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FROM HOME

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Andy Price

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

GRAND CANYON COUNCIL

Howdy! I hope you, your Scouts, and family are healthy and safe. I continue to be inspired by the exciting and interesting ways our youth and leaders continue to Scout at Home.

One of my favorite ways to spend time is experiencing outdoor adventures. Backpacking, fly fishing, bird hunting, hiking to the top of Colorado 14'ers, and more! Over the years I've learned that planning the next adventure is half the fun. I get to experience the trip twice – once as I research, plan, and imagine it, and then a second time when the real thing occurs. Right now, is a great time for our Scouts to use phone and video conferencing tools to work with their patrol-mates to brainstorm future adventures, go off to research ideas, and then come back to refine their plans.

At this spring's Fireside Chats I discussed the idea that membership – inviting young people to join Scouting – is the most important thing we do as Scouters, regardless of the level at which we're engaged (unit, district, or council). That invitation to join our Scouting adventure – nothing else we do is as important or as impactful to youth, their families, and our society. To that end, our membership team is working on big updates to our unit and district membership toolkits.

One of the new membership tools rolling out this spring to packs is "Back to Pack", a highly effective planning tool/event that helps organize and establish dens and pack leadership for the coming year. The best packs across BSA host an effective Back to Pack event before their fall joining night and more details on this program will be rolled out this spring.

Finally, we have completed the first quarter of 2020 and will be posting our financial performance soon on our website. Like many organizations, we have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 virus and you'll see this impact in our financial report. We continue to look for ways to manage operating expenses and generate support from the community. These are challenging times for many.

I'm hopeful that the warmer temperatures of summer will help the virus abate and Scouting (and life!) can get back to normal. See you at camp!

Andy



First Quarter Budget Results

Now that we're one quarter of the way through 2020, we have an idea of our financial progress. This is the first year we have involved a large group of volunteers in building the budget; this process began in August with training for district and council volunteers on how accounting policies and procedures and how to budget for the various activities that occur throughout our council.

The virus has impacted our council, just as it has many businesses and households. Here is a snapshot of the council's operations through March 31st:

<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Last Year</i>	<i>2020 Annual Budget</i>
Friends of Scouting	740,000	254,894	470,630	1,153,409
AZ Tax Credit	72,342	19,458	15,235	289,368
Other Direct Support	192,987	80,228	369,942	602,241
<i>Total Direct Support</i>	<i>1,005,329</i>	<i>354,580</i>	<i>855,807</i>	<i>2,045,018</i>
United Way	7,650	12,134	32,525	38,600
BSA Licence Plate Sales	2,500	4,057	4,273	2,500
<i>Total Indirect Support</i>	<i>10,150</i>	<i>16,192</i>	<i>47,919</i>	<i>41,100</i>
Net Product Sales	-	4,019	625	593,700
Net Activity Revenue	38,710	24,062	16,579	1,356,761
Net Camping Revenue	30,946	31,774	65,933	182,460
Other Revenue	49,500	23,427	9,349	165,250
<i>Revenue</i>	<i>490,856</i>	<i>455,370</i>	<i>486,827</i>	<i>2,670,221</i>
Total Revenue & Support	\$1,506,335	\$826,142	\$1,390,553	\$4,756,339



First Quarter Budget Results

<i>Year to Date</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Last Year</i>	<i>2020 Annual Budget</i>
Employee Expenses	512,623	465,535	730,778	2,234,544
Professional Fees	61,784	64,183	23,491	272,755
Program Supplies	34,109	10,679	43,145	727,607
Telephone	20,039	16,257	23,228	67,413
Postage and Shipping	1,248	1,982	1,259	5,292
Occupancy	91,086	58,434	67,018	394,860
Equipment Rental/ Maintenance	60,508	31,933	19,300	234,799
Publication and Media	5,447	2,100	6,439	40,386
Travel	40,420	26,501	49,299	166,015
Conferences and Meetings	95,043	8,379	11,443	199,343
Direct Assistance to Individuals	22,661	4,455	4,556	92,120
Recognitions and Awards	25,405	12,964	7,299	116,635
Interest	-	-	6,642	-
Insurance	5,336	19,076	77,118	42,345
Other	23,432	4,501	39,764	102,223
National Service Fees	12,000	7,300	20,499	60,000
Total Expenses	1,011,142	734,278	1,131,278	4,756,338
Net Revenue, less Expenses	495,194	91,864	259,275	\$ 1

Cub Scout Parent and Den Leaders – Your Input is Wanted by BSA

Lisa Wylie and the National Cub Scouting committee would like to hear from parents and den leaders on their experiences with required and elective Adventures. Current families in Cub Scouts are asked to complete the [Adventures Feedback survey](#). For each completed Adventure, users are asked for observations in general as well as the individual requirements. The survey takes 5 to 10 minutes per Adventure. Responses will help guide us as we review required and elective Adventures content. The survey will be ongoing, a continuing effort to hear from our families currently in Cub Scouts.



The Den Leader Experience in Scoutbook will soon be updated to automatically send an email requesting the den leader to complete the survey.



The CARES Act



Support Scouting through the CARES Act Federal Deduction

We wanted to let you know that the Grand Canyon Council is continuing to work to deliver quality programming to our Scouting families. We know that today's Scouts will be the next generation of leaders across the United States. You can help us today by investing in our youth through a unique opportunity recently created by Cares Act. In addition, you can credit your donation as a Friends of Scouting gift to a district, pack, or troop of your choice.

The CARES Act allows you to donate up to \$300 (or \$600 for a married couple) to a qualifying charitable organization such as Grand Canyon Council, BSA and reduce your adjusted gross income (AGI) by up to \$300 (or \$600 for a married couple) on your 2020 Federal taxes!

How it works:

Normally, only those who itemize their deductions qualify for the charitable contribution deduction. The deduction reduces taxable income after your AGI has been calculated. This new deduction from the CARES Act, on the other hand, is specifically for those who don't itemize their deductions and would typically not get any tax benefit for donations. In short, if you donate up to \$300 (or \$600 for a married couple) to The Grand Canyon Council, BSA you can deduct your donation amount from your 2020 Federal taxes!

Donating to the Grand Canyon Council utilizing the CARES Act Federal Deduction is easy!

1. [Donate](#) to our council to sustain and support Scouting for all youth
2. Deduct your donation total when you file your 2020 Federal taxes
3. Done! You've now helped to sustain Scouting through this crisis!

Papa Johns Pizza Promo Code: SCOUTING



20% off Online Orders at Regular Menu Price! 10% of discounted Purchase price will be donated to Boy Scouts of America Grand Canyon Council. Use our promo code: SCOUTING online at papajohns.com *Valid online at participating Arizona locations only. Not Valid with any other offer or discount. limited delivery area. Delivery fee may apply.*

SRP Presidents' Volunteer Spirit Award

Congratulations! The Grand Canyon Council would like to congratulate Brandon Dean as a recipient of the 2020 SRP Presidents' Volunteer Spirit Award for his extraordinary individual volunteer commitment to the Boy Scouts of America.

The Presidents' Volunteer Spirit Award represents SRP's rich heritage of community service and efforts of their employees who make a difference by volunteering their time, talents, and resources to build stronger communities. SRP is contributing \$2,500 to the Boy Scouts of America Grand Canyon Council in recognition of Brandon's efforts.

SRP has more than a century of experience anticipating, planning, and executing strategies to make the most of Arizona's precious resources to meet the needs of our water and energy customers. Their dedicated employees strive to make Arizona a great place to live and work, and their volunteerism connects SRP to the community in ways that enrich all of us.

Scouts Help Stock Local Day Care Shelter with Supplies!

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SONORAN SUNSET DISTRICT

"Help other people at all times" project. Telemundo, TV3 and Channel 3 arrived to spread the word.



A Scout is Reverent

The Grand Canyon Council is pleased to recognize the following youth for earning their personal faith communities youth religious emblem. Your family can learn more about the religious emblem programs provided by our faith partners at this [website](#).

Jewish

Joshua K.

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod

Mason A., Ethan B., Patrick C., Colin D., Branson G., Grant L, Brody L., Curtis R., Bennett S., Gabriel S., Lucas W.

Methodist

Keegan W., Maximillian B., Jace E., William F., Geoffrey B., Christopher B.

Christian and Missionary Alliance

Wyatt W., Myles W.

Protestant

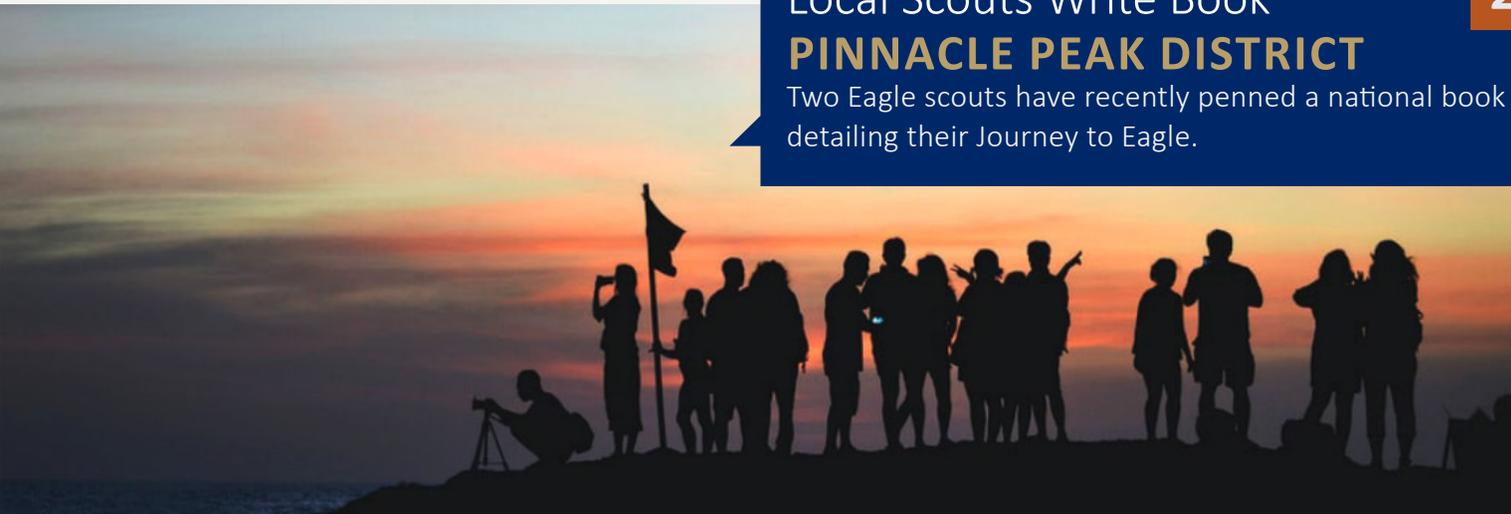
Devin S., Elizabeth S., Marcus S., Ayden O., Gavin O., Ignatius S., Rory M., Jackson U. Kurt H., Carson H.

Local Scouts Write Book

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PINNACLE PEAK DISTRICT

Two Eagle scouts have recently penned a national book detailing their Journey to Eagle.





Unit Recharter 2020 and Changes You Should Know

The Unit Recharter is a process used by the Boy Scouts of America each year as an opportunity to update our Units (Packs, Troops, Crews, and Ships) as well as the membership registered within each Unit, including Youth and Adults. Each unit's roster gets refreshed, reflecting those youth and adult members continuing to participate in the program.

For the Grand Canyon Council, our Recharter "season" has historically been in the late Fall months, leading up to our official charter expiration date of 12/31. However, beginning this year in 2020, our charter expiration date has moved forward to 7/31/20, with the new charter year beginning on 8/1/20. This adjustment will allow the BSA charter year to align more closely with the typical "Program Year" that most of our Units utilize. In anticipation of this adjusted Recharter season, Districts will be rolling out Recharter training and support materials for Units corresponding in most cases with the May Roundtable program. Unit Recharter processors are encouraged to attend your District's Recharter training and keep in contact with your Unit Commissioner for Recharter support.

The central location for all information about Recharter will be on the GCC Recharter website: <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/recharter/>

Critical Recharter Dates:

- 5/7 – Commissioner Training to Units at May Roundtables
- 6/1 – Online Recharter Portal Opens for Units
- 7/15 – Recharter Deadline
- 8/1 – Start of New 2020-21 Program Year

A few key Recharter Notes:

- All units are encouraged to use the month of May to refresh your unit rosters and ensure leader training requirements are current, including Youth Protection Training.
- Online Recharter access codes for Units will be distributed by your District during the month of May.
- The new National registration fees are now in effect: \$60/Unit, plus \$60/youth member, \$36/adult member, plus \$12/Boy's Life Subscription. Units are encouraged to pay online to facilitate a paperless process.
- Please refer to the article on the GCC's Trained Leader Initiative for requirements on Adult Leader Training.
- Please confirm with your District Executive that your Unit is "On-track" to meet your Friends of Scouting obligation for 2020.

With a little planning, the Recharter process can be completed with relative ease. The Commissioner Team is here to help you succeed with the new process this year.



Back to Pack



Scouters, get ready for an exciting program to help organize and kick off your Cub Scout year. Back to Pack is social event for returning Scout families to get plugged in and organized for the next Scouting year. Back to Pack takes place shortly before the school year starts and is the perfect time to reconfirm which Scout families are helping with Scouting events and activities as the lead volunteers and support volunteers. Planning tools and resources are being added to our website now so be sure to check the membership page

regularly for updates and Pick a Date for Your Back to Pack now and ask all Families to Save the Date so we can return to next years program together and at full strength.

Fall Membership Toolbox

The Membership Toolbox is ready for use. Our new Scout plan, recruitment efforts, and tools to help your Pack host a stronger recruitment with more engaged new families (Scouts and volunteers) is available at <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/fall-recruitment-toolbox/>.

Be sure to have a representative from your pack attend the May Roundtable for a walk through of the resources and help to make this fall the year we welcome and serve more families than ever.

Our Scouting family is Growing!

Our Scouting family is Growing! In March, 2 new Scout Units have joined the Grand Canyon Council. If you are a member of a unit that did not re-charter, or if you would like to help provide more families an opportunity to learn the values; email gcc.membership@scouting.org, so we can help.



Our newest community partners are:

- Square Planet Presentations, Troop 665
- BPOE Holbrook Elks #2450, Troop 7156



100% Trained Leader Initiative

As a reminder, all Assistant Cubmasters, Assistant Den Leaders, Assistant Scoutmasters and Assistant Crew Advisors need to have their training completed for the 7/31/2020 recharter process. Merit Badge counselors should already have completed their training which will be reviewed by the council advancement committee in May, 2020.

Assistant Scoutmasters:

The second year of the 100% Trained Leader Initiative calls for all Assistant Scoutmasters to be trained prior to the recharter for the 2020 - 2021 charter year. With the impact of the Covid 19 virus and training event cancellations, some ASM's might not have had the opportunity to complete their Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) course.

For those ASM's who have completed all of the required training, with the exception of IOLS, an extension will be granted beyond the 7/31/2020 recharter date until 12/31/2020. This exception is being made since IOLS is the only required training that cannot be completed online and requires someone to attend a live training event.

The intent is to offer this training during the 2020 summer sessions at Camp Geronimo. In addition, districts will be scheduling training once the social distancing standards have been relaxed. If you have questions, please contact your district training chair or the council training chair, Allyn Calhoun at acscouter312@gmail.com.

Additional information on Scouter trainings and training resources can be found at: www.grandcanyonbsa.org/training.



Wood Badge

The first Wood Badge course for Grand Canyon Council in 2020 has finished! Not only did our Council fill the course with the maximum number of participants, but an extension was approved and Scouters managed to fill the expanded course to capacity! Over fifty new Wood Badgers across the Grand Canyon Council have set out to complete the projects they have chosen for their tickets; we excitedly look forward to the impact that these Scouters will have on the youth in our Council.

Wood Badge is an advanced training course for Scouters of all levels, where they learn about program, leadership, and teamwork within the Scouting model. A second Wood Badge course for this year is scheduled for October at R-C Ranch in Payson! More information can be found at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/wood-badge.

What is your Legacy in Scouting?

Be prepared. Do a good turn daily. Do our duty to God and country. Help others at all times. These are some of the tenets that we live by in BSA Scouting and although the delivery method of some of these may have changed a bit in these challenging times, we still see Scouts and Scouters living the Oath and Law. In this regard, it is beneficial to look ahead to this summer and continue to make plans for the future!

Western Region Week will be held **July 19-25, 2020** at the **Philmont Training Center** near **Cimarron, New Mexico**. The week will include guest speakers from BSA's Western Region who will share information and inspire us to continue to move forward in Scouting. In addition, a key component of the week will be daily opportunities for "Council Time" when our Grand Canyon Council team will work together to turn our Strategic Plan into a "Tactical Plan" to implement over the next 5-10 years and beyond.

We are building our contingent for this great event, also referred to as Philmont 2020 "**Leadership Inspired**". In addition to council and district leaders, we need leaders serving at the unit level to participate! The unit is the heart of the Scouting program and we need parents/leaders to step up and help shape the future of Scouting in our districts and council.

It doesn't matter if you are new to Scouting or if you are an "experienced" leader, young or old, this is an opportunity for you to *have a voice, help shape the success of the Grand Canyon Council and leave a legacy.*

What does it mean to "leave a legacy"? It means to put your stamp on the future; to contribute to future generations. By participating in the Conference you will do just that! Not only will you play an important part in planning the future, you will bring home tools that you can use in your unit and be better prepared to carry out the programs of our districts and Council now.

If you enjoy Scouting, whether at the Cub Scout level, Scouts BSA or Venturing, or are ready to consider a new role at the district or council level, ***please join our team*** for a great week of fellowship and fun in the backdrop of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, in "God's Country". The Philmont Training Center has been BSA's premier national training venue for years and given the beautiful scenery, wildlife and Scouting atmosphere, no wonder people come from all around the country! We are lucky to be situated "next door" so we can travel together and enjoy some fun and games along the journey.

Please consider the legacy you want to leave behind and *don't let this wonderful opportunity pass you by!* We want to ensure that Scouting has a bright future in the Grand Canyon Council. We would love to have you as part of our team!

**Save the Date: Philmont 2020: Leadership Inspired
General Information Session**

**If you're registered or "on the fence" about coming,
please join us! Everyone is welcome!**

Sunday, May 17th 7:00 – 8:30 pm via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/98494261795>



Please visit these links to learn more and register with Council: <https://scoutingevent.com/010-PhilmontRoadTrip> and the Philmont Training Center <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/2020-conferences/>.

Questions? Please contact Judy Walden at jwscouter1@gmail.com; John Bryant at jbscoutmail@cox.net; Kent Thomas at thomas85249@cox.net; Brad Roberts at brad.roberts@cox.net or Kathy Polowski at kpolo55@gmail.com.

High-adventure base, challenges Scouts and Venturers

PHILMONT CONTINGENT 2021 9-DAY TREK

Participants will enjoy exploring the more than 200 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness

VISION 2020 Little Philmont Virtual Training for Latter-day Saint Scouters

Join us at the Virtual Little Philmont for incredible training! Learn how to find a new charter organization, start a Scouting unit, organize a committee, recruit youth, train leaders, raise funds, develop an annual plan, and continue Scouting with energy, increased knowledge, and optimism. The full details will also be announced for the new Religious Award for Latter-day Saint Scouts! Friday, May 15th at 7:00 pm and Saturday, May 16th 2020 registration is free at <https://www.vanguardscouting.org/virtual>

Vision 2020 Conference Chair CHARLES W. DAHLQUIST II

"I invite you to join us this summer at the Philmont Training Center for Vision 2020 –an opportunity for Latter-day Saint families..."

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July 21-30, 2021



REGISTER TODAY!



Poseidon

The POSEIDON event is a weekend filled with Aquatic adventure, including sailing, scuba, paddle craft, and maritime learning being offered to adult Scouters and youth that are 14 years of age or older. The inaugural event will be held at Lake Pleasant the weekend of October 8-11th. Additional information and resources are available at:

<https://scoutingevent.com/010-poseidon>.



The Most Recent Updates on Advancement

View the latest updates from the COVID-19 FAQ --the expected updates to questions about advancement during coronavirus have been posted. There are modifications to Scouts BSA rank requirements for camping, hiking and identification of plants and animal so that some of them can be done virtually at this time. There is also guidance on when and how virtual tours may fulfill some rank and Merit Badge requirements. Please review carefully and share widely: <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>



S.T.E.M

In today's challenging environment, I salute all scouts and scouters who are continuing to work on awards and advancements. There is much discussion online regarding rank and advancement. Virtual meetings and working on requirements from home have become our current means of keeping scouting alive. With this reliance on "Technology", it seems only appropriate that STEM Programs get a bit more attention. The Nova Awards are a great way to keep scouts engaged and energized during these difficult times.

Across all levels of scouting, there are a number of Nova Award requirements that need to be handled at home by reading articles and viewing STEM related programs on TV or online. Leaders can take advantage of the Council's updated webpages to learn more about the STEM Programs. Visit the [STEM page](#) through the "[Camps & Activities](#)" menu to learn about STEM in Scouting.

There are also a number of initiatives in work to highlight this month. First is the NEW NOVA Award Application. This is a means for scouts and Nova Counselors to track and report on Nova Awards. Details are explained in an instructions document referenced in the STEM Webpage. Another major target to put your sight on is STEM Leader Training being planned for Nov 6-8, 2020. Mark your calendars if you or adults in your unit are interested in learning more about STEM in Scouts and the role of Nova Counselors and Supernova Mentors. Watch for more details on the November training and registration to open by visiting the STEM Webpage periodically. Here's wishing all Grand Canyon Council Scouts and Scouters a safe and adventurous month!

Rich Gomez,
Council STEM Chair
rmgchallenge@earthlink.net

Scoutbook

There's never been a better time to take advantage of online resources that make Scouting remotely possible. Scouts and parents can download the Scouting App on both iPhone and Android devices to track their progress! Scoutbook, found at Scoutbook.com and the Scouting app are vital to help ensure your Scout's advancement information is being recorded properly.





Camp Cards Fundraiser

The Camp Card fundraiser has been extended to continue until May 31st, allowing Scouts to secure as funds as necessary. Units who may need additional cards or would like to close their balance before Council reopens should contact their District Executive. Grand Canyon Council does advise that Scouts should continue to social distance throughout the pandemic; Scouts may continue to fundraise by contacting family, friends, and neighbors and mailing cards to their addresses. We are excited to announce Scouts may register online to participate in "Camp Cards for a Cause". Additional information on Camp Cards may be found [here](#).

Camp Cards for a Cause



The Camp Card Fundraiser is still underway, with Scouts finding new and creative ways to support their fundraising! Due to pandemic precautions, storefront and door to door sales have not been advised at this time, although beginning May 4th, Scouts will be able to promote Camp Cards for a Cause to family, friends, and neighbors through a custom online sales page!

For each \$10 raised online, a camp card will be donated to a COVID-19 front line responder and your Scouting unit will earn \$5 to help fund your Scouting adventure. Scouts will receive 50% commission to support their fundraising goals. The camp cards sold will be donated to pandemic essential workers. The Grand Canyon Council service team will handle the mailing and delivery of camp cards.

Units that are already selling these cards will be contacted to participate! All other units and Scouts that want to participate in this cause are more than welcome to join in! All Scouts need to do is go to <https://grandcanyonbsa.salsalabs.org/campcardsforacause> to create an online sales page, then share it with family and friends to promote their fundraiser! Camp Cards for a Cause will continue until June 30th, at which point the online Camp Cards program will wrap up and remaining commissions will be applied to unit accounts! More information and a walk through of how to sign up can be found at: www.grandcanyonbsa.org/camp-cards.



Camp Programs Video Announcement

After much study, discussion, and planning, we are now able to make announcements related to our camp programs in context of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Please click [here](#) to watch the video announcement.



Cub Scout Adventure Camp at R-C Scout Ranch

Due to a variety of reasons, it has been determined that our R-C Scout Ranch Family Summer Camp program will be deferred in its entirety to Summer 2021. We are disappointed to be unable to run our summer program, but do look forward to the opportunities available at R-C in the fall. We hope that you and your pack will join us for these exciting new Family Camping Opportunities: STEM NOVA weekend in September and R Boo C, our Halloween themed Cub Camp early October. To learn about additional opportunities, please check out the [tentative](#) fall calendar.

National Camp-in

Whether in your backyard or in your living room, join families across the country live on Facebook for a day of fun virtual adventures. From camp-style cooking and friendly competitions, to special guests and campfire singalongs, this virtual event will bring the best parts of Scouting to life! This National Camp-In is free and open to all families – including families whose children are not currently in Scouting. Visit: <https://www.scouting.org/campin/>

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MAY 2 (STARTING AT 10AM CT)   BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Camp Geronimo - Arizona's Scout Camp!

Brownsea Island Adventure (BSI) is designed to ensure your newest scouts have an amazing first experience at camp. Scouts are placed into patrols lead by staff guides who will help your scouts work on requirements from Tenderfoot to First Class. This is a transitional program to help Scouts understand the patrol method, learn basic Scout skills, and experience many of the programs available at Summer Camp.

Fish Camp is a program offered by Trout Unlimited and the Grand Canyon Council, BSA. This is not your grandfather's cane pole fishing experience—participants will learn the ecology necessary to select proper fly or bait, understand where to cast, and master the art provoking fish to attack your fly or lure. Interested scouts will earn and learn both Fishing and Fly-Fishing Merit badges as they become proficient in technical skills like casting and fly tying. Join our expert staff and fish the beautiful streams and lakes of Northern AZ in this unique scouting adventure.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.

Spade Ranch Adventure --Conquer your fears and face the challenge of a lifetime in this exciting a la carte program designed for older youth and adults. Participants will ride ATVs, descend into total darkness, climb natural rock, mountain bike, and go on an epic Canyoneering trip. This program is open to youth who are 13 years old by January 1 of 2020—no leadership from your unit is required for this program.

Session 5

Starts: June 28

Ends: July 4

Session 6

Starts: July 5

Ends: July 11

Session 7

Starts: July 12

Ends: July 18

Session 8

Starts: July 19

Ends: July 25

Camp Kaibab - Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire !



Calling all supporters of the Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire! Join us at Camp Kaibab September 18-20th for a Star Wars themed weekend, hosted at Camp Raymond in Flagstaff, AZ. Scout Leaders, parents, and siblings aged five and over are welcomed to join in on the fun. You can join us Saturday for a day camp and have the option to camp overnight Friday and/or Saturday nights!

This event has sold out weeks in advance for years, and we are limited at a 300-camper capacity, so be sure to register as soon as you know you would like to go! Additional information is available at <https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020kaibab>.

Tentative Fall Calendar

This year’s Spring and Summer have thrown a few obstacles our way, but we are taking the opportunity to plan and organize an exciting Fall schedule to provide opportunities for Scouts and Scouters of all ages!

Cub Scouts will see the return of perennial programs like Camp Kaibab at Camp Raymond and the Order of the Arrow Pow Wow at the Heard Scout Pueblo. In addition, we will be hosting 2 new family camping opportunities: STEM NOVA Camp and R Boo C at R-C Scout Ranch. Our Cub Camping Committee is working hard to schedule a series of Cub adventure days at the Heard Scout Pueblo where your youth can have fun while earning advancement not easily accomplished during Den meetings. To round out all these opportunities, we will be hosting a new program designed for Lions and Tigers at the Heard called “Mini Muster” where scouts can meet real life heroes, check out their cool gear and vehicles, and learn more about what they do for the community. This event, held in September, will be an amazing opportunity for your newest scouts and families to get out and see what Scouting has to offer.

Cub Scouts		
Aug. 15	BB Gun Open Shoot 1-4pm	Heard Scout Pueblo
Aug. 22	Archery open shoot: 1-4pm (2nd grade+)	Heard Scout Pueblo
Sept. 5-7	Family STEM NOVA Camp (Labor Day weekend)	Camp R-C Ranch
Sept. 5	Cub Fishing Derby	Surprise Lake
Sept. 18-20	Camp Kaibab	Camp Raymond
Sept. 19	Adventure Day: Aquatics and Swim day + BB Gun Open Shoot: 1-4pm	Heard Scout Pueblo
Sept. 26	Lion and Tiger Adventure Day: “Mini Muster	Heard Scout Pueblo
Sept. 26	Archery open shoot: 1-4pm (2nd grade+)	Heard Scout Pueblo
Oct. 2-4	R -C Family Camp	Camp R-C Ranch
Oct. 17	Open BB Shoot 1-4pm	Camp R-C Ranch
Oct. 24	Adventure Day: Theater and Movie Day!	Heard Scout Pueblo
Nov. 14	Council Day of Service	Dependent on unit service
Nov. 21	Pow Wow – Cub Adventures w/ Order of the Arrow	Heard Scout Pueblo
Nov. 27	Ten Commandments Hike	Arizona State University
Dec. 12	Archery Open shoot (2nd grade+) 1-4pm	Heard Scout Pueblo
Dec. 19	Adventure Day: Santa’s Workshop Crafts & Games + BB Guns open shoot 1-4pm	Heard Scout Pueblo

For our older Scouts, there are quite a few new adventures in store, including week-long camps over Fall and Winter break! Camp Geronimo’s “Prefect’s Academy” will be a fantasy camp with Harry Potter twists. Participants should be prepared for subjects ranging from potion making to muggle arts with plenty of downtime to play Quidditch, practice your spell craft, and prepare for Hallowe’en. Traditional Merit Badge classes will be taught with thematic flare and opportunities to

explore the beauty of Geronimo in FALL! “Winter Blast” is a unique scouting experience designed for Scouts 13 and older that focuses on Eagle Required Badges, STEM, and winter fun. This program is led entirely by provisional leadership handpicked from our best summer camp staff. While atypical, this environment is guaranteed to foster creativity and learning, encourage personal responsibility, and provides lots of time to "chill out" with good friends!

Our adult leadership will have no shortfall of activities. In addition to traditional trainings such as BALOO and Intro to Outdoor Leadership, a host of new and uncommon training opportunities available this fall! “Poseidon High Adventure” is a novel aquatics high adventure training open to Scouts and Scouters aged 14 and above, with aims to provide leaders the basic knowledge they will need to engage in a variety of aquatic high adventure like boating and SCUBA. The Heard

Scout Pueblo will be hosting the Western Region STEM Weekend, and all adult leaders across the Western U.S. who are interested in STEM are invited to attend. Our COPE and Climbing committee will be leading a COPE Level 1 Certification Course on Nov. 6th at the Heard Scout Pueblo, open to all leaders who enjoy climbing and COPE courses. We will also see the second opportunity for Scouters to participate in the new Wood Badge, hosted this October at R-C Scout Ranch in Payson.

Senior Scouts: Scouts B.S.A, Sea Scouts, Venturers, Explorers

June 28 – July 4	Camp Geronimo – Session 5	Camp Geronimo
July 5-11	Camp Geronimo – Session 6	Camp Geronimo
July 12-18	Camp Geronimo – Session 7	Camp Geronimo
July 19-25	Camp Geronimo – Session 8	Camp Geronimo
Aug. 15	Rifle Open Shoot/Merit Badge 8:30am-12pm	Heard Scout Pueblo
Aug. 15-16	Swimming and Lifesaving Merit Badges	Heard Scout Pueblo
Aug. 22	Archery Open Shoot 8:30-12:00pm	Heard Scout Pueblo
Sept. 4-6	Lifeguard Training	Heard Scout Pueblo
Sept. 11-13	Gila River District Camporee	Camp R-C Ranch
Sept. 11-13	Order of the Arrow Ordeal and Fellowship	Camp Geronimo
Sept. 19	Rifle Open Shoot/Merit Badge 8:30am-12pm	Heard Scout Pueblo
Sept 19-20	Leave No Trace Trainer	Camp Geronimo
Sept. 26	Archery Open Shoot 8:30-12:00pm	Heard Scout Pueblo
Oct. 4-10	Geronimo Prefect’s Academy	Camp Geronimo
Oct. 5-10	National Youth Leadership Training – Fall Session	Camp Geronimo
Oct. 11-17	Geronimo Prefect’s Academy	Camp Geronimo
Oct. 8-11	Poseidon Aquatics High Adventure (14+ years old)	Lake Pleasant
Oct. 23-25	Pinnacle Peak District Camporee	Camp Geronimo
Oct. 23-25	Sonoran Sunset District Camporee	Buckeye Hills Regional Park
Oct. 24	Shotgun Merit Badge	Ben Avery Shooting Range

You are able to review our full tentative Fall schedule at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/tentative-fall-schedule/. Registration for many of these events are already available, and our newest events will be added as soon as we complete adjusting registrations for our summer programs. We hope that you, your family, and unit leadership will join us in participating in these exciting new opportunities!



Hello Shooting Sports enthusiasts,

During a traditional year, the Grand Canyon Council Shooting Sports Committee hosts archery and rifle programs nine months out of the year at the Heard Scout Pueblo, including merit badge workshops and open shoots. Due to the Corona Virus outbreak we have been unable to host our regular programming, but we thought it would be a great opportunity to work on a few projects and improving our range!

Timm Johnson and Chuck Mayper, champions of our archery program, did a thorough cleaning of our archery shed, trimmed and pulled weeds on the archery range, and trimmed trees behind the archery range.

On the rifle range, Ranger Cameron, Hans Boon, Dave Ostermeier and Paul Stithem rebuilt the five bullet traps and built new concrete supports for the traps to sit on. Additionally, deteriorated lumber on the rifle range ramada was replaced and painted, and the north door was widened for improved National Camp Accreditation standards.

Earlier this year, maintenance was performed on the bows, arrows, .22 rifles, and BB guns, all so they are prepared for the Cub Scout Day Camp programs and this fall's Pow Wow!

While our April rifle and shotgun merit badge courses were canceled, we still have an opportunity to earn those merit badges on October 24th, scheduled at the Ben Avery Shooting Facility. If you are interested in attending, don't procrastinate, these classes at Ben Avery always sell out early! Rifle and Archery merit badge instruction will be available monthly at the Heard Scout Pueblo on open shoot dates as soon as we are cleared to resume regular activities, please review the Council calendar for scheduled dates or to register.

If you are interested in finding out more about our Shooting Sports Committee, our programs, special events, becoming a trained NRA or BSA Certified instructor, or would like to volunteer to be a part of the committee please visit www.grandcanyonbsa.org/shooting-sports, or email me for more information!

Yours in Scouting,
Gary Jordan
Shooting Sports
Committee Chairman
Garyinlaveen@yahoo.com





Jeff Posey

LODGE ADVISER

GRAND CANYON COUNCIL

Lodge Advisor Minute

I hope that everyone is doing ok. I realize we all are experiencing an extremely unique situation in the world right now, and I pray that everyone is able to find some peace and normalcy when they can.

Growing up, when something happened that "wasn't according to plan", my parents would always tell me "when life serves you lemons... make lemonade!". As scouts, we are creative and positive individuals, and when we find ourselves in the middle of tough situations...we make the best of it and "make lemonade."

"Cheerful service, even in the midst of irksome tasks and weighty responsibilities...", easy to say but sometimes tough to live out...maybe even tougher in times like this when maybe we are all having to deal with work stresses, COVID concerns, worries...or...having to deal with the family 24/7 while trapped inside your house!!!

So cheerful service...

- Love one another
- Remember to put a smile on, no matter how bad you might feel.
- Say hello to EVERYONE – try and put a smile on other's faces
- Say thank you
- Volunteer and help out before being asked
- Take the initiative and DO SCOUTING!

With all that being said, although all Scouting and OA events have been postponed, our lodge leadership has been very active and planning

some incredible activities that I think are positive and encouraging.

Over the years, Wipala Wiki has done an incredible job of fundraising, and can now take the opportunity to invest in capital projects to assist The Heard Scout Pueblo and Camp Geronimo.

The Heard Scout Pueblo, located at the base of the incredible South Mountain Park, is one of the largest urban parks in North America and in the world. The Heard was opened in 1925 and has been the centralized camp option for the Grand Canyon Council, and has played host for the annual Cub Scout Day Camp, Order of the Arrow events, Woodbadge, and offers incredible camping opportunities for Cub Scout Packs and Boy Scout Troops. One of the key facilities, is The Foreman Complex. This is one of the most utilized facilities in camp, and is in need of significant repairs.

As part of Wipala Wiki's commitment to Grand Canyon Council, the 2020 Lodge Youth Leadership has agreed to invest in a tremendous remodel of the restrooms for The Foresman. The project includes remodeling the roof, the plumbing, building an entirely new men's restroom and expanding the women's.

In addition, the lodge leadership is partnering with council leadership to review capital project needs for Camp Geronimo.

I look forward to getting back to scouting activities, but until then, be safe, stay cheerful and DO SCOUTING!

Yours in Scouting
Jeff Posey
Lodge Adviser

Chiefly Speaking

Grand Canyon Council & Wipala Wiki Lodge,

Hello everyone! First of all, I hope everyone and their families are remaining safe while practicing social distancing. I know these past couple of weeks I have stayed home with my family, hunkering down and doing school from the comfort of my bedroom. I have enjoyed my time at home by playing video games with my friends online, playing board games with my cousins, and doing things I thought I would never do, like puzzles. I am sure I will figure out more interesting things to do while bored practicing social distancing.

As a member of the Class of 2020, I feel for all other seniors who are disappointed with proms, graduation ceremonies, and grad parties being canceled. It was also very tough for me, as Lodge Chief, to cancel all of our events, meetings, and activities until June. It is truly disappointing not seeing all my good friends in scouting. I know Scouting has always been an escape for myself, to get away from drama, work, school, and stress. Scouting has always been only about fun and making memories, so it sad to cancel events over something we can't control.

Although this is an interesting time in Scouting, I encourage all Scouters and Arrowmen to stay on their narrow path towards their goals, in and outside of scouting. Personally, I have used this overload of time at home to work more on studying and graduating from high school this year, then hopefully moving on to community college this fall. It is important that we all remain on the right path during these stressful times.

I encourage all members of Scouting and the Order of the Arrow to remember the Scout Oath and Law, as well as check on your neighbors and friends. We need some more kindness and love in these tough times. I encourage you all to email me if you have any questions, comments, concerns, or even if you just want someone to talk to at chief@wipalawiki.org.

Love One Another,
Kyle Winer
2020 Wipala Wiki Lodge Chief





Inductions Update from Our Lodge

The Wipala Wiki lodge Induction Team has been working very hard these past few months to make this year one for the books. This past month in March, we had our first Ordeal Weekend of the year. We inducted 71 new Arrowmen into our order and also had about 25 members seal their membership by attaining the brotherhood honor! Currently, our Induction rating is at 90% which is the highest number its ever been in comparison to the last decade. I would like to thank all of the hardworking Arrowmen who made this weekend possible.

We have also been very proactive in dealing with COVID 19. Just a few weeks ago, National released new standards for an optional virtual OA election for units. We are still working out a few kinks but plan to have this program out soon for those who would like to use this as an option rather than a physical election while in quarantine. If you have any questions, please email inductions@wipalawiki.org

Yours in brotherhood,
Ben Flory
VC of Inductions

New Update from National Order of the Arrow Member Eligibility

In light of the extended period of camping restrictions attributable to COVID-19, the following temporary modification is being made to the camping requirements for OA eligibility:

Virtual camping (i.e., backyard or solo camping) may be counted toward the required nights of camping for OA election eligibility if all the following stipulations are met:

- To be counted, all virtual camping nights should be a direct result of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and be part of a BSA unit-organized unit camping event (i.e., multiple members of the unit are involved and camping simultaneously at remote locations).
- Some form of unit-organized communications should occur either during or immediately following the event.
- All existing youth protection policies and digital safety guidelines should be followed.
- No more than 3 nights of virtual camping are to be credited in any month in which government- or council-imposed COVID-19 restrictions are in place.

This change is in effect until September 1, 2020. Units which have already held an election between March 1, 2020, and April 30, 2020 are authorized to hold one additional election for any individuals who were ineligible at the time of the election due to the camping requirement, but would have been considered eligible at the time if this temporary policy had then been in effect. This second election must be completed no later than July 1, 2020. Those who were previously considered for election in the first election may not be reconsidered on this second ballot (i.e., no one can be considered for election more than once in a year). For questions related to this update, please email membership@oa-bsa.org.

Central District May Roundtable



Cub Scouts – Summer Camp/Hiking Guide to Safe Scouting, presented by Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner Orvell Franklin.

Recruiting Plan, presented by District Membership Chair Shannon Morrill.

Scouts BSA – Accommodating Scouts with ADD and ADHD, presented by Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner Janice Ehrlich.

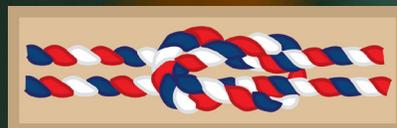


Announcing New Merit Badge Class Procedures

We have an ongoing Communications Merit Badge class currently in progress. New rules against face-to-face meetings dictate that these meetings will now be virtual online meetings using ZOOM. Since this class has already had several sessions, it is not possible to join in at this late date. Going forward, you will be able to register online at the Central District website for upcoming Merit Badges. A schedule of Merit Badges will be posted as instructors are assigned. We are going over various scenarios as to how we will manage these in the future. Stay Tuned!

New Eagle Candidate Virtual Process Procedures

The eagle board committee has instituted new procedures for processing Eagle candidates due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. They address the inability to have face-to-face meetings with candidates to review their materials, as well as establishing a meeting place to hold Boards of Review. These procedures will remain in place until word that the pandemic's course has diminished to the point where authorities deem it safe to return to normal face-to-face meetings. You will find a link on the District website home page to the new set of procedures or [follow this link](#).



Order of the Arrow Unit Elections - Central District

The Central District Chapter hopes to conduct as many unit (troop, crew, or ship) elections as possible in the next few months. Please contact Chapter Adviser Guy Skirpan (480-688-4518 or guy.skirpan@wipalawiki.org) with a minimum of three potential dates on which your unit can hold an election, meeting place / address / time, and contact name / email address / phone number. Provide at least three weeks' notice before the earliest date choice to allow proper preparation for and promotion of the event. For the near future, elections will be handled online, and procedures are still being determined at the time this article is being written.

Some units are used to holding their elections at summer camp. The Order of the Arrow originated as a camp honor society, so elections and inductions were

held at the camp. Now it is a BSA honor society, and all youth members (under age 21) of the troop, crew, or ship are eligible to vote. Holding your unit OA election at summer camp disenfranchises any youth members not in camp that week. Your unit's election and call-out must be performed by teams from the lodge serving your council per national rules. Also of note: You can't do your election and / or call-out at an out-of-council camp.

A unit election is an opportunity for the unit's best role models to be recognized by their peers. Becoming an Arrowman allows a youth candidate to reflect on his / her leadership and mentally prepare to take on higher responsibilities in the unit. Schedule your election today.



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Do a Good Turn during the National Camp-In!

Support Feeding America during a virtual 5K family hike on May 2nd. Download race bib at www.Scouting.org/campin/virtual-5k/. Spread the word to grow our impact. #CampIn #ScoutingAtHome #GoodTurn5K

Annual District Awards Dinner

Due to the coronavirus “stay at home” restrictions, the district awards dinner has been cancelled. We will be planning a celebration later this year, once the restrictions have been lifted.

Training Lost Dutchman District

All new leaders are requested to be trained within 90 days of registering. This year, all leaders with direct contact with youth (Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Assistant Cubmasters, Den and Webelos leaders, and Assistant Den and Webelos leaders, and comparable positions in Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships will need to complete leader-specific training or they cannot be rechartered in May (for August 1 recharter date). All training, except Intro to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS), can be completed online. Since all council and district events, including IOLS trainings, have been cancelled through at least the end of April, council will be providing more information on training requirements and recharter as it becomes available.



The two-year anniversary of the BSA requirement that all leaders complete the new YPT course is fast approaching. Lost Dutchman District currently has over 300 Scouters who's YPT will expire in the next 90 days. You may remember that two years ago, the website slowed to a halt as everyone was trying to take the training at the same time. Now would be a good time to complete your two-year certification and avoid the rush! Go to scouting.org to log in and take the training. Registration for the above courses are available on the Grand Canyon Council website calendar.

Other training

Grand Canyon Council Philmont 2020 – Leadership Inspired

7/19-7/25/2020: <https://scoutingevent.com/010-PhilmontRoadTrip>

This will be an opportunity to participate in world-class leadership training, network with your peers from across the western portion of the country, and enjoy the fun and adventure that the Philmont Training Facility provides. Help shape the future of GCC for the next 20 years!! This training is open to all registered Scouters. Please contact John Bryant or Isaac Garcia.



Friends of Scouting campaign continues

The Friends of Scouting campaign continues on-line. The Grand Canyon Council website has links for each unit to use to view a video and contribute to the campaign. The URL is <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/friends-of-scouting/>. Contact Isaac (isaac.garcia@scouting.org) or Chuck (BSAHolland@aol.com) if you have questions.

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Calendar - Lost Dutchman District

The District calendar lists currently identified events, activities, and training for the district and council for 2020 and 2021. Lost Dutchman District events are also listed on the GCC Calendar (<https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar>).

May 2020 - Lost Dutchman District

More information later this month on if these meeting will be cancelled or on-line

May 3 Maverick Camporee Planning Meeting

May 7 Roundtable & Commissioners Meeting

May 14 OA Chapter Gathering

May 28 District Officer Meeting

[Click here](#) to view the full tentative Fall schedule for Grand Canyon Council

Communications

We continue to keep the website as current as possible as we get new information. If you see an area that needs attention, please contact webmaster, David Lucas (theatreddavid@gmail.com) or VC-Communications, Tony Madonia (tony.madonia@gmail.com).

Happy Scouting! Stay Safe!

Outlaw Camporee 2020

This event is open to all Scouts

Date: August 14th - 16th, 2020.

Location: Camp Geronimo

Theme: Scout Wars

Cost: TBA

Planning Meeting Dates: TBA

Contact: Brad Lamoureux, Outlaw Director

brad.lamoureux30@gmail.com

<http://outlawcamporee.org>

Maverick Fall Camporee

Dates: September 25th - 27th, 2020

Location: Camp Geronimo

Theme: Movies

Cost: TBA

Forms and registration: TBA

Planning meetings: TBA

Planning Location: TBA

Contact: maverickcamporee@gmail.com

<https://www.maverickcamporee.org/>

Local Scouts Write Book Detailing Journey to Eagle

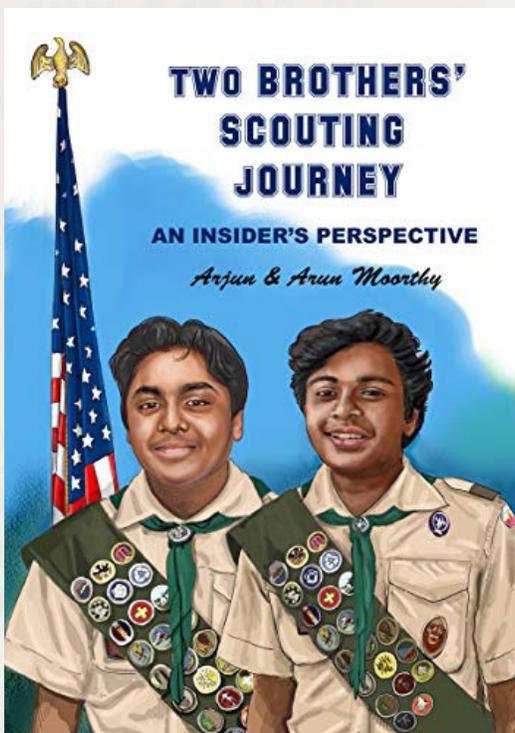
Author: Rob Madden, ASM Troop 3226

Two local Eagle scouts have recently penned a national book detailing their experience as scouts. Arjun Moorthy (age 16) and Arun Moorthy (age 14), members of Troop 131 out of Pinnacle Presbyterian Church in North Scottsdale, detail their scouting journey from a scout's point of view. Their book, "Two Brothers' Scouting Journey: An Insider's Perspective", shares from a scout's perspective how they came into the troop, experienced the journey of scouting, and evolved into self-reliant, confident men through the scouting program.

The two boys detail different experiences throughout the book about how scouting presented challenges and how it gave them the tools and resources to overcome those challenges, with experiences ranging from camping alone in the forest, white water rafting, camp experiences, and the scouting process as a whole.

According to Rick Williamson, Scoutmaster with Troop 131, "This is the first time I have seen a narrative from a boy's perspective. It is pretty neat to see how they detailed how they had to stand on their own two feet and not rely on their parents as much."

Williamson continued, "This [book] is such a great tool for parents to read and learn that this is what my scout will learn and get out of it." "Two Brothers' Scouting Journey: An Insider's Perspective" is available on [Amazon](#), Barnes and Noble, and other online book retailers as both a hard cover and ebook.



Upcoming Calendar Events

- May Roundtable May 7, 2020
- Fall BALOO Training August 29-30, 2020
- Cub Day Camp R-"Boo"-C October 3-4, 2020
- Fall Camporee October 23-25, 2020
- Leader Specific Training December 5, 2020

[Click here](#) to view the full tentative Fall schedule

Technology: Your New Best Friend

Author: Tori Shuman Troop 3030, Crew 2030

If you're reading, chances are you're feeling down about this whole situation. However, I'm going to ask that you throw that notion out the window. Right now. Ball it up and toss it. That is not going to get you anywhere. Just to clarify, please don't throw anything out your window. Toilet Paper is hard to come by these days, but you get the point.

Now, you're probably wondering how you're supposed to keep the scout spirit alive when you can't leave the house, let alone come within six feet of another person. The answer is technology. You don't need to cancel your meetings, you just need to modify them. There are so many video chat programs available, there is no reason why your unit can't implement them.

My Troop has recently started using Google Hangouts. I know what you're thinking. What can they possibly do in a video chat? Well, in all honesty, the possibilities are endless. You can watch movies, go on virtual tours, work on scout skills. The possibilities are endless. Next week my troop is scheduled to learn a dance together via Google Hangouts. Work together with your unit to find what works best for you.

Band is another application my unit uses. It's very similar to Facebook or Instagram in that you can post, and chat privately. The best part is the only people who can see your page are the people you invite. Recently, we started posting weekly challenges for everyone to do. This week it was "Cook a meal or dessert with your family and share a picture of it". I highly recommend starting this. It's a great way to stay connected, and right now what we need most is connection.



PONDEROSA DISTRICT

Route 66 Shooting Competition Delayed

As many have read, the directive from the BSA and our own Grand Canyon Council is to cancel all council and district events until May 30th. Unfortunately this impacted our annual Route 66 Shooting Competition scheduled for April 25th and caused us to cancel the event for that date. But don't despair, we are working on a plan to combine the Spring individual Route 66 shooting competition with the Fall troop Wainwright shooting competition in September. What could be better than a day of shooting? Two days of shooting! One day of individual competition and one day of troop team competition all while staying at our own beloved Camp Raymond which is back for use through the next school year (Yea!). So put the weekend of September 26th/27th on your troop calendars now and don't miss what will be more fun than humanly allowed. For questions please contact Scott Boynton at sabx5@yahoo.com or (928)607-5650. See you at the range!

Sonoran Sunset Scouts Help Stock Local Day Care Shelter with Supplies

On March 27 Scouts and Scouters from Sonoran Sunset decided to take on a "help other people at all times" project. We took a load of books, games, sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels and love to UMOM (<https://umom.org/>), a local day care and shelter, running low on supplies due to COVID-19. You should have seen their faces, pure delight. UMOM staff were all very grateful...good job Scouts!

Telemundo, TV3 and Channel 3 were at UMOM when we arrived to spread the word about all the good our units are doing to help out in this time of need. If you'd like to view news coverage of this project you can find it [here](#). Special thanks to Troops 90, 99 and Pack/Troop 194, Gannon McMillian, Nicco Lannillo, Bart and Brandon Boma, Carl Savillo, Debra Undhjem, Ken Sheely and Tim & Terry Smith for organizing this successful supply drive.





An LDS Transition Experience

We asked one of our newest troop leaders, J.C. Campbell, to share his experience with a transition from LDS to community scouting, here are his thoughts:

Troop 299, Wickenburg, AZ was sponsored for years by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. I was called to be an Assistant Scoutmaster and eventually the Scoutmaster for the troop. When the Church announced that it would no longer charter scouts after December 2019, my Assistant Scoutmaster, Rusty Lisk, and I decided to find another chartering organization. I also knew that operating a troop without the Church's assistance would require more time and effort, so I made some life changes to make time for this. Our collective feeling was and is that there were scouts caught in the transition who could not realize their scouting goals by the end of 2019 and there were no other troops close enough for them to register with them. Our continued leadership in scouting was that important. The Troop 299 area covers Wittmann to Aguila and Wickenburg to Yarnell, so we have many young men and women to help with scouting programs.

I am a life member of the American Legion and approached Post 12 in Wickenburg last July to see if there was interest in chartering the troop. They decided quickly to support a pack, boys' and girls' troops. Many of our troop committee members came from the Church, so that wasn't a big challenge. We decided to dual charter through the end of 2019 so there would be no gap in Troop 299 operations. Our real hurdles came in getting our charter through council and national headquarters, even with adult training, registrations and payments completed. We also lack adult leadership currently for a pack of girls' troop and we have Cubs from the old Church unit waiting to continue.

I just completed the Grand Canyon Council Wood Badge course and have a ticket with the vision of having a self-supporting unit with a pack of both boys' and girls' troops. Recruiting adults and scouts is a big part of the goals and I'm currently learning new tools and techniques to achieve our vision.

Maj. J.C. Campbell II, USAF (Ret)
Scoutmaster, Troop 299
Wickenburg, AZ

Volunteer with Sonoran Sunset District!

Come be a part of our team, be a positive force in our community during these tough times, help make service projects like our UMOM supply drive successful and help all our youth become amazing leaders. Sonoran Sunset District is looking for your talent:

Committee Members
Activities & Service Chair
Advancement Chair
Friends of Scouting Chair

Fundraising Chair
Program Chair
Commissioner Team
Roundtable Chair

Scouts Breakout Committee
Member
Unit Commissioner

Also, consider helping with a short term, single project like helping plan the Fishing Derby, Cuboree, Camporee, and more! Paul Stithem, t3cor@cox.net, and Peter Zipp, zippagency@live.com, are happy to answer your questions and help align your talents with district needs, don't be shy...

EXPLORING DISTRICT

Welcome Deanna Mankins to Exploring

The Grand Canyon Council Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce and welcome Deanna Mankins as the Maricopa County Exploring Executive. With volunteer support, Mankins' responsibilities will include effective district operations. This includes membership growth, building community partner relationships, unit service, program support, and enhancing our volunteer team to better serve the youth of Maricopa County. Mankins will also provide staff leadership to the new iTech Exploring pilot program helping link mid-tech career pathways between local businesses, our schools, and today's youth (tomorrow's workforce).

Deanna Mankins has over 20 years of business experience. She has her BBA Degree in Sports & Event Management from Wilkes University and an MBA in Sports Business Management from Grand Canyon University. Deanna has been a NCAA, USAV, AIA, and AAU Volleyball official for 11 years now. Over the years, she has dedicated herself to the Arizona community. Deanna has a passion for business and education and will bring a desired passion to the Exploring Program.



Deanna Mankins

EXPLORING EXECUTIVE

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JOIN NASA ASTRONAUT DOUG "WHEELS" WHEELLOCK

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Details at www.scouting.org/campin.

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