



ANNOUNCEMENTS



**THE NEW COUNCIL
SHOULDER PATCHES
ARE HERE!**



**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE SCOUT
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



Looking for things to do this October with your unit?

3rd

- Troop Camporee Kirtland

11th

- Pinewood Derby Build Day-
South Service Center

17th

- Jamboree on the
Air/Jamboree on the Internet

18th

- Jamboree on the air picnic Las
Cruces

18th

- Bushed Bear CTF

19th

- United Game in Albuquerque

25th

- Merit Badge University for
Troop- El Paso

Find all the details here!



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



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



PWD BUILD DAY - EL PASO OFFICE

SATURDAY OCTOBER 11TH

9:00 AM MT TO 1:00 PM MT

ADDITIONAL DAYS: NOVEMBER 22, DECEMBER 13

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



MESILLA VALLEY RADIO CLUB
IS HOSTING A PICNIC FOR
JAMBOREE ON THE AIR FOR SCOUTS

REGISTER TODAY!



OCTOBER 18

10-2 PM
6609 JEFFERSON LANE
LAS CRUCES, NEW
MEXICO 88007

#ADVENTUREON!



SCOUT NIGHT AT NM UNITED

Albuquerque



VS



October 19th Gates open 1:30 PM



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



MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY

**October 25th
8:00am- 4:00pm**

AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE
CITIZENSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY
COMMUNICATION
DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY
ELECTRICITY
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
FIRST AID
HOME REPAIRS
HORSEMANSHIP
METALWORK
PERSONAL MANAGEMENT
TRUCK TRANSPORTATION
WELDING



SEATS ARE LIMITED



High Desert Council

WESTERN TECHNICAL COLLEGE
9624 PLAZA CIR
EL PASO, TEXAS 79927

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Judith Jaurrieta jjtwkjj@gmail.com





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

SCOUT NIGHT AT NMSU



NM STATE™

NOVEMBER 29, 2025



Scouting America

PROGRAMS SCOUTING SAFELY AWARDS ABOUT TRAINING RESOURCES OUTDOOR PROGRAMS SKILLS HIGH ADVENTURE PARTNERS

Cub Scout Adventures » Wolf » Council Fire » 10,000 For the Troops » Wolf

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Wolf - 2nd Grade

Council Fire

Citizenship

REQUIRED

Requirement 6

10,000 For The Troops – Wolf

Snapshot of Activity

Cub Scouts participate in a special nation-wide project to create holiday cards for military personnel. Please have letters mailed to the Scouting America National Service Center by November 7, 2025.

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If you want to know more about The Adventure Activity Key [click here](#).

Supply List

- 8 1/2" x 11" construction paper - various colors

10,000 FOR THE TROOPS - WOLF

www.scouting.org/cub-scout-activities/10000-for-the-troops-wolf/

LET'S GO



HIKING



Save the date:
November 1
McKittrick Miler

Guadalupe Mountains National Park



STEM Merit Badge University Albuquerque

**ALL
CLASSES
FILLED!**



November 1, 2025



**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.

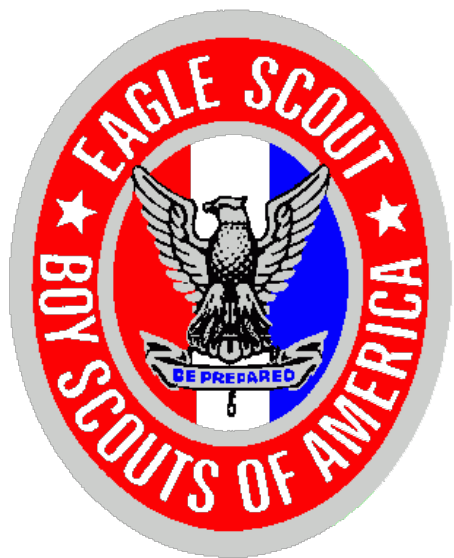
From Community Organization support/coordination to mundane details like parking coordination and campfire planning and more. If you are willing to help - please email

jbalestri55@gmail.com



IN EDGEWOOD, NEW MEXICO





Save the Date

Eagle Banquet

June 5, 2026

Recognition for Eagle Classes of 2025 & 2026



2026 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE
JULY 22-31



GET READY FOR THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME –
JAMBOREE IS COMING!

THE NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE IS AN
UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE FILLED WITH HIGH-
ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES, NEW FRIENDSHIPS FROM
ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND THE SPIRIT OF
SCOUTING AT ITS BEST. WHETHER YOU'RE ZIP-
LINING, PATCH TRADING, OR ROCKING OUT AT A
STADIUM SHOW, THERE'S SOMETHING FOR
EVERYONE. DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO BE
PART OF THIS ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT!





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!

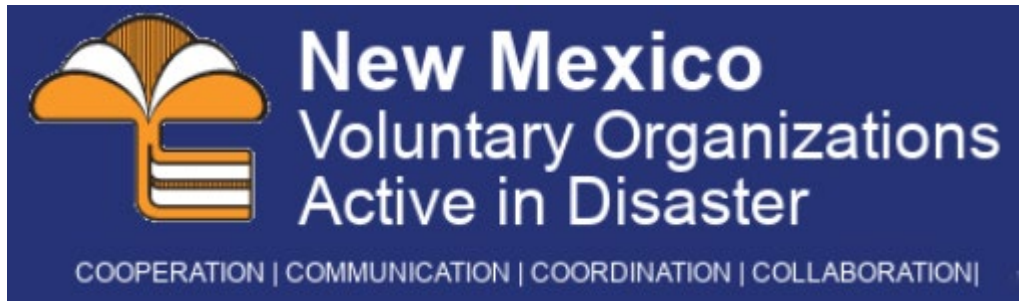
Whether you're a parent, volunteer, or former Scout, there's a place for you in the High Desert Council! Here are just a few ways you can lend your skills and time:



- 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

NEXT COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE

November 6, 2025