

# ***Council Commissioner Communicator*** **JANUARY 2024 HEADLINES!!!**

## **Unit-related information!!!!**

Key info for all type units in the Great Southwest Council!

- **Training Opportunities**
  - March 15-17: BALOO in South Valley
  - April 5-7: Wilderness First Aid @ Grace Park
  - April 26-28: IOLS (with Spring Camporee @ Gorham)
- **Membership Process Changes**
  - March 1<sup>st</sup>: 12-month membership registration for everyone renewing
  - March 4<sup>th</sup>: applications will require CBC being completed at National before application goes active
  - April 1<sup>st</sup>: new National membership fees: \$85 for youth, \$65 for adults (both a \$5 increase); however, \$25 one-time joining fee is going away
- **The Council is looking for folks to become Short Term Camp Administrator qualified. If interested, contact Mary Mazza-Andersen, [mary.mazza-andersen@scouting.org](mailto:mary.mazza-andersen@scouting.org). Additional details on the position, the training required, and a job description can be found at: <https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/camping/short-term-camp/>**

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Key info for Cub Scout Packs in the Great Southwest Council!

- **Latest on the new Cub program!**
  - New Lion, Tiger, and Wolf handbooks were at the printers as of week of Jan 8<sup>th</sup>
  - Bear handbooks going to printers week of Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - Webelos and Arrow of Light handbooks going to printers by the end of January
  - New Adventure awards should be in Scout Shops in late Spring
  - Updated Leader training available in May (online and classroom)
- **Reminder: Klondike Derby will be February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at Gorham Scout Ranch! Webelos/AOL Cubs can attend that day (no overnight camping). FMI:**  
<https://www.gswcbsa.org/content/116031/Klondike-Derby-2024--1---Klondike-Derby--1->
  - Registration has opened; sign up now!
- **ABQ Metro Area Pinewood Derby is March 2nd! FMI:**  
<https://www.gswcbsa.org/content/114923/Pinewood-Derby-2024>
- **For adult leaders, there's always the ultimate Scout leader training experience, Wood Badge!**
  - Weekend 1: Sep 6-8, Gorham Scout Ranch
  - Weekend 2: Sep 21-22, Gorham Scout Ranch
  - More information available shortly!

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Unit-related information!!!!

Key info for Troops and Crews in the Great Southwest Council!

- **Klondike Derby at Gorham Scout Ranch!**
  - Registration has opened for the Klondike Derby!
  - February 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Gorham Scout Ranch
  - A Leaders Guide and other information is now available at:  
<https://www.gswcbsa.org/content/116031/Klondike-Derby-2024--1---Klondike-Derby--1->
  - Webelos/AOL-age youth can attend on Feb 10<sup>th</sup> (no overnight camping); a great opportunity for Troops to do some outreach and recruiting!
- **Now is a great time to start looking at youth that may be interested in two great youth training opportunities!**
  - For new Scouts: Brownsea, June 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Gorham Scout Ranch. FMI: [brownsea22camp@gmail.com](mailto:brownsea22camp@gmail.com)
  - For experienced Scouts: NYLT, June 9<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>, Gorham Scout Ranch
- **And for adults, there's always the ultimate Scout leader training experience, Wood Badge!**
  - Weekend 1: Sep 6-8, Gorham Scout Ranch
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# Recognition Program of the Month (January 2024)

## National Outdoor Awards Program



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# National Outdoor Awards Program



- Purpose:  
When a Scout excels in outdoor participation, there are awards to show for it! This program, conceived by the BSA's National Camping Task Force, includes a series of six badges designed to recognize a Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer who has exemplary knowledge and experience in performing high-level outdoor activities.
- Additional details can be found at:  
<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/noa/>

# National Outdoor Awards Program

## Award Requirements

- Each of the 6 segments have different requirements
- For each segment a Scout earns certain merit badges, completes activities, service projects
- For Example:
  - Hiking segment:
    - Earn First Class Rank
    - Complete Hiking Merit Badge or Ranger Award electives
    - Complete Geocaching Merit Badge or Ranger Award electives
    - Complete at least 100 hiking miles

## Award Processing Procedure

- Award requirements are tracked in Scoutbook
- See Awards section, scroll down to the appropriate award and fill in the requirements.
- Unit representative purchases the cloth main patch and segments from our Scout Shop.
- This patch is for uniform wear on the temporary patch side (wearer's right pocket)

# New Summit Rank Scout

CONGRATULATIONS TO AINSLEY MARTIN, CREW 16

EARNED SUMMIT RANK ON JANUARY 2, 2024



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## **JANUARY 2024 Recharter Status!!!**

With the last unit that is rechartering logging into the online tool last week, we now have 100% of our units in the tool! That's the first time that's happened in at least seven years!

The Council Registrar continues to review the packages that have been sent to the Council for review. Once she reviews a package, she either posts it or contacts the Unit Key 3 about any issues that need to be resolved. Just a reminder that all charters must be posted by 2/29/24, or things get... unpleasant and complicated for all concerned.

| <b>GSWC Recharter Status</b>   | <b>At Start<br/>9/29/23</b> | <b>As of<br/>10/31/23</b> | <b>As of<br/>11/30/23</b> | <b>As of<br/>12/30/23</b> | <b>As of<br/>1/31/24</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Total Units</b>   | <b>100</b>                  | <b>100</b>                | <b>100</b>                | <b>100</b>                | <b>100</b>               |
| <b>Units Available for<br/>Renewal</b>   | <b>99</b>                   | <b>99</b>                 | <b>99</b>                 | <b>99</b>                 | <b>99</b>                |
| <b>Renewals Not Started</b>  | <b>99</b>                   | <b>62</b>                 | <b>31</b>                 | <b>9</b>                  | <b>8*</b>                |
| <b>In-Process Renewals:<br/>Initiated</b>  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>37</b>                 | <b>60</b>                 | <b>32</b>                 | <b>12</b>                |
| <b>In-Process Renewals:<br/>Locked-Waiting Key 3<br/>Approval and/or Payment<br/>Completed</b> | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                  | <b>2</b>                  | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>On Hold Council Review</b>  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>                  | <b>8</b>                  | <b>44</b>                 | <b>43</b>                |
| <b>Pre-Posted Units</b>  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                  | <b>12</b>                 | <b>0</b>                 |
| <b>Posted Units</b>  | <b>0</b>                    | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                  | <b>0</b>                  | <b>36</b>                |

\*-these 8 units have indicated they are not planning on rechartering



# 2023 Partner Units

(benefits received in 2024)

- An updated Partner report was released on 12/28/2023.
- The following units have earned Partner Status, and can now receive all benefits:
  - Rio Grande: Pack 116, Pack 174, Troop 116
  - San Juan Mountains: Pack 321
  - Sandia: Pack 409, Pack 495
  - Sangre de Cristo: Troop 122
- The following units will earn Partner status once they complete the action(s) indicated:
  - Rio Grande: Troop 831 (submits JTE form)
  - San Juan Mountains: Crew 612 (charter posted, submits JTE form)
  - Sandia: Pack 442 (submits JTE form)
  - Sangre de Cristo: Troop 2 (charter posted, submits JTE form); Troop 22 (charter posted), Troop 53G (charter posted, submits JTE form)



# Roundtable

- Topic: Council Roundtable
- Time: Feb 8, 2024 07:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)
- Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on this link to register:
  - [https://us02web.zoom.us/join/registrer/tZ0vf-qhpzkvH9enMgou3yhka3-uwatb\\_M5V](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/registrer/tZ0vf-qhpzkvH9enMgou3yhka3-uwatb_M5V)
  - Meeting ID and Passcode provided after registering
- Featured Speaker: Mr Phil Scruggs, “Scouting Opportunities at the Wheels Museum”

