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Action packed overnight camps available to all youth aged 13 and above. Real-world STEM application for the next generation of engineers, scientists, makers, and hobbyists at Drone Flight School! Cultivate a lifelong love of fishing, conservation, and the outdoors at Fish Camp offered with the Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited or Dive into exciting programs such as caving, horseback riding, canoeing, canyoneering, and mountain biking at our Spade Ranch Adventure Camp!

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TIP OF THE MONTH

The safety of our Scouts, volunteers, employees, and communities is our top priority! Use These Two Newly Updated Tools Prior to Conducting Service Projects, [the SAFE Service Project Planning Checklist](#) and simplified [SAFE Project Tool Use Guidelines](#). If it is not practical to meet these protocols, do not conduct the activity or service project.

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#SUMMEROFSERVICE

**MESSAGE FROM
SCOUT EXECUTIVE**

Andy Price



Howdy and welcome to Spring in Grand Canyon Council! With the warming temperatures come the promise of summer and exciting outdoor adventures at R-C and Geronimo! I hope your pack, troop, or crew is signed up. Your Scouts won't want to miss out on the great adventures ahead. Both our Cub Scout and Scouts BSA programs have new program features this year and are sure to offer a great Scouting experience.

You may have heard about the BSA Summer of Service (www.scouting.org/summerofservice) program, for which Scouts, leaders, and parents can earn a special commemorative patch. Opportunities abound for service at the den/patrol level, unit level, and district level.

Our council has partnered with Lavidge and ASU to improve our marketing effort; a successful project will lead to more families choosing Scouting for their children's activities. Many of you may have already received an invitation to complete a survey about Scouting, and this survey process will continue into May. The results will inform our marketing efforts later this fall – just in time for parents to consider Scouting for the new school year!

In closing, as COVID-19 and its impact continue wane, please continue to be safe and mindful of the health and safety of our Scouts and leaders. Many have suffered over the past year, and Scouting is a great place for youth and adults to get their mind off other events in the world and enjoy being a Scout! Have fun and be safe.

Andy



OA Youth Raise \$2,000 For a Local Charity

Wipala Wiki Lodge

The Wipala Wiki Lodge's Outreach Committee started a program called "Patches with a Purpose" and part of the program was working with local charities and help fundraise. In 2020 the lodge worked with the local charity, Wiggged Out. Wiggged Out is dedicated to assisting residents of the valley who are in need of a wig, hairpiece, hair accessories, etc, due to the effects of a medical conditions such as cancer. To learn more about Chelsea's remarkable and inspirational story, please visit wigggedout.org

Left to right: Lindsey Dies (Board of Directors), Chelsea Kunde (Wiggged Out Founder), Justin Bradley (Lodge Chief), Joshua Balch (VC of Events)



WIPALA WIKI LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

Welcome to the Team!

Nick Hutchinson | Assistant Director of Support Service



The Grand Canyon Council would like to welcome Nick Hutchinson to our team! Nick will serve as the Assistant Director of Support Service. He is an Eagle Scout who began his Scouting career in Utah National Parks Council in 2012 as a district executive and camp director. From there he was promoted to the Director of Camping in 2018 at Great Salt Lake Council with direct responsibility for the operations of five council properties. After that he served as the Director of the Philmont Training Center from 2019 and 2020. He has attended and staffed a myriad of trainings in the

Boy Scout movement including Junior Leadership Training, Wood Badge, Philmont Training Center Conferences and National Camping School. Nick has a BFA in Theatre Education with a minor in Speech Communications from Utah State University as well as a Master of Arts in Theatre Production from Central Washington University. His wife, Candace, served as a District Executive and Camp Director in the Utah National Parks Council. She has a Master of Natural Resources from Utah State University and has worked in state government in that field. In his spare time, Nick enjoys playing games of all kinds and painting miniature scale models. He also loves hiking, backpacking and camping. Nick can be reach at [602-955-7747 Ext 204](mailto:nick.hutchinson@scouting.org) or at nick.hutchinson@scouting.org

Grand Canyon Council's 2020 Council Honorees

Council Honor Awards



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.

Visit our [2020 Honorees Page](#) to view the 2020 Video Recognition and learn more about our 2020 council honorees and their impact on Scouting! 2021 Council Honor Awards submissions will close October 15, 2021. Learn more at [Honors and Awards](#).



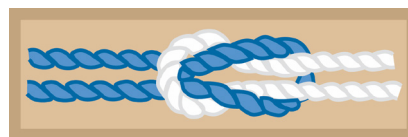
Dave Alexander, 2020 Meritorious Service Star Honoree.

Dave is a member of our National Executive Board and has served on our Council Executive Board. He lives the Scout Oath and Law every day of his life. Dave's love for the Scouting program is all about the youth we support, guide, mentor and teach, which translates to his strong principles about "giving back" as a servant leader. As the largest contributor in our council, Dave says, "I really care about Scouting ... because of what it did for me as a young man. I became an Eagle Scout at a very early age. My father joined Scouting in 1914, 4 years after it was founded, and at the time I didn't know what Scouting really was. My father lived the Scout Oath and Law and his mentorship took me that way. It was so natural, it felt so

good to be myself, and I want to do that for other young people around the world." Congratulations Dave upon receiving the Meritorious Service Star Award!

Donald Richards, 2020 Silver Beaver Award Honoree

Don Richards is currently the District Commissioner for Gila River District. He is one dedicated Scouter who leads by example for both youth and adult members. His encouragement of youth OA members in the Council to attend the Western Region National Leadership Seminar (NLS) was transformative. He volunteered with another adult to be "Dorm Leaders" and gave guidance to the OA youth at each station while providing the best experience for each Cub Scout in attendance. Working with adults as a Commissioner Don has participated at the Grand Canyon Council's College of Commissioner Science as both a student and instructor for a number of years focused on service to units, in addition to Baden Powell University and Cub Leader PowWow. Don attended leadership training at Philmont and was part of the Council Philmont 57 in 2014 focused on our vision for the future. Throughout his tenure, Don has mentored many Scouts in several districts; some of these Scouts became Eagle Scouts. Before mentoring, many of the Scouts were discouraged or disillusioned for various reasons. Don's love for Scouting and commitment to guide youth gave him the opportunity to work with them and they "caught the Scouting Spirit" once again. You could say that Don Richards works at "full throttle" to help Scout Units and our youth succeed!



Local Scout Earns The Rare National Medal For Outdoor Achievement

National Outdoor Awards Program



Collin Maddock of Troop 446 chartered by Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Scottsdale, has distinguished himself as one of the most proficient outdoorsmen in Grand Canyon Council. Collin, a Senior at Notre Dame Preparatory High School recently received the rare National Medal for Outdoor Achievement.

The National Medal for Outdoor Achievement is the highest recognition that a Scout, Sea Scout, or Venturer can earn for exemplary achievement, experience, and skill in multiple areas of outdoor endeavor. To earn this medal, the scout demonstrates proficiency in a wide array of skills and participates in a broad range of outdoor activities. The award is achieved by earning National Outdoor Badges and further expanding skills and knowledge through training, leadership, and merit badges.

Collin was born in November of 2002, as a US citizen abroad, in Bangkok, Thailand. He has resided in Thailand, Washington, California, Virginia, and Arizona and is a third-generation Scout with two Eagle Scout brothers. He earned his Arrow of Light and joined Troop 446 in 2014;

earning 43 merit badges, served as Senior Patrol Leader, and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. In February Collin earned the Eagle Scout Rank with two Bronze, a Gold, and a Silver Palm. He completed the National Youth Leadership Training program and attended Summer Camp at Lake Pleasant Nature and Aquatics Camp, as well as Camp Geronimo, Raymond, Circle-X and Emerald Bay.

Collin's Scouting special awards and recognition include:

- BSA World Conservation Award
- BSA Mile Swim
- BSA Lifeguard
- National Outdoor Badge for Camping with 8 endorsements (232 nights Camping under the auspices of BSA)
- National Outdoor Badge for Aquatics with 10 endorsements (323 hours of Aquatics activities under the auspices of BSA)
- National Outdoor Badge for Hiking with 3 endorsements (262 miles Hiked under the auspices of BSA)
- National Outdoor Badge for Riding with 5 endorsements (720 miles Riding under the auspices of BSA)
- Wilderness First Aid certified
- Leave No Trace Trainer certified
- Recipient of the National Medal for Outdoor Adventure

Collin will attend college to pursue his interests in business administration starting in the fall of 2021. For more information about the National Outdoor Award, please visit <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/noa/>

SCOUTSHOP SAVE UP TO 80%

SPRING CLEARANCE SALE

Leadership Inspired



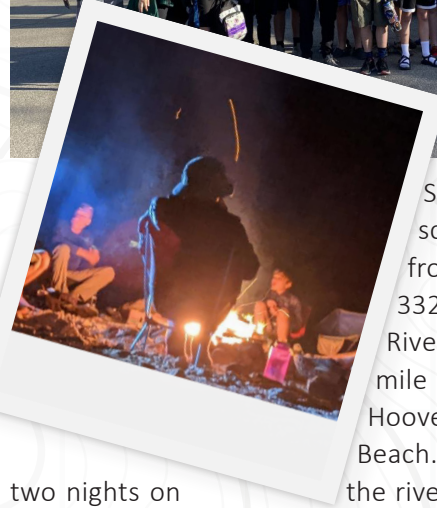
Grand Canyon Connection is featuring *Leadership Inspired* stories of Scouts in Action within our Scouting community ...to inspire, encourage and celebrate how they've made a difference with the Scouting movement in our Council!

This month we celebrate Pack 8051 from the Gila River District. Their Charter Partner is Christ Lutheran Church, Yuma and their Cubmaster, Jacob Anderson.

Pack 8051 is excited to be celebrating its 25th year chartered with BSA. Pack 8051 is an amazing unit that has a strong union between parents, scouts, leadership and the community. We are blessed to be a highly active troop which helps build leadership within our scouts. We encourage our scouts to work hard and do their best in all things. With this spirit the pack has steadily built to approximately 35 registered scouts. We hold an annual pinewood derby race, 3 camp outs a year, and recently begun holding a Rain Gutter Regatta. Our amazing pine-wood derby this year had 49 cars registered. We had almost 20 cars in the open class which includes siblings, adults, BSA Troop and the Venture Crew. One of the greatest achievements of the pack is that nearly 100% of our Webelos bridge over and become active members of the troop. During the pandemic we were able to utilize safety measures and social distancing to safely continue in person meetings. We even had 1 scouter collect over 60 pounds of food to donate to our local food bank.

[VIDEO INTERVIEW](#)

Colorado River 12 mile canoe trek



Spring break found 20 scouts and scouters from Troops 329 and 3329 on the Colorado River for an exciting 12 mile canoe trek between Hoover Dam and Willow Beach. The group camped the river while exploring Arizona Hot Springs and Boy Scout Canyon among other sights, climbing ladders and ropes to test their fitness and enjoy the springs. Both troops are back to active scouting with bike rides, hikes and April camp outs coming up, eager to return to Camp Geronimo in June!



YOUTH & ADULT LEADERSHIP

ONE WEEK + ONE PLACE = TWO COURSES!

Summit

BECHTEL RESERVE



SummitBSA.org/training

July 4-10, 2021



Adults learn to internalize and practice their leadership skills in this action-packed Summit conference. The conference hones the skills taught in Wood Badge in an outdoor experiential learning environment. SLC underscores the values of Scouting and teamwork and promotes the concepts of servant leadership.



Young men and women enhance leadership skills through team building, ethical decision-making, problem solving, and service to others. They will enhance skill, ability, and motivation to be more effective leaders. NAYLE concludes with a closing challenge for each Scout to use what they've learned in service to others.



**REGISTER YOUR
SCOUT FAMILY
TODAY!**





RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Group Bike Ride Across Iowa)

Sam Kelsall is an extremely energetic 82-year old attorney

and Eagle Scout, who has a huge heart for Scouting. Sam was born in Omaha, Nebraska, and later lived in Memphis, Tennessee. He has been happily married to his wife, Edie, since September 7, 1960, and has three fantastic sons, Samuel V, Wade Alexander, and Shawn Russell. Sam is an active member of the Grand Canyon Council Board of Directors.

Sam was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army ROTC in 1959, and served two years as a Lieutenant at Fort Riley, Kansas, which happens to be where his grandparents on both sides farmed the land. Sam attended Georgia Tech, the University of Houston for undergraduate studies, and then earned his law degree at the University of Texas. His law career in general practice began in 1966, just two years after moving to Arizona. He recalls knocking on doors to find work and build his business. After taking his first -- and last -- murder case, Sam opened his own firm where his practice primarily concentrated on estate planning, probate, and elder law. He fondly recalls finding a partner to share the lease and secretarial expense. Sam recalls furnishing the office with items found at a furniture store with a "\$0 down, and payments when they can catch you" policy. Of course, Sam made the payments without having to be caught!

Sam's Scouting history runs deep!

Sam achieved his Eagle Scout award in the Chickasaw Council on November 29, 1953. One of his fondest memories of this achievement was at 14 1/2 years old, when he completed his cycling merit badge. There were no cell phones or computer maps -- just paper highway maps. He carried a WWII canteen for

water. This was at a time when it cost \$0.05 to use a pay phone, and Sam recalls being told to call his mom if he had any problems on his ride. He was expected to be home before dark.

Due to his love of Scouting, Sam proceeded to work at Philmont Scout Ranch as a Camp Director and Ranger between the years 1954 and 1961. The Philmont Scout Ranch is the Boy Scouts of America's premier High Adventure™ base, which challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 214 square miles of rugged, northern New Mexico wilderness. Backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, training, and service programs offer young people a multitude of ways to experience this legendary country.

After a break from Scouting for a number of years, Sam quickly resumed his service in 2015 on the Philmont Staff Association. It was important for Sam to go on a trek, so he paid his BSA membership fee, completed the intake interview, and off he went! Upon meeting Sam, Fernando Gomez recruited him to the Grand Canyon Council (GCC) as Finance Chair of the Central District. Fernando sure knew what he was doing! Sam is now the V.P. of Endowment, working with GCC to help raise funds to ensure the future of Scouting in Arizona.

Along with Sam's love of Scouting, he also has a passion for riding bikes! His passions were clear after completing a 6-day trek at Philmont, immediately followed by a 7-day, 454 mile ride across Iowa in 2016, participating in RAGBRAI (Register's Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa). Sam's enthusiasm is second to none, and the GCC is fortunate that he uses it to raise money to support Scouting in Arizona.

BE A FRIEND OF SAM KELSALL

Sam understands that raising money to operate is key for all organizations. He believes that character, values, and leadership don't just happen, and he uses his amazing skills to support GCC and achieve the goal of leading Arizona youth to be prepared and make the ethical and moral choices written in the Scout Oath and Law. Each gift, regardless of size, provides invaluable funding for GCC programs that benefit Scouts here in Arizona. Donations provide a huge range of help from keeping the lights on at the Council office, bringing food to camps, providing equipment for various sports and activities, and protecting volunteers with insurance coverage. The true cost of Scouting can only be covered by the generous support of our community.

RAGBRAI Training

Sam's training for RAGBRAI is time-consuming. This year, he began to seriously train in April, and has ridden a total of 240 miles in 12 days, averaging 20 miles per day. Sam's goal for May is to ride 3 times per week, moving up to 30 mile rides for the first 2 weeks and 35 mile rides for the second 2 weeks.

While Sam is out riding, please consider all the good things GCC does for the Phoenix area. Building leaders alone is worth the investment!

How do a bike ride in Iowa and a Scout Council in Arizona tie together?

Sam is participating in the 454-mile RAGBRAI event and hopes to raise money for Friends of Scouting along the way. Can he count on you?

Please consider tapping the link below to make a donation to Friends of Scouting. It will make you feel good, and it will be very good for our community!

Thank you for helping Sam raise money for the Grand Canyon Council, BSA!

BE A FRIEND OF SAM KELSALL



El Dorado Holdings, Inc. Provides Brand New Over/under 20-Gauge Shotguns for Scouts to use at Camp

Thank you to Mike Ingram, Founder & Chairman, and the entire team at El Dorado Holdings, Inc. for their partnership in providing brand new over/under 20 gauge shotguns for our Scouts to use at camp. We are so excited about this partnership, and our endeavor of being the leading organization that teaches gun safety, proper handling, and the love of the sport.

It was such a pleasure getting to know Chris Grogan, Partner at El Dorado Holdings, Inc. Chris has a true passion for what he gets to do, outdoor sports and youth leadership. Thank you all, because of you, we get to do more! *Left to right: Andy Price, Scout Executive, and Chris Grogan, Partner at El Dorado Holdings, Inc.*



Thank You SRP!



Thank you to the team at SRP for their continued support of the Grand Canyon Council, BSA. It truly shows that SRP is steadfast in their commitment to their community.

SRP is the sponsor of the 2021 Sustainability Merit Badge and proud sponsor of the Centennial Celebration scheduled for later in the year. Your support helps us provide Scouting adventures to thousands of Arizona youth and your support stays here in Arizona.



GIVE TO SCOUTING Arizona Charitable Tax Credit

The Arizona Department of Revenue advises taxpayers they now have until May 17, 2021 to contribute to certified qualifying charitable organizations, and claim the tax credits on their 2020 individual income tax return. Please consider the Grand Canyon Council, BSA.

Tax I.D. # 86-0101295 QCO Code: 20437
\$400 for Single & \$800 Joint

INVEST IN ADVENTURE

Medieval Times[®]

DINNER & TOURNAMENT

Medieval Times Animal Science Workshop And Live Tournament Sold Out April Show

Over 185 Scouts and Scout Family members participated in the sold-out interactive Animal Science Merit Badge Workshop with Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament, Saturday, April 17, 2021, located in the Talking Stick Entertainment District directly north of Salt River Fields.

At Medieval Times you can experience an evening of chivalry, revelry, sport and pageantry inside the magnificent 80,000 square foot climate controlled 11th century style castle. Feast on a sumptuous four-course banquet while cheering on your brave knight to victory!

The interactive workshop includes materials and blue card with accredited Merit Badge Counselor signature for each workshop participant. The 30-minute Pre-show workshop covers information regarding the care and training of horses, breeds and anatomy of horses, and a visual demonstration on how to saddle and ride a horse. Scouts also receive an authentic Medieval Times patch and complimentary photo following a spectacular performance of Medieval tournament games, authentic jousting and exciting sword fights!

Admission ticket price is as follows: Youth \$38.95 and Adult \$41.95 The rate is for all Scouts and Scout Families (Scout siblings are able to attend at youth price)

If you were unable to attend this months sold out workshop and live tournament check back soon for details on the tentative workshop November 2021.



MERIT BADGE WORKSHOPS

Save the Date – June 2021 Game Design Merit Badge with Great Wolf Lodge



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.

Virtual Merit Badge Workshops



Merit badges workshops are open for registration! Citizenship in the Nation Online workshops begins May 6, 2021, Environmental Science Virtual Merit Badge workshops begins May 11, 2021, and Citizenship in the World Online workshop begins May 20, 2021. Shooting Sports events occur monthly at the Heard Scout Pueblo. Virtual events are available based on volunteer availability. If you would like to host a virtual merit badge workshop, please contact Advancement Chair Bill Nelson at GCCAdvancement1@gmail.com Register now at: [Upcoming Merit Badge Events](#)

Paddle Craft Safety Course

Paddle Craft Safety is required to be a canoeing or kayaking Merit Badge Counselor, as well as highly recommended if you plan to take your Troop on the water.

We are hoping to resume traditional programming in the following months and would like to be ready to train Troop leaders as soon as we are able to provide an in-person course on paddle craft safety.

If you are interested in participating in future Paddle Craft Safety courses and would like to be informed of when they are available, please send an email to and Advancement Chair Bill Nelson at gccadvancement1@gmail.com.



Parents: Scouting App for Advancement Tracking



There is a Scouting app that works on your phone that will allow you to track your Scout's progress towards Eagle. Note it works Online and off line so it is a way to get to requirements while off-like (like at camp!) For more information see: [Scouting Mobile App for Scoutbook](#)



During *Cub Chat Live*, Anthony Berger said that the transition to everyone simply being called a Den Leader is underway. No more Tiger Den Leader, Webelos Den Leader, etc. He said when current stocks of Tiger and Webelos Den Leader

and Assistant Den Leader position patches are exhausted, they will be gone forever. He also said there will be no more orange-topped Tiger socks. Tigers may wear gold-topped Cub Scout socks. Anyone who wants a pair of Tiger socks is advised to get them while they last! Different belts for different types of cubs are going away as well. *Cub Scout Live* videos can be found [here](#).

Cub Scouts: Modular Design Preview Adventure



This Adventure is for Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts as they learn the benefits of modular designing and building within the fun and exciting world of Snap Ships. Snap Ships has provided great video resources that can be used for virtual or in person den meetings. This adventure features a new DIGITAL instant recognition for Cub Scouts with a congratulatory video , a special Snap Ships "License to Build" , and a 25% discount on Snap Ships. The Den Leader can present these recognitions instantly either in person or virtually. There are no adventure loops or pins to purchase for this adventure. For more information see: [Modular Design Preview Adventure](#)

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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.



THE NEW WOOD BADGE

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT R-C SCOUT RANCH

**This course requires two mandatory weekends
September 10-12 and September 25-26**

- Wood Badge Participants learn to view Scouting globally as a family of inter-related value-based programs that provide age appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our value-based movement.
- Apply the skills learned from participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis.

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT

[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/010-2021WOODBADGERC](https://scoutingevent.com/010-2021woodbadgerc)



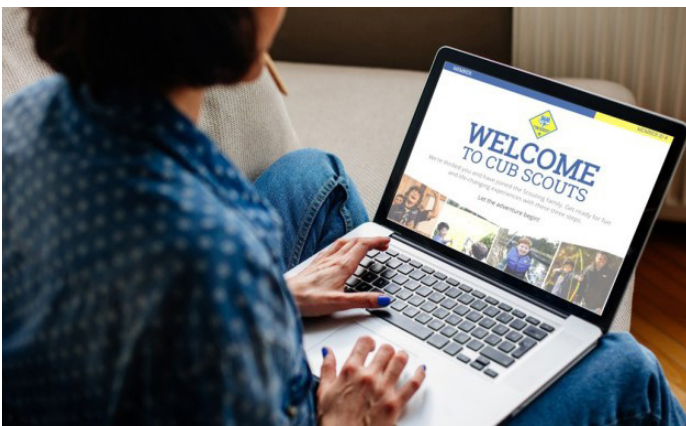
WOOD BADGE



COURSE DIRECTOR: ROB WISEHART — ROB.WISEHART@COX.NET — 480-356-0740



Online Registrations Charter Cycle Benefits Units



All new online registrations will pay for the rest of this charter cycle (through 7/31/21) and all of next year (7/31/22). This is beneficial to units as they will not need to revisit new families for additional fees in a few months. The unit should list each new member on their recharter. The new member will show as “pre-paid”, so fees will not need to be collected *again!*

Transferring From Another Unit In The Same Council

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](#)

NEW! The Grand Canyon Council is Hiring!



A new staff team is being developed to focus exclusively on starting new Scouting units throughout the council. Our Director of Sales will lead a nimble team resulting in 50 new Scouting units annually.

The Sales Director should be a self-starter, have demonstrated leadership ability, and successful sales experience. Total compensation includes base pay, commission, mileage & cell phone reimbursements, medical, retirement (403-B with Matching), and is expected to be \$90,000 annually. For more information and to apply for this position email Dawn.Harris@Scouting.org

NEW! Scout Shop Hours

[The Mesa Scout Shop](#) will now be open on Thursdays from 10am -6pm! Hours are now Monday-Friday 10am until 6pm! Saturdays 10am until 4pm! And, the Scout Shop will now be open on Sundays from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm!

SUMMER OF SERVICE



Camp Cards for a Cause Supporting Educators in 2021!

2021 Popcorn sale



The 2021 Popcorn Fundraiser has more support than ever to aide your Scouts in fundraising! The 2021 dates and information will be updated in May!

If you would like to register your unit for the 2021 sale, please visit: [Popcorn Sales](#)



This year Camp Cards for a Cause are supporting educators! Between now and May 30, 2021 Scouts can register Online to participate in "Camp Cards for a Cause". For every \$10 donated to Camp Cards for Cause a camp card will be donated to an educator! Serve our educators while funding your Scouting Adventure! Any Scout or unit, regardless of prior participation, may take part in Camp Cards for a Cause.

CAMP CARDS FOR A CAUSE

GET READY FOR...

SUMMER CAMP

IN-STORE & SCOUTSHOP.ORG — MAY 14-23

NEW! Youth Adventure Drop-off Day Camp at The Heard Scout Pueblo This Summer



Youth Adventure Day Camp at the Heard Scout Pueblo, located near 20th Street and Baseline Road, is a drop-off day camp designed for kids ages 6 – 13. (Scouts and not non-Scouts alike) to come and enjoy a themed week of activities and fun Monday through Friday during the summer months. Ideal for families with working parents. Our trained staff will provide fun, safe, and engaging programs. Each week will offer a different adventure to choose from! Fridays will offer a water wars and games day for all participants. Day Camp Adventures may include: Shooting Sports, Swimming, Cooking, Robotics,STEM, Animal Care, and Hiking/Wilderness Survival. Every week Starting Monday, May 31st through Friday, July 23rd, 2021. \$275 (Mon. – Fri., 8am – 5pm) Early Arrival Fee: Drop Off at 7:00am – \$20/child/day or Late Pick Up Fee: \$20/child/30 min. Learn more and register today at: [Youth Adventure Day Camp](#)

[LEARN MORE](#)

Religious Activities Committee Quarterly Meeting



You are invited to join us for our next Religious Activities Committee meeting! We will start planning for the 26th Annual Ten Commandment Hike - which is during the Council's Centennial Celebration!

We welcome new members! If you have an interest in promoting our duty to God and respect for people of varied faith traditions, please join us! May 26, 2021 06:30 PM by Zoom. Contact Kathy Polowski, at kpolo55@gmail.com for more information. Learn more at:

[Ten Commandments Hike Committee](#)



Geronimo Summer Camp Information Webinar May 3

Parents and Leaders, we are hosting an hour long Zoom informational webinar to preview our 2021 summer camp program at Camp Geronimo and answer any questions you may have. There is no cost and registration is not required, although, registering does help us to send reminders and follow up. Join us May 3 at 7:00pm and learn more about our cohort system, camp health plan, and camp session details.

[ZOOM MEETING](#)



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 varying activi-

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

ties 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.

Cub Scout Virtual STEM NOVA Workshop 1-2-3 GO!

Join us for 1-2-3 GO, a two-day, three-hour Online STEM program available to all Wolves, Bears, Webe-los, and AOLS who would like to earn the 1-2-3 GO Nova Advancement! It is recommended that parents participate along with their Scout, to have fun as well as aide them with questions and understandings.

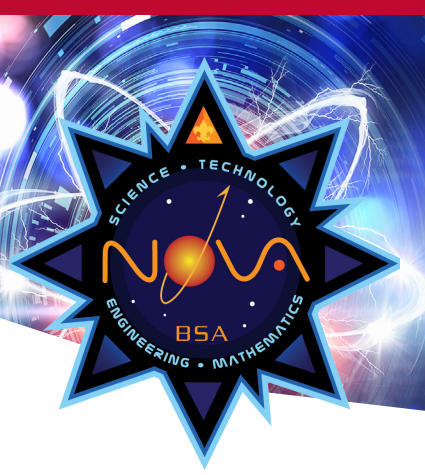
Participants who complete the course will receive a 1-2-3 GO patch and complete the program to earn the award! Classes will be 2 nights --Tuesday, May 11, 2021 and Tuesday, May 18, 2021 from 6pm to about 7:30 pm. Scouts must attend both nights to complete the awards course. Space is limited so that our instructors can answer questions and ensure a quality program; Please don't hesitate to register, \$10 secures your seat in the Online class!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW

Cub Chat LIVE Fridays at 2PM Central



This Friday on Cub Chat Live! What are you doing this summer? Join the National Director of Cub Scouting as we discuss and share great ideas to do with your den or pack during the summer months. Join the discussion live Friday at 2 p.m. Central on the Scouting Magazine Facebook page. Remember if you can't join live we record all the shows and save them so you can watch them again.



NEW! Youth Adventure Drop-off Day Camp at The Heard Scout Pueblo This Summer



Youth Adventure Day Camp at the Heard Scout Pueblo, located near 20th Street and Baseline Road, is a drop-off day camp designed for kids ages 6 – 13. (Scouts and not non-Scouts alike) to come and enjoy a themed week of activities and fun Monday through Friday during the summer months. Ideal for families with working parents. Our trained staff will provide fun, safe, and engaging programs. Each week will offer a different adventure to choose from! Fridays will offer a water wars and games day for all participants. Day Camp Adventures may include: Shooting Sports, Swimming, Cooking, Robotics,STEM, Animal Care, and Hiking/Wilderness Survival. Every week Starting Monday, May 31st through Friday, July 23rd, 2021. \$275 (Mon. – Fri., 8am – 5pm) Early Arrival Fee: Drop Off at 7:00am – \$20/child/day or Late Pick Up Fee: \$20/child/30 min. Learn more and register today at: [Youth Adventure Day Camp](#)

LEARN MORE



Explore, Engineer, and Evolve with Drone Flight School at Camp Geronimo this summer! Flight School participants will learn about the physics of aviation while building and flying his or her own custom Modit™ Drone System! Youth 13+ learn to tune the drones performance using software controls and fly in competitions with first person viewer mode in real-time! This Pilot Program will run for 2 sessions: June 6 – June 12 and June 13 – June 19. Why did Geronimo Chose to use the Modit™ Drone System? Learn why and register at: [Drone Flight School](#)

SIGN UP TODAY

Virtual Merit Badge Workshops



Merit badges workshops are open for registration! Citizenship in the Nation Online workshops begins May 6, 2021, Environmental Science Virtual Merit Badge workshops begins May 11, 2021, and Citizenship in the World Online workshop begins May 20, 2021. Shooting Sports events occur monthly at the Heard Scout Pueblo. Virtual events are available based on volunteer availability. If you would like to host a virtual merit badge workshop, please contact Advancement Chair Bill Nelson at GCCAdvancement1@gmail.com Register now at: [Upcoming Merit Badge Events](#)

NEW! Introducing The Fish Camp Ambassador Program



The Grand Canyon Council would like to announce the Fish Camp Ambassador Program. Candidates selected for this program will attend sessions 1 or 3 all expenses paid!

In return, Ambassadors will participate in a closing interview and agree to attend a few council events throughout 2021-2022 promoting the Fish Camp experience (University of Scouting, Council Program Preview, District Roundtables, etc).

Application and video submissions are due May 14, 2021

Please use the form below to apply and attach a video clip explaining Why Scouting Matters and why you are interested in becoming a better fisherman!

APPLY NOW

Geronimo Summer Camp Information Webinar May 3

Parents and Leaders, we are hosting an hour long Zoom informational webinar to preview our 2021 summer camp program at Camp Geronimo and answer any questions you may have. There is no cost and registration is not required, although, registering does help us to send reminders and follow up. Join us May 3 at 7:00pm and learn more about our cohort system, camp health plan, and camp session details.

ZOOM MEETING



Be a Leader In the World of International Scouting



Scouting is happening all around the world – There are National Scout Organizations representing their home countries and delivering the promise of Scouting in virtually all areas and regions globally.

The BSA International Department works to help Scouts and Leaders from the BSA to experience the bigger picture of Scouting and connect with it through our involvement in the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

We are looking for leaders now to form an International Committee in the Grand Canyon Council BSA. Contact: Burdell “Bird” Hall at: 480-688-9599 bird.scouter@gmail.com



Attention: Cub Pack Leaders Welcome “Back to the Pack!” Events

Get Your Program Off to a Great Start! Each fall, Cub Scout Packs get a “fresh start” as they welcome in brand new Scouts through Fall Recruitment. New Cubs join the packs, new dens are formed, and literally new life comes to each Pack. Somewhere amidst all the hustle and bustle of join nights, many returning families do not get contacted to come back and an essential opportunity is missed. As a result, youth are lost along with potential leadership from their parents. The “Back to the Pack” concept is an effort to get all returning Cub Scouts and their parents reengaged before recharter and recruitment begins, filling both dens and leadership vacancies. In order to make sure that every Scout knows that the new year of Scouting is about to start and that every family is expected to play an active roll, it is recommended that each Pack hold a “Back to Pack” event. With this event, the pack has the opportunity to set a new tone of full family engagement and volunteering. Get unit promotion material and learn more now at: [Pack to Back!](#)

BACK TO PACK EVENTS

National Camp School Shooting Sports Instructor Training



Grand Canyon Council Volunteers recently completed the National Camp School Shooting Sports Instructor Training at Camp Tracy, in Salt Lake City, UT.

Council Shooting Sports Committee Chair Gary Jordan (red jacket), Paul Stithem of the Shooting Sports Committee (standing, left), our R-C Cub Family Camp Shooting Sports Director Brandon Killian (not pictured), and Camp Geronimo's Shotgun and Muzzle-loading at Geronimo Hal Key (third from right, standing) participated in this course. GCC Shooting Sports Committee member and NRA Instructor John Kwilosz instructed the course and took this picture!

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Camp Instructor with Grand Canyon Council, or joining the Shooting Sports Committee, contact Nick Hutchinson at Nick.Hutchinson@scouting.org or visit: [Shooting Sports](#)

Archery Open Shoot at The Heard Scout Pueblo

Archery participants will learn the basic skills of Archery while also learning about the history and sport of Archery Saturday, May 22, 2021 Scouts BSA in the morning session (9:00 AM MT to 12:00 PM) and Cub Scouts in the afternoon session (1:00 PM MT to 4:00 PM MT). Participants will be given lessons in safety both on and off the range, in Archery equipment, and the proper way to use the equipment to make a good shot. Ample shooting time will be provided for individuals to hone their shooting skills. Note that this program only covers the Shooting qualifications for the Archery Merit Badge.

SIGN UP

Open Shoot for Rifle and BB Gun At the Heard Scout Pueblo



Friday, May, 14 2021 at 6:00pm-8:30pm is the Merit badge Book Portion for Scouts BSA. There is a \$3 per person EMA fee. Open Shoot for Rifle and BB Gun is Saturday May 15, 2021 at 9:00am - 12:00pm for Scouts BSA - .22 rifle. Please arrive at 8:30am for additional instruction. 1:00pm - 4:00pm for Cub Scouts ages 7 and above - BB guns. BB Rifle Open Shoots are available 9 months of the year. Sign up and have FUN!

Note - Open shoots do not qualify the Cub for the Cub shooting sports awards.

SIGN UP



Chief Remarks Justin Bradley | 2021 Lodge Chief



Brothers,

This month we have had a lot of forward movement in the Lodge.

A few of the highlights include: having successfully adopted a budget for the 2021 year, the Lodge Executive Committee(LEC) approving a calendar for future years, and our leadership met with Lodge Stakeholders to deliver our promise and possibility statements created in our Thrive Connect partnership. The lodge leadership has worked really hard to move on these items and are proud to say we have successfully done so.

Another great accomplishment this past month is completing the 2020 donation to Wiggged out funded by the ghosted pink Breast Cancer awareness patch. We made the donation of \$2,000 to their representatives at our April LEC.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to myself at chief@wipalawiki.org or the respective Vice Chief via email which can be found below.

Yours in service,
Justin Bradley, 2021 Lodge Chief



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OA \$2,000 Donation Fundraiser for Cancer

Wipala Wiki Lodge's Outreach Committee started a program called "Patches with a Purpose" and part of the program was working with local charities and help fundraise. In 2020 the lodge worked with local charity, Wiggid Out, raising \$2k for the local charity.

[Read more](#)



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Mark Your Calendars! Starting in 2022 for Lodge Functions

- LEC - 1st Weekend of the month (except January – 2nd and April 2022 (at fellowship))
- LLD - 3rd weekend of February - HEARD
- Spring Ordeal - 1st weekend of March - HEARD
- Fellowship / Vigil -
2022- 2nd weekend - Raymond
2023- 1st weekend- R-C
2024- 1st weekend- Raymond
2025- 1st weekend- R-C
- Fall Ordeal- 2nd weekend of September - GERONIMO
- LLR - 1st weekend of November - GERONIMO
- Pow Wow - 3rd weekend of November - HEARD
- Member work day - 1st weekend of December- HEARD



Training Awards



Training awards are designed to help our members improve leadership skills and deliver a quality program. Den Leader Training Award for any den leader (Tiger – Arrow of Light), Scouter's Training Award for any adult leader in a pack / troop / crew / ship, commissioners, district committee members, Scouter's Key for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, crew advisors, ship skippers, commissioners, district committee members, and Unit Leader's Award of Merit for Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, crew advisors, and ship skippers!

100% Position-specific Trained as of 3/31/21 include:

- Pack 244 Laveen Community Council
- Pack 276 American Legion Post 105
- Troop 124 St Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Troop 244 Laveen Community Council
- Troop 329 Parent - Teacher at Meadows
- Troop 461 Glendale Nazarene Church
- Troop 3329 Ryan House

90% Position-specific Trained as of 3/31/21 include:

- Troop 6 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
- Troop 747 Phoenix Friends Church
- Troop 787 Southwest Elementary
- Troop 805 Northminster Presbyterian Church

100% Youth Protection Training as of 3/31/21 include:

Pack 6, Pack 105, Pack 147, Pack 210, Pack 276, Pack 340, Pack 441, Pack 446, Pack 787, Pack 805, Troop 6, Troop 105, Troop 147, Troop 201, Troop 329, Troop 340, Troop 446, Troop 644, Troop 747, Troop 787, Troop 3329, Troop 3401, and Crew 2041

Members of the 100 / 100 club - 100% position-specific trained and 100% Youth Protection training as of 3/31/2 include: Pack 276, Troop 329, and Troop 3329



Scouts BSA Roller Skates and Recruitment with Troop 3329

Come skate with the young ladies of Scouts BSA Troop 3329! Meet adults and youth who are engaged in outdoor activities, service, and conservation. Hear some great stories about how Scouting is changing their lives and learn more about Scouts BSA for young women and how you and your daughter can be involved.

Pizza and drinks will be provided

**Fee of \$5 includes skating, skate rental and food

Please RSVP to Lindsay Kittler lhuxta@gmail.com OR
Text your RSVP to 602.309.9561

Saturday, May 1, 2021 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM

Family Life Center

North Phoenix Baptist Church:

5757 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85012

BSA Arizona License Plate



We encourage everyone to get the BSA Arizona License Plate! Grand Canyon Council receives \$17 of the annual \$25 specialty license plate fee.

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

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Gila River District Chair

I have just finished a quick 6-mile loop in the Superstition Wilderness as I write this – what a beautiful AZ spring. This time of year is why we all live in Arizona – the old west is alive and well with new life – the ocotillos are actually green!

This is the optimal time for scouting in the outdoors and I encourage all units to get out and start getting together face to face for the experiential activities that is scouting the right way, in a S.A.F.E manner and following the guidelines outlined in council and BSA training – the way we will TAKE BACK SCOUTING from the virus that robbed us of a year! Speaking of our halcyon weather days, the district is TAKING BACK SCOUTING with awesome events this spring that I encourage you all to take advantage of in the great outdoors: Congrats to all of our March Survivor Recognition Bonfire at the Heard award winners:

- Gila River Rocket Award (Outstanding New Leaders or Leaders in a New Role): Taylor Page-Pack 71, Jeff Scoby-Pack 71, Nicole Bailey-Troop 283, Scott Davis- Pack 278, Kory Reeves-Troop 285, Paul Strauss-Pack 472, Carlo Marino-Pack 679
- District Green Machine Service Longevity Award: Glen Moss-Pack 8054, Harold Maxwell-Troop 8054
- Star Scouter Award (Outstanding Service to the District): Scott Green-
- District Finance Chair, Angel Ortiz-District Vice Chair
- Scout Family of the Year: The Dozal Family-Troop 285
- District Honor SPL: Davin Ethington - Troop 948
- Copper Star (Outstanding Service-Yuma Area): Jake Anderson, Joe Berretta, Jason Hargrave, Jeremy Jeffcoat, Anne Mitchell, James Powell, Carol Troxel, Chuck Thompson
- Silver Saguaro (Outstanding Service-Yuma Area): Scott Donnelly, Steve Miller, Jeri Padilla, Kathy Polowski, Kent Thomas
- Theo LeBaron Lifetime Achievement Award: Rick Rademacher, John Lobeck
- Lemuel Siddons' Honor Roll of Scouting Achievement (Outstanding Service to Units and Scouting) Alison Cook-Davis-Pack 278, Bryan Toth-Troop 77, Dorene Healy-Pack/Troop 278, Kevin Flock-Troop 697, Linda Foley-Pack 178, Jeremy Ack-er-Troop 283, Joel Driggs-Troop 285, Mark Farmer- Troop 285, Rich Radford, Robert Graham-Troop 389, Roy Hollis, Sarah Claridge-Pack 8054, Scott Campbell-Troop 132, Tim Curtis-Troop 283, Tim O'Regan-Troop 283, Umayok Novell-Troop 283
- District Award of Merit: Alana LaBelle-Pack 71, Misti Nichols-Troop 577
- Silver Beaver Award: John McKenna, Don Richards
- Meritorious Service Star: Kathleen Polowski

Register today for these awesome upcoming events:

April 16-17- All units: Spring Training: not that, Outdoor Training (BALOO and IOLS)...or how I learned to love the Dutch oven: [IOLS/BALOO Adult Leader Training](#)

Now through May -Troops: District Spring Outing – Celebrate AZ heritage and earn the Historic Trails Award. Time to Trek: [Historic Trails Backpacking Trek](#)

April 24 – Packs: Get your race-face on – Pinewood derby and cub scout adventure: [Cub Scout Activity Day](#)

Lastly, as you can imagine, fund raising is slow going and we still need your help - support our local Scouting program financially as you do with the gift of 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! Join the 1993 society the and support our program today!

[Fund Development Actions](#)

Yours in Scouting,
Kent J.Thomas / District Chair

Eagle Scouts



Our district has six new Eagle Scouts this March. On March 21, Rueban H, Troop 8051, Jayden A, Troop 8051, Alex H, Troop 172, all passed the virtual Eagle Board of Review. On March 31, Yeriel O, Troop 8051, Lukas D, Troop 233, and Josiah C, Troop 280 all passed the virtual Eagle Board of Review. Great work and congratulations to these amazing Scouters and their supporters!

Centennial Limited-Edition Items Available Now



Get the lowdown on Grand Canyon Council's Trading Post latest limited-edition centennial items!

TRADING POST

NEW! Scout Shop Hours

[The Mesa Scout Shop](#) will now be open on Thursdays from 10am -6pm! Hours are now Monday-Friday 10am until 6pm! Saturdays 10am until 4pm! And, the Scout Shop will now be open on Sundays from 11:00 am until 3:00 pm!

Yuma Scouts



Yuma area scouts are staying busy with many scouting activities. Troop and Venture Crew 8051 went camping at Baker Tanks on the Barry M. Goldwater Range. They also led the Pledge of Allegiance at the Cocopah Speedway. Both events were a great success!

Pinewood Derby



Pack 8051 also held their Pinewood derby with 49 derby cars registered to race! This included each den and siblings and parents, along with some derby cars from the Venture Crew and Troop that came to help. Pack 8051 and 8054 plans to have a Yuma area wide pinewood derby on April 17, and have invited the community to come as a recruiting event.

Cubs Helping Kids!



Pack 301 teamed up with Helen's Hope Chest to collect new socks and new underwear for needy kids. This service project brought in over 60 pounds of socks and underwear! We were also able to donate toothbrushes, kids chairs, a wagon and a cool bike.



**- BE PREPPED & READY -
SAVE ON CAMPING GEAR**

Lost Dutchman Aviation Explorers



Jeremiah soloed the Cherokee, during the busy hours of 10 to 11am. Please congratulate him on this awesome accomplishment.



I am proud to announce another solo student, Aneka Raaman soloed the Cessna on this perfect solo weather day! Please give her congratulations for this awesome achievement.



Finally, we have another solo student in our midst, Nicolas flew the Cherokee unassisted around the pattern today. Please congratulate him on this momentous occasion. He did great! Deanna Mankins, Maricopa Exploring Executive



the 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:

SummitBSA.org/training

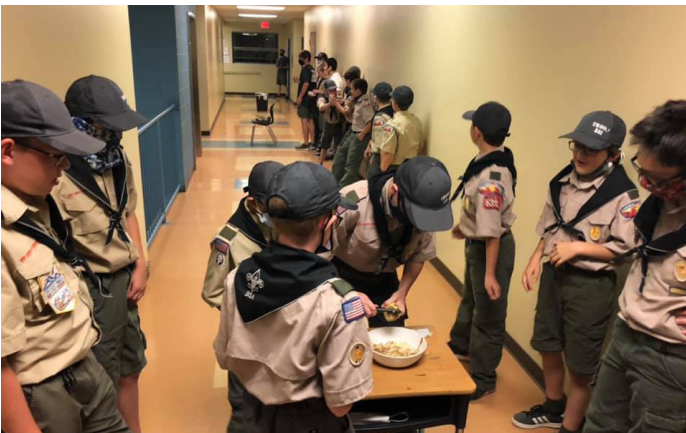
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Camping in the Santa Catalina Mountains



Troop 531 headed south for camping in the Santa Catalina Mountains. The Scouts served four hours on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service fixing potholes on the driveway of our campsite, Gordon Hirabayashi Campground. The history of this campsite is amazing as well! Patrol vs patrol dutch oven cobbler competition and some good times. One of our patrols made some pretty good dutch oven pizzas. The views were stunning above the Tucson skyline. Great weekend again! I am grateful that Scouting creates these opportunities.

Potato Peel Relay



Potato Peel Relay led by the Troop 531 PLC at tonight's meeting. The "spec-taters" were pretty amped up for this one!

Presentation on Scouting at Fountain Hills Rotary



Great job Matthew Hill, our Field Director, sharing Scouting with Fountain Hills Rotary!

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops



Planning and Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST). Thank you adult leaders and our Troop Committee for supporting this training for our youth leaders. A special thank you to the Franson family for hosting.



April Campout at Lost Dutchman State Park with Troop 15



The Troop visited the Arizona Museum of Natural History and the CAF Airbase Arizona. The night was capped with a great campfire program with funny skits, followed by toasted marshmallows and scary stories. This was the first campout for the Ricochet Patrol.



Troop 531 helps Leave No Trace



Troop 531 helps Leave No Trace on Carefree Highway as the Scouts tackle the Phoenix Adopt A Street program where they clean up piles of trash for a one mile stretch on both sides of the road. Great work Troop 531!

Service project at Camp Geronimo



We did our service project at Camp Geronimo in Site 13 this weekend. The boys learned to paint, dig, mix cement, level, and prevent soil erosion. Funds for the Troop 607 project were donated by the family of the late Roger Milroy, a former leader of our troop. Mrs. Milroy was brought up to camp by her son to see our completed project.

Camping in the Prescott Basin and Hiking near Goldwater Lake



Troop 3824 had a great weekend dispersed camping in the Prescott Basin and hiking near Goldwater Lake. 5 minutes of snow after our hike on a 55 degree day.



Ponderosa Districts Graduating Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Ponderosa District's latest graduating Eagle Scout: Austin Rae of Troop 7039. The Ponderosa District is celebrating 38 Eagle Scouts for the district! (Boys – 32 and Girls – 6) *Congratulations!*

2021 Ponderosa District Awards Honorees

Every unit has a person that provides the “spark” that keeps the Scouting program on track. Congratulations to the Ponderosa District's Spark Plug Award Honorees!

Prescott Honorees:

- Louise Mortimore with Troop 7106
- Jules Foreman with Troop 7006 and 7106
- Tom Lynott with Pack 7006

Flagstaff Honorees:

- Joe Cluck with Troop 7033
- Linda Carrion with Troop 7033
- Scott Boynton with Troop 7033
- Marty Mares with Troop 7033
- Anthony Osuna with Troop 7033
- Dr. Joe Scionti with Troop 7033

The William D. Boyce New-Unit Organizer Award recognizes volunteers who have organized a new unit! Congratulations to Ponderosa District New Unit Award Honorees:

- Sherry Agosti
- Mike Frost
- Joy Hafer
- Louise Mortimore
- Bill Weber
- Jodi Weber

The Scouter's Training Award is an adult recognition of the Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations to Eric Hirning with Troop 7142 and 9142.

Ponderosa District Roundtable the 1st Thursday at 7pm

Meeting ID: 875 8215 1837

Passcode: pon_bsa

[ZOOM LINK](#)



The District Award of Merit is presented to registered adult volunteers by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is, as a national award presented by councils! Recognizing Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level. Congratulations to Ponderosa District's Award of Merit Honorees: Donald Morris and Matt Glodo! Be apart of the 2021 Ponderosa District Awards with the video link below! Congratulations to the honorees!

[PONDEROSA DISTRICT AWARDS VIDEO 2021](#)

Ponderosa District Events

Ponderosa District Day Camp - Jurassic Centennial!

The Jurassic Centennial Cub Scout Day Camp is 2-days of fun in the shaded pines of Prescott, AZ. Scouts will participate in 6 stations a day, for a total of 12 stations; Including: BB guns, Archery, and First Aid! July 9th, 2021 and July 10th, 2021 at Bradshaw Pines Camp - 250 Maripai Rd., Prescott, Arizona.

This event must have 30 registrants by 6/13/2021 to avoid cancellation. Final registration deadline is 7/1/2021 with a maximum of 100 registrants! As a reminder, parents/guardians of Lions & Tigers must stay with their Scout(s) during the event. This is not a family camp, Scouts only please. If you choose to stay the night in camp, please make the selection during the registration process.

[YES, SIGN ME UP!](#)



APRIL 1 - MAY 15, 2021

**Are you a Scout in the Sonoran Sunset District?
Do you love scavenger hunts?
Have you tried geocaching?
Join the Grand Canyon Council's Sonoran Sunset
District Geocache Adventure and go explore!**

Between April 1st and May 15th, 2021, Troops in the Sonoran Sunset District, may join in the district's first geocaching competition.

Geocaching is an outdoor treasure hunt using GPS-enabled devices, and a favorite scouting past-time.

To participate, Troops need to come up with cool swag, hide a cache or two, then find caches hidden by other Troops. Bragging rights and ribbons will go to the Troops with the most creative swag, most creative cache, best cache location, the troop geocache with the most cache visitors logged, and the troop who visited and signed the most logged caches.



**A kick off Zoom meeting
will be March 25th at 7PM.**

Visit: sta64.com/geocaching-2 For Event Details

Sonoran Sunset Districts Graduating Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Sonoran Sunsets District's newest Eagle Scouts: Skyler Bergen, Lone Scout, Camden Bergen, Lone Scout, Paul Kettner, Troop 546, Riley Ford, Troop 921, Ryan Hadden - Troop 365, Logan Barker, Troop 665, Robert A. Rudders IV, Troop 546, Drake O. Wilson, Troop 1776, Bram Ansingh, Troop 546, Aiden T. O'Meara, Troop 365, Landon W. Andersen, Troop 1776, and Michael R. Broadwick, Troop 99.

Skyler Bergen - Lone Scout

Eagle Service Project: Franklin Oath-created an all-weather outdoor plaque, with the Franklin Oath, for his high school, Franklin Police and Fire High School in the Phoenix Union High School District. It was mounted to a wall in the courtyard which also holds the "Honor Bell."

Camden Bergen - Lone Scout

Eagle Service Project: CHHS Band Logo - created a new mascot for the Carl Hayden Band.

Paul Kettner - Troop 546

Charter organization: Base-camp Youth Center

Eagle Service Project: Baby Safe Haven Ambulance Kits - make and distribute 75 Safe Baby Haven kits for the West Valley Phoenix Safe Baby Haven to be used by ambulances and firetrucks.

Riley Ford - Troop 921

Charter organization: New Song United Methodist Church

Eagle Service Project: Liberty High School Percussion Storage - built storage shelves for percussion equipment at Liberty High School.

Ryan Hadden - Troop 365

Charter organization: Congregational Church of Sun City

Eagle Service Project: Foster Children Luggage Bags - collected and donated 300 luggage bags for children at Sunshine Residential Homes.

Logan Barker - Troop 665

Charter organization: Square Planet Presentations.

Eagle Service Project: Face Mask Drive Phoenix, AZ, Collected materials, assembled mask kits and distributed them to volunteers to make masks then delivered 521 masks to Masks Now, AZ and Mayo Clinic Radiation Oncology Patients and Staff.

Robert A. Rudders IV - Troop 546

Charter organization: Base-camp Youth Center.

Eagle Service Project: Peoria Police Dept. Peer Support Room -> installed a "cool down" room at the Peoria Police Department. Painted the room, provided a sofa, chair, end table, mini fridge and simple decor. The room provides a quiet place to unwind after a stressful day.

Drake O. Wilson - Troop 1776

Charter organization: American Legion Post 145/Peoria.

Eagle Service Project: Street Light Pergolas -> Built and installed pergolas over two garden beds at Street Light USA; an organization which aids young women who are at risk of or victimized by sex trafficking.

Bram Ansingh - Troop 546

Charter organization: Base-camp Youth Center Supporting.

Eagle Service Project: Soldiers Best Friend. Repaired stability of A-frames for a dog agility obstacle course. Refurbish existing and build a new bridge used to access flood gate for irrigation and refurbished 4 wood tables.

Aiden T. O'Meara - Troop 365

Charter organization: Congregational Church of Sun City.

Eagle Service Project: Church Sprinkling System and Landscaping community church - remove existing cactus and agave then replace plants, install new watering system and landscaping of Congregational Church of Sun City.

Landon W. Andersen - Troop 1776

Charter organization: American Legion Post 145/Peoria.

Eagle Service Project: North Mountain Medical Christmas Cheer - coordinate groups of people to create and write cards and notes of encouragement for people living in nursing homes.

Michael R. Broadwick - Troop 99

Charter organization: Church at Litchfield Park.

Eagle Service Project: Maintaining Granite Falls Skyline Regional Park - update/maintain 1.6 miles of Granite Falls Trail to ensure safety and security of visitors, hikers and staff at Skyline Regional Park, Buckeye, AZ.

This is Scouting



The Troop completed their Communication Program Feature and many of the Scouts earned their Communication Merit Badge. They had a great camp-out at McDowell, helping the younger Scouts learn their knots, and worked on their Tenderfoot requirements.

Troop 64 worked on the science program feature and took an interpretive hike with Ranger Amanda at the Estrella Regional Park. For conservation hours, some of the Scouts helped out at South Mountain, pulling invasive weeds.

We held our spring court of honor, ranking up a Star and Life Scout!

We had our open house, inviting those interested in joining Scouting the opportunity to check us out and ask questions (from this, we had a few interested individuals). Interested or not, they all left with some tasty cookies!

We completed our rifle merit badge study with a safety and open shoot camp-out at the Heard. Finally, we launched the Sonoran Sunset Geocaching event, hid the first geocache, and the Scouts will be practicing orienteering.



Sydney's latest Adventure



Pack 3 was visited by the puppet named Sydney! The visit included an introduction by Karen Muery during our opening Ceremony. Sydney was able to sit with each of the dens; playing games with the Lions, learned about wildlife with the Bears, Wolf den talked about Coins, and Webelos helped Sydney toward designing a Pine-wood Derby Car. Sydney kept active even during the weekends by joining Uncle Paul on a trip to Prescott and played in the snow and joined Uncle Gumby on exercise equipment.





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