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# 2024 Scouting Update

## Colorado American Legion

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# Opportunities for Unit Growth

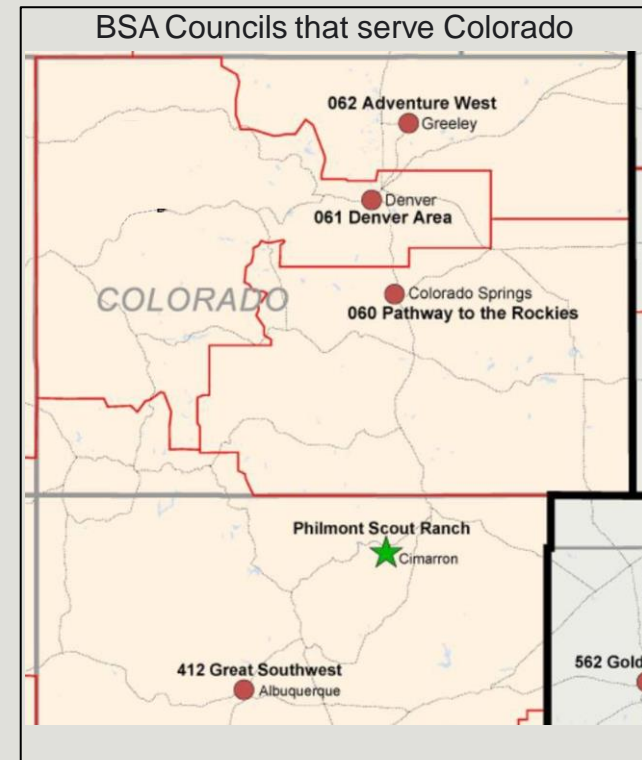
- There are significant opportunities for Posts to charter new or existing units throughout the State of Colorado
  - Some units are seeking new charter partners due to the loss of their prior chartering organizations
    - Colorado Post families have stepped up in recent years to bolster support to the Scouting program
  - If you have families with youth in your Post, chartering a Scout unit can be an awesome way to serve those families
    - Cub Scouts age 5 to 10 years (Boys and Girls, separate Cub Scout Dens in the same Pack)
    - Scouts BSA age 11 to 18 (Boys and Girls, separate Troops for each)
    - Venturing age 14 to 20 (Coed)
  - Scouting programs can also feed, support and synchronize with other Post Programs for youth:
    - Jr Auxiliary, SAL
    - Oratorical
    - Boys/Girls State
    - Young Guns/Jr Shooting Sports
    - American Legion Baseball
  - Download the Chartered Organization Representative Guidebook at: [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/511-421\(16\)\\_WEB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/511-421(16)_WEB.pdf) to learn more about Chartered Organization Responsibilities
  - Find additional information and resources at: <https://alrco.org/deptcoscouting/>
  - For Inquiries and more information about opportunities in your area, contact Steve Hayes, 719-494-7166 / [coloradolegionscouting@gmail.com](mailto:coloradolegionscouting@gmail.com) and direct to your local Council representatives (see next page)





# BSA Council Service Areas & Contacts

- Adventure West Council (formerly Greater Wyoming-Long's Peak Council) - <https://www.adventurewestscouts.org>
  - Luz Guidry, [luz.guidry@scouting.org](mailto:luz.guidry@scouting.org), 970-584-2226, Golden Plains District serving Akron, Ault, Brush, Eaton, Evans, Fort Morgan, Greeley, Haxtun, Holyoke, Johnstown, Miliken, Nunn, Peetz, Platteville, Sterling, and Wray
  - John Eastman, [john.eastman@scouting.org](mailto:john.eastman@scouting.org), 720-326-7271 Wapiti District serving Boulder County, including Frederick, Ft. Lupton, Longmont, Niwot, Boulder, Superior, Louisville, Erie and Lafayette.
  - Carey Anson, [carey.anson@scouting.org](mailto:carey.anson@scouting.org), 307-258-8146, Frontier District serving Jackson Co, CO
  - David Best, [david.best@scouting.org](mailto:david.best@scouting.org), 970-584-2200, Bighorn District serving Larimer Co, CO
- Greater Colorado Council - <https://scoutingcolorado.org>
  - District Executives Savannah Dalton, [savannah.dalton@scouting.org](mailto:savannah.dalton@scouting.org), 720-266-2130 or Charlie Mauro, [Charles.Mauro@scouting.org](mailto:Charles.Mauro@scouting.org) 720-266-2178: Alpine District serving the following school districts: Jefferson County, Gilpin County, Clear Creek County and Platte Canyon.
  - District Executives Alex Wharry [alex.wharry@scouting.org](mailto:alex.wharry@scouting.org), 720-266-2163 and Asher Lavalee, [asher.lavallee@scouting.org](mailto:asher.lavallee@scouting.org): Black Feather District serving the following school districts: Douglas County, Littleton, Sheridan, Englewood, and Elbert County
  - District Executives Brian Bell, [brian.bell2@scouting.org](mailto:brian.bell2@scouting.org), (720) 827-3161 and Katie Day [katie.day@scouting.org](mailto:katie.day@scouting.org), (361) 834-0408: Centennial District serving the following school districts: Aurora Public School, Bennett, Byers, Cherry Creek, Deer Trail, and Strasburg
  - District Director Sara Willard, [Sara.Willard@scouting.org](mailto:Sara.Willard@scouting.org), 720.903.6899: Frontier District serving Denver County and Denver Public Schools
  - District Executive Gail Atkinson, [gail.atkinson@scouting.org](mailto:gail.atkinson@scouting.org), 970-549-6794: Majestic Mesas District serving the following school districts: Delta County, Dolores County, Gunnison Watershed, Hinsdale County, Mesa County Valley, Montrose County, Norwood Public Schools, Ouray, Ridgway, Telluride, and the West End.
  - District Executive Maggie McCulloch, [maggie.mcculloch@scouting.org](mailto:maggie.mcculloch@scouting.org), 720-266-2129: Three Rivers District serving the following school districts: Aspen DeBeque, Eagle County, East Grand, Garfield County, Garfield, Hayden, Lake County, Meeker, Moffat County, Park County, Plateau Valley, Rangely, Roaring Fork, South Routt, Steamboat Springs and Summit
  - District Executive Jack Castellano, [jack.castellano@scouting.org](mailto:jack.castellano@scouting.org), 720-266-2122: Valley District serving Brighton, Adams 12 and Adams 14, Mapleton, Westminster 50, and the Boulder Valley School Districts
- Pathway to the Rockies Council - <https://pathwaytotherockies.org/>
  - New Mexico Line North to Pueblo/Colorado Springs/Burlington; Continental Divide (Wolf Creek, Monarch Passes and Leadville) East to Kansas
  - Asst Scout Executive Brandon Vavra, [brandon.vavra@scouting.org](mailto:brandon.vavra@scouting.org), 719-219-2910
  - Program Director Dianna Kaszuba, [dianna.kaszuba@scouting.org](mailto:dianna.kaszuba@scouting.org), 719-219-2916
  - District Executive Marie Clayburn, [marie.clayburn@scouting.org](mailto:marie.clayburn@scouting.org), 719-219-2912 (Colorado Springs East and Westward)
  - District Executive Danston Wood [danston.wood@scouting.org](mailto:danston.wood@scouting.org), 719-219-2900 (Pueblo-Fremont County-Southern Area)
- Great Southwest Council - <https://www.gswcbsa.org/>
  - Senior District Executive Mary Mazza-Andersen, [mary.mazza-andersen@scouting.org](mailto:mary.mazza-andersen@scouting.org), (575) 209-9004 Serving Southwest Colorado (Pagosa Springs, Silverton, Durango, Cortez, Mancos vicinity)





# American Legion Eagle Scout of the Year

- 2024 Colorado Eagle Scout of the Year is:
  - **Hayden Shaffer**, Troop 78 chartered to Association of Graduates, U.S. Air Force Academy, CO
- 2025 nomination forms and instructions are available for download
  - Colorado Instruction and Information Sheet:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1FtQwldYbHmPPWCUvXdb5dIPVOfxBBSYj/view?usp=sharing>
  - Fillable Nomination Form:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NnrJRIU2on077Jv7dFEEiqMQ7ia1jGvr/view?usp=sharing>
  - Nominations are due no later than 1 March 2025
- For questions contact Steve Hayes
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# Square Knot Award

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- No new updates to award package since 2020 revision
- Downloads:
  - Colorado Instruction and Information Sheet:
    - [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V\\_2ezSURLpxlfr-1wwlobYWpQzgFwjD3/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1V_2ezSURLpxlfr-1wwlobYWpQzgFwjD3/view?usp=sharing)
  - Fillable Nomination Form:
    - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hldlqDMrpgwvdwBCavWiHd3Bhlelzp/view?usp=sharing>
- Complete, Post endorsed nomination packages can be submitted at any time to Department Headquarters Attn: Steve Hayes, Scouting Chair or emailed to [coloradolegionscouting@gmail.com](mailto:coloradolegionscouting@gmail.com)
- Scouting Chair and Department endorsements **MUST BE** added, then the package is submitted to the National Americanism Commission for final approval and award
  - Turnaround time from National is indeterminate.
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# BSA Re-Brand

- Effective February 8th 2025, Boy Scouts of America will rebrand to Scouting America
- Reflects the 2018/2019 expansion of Cub and Troop level programs to include girls and young women
  - All programs now available to all youth
  - Separate Troops established for boys and girls
  - Exploring, Sea Scouting and Venturing remain Coed
    - Exploring and Sea Scouting have been Coed since 1970



# Questions?

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