



# Welcome to the High Desert Council North Area May 2025 Roundtable





# May 8th, 2025

## High Desert Council NORTH Roundtable

### Agenda

- Announcements – Kathy Ferdig
  - Welcome – Terry Brown
- Opening Ceremony – Theodore Schaeffer
  - Scouting “Fun Fact” – Terry Brown
  - Safety Moment - Everett Heinonen
- Popcorn “Spring Launch” Update – Stephanie Sutter
- Vice Chair Programs Update –Michelle Wilson-Stecher
  - Training and Activities Update – Sarah Davis
    - Training Update – Joe Balestri
- Four Corners/San Juan County Update – Beth Bregar
  - Recognition Update – Brian Tolson (not present)
- District Executive Update - Mary Mazza-Andersen





Welcome

Terry Brown





# Opening Ceremony

Theodore Schaeffer

Troop 714 Eagle Scout









# Scouting “Fun Fact”

Terry Brown





## Scouting Fun Fact #22

# DID YOU KNOW?

## REAL AMERICAN SCOUTING TRIVIA



Howard Lincoln was a thirteen-year-old boy selected during the 4th National Jamboree to pose as one of four scouts sleeping in their tents in this Norman Rockwell painting titled "The Scoutmaster. The painting was first published in a calendar in 1956.

Rockwell found a professional Scouter at the jamboree headquarters to pose as the Scoutmaster for the all-day photo shoot.

Lincoln eventually attained the rank of Eagle Scout and received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. He became the chairman of Nintendo of America and later the CEO of the Seattle Mariners.



*The Scoutmaster*



*Howard Lincoln*





# Safety Moment

Everett Heinonen







# Campout Safety Checklist



May 2025 Safety Minute





# Summary

- Camping is a long-honored tradition for the Scouting America family.
  - Timing, supplies, and location should be determined ahead of time
  - There might be some instances where you overthink or underestimate a camping trip (better to overestimate?)
  - There are many ways to enjoy the adventure, fun, discovery, and teamwork involved
  - A campout safety checklist will help to ensure these aspects of camping are accomplished while keeping you safe





# Campout Safety Checklist Items

- Documentation Needed
  - Medical records, guidebooks, and permission slips
- Training
  - General training
    - Youth Protection training, CPR/first aid, and Hazardous Weather
  - Specific training
    - Trek Safely, Wilderness First Aid, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense
- Planning
  - Become familiar with your campsite location
  - Research the weather, licensing/permit requirements, and project or activity guidelines







# Campout Safety Checklist Items

- Equipment
  - Plan for vehicles involved or tools necessary
  - Consider trailer requirements and first-aid or emergency kits
- Emergency Planning
  - Keep a cellphone handy
  - Prepare a list of local authorities (fire department, police, hospitals, etc.) in case an emergency occurs, such as inclement weather or a lost Scout
  - If you are in the backcountry, canyons, or a remote location, coverage may be one to two hours away. A GPS tracking/messaging device is helpful in these locations
- Program
  - Know your program. There should be age-appropriate activities, safety equipment, proper supervision, and a discussion on potential hazards







# Conclusion

- Proper planning will lead to a safer and more enjoyable camping experience
  - Use the Safety Checklist as a guide, but not the “be-all and end-all”
- Be mindful when taking Cubs camping
  - This may be the first time for Scouts, families and leaders to experience the outdoors
  - Younger Scouts may not be aware of “distractions” in the outdoors





# Resources

- [Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities](#)
  - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/guidelines-policies/>
- [Campout Safety Checklist](#)
  - [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/campout\\_checklist.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/campout_checklist.pdf)
- [Guide to Safe Scouting](#)
  - <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/>





# Popcorn “Spring Launch” Update

Stephanie Sutter





# VC Programs Update

## Michelle Wilson-Stecher







## COME HELP PLAN OUR COUNCIL EVENTS FOR 2025/2026

Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend!  
Key 3 are required

**MAY 10, 2025  
8-12PM**

WE WANT  
**YOU**



Zoom Meeting ID: 899 0990 9999  
Passcode: Scout

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/573-  
CCC25](https://scoutingevent.com/573-CCC25)

Join Zoom Meeting  
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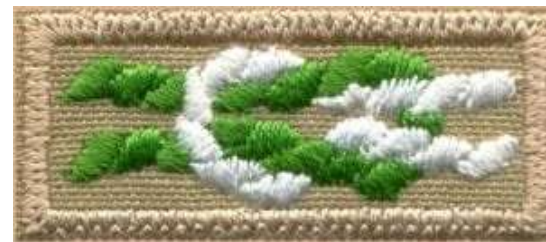
# Training & Activity Updates

## Sarah Davis





# High Desert Training Reports



Joe Balestri





James E. West is quoted as once having answered the question:  
“What are the three most important things we need to do to succeed in Scouting?”  
With:  
**“Training, training, training.”**







# High Desert Training Statistics

## Council Wide Training Statistics



## North Service Area Statistics



## South Service Area Statistics





# Hazardous Weather

- Hazardous Weather SCO 800
  - Required every two years
  - If not current will show direct contact leaders as “Untrained”
  - 3/11/25 – 303 Leaders not current with SCO 800
  - 4/9/25 – 292 Leaders not current with SCO 800 – small step
  - 5/7/25 – 233 Leaders not current





# Wood Badge 2025

- Aug 22-24, 2025 and Sept 6-7, 2025
- Gorham Scout Ranch
- Cost \$270 per participant
- Registration is live on council website
- **20** Participants have at least started registration
  - 8 Fully Paid
  - 5 Deposit Paid
  - 4 Unidos paid half(so actually fully paid)
  - 5 Registered without payment





# Wood Badge 2025

- Staff wants to say:







# IOLS/BALOO

- BALOO/IOLS in ABQ
  - June 7&8 2025
  - Contact Joe if willing to help staff
  - Have about 6 registered in each course
- BALOO/IOLS in Four Corners
  - Looking at early fall for course
  - Details to follow as soon as confirmed





# Upcoming Training

- Rangemaster 5/17 – both service areas
- Check council website calendar at [scoutingamericahighdesertcouncil.org](http://scoutingamericahighdesertcouncil.org)





# Training Contact Update

- New Email for Training Chair
  - [council.412.training@gmail.com](mailto:council.412.training@gmail.com) – should appear as “Council 412 Training” in inbox
- Unified point of contact for council training
- You can still reach out to Joe at [jbalestri55@gmail.com](mailto:jbalestri55@gmail.com), but training emails are coming from the new email address.





# San Juan County Scouting

## Beth Bregar







# The San Juan County Area Round Table for Pack and Troop Leaders

**Roundtable is changing its time!**



**For 2025 we will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of June (21<sup>st</sup>), September (20<sup>th</sup>), and December (20<sup>th</sup>), from 10 am to Noon. It is our goal to make this a supplemental training that will add to your knowledge base to help you provide a quality program for your youth.**

## ***June Topics:***

### ***Cubs & Scouts:***

***Summer Adventures and Activities to keep your Units thriving!***

***Popcorn - FUNdraising to support your Units and the Council!***

***What you need to know about fundraising guidelines, and more!***

- **DATE:** June 21, 2025
- **TIME:** 10:00 am to Noon
- **LOCATION:** Tyckson Scout Hut, located at 1911 N. Dustin Ave. in Brookside Park.

**Please share this outstanding opportunity with all your Leaders and Parents!**

**Ideas on topics you may want to cover, email [johnnadowning@yahoo.com](mailto:johnnadowning@yahoo.com) or [ehbregar@gmail.com](mailto:ehbregar@gmail.com)**

Roundtable is an opportunity: To meet other Scouters from our area **FACE TO FACE!** To have current information presented where you can ask a question. To learn “the Tricks of the Trade” from experienced Scouters. To meet and greet new and experienced Scouters you have not seen for a while.

As experienced Scouters we understand the importance of meeting others and sharing information, ideas, the latest news from national, our council, and our area. Please join us.





# Recognition Program of the Month (May 2025)

Brian Tolson  
Assistant Council Commissioner  
and  
Council's International Representative

Phone: 505-967-6139  
Email: [briantolson99@yahoo.com](mailto:briantolson99@yahoo.com)





# Award of the Month



James M. Stewart  
Good Citizenship Award





# The Award Program

- Established in 2003 by the James M. Stewart Museum Foundation with consent and cooperation of BSA Penn's Woods Council and James M. Stewart family
- Purpose is to introduce Scouts to the life of a great American and Patriot James M. Stewart
- Offered to a youth Scout or adult Scouter who has exemplified the characteristics necessary to live the life of a good citizen
- Link to booklet, quiz, application at:

<https://jimmy.org/scouts-bsa/>

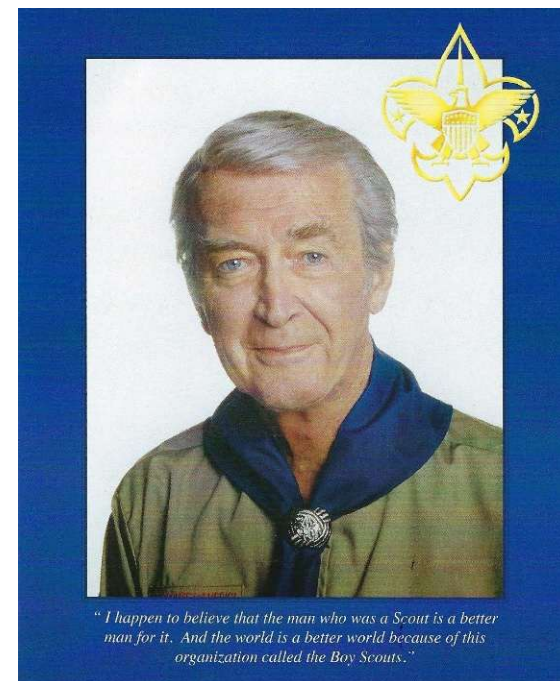




# James Maitland Stewart



- Born 20 May 1908 in Indiana, Pennsylvania
- Died 2 July 1997
- Award winning American Broadway and film actor
  - 80 films starting in 1935
- Served in the Army Air Corps in World War II as a B-24 pilot
- Continued to serve after the war in the Air Force Reserve achieving Brigadier General







# How to Earn the Award

- Purchase and complete the award booklet
- Complete the Jimmy Stewart Museum Quiz (15 questions) and print
- Write an essay of 500 words or more on importance of citizenship as a Scout
- Do a good citizenship project in your community in honor of Jimmy Stewart and write a summary report of it
- Complete the award application form





# How to Obtain the Award

- Mail the application, completed quiz, 500-word essay, project summary report, copy of SA membership card, and a check to the Jimmy Stewart Museum
- Can purchase either the patch or medal or both if the Scout/Scouter wishes
- After receiving your congratulations letter/documents take to the Council Office to put into personnel records





# Questions





# District Executive

Mary Mazza-Andersen





# Next North Area Roundtable

- **Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**
- **7pm**
- **Via Zoom**
  - Meeting ID: 899 5815 6489
  - Passcode: 0g8qai
  - <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89958156489?pwd=3YQunbbsoJ9frhUyPG9wVwU8PqNgkc.1>







# Notes/Announcements Distribution

- Email to North Area unit Key 3 & Commissioners (Dale)
- Posted to Council website (Fred)
  - <https://www.scoutingamericahighdesertcouncil.org/resources>
- Sent out by MailerLite/Trailmarker (Mary)
- Post to Council FaceBook page (Erica)

