IT'S RECHARTER TIME!

Have you received your unit's recharter packet? If not, please contact your District Executive today! Please note - all unit recharters are due to be completed by December 15, 2019.

All of the necessary instructions can be found in the recharter packet. If you need assistance, contact your Unit Commissioner, District Commissioner, or District Executive.

Be sure that ALL of your registered adults have completed the current Youth Protection Training and the background check authorization forms.

Background Check Disclosure

Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization

For technical assistance, you may also contact Kathy at kathy.ferdig@scouting.org.

2020 NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP FEE CHANGES

National Registration Fee Increase

The National Service Center announced the following registration fee changes effective January 1, 2020.

- Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA and Venturing youth increases from $33 to $60
- Explorer youth increases from $33 to $36
- Adult increases from $33 to $36
- Annual unit charter fee increases from $40 to $60

Every dollar of the national membership fee will go toward the cost of essential services, including liability insurance for those participating in approved Scouting activities, program resources, safety standards, youth protection and personal safety training, and services to councils nationwide to sustain Scouting. The National organization will also continue to develop and improve resources that support our volunteers and youth members such as online registration, Member Care and Scoutbook, which now includes the Den Leader experience to ensure the safe and consistent delivery of Cub Scouting; as well as improvements aimed at simplifying the annual renewal process.

Please know, National Council volunteers and staff have worked diligently in looking at every viable option to keep the fee low while providing this necessary benefit to our participants. We are thankful for the leadership of Chief Scout Executive Mike Surbaugh and National President Jim Turley as well as the many others who tackled this challenge.
As a Key Three, we are concerned with any increase in fees as it directly affects our families. Our leadership team believes finances should not be a barrier to joining Scouting. With that in mind, we share these measures to help.

1. Camperships are available to help Scouts attend Gorham Scout Ranch or one of the five day camps here in our Council. We encourage you to take advantage of this assistance by clicking this link.
2. Financial assistance is available for registration fees. Please contact your District Executive for further information.
3. The Council Partnership for Scouting program offers up to $150 in discounts and rebates to families and a 5% bonus commission on the take order portion of the popcorn sale. Further information may be found here.
4. A limited supply of "experienced" uniforms is available to our Scouting families on a first come/first serve basis. Give us a call or stop by the office anytime to inquire about availability. Please consider donating a gently used uniform for a Scout in need.
5. The unit budget plan is a helpful tool designed to assist packs and troops to identify annual expenses and secure funding to offset those costs. Our dedicated team of staff and volunteers is willing to meet with any unit committee and train you on the process. Popcorn and beef jerky sales are two fundraisers offered by the Council to assist your unit's fundraising needs.

Our most valuable asset is our team of volunteers and staff who support our Scouts. While no one likes to pay more fees, please keep in mind we are all protected because of the liability insurance provided by the Boy Scouts of America.

Finally, your Council and district key leaders are here to help you. We encourage you to reach out to us for assistance. Scouting is a family: pack, troop, crew, district, Council, region, and national. We are Scouting and we are here for you.

**BACKGROUND CHECKS**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED**

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is committed first and foremost to keeping youth safe. Part of that commitment includes continually updating our youth protection policies to help ensure we are always on the forefront of youth safety.

As you know, one of the BSA's many barriers to abuse is a mandatory criminal background check during the adult volunteer application process. The BSA will now also perform periodic rechecks of criminal backgrounds to support the continued safety of youth in our programs.

Please complete the process listed below at your earliest availability to help us continue to provide the safest environment possible for our Scouts and leaders. Please note that these steps must be completed before your 2020 annual registration can be processed.

1. Review the separate disclosure document linked below that is being provided to you separately for your review. It is titled "Background Check Disclosure."
2. Once you have reviewed that, print the separate document titled "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization." Review the additional disclosures on that form, then complete and sign the Authorization using an ink/wet signature. Note: A print signature is required for this document. Electronic signatures will not be accepted.
3. Turn in the signed "Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization" form promptly to your unit leader or local council service center.

If you choose to decline the background check, or if you do not complete the Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form and return it to your unit leader or local council service center, your 2020 annual registration will not be processed.

We are truly grateful for your continued commitment to keeping youth safe and for helping them learn, grow, and thrive through Scouting programs.

Background Check Disclosure

Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization

**REMINDER - Insurance Recovery Fee to increase to $25**

In 2017 the Great Southwest Council’s Executive Board instituted an insurance recovery fee of $7.00 per person payable at recharter. This fee was calculated by taking the Council’s total rechartered membership and dividing it into the cost of insurance.

Please keep in mind that these steps must be completed before your 2020 annual registration can be processed.
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](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](http://my.scouting.org)
- log in to your account
- click the "menu" in the upper left corner
- click the ">" next to your unit's information
- click member manager
- below "Roster Details" click one of the options
- click the rectangle icon with a fleur-de-lis below the words "Roster by Person"

Since then, due to National BSA claims experience, the cost of our general liability insurance has increased. As a result, we were required to recalculate our insurance fee and raised it from $7.00 to $10.00 in 2018.

The Council expects to lose a substantial portion of its membership when the LDS Church concludes its official role in Scouting at the end of 2019. With that in mind, the insurance recovery fee will increase to $25.00 per person, effective at the upcoming charter renewal due December 31, 2019.

Remember, however, that units who qualify as Partnership units this year will receive back the $25 per person fee in January 2020 as recognition for supporting the Council through Friends of Scouting and popcorn sales.

To summarize: This fall, the insurance fee will increase from $10.00 to $25.00. All units are required to pay the insurance fee at recharter and Partnership units will receive a credit for this fee to their unit account in January.

Thank you for your understanding and commitment to Scouting.
TRAINING DAY

Scout leaders! Do you recommend your Scouts get training when it's needed? Great! Are you trained for your position?

We will offer Cub Leader Specific training at 9am Saturday, Nov. 9, at the Council office. The course is free; please register HERE to ensure the trainers have enough materials.

All leaders have the opportunity to be trained at 9am on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Seven Bar LDS Church, 4500 Seven Bar Loop Road NW, Albuquerque, 87114. We will offer training for Cub Leaders, Scoutmasters, Unit Committee Members, and Chartered Organization Representatives. As above, the course is free; please register HERE to ensure the trainers have enough materials.
Featured items in 2019's The Gift of Scouting Auction

Royal Caribbean Cruise - Bahamas or Caribbean
Enjoy an ocean view stateroom for two for a 4 or 5 night cruise to the Bahamas or the Caribbean, available year-round!

The Links at Spanish Bay, Pebble Beach
Enjoy a round of golf for two including cart rental, at this course with some of the most spectacular seaside views in Pebble Beach. This exciting experience also includes 3 nights at the Hyatt Regency Monterey.
Northern Tanzania Safari 6-night Adventure to Arusha, Tarangire, Central Serengeti and Ngorongoro Crater for Two.

14 karat gold Floating Pearl necklace, generously donated by Ben Bridge Jewelers, Cottonwood Mall.

ATV Adventure at Gorham Scout Ranch

SILVER BEAVER AWARDS CELEBRATION and COUNCIL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING on SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2020

The Silver Beaver Award is a Council-level award presented to volunteers with distinguished service to Scouting and youth in their communities. Recipients of this award will be honored and recognized at a ceremony held on Saturday, January 25, 2020, 11:30am at the Central United Methodist Church in Albuquerque, Click HERE to register for this event.

The Great Southwest Council will also conduct its Annual Business Meeting at this event on January 25. Make plans now to attend this wonderful event to celebrate great volunteers and an excellent year of Scouting.
Eagle Scout Banquet & Scholarship Opportunity

Join us on February 28, 2020 @ 11:30am at the Albuquerque Sheraton Uptown as we honor our newest class of Eagle Scouts. The event is free for all 2019 Eagle Scouts.

Parents, Grandparents, Mentors, and Friends are encouraged to attend. Cost is $35.00 per ticket.

The Distinguished Citizen Award will be presented. Several Outstanding Eagle Scouts will be recognized at this event as well.

Parents - be sure to encourage your Eagle Scout to apply for our Anderson Eagle Scout Scholarship. Click HERE for the application. The deadline to submit is February 7, 2020.

For more information, please contact Caryl Sharpe caryl.sharpe@scouting.org. Online registration will open November 1, 2019.

National Eagle Scout Association Expansion Program

The Great Southwest Council (GSWC) National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) Committee is working at re-engaging adult Eagle Scouts while also keeping new Eagle Scouts engaged.

The committee is looking at getting business professionals and civic leaders, young and old, involved in supporting the Council's efforts with young men and women. This is the beginning of the process of creating a more comprehensive NESA organization that will support the Great Southwest Council Eagle Scouts.
comprehensive NESA organization that will support the Great Southwest Council and help it to continue to grow and prosper.

Some of the ways in which you can help is by being a merit badge counselor, a commissioner, or volunteering to serve on one of the many NESA Board positions.

There are two ways for Eagle Scouts who are interested in getting more information on this process: email local NESA at gswcnesa@gmail.com, or contact Skip Brown on his cell phone (505-239-9173).

Once you have left a message, you will be contacted to set up an initial meeting and get more detailed information forwarded to you.

Once an Eagle, always an Eagle.

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Youth Protection and texting with Scouts

Waiting on that Scout to email or call you back? You could be waiting a long time.

These days, three-fourths of teens have smartphones, and their favorite way to communicate is by texting, according to this research from 2015.

If you're a Scout leader, that isn't news to you.

But how does the Youth Protection rule prohibiting one-on-one contact apply to texting? That was the question on the mind of a Scouter who emailed me recently and asked to remain anonymous. The Scouter writes:

Emailing Scouts/Venturers and following Youth Protection guidelines of two-deep leadership and no one-on-one contact is easy. I simply copy their parents on the email and ask the Scout to reply all.

But most of my Scouts don't email. They want to text. How do you recommend I communicate with them by text? Some phones allow you to send group messages, while others don't. What are your thoughts?

First, let's review the official Youth Protection guideline on the matter:

Two-deep leadership and no one-on-one contact between adults and youth members includes digital communication. Leaders may not have one-on-one private online communications or engage one-on-one in other digital activities (games, social media, etc.) with youth members. Leaders should copy a parent and another leader in digital and online communication, ensuring no one-on-one contact exists in text, social media, or other forms of online or digital communication.

Next, let's hear from Michael V. Johnson, the BSA's Youth Protection director, who offers even more great insight:

Thank you for the question. Together with our Internet safety partner - the National Center for Missing and...
Thank you for the question. Together with our Internet safety partner - the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and NetSmartz - the Youth Protection Task Force is familiar with the trend of youth moving away from emails and towards text as a primary form of communication.

We want to thank you for your concern and commitment to following Scouting policies found in Scouting's Barriers to Abuse.

We suggest three things:

1. Hold a parents' meeting and discuss communications with Scouts. Many parents (beyond the policy violation) do not want one-on-one communications with their children. A unit's mutual agreement on Scout communication is important. It will demonstrate your Youth Protection concern and leadership on your part. Inform all of the policy and seek a reasonable, agreed-upon solution.

2. For planning and organization purposes, we do usually recommend a more-formal communication tool, rather than an unregulated third-party app. The Scoutbook web app, for instance, offers calendaring, planning and electronic two-deep leadership communication.

3. If you're having trouble with group messaging on your phone, check your provider's website or take your phone to your provider. The phone may have functionality you don't know about. You may be able to copy parents or other leaders - which is required for all digital communications.

from Bryan on Scouting June 2016

Great Southwest Council Offers American Red Cross Courses in 2019-2020

Once again, two essential American Red Cross courses are being offered exclusively to Scouting leaders in 2019-2020. 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: February 7-8, March 6-7, April 3-4 & May 1-2. Cost for this course is $75. CPR/AED/First Aid certification is a required pre-requisite in order to take this course. Only BSA members can take this course.
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CPR/AED/First Aid is a five-hour course that will be taught on: February 1, February 29, March 28, April 25, and May 16. Cost for this course is $40. Only BSA members can take this course.

Both courses are taught at the Scout office. You can register for them online at [www.gswcbsa.org](http://www.gswcbsa.org). Click on the Calendar tab, and then select the course date you want.

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**Gorham Scout Ranch Ranger Needed**

The Council is now seeking applicants for the Gorham Scout Ranch Ranger position opening. We want to get someone hired and moved out to camp as soon as possible.

Interested individuals, please read the position description [HERE](http://www.gswcbsa.org). Please send a cover letter and resume to Randy at [randy.saunders@scouting.org](mailto:randy.saunders@scouting.org). Qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview.
2020 RESERVATIONS

Scouts BSA Troops are invited to make reservations now for 2020 summer camp at Gorham Scout Ranch. Check out our website www.gorhamscoutranch.org for the latest information.

The 2020 Leader's Guide is now available, click HERE to download. There are four weeks of Scouts BSA summer camp in 2020. Make a reservation for your preferred week now!

Click HERE for the reservation form. Complete the form and send (or drop-off) $250 reservation fee to Scout office.

Camperships are available for Scouts attending summer camp at Gorham. To apply, click HERE for the form and instructions.

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Join the Gorham Scout Ranch Staff Today

Looking for a way to earn money next summer while having fun? Is one week of summer camp not enough? Let Gorham Scout Ranch be your home for the summer of 2020! A camp staff position at Gorham Scout Ranch is an experience that you will always remember.

Camp staff are expected to live by the Scout Oath and Law. All camp staff wear a uniform. Camp staff live in a canvas tent on a wooden platform that is equipped with electricity.

Below is an overview of the camp staff positions (and age requirements) available for summer of 2020.

Click HERE for the staff application.

Minimum Age 21 and Older:
Aquatics Director (National Camp School required), Shooting Sports Director (National Camp School required), COPE Director (National Camp School required), Climbing Director (National Camp School required), High Adventure Director, ATV Director, Trading Post Manager, Camp Medic, and Head Cook. These positions are all managers and are expected to serve as the leaders of the camp staff.

Minimum Age 18 and Older:
Commissioner, Scoutcraft Director, Archery Director, Nature Director, Trail to First Class Director, COPE Instructor, Climbing Instructor, Assistant Cook, Dining Hall Steward, and Camp Clerk. These positions are junior managers and are expected to serve as role models for the younger staff and Scout campers.

Minimum Age 15 and Older:
Merit Badge and Skills Instructor, Lifeguard (age 16+), Trading Post Staff, and Kitchen Staff (dishwasher). Youth staff members are expected to set an example to campers by living the Scout Oath and Law.
Staff-In-Training:
Staff In Training is an unpaid work experience designed for Scouts 14 years old that are interested in learning more about how to become a camp staff member. Staff-In-Training youth will be given the opportunity to experience different program areas, providing merit badge instruction, and other camp staff duties. These young people will wear the staff uniform, sleep in the staff area, and be expected to live by the Scout Oath and Law. Staff-In-Training program is a two-week experience.

Adult Volunteers
The camp is continually looking for adult volunteers who are willing to put their time and effort into making Gorham a truly spectacular summer program. Volunteers who have specialized skills or knowledge, and are willing to pass them on to a new generation of Scouts, instruct training programs for our adults or assist the camp ranger with improvement projects are always welcome.

Join Our Partnership for Scouting

Will your Pack, Troop or Crew Become a Partnership Unit in 2019?

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.

The benefits for becoming a Partnership unit are listed below. As you can see, the savings a Unit can receive are significant.

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<td>10% Day Camp Rebate</td>
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<td>Free Eagle/Summit Award Kit</td>
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<td>Pinewood Derby Cars</td>
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<td>Free JTE Patches for participants and adults</td>
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Total Potential Savings Per Scout $161.50

Plus -
10% off camping gear purchased at the Scout Shop
5% Bonus Commission on popcorn Take Order sale.

Will your Pack, Troop or Crew qualify as a Partnership Unit in 2019, and reap the benefits in 2020? To qualify your unit must raise a goal equal to $150 x number of scouts (registered on January 1, 2019), 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. The 2020 Partnership goal amount will increase to $175 x number of Scouts.

One perk of being a Partnership unit is the insurance recovery fee rebate. The insurance recovery fee, $25 per person due at recharter, is completely rebated to Partnership units. This is a huge savings for your...
The chart below indicates the actual benefits distributed to partnership units in 2019 to date.

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<td>Free Pinewood Derby Cars to Packs</td>
<td>Pending - cars to be distributed in Dec/Jan</td>
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<td>Free Eagle Kits to Troops; Summit Kits to Crews</td>
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<td>Free Rank Advancement &amp; Recognition - cards and cloth patches</td>
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Click [HERE](#) for the current Partnership for Scouting status by units. This update includes number of youth Rechartered, Friends of Scouting donations, jerky sales amounts, and camp attendance.

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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**2020 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 2020 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!

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**Join the Gondola Patrol in 2020**

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. If you would like to join the Gondola Patrol, please contact Jessica at Jessica.parsons@scouting.org.
Is your unit interested in earning money for Camp?
Does your unit need a spring fundraiser?

The Council is hosting a spring fundraiser of Jack Link's kits.

Each kit contains:
- 1 x 1.25 oz. Original Beef Jerky
- 1 x 1 oz. Original Tender Bites
- 1 x 1 oz. Teriyaki Tender Bites
- 2 x 0.5 oz. Original 100% Beef Sticks

Pricing and timeline to be communicated early November.

2021 National Scout Jamboree
@ Summit Bechtel Reserve

Scouting’s flagship event is one-of-a-kind. It’s a gathering of approximately 40,000 Scouts, leaders, and staff that showcases everything that is great about the BSA and its members. Held every four years, the Jamboree is an amazing opportunity for participants, volunteers, and visitors to experience the best of Scouting, all in one place. Features include; one of the longest zip line courses in North America, a world-class skate park, ATV offerings, treetop canopy tours, rock climbing, patch trading, stadium shows, and much more!

HISTORY
The first Boy Scouts of America national jamboree was scheduled to be held in Washington, D.C., in 1935 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Scouting in America. Unfortunately, the jamboree was canceled because of a polio outbreak in Washington. When the first jamboree was finally held in 1937, Dan Beard lit the opening campfire using flint and steel. Scouts from all 48 states brought the wood that was used in the campfire. There were 27,232 Scouts
all 48 states brought the wood that was used in the campfire. There were 27,232 Scouts camped on the National Mall under the Washington Monument. Since that time, an additional 18 national jamborees have been held, the last in 2017.

DETAILS
Every four years, the Great Southwest Council puts together a Jamboree Contingent consisting of 1 to 2 troops, comprised each of 36 youth and 4 adult leaders. Besides the Jamboree experience itself, there are many costs that are incurred in preparation for the event. These costs include (but may not be limited to):

- Airfare to and from the east coast
- Luggage fees
- Jamboree training, meetings, and other events
- Jamboree gear, including all troop/crew specific gear (flags, unit numerals, water bottles, hats, shirts, backpack, duffle bag, patches)
- Jamboree event fee
- Dedicated Scouting professional and support staff to facilitate and assist in a successful Jamboree experience
- Bus transportation to and from Jamboree with dedicated bus drivers

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS
The Jamboree is open to all who are qualified on a first-come, first-served basis. Qualifications to attend the National Jamboree include:

- Registered member of a Scout Troop, who has completed the 6th grade, or will be at least 12 years old (but who has not yet reached their 18th birthday by 8/1/2021) and a first class Scout by July 1, 2021. --OR--
- Registered member of a Venture Crew.
- Must live and abide by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Must abide by the Jamboree Code of Conduct.

At the time of registration, Scouts will be placed in a Jamboree troop/crew that is closest to where you live, unless that troop/crew is full. If that troop/crew is full the Scout will be placed in the closest available troop/crew. Each Scout will be a member of a patrol within their unit. Every contingent member will be required to participate in and have the following:

- Monthly troop or crew meetings
- A completed National Jamboree Medical form signed by a licensed physician
- Attend the all-contingent gathering
- Attend an overnight training encampment
- Have all fees paid no later than April 15, 2021

ADULT LEADERSHIP
Adult Leadership has not been selected for the Great Southwest Council contingent. If interested please email Chris Shelby at chris.shelby@scouting.org

PRICING AND REGISTRATION
2021 Jamboree fee is $2400. Jamboree fees include everything listed above. Other out-of-pocket expenses may include (but are not limited to) additional uniforms, patches, and spending money.

A non-refundable reservation fee of $250 must accompany the initial registration. Once you click on the registration button, you will be prompted to "choose participant type". Once you begin your registration process, you will also be prompted to indicate which type of unit you would prefer to be in: Male Troop, Female Troop, or Venture Crew.

We highly suggest that regular payments be made, perhaps $100 per month or even quarterly payments. Full payment must be received no later than April 15, 2021 in order for the participant to attend. The following is the payment schedule for the 2021 National
The participant to attend. The following is the payment schedule for the 2021 National Jamboree (although more may be paid in advance):

**Payment Schedule:**

- $250 non-refundable per youth at time of registration
- $800 non-refundable by 3/01/2020
- $1,200 non-refundable by 07/01/2020
- $1,800 non-refundable by 12/01/2020
- $2,400 non-refundable by 03/01/2021

If for some reason a participant is unable to attend, a refund may be considered minus the non-refundable amount. If for some reason a participant is unable to attend and is able to fill his/her spot with another eligible participant, a full refund minus the initial $250 deposit will be approved.

**Mark your calendars today!!!**

The Great Southwest Council is pleased to announce that Sid Scheer has accepted the role of National Jamboree Chairman/Coordinator for the 2021 contingent. Sid is an Eagle Scout from Troop 166, and a member of the Executive Board.

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**LDS Scout Unit Transition Update**

In May 2018, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (hereafter referred to as "LDS Church") announced they would be concluding their relationship as a chartering organization with the Boy Scouts of America, effective December 31st, 2019. With that date almost upon us, we’d like to suggest several actions for LDS Church-sponsored units to consider as their membership with BSA ends in two months.

- First, some units have accounts with the Scout Shop. A reminder that any such accounts should be reduced to a zero balance, and the account closed.
If you're unsure if your unit has an account, or a balance in the account, please contact Jessica Parsons at the Scout Office, 505-503-2392, or jessica.parsons@scouting.org. Any funds remaining in these accounts after March 1st, 2020, will be transferred to the Council’s Opportunity Fund, which exists to help Scouters in need of assistance for such things as registration fees, camping fees, uniforms, or handbooks.

- With details of the new LDS Church's youth program released in September, units are developing ideas for implementing it. While there may be components of the Scouting program that units will incorporate into their new youth program, there will probably be many items that are no longer needed. Please consider donating the following items to the Scouting movement:
  - Uniform items (shirts, pants, belts, socks, jackets, etc)
  - Rank advancement or other program-related patches (e.g., merit badges, patrol patches, rank pins, etc)
  - Equipment items (camping gear, cooking gear, etc)
  - Program items (ex: Pinewood Derby cars and/or tracks, Rain gutter Regatta items, etc.)
  - Program materials (youth and adult handbooks, training materials, blank merit badge blue cards, etc)

Donation of these materials can be arranged by contacting your District Executive, or by calling the Scout Office at 505-345-8603.

The Great Southwest Council has enjoyed a long and productive relationship with the LDS Church, its units and members. If there is anything the Council can do to help make the transition a smooth one, please feel free to reach out to the Council Office and the staff at 505-345-8603.

For those that might wish to continue their affiliation with Scouting, or are undecided about how Scouting might be incorporated into the new LDS Church youth initiative, the attached Scouting & Children Youth Initiative Updated.pdf file was developed by the San Diego-Imperial Council. It shows how Scouting can support the four areas of the Church's youth initiative (Spiritual, Social, Physical, and Intellectual). There are separate pages for each BSA program (Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Exploring). Questions about forming a new Scouting unit, or finding an existing unit that may meet your family's needs can be addressed to your District Executive, or by calling the Council Office, (505) 345-8603.

Internet Advancement

In May 2019, National changed the Internet Advancement to the new Internet Advancement 2.0. When they did this, the Key 3 members of the unit (Chartered Org Rep, Committee Chair and Scoutmaster/Cubmaster/Crew Advisor/Ship Skipper) are the only individuals with access to Internet
Advisor/Ship Skipper) are the only individuals with access to Internet Advancement.

A Key 3 member can, however, appoint another registered individual to become the Unit Advancement Chair. They can accomplish this by going into their my.scouting.org account, going to the unit's drop down menu and selecting Organization Security Manager. Once in the Organization Security Manager, they will see the Key 3 listed on the left and the various positions they can designate on the right. They will select the position they would like to designate, then select the "+" button and add the name of the individual who will be serving as the Advancement Chair. This will then allow that person to have permissions to access the unit advancement records.

It takes about 24 hours to update for the individual to receive access. The new advancement chair will then log into their my.scouting.org account and go to Legacy Tools.

In Legacy Tools is the link for the Internet Advancement 2.0.

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