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SHOP IN EL PASO AND ALBUQUERQUE!**



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





Life to Eagle Class

***Saturday, Sept 13th
10am - 12pm***



Meeting is now Zoom Only

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81882661552?pwd=0FN9hq9UAfnbOaOzacgUniZc1DvgTi.1>

Meeting ID: 818 8266 1552

Passcode: 055552

<https://scoutingevent.com/573-101302>

2025 Sporting Clays Tournament



No Registration Needed

2025 High Desert Council Sporting Clays Tournament
Saturday, September 20, 2025

Tinnin Hunt Club

Get ready for a fun-filled day of shooting sports, great food, and supporting a great cause! The High Desert Council invites you to compete in our annual Sporting Clays Tournament, where teams of five will take on more than 20 exciting stations at the beautiful Tinnin Hunt Club.

Event Highlights:

Teams of 5

20+ shooting stations

Breakfast and lunch included

All skill levels welcome!

Ways to Participate:

Register a team

Become a sponsor

Make a difference in the life of a Scout

To register or explore sponsorship opportunities, visit:

<https://www.scoutingamericahighdesertcouncil.org/sponsors>

All proceeds benefit Scouting programs across the High Desert Council. Your support helps build character, leadership, and outdoor skills in youth across our communities.

Lock in your spot today, we'll see you on the range!

Conferral Mass and Retreat

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER



REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

This Mass will recognize scouts from Scouting America, Girl Scouts, and American Heritage Girls who earned a religious emblem or award in the previous year.

Retreat will be held following Mass with activities designed to jump start each scout's endeavors in working toward Catholic scouting emblems and awards including the 2025 Jubilee Activity Patch.

**OUR LADY OF THE ANNUNCIATION
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

**2621 VERMONT ST NE
ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM

MASS: 9:00 AM

RETREAT: AFTER MASS - 3:00 PM

Piستا FANATICS



Saturday, September 27, 2024
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
9201 Balloon Museum Dr NE
(South Parking Lot)

Let's ignite the spark with our annual Balloon Fiesta
Litter Cleanup! Join us at the park or clean up in
your neighborhood.

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To Register Visit:
CABQ.GOV/FIESTAFANATICS

NRA Basic Rifle Course

Event Details



High Desert council is committed to equipping adult leaders with the skills and certifications required to run successful range programs. We offer a series of upcoming trainings designed to give leaders hands-on experience with the equipment and procedures necessary for overseeing range and target activities. Whether you're new to range and target activities or looking to renew your certification, our training sessions cover range safety, equipment handling, and instruction techniques, helping you feel confident as you guide Scouts on the range.

Basic Rifle Course

Short Description: This course teaches the basic knowledge, skills and attitude necessary for the safe use of a rifle in target shooting.

More Details: This course is at least eight hours long and includes classroom and range time learning to shoot rifles. Students learn NRA's rules for safe gun handling; rifle parts and operation; ammunition; shooting fundamentals; range rules; shooting from the bench rest, prone, sitting, standing and kneeling positions; cleaning; and continued opportunities for skill development. Students will receive the Basics of Rifle Shooting handbook, NRA Gun Safety Rules brochure, Winchester/NRA Marksmanship Qualification booklet, take a Basics of Rifle Shooting Student Examination, and receive a course completion certificate. The Basic Rifle Course is required to become an NRA Rifle Instructor.

Cost and Location: The course will be taught on 27 September from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm at the City of Albuquerque Shooting Range Park 16001 Shooting Range Access RD NW. The cost is \$35.00 which includes the training material, range fees, and snacks. Students need to bring a 22 caliber preferably single shot rifle and 100 rounds of SR/LR ammunition. The minimum class size is 4 and maximum is 8. Contact: Mike Cutter, Michael.cutter@msn.com, 435-730-2837.



Railroad Merit Badge Day



Come Join New Mexico Heritage Rail during New Mexico Railroad Days for a day of fun, learning all about railroading. Start the morning off with a pancake breakfast, then learn from professionals and hobbyists and tour the historic AT&SF 2926 steam locomotive. Scouts will complete the Railroad Merit Badge.

Register here:

<https://form.jotform.com/252118161743149>

Date: Sept 28, 2025

Time : 8am-1pm



Where: Albuquerque - South Rail Yards,
1300 2nd Street SW, 87102

Cost: \$10

(family members welcome to also register and pay for breakfast)



INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP SKILLS (IOLS)-NORTH

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Event Details



Why should I take this training?

Scouting's outdoor program is a critical part of how the Scouts BSA program develops young leaders. While camping or participating in other outdoor events, your Scouts will challenge themselves to learn skills they've never tried before or maybe didn't think they could do. In doing so, your Scouts will work together as a team to overcome adversity when things don't go as planned; this is truly the magic of Scouting that no other program

does as well.

To safely offer Scouting's outdoor program, however, you need a certain set of skills and knowledge – and that's why you're required to take Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (also known as "IOLS") Training. You'll learn how to build a fire, use an axe, cook outdoors, use a map and compass, responsibly care for the outdoors, and much more. Even if you weren't a Scout as a kid, you'll come out of this course looking and acting like a seasoned camper. This course, combined with Safeguarding Youth training (or YPT), Hazardous Weather, and the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster-Specific Training course, will make you an "fully trained" Scouts BSA leader.

Prerequisites: you must be currently registered in a Scouting unit and must be current in Safeguarding Youth training and Hazardous Weather training.

Deadline to register is end of day, September 27th, 2025. Sorry, no late registration will be accepted.

There will be no alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or caffeinated drinks allowed on the property per our agreement with the LDS Church

When & Where

Spring Training

Aztec LDS Stake Center – Pioneer Park

Friday 10-03-2025 5:00 PM MT to
Saturday 10-04-2025 6:00 PM MT

[Register](#)

[More Information](#)

[Map of Event](#)

[View Pricing](#)

Coords: 36.8328365, -108.0221862

505 N. Oliver
Aztec, New Mexico 87410

Registration Closes:
09-27-2025 11:59 PM

Contact

Beth Bregar
505-947-8804

Sarah Davis
District Executive
Sarah.davis@scouting.org
915-772-2292 ext. 102

KIRTLAND CAMPOREE

OCTOBER 3-5, 2025



FRIDAY:

ARRIVE TO KIRTLAND AFB
AFTER 4PM

SATURDAY:

MERIT BADGES
RELATED TO CRIMINAL
JUSTICE AND LAW, PLUS
DEMONSTRATIONS BY
BASE PERSONNEL
(POSSIBLY INCLUDING
BOMB TEAMS, FIRE,
POLICE, ETC)

SUNDAY:

MORNING
DEMONSTRATIONS
AND OPTIONAL
SUNDAY SERVICES
AT BASE CHAPEL

REGISTRATION CLOSSES SEPT 15TH -
NO EXCEPTIONS



CAMPOREE
INFO



OA Yah-Tah-Hey-Si-Kess Lodge Fall Conclave

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Event Details



Check in will be at 7pm On Fri October 17th, Ordeal Candidates should try to arrive and be checked in by 8pm. The event will end on Sunday October 19th at 10am.

When & Where

Registration Opens 09-17-2025 12:00 AM

Gorham Scout Ranch

Friday 10-17-2025 7:00 PM MT to

Sunday 10-19-2025 10:00 AM MT

[More Information](#)

Contact

Matt Unsworth

OA Lodge Advisor

msunsworth@gmail.com

Jamboree on the Internet/Jamboree on the Air



No Registration Needed

JOTI is an annual event in which Scouts and Guides from all corners of the world connect with each other through the internet. Digital signals carry their voices, pictures and messages all around the world. Connecting virtually with young people from other countries gives a feeling of the worldwide fellowship that scouting is.

When is it?

JOTI 2024 runs from 17 to 19 October. During this time, the internet will be buzzing with communication between Scouts and Guides from different countries.

How to take part?

To take part in Jamboree-On-The-Internet and experience the excitement of connecting virtually with peers across the globe, you only need access to a device like a computer, phone or tablet, and internet connection.

How to proceed?

Familiarise yourself with the programme ahead of time, to see, which activities you will find interesting.

During the JOTI weekend, take part in the activities, tune in to the live shows or meet fellow Scouts on our different channels.

Yes, it is that simple!

Register your group here

[Log in to World Scouting Login](#)

ONLINE ONLY WITH UNIT LEADER

Friday 10-17-2025 12:00 AM MT to

Sunday 10-19-2025 11:59 PM MT

[More Information](#)

Contact

Council Billing Information

High Desert Council

5841 Office Blvd NE

Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109

Phone: 505-345-8603

SCOUT NIGHT AT NM UNITED

Albuquerque



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October 19th Gates open 1:30 PM



- Tickets approx \$20
- Scan Code to purchase directly from NM United Site
- Sales close on October 16th!

STEM Merit Badge

November 1, 2025



Only a few Spaces left! - Scan to Register!



**ENVIRONMENTAL
SCIENCE**



ENGINEERING



PROGRAMMING



**SCHOOL OF
ENGINEERING**

SAVE THE DATE!!!

NOVEMBER 8TH, 2025



**CUB SCOUT RATA DAY
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!**

CONTACT RANDOLPH.REED@GMAIL.COM IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP!

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>

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





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.

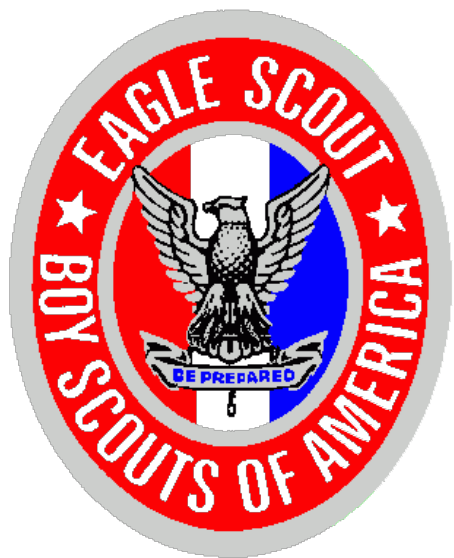
From Community Organization support/coordination to mundane details like parking coordination and campfire planning and more. If you are willing to help - please email

jbalestri55@gmail.com



IN EDGEWOOD, NEW MEXICO





Save the Date

Eagle Banquet

June 5, 2026

Recognition for Eagle Classes of 2025 & 2026

A vibrant poster for the Scouting America Jamboree 2026. It features a central illustration of a Scout in a blue shirt and red neckerchief, wearing a red helmet and rappelling down a rope. Surrounding him are other Scouts engaged in various activities: one is climbing a rock, another is on a bicycle, and others are in the background. The Scouting America fleur-de-lis logo is prominently displayed in the center. At the bottom, the text "SCOUTING AMERICA JAMBOREE 2026" is written in large, bold, blue letters with red and white stripes underneath. The background is a warm, golden-yellow gradient.

Are you interested in
attending Jamboree 2026?
Let us know

A square QR code is positioned in the center of the green section, below the text. It is a standard black and white matrix code.

This is just an interest form you are not registering or committing.

HIGH DESERT NEWS

Monthly Newsletter



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NEXT COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

October 2, 2025