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Adult Leaders Needed for NYLT

If you are interested in finding out more about this program or seeing it in action, we do offer the opportunity for adults to spend one or two days observing the course so they can understand what it is all about. Our next session will be the Winter session at the Heard Scout Pueblo from Dec. 27 – Jan. 1. You may also discover additional information by speaking to our council NYLT Coordinator, Ron Trog at rtrog@cox.net or visiting grandcanyonbsa.org/NYLT

TIP OF THE MONTH

Make sure you know all of these prohibited and unauthorized Activities. All units should know the details on the activities and programs that should not be part of any Scouting experience. Read more at [Activity Planning and Risk Assessment](#).

BSA National hardware updates and scheduled system improvements may take the recharter system off line from 6/11-6/14 and from 6/24-6/28, we appreciate our unit leaders understanding.

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EAGLE PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

We strive to represent and uplift our Scouting community. Help us ensure every Eagle Scout is recognized and celebrated! Please tell us about your completed Eagle Service Project. Sharing this information will help us identify amazing stories to share within and beyond our Scouting community.



#SUMMEROFSERVICE

**MESSAGE FROM
SCOUT EXECUTIVE**

Andy Price



Spring is behind us and summer camping programs are right around the corner - what an exciting time to be a Scout! Plenty of adventures await our Scouts at R-C Cub Resident Camp and Geronimo Summer Camp, including more sessions of Fish Camp and a new Drone Camp at Geronimo. Special sessions at R-C include equestrian, space, STEM, and other exciting opportunities for our Cubs. It's not too late to sign up – visit our website and register so you don't miss out!

Last month we offered a new event at the Heard Scout Pueblo “Program Preview” where we unveiled upcoming council programs and provided training for units on various things to help them better deliver Scouting to youth. If you missed it, we will be posting various training videos on our YouTube channel – items will be posted soon so check back often.

We have begun our research and marketing project and look forward to the research results later this month. We are working with LAVIDGE, a leading public relations and ad agency to reintroduce Scouting to today's families with a goal of supporting your units' recruiting efforts and serving more youth in Arizona.

To achieve our goals, we need your help! LAVIDGE would like to showcase some of our amazing Scouts and their accomplishments in upcoming PR pieces. Do you know of a Scout who has done something really neat? A great service project? Overcome challenges to grow as a person? Has your (or a nearby) unit had a really cool outing recently?

If you would forward any ideas you have to me, I can get the folks at LAVIDGE in touch and your Scout might be showcased in media! Feel free to email me at andy.price@scouting.org. Thanks in advance!

Andy

Council Program Fee Change Announcement

Thank you for your continued leadership to Scouting and our youth in Grand Canyon Council. We have many great things going on in our council, including 8 weeks of Summer Camp at Geronimo and a full Cub Scout program at R-C this year, including several new 'specialty' camps.

Based on much feedback from Scouters, last year we replaced the mandatory unit Friends of Scouting program with a Council Program Fee. Our goals were to simplify Scouting for leaders and meet our fiduciary responsibility in managing the council's operation.

An additional goal was to drive usage of the BSA Online Registration system (rather than the old paper-based membership applications process). There are numerous benefits to using the online system, including:

- Registration is immediate. Adult Criminal Records Background Checks are completed sooner which helps manage safety and liability more effectively. Also, Scout Life magazine subscriptions begin sooner.
- Data entry is more accurate; details are input by the parent or leader directly.
- Personal information, including social security number, date of birth, and driver license information, is input directly by the parent or leader and not viewable by others.

For these and other reasons, the Online system is vastly superior to the old paper-based application process.

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Detailed information and support for using the BSA Online Registration system can be found here: <https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/> and our staff is available to assist you with using the system if you need further assistance.

Thanks again for your leadership to your Scouting unit.



The Caljet Way is the Scouting Way

How will you live the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Motto today?

The sign as you enter the Caljet office reads: “The Caljet Way is the Scouting Way”.



The philanthropist behind the Caljet Way is Eagle Scout Dave Alexander of Phoenix, Arizona. A proud day for Dave was April 6, 1982 at 9:04 AM when he completed and filed all the paperwork with the Corporation Commission for Phoenix-based Caljet of America, which receives petroleum products, blends fuel, and loads about 600 tankers per day for delivery to retail stations and commercial fueling facilities. Today, Caljet tankage is more than 1.3 million barrels of storage, which is the largest independent facility of its kind in the Southwest.

Dave leads Caljet by the values found in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Scout Motto as he models these tenets with his employees. Through his example, Dave wants you to know that when you travel the Caljet Way, he is encouraging you to make a personal, daily commitment to live the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Scout motto – powerful words that guide Scouts throughout America. Therefore, when you read the words “The Caljet Way” you know the meaning is simple: The Caljet Way is the Scouting way.

Dave has completed 287 triathlons in 37 countries, is a nationally acclaimed close-up card magician, and is a successful entrepreneur in the fuel industry who has founded many companies, including Caljet of America. Although he never finished first in the triathlons, or even close to, he never gave up. His drive, dedication, vision, and morals all play a part in the competitive, driven person he is today. Dave strategically puts his time and treasure where

his heart is, and he lives his life by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Scout Motto as a former local and national BSA board member.

Dave’s love for Scouting started more than 68 years ago when he lived in Long Beach, California, and was part of Cub Scout Pack 69. Dave’s lifelong love of Scouting flourished once he was able to start going on overnight adventures. A big part of what made his Scouting experience so great was his Scoutmaster. A former lumberjack who had learned his Scouting knowledge while making a living, Orin Dyer inspired the boys of Troop 113.

In addition to taking to the outdoor adventure aspect of Scouting, Alexander found a natural affinity for the competitive part of the experience. That included fulfilling the requirements to climb up

to the ranks and earning the chance to serve as a leader. Dave has commented, “I’ve always been one to take on competition, and I always wanted to be the Senior Patrol Leader. I like to be in charge with everything I do.” When Troop leaders offered the Senior Patrol Leader job to the first Scout to earn the rank of Life, Dave was well up for the challenge. After earning Life and serving as the Troop’s top youth leader, he went on to complete the requirements for the Eagle Scout rank before his 14th birthday, to be exact he was 13 years, and 11 months old.

“I live my life by the Scout Law in my personal, business and philanthropic efforts.”

“Once an Eagle always an Eagle”

Dave Alexander

In 1959 — 10 years before Eagle Scout Neil Armstrong landed on the moon and became a household name — Dave was Armstrong’s guest — or was it the other way around? — at the Long Beach Area Council’s annual Century Club event. The event honored that year’s Eagle Scouts and gave the youth a chance to hear from an inspirational speaker. Each local businessman who donated \$100 to the Council was linked up with an Eagle Scout for the evening. The businessman picked the Scout up, drove him to the event, talked with him during dinner, and then drove him home.

“I was called and asked if the keynote speaker, an X-15 pilot, could be my host,” Dave says. “I was thrilled and said, ‘of course.’” It was a fitting pairing in that they both gave speeches that night.

For Dave, who was 14 at the time, the meeting with Armstrong took on more and more significance as time passed. On July 20, 1969, the impact of this encounter reached beyond the exosphere. But that is not to say the Armstrong-Alexander meeting wasn’t impactful on that California night. I mean, what 14-year-old wouldn’t get a thrill at meeting someone who piloted the X-15 rocket plane, an aircraft that could reach the edge of outer space at speeds approaching 4,000 mph?

Even while pursuing his Scouting accomplishments, Dave was studying the art of performing magic. Taking on the challenge with his characteristic passion, he rapidly developed his skills of legerdemain. As a teen, he was already a renowned magician. At one point, he was named the best card magician by the Society of American Magicians for

close-up card magic. He performed as a professional magician and entertained other magicians at the renowned Magic Castle in Hollywood.

Dave has a heart of gold, and it shows in his work and in the community. Dave said something that really made me think, he said “Giving is very complex, it is not just about money or canned goods at Christmas but giving of yourself and sharing your knowledge with others”. One of his current projects was the purchase of vehicles for Waste Not, an organization that works with their partners to provide wholesome and nourishing food to individuals and families.

Because of Dave, and his love of two organizations, the Grand Canyon Council has the honor of meeting Kate Thoene, Executive Director of Waste Not. In case you did not know about this amazing organization, here is what we learned. Waste Not is an Arizona nonprofit dedicated to creating sustainable food systems that help people and the planet flourish. For over 35 years, Waste Not has been reimagining and reinventing the food rescue process in Arizona. Each year, 40% of food is thrown away, and at the same time, nearly 1 million people in Arizona are struggling with food insecurity. We’re transforming this broken system by connecting tens of thousands of Arizonans with quality food that would have otherwise gone to waste. Our dedicated team of professional drivers and food rescue volunteers collect fresh food from local food businesses such as catering companies, resorts and event venues, and deliver that food the same day to nonprofits who provide critical community services, such as housing and employment assistance. Last year, Waste Not rescued nearly 3 million

pounds of food. By re-imagining what’s possible for food rescue, we’re making our community and our planet healthier.

We deeply appreciate the Scouts for identifying hunger as one of the five “unacceptables” and for leading the “Scouting for Food” efforts to combat food insecurities. You can join Waste Not and the Scouts in (making a difference/providing food) for those in need. As our network continues to expand, we need more help from the community. There are two ways you can directly help us feed Arizonans experiencing food insecurity right here in the Valley.



First, we could use your help connecting us with potential food donors in the food service industry who feel the heartache when they must throw perfectly good food away.

Second, we could use your help to ensure that we are always able to rescue good food and deliver it to those who need it most. Becoming a monthly donor sustains our work and provides predictable revenue. Every dollar enables us to deliver FIVE meals and your monthly \$18 commitment will feed a child for one month while \$36 feeds a mother and her child every month.

One of the stipulations was that Waste Not and Scouting for Food partner on the project. As you can imagine the Grand Canyon Council, BSA was very excited to have our Scouting for Food logo placed on the trucks. Each year, Scouting for Food is an opportunity for Scouts throughout the Grand Canyon Council to help fight hunger in our communities by collecting non-perishable food donations. Scouting for Food is the leading service program for Boy Scouts of America and is a part of the National BSA program – Good Turn for America.



In partnership with local food banks, this council-wide service project begins in January as Scouts distribute door hangers in their neighborhoods to announce the upcoming food drive. Days later, Scouts will return on the first Saturday of February to collect donations from doorsteps and deliver them to their local food banks and pantries.

The ten Scouts pictured had the opportunity to meet Dave and check out one of the new trucks on April 20, 2021, which just happened to be Dave's 62nd anniversary of becoming an Eagle Scout! Dave handed out a few rare mementos for the Scouts to enjoy, which included a rare BSA card for Eagle Scout Neil Armstrong.



“I rate my success in part by how I’m able to help our charities.”

Dave Alexander

Another project that Dave is very proud of is at The Summit Bechtel Reserve, a high impact, high adventure area for Scouts located in West Virginia. An 8-foot bronze statue of Dave on a bike marks the Dave Alexander Low Gear, located in Adventure Valley just south of Tridave Lake, and is the Summit Bechtel Reserve's gateway to mountain biking. When combined with its counterpart high gear courses, Dave Alexander Low Gear features 36 miles and 50 total trails and is one of the largest purpose-built mountain bike facilities in the country. With a training track included for skills practice, these trails, jump courses, pump courses, and skill courses offer something for every skill level. Learn more about the area here: www.summitbsa.org/venues/dave-alexander-low-gear/

On August 16th, 1968, Dave and Marilyn were married, and she is his biggest supporter in business, and philanthropy.

We want to share a few quotes from Dave, that I think we can all appreciate:

"I rate my success in part by how I'm able to help our charities."

"Real success is being able to give back to society and those in need."

"I live my life by the Scout Law in my personal, business and philanthropic efforts."

"Once an Eagle always an Eagle"

In closing, we wanted to share an amazing poem that was written for Dave by Ron de Jaray.



The Contender
 Fire fuels,
 Piercing blue eyes.
 It's a fight,
 To finish the race.
 Enveloped in pain,
 Buried in sweat,
 A torso tortured
 From the grueling pace.
 Outwardly heard,
 Only soft-spoken word,
 Tho' inward,
 Frustration and pain.
 His bike, we're told,
 When rubber meets road,
 The pounding's too fierce
 To contain.
 Nike's cry out
 'Neath this ton of a man.
 The pounding -just part
 Of his game.
 Among demigods,
 He defies all odds,
 Competing with
 Herculean frame.
 A kind gentle beast,
 This mountain of a man.
 His articulate tales
 Flow on.
 With travels and glory,
 Enhancing the story,
 He's a master
 Of Triathlon.



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Leadership Inspired

Inspiring Stories of Scouts in Action. You are invited to share your Leadership Inspired story with our Scouting community and inspire others to be part of the Scouting movement in Grand Canyon Council through our Council Connection Newsletter!

This month we celebrate Troop 3738 from the Lost Dutchman District. Their Charter Partner is Cambridge Academy, Queen Creek, AZ and their Scoutmaster is Jamie Tooley.

Troop 3738 was founded not that long ago, and they have worked very hard to get up and running. We are now 7 girls strong and growing. The girls have been camping and backpacking almost every month. They are most excited about going to their first summer camp in July as a Troop. They are all headed to Camp Big Horn in California. The girls fundraised hard to ensure that all the girls in the Troop were able to attend this camp as a unit, even the scout who joined right at the cutoff for registering at camp is going with us, thanks to the hard work of the girls fundraising. This required amazing teamwork and dedication from the girls. (No Scout left behind in Troop 3738) The girls have participated in parades, town events, worked for Council Cub Events and District Sponsored events to help them run. Their SPL has attended NYLT and staffed at NYLT she is also a part of the OA. They have done many hours of service from trash pickup, Eagle conservation project, Food Banks, participated in a National conservation project led by a youth in California and many more. The girls are hardworking and extremely ambitious the love helping the community and having fun. Troop 3738 is definitely going places.



VIDEO INTERVIEW



Boy Scout Veteran Saves Friend's Life with Heimlich Maneuver Training featured on ABC15 Arizona

Cubmaster, Steven Brunasso, shares his story of saving a friend's life with Heimlich maneuver training. He credits the Heimlich maneuver training from years ago and was awarded the Medal of Merit for his service. [ABC15 Arizona](#) aired Steven's story Friday, May 21, 2021 on the 5 o'clock news. Watch now.

WATCH NOW

Scout Spirit -- The Essence of Scouting



You don't need to save someone's life to be a hero. Maybe you just save their day ---consider the inevitable flat tire.

Our council office recently received a thank you note to a young Eagle Scout who stopped and changed a tire for someone in need.

"A huge belated thank you to an Eagle Scout who stopped and changed my tire on a mountain road. He wouldn't let me pay him. So thank you, young man. God Bless and may the Scouts pay it forward."

The Scout spirit applies to how a Scout lives and conducts their daily life, both in and out of Scouting!

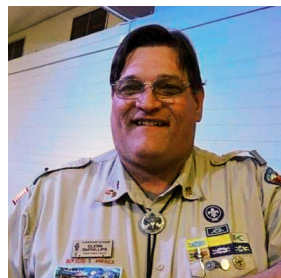
2020 Council Honorees

Congratulations to our 2020 Council Honorees who have 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 award recipients in Grand Canyon Connection. Visit our [2020 Honorees Page](#) to learn more about our 2020 council honorees and their impact on Scouting!

Our 2021 Council Honor Awards submissions will close October 15, 2021. Learn more at: [Honors and Awards](#).



Congratulations to Gary Jones, 2020 Meritorious Service Star Honoree. -- Gary has served in Scouting for about 34 years as a direct leader of youth, while at the same time, serving every role in the District Program Area (Camping, Training, Advancement, Activities/Civic Service), FOS and Commissioner (both District and Roundtable). Gary has been to 3 Jamborees, and in each one he served as either a Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster, in addition to his experience as a Wood Badge Course Director. Needless to say, Gary is a remarkably busy Scouter who loves the program and has given years of time and talents in many areas. Some would call him The Pied Piper of Youth as he has recruited many kids over his years in Scouting. He has helped grow the program as a Youth Leader by drawing boys in with his Baden Powell Patrol Method and fun/adventure Scouting approach. Gary is currently the Scoutmaster of Troop 54, the same Troop he grew up in and earned his Eagle Scout in 1973. Congratulations Gary, for your dedication and your many years of service in Scouting as you so deservedly are awarded the Meritorious Service Star!



Congratulations to Glen DePhillips, 2020 Meritorious Service Star Honoree. -- If anyone were to receive the Academy Award for being helpful, courteous and committed to everything they do, the winner would be Glen DePhillips. While serving in

several districts over the past 9 years, Glen has been instrumental in developing successful camporees, supporting units through summer camp and has always enjoyed being a merit badge counselor, working with youth. Glen is currently developing a new member training course for parents new to Scouting. At the district level, along with supporting the district committee, Glen served in Unit Service as an ADC, Roundtable Commissioner, and currently serves as a Unit Commissioner in the Sonoran Sunset. Glen is passionate about Scouting and we are so fortunate to have him and his many interests, gifts and talents as a volunteer in our Council. Congratulations Glen for receiving the prestigious Meritorious Service Star Award!

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](#)

PayPal Giving Fund Purchases with a Purpose



Donate to Grand Canyon Council with PayPal Giving Fund. Learn how to give at check out to benefit your charity. View the [PayPal Giving toolkit](#).

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Support Grand Canyon Council Boy Scouts of America by shopping AmazonSmile today! Be part of something bigger!

[SHOP NOW](#)



Virtual Merit Badge Workshops



2021 Merit badges workshops are open for registration!

Citizenship in the World Online Clinic begins June 3, 2021 and Citizenship in the Nation Online Clinic is open for June 8, 2021 registration.

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, contact Advancement Chair Bill Nelson at GCCAdvancement1@gmail.com

Register now at: [Upcoming Merit Badge Events](#)



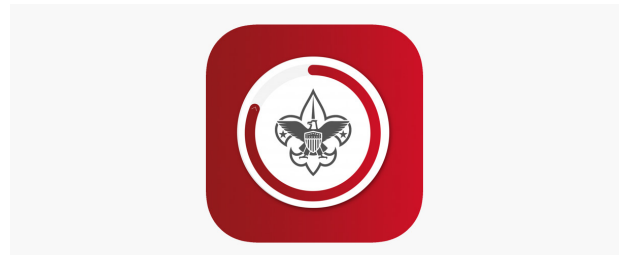
NEW! Geronimo Summer Camp Merit Badge Records



Did you know you can import Geronimo Summer Camp Merit Badge records into Scoutbook? Learn how to import Summer Camp Merit Badge records [here](#).

[LEARN MORE](#)

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!) Learn more at: [Scouting Mobile App for Scoutbook](#)

Details On The 19 Cub Scout Elective Adventures Being Retired In May Of 2022



Every year, Cub Scout Adventures are reviewed to identify trends and determine interests of our youth, den leaders and Cub Scout families. In our ongoing efforts to keep the Cub Scouting Adventure program relevant to today’s families, Cub Scout elective Adventures are reviewed for both content and popularity.

The most recent review has identified 19 elective Adventures that do not meet the standards of youth and den leader engagement, with the lowermost being earned by less than 3% of eligible youth. They will be retired effective May 31, 2022. The retiring of these adventures allows Cub Scouting to be more agile as the BSA makes continuous improvements to the program.

Some families may want one last chance to earn these Adventures, and some den leaders may have already made plans for the upcoming program year. To help with that transition, these Adventures will be available until the end of the 2021-2022 program year.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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](#)

Cub Chat LIVE Fridays at 2PM Central



Join the discussion live Fridays at 2 p.m. Central on the Scouting Magazine Facebook page. Remember if you can’t join live Cub Chat LIVE records all the shows.



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BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA®

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.

Grand Canyon Council is also hiring District Executives, and Field Service Admin Professionals.

For more information and to apply please email:
Amanda.Foster@Scouting.org

NEW! Popcorn Sales

Our Popcorn web page is being updated with the latest information on how to help your Scouts fundraise and support their Scouting activities. Units who engage in Online or take order sales can have a completely risk-free sale, and units who choose to order in bulk to pursue storefront opportunities can make tens of thousands of dollars with this single fundraiser!

With popcorn, Scouts will earn 35% commission, with bonuses and incentives enabling them to earn more than 50% on certain weekends. Scouts in the Grand Canyon Council have averaged as high as \$43 per hour in commissions (\$125 in total sales) with door to door sales. In 2021 we are excited to have nearly four times the storefronts that we have ever had before, as well as a stronger Online sales program for all youth! This will be a great year for popcorn, and a year that units will want to start planning earlier than prior years.

Nearly four times the storefronts that we have ever had before, as well as a stronger Online sales program for all youth! This will be a great year for popcorn.

Popcorn Virtual Kickoff June 29

Our timeline is available at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/popcorn, but important dates to know is that our first kickoff will be virtual and is June 29th, Online sales and bonus incentives start July 1, storefronts selections start July 19th, and our last kickoff is August 1st. The first order will be due August 31st and delivered Sept 16-17.



Trails End National Chains Storefronts

Beginning 2021, Trails End will be supporting Grand Canyon Council in securing storefronts with national chains. We expect over 9,000 hours worth of storefronts at locations such as Michaels, Ace Hardware, Tractor Supply, Olsen's Grain, Flying J's, Lowes, Loves, a few Walmarts, Bass Pro, Sportsman's Warehouse, and much more! These 9,000 hours are in addition to the ~3,500 hours Council is given by Fry's Food Stores each year, so there will be no shortage of storefronts available in 2021! All storefronts will be made in the Trails End Leaders Portal, and will automatically populate within your unit's storefront calendar so that your Scouts may sign up for shifts within your unit. This process cannot be completed outside of the Trails End system, so we recommend you ensure that your families have downloaded the app or have an account Online.

Trail's End will distribute the storefront shifts to units through the Trail's End Leader Portal beginning in July. This is a national roll out and is not customizable for Grand Canyon Council. The distribution schedule for all storefronts is as follows:

- Monday, July 19 – Top Selling Units, 1 Picks within their district
- Tuesday, July 20 – Top Selling Units, 2 Picks within their district
- Wednesday, July 21 – All units, 1 Picks within their districts
- Thursday, July 22 – All units, 2 Picks within their district
- Friday, July 23 – All units, 4 Picks within their district
- Saturday – July 24 – All units, unlimited picks within their council



CENTENNIAL PICNIC AT CAMP GERONIMO

REGISTER TODAY! ▶

Don't Miss Our Centennial Celebrations of the year!

Join us in celebration of Grand Canyon Council's 100th and Camp Geronimo's 65th anniversary year Saturday July 24, 2021, from 11am – 4pm.

Don't miss your chance to experience our action-packed activities offered at summer camp! Camp Geronimo is in the center of it all --located north of Payson in the shadows of the Mogollon Rim on nearly 200 acres of forest and meadows. It's family time in the great outdoors!

Activities at the Centennial Picnic include: Shooting Sports, Swimming and boating, Climbing Tower, Hiking and a Picnic Lunch!

There are 3 different occasions that you are able attend at no cost.

- [July 24th at Camp Geronimo](#)
- [November 20th at the Heard Scout Pueblo](#)
- [December 11th at the Heard Scout Pueblo](#)





2021 Summer of Service



A great way to keep your unit engaged this summer is through service to others. “Service” can mean many things. From challenging projects to simple ones, there are many ideas at www.scouting.org/summerofservice.

Find a project that appeals to your unit and go for it! Don't forget to print certificates and order patches after your service! #summerofservice #GrandCanyonBSA

IDEAS FOR SUMMER OF SERVICE



The Office of U.S. Senator Kyrsten Sinema invites you to the inaugural AZ Virtual Service Academy Day

Arizona Virtual Service Academy Day

Service Academy Nomination Q&A Event

Saturday, June 19th at 10:00am

Join representatives from Arizona's U.S. Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Service Academies for an overview of the application and nomination process and Q&A session.

[CLICK TO RSVP](#)

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2021 R-C Cub Scout Resident Family Camp

NEW 2021 Equestrian Session at R-C Cub Scout Family Camp

Equestrian Sessions #1 and #2 have sold out to R-C Scout Ranch Cub Scout resident family. The Summer Cub Adventure Camp has added a *NEW* Equestrian session opening 12 more spots! The Equestrian Session #3 is open for registration from June 14-17th!



Families, we still have room for you this summer at camp to come and have an amazing time with your Cub Scout!

Don't miss this amazing summer opportunity to enjoy our beautiful camp, spend quality time with your family, great programming, food, and fun. This year we are introducing water days at R-C Scout Ranch Cub Adventure Camp! With a 125' Slip and Slide! Don't miss out! Register for Cub Scout Summer Camp at R-C Scout Ranch today.

[REGISTER ONLINE NOW](#)

[YES, SIGN ME UP!](#)





Arizona Game and Fish High Achievement License

Boy Scouts and Girls Scouts who have reached the highest level in their organization, and up to and through the calendar year of their 20th birthday, can now get a reduced fee Honorary Scout combination hunting and fishing license (Class F). Recipients of the Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of Scouts of America and Girl Scouts who have achieved the Gold Award are eligible for this reduced fee license. Learn more at: <https://www.azgfd.com/License/>



2021 NYLT Winter Course at Heard Scout Pueblo

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course is available to all Scouts BSA and Venturing youth, male or female, aged 13 or over before the first day of the course. NYLT Winter Course Director is Sarah Sokiveta, learn more at: [What is NYLT?](#)

[REGISTER NOW](#)

NEW! R-C Scout Ranch Winter Blast



Escape the Valley and end 2021 with a Winter Blast -- December 27, 2021 – January 1, 2022.

Winter Blast is a unique scouting experience designed for Scouts 13 and older that focuses on Eagle required badges, STEM, and winter fun. This program is lead entirely by provisional leadership handpicked from our best summer camp staff—no parents or unit leadership allowed. While atypical, this environment fosters creativity and learning, encourages personal responsibility, and provides lots of time to chill out with good friends.

The food at winter camp will be delicious, evenings will be filled with competitions, physical activities, and unique activities like a stargazing party, polar plunge, and a rockin' New Year's Eve Party!

In December of 2021 R-C Ranch will be the place for earning advancement, growing as an individual, and having a great time. We hope you'll seize the opportunity to join us! *Registration Link Coming Soon!*

[LEARN MORE](#)



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 role, 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](#)

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2021 Wood Badge at R-C Scout Ranch

Advanced Leadership Training for: Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, District and Council Leaders. 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.

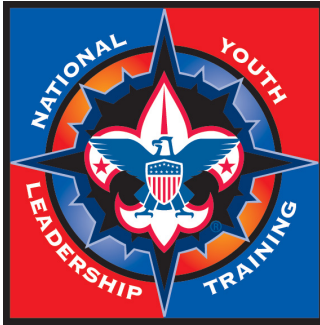
[REGISTER ONLINE NOW](#)

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.scout@gmail.com



ADULT LEADERS NEEDED FOR NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a six-day leadership skills course for young adults aged 13 and above. It is delivered in a troop and patrol setting outdoors with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in an exciting environment. Grand Canyon Council NYLT courses are conducted at Camp Geronimo in the Summer and Heard Scout Pueblo in the winter. For our Scouts to be able to participate in this fantastic leadership and growth opportunity, adults are needed to ensure the health and safety of the course and to advise or assist the youth when asked. The GCC Training Committee is currently looking for adults to assist our youth in running future NYLT courses so that we can continue this opportunity to the future leaders among our youth. NYLT is very youth led with adult roles consisting of support and a coaching/ mentoring role, not running the course itself.

If you are interested in finding out more about this program or seeing it in action, we do offer the opportunity for adults to spend one or two days observing the course so they can understand what it is all about. Our next session will be the Winter session at the Heard Scout Pueblo from Dec. 27 – Jan. 1. You may also discover additional information by speaking to our council NYLT Coordinator, Ron Trog at rtrog@cox.net or visiting grandcanyonbsa.org/NYLT

[VIEW FLYER](#)





WIPALA WIKI LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW



Lodge Adviser Jeff Posey

Welcome to Summer, where in Arizona that means we welcome the hot temperatures and waking rattlesnakes, so be careful out there!

It is quite refreshing to be able to really be getting back to scouting.

The youth leadership are off to a great start this year with elections and community outreach. Last year they started a "Patches with a Purpose" program and raised \$2000 for a local charity, *Wigged Out*, that provides wigs to Arizona residents going through cancer treatment.

This year they have decided to raise money for Phoenix Children's Hospital and we are hoping you will support this by purchasing the special fundraiser flap on our website wipalawiki.org.

I would like to congratulate all our new Ordeal and Brotherhood members from our March event and welcome them to the family!

In addition, Wipala Wiki will be hosting the annual Section Conclave at Camp Raymond, October 15 - 17. This is an incredible opportunity to spend time with fellow arrowman from Tucson, Las Vegas and San Diego.

Again, Congratulations to our new Ordeal & Brotherhood members!

Jeff Posey
Lodge Adviser



**PHOENIX
CHILDREN'S**



Phoenix Children's Hospital 2021 Fundraiser Flap

Continuing with our Patches with a Purpose Program, this year we are raising money for a Valley mainstay, Phoenix Children's Hospital.

"With a medical staff of nearly 1,000 specialists, Phoenix Children's is one of the largest pediatric healthcare systems in the country, and the most comprehensive children's care facility in the state. We provide inpatient, outpatient, trauma and emergency care across more than 75 sub-specialties."

New Ordeal Members

Apache Trail Chapter (Lost Dutchman District)

K. Abney - Troop 88	H. Morrill - Troop 88
T. Abney - Troop 88	D. Alfandre Troop 3738
I. Mathers - Troop 88	T. Tooley - Troop 88
C Samayoa - Troop 88	C. Jones - Troop 88
O. Ochoa - Troop 738	M. Richins Troop 3050
A. Oliva - Troop 522	M. Richins Troop 3050
B. Hallock - Troop 39	B. Sokiveta Troop 3050
J. Hallock - Troop 39	R. Wright Troop 3050
J. Mihail - Troop 88	

Black Mountain Chapter (Pinnacle Peak District)

K. Abney - Troop 88	H. Morrill - Troop 88
T. Abney - Troop 88	D. Alfandre Troop 3738
I. Mathers - Troop 88	T. Tooley - Troop 88
C Samayoa - Troop 88	C. Jones - Troop 88
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Central Chapter

C. Bruns – Troop 6	D. Schafer - Troop 747
G. Bruns – Troop 6	N. Schafer - Troop 747
Ben. Levingar – Troop 747	G. Schifer - Troop 747
S. Olsen - Troop 747	C. Smith - Troop 747
R. Picker - Troop 747	J. Unger - Troop 747

Gila River Chapter

V. Grosse – Troop 8051	J. Rziha – Troop 280
B. Love – Troop 8051	C. Thompson – Troop 8051

Mogollon Chapter (Ponderosa District)

K. Hansen – Troop 9330	M. Wise – Troop 9330
J. Olvera – Troop 9330	A. Nicol – Troop 7036
B. Wise – Troop 9330	

White Tanks Chapter (Sonoran Sunset District)

J. Burnett – Troop 64	J. Venezia - Troop 526
J. Weber – Troop 64	C. Wage – Troop 526
A. Morgan – Troop 526	A. Polyakov – Troop 400
D. Reyholds - Troop 526	

Brotherhood Members

Apache Trail Chapter (Lost Dutchman District)

R. Fretwell – Troop 88
 J. Warring – Troop 88
 A. Knoblach – Troop 565
 G. Tooley – Troop 738
 J. Tooley – Troop 738

Black Mountain Chapter (Pinnacle Peak District)

M. Schaefer – Troop 3226
 M. Killian – Troop 7780

Central Chapter

J. Olsen – Troop 747

Gila River Chapter

R. Clark – Troop 577
 M. Nichols – Troop 577

White Tanks Chapter (Sonoran Sunset District)

Daniel Jackson – Unit 526
 Bryce Kessler – Unit 526

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

End of Year Court of Honor with Troop 329

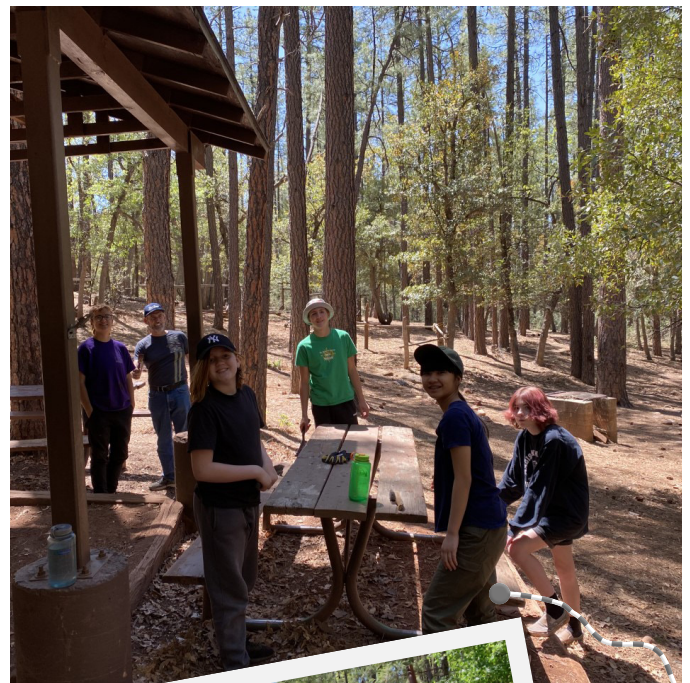
Troop 329 in Phoenix (Parents & Teachers at Meadows, charter partner) held their end of year Court of Honor at Dreamy Draw Park on Wednesday, May 12th. Six Scouts received rank advancements including Atticus Baker and Carsan Churchman who were recognized for achieving First Class. Both boys started this scouting year as Scout rank scouts and earned all three ranks...Congratulations Atticus and Carsan! An additional 13 scouts completed one or more of 8 merit badges since the last Court of Honor in March. The troop will attend Camp Geronimo during 2nd session this summer and has scouts participating in both merit badge and Spade Ranch programs.



Troops 329 and 3329 Work Together at Camp Geronimo

Scouts from Troops 329/3329 worked together at Camp Geronimo on May 7-8th, as part of their Big G service commitment prior to attending camp during session 2.

A total of 29 adults and youth helped relocate platform frames, refinish and repair tables and spread gravel on the newly built road to the trading post. The scouts look forward to returning in June to participate in camp activities and enjoy all is the service projects that were completed to help prepare for another great summer!



Central District Training Awards



The training awards and keys are designed to recognize unit Scouters for tenure, training, and performance in their leadership roles. Congratulations Den Leader Training Awards recipients: Sandy Haislet (Pack 324), Stephanie Schafer (Pack 340), Christopher Thomas (Pack 340), Erwin Kruger (Pack 340), James Ericksen (Pack 340), and Jason Bowles (Pack 340).

100% Position-Specific (Role-Based) These instructor-led courses are designed to help Scouters learn how to effectively carry out their Scouting roles. In most cases, completing the course will make a Scouter “trained” for the role(s) covered in the course. Congratulations to units: 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, and Troop 461 Glendale Nazarene Church. 90% Position-Specific Trained: Troop 6 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Troop 747 Phoenix Friends Church, Troop 787 Southwest Elementary, Troop 805 Northminster Presbyterian Church, and Troop 3329 Ryan House. (as of 5/3/21)



Youth Protection Training



Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers and is a joining requirement. The Grand Canyon Council takes great pride in the quality of our adult leadership. 100% Youth Protection Training:

Pack 6, Pack 105, Pack 210, Pack 276, Pack 340, Pack 441, Pack 446, Pack 787, Pack 805 Troop 6, Troop 105, Troop 147, Troop 201, Troop 244, Troop 329, Troop 340, Troop 644, Troop 747, Troop 787, Troop 3329, Troop 3401, and Crew 2041. (as of 5/3/21)

Central District Adult Recruitment



Scouting is a youth-led, youth-run program, but the youth must be trained to be leaders. Adult role models in Scouting provide an ideal learning experience for all youth. Central District is seeking Scoutbook champion, Recruitment coordinator, CS roundtable commissioner, Nova and merit badge counselors, Eagle BOR members, and Camping chair.

Let the world know your story

Submit your stories to Mike Swaine, Communication Chair
AZ Central District, BSA

E-Mail to: cbdcommchair@gmail.com

ALL UNITS

We want to see the stuff that gets you **Excited**

- your accomplishments
- lets see your last campout
- your current merit badges
- promote your Eagle Projects
- send us your best skits videos



Short note • Long note • Pictures-Pictures-Pictures • Civic Projects • Pinewood



More Pictures • Trip Reports • Badges-Badges-Badges • Planning • Your cat

Be a Friend of Sam Kelsall



Support Friends of Scouting by pledging money for Sam's 450 mile Great Bike Ride Across Iowa!

[A MESSAGE FROM SAM](#)

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.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Gila River District Chair

Summer is here and there is always a sense of Adventure – Gila River District Scouting is no exception! We have been TAKING BACK SCOUTING adventures from the virus with great events:

- Our annual District Recognition Event – Our Survivor bon-fire at the Heard
- 2 Baloo/IOLS training sessions – 1 in the Phoenix Metro & 1 in Yuma
- 2 Pinewood Derby/cub Scout Adventure events – 1 in Yuma & 1 in the Phoenix Metro

Great also to hear about our units participating in the outdoors (our district is in prime outdoor months) as much as possible in a S.A.F.E. manner! Please share at the next roundtable – What is working best in your program? – will be a interactive round-robin for Cub Scouts as well as Scouts.

Troops!

There is still time to register and participate in the [Spring Backpacking Historic Trails outing](#).

“MAYARZIRA—Light of the Moon”

The Outdoor Committee is hard at work planning the Fall Camporee & Webeloree: “MAYARZIRA—Light of the Moon”

WHO: SCOUTS BSA and Webelos.

Join us for a great weekend of camaraderie and fun!

WHEN: Friday to Sunday, October 15-17, 2021

WHERE: R-C Scout Ranch near Payson

WHY: Enjoy unique activities, develop skills, and accomplish rank requirements! Build camaraderie with fellow Scouts and Scouters from other units!

Scouts: Nighttime activities will start after check-in Friday night and go into the wee hours of Sat AM and will include fire building, cooking, lashing, first-aid, orienteering activities, signaling and MORE...all with a nighttime “twist”. Make “moon cakes”, construct a friction bridge, “communicate” with flashlights, relay races with glowing discs and MORE!

Webelos: You will have opportunities to participate in similar scout skills activities Sat morning and work on rank adventure pins in the afternoon. Webelos can stay the night - just make arrangements with a troop ahead of time and take the opportunity to get to know a future team!

Although we are TAKING BACK SCOUTING with face to face outings, we are not walking away from virtual events. Back by popular demand – we’re hosting virtually both our Scouts and Cub Scouts Advancement Days this summer!

Also watch for the ever-popular virtual Scout Essentials and Desert Survival as well as Overhaulin’: Pinewood Derby Edition.

Lastly – STEM meetings in box! STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) programs are perfect for the summertime and can be found here: [STEM Online Programs](#) The info is Online but the programs are all *hands-on!*

Like all 501Cs, we continue to need our community’s support for operating funds - please do not forget to support our local Scouting program financially as you do with the gift of your time. We ain’t selling cookies but we are selling the adventure of Scouting and the results of successful youth mentoring! Parents AND friends and family can join the 1993 Society here: [Fund Development](#)

Yours in Scouting,

Kent J. Thomas/ Gila River District Chair

New Eagle Scouts



Congratulations to the Gila River District’s newest Eagle Scouts - Tilden W. from Troop 577 in Tempe, Alejandro R. from Troop 172 in Tempe, and Nicholas S. from Troop 14 in Phoenix. Mason W. from Troop 285 in Chandler, Gavin D. from Troop 8305 in Yuma, and Neil R. from Troop 77 in Phoenix. That makes 27 new Eagle Scouts for the Gila River District in 2021. Welcome to the brotherhood.

Our 2021 Derby Winners



TIGERS---First Place, Trevor Barney, Pack 679

WOLVES-First Place, Grayson Anderson, Pack 178

Second Place, Ben Rosner, Pack 178

Third Place, Danny Baum, Pack 178

BEARS--- First Place, Evan Alward, Pack 524

Second Place, Landon Rauschenberger, Pack 679

Third Place, Andreas Philippakis, Pack 378

WEBELOS/AOL--First Place, Ryan Joyner, Pack 878

Second Place, Benicio Marino, Pack 679

Third Place, Aiden Stavrevski, Pack 679

OVERALL DISTRICT CHAMPIONS:

First Place, Evan Alward, Pack 524

Second Place, Grayson Anderson, Pack 178

Third Place, Ryan Joyner, Pack 878

BEST ENGINEERED CAR: Grayson Anderson, Pack 178

OUTLAWS (Adults)--

First Place, Travis Alward (won by .001 sec)

Second Place, Howard Washington

Third Place, Kent Thomas

Most "Outlawed" Car - Roy Hollis (electric motor)

Yuma Area Pinewood Derby



The local packs in Yuma joined together for a Pinewood Derby this past month. The local Troops and Venturing Crew helped run the races and even raced their cars in the Open Class. Some of those races and pictures of the winners can be seen on the Local BSA Yuma Facebook Page.

District Cub Scout Adventure Day



In addition to the Pinewood Derby racing, youth also enjoyed testing out the catapults for the Nova "Swing" Engineering Module and playing a wooden cup and ball game called Kendama.

Many thanks to Keith from YOYOFactory for coming to our Cub Scout Activities Day and teaching the youth how to YOYO! Some worked on their adventure loop or pin and learned to "Walk the Dog" among other tricks! A great day of Cub Scout fun!

Troop 17 Scout Service Project



On Tuesday April 13th, members of Troop 17 from the Foothills Baptist Church spend over 3 hours on our campus doing a service project. There were 20 Scouts and 10 adults participated in two projects lead by their Scoutmaster Christine Grosjean.

One project was to remove the old granite and river run rock in the planting areas and replace it with 4-tons of new granite. The old granite was removed and relocated along the west wall of the property. The river run rock was placed in the various islands in the parking lot to fill in bare areas. The scouts used shovels and wheelbarrows to transport the granite and rock.

The second project was to remove the plastic on the chair seats and pews in the Worship Center. This proved to be more intense than originally thought. Once the plastic was removed, the wood pews were cleaned with Murphy's Oil Soap Wood cleaner. What a difference that made.

During breaks, the older scouts instructed the younger scouts in proper flag raising and lowering etiquette as well as how to fold the flag as part of their rank advancement requirements. They used our flagpole for this training.

A great thank you and appreciation goes out to Christine Grosjean and all the Scouts and adults of Troop 17 for their hard work and giving back to our community through civic activities.



Welcome Abby Lyon



Note from Grand Canyon Council:

I am pleased to inform you that Abby Lyon has joined the Grand Canyon Council team and will be serving as District Executive for the Lost Dutchman District. We are excited to bring her expertise on board with us here as she helps all of us carry forward the mission of the BSA.

Lost Dutchman District welcomes our new District Executive, Abby Lyon! She is a 20-year AZ resident. She is drawn to BSA because BSA is the gift that our youth and adults receive on leadership and the importance of sticking to their values and beliefs. Welcome, Abby, from Lost Dutchman District. Abby's contact info is Abby.Lyon@scouting.org and 602-955-7747 ext 215.

Trainings and Order of the Arrow

Information on council and district training opportunities can be found on the council website and scouting.org. We will list training opportunities as they become available. Tentative dates for the next LDD IOLS/BALOO trainings:

- 9/25/21 at R-C
- 2/19/22 at Heard
- 9/17/22 at R-C

IOLS and BALOO training from other districts may be found on the GCC calendar.

Order of the Arrow Calendar of events:

9/10/21 - Fall Ordeal & Brotherhood Weekend
10/15/21 - Annual Conclave (Hosted by Wipala Wiki)

New Eagle Scout Trever Sanchez



Congratulations to Trever Sanchez, Lost Dutchman District, who was recognized as an Eagle Scout on Tuesday, January 12, 2021. *Once an Eagle always an Eagle!*

Lost Dutchman Calendar

Lost Dutchman District events are listed on the GCC Calendar: (<https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar>).

As all activities are in flux to where they will be held on-line or in-person, stay tune for announcements as they become available.

We continue to keep the website as current as possible as we get new information.

If you see an area that needs attention, please contact webmaster, David Lucas (theatredavid@gmail.com) or VC-Communications, Tony Madonia (tony.madonia@gmail.com).



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

Summit Bechtel Reserve
2550 Jack Furst Drive
Glen Jean, WV 25846
(304) 465-2800
Summit.Program@scouting.org

Ponderosa Route 66 Shoot

Nearly 100 Scouts and Leaders attended the Ponderosa Route 66 Shoot on April 24 at Camp Raymond. Scouts came home with awards and great memories. Congratulations to Evan Umphrey for winning Top Shot. Thank you to all the volunteers for organizing and staffing this annual event.



Ponderosa District Roundtable the 1st Thursday at 7pm

Meeting ID: 875 8215 1837

Passcode: pon_bsa

ZOOM LINK

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.

YES, SIGN ME UP!

Prescott Troop 14

A neat photo was shared with the Ponderosa District of Prescott Troop 14.



Ponderosa Districts Graduating Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Ponderosa District's latest graduating Eagle Scout: A Emiliano Alvarado, Troop 7036

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.



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Steven Brunasso Receives the Medal of Merit Award

The Medal of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed some outstanding act of service of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others.

Can you explain how you felt when you received the Medal of Merit?

Steven Brunasso: "I was a little embarrassed to get the award. I am normally a very private person. The Medal of Merit is a great honor from BSA, but I think my son's face when he got to pin it on my uniform was the best part. He was so proud to present it to his Dad. This is why I am a scout leader. The impact we have on youth. I am a role model."

Can you run me through that day when lunch turned into you saving a life?

Steven Brunasso: "During lunch we all ordered the rodizio de carne. They basically come by with 12-20 varieties of flame roasted meat. During lunch, Jason suddenly became quiet. He was sitting directly across from me and his eyes went wide but not a word, sound or gasp. I don't think he realized what was happening at first. I looked over at him and asked; "Are you choking?" He nodded and I asked, "Do you need help?", Another nod. I looked at my watch and thought I have about 5 minutes to get him breathing. I got up and went around behind him. I reached down below his ribcage and thought of the bio-mechanics of the Heimlich. They want you to pull the ball of your fist up under the diaphragm to create pressure."

Aside from the award, what is something this organization has given you, or taught you?

Steven Brunasso: "The brotherhood of all mankind. My father was my troop scoutmaster in Ras Tanura, Saudi Arabia. He arranged a big camporee there for scouts from all the 6 oil company compounds to come. He also invited the local Saudi Scout troops. I think it was the first time they had ever been invited. We used to do joint events with them since we were guests in their land. Over the years I have



been to over 60 countries and met scouts in 5 or 6. Now that my boys are moving into Boy Scouts, we will get to do more international events. I am looking forward to it.

Scouts from anywhere are one family. We focus on the good in each other and accept where we are. I think this is certainly something the world needs more of. I see scouts as good principled people all over the world that try to help other and one big family.

It motivated me to volunteer on the International Scouting Committee here in Grand Canyon Council. Boys learn a moral code, self-reliance through prepared adventures in nature and develop a world view of how it could be. What more can we strive for. It is why I am a volunteer and hope to give back more than I got out of it."



Wood Badge Course Buffalo Patrol

At the start, the Buffalos were a small herd of gangly nervous, unsure animals that roamed the low hills of South Phoenix in the months of February and March of 2020. As their time progressed their numbers remained the same but their presence increased along with their scouting acumen and experience.

All have completed their tickets. Several of those were personal improvement goals, some professional or family oriented, many tickets laser focused on a unit/District/Council need, but all centered on becoming a better critter and bringing that improvement to bear upon their scouting areas of "roam". Let's not forget that 2020 and 2021 had their challenges. Several Buffalos have had to modify their tickets to accommodate the Covid climate.

Now, they dominate their plains of existence as they bring this hard-earned accomplishment to fruition. Time to take their scout prominence to others within their reach and share the richness of their knowledge with scouting at-large.

Congratulations to the Buffalo Patrol. It was an honor to share the trail and be their Troop Guide during this shared journey in their lives. May they bring others to the Council Fire of Scouting and continue to be the keepers of the flame, forever.

Sully Sullivan / Troop Guide – Buffalo Patrol
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Buffalo Patrol: Linda Gillham, Rachel Ayers, Jamie Decker,
Terry Greene, Harlan Peele, Kory Reeves
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Arizona Virtual Service Academy Day

Service Academy Nomination Q&A Event

Saturday, June 19th at
10:00am

Join representatives from Arizona's U.S. Congressional Delegation and the U.S. Service Academies for an overview of the application and nomination process and Q&A session.

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