



Emergency Service Corps Monthly Activities Report: August 2023

Summary

The new Scouting Season is upon us.

We need your help promoting our coming Activities & Events to interested Scouts.

Flyers are attached, Let your units know.

Upcoming Activities & Events Support

- **ESC Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, Sept 6th, 2023, 7pm In-Person & Video Call
 - Review of the World Jamboree, National Jamboree and Summer Camp Activities
 - Lessons Learned and planning adjustments.
 - Progress on Programs, Activities & Events.
- **1st Aid / CPR / AED Certification Training:** Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 7pm In Person Only @ Hamilton Scout Center, ***THIS IS A DATE CHANGE***
- **Stop The Bleed 1st Aid Certification Training:** Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 7pm In Person Only @ Hamilton Scout Center, ***THIS IS A DATE CHANGE***
- **JOTA/JOTI World Jamboree Open House:** Friday, October 20, 2023 7pm – 9pm @ Hamilton Scout Center
 - World Scouting Alumni Open House
 - Food & Drink hosted by the Rotary Club
 - Past Jamboree participants are encouraged to come. Bring your stories and memorabilia.
 - ***Invite Scouts who are interested in attending future Jamborees***
- **Jamboree On the Air / Jamboree on the Internet GCC Open House,** October 20-22, 2023
 - Saturday, October 21, 2023 9am - 3pm @ Hamilton Scout Center
 - Saturday, October 21, 2023 9am – 3pm @ McNeil Scout Ranch
- **Radio Merit Badge:** Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9am-3pm @ Hamilton Scout Center

For More information on upcoming ESC Activities & Events

- ScoutingColorado.org/activities
- Brad Johnston: Johnston.Scout@gmail.com

To Attend ESC Video Calls:

- Dial into the conference: Dial-in Number: (607) 374-1189 - United States Access Code: 626966
- Join the online meeting: Online Meeting Link: https://join.freeconferencecall.com/johnston_brad Meeting ID: johnston_brad

ESC Programs

Medic Training & Support Program (Cristian Joya) UPDATES

- **1st Aid / CPR / AED Training:** DATE CHANGE The planned training has been moved to October due to scheduling challenges. The training is open to anyone 14+. You do not need to be a Scout or Scouter to attend. The cost for certification and supplies has risen to \$20. This is excellent training for everyone – Be Prepared!
- **Stop the Bleed Trauma 1st Aid Training:** DATE CHANGE The planned training has been moved to November due to scheduling challenges. The training is open to anyone 14+. You do not need to be a Scout or Scouter to attend. The training is FREE, Trauma kits are available for \$25. This is excellent training for everyone – Be Prepared!



- **General Medic Training:** Medical First Responder program with a broad curriculum has been established. Certification courses running from First Aid/CPR/AED to Advanced Wilderness First Aid and First Responder courses, Aquatics and other related programs are being made available with much more to come. Programs are offered throughout the Council and not just in the Denver Metro area.
We have suffered delays in getting the schedule established and posted to Double-Knot. Once we get the schedule locked down and posted, we will send out a general announcement.
- **Medic Call List:** We have 47 people identified on the Medic Call list with training/skills ranging from Basic 1st Aid to Doctors. With this list of volunteers, we have fulfilled every GCC event request we have received.
THANK YOU ALL.
- **Medic Kits Inventory Standardization:** We continue working with a variety of sources to establish a set of standard Medic Kit inventories and then stock those kits appropriately.
- **Mock Exercise Training:** GCC participation in a Mock Disaster training exercise is being researched.

Amateur Radio Program (*George Weber*)

- **Amateur Radio Operator uniform patches:** Patches are available to licensed operators, contact Brad Johnston for more information.
- **Jamboree on the Air / Jamboree on the Internet:** This year's JOTA/JOTI will be held October 20-22, 2023. The Team is planning several activities and we need Scouts to participate and Scouters / licensed Ham Radio operators' support. Flyers are being distributed with information on what we are planning. ***If you would like to participate, please let us know.***
 - The Rotary Club is sponsoring a World Scouting Alumni Open House with food and drink on Friday, October 20th. Past Jamboree participants and Scouts interested in attending the next World Jamboree are invited to attend.
 - The Waterton Amateur Radio Society (WARS) has volunteered Radio Operators, their Ham Shack and classroom. We can hold a 2nd Radio Merit Badge class at their facility if we can identify an instructor and have enough Scouts interested.
 - The Coast Guard Auxiliary is volunteering additional Ham Radio Operators.
 - The Rocky Mountain Radio League has been requested to allow us to use their repeater system and the SkyHub Link on Friday and Saturday so Ham Operators with only VHF/UHF capability will be able to participate both locally and internationally.
 - One Scoutmaster in Littleton has said he will be setting up a Field Station for his troop to participate.
 - ARRL has notified us that they will be participating to write an article on our activities.
 - ARRL has also provided a large set of Ham Radio related STEM games and activities for Scouts. If you would like a copy of these items contact Brad Johnston.
- **Camp Tahosa Emergency Radio:** A recently donated Yeasu FT4700RH VHF/UHF radio is being prepared to be installed in the Camp Tahosa Barn. With the previously installed J-Pole antenna, radio communications with several Ham Radio Repeater systems, including both the Colorado Connection (CC) and Rocky Mountain Radio League (RMRL) will always be available. The radio is being installed into a weather-proof cabinet with a battery and charger system, pre-programmed stations and a simple instruction set being included.
- **McNeil Scout Ranch Radio Shack:** Due to a very generous donation of equipment, the station is being refreshed. A new procedure to authorize Scouts and Scouters to operate the station is being prepared.
- **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. The big thing is that the repeater will not respond to a "quick klick" or "kerchunk". You must provide audio (your ID!) Then it will give a vice ID.
- **Packet / Emergency Communications:** Training is being planned. If you are interested in participating in this training, please let us know.



- We need to get an article on the GCC Amateur Radio Program to submit to various publications including Scouting for Boys, QST, Bryan on Scouting, etc. *Do we have any writers out there looking for a topic?*
- Check Out K2BSA Amateur Radio for Scouting [K2BSA Amateur Radio Association | Amateur Radio and Scouting](#)

Event Support Trailers (*Dan Rasco*)

- **Mobile Operations Center:** Phase II development of the trailer continues.
 - Licensing documentation in process.
 - Installation of new HF and VHF/UHF dual band radios and 4 video monitors are planned
 - A shopping list of equipment and supplies, including an electrical generator are in process.
 - Setting up a Raspberry Pi computer and video system is being researched.
- **Support Operations Trailer:**
 - Need to straighten frame and weather seal shell.

ESC Training/Information (*We Need a Lead*) **No New Information**

All planned training events are on the Council Calendar.

- **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?
- **Training Tracking:** A tracking program needs to be revived. This will lead to award of the BSA Emergency Preparedness pin.
- **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.
- **Mock Disaster:** we need to either find a set of community mock disaster trainings or develop our own.
- **ESC Website:** We need a website and **webmaster** to help coordinate information and activities. We have collected a significant amount of information available in a Dropbox file and we are in the information loop of several other ESC related organizations but have no efficient way to distribute to the general Scouting Public.
- **Safety Moments:** Scouting USA is again asking all Scouting to perform a Safety Moment at the beginning of each meeting, event and activity. ESC has been asked to provide reference materials and Safety Moment training availability. We have a number of Safety Moment training available, from 10minute briefs to longer training sessions.

Incident and Emergency Procedures (*John Braselton*):

- A storage container has been designated to store camping gear and related supplies. The equipment will be available for distribution if Campers are in need due to loss or damage of their own. Storage shelves, inventory and organization is needed. Work is planned to begin in September.
- Working to create or update and enhance Incident/Emergency protocols and procedures. Existing procedures will be reviewed in light of lessons learned from this camping season as well as from the recent National and World Jamborees.

Prior Month Activities

- **Radio Equipment Donation:** A large batch of new Ham Radio equipment was donated this month. The radios, power supplies and other equipment are being evaluated and prepared for deployment.
- **Camping Gear Donation:** A number of sleeping bags, cots and other camping gear have recently been donated. The equipment is evaluated and then dispositioned either to the use of on-going activities, storage for emergency supplies, donation or disposal.
- **Laptop Donation:** A laptop computer donation is being re-configured to support a number of Ham Radio systems.



Needs

- Training Lead
- Website / Webmaster
- Network Expert to set up Network/video in MOC Trailer