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Your donation to Scouting in New Mexico will make an Investment in the Character & Leadership development of our youth!

Scouting prepares young people to have more confidence, be better leaders, get involved in their community and make ethical choices over their lifetimes. Youth leave Scouting Prepared for Life.

Your Investment in Developing Responsible Leaders will MAKE A DIFFERENCE in a child's life!

What you can do to help - Make an Investment in New Mexico's Youth! A gift to the GSW-Yucca Council of just \$250 will provide the Scouting program for a year to a deserving Scout! Any amount helps!

Does Scouting Work?

Scouting was put to the test. A 3-year Tufts University study to measure character attributes showed Scouts are more likely to embrace positive social values than non-Scouts in important areas including hopefulness, helpfulness, obedience, cheerfulness, kindness and trustworthiness. 84% of Scouts say Scouting has helped them be more honest, better leaders and stronger team players..

With fun and discovery at every turn. Scouting makes the most of right now. Thank you for your support!

Make your gift today at: www.scoutingamericahighdesertcouncil.org and click SUPPORT SCOUTING or mail a check to the High Desert Council; 5841 Office Blvd, Albuquerque, NM 87109. 505 345-8603



Looking for things to do this November with your unit?

1st

- Merit Badge University
Albuquerque

8th

- Veterans Day Parades
- Scout Night at UTEP- El Paso
- Archery Day Albuquerque

14th

- Basic Shotgun Albuquerque

15th

- CTF Day of Service-Sunland

22nd

- PWD Build Day-El Paso
- BALOO/IOLS-Sunland

29th

- Scout Night at NMSU-Las Cruces

30th

- Council Incentives End Popcorn

Find all the details here!





PWD BUILD DAY - EL PASO OFFICE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11TH

9:00 AM MT TO 1:00 PM MT

ADDITIONAL DAYS: NOVEMBER 22, DECEMBER 13



CAMP TYLER FRANCIS DAY OF SERVICE

Calling all Scouts BSA Troops and leaders to Join us for a day of service at CTF!
Let's come together to improve and beautify our campgrounds. It's a great opportunity to make a positive impact and enjoy the outdoors with fellow Scouts and volunteers.

BRING WATER, SUN PROTECTION, shovels, rakes, brooms, gloves, shears, and Scout 10 essentials. MUST WEAR CLOSED TOED SHOES.

Saturday November 15 · 8am – 12pm
4200 Girl Scout Ln, Sunland Park, NM 88063



IOLS/BALOO

November 22-23rd

Camp Tyler Francis

4200 Girl Scout Ln
Sunland Park, NM 88063



SCOUT NIGHT AT NMSU



NM STATE™

NOVEMBER 29, 2025

2025 Awards Timeline

- Nominations to Council Office by January 5, 2026:
 - Silver Beaver
 - Venturing Leadership Award
 - District Award of Merit
 - Council Duty to God
 - Scouting Service Awards (Vale La Pena; Asian American Spirit of Scouting, Whitney M. Young, Jr.)
- Not too early to start writing nominations
- A full timeline document is posted here and Council's Newsletter and Facebook page.

<https://www.scoutingamericahighdesertcouncil.org/non-advancement-awards>

State 47
Volunteers



Join us
Jan 3, 2026

ALBUQUERQUE METRO AREA 2026 SCOUTING FOR FOOD

FEBRUARY 7TH 2026 & FEBRUARY 14TH 2026
(BOTH SATURDAYS)

IF INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING: PLEASE EMAIL:

- TROOP #,
- GENERAL LOCATION (NE, NW, CENTRAL, ETC)
- CONTACT PERSON

ABQMETROSFF@GMAIL.COM

STOREHOUSE NEEDS TO GET THE
ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF
LOCATIONS WORKED OUT BY THE
END OF SEPTEMBER





Cub Klondike

February 28th 2026

Registration open Soon! Register as a unit!

Where: White Sands National Park

High Desert Council-First Year!





SPECIAL EDITION



12 JULY 2025

BREAKING NEWS

***FIRST EVER HIGH DESERT COUNCIL
CAMPOREE CONFIRMED FOR APRIL 2026***



***ALL SCOUTS BSA/VENTURERS ARE INVITED
TO COME CELEBRATE THE ONE YEAR
ANNIVERSARY OF HIGH DESERT COUNCIL
AND EXPERIENCE A COUNCIL CAMPOREE
LIKE NEVER BEFORE, MEET SCOUTS AND
SCOUTERS FROM AROUND THE COUNCIL
(FOUR CORNERS, EL PASO, LAS CRUCES,
SANTA FE, ABQ, ETC)***

***APRIL
24-26, 2026
VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED***

We are hoping to have a few hundred Scouts (if not more) at this event. We will need lots of help to make this an incredible opportunity.

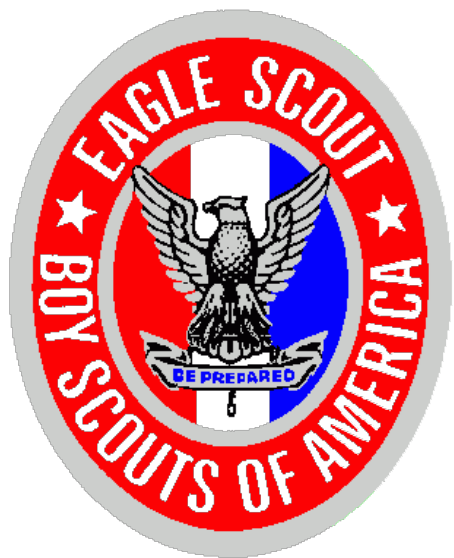
From Community Organization support/coordination to mundane details like parking coordination and campfire planning and more. If you are willing to help - please email

jbalestri55@gmail.com



IN EDGEWOOD, NEW MEXICO





Save the Date

Eagle Banquet

June 5, 2026

Recognition for Eagle Classes of 2025 & 2026



We have space for 1 more boy! Sign up now
before it's too late!





Operation Arrow is calling on youth Arrowmen under 21 to continue the legacy of cheerful service at the National Jamboree. For decades, Arrowmen have supported the Jamboree through dedicated service, helping to build a tradition that spans more than 75 years. Explore the programs below and discover how you can make your mark on this enduring legacy.

OA Service Corps - The heart of Operation Arrow, delivering cheerful service to the Jamboree by supporting thousands of Scouts and Scouters each day.

OA Program Support - From logistics to communications, Operation Arrow helps keep the Jamboree running smoothly, supporting not only Arrowmen but all youth staff.

OA Summit Circle Experience - The national ceremony site comes to life, where scouts will reflect on their leadership journey

OA Legacy Experience - At the Summit Center, the OA's story will be told through live, multi-media exhibits, preserving the past while inspiring the future.

Order of the Arrow Rendezvous - Every Arrowman at the Jamboree together, in one place for fellowship, fun, and inspiration

**LEARN
MORE!**



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Serving as Jamboree staff is also the cheapest way to experience the Jamboree. Check out the pricing options:

Arrowmen age 18-29 pay youth price!
Full Session: \$650 / \$1060 (over 30)
Half Sessions: \$400 / \$700 (over 30)
(does not include travel expenses)

FOLLOW US:  
@operationarrow



Is your Troop planning a flag retirement ceremony?

The Albuquerque office has several flags that have been donated to be retired.

If you are interested in some flags, please contact:

Mary Mazza-Andersen at mary.mazza-Andersen@scouting.org



These are the required courses for Merit Badge Counselors!

- **"MBC - Before the first meeting"** (3 courses, 24 mins)
 - SCO_472: Aims & Methods of Scouts BSA (8:30)
 - SCO_474: Introduction to Merit Badges (8:00)
 - SCO_486: What is a Merit Badge Counselor (7:00)
- **"MBC - Position Trained."** (1 course, 10 mins)
 - SCO_471: Advancement (10:00)

Please help us hit 100% before December 31st

Locaipen@aol.com 505-306-7694

Thank You!





Get Involved in Scouting – Make a Difference!

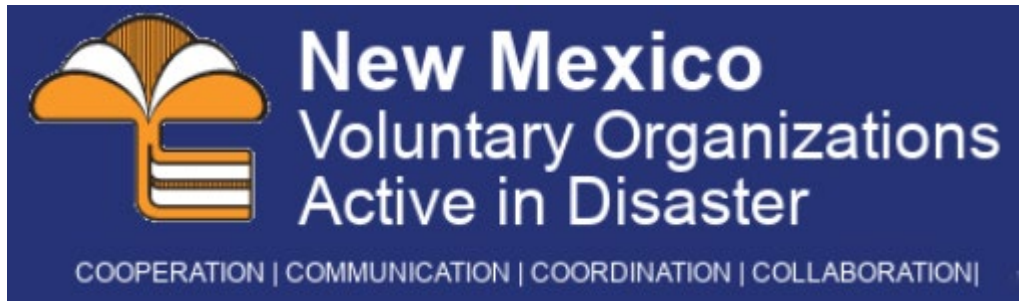
Whether you're a parent, volunteer, or former Scout, there's a place for you in the High Desert Council! Here are just a few ways you can lend your skills and time:



- Become a Merit Badge Counselor – Either at a unit or council level.
- Serve as a Den Leader or Assistant Scoutmaster
- Help with Youth Recruitment – Assist with school nights and join events.
- Join the popcorn team- make this year amazing for all the youth!
- Become a Commissioner – Support and guide local units as a friend and resource.
- Serve on the Council Executive Board or Advisory Committee – Provide strategic leadership.
- Campmaster Corps – Help manage camp operations on weekends.
- Event Volunteer – Help staff camporees, Pinewood Derby, Klondike, IOLS/BALOO or other!
- Lead an Event- We are always looking for Course Directors or Assistants
- Range Safety Officers – Support BB, archery, or shooting events with proper certification.
- Serve on the Advancement Committee – Help review Eagle applications and boards of review.
- Wood Badge or NYLT Staff – Mentor future leaders.
- Help with Cub Day Camp- We always need den leaders or station guides
- Cub Klondike-Troops are needed to help guide younger scouts or to lead games

No matter your schedule or skills, there's a place for you.

Contact Sarah Davis at sarah.davis@scouting.org to get started and make an impact!



NM VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Assisting Disasters, <https://www.nmvoad.org/>) is a non-profit whose members include:

- American Red Cross
- Salvation Army
- Roadrunner Food Bank
- Team Rubicon
- Catholic Charities
- Sothern Baptist Disaster Relief
- LDS Disaster Relief
- Mennonite Disaster Relief

VOAD is seeking administrative and clerical support for a short-term project lasting 10-20 hours. Basic computer skills are necessary. Office space at Roadrunner Food Bank (5840 Office Blvd. Albuquerque) is available. This would be a nice service project for a high-school aged scout or group of scouts. For more information contact:

Rachel Giarratano

Road Runner Food Bank

505-349-8881

OR

Greg Kelly

American Red Cross

443-472-5706



Unit Buzz

The Unit Buzz is a monthly compilation of unit activities throughout the High Desert Council. Unit leaders are encouraged to use the form below to submit a picture and a short description of their unit in action. Allowable submissions include:

- Courts of Honor
- Service projects
- Campouts, hikes
- Other unit level, special activities that deserve recognition

This monthly presentation will be announced each month on the Council's Facebook page. Please follow us if you don't already.

<https://www.facebook.com/HighDesertCouncil/>

HIGH DESERT NEWS

Monthly Newsletter



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ORDER OF THE ARROW

Exciting news! 🎉

The High Desert Council Trading Post is now offering merchandise featuring our new council's name — Scouting America, High Desert Council! Let's show our unity and pride by sporting our new gear.

You can browse and purchase directly from our online store:

<https://www.scoutingamericahighdesertcouncil.org/category/all-products>

Check it out today and grab your favorites while supplies last!



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High Desert Council

In Observance of the following holiday

Thanksgiving

Will be closed

November 27 & 28, 2025



NEXT COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

December 4, 2025