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OCTOBER

GREAT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL
MEETINGS & EVENTS SCHEDULE

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October 10  Executive Committee
October 16  Council Camping Committee
Council Membership Committee

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.

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

2020 MEMBERSHIP FEE CHANGES
FAQ: 2020 Membership Fee Changes

Who is guiding the process regarding membership fee changes?
A vision team of volunteers and staff from across the country is identifying viable options and considering the best way forward as we evaluate the growing cost of delivering the Scouting program.

What do you expect the new fee to be in 2020?
We do not know the amount of the expected increase at this time since this requires National Executive Committee input and approval.

Why is this happening now?
The expected membership fee increase is the direct result of a significant increase in the cost of liability insurance we must carry to cover all official Scouting activities.

How will this impact the current rechartering process?
The online rechartering process will officially open as planned on October 1, 2019 for our December rechartering. The process will go forth as usual with the exception of the "calculate fees" portion, which won't be functional until November 1st.

What should units do if they have already collected 2020 membership fees?
Unfortunately, units will need to collect the additional funds from families once the new amount is known.

When will the organization make a decision about the 2020 membership fee increase?
We commit to providing the new registration fee no later than October 23, 2019.
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
- below “Roster Details” click one of the options
- click the rectangle icon with a fleur-de-lis below the words “Roster by Person”

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.

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.

Join Our Partnership for Scouting

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
GREAT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL
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.

**Partnership Benefits**

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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.

**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 Pack, Troop or Crew.**

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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**What is JOTA?**

JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur (ham) radio.
Invite your Friends to Join Scouting

As we move into October, it's time to continue growing our Packs, Troops and Crews. While many families joined Cub Scouting recently, there are still those that are waiting for an invitation.

How can your Pack, Troop or Crew help these families join Scouting?

- Host a Join Night, or invite families to your next Pack Meeting or Open House. The Council can produce flyers to be distributed at school or other community locations. There are also stickers, posters and yard signs.
- Check your "Be-a-Scout" pin and make sure the information is correct.
- Encourage your new parents and leaders to complete training, most of which is available online.

Coordinate with your District Executive to order materials needed for promotion.

- Rio Grande (west ABQ, Rio Rancho, Valencia & Socorro Counties, Grants & Gallup) - Mary Mazza-Andersen: mary.mazza-andersen@scouting.org
- Sandia (east ABQ, East Mountains) - Ethan Crisp: ethan.crisp@scouting.org
- Sangre de Cristo (Santa Fe, Los Alamos & northeastern NM) - Randy Saunders: randy.saunders@scouting.org
- San Juan Mountains (San Juan County, NM and southwestern Colorado) - Randy Saunders: randy.saunders@scouting.org
Visit the popcorn page on our website for all the information needed for the 2019 Trails End Popcorn Sale.

**Product Return:**
The last day to return Storefront product is October 14. Product can be returned to the Council office. Please do not wait until October 14. We can get excess product you are holding out to other units for sales. We will apply full credit to your invoice for all product returned in good condition. Contact Dawn Kristensen if you have product to return. Remember, returns do not have to be by the case, we will take individual bags/boxes.

- Salted Caramel and Jalapeno Cheddar: We currently have a few cases at council. This will be distributed on a "first-come-first-serve" basis. If you have product you'd like to return, please bring it by council.

**Take Order Sales Order Due:**
The Take Order sales order for your unit must be submitted on the Trails End website by October 20.

**Take Order Product Distribution:**
November 1 & 2.

Be sure to review the weekly Kernal's Bulletin for updates and details about upcoming deadlines and instructions concerning the popcorn sale. If you are not receiving the Kernal's Bulletin and would like to, contact Dawn at dawn.kristensen@scouting.org.

**Sales Growth and Bonus Commission**
Keep the following commissions in mind as you continue with your unit's campaign efforts. It may be worth holding a few more Storefront sales to reach these goals. (Dawn can provide your total sales number for 2018 if needed.)

**Unit Sales Growth over 2018 (+4%)**
- If 2018 sales exceeded $10,000, increase by 10%
- If 2018 sales between $2,400 - $10,000, increase by 20%
- If 2018 sales were between $30 - $2,400, increase by 30%, with a minimum total sale of $2,400 for 2019

**Bonus Commissions (+2% OR + 3%)**
- Units with total sales exceeding $20,000 receive an additional 2% commission on total sales.
- Units with total sales exceeding $25,000 receive an additional commission of 3% on total sales.

**Take Order Form**
Click [here](#) for the 2019 GSWC Take Order Form. This link is also posted on the Popcorn Tab on the Council homepage.
Silver Beaver Nominations  
DUE October 4

The Silver Beaver Award is a Council-level award presented to volunteers with distinguished service. Nominations are due to the Council office by October 4, 2019.

Click [HERE](#) for the Nomination form (Nominations must be made using this form), and [HERE](#) for the Writing Guide (a tool helpful for putting together a nomination deserving of the candidate).

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: November 1-2, 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.

CPR/AED/First Aid is a five-hour course that will be taught on: October 26, 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.
Did you know that 1.618 is considered "The Golden Ratio" in the Science world?

Well, these kids are learning this and so much more. STEM Lab 1.618 - named for that scientific term is a unit dedicated solely to teaching STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) to youth in the Casa Feliz facility.

The Greater Albuquerque Housing Partnership is the chartered partner to this unique Scouting unit. Through a pilot project of Scouts, BSA- students have access to a variety of program modules covering topics such as electronics, chemistry, robotics and more.
Meetings start with the Pledge of Allegiance in both English and Spanish, as well as the Scout Law and Oath. The STEM modules promote critical thinking, curiosity, leadership skills, and build confidence - all while having fun and learning.

The Council hopes to expand these opportunities to more underserved schools and facilities through donations and grants.

Find out how you can be a partner in this project and shape the future of tomorrow’s leaders. Contact Caryl at the Great Southwest Council office: caryl.sharpe@scouting.org

Gorham Scout Ranch Ranger Needed

After over a decade of volunteer and professional service to our Council camp, Andy Mumma is leaving the position of Ranger and moving away from the area. Andy and Sandi will be missed, as well as their dedication to Gorham Scout Ranch, its campers, and the Scouting movement. Please join us in sending best wishes to Andy and Sandi as they begin the next chapter in their life.

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. Please send a cover letter and resume to Randy at randy.saunders@scouting.org. Qualified candidates will be contacted for an interview.

Merit Badge Adventure Camp Weekends @ Gorham Scout Ranch

Merit Badge Adventure Camping weekends at Gorham Scout Ranch Scout camp on Feltman's Island, New Hampshire.
Merit Badge Adventure Camp is a weekend program at Gorham Scout Ranch. Scouts arrive on Friday evening (or before 8:00am on Saturday), take a merit badge class or adventure activity all day Saturday, and go home on Sunday morning (or Saturday night). Meals are provided in the Lodge prepared by the camp's kitchen crew. Troops sleep in canvas tents at our campsites. These amenities are time savers for Troops looking to maximize merit badge coursework or activity time. Scouts are welcome to attend with their Troop or individually (individual Scouts will camp with another Troop or in our provisional site with at least two adults for supervision).

**Schedule (Merit Badges are taught on Saturday - one merit badge per Scout):**

- Oct. 11-13: Astronomy, Space Exploration, Emergency Preparedness, First Aid, Climbing & ATV
- Oct. 18-20: Archery, Rifle, Shotgun, First Aid, Environmental Science, & ATV

For more information, click **HERE**.

To register, visit our Tentaroo camp reservation site.

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**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](http://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 form and send (or drop-off) $250 reservation fee to Scout office.

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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 and 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 set the 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.

7th Annual Gift of Scouting Online Auction
November 29 through December 14, 2019

The 7th Annual Gift of Scouting Online Auction for the Great Southwest Council is upon us! It's fun. It's a great source for unique gifts for the holidays. And, it's a great way to support local Scouting.

We are gathering items for the auction now. Please consider donating an item. Please consider collecting an item for the auction from your employer. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Contact Jessica Parsons (505) 503-2392 or jessica.parsons@scouting.org with a description of the item you would like to donate by November 15. If needed, we can arrange pickup of your item. You will also receive a letter documenting your tax deductible donation. Thank you for your generosity.
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 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.

Having a hard time getting all those patches on to your Scout's uniform? Do you have a pair of uniform pants that are just a tad bit too long? Bring your items by the High Desert Scout Shop where their professionals will help those of you who didn't earn that "sewing" merit badge.

For more information contact them at 505-345-3256

Sewing Services:
- $3 per patch
- $4 for express
- $10 for hemming
Grand Canyon Council

POWDER HORN 2019
at Lake Pleasant Regional Park

October 11, 12th & 13th
“Columbus Day Weekend”

Grand Canyon Council is proud to present Powder Horn 2019. This course is designed to help your troop, crew, ship or post by exposing older scouts and adult leaders with safely conducted outdoor/high-adventure activities of a fun and challenging nature.

The course provides first hand experiences, introduction, and the resources needed to successfully lead youth through a program of outdoor adventure. Course presenters are expert consultants, from inside and outside of Scouting, in each outdoor high adventure activity.

This will be an action packed weekend, come rested...

Check-in is Friday, October 11th at 6:30am
Check-out is Sunday, October 13th at 3pm.

Location:
Lake Pleasant Regional Park - 41835 N. Castle Hot Springs Rd, Morristown, AZ 85342
(Camping available for Thursday night arrival)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Adult volunteers & youth who are 14 or older looking for new high adventure experiences, connections & creative ideas to bring home to your troop, ship, crew or post.

Experience Hands-On Activities Such As:
- Horseback Riding, Sailing
- Canoeing, Kayaking
- Fishing, Paddle Boarding
- Backpacking, Rock Climbing & Repelling
- Robotics, Welding
- Astronomy, Dutch Oven Cooking, Shooting, Archery, Mountain Biking & More

Get information on
- COPE, Caving Exploring
- White Water Rafting, Hunting
- Ecology, Search & Rescue
- Quad Riding, Plants & Wildlife, Conservation Projects, Etc.

“Challenge by Choice”

$195 per person, includes all activities, meals, etc.
The Catholic Committee on Scouting for Archdiocese of Santa Fe (CCOS) is pleased to announce the Annual Retreat for Scouting.

Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Venturers and their parents will spend the day learning about their Catholic faith and mission tailored for their respective Scouting program with song and prayer.

This year CCOS is offering a session for the retreat in Albuquerque. The Albuquerque session will be held on October 12, 2019 at Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church starting at 8:30 AM.

For more information and to register, visit our website at http://catholicscoutsnm.org/retreats.html or contact Bridget O'Rourke at 505-504-6492 or via email at bco67@yahoo.com.

2020 St. George Trek @ Philmont

The St. George Trek is a high adventure Catholic leadership program for older Catholic Scouts BSA and Venture Crew members at Philmont Scout Ranch. Male and female members are eligible. The dates of the next Trek are July 9 through July 23, 2020. Information, requirements, and application process for the Trek are available at https://www.nccs-bsa.org/index.php/st-george-trek

Scouts must apply for the Trek through their diocese. Scouts in the Archdiocese of Santa Fe should contact Matthew Unsworth at msunsworth@gmail.com or Gerry Quinlan at gerryq68@comcast.net.

Scouts from other dioceses should contact Gerry Quinlan. Scholarships are available through the dioceses and the National Catholic Committee on Scouting. The application process is already underway and will be completed in the fall of 2019.
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 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:
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.
- 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 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.

SAVE the DATE
Eagle Scout Banquet
honoring the Class of 2019 Eagle Scouts
Friday, February 28, 2020
11:30am at the Sheraton Uptown, Albuquerque
More information coming soon.

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...
This is the beginning of the process of creating a more 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 to contact the local NESA

Email: gswcnesa@gmail.com. You can also 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.

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.

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