

Crew 20 Activities for 2026



Here's what we have planned for the year. Some activities are firm, others are still being finalized. Our next planning meeting is January 9th to discuss more details and confirm scout interest.

Interested in any of these activities? Email James Cooley at james_cooley@mac.com to express your interest and get on the roster.

Regular Weekly Activities

Every Friday

Climbing at Los Alamos YMCA

When: Friday 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM (ongoing throughout the year)

What: Indoor climbing at the Los Alamos YMCA. All skill levels welcome. This is a great way to build climbing skills for larger trips.

Details: James sends a weekly reminder email. Contact him if you want to be added to the list or have questions.

Skill Building **Beginner Friendly**

January & February

Open Boating at Los Alamos

When: 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00–8:00 PM (meet at 6:30 PM to unload/prepare)

Where: Walk-Up Center, Los Alamos

What: Pool-based boating instruction and practice. Get comfortable with wet exits and basic water safety.

RSVP: Peggy Robey at robeyfamily@earthlink.net

Details: We'll organize additional pool opportunities in Santa Fe during spring and at outdoor pools in summer.

Water Safety Swimming Required

Major Expeditions & Trips

February 13–15, 2026

Presidents Day Ski Trip — Wolf Creek

Cost: \$93/day lift tickets + optional hot springs (~\$25)

Lodging: Free (staying at a cabin provided by Robert Carlos)

Meals: We cook at the cabin and make sandwiches for ski days

Skill Level: Beginner to advanced. Gear discussion available for those without ski equipment.

Flexible Days: We'll do 1 or 2 days depending on group preference

Lead: Scout-led. Volunteer to help organize!

Winter Adventure Leadership Opportunity

March 28–31, 2026

Spring Break Climbing Trip — Southern New Mexico

What: Multi-day camping and rock climbing adventure

Leadership: Isaac Hovey is leading trip planning

Preparation Required: We strongly recommend attending Friday YMCA climbing sessions or connecting with James beforehand to build comfort and skills.

Why: We want climbing time to be enjoyable for everyone, not overwhelming.

Contact: Isaac Hovey or James Cooley for details

Climbing Focused Skill Building Required

Weekends (Spring/Summer)

Rio Grande Day Trips

What: Kayaking and boating day trips on the Rio Grande

Purpose: Building skills and confidence for longer expeditions

Requirements: Scout swimmer certification + wet exit practice + prior Rio Grande experience recommended

Schedule: TBD based on group interest and river conditions

Water Adventure Prerequisites

July 3-12, 2026

Emerald Bay Scout Camp + Rugged E + Scuba Diving

Epic Adventure Alert: This is one of our flagship expeditions!

Trip Overview

Travel: Train from Lamy to Los Angeles and back (Friday (7/3) departure, arrives Saturday morning (7/4))

Overnight Experience: USS IOWA tour and overnight stay Saturday night (dinner, breakfast, and tour included)

Ferry: Catalina Island ferry to Emerald Bay Sunday morning

Return: Train LA to Lamy on Saturday evening arrive Sunday (7/12)

Rugged E Program (4 challenging activities)

1. Leadership Games — Team building and communication

2. Hiking — 5–8 miles through Catalina Island terrain

3. Mountain Biking — 14 miles out to campsite, 14 miles back (28 total)

4. Canoeing — 10 miles out, overnight camp, 10 miles back (20 total)

Rugged E Fee: \$75 (additional to camp)

Scuba Diving

Swimming Requirement: Ability to swim 600 yards (tested on arrival)

Open to: Already certified divers AND beginners with no experience

Certification Fee: \$650 (open water or advanced open water certification)

Details: Multiple certification options available. Talk to James about what makes sense for you.

Cost & Scholarships

Base Camp Cost: \$1,075 for Ventures / \$875 for adults

Crew Scholarships: Crew 20 provides scholarships to cover half the cost of camp for Ventures

Your Cost Could Be: As low as ~\$537 after scholarship, plus transportation and meals

 **This trip is incredible. Don't miss it. Email James ASAP if interested!**

Epic Adventure

Multi-Activity

Scholarship Available

Late July / Early August

San Juan or Rio Chama River Trip

What: Multi-day river expedition

Route: San Juan River (Bluff to Mexican Hat, subject to permit availability) or

Route: Rio Chama (Wilderness Section, subject to permit availability)

Permit Lottery: Apply at recreation.gov

Prerequisites: Prior Rio Grande day trips and swimming requirements

River Adventure **Multi-Day**

Late Summer (Labor Day)

Kayak Camping Trip

What: Kayak camping expedition -- San Juan below Pagosa Springs

Target Timeframe: Late summer through Labor Day for adequate river conditions

Prerequisites: Prior Rio Grande day trips and swimming requirements

River Adventure **Mulit-Day**

How to Get Involved

Next Meeting: January 9, 2026 | 5:30–6:45 PM | Hybrid Format

Agenda:

- Elections for Crew President and Vice President
- Finalize ski trip planning
- Discuss spring break climbing trip
- Confirm Emerald Bay roster

Activity Requirements & Preparation

Climbing Trip Preparation

Want to join the spring break climbing trip? Come to Friday YMCA climbing sessions, or reach out to James to build skills one-on-one.

- Attend multiple YMCA sessions to build comfort
- Learn proper belay and safety techniques

- Work with James if you can't make regular sessions

Boating Trip Requirements

For Rio Grande and multi-day boating trips, you need:

- **Scout Swimmer Certification** (200-yard swim requirement)
- **Wet Exit Practice** — ability to exit a kayak in the water safely
- **Rio Grande Day Trip Experience** — build endurance and confidence before longer trips

Scuba Diving Requirement (Emerald Bay)

- **Ability to swim 600 yards** (tested on arrival at camp)
- This is more challenging than scout swimmer (200 yards) — train if needed!
- Beginners and certified divers both welcome

Questions? Ready to join? Email James Cooley at james_cooley@mac.com