



Emergency Service Corps Monthly Activities Report: December 2023

Summary

Lots of new training opportunities are scheduled for the coming months, including First Aid and Ham Radio topics. A great opportunity for Scouts needing Volunteer Hours for School and Rank Advancement will be happening in April. Several winter camping tips and gear presentations were performed in person and via zoom at the Council, District and Troop level. Copies of the presentations are available on request. The ESC team is preparing to support both upcoming Denver area Klondorees, providing radio comms, a Dispatcher/Medic, Hi-Vis vests and other staff and support.

Upcoming Activities & Events Support

- **ESC Committee Meeting: Wednesday, January 3rd, 2024, 7pm In-Person & Video Call**
 - Review of the GCC Denver Area Camporees I and II and Jamboree on the Air & Internet
 - Review of Medic Training Program
 - General Discussions, Old and New Business
- **ESC Committee Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 2023, 7pm In-Person & Video Call**
 - Upcoming Klondoree Support
 - On-Going Projects and Initiatives Status
- **Denver Area Klondoree I & II, February 2-4 / 9-11, 2024**
 - Golden Gate State Park Reverends Ridge Campsite (313 Reverends Ridge Road, Black Hawk, CO)
 - ESC Support of Planning & Logistics, Radio Communications and Emergency Planning & Response
 - We will be co-located with Medics in 1st Aid Yurt
- **Basic Life Support 1st Aid Training: Sunday, February 24, 2024, 6pm-10pm, Hamilton Scout Center, In-Person ONLY**
 - The American Heart Association BLS course trains participants to promptly recognize several life-threatening emergencies, give high-quality chest compressions, deliver appropriate ventilations and provide early use of an AED. Reflects science and education from the American Heart Association Guidelines Update for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC). The AHA's BLS Course is designed for healthcare professionals and other personnel who need to know how to perform CPR and other basic cardiovascular life support skills in a wide variety of in-facility and prehospital settings.
- **ESC Committee Meeting / Training: Wednesday, March 6th, 2024, 7pm In-Person ONLY**
 - 1st Aid/CPR/AED Certification Training
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 - Stop the Bleed 1st Aid Certification Training
- **Rocky Mountain Train Show: Saturday – Sunday, April 6th/7th, 2024, National Western Stock Show**
 - ESC team and Volunteers will be supporting Event operations and staffing Scouting Information Booth.
 - We will have BSA activities displays, Join Information, Jamboree Patch Collections, and HAM Radio.
- **For More information or to attend upcoming ESC Activities & Events**
 - GCC Calendar: [ScoutingColorado.org/activities](https://scoutingcolorado.org/activities)
 - Brad Johnston: Johnston.Scout@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 Meeting ID: johnston_brad



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Current Needs

- **Training Program Lead**
- **Website / Webmaster**
- **Network Expert to set up network/video system in MOC Trailer**

Prior Month Activities

- **Winter Camping Tips & Tricks Presentations:** Several Winter Camping Tips & Tricks presentations were made during this last month. Presentations were made at the ESC Monthly meeting, and at several individual Troop Meetings.
- **ESC Presentation to Arapahoe District:** A review of the ESC Committee was made to the Arapahoe District at their Roundtable. The Committee activities, opportunities and resources were presented including available training, event support and the Radio Library.
- **Conservation Committee Christmas Tree Harvesting:** ESC team members Bill Vanhorne and Brad Johnston went up to Camp Tahosa on December 9th to support the Conservation Committee Christmas Tree Harvesting event again this year. We provided Medic support for the event as well as emergency radio communications capabilities. Based on the planned sale of the camp the Ham Radio antenna mounted on the NYLT Barn roof was removed. Emergency radio support for future events at Camp Tahosa are available on request.

ESC Programs

Medic Training & Support Program (*Cristian Joya*) UPDATES

- **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 to be offered throughout the Council including the Denver Metro area, Motrose and Basalt. Training dates are now available on the Council Calendar. The current schedule is attached for your information.
- **Medic Call List:** We currently have 47 people 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 for Medic Support we have received. **THANK YOU ALL.**
- **Medic Kits Inventory Standardization:** We are assisting 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.
- **Ham Radio Activities for Scouts:** ARRL has 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:** We removed the HAM radio antenna and cable from the barn roof due to the pending sale of Camp Tahosa. We have HAM radio systems available for check-out to be used in emergencies should a Scout group want to go up to Camp Tahosa. A White Paper entitled: Camp Tahosa Emergency Communications Alternatives – Ham Radio explains this plan and is available on request.
- **McNeil Scout Ranch Radio Shack:** A procedure to authorize Scouts and Scouters to operate the station is still in process. A security gate like the one used at the CAP Ham Shack is being purchased to prevent unauthorized manipulation of the equipment. There have been several occasions where it has been found that radio settings have been improperly adjusted rendering the radios out of service.



- **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 click" or "kerchunk". You must provide audio (your ID!) Then it will give a vice ID.
- **Radio Library:** A library of radios that can be checked out to Scout Units to support activities and events is available. This includes a significant number for FRS Walkie-Talkie Radios that do not require a license to operate. A pair of Dual-Band VHF/UHF "Ham in a Can" radios that require the basic Technician License to use as well as a full portable "Ham Shack" with a HF Radio, VHF/UHF Dual Band Radio, Power Supply, Buddy Pole Antenna and dual band antenna available to General Licensed operators.
- **Packet / Emergency Communications Training:** Training is being planned. If you are interested in participating in this training, please let us know.
- We are working on getting an article on the GCC Amateur Radio Program to be submitted to various publications including Scouting for Boys, QST, Bryan on Scouting, etc.
- Check Out K2BSA Amateur Radio for Scouting [K2BSA Amateur Radio Association | Amateur Radio and Scouting](#)

Event Support Trailers (*Dan Rasco*)

- **Mobile Operations Center:**
 - Phase III with upgraded Audio Visual and Network support is pending. Requires setting up a network w/video capability includes setting up a Raspberry Pi or similar computer.
 - Updates to the MOC Operations Manual and supporting documentation including a supply of blank forms are in process.
- **Support Operations Trailer:**

We have a new enclosed 4'x8' utility trailer to use for evacuation and program support. The trailer needs to be surveyed to determine how we want to proceed with refurbishments and enhancements.
- **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. Additional donated camping gear is pending to be placed in the container. Just pending availability of ESC Team and Camp personnel.

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

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.