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## GREATER COLORADO COUNCIL



## Emergency Service Corps Monthly Activities Report: March/April 2025

### Summary

#### Gearing up for Spring

- **Volunteers Needed - Scouting Colorado Information Booth at the Rocky Mountain Train Show**  
The Greater Colorado Council is in desperate need of Scout and Scouter volunteers to help at this year's Rocky Mountain Train Show Information Booth. We have only 3 volunteers currently signed up. Help take tickets and hand out programs at the entrances, run the Thomas the Tank Engine Kiddie Train and staff the Scouting Colorado Information Booth. This is a great opportunity to interact with the community. See the attached flyer for more details. To Sign up go to; <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C44ABAF28A0FDD-54516188-gcc#/>
- **1<sup>st</sup> Aid Certified Medic Needed - Frontier District Cub Day Camp Medic Support Request; June 12th**  
The Frontier District needs one more volunteer to serve as the on-site medic for their Cub Day Camp at 4 Mile Historic Park from 8AM to 12PM on June 12th. As the location is within 10 minutes of a 911 response team we only need a volunteer with current Basic 1<sup>st</sup> Aid / CPR / AED and YPT Certification. If you can help support the Frontier District on June 12<sup>th</sup>, please let us know.
- **ESC Provided PV Fire Response Support**  
On Monday, March 3rd a fire occurred on the north edge of the McNeil Scout Ranch. The fire burned about 400 acres, mostly on the Malone Property to the north of camp. There was some encroachment East of Kiowa Creek, and towards the mesa. The fire line ran east to Sporting Clays Station 15. ESC supported Camp Staff using the ESC Incident Communications Protocol. ESC Team members were requested to monitor information websites, local news sources, and radio communications for information on the fire. New information and updates were consolidated and texted to council staff as necessary. This allows staff to deal with immediate matters on site while receiving updated specific information without spending time searching for it. This protocol has been used several times in the last few years and is very helpful to the Camp. If you would like to be a part of this team, please let us know.
- **Weather Safety was the March ESC meeting topic**  
The Weather Safety presentation and additional information can be found at:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/y4u46fa9l310cd3g54tj6/Weather-Safety.pptx?rlkey=38mjbuofyxs2czjj1cqsagboq&st=u56jmbh6&dl=0>

#### Upcoming ESC Activities & Events Support

- **April ESC Mtg; Wednesday, April 2nd, 7pm**  
Topic; Back Country Resources – CERN and the Wilderness Protocol, BSA The Adventure Plan (TAP)  
You can attend this presentation either in person or through a video conference call. It's free and open to everyone. See the attached flyer for more details.
- **Rocky Mountain Train Show, April 5-6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Volunteers Needed** - The annual Model Train Show is being held at the National Stock Show Complex. Scouting Colorado receives free booth space by providing volunteers to assist with the show. We need both Scout and Scouter volunteers to sign up for a two-hour shift to collect tickets, help with the Kid's zone or staff the Scouting Colorado Information Booth. See the attached flyer for more details or sign up to help at;  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050C44ABAF28A0FDD-54516188-gcc#/>
- **Colorado State Boating Safety Course, April 5th**  
As of June 1, 2024, Colorado law changed requiring the operator to be at least 18 years old, unless those 14 through 17 have successfully completed an approved boating safety course. ESC is holding a Coast Guard Auxiliary training at the Hamilton Scout Center. See the attached flyer for more details.
- **May ESC Mtg; Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 7PM**  
Stop the Bleed with the St. Anthony Hospital Trauma Team. See the attached flyer for more details.



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- **Coast Guard Boating Navigation Seminar, May 10th**  
The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is holding a Boating Navigation Seminar on May 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm at the Chatfield State Park Headquarters. Perfect for those headed to Seabase or Boundary Waters adventures. See the attached flyer for more details.
- **ScoutNet: 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at 7pm.**  
ScoutNet is an opportunity for Scouts and Scouters to practice radio communications. We talk about Scouting, Ham Radio and related items. Join us on the RMRL/Skyhub Link at 449.4500 MHz, K1DUN, RMRL repeater with negative offset and 103.5 Hz tone required. The net is also carried on Allstar (46079), DMR Talkgroup 310847 (and RMRL DMR repeater 449.750 Time slot 1) & Fusion Room "DENVERSKYHUBLINK". For more information go to: <https://rmrl.org/rl/> and <https://skyhublink.com/>  
**NOTE: There will be no ScoutNet on Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

### ***For More information on upcoming ESC Activities & Events***

- GCC Calendar: [ScoutingColorado.org/activities](https://scoutingcolorado.org/activities)
- ESC website: <https://www.gccesc.org/>
- ESC Resources & References: <https://www.dropbox.com/home/ESC%20Website%20Data>
- Brad Johnston: [Johnston.Scouter@gmail.com](mailto:Johnston.Scouter@gmail.com)
- ESC Meetings Teleconference Call:  
Dial into the conference: Dial-in Number: (607) 374-1189 – United States Access Code: 626966  
Online Meeting Link: [https://join.freeconferencecall.com/johnston\\_brad](https://join.freeconferencecall.com/johnston_brad) Meeting ID: johnston.brad

### **ESC Projects in Progress**

- **McNeil Scout Ranch Ham Radio Repeater:** The Scout Ranch Amateur Radio repeater is currently off-line due to a lightning strike that knocked out power. We are waiting for the weather to clear and the road to the Mesa to stabilize enough to get an electrician up to the wellhouse to make repairs. We are also waiting for good weather to pour a concrete pad to support the new Repeater box and gear installation.

### **Current Staffing Needs**

- **Training Program Lead and Training Topic Subject Matter Experts** – We are looking for Subject Matter Experts to support Monthly Training. Each month has a different topic and we would like Scouters and other experts to lead discussions. A separate request regarding this effort will be coming out shortly. See list below for potential topics or suggest your own.

### **ESC Programs**

#### **Medic Program -**

- **Medic Call List:** ESC maintains a Call list of volunteers with 1<sup>st</sup> Aid Medical training willing to staff Council and District events. Depending on the location, required medical training ranges from current Basic First Aid/CPR/AED certification to Paramedic. When an event is looking for Medic Support we send a notice to the call list looking for volunteers available and willing to staff. If interested in being added to the call list or wanting more information Email Brad at [Johnston.Brad@outlook.com](mailto:Johnston.Brad@outlook.com).
- **Scouting Colorado Medic Protocols:** ESC is working on a specific set of medic protocols to be used at Council and district events.
- **Medic Training:** The in-house training program provides 1<sup>st</sup> Aid / CPR / AED, Stop the Bleed Trauma 1<sup>st</sup> Aid and Wilderness 1<sup>st</sup> Aid courses. The program is currently on hold with the exception of Stop the Bleed training as we restructure and find new volunteer instructors.



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### Radio Program - George Weber/ Greg Ostravich

- **Ham License Testing Resources:** Greg Ostravich is a licensing examiner and has shared resources and reference material for others to help gain their Technician, General and Extra licenses. This material can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/hamtesting>
- **Hamilton Scout Center and McNeil Scout Ranch Radio Shacks:** A procedure to authorize Scouts and Scouters to operate the stations is available. Email Brad at [Johnston.Brad@outlook.com](mailto:Johnston.Brad@outlook.com) for more information.
- **McNeil Scout Ranch Ham Radio Repeater:** The KB0BSA repeater at camp (PV) is on 447.325 with a MINUS offset and a 151.4 Hz tone – required. Provide audio (your call sign) and it will give a voice ID response in reply. Work is continuing on the new home for the repeater in the form of a Traffic Control box donated by the City of Parker and equipment donated by the ARES® of Douglas & Elbert Counties (R1D5). We are now waiting for good weather and availability of time to pour the concrete pad.
- **Radio Library:** The ESC/Radio Scouting team has many FRS Walkie-Talkie radios as well as some Amateur HF, VHF and UHF requiring Ham license available for check-out. FRS radios do not require any training or license to use. These radios are packaged into convenient carry boxes with instructions. The radios are available for all Scouting Units to check out. Email Brad at [Johnston.Brad@outlook.com](mailto:Johnston.Brad@outlook.com) for more information.

### ESC Training Programs - *We Need a Lead*

ESC offers in-house training, coordinates training opportunities with both Scouting and outside agencies, keeps a reference list of available on-line training as well as passes on information about other training opportunities. Training is available for Scouts and Scouters. Courses vary in availability from in-person and teleconference, or on-line. To get information on upcoming ESC related training opportunities join the ESC Mailing List.

- **FEMA Incident Response Training:** Jeff Mosel has gathered a list of FEMA Free Study courses available on-line that train participants in Event Emergency Planning and Response. Everyone in the Greater Colorado Council planning or executing events (Camporees/Klondorees, NYLT Bighorn and Woodbadge trainings, Cub Scout Day Camps and other activities should review and consider taking the basic 4 classes. The classes list with more detailed training information for people responsible for specific roles is available on request.
- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):** We would like to initiate a training program to offer courses to Scouts, Scouters and the general public.
- **Training Curriculum:** We need to review the current list of training offered and the schedule. What works, what's popular, what's needed? Shall we do a survey?
- **ESC Website:** We have a new website in development at GCCESC.org. A significant amount of content is in process of being sorted and uploaded. Thanks Richard Hall.
- **Safety Moments:** Scouting USA asks that all Scouting Events include a Safety Moment at the beginning of each meeting, event or activity. ESC has a number of Safety Moment materials and training available.

### Mobile Operations Projects - Brad

- **Support Operations Trailer:** We are waiting for warmer weather to begun 2<sup>nd</sup> stage renovation of the enclosed 4'x8' utility trailer to be used for evacuation and program support. In the event evacuation of the McNeil Scout Ranch is required this trailer will provide an initial Operations Base at the evacuation site to assist Administration (Check-In/Check-Out and Records Management), Cooking and cleaning (cooking gear, stoves and serving tables, cleaning and laundry equipment), Shelter with tarps, and Program activities with tables, tools and other supplies. Refurbishments and enhancements to the trailer and its equipment are in process.
- **PV Support Operations Storage:** A 20' shipping container has been set up at McNeil Scout Ranch to store camping gear available for use in an emergency or support to those at camp in need. The container needs to be surveyed and the gear available inventoried.



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### Updates & Reminders

- American Red Cross online 90-minute course for "immediate responder" orientation  
<https://www.hmpgloballearningnetwork.com/site/emsworld/news/red-cross-releases-new-course-immediate-responders>

### ESC Current Schedule

Greater Colorado Council - Emergency Service Corps			
Activities & Events Calendar			
Date	Activity Title	Time	Location
3/5/2025	Emergency Service Corps Committee Meeting - Weather Safety	7pm - 9pm	HSC / Telecon
3/16/2025	Scout Net - Ham Radio Net	7pm - 8pm	RMRL Repeater
4/2/2025	Emergency Service Corps Committee Meeting - Back Country Resources	7pm - 9pm	HSC / Telecon
4/4/2025	Rail Roding Merit Badge / Rocky Mountain Train Show Setup	5pm-7pm	National Western Stock Show Complex
4/5/2025	Boating Safety	9am - 5pm	HSC
4/5/2025	Rail Roding Merit Badge / Rocky Mountain Train Show	8am-5pm	National Western Stock Show Complex
4/6/2025	Rail Roding Merit Badge / Rocky Mountain Train Show	8am-5pm	National Western Stock Show Complex
4/13/2025	Scout Net - Ham Radio Net	7pm - 8pm	RMRL Repeater
4/19/2025	Radio Scouting Field Day	8am-12pm	Sloan's Lake / Cherry Creek
4/20/2025	Easter - No ScoutNet		
5/4/2025	Scout Net - Ham Radio Net	7pm - 8pm	RMRL Repeater
5/7/2025	Emergency Service Corps Committee Meeting - Medical Training	7pm - 9pm	HSC / Telecon
5/18/2025	Scout Net - Ham Radio Net	7pm - 8pm	RMRL Repeater

### ESC Proposed Topics of the Month

Month	Theme	Day(s)	Rotating Trainings	Month	Theme	Day(s)	Rotating Trainings
January	Event & Activity Planning	Wednesday	BSA Event & Activity Planning	June	Summer Ready	Wednesday	Summer Activity Safety Planning
		Wednesday	BSA The Adventure Plan (TAP)			Wednesday	Camping Safety / Goat Book
		Wednesday	FEMA Training Program Overview			Wednesday	Shooting Sports Safety
February	Health & Safety	Wednesday	Mental Health			Wednesday	Climbing Safety
		Wednesday	"Stop the Bleed" Trauma Training			Wednesday	Aquatics Safety
		Wednesday	Camping Safety / Goat Book			Wednesday	Biking Safety
		Wednesday	Aquatics Sports Safety			Wednesday	Boating Safety
		Wednesday	Shooting Sports Safety			Saturday	Boating Safety Certificate
		Wednesday	Climbing Safety			Saturday	Boating Navigation
		Wednesday	Biking Safety				
March	Weather Safety	Wednesday	BSA Hazardous Weather Training	July	Planning & Preparedness	Wednesday	Pet Preparedness
		Wednesday	Weather Warning / SkyWatch/SkyWarn			Wednesday	Fire Safety / Wildfires
		Wednesday	Extreme Weather Training			Wednesday	Cyber Safety
		Weekend	Cold Water Rescue	August	Program Planning & Review	Wednesday	ESC Program Review
April	BackCountry Resources	Wednesday	Colorado Search & Rescue Association	September	Be Prepared	Wednesday	72 Hour Kits / Preparedness Equipment
		Wednesday	Colorado 4x4 Rescue & Recovery			Wednesday	CERT Overview
		Wednesday	OnTrail Training			Wednesday	Douglas Co / Elbert Co EMS
		Wednesday	Stay the Trail Colorado			Weekend	CERT Training
		Wednesday	Civil Air Patrol	October	Radio Scouting	Wednesday	Radios in Scouting
		Wednesday	AERO Medical			Wednesday	Colorado ARES
		Wednesday	CERN			Wednesday	ARRL EmComm Training
May	Medical Training	Saturday	Boating Safety	November	Medical Training	Wednesday	"Stop the Bleed" Trauma Training
		Wednesday	"Stop the Bleed" Trauma Training			Wednesday	Mental Health
		Wednesday	Mental Health			Weekend	1st Aid, CPR & AED Certification Training
		Weekend	1st Aid, CPR & AED Certification Training			Weekend	Wilderness 1st Aid
		Weekend	Wilderness 1st Aid	December	Winter Ready	Wednesday	Winter Camping Tips & Tricks
						Wednesday	OPIK Overview