



# The Chachalaca

## Boy Scouts of America, Rio Grande Council

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## NEW RIO GRANDE COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVE – RUDY GONZALEZ



The Rio Grande Council is pleased to announce the selection of Rudy Gonzalez as Scout executive of the Rio Grande Council, Harlingen, TX, effective May 16, 2015.

Rudy began his Scouting career as an intern and later District Executive at the Sam Houston Area Council in Houston, TX. He moved on to become the Senior District Executive with the Sam Houston Area Council, Houston, TX. He was promoted to District Director of the Circle Ten Council, Dallas, TX and on to Business Development, Membership Specialist, and Performance

Coach at the National Service Center Council, Irving, TX.

Rudy is an Eagle Scout, OA Vigil who enjoys going on vacation with his family and fishing.

Please join me in congratulating Rudy as he joins in partnership with the volunteers and staff of the Rio Grande Council to deliver quality Scouting experiences to the young people of the communities they serve.

Andy Hagan  
Rio Grande Council President



Rio Grande Council Web Address:  
[www.riograndecouncil.org](http://www.riograndecouncil.org)



## COUNCIL INFORMATION

Did you know that the Rio Grande Council has a top notch website that the content changes on a daily basis due to a professional driven commitment to provide the best quality customer service and communications. Items that you can access from the Council website consist

of :

- ◇ **Events Calendar**
- ◇ **Event Registrations**
- ◇ **Contact Information**
- ◇ **Program Information**
- ◇ **Facilities Details**
- ◇ **Newsletters**
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You can get all your Scouting needs met at:

[www.riograndecouncil.org](http://www.riograndecouncil.org)

## Rio Grande Council RECOGNITION DINNER

The Rio Grande Council's Annual Recognition Dinner was held at the Marine Military Academy on February 7, 2015. One hundred Scouts, Scouters and family members enjoyed a fantastic meal and honored several Scouters for their work with young people. The colors were presented by Troop 73, after which dinner emcee John Guevara called for a moment of silence for J. W. Dyer, Sue MacNelly, and Bob Whalen, three long-time Scouters who "went home" in 2014. Years of continual registration in Scouting recognition went to Larry Jokl, David Enos, and Stephen Vassberg each of whom were cited as being older than Camp Perry dirt!



The 2014 Eagle Scout class was recognized (see list in this publication), as-well-as recent inductees into the Vigil Honor of the

Order of the Arrow Alex Castro, Al Castillo, and Steve Shimotsu. Also recognized were Scouters presented with the James E. West Award.



Dr. Tom Ball was awarded the Golden Beaver for his continued work in Scouting over the years since receiving the Silver Beaver. The Golden Beaver is a local Rio Grande Council award for volunteers who have remained

active in Scouting for 25 years after having received the Silver Beaver.

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## Rio Grande Council RECOGNITION DINNER continued...



The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the highest award a local council can award a volunteer—The Silver Beaver. Receiving the awards were Richard Sanchez, Marco Cavada, and John David Guevara.

Each of the honorees got involved in Scouting when their sons started Cub Scouts and stayed with the program into Boy Scouts. Their time and efforts in Scouting have impacted many boys. Two sons of the honorees have earned the Eagle Scout Award and two other sons are far up the Trail To Eagle. Please congratulate these Scouters when you see them.

## Council Camporee

Make sure that your troop signs up for the Council Camporee which will be held April 24-26<sup>th</sup>. This council event will be full of exciting competition this year and a chance for your Scouts to show their skills and learn in the process. There's still time to register on the RGC website. [www.riograndecouncil.org/camporee](http://www.riograndecouncil.org/camporee)



## The OA's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Order of the Arrow is 100 years old this year and is celebrating with style!

First, the OA is celebrating at the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University August 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. The conference is Scouting's second largest national event; over 15,000 Arrowmen from across the country will be in attendance. In fact the conference is sold out. Wewanoma Lodge will be represented by 12 youth and 4 adults.

All members of the Order of the Arrow will soon be able to celebrate the 100th anniversary by working to complete the Arrowman Service Award. This award, which some are referring to as "the sash patch," will be recognized as one of the few patches that have ever been approved by the national committee to be worn on one's Order of the Arrow sash.

The purposes of the Arrowman Service Award are to encourage Arrowmen to recommit themselves to the ideals of the Order, strengthen their commitment to the Rio Grande Council, and take part in a 100th anniversary event. The award will have 3 categories of criteria with various requirements that Arrowmen can complete. These include

components on personal growth, service to Scouting, and participation in the centennial celebration. Detailed information will be distributed soon so be on the lookout!



Wewanoma Lodge LEC



## PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER



Do you need a break from the Texas summer? Want some advanced training? Are you looking for a fantastic, inexpensive vacation with your family? Then Philmont Training Center may be the experience you've been dreaming about.

Located in the mountains in Northeastern New Mexico, the Philmont Training Center (PTC) has been the National Training Center of the Boy Scouts of America since 1950. The PTC offers week-long training courses on every area of Scouting. The courses are taught by seasoned-experienced Scouters in modern up-to-date facilities. Yes, you live in a tent. But the tent is on a platform and comes with single beds (you bring your bedding) and electrical hook-ups, and is next to the bath house with plenty of hot water. No air conditioning is necessary at Philmont. In fact, you'll need to bring a jacket. The PTC has a family program which will keep your kids and your spouse busy all day in such activities as handicrafts, games, hiking, horseback riding, museum visits, campfires.... Meals are first class in the Philmont dining hall, and you don't have to cook or do dishes! Interested? Check it out at [www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc](http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc).

### 2015 Summer Family Camp



Sign up now for the most exciting Cub Scout Weekend ever--at Camp Perry June 12-14, 2015. Camp with your Cub, with your entire family and enjoy swimming, archery, b. b. guns, crafts, fun sports, surf and slide, and more. Meals in the Camp mess hall, so no cooking or washing dishes! See the RGC website for registration.

[www.riograndecouncil.org/  
Family\\_Camp](http://www.riograndecouncil.org/Family_Camp)

## Rio Grande Council

### Executive Committee

Andrew Hagan	Council President
Jon David Enos	Council Commissioner
Sandra Langley	VP - Finance
Alex Feigl	VP - Program
Vacant	VP - Properties
Christopher H. Boswell	VP - Endowment
R. Glenn Hill	VP - Administration
Marsha Gramley	VP - Membership
Mark Yates	Council Treasurer

## National Youth Leader Training (NYLT)



NYLT is an intense, 5½ day, outdoor leadership training experience for troop youth leaders. Its principle function is to help Scoutmasters by training their top boy leaders in the skills of leadership. This course is a

National BSA-developed course that closely parallels the material provided in the Wood Badge training for adults.

All participants must be at least 13 years old, First Class or higher, have completed Troop Leadership Training, and have their Scoutmaster's or Venturing Crew

Advisor's approval. The dates for this exclusive training for young leaders are July 5-11, 2015. Register now at the RGC website.

[www.riograndecouncil.org/](http://www.riograndecouncil.org/)

[NYLT](#)



## Wewanoma Lodge Spring

### Fellowship Weekend

The lodge will hold a spring fellowship weekend on May 1-3, 2015 at Camp Perry. Brotherhood candidates are welcome! Fellowship registration is \$15 and Brotherhood candidate registration is \$35. Both registrations are open and available via the Council website.



Activities include video gaming, swimming, shotgun shooting, sporting games, board games, movie night and much more. There will be a little bit of cheerful service but the weekend will be filled with fun and fellowship. Help promote the event to other OA members in your troop and across the valley. Let's get the word out and register today. [www.riograndecouncil.org/](http://www.riograndecouncil.org/)

[OASpringFellowship](#)

## EAGLE SCOUT CLASS OF 2014

Eagle Scout is the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn. A warm congratulations and best wishes to the following Scouts:

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Name</u>
1954	Alonzo, Phillip
12	Banos, Christian L.
602	Calma, Jason
113	Cisneros, Omar
12	Clancy, Michael A.
41	Dyer, Ethan
83	Eslinger, Steven T.
76	Franco-Olvera, Pablo
22	Garica-Garza, Alfonso
34	Gonzales, Darren
6	Gonzalez Jr., Justo E.
7	Gully, Ian
25	Guzman, Enrique
25	Guzman, Kristian
22	Hellmund, Guillermo C.
25	Hernandez III, Gregorio
1701	Hinojosa, Christopher J.
12	Hinojosa, Samuel E.
22	Hubbard, Cody I.
76	Huerta, David
6	Hung, Chi H.
6	Justis, Parker
142	Keller, Charles C.
2101	Kotzur, Urban
59	Legere, Richard J.
78	Luera, Raul
68	Malcom, John J.
1701	Martinez Jr., Noe
78	Martinez, Andrew
68	Martinez, Lucas J.
36	Mata, McKrae
36	McIntosh, Anthony B.
68	Mohun, Michael
602	Nelson, Matthew B.
777	Ortega, Alberto
106	Rawlings, Spencer
1889	Reiley, Hunter W.
6	Rivera-Marrero, Hector S.
75	Rodriguez III, Ted
83	Rodriguez, Austin
22	Sartor, Jordan R.
7	Scroggin, Jackson
100	Storm, Brian
7	Timmer, Keith
1	Trevino, Carlos A.
76	Wood, Aaron
142	Yates, Thomas D.



**Report to State** RGC contingent in front of the capitol in Austin for the Report To State.

“The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.”

—--Boy Scouts of America vision statement



## SUMMER CAMP at CAMP PERRY 2015

Make plans now for your troop to experience the outdoors and learn at one of America’s longest continuously run Boy Scout summer camps. A true Scouting experience and adventure is waiting for you and your Scouts at Camp Perry. The new Camp Perry Pioneers (CP2) first-year camper program will teach young Scouts skills essential to rank advancement and will allow them to earn swimming and first aid merit badges along the way. Another focus is the Goat Island Adventure in which Scouts will canoe down the Arroyo Colorado (designed for Scouts 14 and older).

The 2015 leaders guide is available online. Registration is also open online and special discounts are still available through Friday, May 15, 2015. Choose Camp Perry this summer and be a part of the camp’s 88 year history.



Scouters,

We recently completed a great Wood Badge course. Everyone came away excited to use all the new skills they learned. Although Wood Badge is a high-powered leadership training experience, the most prevalent comment was that ‘Wood Badge was fun.’ Many participants commented that their ‘eyes were opened and they understand Scouting like they have never understood before.’

Who went to Wood Badge? Almost half of the participants were women. Most programs of Scouting were represented. We had Boy Scouts, Cub Scout and Venturing leaders. We had Unit Committee Members and Council Board Members. The goal of BSA is to have all adult leaders take the Wood Badge course within their first two years.

For the first time ever, we had a Spanish speaking Patrol in this Wood Badge course. They were a huge contribution to the course. There are plans to have a Spanish only Wood Badge course in 2017 in the Rio Grande Council. This will help the Council further extend the Scouting program to the boys of Spanish speaking parents. Scouting is a family activity which requires the involvement of the parents.

Our Wood Badge 2016 Course Director, Tom Goodman said, “In one of the songs, the Wood Badge staff sings is the line ‘Wood Badge is a special chance to help Scouting to advance.” Proof of that statement is evident by the energy and enthusiasm from recent course participants. This enthusiasm is contagious. We want to build on this momentum.” The next Wood Badge Course will be March 2016. If you would like to participate, either as a course participant or staff member, please contact Tom Goodman. 956-454-5513 or [tom@wegoodmans.com](mailto:tom@wegoodmans.com)

If you have not been to Wood Badge, plan to attend and be empowered with the knowledge and skills that will help you provide the youth the program they deserve. I heard many participants say, “My only regret is that I did not take Wood Badge sooner.”

YIS, (Yours In Scouting)

Robert Lyle  
Council Training Chair



“There is no teaching to compare with example.”

Robert Baden-Powell

## DID YOU KNOW ???

March, 2015 marks 104 years of Boy’s Life Magazine.

The Boy Scout Handbook is available in print in English or Spanish, and on-line.

Youth Protection Training is required of all adult registered Scouters.

The new CPR sequence is C-A-B (chest compressions, airway, breathing). For more on the new CPR guidelines, go to [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org).

## Quotable Quotes

“Healthy living, fitness, and overall wellness have always been part of Scouting’s DNA”

Robert J. Mazzuca, Past Chief Scout Executive

## RIO GRANDE COUNCIL MEMORIAL FUND

Flowers are such a beautiful and warm token of condolence for the passing of loved ones or friends. They, along with words all too often fall short of the innermost feelings of the heart. A gift to the Boy Scout Memorial Fund speaks to the high character of him or her who has passed on, an honorable tribute and a lasting gift. A memorial fund gift touches and warms the heart of all involved, crosses all lines of religion and wealth, a perfectly acceptable gift.

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Scout Memorial booklets are available at the Scout Service Center, or may be mailed to you on request. Please call the Boy Scout Office – (956) 423-0250.

RIO GRANDE COUNCIL #775, BSA

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### IN MEMORY OF:

Jacqueline Boswell

Sue MacNelly

Sue MacNelly

Bob Whalen

Josephine Brown Stone

Edward Martin Ferrero

Bob Whalen

Jared Garza

## Happy National Volunteer Week!



There is no way Scouting would exist without all of the selfless acts, hours, treasure and knowledge that each of our volunteers give!

Words aren't enough, but we want to say **THANK YOU!**

## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical

and moral choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

## SCOUT OATH

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

## SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, reverent.

## Planned Giving To Make A Difference

A gift under a will is one of the easiest ways to make a planned gift benefitting the Rio Grande Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The legal term for a gift under a will is called a bequest. If you already have a will and do not want to have it completely redone, you can make a gift with a codicil, which is an amendment to your current will. A gift under your will can take the form of a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your property or the rest and residue of your property after you have made specific gifts to other individuals or groups. Many persons like to make a gift under their will to memorialize a loved one who was impacted by scouting or in honor of a special person or family member in their life.

Contact Acting Scout Executive

Steve Gerber at the Council Service Center 956-423-0250,

or Council Endowment Board member Mark Browning at 979-255-0336

([markbrowning88@gmail.com](mailto:markbrowning88@gmail.com)) for suggested language to give to your legal advisor, to provide us copies of your documents, and to let us know how you would like your gift used.



The Valley Scout Shop

956-423-0250

2015 Scout Shop Hours

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Monday-Friday **Saturday & Sunday we are closed**

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