaign.

Scouting volunteers will be attending your Pack or Troop functions in the coming months to ask for your financial support. You'll have the opportunity to complete a pledge card and make a donation. Your consideration is much appreciated.

For more information, or to make a donation online click HERE.

Thank you!

Join the Gondola Patrol... NEW in 2019!

Join the Great Southwest Council’s recurring gift club, the Gondola Patrol, by contributing $15 per month via your credit or debit card.

Recurring gifts are convenient to donors and provide financial stability to the Council.

Enroll today. Complete the PLEDGE CARD and submit to the Scout Office.

Thank you!

Recognition Celebration
and Annual Business Meeting
January 26, 2019
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
11:00 am to 1:30 pm
Congratulations to the following recipients of the Silver Beaver Award:

Cynthia Howard - Sandia District  
Camille Moses - Rio Grande District  
Dennis Snodgrass - Mesa Verde District  
Rob Robey - Sangre de Cristo District  
Ross Crown - Council Executive Board

The Silver Beaver Award is bestowed upon adult leaders who have implemented the Scouting program and performed community service through hard work, self-sacrifice, dedication, and many years of service. It is the highest recognition the Great Southwest Council may award individuals.

In addition to honoring the awardees shown above, this event includes the Council Annual Business meeting, election and installation of 2019 Council officers, and other individual and district recognition.

The event will be held at:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
1100 Montaño Rd NW  
Albuquerque NM 87107

Guests will enjoy substantial hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic beverages. Attire will be business casual or Scout uniform. Cost is $25 per person by January 12, 2018 and $35 per person after that date. You may purchase tickets no later than January 24 online [HERE](#) or by contacting the Scout Office.

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Venturing Leadership Award:

Brian Tolson - Sandia District  
Olivia Stewart - Sandia District

The Venturing Leadership Award recognizes individuals who have made exceptional contributions to Venturing, who exemplify the Scout Oath and Law, and show exceptional dedication and give outstanding leadership and service to Venturing and to Venturers. These two exceptional individuals will also be recognized at the celebration on January 26.

Recharters Due in December: Recharter Turn-in Day on Dec. 15

Have you received your unit's recharter packet? Remember, your unit's annual recharter must...
Have you received your unit’s recharter packet? Remember, your unit’s annual recharter must be completed and submitted by December 15, 2018. There will be a **Recharter Turn-in Day at the Scout Office on Saturday, December 15 from 10am to 4pm**. Bring your completed paperwork or come by for help from our staff. No appointment needed.

For assistance, contact your Unit Commissioner or Randy Saunders at randy.saunders@scouting.org.

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**Important Announcement**

Any registered Scout volunteer, including leaders, committee members, commissioners, and merit badge counselors, who have not completed the current Youth Protection Training (effective February 1, 2018) will have their membership with the Boy Scouts of America expired on January 31, 2019. Once you have completed the mandatory YPT course, you will be eligible to have your membership reinstated.

Protecting young people and the adults who participate in Scouting programs is a top priority. This new Youth Protection Training course has been available for nearly a year. Now is the time to complete this updated training.

Thank you.

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**Youth Protection Training... Take it Live at the Scout Office in December**

Youth Protection Training will be taught live on three Saturdays between now and the end of the year. The dates are **December 1, 8 & 15**. Each course will be from 10:00am to noon at Scout Office (5841 Office Blvd NE, ABQ).

There is no fee to take this course. ALL registered Scouting volunteers, including committee members and merit badge counselors, must take have taken this training since February 2018, when the newest version debuted.

If you have not, you need to take this course soon or your membership will become expired. You can also take Youth Protection Training online at www.myscouting.org.
Wilderness First Aid & CPR/AED/First Aid Courses

Great Southwest Council Offers American Red Cross Courses in 2018-19

Once again, two essential American Red Cross courses are being offered exclusively to Scouting leaders in 2018-19. These courses are taught by Scouting volunteers, which allow them to be available to you for a discounted class fee.

Wilderness First Aid is a two-day course that will be taught on: December 7-8, February 1-2, March 1-2, April 5-6 & May 3-4. Cost for this course is $75. CPR/AED/First Aid certification is a required prerequisite in order to take this course.

CPR/AED/First Aid is a five-hour course that will be taught on: December 1, February 23, March 30, April 27, and May 18. Cost for this course is $40.

Both courses are taught at the Scout office. You can register for them online at www.gswcbsa.org.
Will your Pack, Troop or Crew Become a Partnership Unit in 2018?

The Partnership for Scouting was established in 2017 to strengthen the ability for the Council and Units to provide the best Scouting experience possible for participating families. By working together and pressing toward this common goal of better Scouting, the Council and its Units can make best use of limited resources. One of the key factors of this Scouting Partnership is improved communication between the Council and its Units.

In 2017, over 40 Packs, Troops and Crews qualified as Partnership units. The benefits for becoming a Partnership unit are listed below. As you can see, the savings a Unit can receive are significant.

**Partnership Benefits**

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**Total Potential Savings Per Scout** $142.00

**Plus**

- 10% off camping gear purchased at the Scout Shop
- 5% Bonus Commission on popcorn take orders

Will your Pack, Troop or Crew qualify as a Partnership Unit in 2018? To qualify your unit must raise a goal equal to $145 x number of scouts (registered on January 1, 2018), attend Cub Scout day camp or summer camp at Gorham Scout Ranch within the past three years, and earn JTE bronze, silver or gold at recharter.

Click [HERE](#) to see the updated status report. The popcorn sale is an excellent opportunity for your Unit to raise the funds necessary to complete the financial goal of $145 per Scout.

Completing your recharter on time AND turning in the Journey to Excellence scoresheet is another timely goal to complete by the end of the year.

For more information concerning Partnership for Scouting, please contact Randy Saunders at randy.saunders@scouting.org. Thank you for continuing to support the Great Southwest Council.

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**LDS-BSA Transition - Monthly Update**

**Here's the latest on the LDS Transition from Scouting**

- The Council’s LDS-BSA survey was released last month, and has had a great response, with over 300 individuals taking it! If you haven't had a chance to take the survey yet, click [HERE](#) for the direct link.
- If the direct link doesn't work, someone can visit the Council website at [http://www.gswcbsa.org](http://www.gswcbsa.org). There's a survey link in the blue menu bar at the top of the page, under the Council banner. Look for the “LDS Survey” link at the far right, under the Leaders link and to the right of the Eagle Scout option. Clicking on it takes you directly to the survey. We appreciate you taking the time to fill out the survey!
- A reminder that LDS leaders need to remain current with their training, especially Youth Protection Training (YPT). The LDS Church’s Risk Management Division recently provided this information in regards to the importance of taking YPT:

> "All leaders who are in the Boy Scout program have an obligation to keep up with the最新 version of the BSA’s Youth Protection Training (YPT). This is not just a requirement to stay current with safety policies but an essential part of keeping our Scouting program effective and safe for all participants. Without proper training, leaders may not be able to respond appropriately to situations involving safety and moral issues. It is essential for leaders to stay informed and up-to-date on all aspects of Youth Protection Training to ensure the continued success of our Scouting program."
One thing many Latter Day Saints do not know is that the largest verdict ever against the BSA came from a sex abuse claim filed by five former LDS members against an LDS Scoutmaster in an LDS sponsored unit. We have many pending cases so the Church is not immune and a temple recommend is not enough of a guaranty. In fact sex abuse is enough of an issue we will be rolling out our own sex abuse training no later than the first quarter of next year, perhaps as early as year end.

Here are some of the reasons:

1. As explained in Matthew to offend a little one it would be better that a millstone be tied around the neck of such a person and be cast in the sea. I am convinced if because of our lack of desire to become educated and by so doing we did not prevent abuse which we could have prevented we may get the same treatment as the perpetrator. A person such as a Bishop or SP who does not train his people in YPT is clearly going to end up subject to a lawsuit by an abuse victim for failure to properly supervise.
2. 1 in 3 women and 1 in 6 men experience some kind of sex abuse.
3. On average there are 3.6 million youth abuse cases reported every year in the United States and the US is the worst of any country in the world.
4. Last year 1580 children died from abuse.
5. Two thirds of people in drug treatment programs were subject to sex abuse.
6. Abuse victims are 10-13 times more likely to attempt suicide.
7. 14% of women and 36% of males in prison were victims of child abuse.
8. Children subject to abuse are 9 times more likely to be involved in criminal activity.
9. 80% of 21 year-old persons who were subject to abuse meet the criteria for at least one psychological disorder.
10. Men make up 96% of sex abuse perpetrators.
11. Young men who are subject to abuse take much longer to heal and suffer longer than females.

These statistics come from various data bases including the National Sexual Violence Resources Center, the National Center for Crime Victims and others.

Any questions on the LDS-BSA Transition can be addressed to:
- Randy Saunders, Director of Field Services, 505-503-2386, randy.saunders@scouting.org
- Dale Balmer, Council Commissioner, 505-898-9076, dbalmer8@comcast.net
It’s a Scout Movie Day
Join us as the Scouts take over Rio Rancho Premiere Cinemas

1000 Premiere Pkwy SE, Rio Rancho

9:30 am January 12th

Bring a friend!

Do you know a friend who would enjoy a movie, popcorn, and a soda?
This is a wonderful opportunity to share the fun of Scouting with a friend!

Come in uniform! Scouts and families special ticket price $7.25 pp
Special Scout Concession – 16oz Soda and box of popcorn $5.25

Please plan to arrive early enough to get snacks and get settled.
Movie title will be posted on the Council’s website, www.gswebsa.org, as soon as this information is released from the movie theater.
A $1,000 scholarship is available.
All 2018 Eagles will be mailed an application in the coming weeks.
The University of New Mexico Lobos Present:

LOBO Basketball
BOY SCOUT DAY

UNM LOBOS vs. Fresno State

Saturday Feb. 16th, 2019 -
Tip-Off: 5:00pm

Be in the TUNNEL at halftime!
Ready for some high fives??
Units that purchase their tickets by January 30th, 2019 can be in the tunnel when the players exit the court at halftime.
Scouts must be in uniform.
Details provided at registration.

Flag Ceremony
The opening ceremony will be provided by a Scout Unit selected by random drawing.
Units that purchase their tickets by January 30th, 2019 are eligible.

Ticket Prices
$7/person. Each Scout can purchase up to 4 tickets.
Order Tickets from:
The Great Southwest Council by January 30th, 2019

Purchase your tickets today! Click HERE.

Advancement Note from Mike Cox:

Troop leaders, check out these NOTES about Eagle Board of Review representatives from Council Advancement Chairman Mike Cox.
DEA's Operation Prevention Launches new Teen Video Challenge

The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), the DEA Educational Foundation, and Discovery Education announce the launch of the third annual Operation Prevention Video Challenge - a peer-to-peer platform for communicating messages about the dangers of opioid misuse.

Part of DEA's Operation Prevention program, the video challenge encourages teens to create a 30-60 second original public service announcement that alerts other students about the dangers of prescription opioid misuse and heroin use. Overall, the challenge aims to inspire teens to research the opioid epidemic, identify its widespread impact on the country and the substances’ harmful effects on the body, and start a social movement that encourages authentic dialogue about this critical issue. The top 10 finalist videos will be uploaded to operationprevention.com for a public vote to determine the People's Choice winner. Winning PSAs will be featured on-air, and across Discovery Education and DEA digital and social media platforms.

Prizes for winning submissions, include:

- 1st place: $10,000;
- 2nd place: $5,000;
- 3rd place: $1,000; and
- People's Choice: A VIP trip to Quantico, Virginia, for a tour of the DEA Training Academy - Do you have what it takes to be a Junior Special Agent for the day?

The Operation Prevention Video Challenge is now open and will close on March 6, 2019. Public voting for the People's Choice winner will take place April 11-25, 2019. United States high school students, ages 13 and older, can register and find more information about the challenge here.

SERVICE HOURS REPORTING

As your unit completes the recharter process, please take the time to complete the Journey to Excellence scorecard. You can submit this form with your recharter to the Scout Office. One of the Journey to Excellence measures is to complete service projects and report the service hours. This can be done online. Click HERE for instructions.
There's still time to sign up for the 24th World Scout Jamboree. Don't let this amazing event pass you up! For more information about applying to attend this event, along with scholarships and frequently asked questions, please click HERE.

Firewood Sale

It's our absolute pleasure to announce that Gorham Scout Ranch is able to start selling firewood to help fund camp maintenance, and improvement projects starting immediately!

The BLM has conducted thinning operations in the back-canyon Adirondack area. This has resulted in thousands of available cords of firewood. This work was commenced in late June and ended the middle of July.

Firewood is available in limited quantities as time and available permits allow. Pricing is as follows:

- As is, where is - $75.00 per cord. (This means you may have to drag it down the mountain a bit to your vehicle.)
- Cut to length (16 to 18 inches) - $125 per cord
- Cut to length and split - $175 per cord

Chainsaw use is limited to those knowledgeable in the proper and SAFE use of a chainsaw with experience. This knowledge must be demonstrated before use can commence. All required safety equipment must be in place and used. This includes but is not limited to: long pants and long sleeved shirt, gloves, safety glasses and/or face shield, helmet/hard hat, ear protection, boots, chainsaw safe chaps with no cuts or abrasions to them, operating chain brake, etc.

Payment is at the time of pickup. Payment can be made in the form of CASH ONLY at this time.

Please text Andy Mumma, Camp Ranger, at 505-900-5795 or email...
Please text Andy Mumma, Camp Ranger, at 505-900-5795 or email at amumma26@gmail.com to reserve a time to pick up firewood.

Please take this opportunity to support your camp and keep yourself warm this winter.

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AmazonSmile: Shop Amazon and Support Scouting

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Every item available for purchase on www.amazon.com is also available on AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

The Great Southwest Council is a charitable organization that is available for you to support by making purchases on AmazonSmile. For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to http://smile.amazon.com/about.

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Volunteers needed!

The Great Southwest Council is looking for assistance with the service center:

- Copier Repair
- Computer Server Maintenance
- Overall Computer Service
- Door Installation
- Landscaping/Clean Up
- Concrete Repair

If you can lend a hand, please call Chris Shelby 505-503-3284.
Please Support Businesses in our Community that Support Scouting! To see more, click here.

Thank you for your service to the youth of our community!

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