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SPOTLIGHT

Geronimo Summer Camp Arizona's Scout Camp

#GetReadyForCamp - Camp Geronimo will have 8 sessions starting May 30, 2021 – July 18, 2021 with [the cohort system!](#)

Choose your adventure at CampGeronimo.org. And don't miss out on our [top five questions](#) available on our [blog!](#) #CampGeronimo

[PICK YOUR SESSION TODAY](#)

CHECK OUT THE HIGHLIGHTS

WATCH THE 2020 EAGLE SCOUT CELEBRATION EVENT



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TIP OF THE MONTH

As COVID continues to limit our group Scouting activities, we can still get a lot of advancement accomplished. Some requirements, like camping and hiking have been temporarily modified to make it easier for the Scouts to advance. For more information, see the Frequently Asked Questions guide here: www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/

NICE TO KNOW

- [Updated Recommendations on COVID-19](#)
- [Centennial Events and Award Requirements](#)
- **NEW** [Centennial Limited-Edition Item Guide](#)
- **NEW** [My.Scouting Transfer Tool](#)
- **NEW** [Virtual Donor Recognition Event Video Series](#)
- [Be the change](#)
- [Planned Giving Website](#)

CUB SCOUTS

- **NEW** [R-C Scout Family Camp Top 5 Questions](#)
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- **NEW** [Council-Wide Pinewood Derby](#)

FOR PARENTS

- [Year-Round Camp and Facility Rental](#)
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- [Camp Card Sales](#)

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CREATE  YOUR OWN ADVENTURE



EAGLE PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

FOR LEADERS

- **NEW** [Transfers and Multiples for My.Scouting FAQ](#)
- [New Wood Badge Dates](#)
- [BSA Distinguished Conservationist](#)
- **NEW** [Advanced Wilderness CPR with Front Range](#)
- [Geronimo Summer Camp Information Webinar](#)
- ***It's not too late!*** - [Camp Card Sales](#)
- [National Camp School](#)

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- **NEW** [Virtual Merit Badge Workshops](#)
- [Test a Merit Badge App](#)
- **NEW** [Camp Geronimo's Top 5 Questions](#)
- [What Will You Learn at POSEIDON?](#)
- **NEW** [Poseidon - Aquatics High Adventure Training](#)
- [BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award](#)

Howdy!

February marks the 111th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. This month many Cub Scout packs will be holding Blue & Gold banquets to celebrate, and this is a great time to reflect on Scouting's influence and impact on our communities. Many of America's business, community, military, political, and family leaders have been Scouts. Scouting has a long shadow, indeed.

An addition to the many Blue & Gold cake contests this past month and Webelos crossover ceremonies in the coming month, we're in the sweet spot for outdoor adventure. Whether your outings take you to central Arizona, up along the Mogollon rim, or somewhere entirely different, this is a beautiful time of year to enjoy outdoor adventures in Arizona!

We continue to celebrate our council's 100th birthday this year and I encourage you to Look at our website to see the many collectors' items that are available. Our centennial events take place throughout the fall, to allow more time for COVID to lessen its impact and so we can prepare a fantastic experience for you, our Scouts and the community. Look for more details as the year progresses.

Spring is the time (especially for packs) to confirming and promote your 2021-2022 program calendar and adult leadership to your families. This will help you 'advertise' to your Scouts and parents upcoming plans and collect their recharter money and any applications you might need. On April 24th we will have a Council Program Preview where we will share resources to build your calendar, budget, volunteer leadership structure, and more. This will be a great event for new and retuning Scout unit leadership.

Finally, an exciting program announcement – our council will be offering a “Drone Camp” at Camp Geronimo this summer. We were approached by BSA late last year about offering the program as a pilot and will be the only council operating this program in 2021 at summer camp. We're positioning it as a program for the 3rd or 4th year camper who is looking for something new and exciting – campers will build drones, fly drones, and crash drones! More information to come soon.

Andy Price / Scout Executive

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Grand Canyon Council Welcomes our Inaugural Class of 15 Female Eagle Scouts and Celebrates their Accomplishments!

Eagle Scouts have been leading positive change in their communities for more than a century. That tradition continues with the historic inaugural class of Female Eagle Scouts. Help celebrate

the leadership accomplishments of the inaugural class, and 15 Scouts from Grand Canyon Council, as we highlight the positive impact Scouts make in our communities every day.

Adhelle K.
Alyse S.
Amanda B.
Anya L.

Deon B.
Elle D.
Megan R.
Peyton W.

Riley W.
Sabrina A.
Sarah M.
Savannah H.

Stella L.
Victoria R.
Victoria S.



Deon Bryant of Troop 3050 | Deon officially began in Scouting at Pack 380 as a sister of a Cub Scout brother, Jaymes, and worked the program as if she was a Scout. When she completed 8th Grade, she joined Crew 2039 and a year later helped to found Crew 2020. Her personal goal was to be elected to the Order of the Arrow by her peers, but learned that OA elections only happen at the troop level. She joined the Troop on Feb 1, 2019, things quickly changed, and she was elected to be the first Female Youth Arrowman and Brotherhood in the Order of the Arrow. She has been very active in the NYLT program,

and has learned that Scouting is not only a personal journey, but as a mentor, you share the journey that others take too! And don't be surprised if they grow to do extraordinary things!



Savannah Hafer of Troop 7106 | Savannah has been heavily involved in her school and community through sports, clubs, and other activities from day one but when Scouting BSA opened its doors to herself and other girls her age she jumped on the opportunity with the hope of being apart of the change. She and a few other young women decided to join scouting and created Troop 7106 alongside their extremely supportive brother troop 7006 and began the long and difficult journey. Along with four other scouts in her troop, Riley Weber, Sabrina Agosti, Sarah Mortimore and Peyton Weber, she has

completed her Eagle Rank within the short amount of time allowed, became a member of the Order of the Arrow, and received the Youth Citizenship award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Throughout their experiences in scouting there has been some ups and downs but now they all feel prepared for whatever life has in store from them. Savannah plans to become a Scout Leader in hopes of teaching young women to find the same confidence in themselves that Scouting BSA gave her. Scouting BSA gave her.



Sarah Mortimore of Troop 7106 | I first joined the BSA when a friend approached me with the idea of forming a troop once it was opened up to females. Her brother was an Eagle Scout and she told me about all the great things he was able to do. We were in the Girl Scouts together and the BSA program sounded more excited than what we were currently doing. Once the troop was formed we immediately started on some great adventures. Our first troop camp out was in freezing weather with snow. It was a super fun weekend and a good introduction into Scouting. We were lucky to go to Camp Fi-

esta in San Diego and even win an award. It was an amazing team building and great experience. We even had a few older Scout Masters tell us that they were impressed with how we conducted ourselves. We had some really great experiences with the county camporee's and other trips we've taken. For my Eagle Project, I created a brick memorial at the American Legion for veterans. It was a project near to my heart as both my parents are veterans. It took a lot more planning than I anticipated and was an experience that I will carry me forward into my life. Going forward with Scouts, I look forward to volunteering with a troop so I can help guide and give the younger generation the same amazing experiences I was lucky enough to have.



Megan Rziha of Troop 3280 | I joined Scouts BSA because my mom was a Girl Scout and my dad is an Eagle, and my younger brother and I followed in their steps. I, however, wanted to also make my own path by starting one of the first female BSA troops, as well as being part of the inaugural class of female Eagle scouts. I knew the program was great because I heard about all the opportunities my dad was able to experience, as well as my brother's time in scouts. I wanted to learn more skills I could use, including leadership, first aid and emergency preparedness, and knots and lashings. Scouting

is important to me because of these opportunities to learn and have experiences we otherwise wouldn't. I have met so many new people who have been inspiring and supportive of me, and that has helped me grow as a person as well. I will take the lessons I learned in the program with me throughout life, and do my best to help others grow as well. I plan on continuing to work with my troop and help it grow so that other girls may also have the experiences and impact that scouting has had on me.

I was a student at Arizona College Prep for 7th through my senior year, and for all but my senior year, I participated in the school orchestra as a violinist. Part of that experience involved leaving our instruments on the floor next to the wall during the day as we went about our other classes. We (the violins and violas) had to leave our instruments on the floor because there was no proper storage for our instruments that was easily accessible. It was this that I took inspiration from for my Eagle project. The project involved constructing three moveable shelving units for violin and viola storage for the members of the orchestra at Arizona College Prep, the high school I attended, to properly store their instruments while they are in other classes. In the past, orchestra members had to keep their instruments on the floor in the back of the room or in a tight-spaced hallway where instruments could be tripped on and possibly even broken. With the completion of my project, orchestra members now have a secure place to store their instruments out of harm's way.



Adhelle Kellogg of Troop 3546 | BSA is a place for growth, both mentally and physically. It helps you on your journey to become a better person. At the start of your trail to eagle, they hand you the moral compass that is the scout law, and a book with all of the information you need to succeed. They give you experienced leaders and scouts to help you navigate through your ranks. By the time you reach life rank, you no longer need they're watchful eye and constant assistance. It is time for you to give back to scouting. It is time for you to teach and guide and assist as the scouts and leaders before you. One day you

may earn eagle, which means you are a strong person, with a moral compass and a book full of things you know to be a true as your loyalty to the organization. This is the reason I chose scouting. Not because of outings, or the adventures. But because of what it stands for. The whole organization is a circle. The circle of scouting. A scout who has helped you may go in to get eagle. And you may help a scout and get eagle yourself. Scouting is so much more than an organization with a purpose, we are a family.



Stella Lipson of Troop 3030 | Stella Lipson is a sophomore at Saguaro High School. She is a founding member of Scouts BSA Troop #3030. She is a competitive diver and honor student. She became enamored of Boy Scouts while watching her brother gut and clean a trout while working on the Fishing Merit Badge. Her love of outdoor escapades has propelled her scouting career and she learns something new with each adventure. Scouting has provided her with a lifetime of memories and friendships. For Stella's Eagle project she worked with the Arizona Audubon at the Nina Mason Pulliam Rio Salado

Audubon Center enhancing their Children's' Garden. Her Eagle Project entailed building a granite and gabion bench, creating 18 custom bird stepping stones for the walkway, delineating pathways with river rock from the Rio Salado and clearing invasive plants from the area. She looks forward to continuing her Scouting journey with the Order of The Arrow and capturing that ever evasive trout for her Fishing Merit Badge.



Alyse Silverman of Troop 3030 | Lipson of Troop 3030 | Alyse started her Scouting journey four years ago as a junior Venture Crew Scout. When BSA opened up to girls and made it possible for her to achieve her Eagle, she knew that was what she wanted to do! Alyse loves Scouts because she is able to meet all sorts of new people and learn new skills. Her favorite event so far was a cavalcade at Philmont because she was able to spend a week in the outdoors, completely disconnected from real life, and was able to really bond with the people in her crew. Now that Alyse has her Eagle, she would like to continue being active in her troop and also achieve her Ranger and Summit awards in Venturing.

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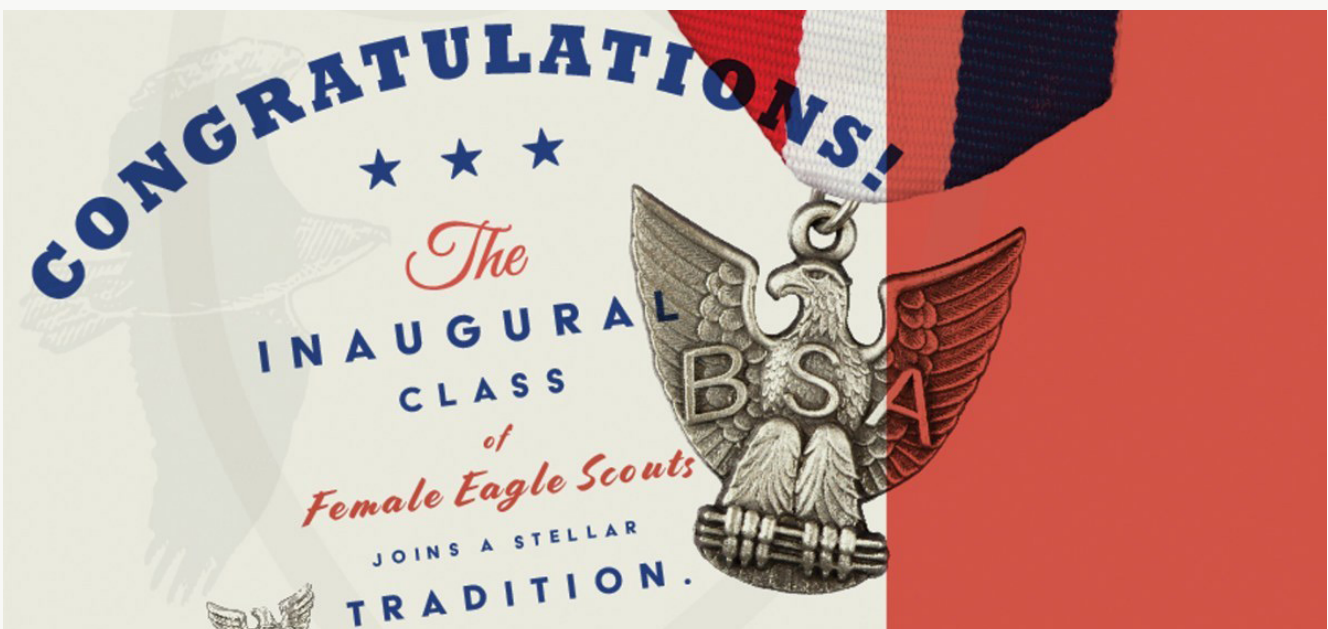
Elle Dingwell of Troop 3030 | Elle Dingwell successfully completed her Eagle board of review on 1/28/2021. Elle is 17 years old and is a junior at Horizon High School, PVUSD. Elle loves hiking, swimming, yoga, speech and debate team and hanging out with her scout family. Her goal after high school is to study law or get involved with research in the medical field. She has competed for her school at speech and debate tournaments and represented her school as part of the cybersecurity club. She appreciates the opportunities scouting has given her including participating in a high adventure cavalcade and

white water rafting at Summit Bechtel. For her Eagle project, Elle fundraised materials for and built 164 beeping eggs with the help of Troop 3030 for the Foundation for Blind Children’s annual Easter Egg hunt. This is a project dear to Elle as she attended the school as a preschooler.



Victoria Shuman of Troop 3030 | Tori Shuman sat for her Eagle Board of review with her good friend Tori Rader at the first available date; October 1, 2020. When you ask her about the beginning of her Scouting adventure she laughs & says I grew up in Scouts. She went thru Cub Scouts twice with her older brothers, at every Pack Meeting & Family Campout. At 14 she joined Venture Crew 2030 her first leadership position was Vice President of Program, by the next election she was the President & there has been no looking back. She says her heart is in Venturing, but she has loved her time in Troop

3030. “These girls are my Scouting Family”. As the first SPL she helped their incredible Scoutmaster Patty Heit “get the ball rolling” and it was an incredible ride. She finished EMT training this year as a senior in high school and leaves to serve her Country as a Hospital Corpsman in the Navy in early June.



COUNCIL RECOGNITION

Meet Grand Canyon Council's 2020 Honorees

Congratulations to our 2020 Council Honorees who received the following council awards and recognition for their outstanding contributions, dedicated years of service, and leadership to youth and Scouting in Grand Canyon Council. Throughout 2021 we will feature two of our distinguished award recipients in Grand Canyon Connection.

Distinguished Service Star Award

Timothy Smith

William Popescue

Meritorious Service Star Award

Allyn Calhoun

Jess Rankin

Carolyn Brandenberger

John R. Adcock,

Christopher R. Kaup

Kathleen Polowski

Dave Alexander

Orvell Franklin, Jr.

Gary Mack Jones

Peter Zipp III

Glen M. DePhillips

Sondra Wendt

Jacob R. Benyi

Tim Wolfe

Silver Beaver Award

James P. Bradley

Gregory Phillip Randolph

Lynda Diane Hale

Donald Richards

John McKenna

Wes Morrill



Allyn Calhoun - Meritorious Service Star

Currently serving as Council Training Chair. Allyn's significant contributions to Scouting lead from his passion for training. He initiated the 100% Trained Leaders program which will result in a better program for all Scouts. Allyn helped develop the NYLT Campsite at Camp Geronimo and has been part of the Scoutreach Unit Troop 4 at the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections for the past 7 years. As he supports their rank advancement and teaches outdoor skills to the boys in the unit, Allyn has made a significant impact in their lives and instrumental in acquiring needed equipment and supplies.



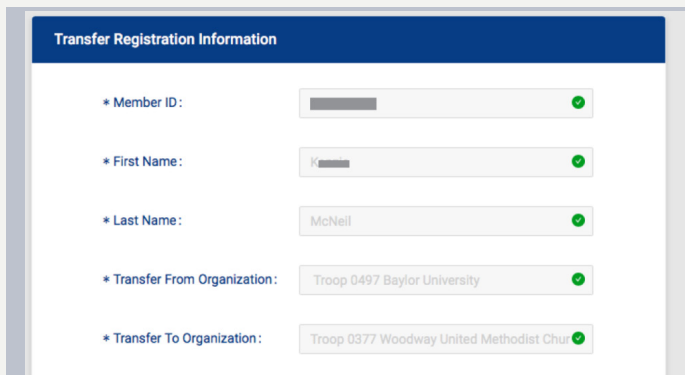
Carolyn Brandenberger - Meritorious Service Star

Currently serving as the University of Scouting, Baden Powell College Dean. Carolyn has served in Scouting for over 26 years in a wide variety of volunteer areas. She embraces a love for training and initiated the Council Wood Badge Coordinator role while modernizing supplies and equipment for this important adult training program. Carolyn most enjoyed working with National Office of Philanthropy sharing the Scout story with potential donors. Her favorite role was a Tiger Den Leader and experiencing 13 little boys grow into fine young men. "It was so worth it."

MEMBERSHIP

CHECK IT OUT

Transferring From Another Unit In The Same Council



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Transfer Registration Information" with the following fields and values:

- * Member ID: [Redacted] ✓
- * First Name: [Redacted] ✓
- * Last Name: McNeil ✓
- * Transfer From Organization: Troop 0497 Baylor University ✓
- * Transfer To Organization: Troop 0377 Woodway United Methodist Church ✓

If the Scout is in the same council using the Online transfer tool is the most efficient way to transfer a Scout from one unit to another. A paper application is not needed. A unit leader in the old unit or the parent can do the transfer.

[LEARN MORE](#)

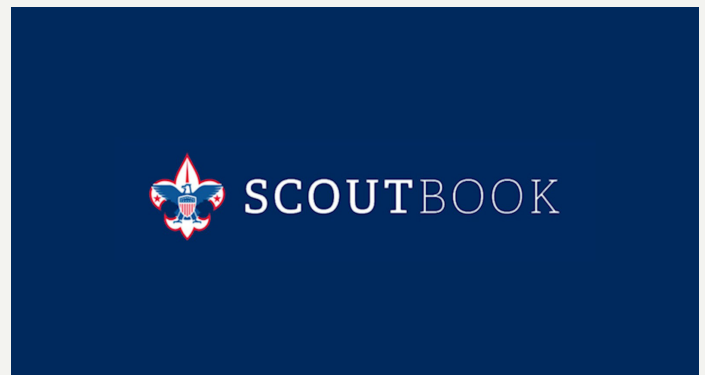
Be the Change - Don't Miss It!



We just wrapped up the most exciting event celebrating the Inaugural Class of Female Eagle Scouts and it was amazing to check in on what they are up to in the world! Here are links to the videos, in case you missed it!

[WATCH ON YOUTUBE](#)

Reminder: Change in Scoutbook Effective March 1



Effective March 1, 2021, Scoutbook's leader invite process will perform a check for a BSA issued MemberID and active BSA registration when being invited to connect with the unit roster. Prior to March 1, unit leaders should check their rosters in Member Manager at <https://my.scouting.org> to ensure all adult leaders listed in Scoutbook are also registered on the official roster or otherwise with the BSA. Action should be taken with the local council to ensure all adult leaders are registered with the BSA.

Need A Little Help with My.Scouting.org?



Try the automated assistant located in the lower right of the page. Just click on it and follow directions. It can help with Password Reset, YPT Status Check, Training History, and general help.

SUPPORT ARIZONA SCOUTS

The Grand Canyon Council, BSA is proud to introduce Mr. Bill LeRoy. Bill is one of the over 3,000 dedicated volunteers that help make the Council the strong organization that it is today. Bill has worked in the Valley's accounting community for over 40 years and is part of the Sonoran Sunset District serving first as the District Vice-chairman for Finance before taking over as the District Chairman earlier this month. Right off the bat, he'll tell you, "I am a 65-year-old Scout, I've been a lot of things but I AM A SCOUT!"

Bill has a long-standing relationship with the Council. Growing up in the west Phoenix community of Maryvale, he started as a young Scout with the Theodore Roosevelt Council Troop 563, achieving the rank of Life Scout before moving onto Explorers until age 18. He is just one in a long line of family members that have experienced the Scout Life. Bill was proud to share that his father, two uncles, three brothers, a sister, nephews, his two sons, and now three of his grandsons have all been proud to don the Scout Uniform. He remembers the lessons he learned and the skills he experienced, so it was important to pass that along to his family! Bill mentions that his oldest grandson Cody is currently serving the US Army in Korea, and Cody GETS IT.

When asked why he supports the Grand Canyon Council, BSA that answer was not a shock. Bill firmly stated, "there is not a better organization in the country for developing youth. Making good decisions and understanding that the mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Scout Law". He also said that "the mission is important especially in today's world with all the messages competing for their time and attention".

Serving on Eagle Boards of Review the last 4.5 years has been very personal for him. Bill told the story of serving as the emcee on his brother Chip's Eagle Court of Honor during his Troop 563 days and his pride in presenting his brother for Scouting's highest award. When Chip passed away six years ago, Bill came back to Scouting to actively serve on Eagle Boards in his brother's memory.

Bill also became a part of the 1993 Society which led to his role as the Finance Vice-chairman For Sonoran Sunset District. It was there he got an idea....

"CREATE A GIVING PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENCOURAGE OR KEEP FAMILIES IN SCOUTING THROUGH A SIMPLE, NO-COST PAYROLL DEDUCTION ELECTION THAT EVERYONE COULD AFFORD!"

He knew about the Arizona State Tax Credit program that allows folks to donate to a qualifying charitable



organization such as Grand Canyon Council, BSA Outreach, LLC.. Arizonans receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit on state tax and claim it on federal tax. The Program enables the Grand Canyon Council to provide outreach programs that serve minority, at-risk, special needs, refugee, foster, and economically diverse youth in our state.

From his work life, Bill also knew that payroll deduction was a simple way for scout families to contribute to BSA Outreach each payday with no effect on the donor's net pay. Individuals or families can contribute the maximum donation (\$400 single or \$800 married) each year to Scouting without affecting the budget!

It is important to do a reach and get those youth that normally could not be in scouting involved. A family's financial situation should never be a deterrent to their kids participating. Our Community can help with this, Outreach through payroll deducted Tax Credit is the answer.

Bill grew up in Maryvale. He was part of the kids that had the hand me downs, and sometimes extra expenses were not something the family could handle. He also remembers being a single dad with his younger son and thinking "how do I come up with that money". Families should not have to feel that way, especially when it comes to helping their kids learn leadership skills and doing career exploration to build a successful future. Youth should have the opportunity to build great skills, memories, and friendships.

When reminiscing about his time in Scouting, he talked about one of his favorite memories. A weeklong backpacking trip in the Whiting Reservation. Bill mentioned just how thankful he was for the experience to learn survival and outdoor skills, along with making lifetime friendships along the way. The passion to help others is in his blood!

SUPPORT ARIZONA SCOUTS

Here is how you can contribute to the Grand Canyon Council, BSA, and take care of your Arizona State Tax Liability, it is easy.



Give to Scouting Arizona Charitable Tax Credit

The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit can be done by clicking the link: <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/tax-credit/> One-time contributions of \$800 per couple, or \$400 filing single. OR Contribute through payroll deductions like Bill by [clicking here](#) to get your form. Please note, the form and process needs to be completed through your employer's payroll company.

Please consult your tax advisor for specific questions related to your tax situation. For filing purposes: Grand Canyon Council, Boy Scouts of America Outreach LLC QCO Code: 20437. For questions regarding the Arizona Charitable Tax Credit please contact us at: Gcc.Development@Scouting.org or by calling 602-955-7747 Ext 232.



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Grand Canyon Council, BSA**

For your windshield insurance claim when you text
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MERIT BADGE WORKSHOPS & SPONSORS

April 2021 Game Design Merit Badge Workshop



Save the Date for the Gaming Design Merit Badge opportunity with [Great Wolf Lodge](#). Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in the MagiQuest game, wand rental and completion of the Badge and have the ability to do a pizza add on.

Blue Cards or Scoutbook Can Be Used to Track Merit Badges

Since the introduction of Scoutbook, the BSA has offered Scouts two ways of recording merit badge requirement completion: The Blue Card and Scoutbook. Both remain authorized methods to record merit badge work. Scoutbook is a part of the BSA Internet Advancement system, which means that entering an advancement record in Scoutbook is the same as entering it in Internet Advancement. Anyone with a BSA member ID automatically has access to a Scoutbook account through their my.scouting account. Reference: <https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

Upcoming Virtual Merit Badge Workshops



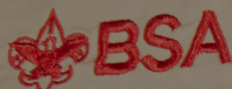
There are upcoming virtual merit badge workshops for, Graphic Arts, public speaking, and communication. Classes are limited, please reserve your spot today!

[GET THE DETAILS](#)

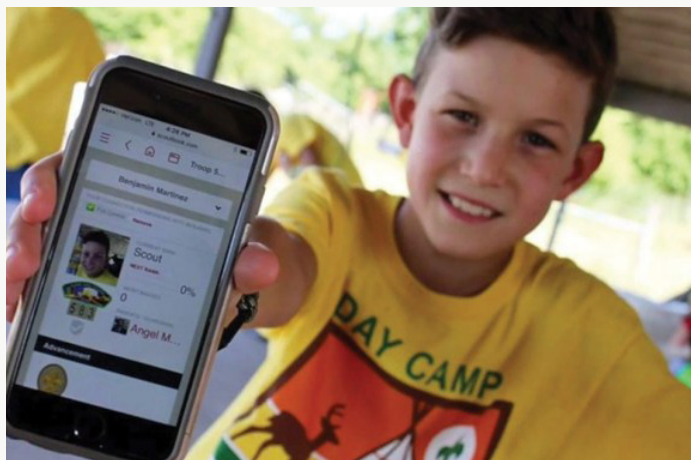


SCOUTBOOK

ADVANCEMENT



Scouts Can Help Test a Merit Badge Resource App



You found a cool link with useful information your Scouts could use for the First Aid merit badge. You could send it out in an email blast or post it on the troop's social media page, but as time marches on, the link likely would get lost in those busy channels.

If only there was a source that would collect and prioritize helpful information in a handy digital format. The BSA is seeking Scouts to beta-test a new app designed to do just that. It's called the Merit Badge Helpers app. Users can post links connected to merit badge requirements. These can be videos, social media permalinks, webpages — anything that Scouts could find helpful. Users can rate the usefulness of each link, increasing its ability to be seen. Every link will be reviewed before it goes live. For more information, [follow this link](#).

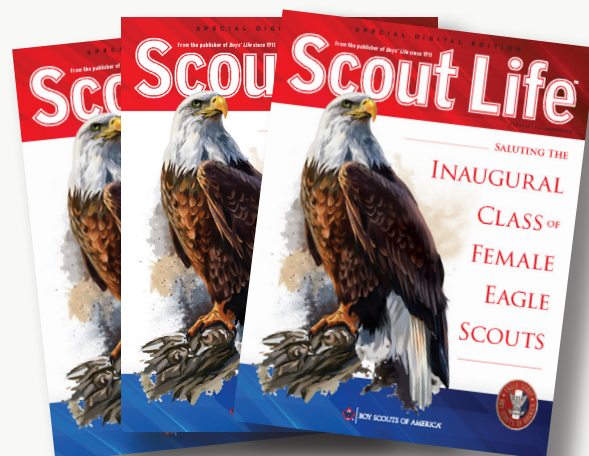
TEST A MERIT BADGE APP!

Does a Scout Need a Hard Copy of a Blue Card When Working on Merit Badges?

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Special Digital Edition of Scout Life magazine

Read all about the Eagle Scout Award and the impact Eagle Scouts have made over the decades in this special digital edition of Scout Life magazine. [Check it out now!](#)



Scouts BSA Requirements

There will **not** be an updated Scouts BSA Requirements Book issued in 2021 so that adjustments, changes, and exceptions due to COVID may be more readily addressed throughout the year.

Any updates to requirements will be found in these resources:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/>

<https://www.scouting.org/awards/awards-central/>

EARN THIS SPECIAL-EDITION EPA AWARD

FIND OUT MORE →



50th Anniversary Environmental Protection Agency Award

Scouts can help protect the environment by earning the new Environmental Protection Agency award. [Find out more here.](#)

The Environmental Protection Agency, as part of a public awareness campaign to celebrate its first 50 years, has partnered with the Boy Scouts of America to create an award for members of troops, crews and ships. This new award will recognize youth who research and learn about the subjects of human health and the environment, as the EPA develops its vision for the next 50 years.

The objective of the EPA award is to combine a variety of disciplines to challenge and educate youth; introduce them to the breadth of the EPA's involve-

ment in environmental protection and conservation; and encourage them to research, investigate, experiment, demonstrate, survey, and study air pollution, water pollution, solid and hazardous waste, and ocean dumping.

Members must earn the Public Health merit badge and three additional merit badges from selected categories. Finally, they must participate in an environmental/public health community service project as part of an approved Scouting program.

Download the application [here](#). Completed applications are submitted to the [local Scout Shop](#) to receive the commemorative patch.

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New Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook

There is a new Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook available [here](#). This version does not require Adobe Acrobat and seems to be smaller. It is much easier to download. Scouts who are just starting the documenting of their proposed projects for project reviews should use the new version. Those who have started with the old version can continue to use the old version. It will take awhile for the word to get out about the new version, so don't reject any project because the Scout used the old version.



STEM Awards Recognition

Congratulations go out to our most recent Supernova Award Recipients. These Scouts have distinguished themselves in the STEM field by their diligent work, investigating various aspects of Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics. Thank you Pack

282 for providing photos from you Court of Honor recognizing these fine scouts and future leaders! Let's give a huge Scouting round of applause for Dr. Charles H. Townes Supernova Award recipients:

Evans Anthony of Pack 194, Sonoran Sunset District

Dean Collin, Lentz Grant, Mungovan Joshua District, Arendt Mason of Pack 282, Lost Dutchman District

Luke Killian, and Spear Sebastian of Pack 7780, Pinnacle Peak District.

Tech Talk Nova's

In Addition to our Supernova recipients, The Nova Award program is really taking off and soaring. Since starting our Nova Award tracking in the middle of 2020, we have seen over 35 Awards during last year. The STEM Committee has been planning a series of Nova Sessions offered Online via the Zoom platform and we are seeing great interest not only in our council but from scouts from outside councils, which is wonderful and really enhances the program through the interaction with scouts across the nation!

We just completed another Cub Scout **"Tech Talk"** Nova session, awarding the Nova to Noah Coo, Pack 493 of National Capital Area, Justin Cope, Pack 524, Grand Canyon Council, Declan and Sean O'Meara, Pack 365, Grand Canyon Council, and Henry Weber, Pack 524, Grand Canyon Council.

The plan is to host monthly sessions for Cubs and Scout BSA throughout the year, so keep checking the Council Calendar for registration to open!

APR: March will be a down month, as we prepare for April when we host **"Cubs Can Code"** Nova on April 3rd, 10th and 24th.

APR: Scouts will also have the opportunity to earn the **"Designed to Crunch"** Nova April 13th and 28th. This should be a fun month with these awards!

MAY: Centered again on Cubs with **"1-2-3-Go"** on the 11th and 18th.

JUN: We continue in the Summer with Scouts **"Up & Away"** one more time in case you missed it this month.

JUL: Back to Cubs with **"Out of this World!"**

PROGRAM FUNDRAISING



Scouting for Food

Thank you to the Packs, Troops, and other Scouting groups that participated in this year's Scouting for Food drive on Feb. 6th! As of February 16th, we have had 37 Packs and Troops report over 37,600 pounds of food delivered to food banks across the state of Arizona. In total, over 1,600 hours of service was provided by those involved.

This year's top Troop was Troop 616, based out of La Casa de Christo Lutheran Church in north Scottsdale,

which reported over 3,500 pounds of food to Paradise Valley Food Bank collected by 13 Scouts with 10 parents and leaders supporting. Amazing job!

The top Pack was Pack 6, chartered by Parents of Pack 6 in Arcadia, Phoenix, which reports 5,172.5 pounds of food by 21 Scouts and 21 supporting parents and leaders! That is outstanding!

Our Units with the most collections:

District	Unit Type	Unit Number	Pounds
Central	Pack	6	5172.5
Pinnacle Peak	Troop	616	3500
Pinnacle Peak	Troop	323	2,011
Pinnacle Peak	Troop	818	1762.87
Central	Troop	41	1738
Gila River	Troop	285	1667
Gila River	Troop	16	1519

Food banks across Arizona were impacted by our campaign, including United Food Bank, Superstition Food Bank, St. Mary's Food Bank, St. Vincent de Paul, Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Operation Care Food Bank, Oasis Food Pantry, Mom's Pantry, Harvest Compassion Center, Guadalupe Presbyterian Church, Foothills Food Bank, Feed our Babies, Christ Lutheran

Participation patches will be mailed out at the end of

February, once units have had the opportunity to report their total collections and involvement.

The 2022 Scouting for Food campaign will be held on our traditional day, the first Saturday of February, Feb. 5th, 2022. We hope that you will take part, whether as an individual Scout, a family, or the entire unit!

Additional information on Scouting for Food is available at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/food.



CAMPING & ACTIVITIES

Pack 416 Nature Trail Project at The Heard Scout Pueblo



Pack 416, Pinnacle Peak District, planted around 30 plants along the Nature Trail at the Heard Scout Pueblo on Saturday, January 23rd just before the rains began. Phase-two of Pack 416's project includes updating signs and creating a map! We would like to thank Pack 416 for taking the initiative to help make our camps greater.

Camp Card Fundraiser

We're selling camp, not just a discount card! Our Spring Fundraiser is about to start, and it's not too late to reserve cards! Each \$10 card sold provides 50% commission to Scouts, with a risk-free sale. More details available at <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/camp-cards/>

Geronimo Summer Camp Parent & Leaders Zoom Webinar



Whether you're a parent excited for your youth for a fun week, or a unit leader planning on bringing the whole pack, we are looking forward to a great summer of excitement Camp Geronimo! We are hosting an hour long Zoom informational webinar to preview our 2021 summer camp program, as well as answer the questions you need to know!

There is no cost and registration is not required, although registering does help us to send reminders and follow up information, as well as know who to contact in case we have follow up answers or information. We will host two webinar sessions for leaders and parents: [March 1](#) and [May 3rd](#).

[LEARN MORE](#)

CUB SCOUTS CAMPING & ACTIVITIES



R-C Scout Ranch Cub Scout Family Camp

Calling all Cub Scout families! This June at R-C Scout Ranch our Cub Scout Family Camp is hosting 12 sessions for Cub Scouts and their families to attend! This year's theme for our camp is Super Scouts!

R-C Cub Scout Family Camp is an opportunity for Cub Scouts to form memorable experiences with their parents, grandparents, siblings, or even the entire family as they engage in Scout camp activities such as horseback riding, archery, shooting BB Guns, participating in crafts, art, and nature walks, catching crawdads in the creek, and much more! Adult participants get to enjoy all the same activities alongside their Cub Scout. Families are welcomed to attend on their own and make new friends, but Dens and Packs may also organize to attend a session and have fun camping together as a group!

Campers will have all meals and activities provided by the camp and camp staff; campers need only to bring their own tent, camping gear, clothes, and toiletries!

Each of our family sessions are capped at 200 participants, which are divided into ten camp sites with a maximum of twenty campers. We will arrange camp sites based on your pack, district, and/or rank. Each traditional family camp session is 72 hours long, running from Friday afternoon to Monday morning; parents who must return to work Monday morning can arrange to have an early check out with their Cub Scout early Sunday night, after closing campfire! Each family session is \$200.00 per participants, which includes three days of meals, activities, a patch, shirt, trained staff, and memories your Cub will love for years! Our first couple weekends always sell out, and there is no on-site registration, so try not to wait to sign up!

Our specialty sessions run each Monday afternoon through Thursday morning. These programs will have

Session	Dates
Family Session #1	June 4-7
Equestrian Session #1	June 7-10
Space	June 7-10
Family Session #2	June 11-14
New Girls Packs	June 14-17
Webelos/AOL	June 14-17
Family Session #3	June 18-21
Equestrian Session #2	June 21-24
STEM	June 21-24
Family Session #4	June 25-28
Art	June 28-July 1
Craftsmanship	June 28-July 1

varying activities focused on one particular aspect of our summer camp program, such as more advanced programs for Webelos/AOLs, horse focused and additional riding opportunities at equestrian camp, and a session focused on new packs that are focused on girl Cubs only. Due to the limited capacity and additional program costs, fees for the specialty programs are \$250.00 per participants, and include everything that the traditional family camp does, in addition to the specialized programs.

Camperships are available to any or all Scouts with financial hardships. Campership applications must be submitted at least six weeks in advance.

For more information, please visit:

<https://r-cscoutranch.org/summer-camps/> or email our camp directors at rcscoutcamp@gmail.com.



Spring Cub Scout Day Camp 2021 - Spring Training!

Our Cub Scout Spring Day Camp has been rescheduled for the April 10-11 weekend, allowing for parents to participate in the fun without fretting about rush hour traffic! This year's theme is Spring Training, with activities that include baseball, shooting sports, crafts, and more! All the fun and adventure of camping without the overnighter! There will be Spring Training themed activities and programs for all Cubs, Lions through Webelos.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Cub Scout Animal Tracking Expedition



The Animal Tracking Expedition is a planned, but self-guided scavenger hunt through which Cub Scouts and their families will track an animal along a hiking trail, record the signs it leaves, and determine which animal they are tracking!

Cub Scouts will receive an expedition journal with a trail map and markers designating where the animal has left signs, as well as information on animal tracks, food types, and more!

Start times are staggered to prevent bottle necks and promote social distancing. There are two locations to participate at, in Peoria and Gilbert. Cub Scouts who complete the course will earn a patch!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Grand Canyon Council Virtual Pinewood Derby Event



Saturday, May 1, 2021 Grand Canyon Council is hosting a council-wide Virtual Pinewood Derby Event!

- 10: 30 am Race Time!
- \$5.00 Per Racer
- [Pinewood Derby Rules](#)
- Check-in Locations TBD
- RACE!!!

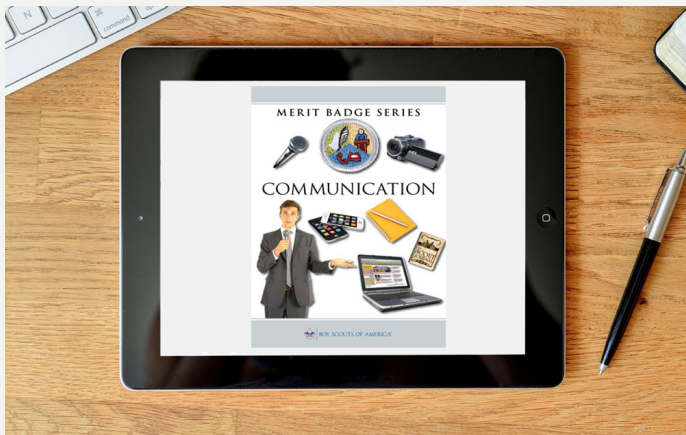
[VIEW DETAILS](#)

SCOUTS AND VENTURERS

CAMPING & ACTIVITIES



Upcoming Virtual Merit Badge Workshops



There are upcoming virtual merit badge workshops for, Graphic Arts, public speaking, and communication. Classes are limited, please reserve your spot today!

[GET THE DETAILS](#)

Poseidon - Aquatics High Adventure Training Weekend



April 15-18 at Lake Pleasant - A weekend of aquatic high adventure for Scouts 14+ and adults, including introductory courses for SCUBA, sailing, paddle craft, and much more! A registration deadline is March 15, and we need 12 more folks to ensure the program meets minimum numbers to commence!

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Summer at Camp Geronimo 8 Sessions Starting May 30

Join us this summer at Camp Geronimo, Arizona's premier summer camp experience. Nestled in the mountains under the magnificent Mogollon Rim and surrounded by 5,000 acres of ponderosa pine forest, Camp Geronimo is ready to offer a merit badge program your Scouts will never forget!

[CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE TODAY](#)



TRAINING & LEADERSHIP

TRAINING EVENTS

Attention Unit Committee Members

This is a reminder that per the 100% Trained Leader Initiative, all unit committee members should be “trained” before the next charter renewal process. This training is available Online at my.scouting.org.

To access the training, log onto the website. If you have not previously been to my.scouting.org you will need to create an account.

After logging on, click on the “menu” on the upper left portion of the page. From the drop down box, then click on “my training”. From there, click on requirements and this will let you access the appropriate training for your position.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to ensure our youth have trained volunteer leaders.



Update on 100% Trained Leader Initiative

Prior to the upcoming recharter process ALL unit leaders should be trained for their respective positions. The initiative also calls for all merit badge counselors, district committee members, all commissioners, chartered organization representatives, council executive board members and council counselors to be “trained”.

As a reminder, this plan was approved by the Executive Board of Grand Canyon Council to ensure that everyone is trained to know their roles and responsibilities to provide the most positive impact on the youth the council serves.

If you are unsure if you are “trained”, go to my.scouting.org, click on the menu. On the drop down box, click my training and then requirements. If you have training that is required for your position, it will show up and give you the path to complete your training.

On behalf of the youth in our council, thank you for caring enough to be trained and to make a difference..

Wood Badge Facilitations Videos Series

Orvell Franklin, District Commissioner, Central District, had the pleasure to travel to Dallas, TX and work with Scouters from around the Nation. Below is a link to a Scouting library that houses the videos created for Wood Badge Facilitations. “It was a great 2-days of work and I feel like I learned a lot about Scouting, Wood Badge needs, and my next steps for training - which is the Leadership Training at Philmont, which I am registered for this upcoming September 2021.”

LEARNING LIBRARY

University of Scouting



Our first ever virtual University of Scouting was held on Saturday, February 13, 2021. This Successful training day offered over 100 courses to the 180+ Scouters in attendance and we were able to recognize our 22 distinguished award recipients of Grand Canyon Council’s 2020 silver beaver, meritorious, and distinguished service star class.

Our National Commissioner, Scott Sorrels, shared a vision for our future and Scouters from California, Nevada, Michigan, Massachusetts, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida joined up; including 2 Scouters from the Far East Council in southeast Asia.

If you attended, please fill out our [event survey](#) to help us improve for next year, and if you did not attend; please fill out the survey so we can learn how to better serve you so you might attend next year.

[EVENT SURVEY](#)

Advanced Wilderness CPR



Front Range CPR is excited to be coming back to Arizona for the 7th year to offer very affordable Advanced Wilderness Training. This year we have a couple of options to cater to the present COVID lifestyle.

Two courses 16-hour, first timer certifications will be held at the Heard Scout Pueblo, one on March 13-14, and the other March 19-20. One day, 8-hour recertifications are March 14 and 20.

- We will have the Original 2 Day 16-hour class all in person.
- We will have the one day 8-hour Recertification if you are still currently certified.
- We also have a Blended option that allows you to do 12 hours on Live training via Zoom and then 4 hours in person for the skills portion.

Space is limited this year so sign up today as some classes are already getting full. For more information please see our website www.frcpr.com, or call us at 720-524-6447 / Vince and Andrew

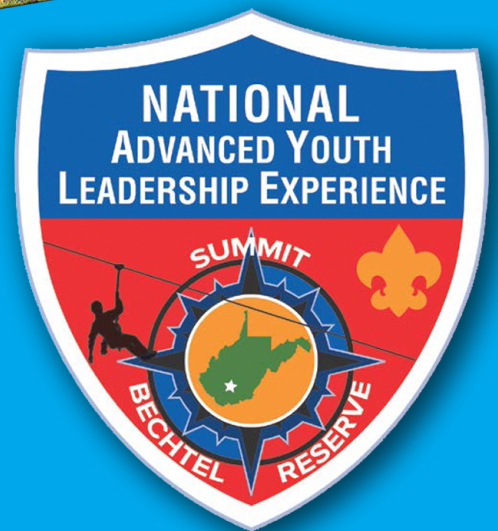
[SAVE MY SEAT!](#)

POSEIDON APRIL 15-18 AT LAKE PLEASANT

A WEEKEND OF AQUATIC HIGH ADVENTURE FOR SCOUTS 14+ AND ADULTS, INCLUDING INTRODUCTORY COURSES FOR SCUBA, SAILING, PADDLE CRAFT, AND MUCH MORE!



NATIONAL ADVANCED YOUTH LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE (NAYLE)



What is NAYLE?

National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) is an exciting program where young men and women enhance their leadership skills through team building, ethical decision-making, problem solving and service to others.

NAYLE is a very special experience. You will camp in a team setting that enables participants to use their leadership skills to resolve challenging situations. The week concludes with a closing challenge for each Scout to use what they've learned in service to others.

Why NAYLE?

Participant outcomes include:

- The skill, ability and motivation to become a dynamic and effective leader through advanced, practical application of NYLT skills
- The ability to function well in team or group situations
- Nationwide resources including new ideas and contacts that can only be gained through a program of this type
- Personal written commitment to apply NAYLE skills back home

ELIGIBILITY

Be a registered Scout, Venturer, or Sea Scout

Be at least 14 years of age (or 13 and completed eighth grade) and not yet 18 (for Scouts) or 21 (for Venturers or Sea Scouts)

Hold a unit leadership position

Have completed Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews, or Ships (ILST, ILSC, ILSS) and National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

COURSE DATES

June 20 - 26, 2021

July 4 - 10, 2021

COURSE FEE

\$550 per person

\$100 due at registration with balance due May 1, 2021

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Additional information about NAYLE and the registration link may be found at:

SummitBSA.org/training

Summit Bechtel Reserve

2550 Jack Furst Drive

Glen Jean, WV 25846

(304) 465-2800

Summit.Program@scouting.org

SHOOTING SPORTS

UPCOMING SHOOTING SPORTS EVENTS

2021 Open Shoot Rifle and Cub Scouts BB



Learn how to shoot and hone your skills. Each session begins with a thorough safety briefing, and follows with ample time to work towards the shooting portion of the Rifle Merit Badge. Shooters of all skill levels are welcome to Participate whether it is for the Merit Badge, NRA Qualification Awards, or just for fun.

[WHEN AND WHERE](#)

2021 Archery Open Shoot at the Heard Scout Pueblo



Open to Scouts from Wolf rank on up! Archery participants will learn the basic skills of Archery while also learning about the history and sport of Archery. Saturday, February 27, 2021 at the Heard Scout Pueblo.

[YES, SIGN ME UP!](#)



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CENTRAL DISTRICT

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Feed My Starving Children

Scouts BSA Troops 329, 3329 and Girl Scouts Troop 3893 partnered to send 25 adult and youth to Feed My Starving Children in Mesa on the morning of February 6th. The three troops joined 25 volunteers from other parts of the valley to pack meals at the organization's packing center, which is then flown overseas

and delivered to receiving organizations that provide meals to children and families struggling with starvation. Together, this crew packed 72 boxes of food, 2,592 bags in total, to provide over 15,000 meals to some of the most food insecure areas of the world and best of all, everyone had fun doing it!

Scouting for Food Events Oasis Food Pantry

On Saturday, January 30th, Troop 41 scouts and parents canvassed the neighborhoods around Madison #1 Middle School hanging door flyers at houses announcing our annual Scouting for Food Drive. This past Saturday (February 6), we collected over 1700 pounds of food from the same neighborhoods. This year's collection is probably a record for our troop. In 2019, we collected 663 pounds and last year, we collected 1293 pounds. In addition to what we collected on Saturday, we also received over 300 pounds of food from Troop 3329 from the food drive they held

last week. All combined, we were able to provide over 2000 pounds and \$91.00 in cash donations to the Oasis Food Pantry which is a ministry of Oasis Community Church located at 15014 N. 56th St - <https://www.oasisphx.com/food-pantry/>. Our Charter Organization (First United Methodist Church) did not have the demand or storage space for any food donations this year. The two days combined resulted in over 70 hours of community service accumulated by Grand Canyon Council scouts, parents, and siblings!

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills IOLS



Saturday & Sunday
May 1st & 2nd
Heard Scout Pueblo
Check in 8:00pm Saturday

Cost is **\$35.00**
covers meals, registration
and course materials. Early
registration discount of \$5.00
if registered by April 10.
Registration closes April 24th.

Course is limited to
35 participants
Participants will check in at the
Registration Ramada located in
the main parking lot.

Saturday dinner & Sunday
breakfast are provided.
Participants need to bring sack
lunch for Saturday



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Phone: 602-819-4649

SUMMIT LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE

What is SLC?

Summit Leadership Challenge (SLC) focuses on practical applications of Wood Badge skills. Using outdoor experiential learning activities and real world situations gives participants the opportunity to observe and participate in team-building and problem-solving, and to effectively manage challenging situations.

ELIGIBILITY

- Be a registered adult Scouting leader in any program area
- Have completed a Wood Badge course (you may still be working on your ticket)
- Complete Annual Health & Medical Record (parts A-C)

Why SLC?

Summit Leadership Challenge provides participants with an experience that exemplifies the potential of servant leadership through challenging and engaging activities and motivates you to follow a life of helping others succeed based on the values expressed in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.



COURSE DATES

July 4 - 10, 2021

COURSE FEE

\$450 per person
\$100 due at registration with
balance due May 1, 2021

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Additional information about SLC and the registration link may be found at:

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GILA RIVER DISTRICT

EXPLORE NOW

Fireside Chat with Grand Canyon Council Scout Executive Andy Price

Please join us for our Scout Executives annual Fireside chat for the Gila River District Scouters and families.

All Scouters and Scout families are encouraged to join us at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 4, 2021 for a chat with Andy Price, the CEO and Scout Executive of the Grand Canyon Council. Andy will share about the BSA and our local council before opening the discussion up for questions and feedback from our Scouting families. This year our Fireside Chat will take place through zoom, Link will be provided by Jessica Y., Gila River District Executive.

Serving the Yuma Community



In preparation for the Unite with Light event on January 23rd, Troop 8051 and Crew 8051 offered their services to the Yuma Regional Medical Center and filled over 600 luminaries. Each luminary was lit during the Park and Pray Ceremony in memory of those lost to Covid 19.

Productive Hike



Pack 8051 of Christ Lutheran Church in Yuma ventured on a one-mile hike, where they collected trash, and knocked out several requirements along the way. The pack had an opportunity to learn about the history of the Colorado River while exploring its wildlife and habitat. With their Blue and Gold around the corner, the pack was able to earn all rank requirements necessary to advance. It's safe to say Pack 8051 had a productive hike.

Welcome to the Brotherhood

Congratulations to Gila River District's newest Eagle Scouts: Nathan R., Troop 919 in Casa Grande, Jacob R., Troop 919 in Casa Grande, Marcus C., Troop 172 in Tempe, Christopher N, Troop 8054 in Yuma, Ivan C., Troop 7 in Tempe, Logan B, Troop 16 in Phoenix, Joshua H., Troop 8051 in Yuma. A special congratulations to Megan R. of Troop 3280 in Chandler, as she became the first female Eagle Scout in the Gila River District. These outstanding Scouts passed their Virtual Eagle Boards of Review in month of January. #EagleScout4life

Kent Thomas, District Chair

Spring is in the air and I encourage everyone again to TAKE BACK SCOUTING by participating in the outdoors (most if not all of our district is entering our prime outdoor months!) as much as possible with some of our upcoming events in a S.A.F.E. manner – The District Pinewood Derby (April 24th), the District Annual Awards “survivor” Bon Fire(March 20th), and of course our District Spring Backpacking trip(April 9-11th). Information is available on this link: <https://gilariver.grandcanyonbsa.org/>

Before filing for taxes, please do not forget to support our local Scouting program financially as you do with the gift of your time. Unlike the high school wrestling team or the local competitive dance studio, we ain't selling candy bars - we're selling the adventure of Scouting and the results of successfully mentoring youth!

You can do so here by joining the 1993 Society and ensure we are GCC Strong in '21:
<https://gilariver.grandcanyonbsa.org/fund-development/>

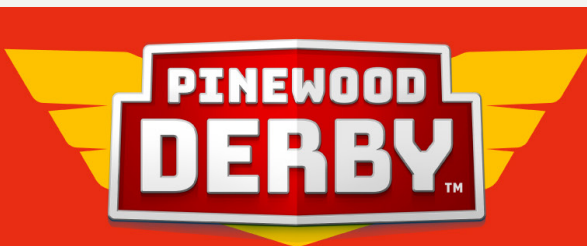


5,829 lbs. and Counting

“According to the USDA’s latest Household Food Insecurity in the United States report, more than 35 million people in the United States struggled with hunger in 2019.” In Arizona alone, that is 1/6 people affected by food insecurity. Programs like Scouting for Food have an opportunity to combat these numbers and offer support to our local communities. In partnership with the local food banks of Arizona, Grand Canyon Council has aimed to collect 150,000 pounds of food for those in need. On February 6th, Gila River District Scouts fought hunger, as they gathered food from local communities in support of this worldwide mission. Pack 577 of King of Glory Lutheran Church in Tempe collected 430 pounds for United Food Bank. Together Pack 378 of Fees College Preparatory Middle School and Troop 474 of Kiwanis Club of Tempe collected 2,699 pounds for United Bank. Pack 976 of Kyrene De Las Brisas PTSO collected over 2700 pounds for Kyrene Family Resource Center. Scouting for Food continues to make a difference, and we could not do it without you all. Thank you!

Jessica Y. / Gila River District Executive

“The ability to donate directly to our district is a tremendous asset to serve our community.”- Nancy P (Pack 976)



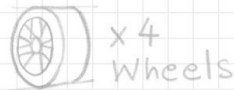
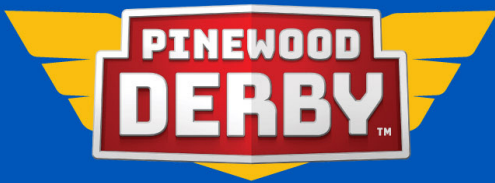
LOST DUTCHMAN DISTRICT

EXPLORE NOW

Congratulations to our new District Officers

Our new district officers were elected at the January 28 District Business Meeting. Here are the major offices: Key 3: Chairman: Glenn Tooley, District Commissioner: John Bryant, and District Executive. Vice-Chairs: Vice-Chair Communications: Tony Madonia, and Vice-Chair Programs: James Bradley. Committee Members of Communications: Nuggets, Tony Madonia, District Email and Scribe: Dilworth Brinton Jr., and Website, David Lucas. Membership: Jondra Bryant and Shannon Morrill. Program: advancement Chair, Dustin

Leo, and Eagle Coordinators, Conni Knoblach, Cathy Catalfo, Colin Dunlop, Robert Batlemay, Dustin Leo, and Jeff Grotz. Outdoor and Camp Promotion: Kevin Catalfo. OA Representative: Izaak Rohman. Training Committee: David Lucas, and Jamie Tooley. Pinewood Dery: Jamie Tooley. Recognition and Evaluation, and Banquet: James Bradley. Scouting for Food: Pat Hammons. Fall Camporee: Amy Jo Haywood and Cathy Catalfo. Members at Large: CORs from all district units.



**RACING SEASON
IS AROUND
THE CORNER**



District Virtual District Pinewood Derby

Lost Dutchman district will be hosting a virtual district pinewood derby on March 20, 2021. There will be two categories, Cubs for registered Cub Scouts, and Outlaws for siblings and parents. There will be two check-in dates on the two Mondays before the race, and a mail-in check-in. The cost is \$5.00 per participant.

How it will work:

1. Cars will be built by Cub and Outlaw (all except registered Cub Scouts) categories.
2. Cars will be brought to, and left at, one of the drop off locations as listed in the information page, or may be mailed to the Derby chair.
3. The cars will be raced by the District Pinewood Derby committee on regulation tracks. We are working to show the races on-line so the participants can see the races. There will be no Cubs or Outlaws at the track the day of the race.
4. The Cubs have the option to have the District Pinewood Derby keep the cars for the Council Pinewood Derby.
5. The Committee is working on how to get the cars back to the owners after the races. It may be mail or drop off. For more information and registration, go to: <https://scoutingevent.com/010-2021ldpwd>.

Arrowmen

Congratulations to all of the Arrowmen who were recognized at lodge “banquet” for their service to the order. We had a number of members of the Apache Trail Chapter who were presented with various awards. A’la recipients: James Bradley, Justin Bradley, Shawna Bradley & Amy Jo Haywood. Axe recipients: James Bradley. Naatavi recipients: Kevin Catalfo and Kieran

Dunlop. National Order of the Arrow recognition: Founder’s Award: James Bradley, Justin Bradley and Cathy Catalfo. Distinguished Service Award: Michael Minnis. And, a special congratulations for the chapter members who were called out for their Vigil: Justin Bradley, John Bryant, Bill Critchfield, Logan Edwards, Kyle Overtoom and Travis Stafford.

Troop 10 50-mile ride

22 Pedaling Patriots started and completed the 50 mile ride on February 6, 2021. A great day to ride, 45F when we started, 72 when we finished.



Pack 282 AOL cross-over to Troop 282

Pack 282 AOL cross-over ceremony was held at the Commemorative Air force Museum in Mesa, Arizona.



On February 13th, 2021, we honored these young men’s achievement of the Dr. Charles H. Townes Supernova Award for Webelos Scouts. They were presented their award just before they crossed over into Troop 282. To earn this prestigious STEM award these gentlemen completed 6 STEM activity badges, researched and reported on 6 scientists, and completed 2 science experiments. They worked with a Super NOVA Mentor and even interviewed a STEM professional. Their awards were presented to them by Lost Dutchman’s District Chair Glenn Tooley. These scouts have demonstrated their eagerness and excitement about STEM and worked hard to earn this amazing achievement. Congratulations on all your hard work and dedication!

Sea Scout Ship forming in Mesa Arizona

Now accepting applications for a new SCUBA Sea Scout Ship starting in Mesa! Please visit [Sea Scouts Ship 3521](#).

Youth must be between 14-21 years of age. Yes, you can be in a troop and the ship at the same time while working on your Eagle and Quartermaster.

PINNACLE PEAK DISTRICT

EXPLORE NOW

Eagle Scout Service Project benefited St. John XXIII Catholic School Science Program

Andy Cramer benefited St. John XXIII Catholic School installing three garden beds for the school's science program. "For my eagle project, I installed three garden beds for St. John XXIII Catholic School. The garden project was at the request of Principal Preston Colao. The purpose of the gardens was for the school science program to teach student about how plants grow including the need for sunlight, water and fertilizer. They requested three 3'X10' semi-raised gar-

den beds lined with landscaping bricks. With my mentor Ed Junod, I made detailed sketches with considerations for slope, water access and tree roots. We estimated depth, need for root barrier and the amount of building material. We also considered additions we would need to make to the soil to improve drainage and provide nutrients for the plant. A crew of 32 volunteers worked for a total of 122.25 hours to complete the project."

Eagle Scout Project Service Giving Back to the Phoenix Children's Hospital



Connor Carlson benefited the Phoenix Children's Hospital. "I completed my Eagle Board of Review on June 2, 2020. For my Eagle Scout Project I made tie blankets for Phoenix Children's Hospital. The reason for doing this project was because I wanted to give back to Phoenix Children's Hospital. When I was born, I was in the NICU for 3 months and so because of what they did for me I wanted to give back and do something for them. The group that I lead made a total of 63 blankets for the hospital. Most of the blankets are for the babies in the NICU but there are some for older kids. There were a total of 18 people including myself that supported my Eagle Project. Altogether contributing 132 hours of service. My funding was \$300 to go towards buying all the materials for the blankets.

Troop 616 - Highest Collection Total for any Troop Involved with the 2021 Scouting for Food Campaign with 3,500 pounds collected!



It was a great day – all our scouts enjoyed getting out and well scouting. After canvassing our neighborhoods (56th – 64th St, Greenway Rd North to the Canal), we dropped off the food at PVEFB (Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank). For Bonus points, after collection our scouts stuck around and helped with the macro sort at the Food-bank. Cans vs not cans outside of Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank - Yellow totes for cans, Black totes for non-cans. The cans were then further organized by type beans, corn, w/ meat, etc. The Black Mountain Chapter has started a Service Corp, their efforts were coordinated with that of T616 to come out to PVEFB and after the macro sort outside, helped validate expiration dates of the donations inside the facility and shelf the product. Re: Expiration dates: It

was a tie between 1) Chili Con Carne from 2009 and 2) A jar of pigs feet from 2014.

YOUTH & ADULT LEADERSHIP

ONE WEEK + ONE PLACE = TWO COURSES!



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Fireside Chat with Grand Canyon Council Scout Executive Andy Price

Please join us for our Scout Executives annual Fireside chat for the Gila River District Scouters and families.

All Scouters and Scout families are encouraged to join us at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 18, 2021 for a chat with Andy Price, the CEO and Scout Executive of the Grand Canyon Council. Andy will share about the BSA and our local council before opening the discussion up for questions and feedback from our Scouting families. This year our Fireside Chat will take place through zoom and can be accessed through the below link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87237940582?pwd=c24xUENDMWp4cWxsNUlLWFhUVIRodz09>

Winter Ponderosa Klondike Camporee Wrap-up

Grand Canyon Council-Ponderosa District's Klondike 2021 has arrived and departed as a slidin', sleddin', chillin', skill-building success! Just under 250 Scouts, Leaders and Parents participated in the camping and events. The weather was sunny and great during the day at about 50 degrees but the nights were a bit chilly and south of 20 degrees. Klondike 2021 Winter Camporee was an excellent opportunity for Scouts and Scouters of all ages to learn and hone their cold camping skills. Mother nature smiled on us this year and provided a perfectly timed series of snowstorms that allowed the Scout Patrols to truly sled between the five Skills Competitions on Saturday. The Webelo and Scout Klondike Sled races were epic this year and great fun for participants and spectators alike!

Camp Raymond Ranger Rick Brown and several Mogollon Chapter OA members worked on Sunday Jan 31st to clear snow and set up the camp for the onslaught of eager Scouts and Webelos arriving on Feb 5th. Ranger Rick kept at it all week long clearing the camp roads so we could all more easily reach our campsites after check-in Friday night. Thank you OA volunteers and Ranger Rick!

The usual small army of kitchen volunteers lead by Troop 7134 Scoutmaster Marc Braatz and Troop 7033 Scoutmaster Scott Boynton kept the Order of the Arrow staff well-fed and prepared a tummy-bustingly delicious lunch for the whole camp on Saturday. Many of us eat better at Klondike every year than we do at home!



Saturday dawned beautifully and after breakfast all the Troops and Patrols staged at the flagpoles for the official kick-off of the day's Skills Competitions. OA member Joe Cluck gave a safety briefing and following presentation of colors OA Mogollon Chapter Chief Ben Rosanova welcomed all the campers and competitors and gave them the run-down on the day's events. Ben and his Chapter Advisor Mr. Braatz both really shouldered the operational responsibility for running this year's Klondike event. At 6'4" when Ben was seen walking around camp the call "Chief Sighting" could be heard throughout the day. Once station rotations were assigned Ben turned the Patrols loose and it was off to the races!

With this year's Klondike theme of Arrows Over America honoring our 1930s American Airmail Pioneers, the stations were a formation of skills needed by early aviation pioneers to survive cross-country air travel 100 years ago. The Scouts deciphered a message using Morse Code at the Radio/Communication station, displayed their knot-tying prowess while building a lighted beacon tower at Lashing, showed they could survive an off-field landing at Shelter Building, proved they had sharp-shooter skills for hunting a meal at Shooting and then prepared that meal at Fire Building / Cooking.

Winners this year in the skills competitions were divided into Webelo Packs on Saturday and Troop Patrols on Sunday. They are as follows: Webelos: Pack 7010 - 1st Place, Pack 7033 - 2nd Place and Pack 7098 - 3rd Place. Troops/Patrol awards went to Troop 7036 - 1st Place, Combined Troops 7134 & 7039 and Troop 3030 tied for 2nd Place, Troop 7031 - 3rd Place and Troop 7030 as Runner Up. Great job Scouts!

Klondike 2021 wrapped up the adventurous Saturday with a fun, and warm, Campfire Program that featured Distinguished Service Awards Presentations by OA Wipala Wiki Associate Lodge Advisor Mike Camarillo to Marc Braatz and Scott Boynton for their many years of dedicated service to Scouting and OA. Mike then recognized New Vigil candidates Jim Brown and brothers Wyatt and Morgan Runge. He also presented the OA Mogollon Chapter an Outstanding Chapter award recognizing it's leadership and member's efforts to keep Scouting alive and well during the pandemic. Well done Mogollon OA!

Two airmail-themed talks were given by local Flagstaff aviators Scout District Vice Chair Jack Keegan and OA member Shane Rosanova, with Shane giving some history behind the WWII Army Airforce Douglas C-54 aircraft parts placed around camp as part of the aviation



theme. The campfire wouldn't have been complete without some fun and wacky skits performed by male and female Scouts from the 22 Troops in attendance. The two campfires blazed into the night, not unlike those used to guide the early airmail pilots to their distant destinations.

Klondike 2021 was another super fun adventure on our Scouting journey. During these uncertain pandemic times it was truly inspiring to see and participate in an event for, and run by, our Scouts. As we all enjoyed an outdoor respite from a year of isolation it was heart-warming to watch Scouts, Parents and Leaders from around Arizona come together at our cherished Camp Raymond for a weekend of friendship, fellowship, learning and adventures. With this year's Klondike fading in the distance we are energized as we fly towards Klondike 2022. Look, there it is, just over the horizon. Until then, safe journeys fellow Scouters. *Written by Shane Rosanova, ponderosa District.*



Ponderosa District's Graduating Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Ponderosa District graduating Eagle Scout: Mason Takeuchi of Troop 7031.

Order of the Arrow Mogollon Chapter Awards

Congratulations to Mogollon Chapter, "Outstanding Chapter 2020", Marc Braatz, Chapter Adviser, "Axe" Award, Scott Boynton, "Axe" Award, and Sutton Boynton,

"A'La" Award. Vigil Candidates 2021 include Jim Brown, Dist. ADC, Morgan Runge, Troop 7142 and Wyatt Runge, Troop 7142.



Ponderosa District Events:

Virtual Pinewood Derby from Terry Marxen Chevrolet in Flagstaff. The Virtual Pinewood Derby will be streamed on Facebook Live and Zoom on March 27, (*In-District Only, any 2020 or 2021 cars accepted*)

Ponderosa District Route 66 Shoot with Archery, 22 Rifles and Shotgun on April 24th at Camp Raymond

Ponderosa District IOLS/Baloo for Cub and Scouts BSA Leaders will be held April 24th and 25th at Camp Raymond.

Jurassic Centennial Cub Scout Day Camp will be held July 9th and 10th at Bradshaw Pines Camp, Prescott. *Cub Scouts only, Not a Family Camp. Space is limited.*

Check the Council Calendar for Registration information at <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar/>



Ponderosa District Roundtable 1st Thursday at 7pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87582151837?pwd=dXdIWDJGSy90RENrNVRKUkxVczM1dz09>

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SONORAN SUNSET DISTRICT

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Congratulations to Sonoran Sunset District's Graduating Eagle Scouts

Adhelle H. Kellogg of Troop 3546, Beneficiary deals with sensory disorders and learning disabilities. Update the children's area at a local cafe by making a textured tile table, duplo lego table and 3 pretend playsets with storage shelves.

Dante G. Testini of Troop 99, Scraping, priming and painting benches at Barbara B. Robey Elementary School

Koby M. Fontana of Troop 21, Create signs for the Pioneer Arizona Living History Museum.

Jonny Arnott of Troop 126, Ben Avery Benches

Stuart Ethan Sullivan of Troop 1776, project: Operation Enduring Gratitude and Restoration of disabled veteran's home

Volunteer!

We'd like to welcome you to the team! Share your skills with our Scout community and become a District Committee member or Commissioner. We are looking for a Fundraising Chair, Friends of Scouting Chair, Membership Chair, Nominating Chair, Program Chair, Communications Chair, and Committee Members for all committees and event coordinators.

Are you up for the challenge of building a great district-wide youth program?

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