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MARCH

**GREAT SOUTHWEST
COUNCIL
MEETINGS & EVENTS
SCHEDULE**

- March 1-3 **Order of the Arrow
Spring Fellowship**
- March 6 **Council Key Three**
- March 7 **Executive
Committee
Meeting**
- March 9 **Wood
Badge
Association
Breakfast**
- March 20 **Council Camping
Committee Meeting**

**Council Membership
Committee Meeting**
- March 23 **Tri-Council
Commissioner College**
- March 25 **Council Training
Committee**
- March 28 **Executive Board
Meeting**
- March 30 **CPR/AED/First Aid**

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

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



The Great Southwest Council would like to extend a huge congratulations to Alison Schuler, recipient of the 2019 Silver Buffalo Award.

Alison is a former President of the Great Southwest Council, and is currently a member of the Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board.

Come to Cub Scout Day Camp in 2019!

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

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 while shopping. Don't have a Smith's card? No problem! You can register a digital rewards card when you enroll at their website by clicking [HERE](#).

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. Starting January 2019 Scoutbook is free to all units.



<u>AREA</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Farmington	June 4-6	Taylor Park
Los Alamos	June 5 -7	Los Alamos Sportsmans Club
Albuquerque Metro	June 5-7	Elks Refuge, Tijeras
Albuquerque Metro	June 12-14	Cibola High School
Durango	June 12-14	Old Fort Lewis College
Albuquerque Metro	June 19-21	Cibola High School

Please review the [Day Camp Guide](#) and share this information with parents and leaders in your Den and Pack

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
- below "Roster Details" click one of the options
- click the rectangle icon with a fleur-de-lis below the words "Roster by Person"



Interested in a sneak peek at the 2019 Popcorn Program?

Trails End will be hosting a dinner in early April to show off their exciting program changes.

Just to name a couple of the biggies:

- New app functionality with portals for the Scout and Unit Leader
 - When using the app, no credit card fees!!!
 - Free Square readers for top selling units
 - Amazon gift card program

Look for your e-mail invite. Or you can email [Dawn Kristensen](mailto:Dawn.Kristensen) to reserve a slot for your unit.



Check Out What's Happening at Gorham Scout Ranch in 2019!

Visit www.gorhamscoutranch.org

**There is Still Time to Register for Summer Camp @ Gorham Scout Ranch
Openings are available for Troops for Weeks 1, 2, 4 & 5
REGISTER TODAY!!!**

**Girl Troops are invited and welcome to attend summer camp
@ Gorham Scout Ranch in 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 Bananathon 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.

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.

Adult (age 21+) positions open for ATV, Aquatics, Climbing & COPE - National Camp School Certification is a perk that comes with these positions.

For more information and the application, click [HERE](#).



Gorham Scout Ranch has Cub & Webelos Scout Camps, too!

Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts have an excellent opportunity to camp at the Great Southwest Council's premier location, Gorham Scout Ranch.

Cub Scout Family Camp: Memorial Day Weekend & Labor Day Weekend... Kick-off or close-out an exciting summer with a family camping weekend. There are lots of activities, the facilities are excellent, and the whole family has fun.

Webelos Week in the Woods: July 15-19... This resident camping experience is designed to give Webelos Scouts a taste of what summer camp is like for a Troop. Lots of fun adventures, advancement activities and more. Perfect event for a Webelos Den.

Please take a look at our [LEADERS GUIDE](#) for more information.



2019 Friends of Scouting Campaign - Scout Me In!

"Scout Me In!" Now that girls are joining Scouts BSA troops, the impact that Scouting will have on our communities will become greater. Girls are now learning the Scout Oath and Law, and committing to live these words.

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, 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!

*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.

<u>Partnership Benefits</u>	<u>Savings per Person</u>
• Free Cloth & Card Rank Advancement	\$3.00
• 10% Resident Camp Rebate	\$32.00
• 10% Day Camp Rebate	\$8.00
• Free Eagle Kit	\$25.00
• 10% NYLT/Brownsea Rebate	\$32.00
• Insurance Rebate	\$25.00
• 10% Wood Badge Training Rebate	\$30.00
• Pinewood Derby Cars	\$4.50 each
• <u>Free JTE Patches for Scouts and adults</u>	<u>\$2.00 each</u>

Total Potential Savings Per Scout \$161.50

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 2019? 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.

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.



TRI-COUNCIL COMMISSIONER COLLEGE

Saturday, March 23rd in Ruidoso

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register online.

Wilderness First Aid & CPR/AED/First Aid Courses



Great Southwest Council Offers American Red Cross Courses in 2019

Once again, two essential American Red Cross courses are being offered exclusively to Scouting leaders in 2019. 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: 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: 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.



Wood Badge 2019

September 22-27, 2019

Philmont Scout Ranch

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to reserve your spot in this special course today!

GREAT SOUTHWEST
COUNCIL
WOOD BADGE
ASSOCIATION BREAKFAST
MEETING
AND CRITTER REUNION



When: March 9, 2019

Time: 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Where: The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

4500 7 Bar Loop Rd. NW Albuquerque, NM 87114

Cost: \$7.50 per person

Business Meeting, Annual Elections & Breakfast

Come and get re-acquainted with all of the other critters!

Click [HERE](#) to Register



BROWNSEA

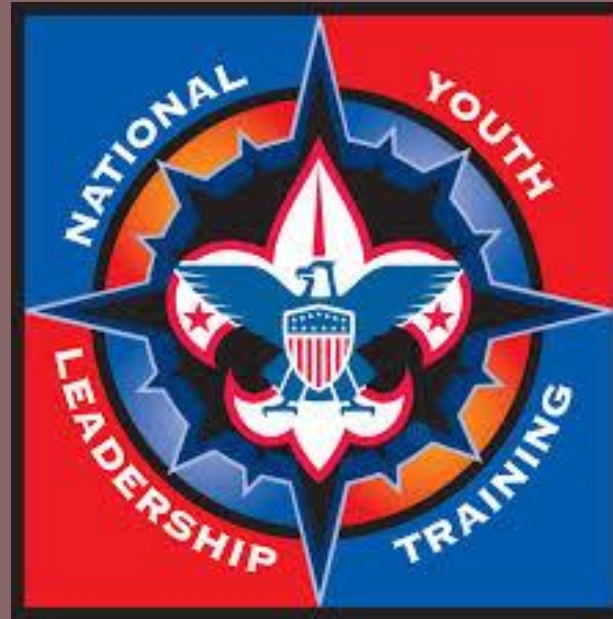
Attention Scouts ages 11 to 17 - are you looking for an adventure this summer? Are you looking to have a great week learning Scout skills, following in the footsteps of Lord Baden-Powell and the original 22 Scouts who attended camp at Brownsea Island in 1907?

Then the Great Southwest Council has the camp for you! This week-long course packs in leadership training, pioneering projects, navigation skills, challenging outdoor skills and a great experience of the Patrol method just to name a few.

Attending this course followed by National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) the following year will give you some of the best training opportunities that Scouting has to offer!

So if racing fellow Scouts in knot relays, competing for a coup feather, and making new friends from around the Council sounds like fun to you, then join us at Brownsea - you will not regret it!

Click [HERE](#) for more information and registration.



NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training is a six-day outdoor experience for youth leaders. It supports the Scout leader responsibility to train youth leaders. Participants sleep in tents, prepare their own meals by patrols, learn life skills, and live by the Scout Oath and Law. Training youth leaders

is a critical component for helping individual Scouts and Scout Units to grow. The Boy Scouts of America developed the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course, a valuable learning experience for educating youth leaders. The Great Southwest Council offers NYLT annually.

Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register



PRINTING CHARTER CERTIFICATES & MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The BSA is committed to streamlining basic operations by putting tools in the hands of volunteers. For several years now, individuals and unit key 3 have had access to print membership cards through my.Scouting. In addition, functionality will be added to my.Scouting by January 1, 2019 to enable members of the unit key 3 to print their unit Charter Certificate.

This "self-service" functionality allows volunteers to print membership cards and the unit charter certificate in a timely manner and enhances the onboarding experience for new youth and adults.

Click [HERE](#) for directions to print your unit charter certificate via my.Scouting.

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



24th
**WORLD SCOUT
JAMBOREE**
SCOUT MONDIAL
UNLOCK a NEW WORLD
— USA —

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](#).

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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>.



Volunteers needed!

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

**Copier Repair
Computer Server Maintenance
Overall Computer Service
Landscaping/Clean Up
Concrete Repair**

**If you can lend a hand, please call
Chris Shelby 505-503-3284.**

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