



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

GREAT SOUTHWEST COUNCIL



2024 Annual Report



About the Great Southwest Council



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Scouting!

Our mission for the last 104 years has been to **prepare young people** to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes. Scouting **builds character** and provides young people a foundation they can stand on to embrace opportunity, overcome obstacles and make new discoveries in a **fun program**.

Preparing every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader

2024 from the Perspective of the Council Key 3



Mark Yarbrough
Council President



Dale Balmer
Council Commissioner



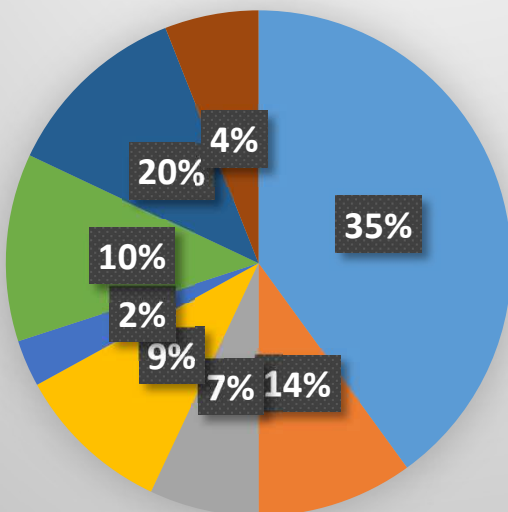
Jeff Duer
Scout Executive



2024 proved to be a year of transitions for the Great Southwest Council. A property tax issue with Gorham Scout Ranch identified in late 2023 was resolved in favor of the Council this year. After many hours of research and work by Council volunteers and our pro-bono attorney, we received documentation confirming tax exempt status in the past, as well as in the future. Similarly, after many years of effort, the Council was able to sub-lease a portion of the building to Tree NM, a non-profit dedicated to helping plant and care for trees in urban areas throughout New Mexico. Preparing to vacate the portion of the building now occupied by Tree NM required many hours of labor and effort by the professional staff, Order of the Arrow, and other volunteers. But the result is a reliable income stream, much less clutter in the building, and a greatly improved appearance for the facility. And the biggest transition took place in November, as the voting members of the Great Southwest and Yucca Councils voted to merge! While we're temporarily post-merger the Great Southwest-Yucca Council, a new name should be approved in early 2025 for our new combined council. We end the year looking forward to the challenges and opportunities that a combined council will provide, along with the new name on February 8th, 2025, of Scouting America for our movement!

2024 Financial Facts

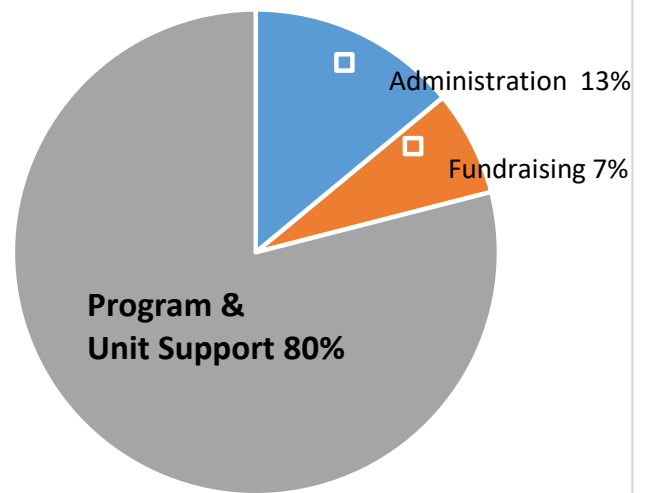
2024 Revenue \$757,910



- Camping & Activities
- Popcorn
- Special Events
- Investments & Grants
- United Way
- ICL/FOS
- Program Fees
- Other



2024 Expenses



Popcorn Sales!

2024 Highlights

Advancement

Cub Scout Advancement	
Ranks Earned	Adventures Completed
585	5638

Scouts BSA Advancement		
Eagle Ranks	Non-Eagle Ranks	Merit Badges
57	462	2223

Venturing Advancement			
Discovery	Pathfinder	Summit	Venturing
3	1	0	3

Service

Service Projects			
Type Project	# Projects	Project Hours	Value*
Eagle	56	7731	\$204,992.29
Non-Eagle	2261	6121	\$258,911.19
Total	2317	13,852	\$463,903.48

*Value is per the Do Good Institute.

Scouting for Food Drive			
Pounds	Cash	Equiv Lbs*	Total Lbs
9,387	\$1980.00	11,880	21,267

*\$1 provides 5 meals, each meal is considered to be 1.2 pounds of food

Recognition

2024 Silver Beaver Awards

Luke Arnold, Michael Cutter

2024 Venturing Leadership Awards

Logan Mamanakis, Aurora Arnold (youth)
Peggy Robey (adult)

Camping

Cub Day Camps			
Area	Youth	Adults	Total
Durango	32	16	48
ABQ Metro	114	55	169
Total	146	71	217

Webelos Week in the Woods

Youth	Adults	Total
46	27	73

Gorham Summer Camp			
Participant	In Council	Out of Council	Total
Youth	94	155	249
Adult	31	70	101
Total	125	225	350

Membership

Type Unit	# Units	# Youth
Packs	31	757
Troops	54	767
Crews	7	56
Posts	1	4
Total	93	1584



Great Southwest Council Governance

The Council is governed by an Executive Board of Directors that consists of volunteers elected by each unit's chartered organization representative, Council members-at-large, and the current Executive Board. The Executive Board is headed by two volunteers, the Council President and the Council Commissioner. The Council President, Council Commissioner, Council Vice Presidents, and selected other Board officers are also members of the Council's Executive Committee. The Executive Committee oversees the monthly operations of the Council and makes policy recommendations to the Executive Board.

2024 Board Officers/Executive Committee

Mark Yarbrough#	Council President
Chris Sandberg#	Council Executive Vice President
Dale Balmer#	Council Commissioner
Vacant	Treasurer
Jack Hess	VP Finance
Skip Brown	VP Alumni
Michael Allen	VP Development
Jim Mayo	VP Endowment
Lois Caipen	VP Advancement
Randy Reed	VP Membership
Vacant	VP Marketing
Greg Kelly	VP Camping & Properties
Tim Van Valen	VP Nominating
Joe Balestri	VP Training
Lily Bray	VP Cub Programs
Mike Maurer*	VP Scouts BSA
Karen Zenger	VP Older Youth Programs
Jeff Duer	Secretary (ex-officio)

2024 Executive Board Members

Mark Abramson
 Julia Stafford@
 Jim Kunz*
 Robert Longoria
 Richard Minick
 Chris Stefen
 Matt Unsworth



2024 Council Members at Large

Bruce Andersen
 Dave Bregar
 Steve Christiansen*
 Mark Dietrich
 Robert Dunnington
 Edwin Isely
 Don Miller
 Robert Nash
 Randy Smith
 Fred Youberg

2024 Council Staff (as of 11/01/2024)

Jeff Duer	Scout Executive
Mary Mazza-Andersen	District Director
Edward Barceleau	Development Director
Stephanie Balmer	Accounts Payable
Kathy Ferdig	Customer Service/Registrar
Heather Burks	Customer Service
Julie Sullivan	Eagle Processing & Support
Vacant	Gorham Scout Ranch Ranger

*-Former Council President

#-National Council @-Youth Member



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