



Greater Colorado Council Emergency Service Corps



Monthly Activities Report, Events & Training Schedule December, 2022

Summary

Things do slow down during the holiday season. We continue to make a lot of progress on some fronts while stalling out on others.

Through November and into December the Medic Training team has made a lot of progress in planning and organizing a program and curriculum to cover the entire Greater Colorado Council. While it is reasonably straightforward to offer training opportunities in the Denver area, there is a greater challenge ensuring equal opportunities across the council. The committee has identified enough volunteer instructors and has a plan for a monthly rotating curriculum of course to be offered in three separate locations. Details listing course offerings is pending final review. The first class, with a Wilderness First Aid class was offered in the Three Rivers district last weekend. I have stalled out on setting up and purchasing equipment for standard medical kits.

Participation in the bimonthly ScoutNet Ham Radio exercise has been significantly down the last few times.

We have antenna repairs at both the Scout HQ and Camp PV pending better weather and time. We have 2 new radios to install in the Mobile Operations Center(MOC) trailer. The Family Radio Service Walkie-Talkies are packaged with new batteries (not installed) and ready to be deployed.

The MOC is still pending licensing due to a paperwork mix-up. I have a large list of items to purchase for the MOC and ESC in general.

Finally, I need to schedule a Committee Meeting (Via Zoom)

December Meeting & Training Session; Wednesday, December 7th, In-Person / Telecon Outdoor Essentials Holiday Gift Ideas, 7pm @ Hamilton Scout Center

Gift ideas for Scouts and Scouters based on the Outdoor Essentials and Winter Camping
[GCC - ESC - Stocking Stuffer Ideas Registration \(doubleknot.com\)](https://doubleknot.com)

January 2023 Meeting & Training Session; Wednesday, January 4th, In-Person / Telecon Winter Activities and Camping, 7pm @ Hamilton Scout Center

Get prepared for Klondories and other Winter Outdoor activities with Tricks and Tips for staying warm and comfortable in the cold weather.

[GCC - ESC - Winter Activities and Camping Tricks and Tips Registration \(doubleknot.com\)](https://doubleknot.com)

Upcoming ESC Activities & Events Support

GCC Christmas Tree Harvest: Saturday, December 10th @ Camp Tahosa (9am–5pm)

The Greater Colorado Council Conservation Committee has requested ESC Team support for this event. We are providing a Medic, Warming Station and Radio Communications support.

Jamboree on the Internet II; February 24-26, 2023

Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) in Switzerland is often referred to as the Permanent Mini Jamboree. Unfortunately, not everyone is able to visit KISC in person to take part in the mini jamboree in person. So as part of the 2023 celebrations for the centenary of KISC, we are inviting Scouts and Groups around the globe to our Jamboree On The Internet; KISC JOTI. The event will run from 19th to 26th February. The bulk of the 'live' activities will be available during the weekend 24, 25, 26 February. Many units will decide to take part in KISC JOTI activities throughout this weekend, we some arranging residential experiences for the weekend. The activities will be suitable for the entire unit alongside patrol-based activities to enable as wide a





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range of Scouts and Guides as possible to take part in the event. The 22nd of February marks the birthday of both Robert Baden-Powell (the founder of Scouting) and is known in Scouting as “Founders Day” and in Guiding as “Thinking Day”. As part of the KISC JOTI event, there will be a special activity on Wednesday 22 February 2023. Anyone with an internet connection and an interest in International Scouting can participate.

Go to [KISC Joti](#) | [KISC 2023](#) for more information.

GCC KISC JOTI; Saturday February 25, 2023 9am – 3pm @ Hamilton Scout Center

The Greater Colorado Council is putting together a plan to participate in the Kandersteg International Scout Centre Jamboree on the Internet event. More information to follow as plans mature.

ESC Programs

ESC Steering Committee: Steering Committee agreed to meet quarterly going forward. Next meeting date and time needs to be coordinated.

ESC Training: A new cycle Emergency Service-related training has been placed on the Council Calendar.

- **ESC Training Tracking:** A tracking program needs to be revived. This will lead to award of the BSA Emergency Preparedness pin. We need a lead.
- **FEMA Incident Command / Community Emergency Response Team (CERT):** We would like to initiate a training program to offer courses to Scouts, Scouters and the general public. We need a lead.

Medic Support & Training:

- **Medic Training:** Medical First Responder program with a broad curriculum is being established. Certification courses running from First Aid/CPR/AED to Advanced Wilderness First Aid and First Responder courses, Aquatics and other related programs. A Committee and Team Lead have been chosen, researching classes, instructors, and resource requirements. Criteria includes offering as many courses / certification programs as possible, make all offerings open to the public, offer as much instruction over the internet as possible with Hands-On final certifications where necessary. Also work to ensure programs are offered throughout the Council and not just in the Denver Metro area.
- **Medic Call List:** We have no open requests for Medic Support. Continue to look for additional personnel to add to the list of Medic Volunteers.
- **Medic Kits Inventory Standardization:** We are working with a variety of sources to establish a set of standard Medic Kit inventories and then stock those kits appropriately. Working on establishing the categories, inventory for each and standardized contracts with supply vendors.
- **Mock Exercise Training;** GCC participation in a Mock Disaster training exercise is being proposed.

Amateur Radio:

- The High Frequency radio antenna at MSR is off-line. We need to find and install a new antenna mast. Similar to the one being used at the Hamilton Scout Center.
- The Hamilton Scout Center Commercial Repeater continues to be out of service due to strong frequency interference. Testing and resolution pending.
- A High Frequency radio and another dual band (VHF/UHF) radio has been donated to the program. They are both planned to be installed in the Mobile Operations Center trailer.
- A GMRS radio from the set of radios donated by the Arapaho County Sheriff's office is also being added to the MOC. This will expand our event monitoring capabilities to include GMRS frequencies.
- The Rocky Mountain Radio League SkyHub Link continues to expand Nationally and into Canada. This is allowing the bimonthly ScoutNet to reach well beyond the boundaries of the Greater Colorado Council. We





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are looking at the possibility of inviting other Scouting Councils from around the Nation to take advantage of this expanded capability and have ScoutNet expand Nationally.

Event & Activities Support:

- **Mobile Operations Center:** Phase II development is in progress. Finalize trailer licensing, stocking Medic gear, another radio, A-V and IT network and a heater.
 - We are looking for a Laptop Donation to support the in-trailer network
- **Support Services Trailer:** The 4x8 enclosed Support Services trailer is currently functional and available as needed. Plans to refurbish and enhance this trailer are on hold pending availability of Dan Rasco.
- **Incident and Emergency Procedures Support:** Working with DAC Scouting professionals to create or update and enhance Incident/Emergency protocols and procedures.

Prior Month Activities Report

- **“Stop the Bleed” Trauma Certification Training:** Course was well attended.

