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Popcorn Virtual Kickoff June 29

Getting Ready for Popcorn 2021! The 2021 Popcorn Fundraiser has more support than ever to aide your Scouts in fundraising. Join us for the [2021 popcorn kickoff](#) on Tuesday, June 29, 7:00-8:00PM. We expect our kickoff presentation to last about 45 minutes, and the remainder of the time will be dedicated to answering your questions. We will be discussing best practices, the campaign timeline, changes within the product, how to implement social distancing, store-fronts, and answering your questions!

TIP OF THE MONTH

Understanding and following the guidelines contained in program materials and the Guide to Safe Scouting helps keep all youth safer in our programs. “Be Prepared” is not just a motto but a method to follow to be safe. Using the right equipment for the right activity and in the proper location keeps Scouting SAFE. Resources: [SAFE Checklist](#), [Prohibited Activities](#), [Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities](#).

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Visit beascout.org to find out how you can get involved in Scouting.

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#SUMMEROFSERVICE

MESSAGE FROM
SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Andy Price



Summer is upon us and it is great to have Scouts at camp! R-C and Geronimo are rolling along and it feels like the world is getting back to normal – thank goodness! We are on track to have about 3,000 campers at our summer programs – our Scouts will have fun outdoor adventures and return home a little taller, a little more skilled, and a little more prepared for life.

Recently our council achieved an administrative success – our 2020 financial audit was completed and we received an unqualified opinion from the auditors. After two years of qualified audits, this is a big success. I am proud of our great accounting team and all their hard work.

For 2020, total operating income was \$2,574,513. COVID-19 significantly impacted our ability to offer programs and fundraise and our results reflected this challenge. Operating expenses were under budget by \$1.3 million and totaled \$3,481,830; we were able to significantly curtail operating expenses but still operated at a loss. 90% of our expenses were program-related with 4% covering management & general and 6% covering fundraising expenses.

We continue to celebrate our 100th birthday throughout 2021, and I hope you plan to join us for one of three “Centennial Family Picnics” that will occur in July, November, and December. These events are free and open to all; all current and former Scouts and families as well as the general public are invited to attend. We ask that everyone register via the council website so we can plan appropriately. We will have all program areas open, food available, and fun for all. I hope you’ll join me at one or all of the picnics! The first is Saturday, July 24th at Geronimo; more details on our homepage.

As we close out the 2020/2021 program year and units complete their recharter, I want to draw your attention to new BSA registration fees that were announced in early June and become effective August 1st. We’ve confirmed with BSA that all units with 100% complete recharter prior to July 31st will pay current fees. Any unit whose recharter isn’t 100% complete will be required to pay the increased fees. Please reach out to your Commissioner or District Executive if you need any assistance completing your recharter.

See you at camp!

Andy

Each Person Gains Something Different from Scouting

My son has always wanted to be a scout. I am a little embarrassed to say that I tried to talk him out of joining back when he started elementary school! Thankfully, he was determined to join and has remained in scouting for the past 12 years.



When Paul was younger, I wondered if he would make it as a scout. He often complained about the long-and in his words-boring meetings, he cried when putting on his uniform and he whined on every hike and outing. Time and again he didn't want to even go to an event and once there, he would ask to leave early.

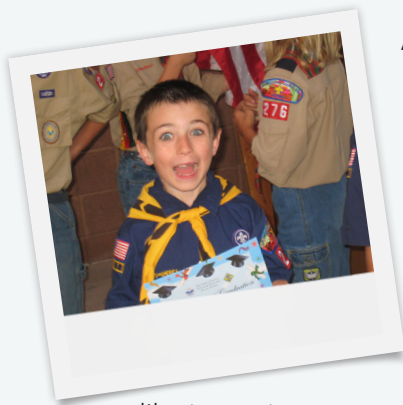
But slowly, he began to gain confidence, competence, and maturity. Each person gains something different from scouting. My son needed leadership skills. He needed to learn how to be part of a group and to be loyal to them. He needed to learn to not give up when things got hard. And he needed to learn how to have fun, as he was much too serious as a child.

Before I knew it, my resolute, independent son began to gain friendships and even wanted to attend camp! Almost every summer he was off to some kind of adventure. From swimming skills, horseback riding, being the grub master and canoeing—I sat back in awe as I watched the BSA community helped transform my son. I am so grateful to the hours and hours these leaders put in to help youth gain their potential. In 2019 Paul even attended Philmont Scout Ranch. I couldn't believe that my quiet, shy boy who used to cry putting on his uniform and whined doing a one-mile hike was now on a 10 day-100 mile backpacking hike.

Not that it has always been easy. There were growing pains. My son was called out several times for uniform or cell phone violations. He suffered from ADHD, self-control and impulsivity issues. He struggled and stumbled along the way. But here's the thing about growing pains—they help us grow! And grow he did!

The skills he has learned in scouting has transferred into many areas of his life. In 2018, it may have even saved a life. Paul had just returned from advanced wilderness first aid training when he witnessed a woman in Phoenix pass out from heat stroke. Even though there were many adults around, no one knew what to do. Paul, only 15 years old, took control- using the skills he learned until EMT arrived. I watched in disbelief as the woman was taken away in the ambulance. Strangers thanked and applauded my son. This act even earned him the Medal of Merit Award.

Not every skill is award-earning, but it probably is life changing. Can my son talk to adults while looking at them in the eye? Can he feel comfortable in interviews? Can he research a skill and then follow the directions? Can he be a good leader and follower? Can he step up when called upon? Can he give it his all? Does he understand 'duty to others'? All yes, thanks to BSA.



As I mentioned, when Paul was in first grade, I tried to talk him out of joining scouts. This was because I pictured every weekend being occupied with camping, fire-making and knot-tying, things that I would personally rather skip. To those parents who are hesitant

like I was, I urge you to research the merit badge lists. From archery to art, welding to wood-working, the skills scouts learn are various and relevant. They are also rigorous, meaning that the scout must perform the learned skill (it took Paul several attempts to master some), so that when they finally earn a badge, it is with pride and value. There are no participation trophies here. Beyond merit badges, I was pleasantly surprised at the character traits en-grained into scouting. If you don't know them, check out The Scout Law. Finally, my son learned relationships. He has had several strong role models that to this day, Paul will say have influenced his life in countless ways.

I believe much of Paul's success in his young life can be attributed to skills he learned in scouting. At age 13, he started his own lawn and pet-caring business. At 14, he got his first job as a junior lifeguard and at 16 he started working full-time at QT. Besides employment, scouting skills have helped Paul in programs such as Student Council, FBLA and DECA. My son has always been determined, but thanks to scouting, he learned the action steps needed to pursue and succeed in these endeavors. It is easy to say that you want to accomplish something—it is much harder to actually do it. Scouts is all about the preparing, the doing and the achieving.

Paul began his Eagle Scout project in the fall of 2019, not knowing that Covid 19 would shut it down for eight months. His project Safe Baby Haven Ambulance Kits was a personal project, inspired by his younger brother who is Safe Baby Haven baby (surrendered from his birth mother as a newborn and adopted into our family when Paul was seven). Every mother is proud and relieved when an Eagle Scout project is completed. But those of us who had the added uncertainty of coronavirus and quarantines know a new level of stress watching our scouts complete requirements while the world was on lock down. Suddenly the village that my son

had in scouting was no longer allowed to meet. Thankfully, Paul endured, adjusted and modified his project to accommodate the needs of the current climate. And in the end, he probably learned even more by completing his project during a pandemic.

Hopefully, my message is clear. With genuine gratitude, I thank BSA for over a decade of amazing memories, life-long friendships and mastery of important skills (not just knot-tying). I urge others to consider scouting and if you are already in scouting—keep with it! If you are a parent like me with zero scouting experience, you can do this! Scouting is a family adventure, but if you feel like scouting is a little out of your comfort zone—you probably need scouting as much as your child. My only regret is the lack of involvement that I personally added to scouts over the years. Scout leaders—please hear my heart. You are needed and valued. There are so many parents who want to contribute as you do but are lacking the skills, time, or resources. We adore and admire and can never thank you enough for the values you teach, the time you give, the creativity you have, and even the lectures and consequences you administer to our children. It does not go unappreciated or unnoticed. It is a village I wish every child could be a part of.

And to my son Paul. I am so very proud of you. It has been incredible watching you grow and transform into the young man you are today. Your determination and hard-work have gotten you to the highest level of scouting—Eagle Scout! This is an amazing feat and I am so glad that you didn't listen to me years ago when I tried to talk you out of scouting. Recently someone asked me what my hopes are for my children's future. Even though it sounds corny, my first thought was the Scout Oath. I sincerely hope that you strive to do your best. I hope you do your duty to God and your country. To help other people at all times. And to keep yourself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. And as you go out in the world, I hope you remember not only the scout oath, but all the lessons scouting has taught you!

With Love,
Mom, Nicole Olson

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 Pack 129 from the Sonoran Sunset District. Their Charter Partner is Vistancia Village HOA and their Cubmaster is David Masciangelo.

Pack 129 inspires its Scouts and families through fellowship and inclusivity in all we do. We focus on community service events such as partnering with the Trilogy Veteran's Club to participate in their Adopt-A-Road event on National Cleanup Day, dedicating our community's new flag poles at the community center on 9/11, placing flags on veteran's graves for Memorial Day at Sunland Cemetery in Sun City and collecting 926 pounds of food during the Scouting for Food program in 2021. We inspire learning through fun activities in our Scouts with a plethora of outdoor activities and awards. This year our leaders modified their programs to make sure Scout could meet safely so we got outdoors as much as possible. We hiked on local trails like Calderwood Butte, South Mountain, Sunrise Mountain Trail and Thunderbird Conservation Park. Our Scouts traveled



further afield in the state going to the Box Canyon at Christopher Creek, Granite Mountain Memorial Hike in Yarnell and West Fork Trail in Oak Creek Canyon. Our Scouts and Scouters logged 320 miles this Scouting year. We also took advantage of the great Council facilities for our family camps. This year we went to the Heard in the Fall and R-C in the Spring. Our Scouts were inspired to learn new things at camp via all the hiking, crafts, sports and fishing activities our leaders provided. Our leaders continued inspiring our Scouts all year by enabling them to earn 95 special awards, things like Whittling Chip, Cyber Chip, Conservation Good Turn, World Conservation Award, NOVA Cubs Can Code, Religious Emblem and Outdoor Activity.

Our leaders inspire one another and the parents everyday with their fun attitudes and the fantastic experiences they give our Scouts. Each leader strives to learn from the others and incorporate good ideas into their own program. This sense of fellowship and inclusivity has encouraged four parents this year to take on volunteer roles for next year demonstrating how living the Scout Oath and Law inspires others to want to become a part of our valuable organization.



[VIDEO INTERVIEW](#)

2020 Council Honorees

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



Greg Randolph – Silver Beaver Honoree , Assistant Scoutmaster Troop 451. During his 8 year tenure as Scoutmaster, Greg shepherded 38 Scouts to achieve their Eagle Scout Rank. During that time, he served as Scoutmaster at Geronimo for 30 to 60 Scouts each year learning about the outdoors and earning Merit Badges at camp. Greg has worked on the Council Finance committee to assist with innovative ways to raise monies for the Grand Canyon Council. Over his years of service Greg’s commitment to serving our council finance committee along with his dedication to the youth in his troop are two extremes in the Scouting program, and yet are significant aspects of what we do to grow the leaders of tomorrow. Congratulations on receiving the Silver Beaver Award, Greg! You are truly an inspiration to all of us.



Jacob Benyi – Meritorious Service Star Honoree, Council Commissioner. Jacob’s impact to youth as the Council Commissioner may not be so direct and obvious, however, Jacob’s 20+ years as a Boy Scout has had a significant impact on our council, our district leadership, and his continued participation in the unit where he earned his Eagle Scout Award, giving back as a volunteer serving the youth in Troop 648. Jacob grew up in Scouting and has a strong, dedicated appreciation for the program in his youth and subsequent years of service. Jacob represents the natural qualities of leadership - inspiring and visionary while at the same time, thoughtful and thorough. He was one of 57 volunteers and professionals who gathered at Philmont Training Center in the summer of 2014 to set the future for our council. As a Leadership Academy graduate in 2017 Jacob has also been an instructor, a dean, and the chancellor on the staff of the College of Commissioner Science for the past 5 years and successfully spearheaded the council wide initiative, University of Scouting in early 2020. Unit service is his strength, always there to help others, with experiential understanding of how Scouting works to benefit our youth. The results he produces confirm these points, which is why he has continued to rise in leadership positions. He takes his role very seriously and invest untold hours to ensure the success of our Council. It is with our most sincere gratitude and appreciation that we award Jacob Benyi the Meritorious Service Star. Congratulations Jacob!



Welcome to the Team!



Grand Canyon Council is pleased to announce Jim Van Wicklin as our new Chief Development Officer. Jim has 20 years of fundraising experience and success.

Jim Van Wicklin comes to us most recently from United Service Organizations (USO), where he served as their Regional Director of Development managing fundraising, grant acquisition, and corporate development for Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.

Prior to the USO, Jim served two roles at Arizona State University as the head of fundraising for both the Law School and Business School. In his time there, he ran two successful campaigns. The first, a \$50 million campaign to move the Law School from Tempe to Downtown Phoenix. The 5-year campaign ended with \$65 million raised and almost 100 new scholarships. The second, a \$150 million campaign for the W.P. Carey School of Business. In his first year, his team secured \$43.7 million and set the second highest total since the establishment of the school.

Jim has also worked with the University of South Florida, Middle Tennessee State University, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and has been a featured instructor at many fundraising conferences.

He lives in Chandler and has a daughter, currently enrolled at ASU, and two sons in high school who are active in various sports including football, track, and hockey. In his free time, Jim coaches girls volleyball, which he has done for over 10 years.



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NEW! Virtual Merit Badge Workshops



2021 Merit badges workshops are open for registration!

- [Citizenship in the World Workshop](#) begins July 1, 2021
- [Programming Virtual Workshop](#) begins July 7, 2021
- [Environmental Science Workshop](#) begins July 15, 2021
- [Emergency Preparedness Workshop](#) begins July 20, 2021

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](#)

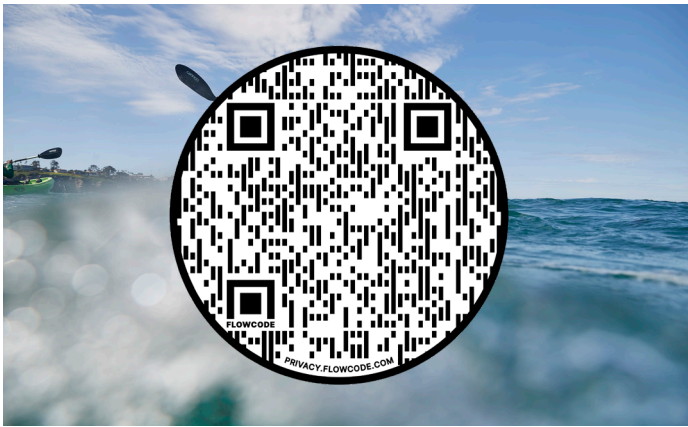
Shooting Sports Monthly at the Heard Scout Pueblo



Open Shoot [Rifle and BB](#) begins July, 16, 2021. [Archery Open Shoot](#) Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Heard Scout Pueblo.

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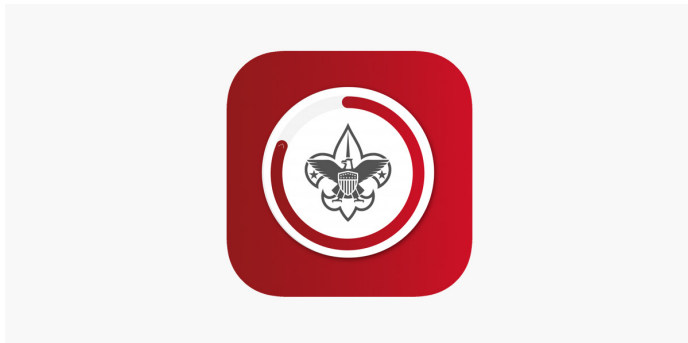
NEW! Aquatics Committee Training Survey



The Aquatics Committee is currently conducting a survey for all adults. We are looking for adults interested in aquatic training and those interested in assisting with aquatic activities. Questions, Feedback, and Ideas Welcome.

[OPEN NOW](#)

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](#)

Six Things to Know About the Positions of Responsibility for Star, Life and Eagle



A teenager's life is full of responsibilities. Get good grades! Take care of the family car! Show up on time for your summer job! Their life in Scouting is no different. Young people who want to earn the Star, Life or Eagle ranks in Scouts BSA must take on responsibilities, too. Read more now at:

[Bryan on Scouting](#)

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. Topics include: Why Do You Volunteer?, Aquatics for Cub Scouts, Summer of Service, Family Adventure Camp, and more.

[CUB CHAT LIVE](#)



NEW! Changing My.Scouting Functional Roles



CHANGING MY.Scouting FUNCTIONAL ROLES

Changing functional roles can only be done by the COR or COR Delegate. The second tab on the Positions Manager page is for adding and maintaining “Functional Roles” like adding a Key 3 delegate or unit Training Chair.

The process to assign or edit is a “drag and drop” method by clicking on a person and then dragging them to the position you are adding them to.

[LEARN MORE](#)

NEW! The Grand Canyon Council is Hiring Field Service Admin!



The Grand Canyon Council is hiring District Executives, and Field Service Admin Professionals. For more information and to apply, please email Amanda Foster, at Amanda.Foster@Scouting.org.

Grand Canyon Council is pleased to announce Jim Van Wicklin as our new Chief Development Officer. Learn more about Jim's fundraising experience and success at: [Support Scouting in Arizona](#)

Council Program Fee Change Announcement

Since August of last year, 50% of registration has moved to the Online system, with the remaining still being handled the ‘old way’. Because of the many benefits of its use, we want to drive towards 100% adoption of Online registration. With this in mind, we recently approved several changes that will become effective August 1st, 2021:

- The council program fee of \$60 for youth has been reduced to \$50 per year and will continue to be pro-rated.
- The council program fee for adults has been reduced to \$0.
- We will charge a \$25 handling fee to process each membership application entered by council staff. The handling fee will not be pro-rated. This fee is entirely bypassed by using the BSA Online registration system.

For detailed information and support for using the BSA Online Registration system view our full announcement

[PROGRAM FEE CHANGE](#)



2021 BSA National Membership Fees



NEW! Popcorn Sales

Our Popcorn webpage has been 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 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.

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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 rollout 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!

Get together with the family for some awesome summer activities at our Family Centennial Picnic at Camp Geronimo, Saturday, July 24, 2021, from 11am – 4pm.

NEW! The first 250 people at the door will receive a limited edition Centennial Geronimo patch. **Limit 1 per family*

We encourage you to carpool and choose the activities that you want to do! From hiking to swimming, climbing to boating, we've got fun experiences for everyone in your group in celebration of Grand Canyon Council's 100th anniversary!

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

We have three Centennial celebrations planned for this year. All activities are free, and lunch will be provided.

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



JULY 2021

CENTENNIAL PICNIC
AT CAMP GERONIMO

REGISTER TODAY! ▶



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

SNAP SHIPS

BUILD TO BATTLE



NEW! STEM Camp Adventure

Save the Date for STEM Camp Adventure October 15-17
This STEM adventure is for Bear, Webelos, and Arrow and light Scouts. Learn the benefits of modular designing and building within the fun and exciting world of *Snap Ships!*

This adventure features a new digital instant recognition for Cub Scouts with a congratulatory video.

Each participant will receive a Snap Ship with registration!
Register July 2021

Shooting Sports Monthly at the Heard Scout Pueblo



[Open Shoot BB](#) begins July, 17, 2021. [Archery Open Shoot](#) Saturday, July 24, 2021 at the Heard Scout Pueblo.

[LEARN MORE](#)



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NEW! 2021 National Youth Leadership Training Course

NYLT (National Youth Leadership Training) is a six-day leadership skills course for young adults. The program content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in an exciting environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided using memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster. Youth leaders and those who will be in youth leadership positions after completion of NYLT are the primary participants.

Participants learn to use current corporate leadership skills within the framework of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. The course is led and taught by some of the best youth leaders in the Grand Canyon Council; all of whom are graduates of the NYLT program and many have staffed multiple courses. Each Course Director and their staff support this by attempting to prepare each participant to become a responsible, participating citizen and youth leader in their unit who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

Prerequisites:

- Scout must be 13 years old by the start of the course, have completed Intro to Leadership Skills for Troops, have earned First Class, be a registered member of a Scouting unit, and have a unit leader recommendation. Medical forms A, B, and Care required. Upcoming session: Heard Scout Pueblo, Dec. 27, 2021- Jan. 1, 2022.

[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 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!](#)

Questions? Contact your District Executive:

Central District: [Davis Fox](#)

Gila River District: [Jessica Yiadom](#)

Sonoran Sunset District: [Robert Butteweg](#)

Lost Dutchman District: [Abby Lyon](#)

Pinnacle Peak District: [Matt Hill](#)

Ponderosa District: [Patrick Gamble](#)

BACK TO PACK EVENTS



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.

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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.scouters@gmail.com



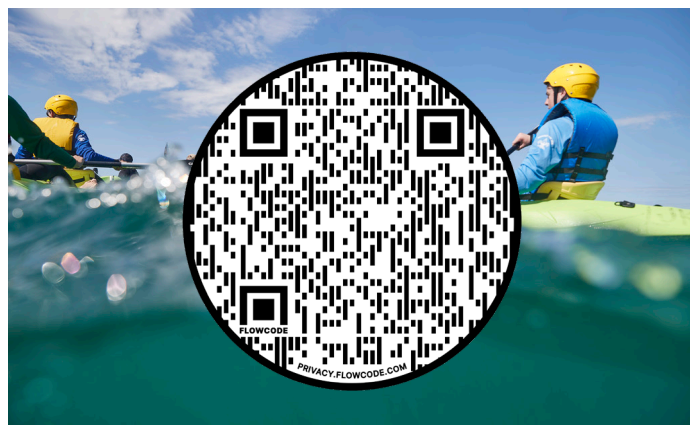
ADULT LEADERS NEEDED FOR NYLT

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](#)

NEW! Aquatics Committee Training Survey



The Aquatics Committee is currently conducting a survey for all adults. We are looking for adults interested in aquatic training and those interested in assisting with aquatic activities. Questions, Feedback, and Ideas Welcome

Are Your Local Scouts Participating in the Summer of Service? Here's How to Promote Their Projects!



By using the [Summer of Service promo materials](#), you can help amplify your Scouts' efforts and make them more visible in the community ahead of recruiting season!

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!

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[IDEAS FOR SUMMER OF SERVICE](#)

ORDER OF THE ARROW



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.

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.



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."



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CENTENNIAL POW WOW AT THE HEARD SCOUT PUEBLO

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Gila River District Chair

In lieu of describing what we are here for, we'll let the pictures speak for themselves.



Yuma Honor

On June 8th, I had the opportunity to meet with Foundation Director, Jackie Woodwell, and Fund Development Specialist Lindy Murdock of the Foundation of Yuma Regional Medical Center. Although many of us were new to our positions the atmosphere felt right at home. Jackie, familiar with philanthropy and scouting, expressed her desire to be more involved in the community's scouting engagements. The foundation's mission to support a healthy community through philanthropy provided some light to their generous donation at the 1st Annual Scouts Honor Luncheon in late 2019. Thank you, Yuma Regional Medical Center for helping The Grand Canyon Council continue its mission of scouting. Without your support, we would not be able to continue to serve our youth.



The 2nd Annual Scouts Honor Luncheon will be hosted by Christ Lutheran Church of Yuma on Wednesday, August 4th, 2021. We are continuing to take back Scouting with an honoree event, and you can be a part of the action. Become an event sponsor or donate by clicking the link provided below. <http://bit.ly/YumaScoutsHonor>

Scouts Honor Luncheon
 August 4th, 2021
 Christ Lutheran Church
 2555 S. Engler Ave.
 Yuma, AZ 85365

Doors open at 11:00 AM

YUMA SCOUTS HONOR LUNCHEON

Gila River's Newest Eagle Scouts



Congratulations to our newest Eagle Scouts;

Mason Norris - Troop 919, Benjamin Dozal - Troop 285,
 Jeremy Fortunato - Troop 14, Cody Kuring - Troop 283,
 Jason Boileau - Troop 679, and Louis Stewart - Troop 283.

This brings our Eagles for 2021 to 33 in our district so far.

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Troop 2019 Recognize the Granite Mountain Hotshots



The Thunderbird's from Troop 2019 had a great outing to the Granite Mountain Hotshots Memorial State Park. They posted their patrol patch on the memorial wall to show their gratitude for the brave men and women who put their lives on the line to keep us safe.

Pack 555 Rank Bridging



Pack 55 Rank Bridging: Arrow of Light, Bear Den to Webelos, Tiger to Wolf, and Lion to Tiger.

Troop 1968 Memorial Day Projects



Troop 1968 Memorial Day weekend set up the community flags for the Bella Via neighborhood in East Mesa. The Troop also helped out at Mountain View Funeral Home and Cemetery for Memorial Day by placing flags on veteran graves, handed out flags and water at the Memorial Day celebration, and helped in collecting toiletries for homeless veterans.



Lost Dutchman District's New Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Lost Dutchman District's latest graduating Eagle Scouts [May]:

- Nicholas S. -Troop 282
Project: Children's Book Drive
- Brett P. -Troop 282
Project: Carol Rae Ranch Elem Playground Restoration
- Tyler D. - Troop 2019
Project: Cooley Park Retaining Wall Repair
- Jordan P. - Troop 451
Project: Raccoon Houses
- Kyler P. - Troop 923
Project: Airport Restoration (Airpark)
- Aidan R. - Troop 738
Project: Face masks for Senior Class at QCHS
- Rory H. - Troop 50
Project: Building Benches for Homeless Shelter
- Zane A. -Troop 125
Project: Paver Extension and Shed Replacement
- Zachary K. - Troop 653
Project: Mesa Little Libraries
- Anson K. - Troop 565
Project: Amphitheater Restoration-Desert Breeze Park
- Thomas P. - Troop 2019
Project: Fire hydrant Refresh
- Gryffin M. - Troop 565
Project: Eisenhower Elementary "Little Library" Project

Lost Dutchman Advancement Numbers January to end of May

- Eagle Scouts 41 (12 in May)
- Scouts BSA Rank Advancements 216 (61 in May)
- Merit Badges 313 (59 in May)
- Arrow of Light 73 (10 in May)
- Cub Scout Rank Advancements 324 (76 in May)

Five Scouts Complete the Trail From Tiger to Eagle



On Saturday June 19, five Scouts completed their trail to Eagle together. They started on their trail as Tigers and Wolves in Pack 456, and ended their journey in Troop 565. The Eagle Court of Honor ceremony took place at Eisenhower Center for Innovation School where three of the Scouts completed their Eagle projects. They were congratulated by Eagle Scout and principal Robert Meldau. Congratulations, Spencer P., Steven M., Hayden P., Gryffin M., and Cole K. Steven has enlisted in the US Navy. Spencer and Gryffin are working at Mesa Public Schools. Hayden will be attending NAU. Cole will be working as an EMT.



How do you do your Duty to God?

Most faiths have one or more religious emblems for different levels on Scouting. Cub emblems usually entail working within the family to complete the emblem. Scout BSA and Venturing-aged emblems usually require a Religious Emblems Counselor to facilitate the program. The Grand Canyon Council has a Religious Activities Committee that can guide you to start Scouts on their journey to do their Duty to God. You can get more information on the GCC website at: [religious activities](#)

The Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Committee on Scouting is currently seeking Scouts BSA and Venturing Crew members for fall sessions. Scouts should contact their parish Scout Religious Emblems Counselor for more information, or reach out to the Diocesan Chair Kathy Polowski, kpolo55@gmail.com, to find a program near them.

Ponderosa District New Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Ponderosa District's latest graduating Eagle Scout: Colin Osuna, Troop 7033

"The project is actually a bunch of Eagle projects put into one. My portion of the project was to build picnic tables and benches for a new garden at my local Elks Lodge. I decided to do this project mostly cause the Elks is so supportive to my troop, all I wanted was to give back to the organization. The photo is shot in the garden with the new picnic tables and benches in their new home."

Colin Osuna, Troop 7033, Project: Build a garden at the Elks Lodge, 172 service hours.



Share Your Story with Grand Canyon Connection!



Be a part of Grand Canyon Council's scouting history and share your story with *Grand Canyon Connection!* Share a specific time when Scouting was really, *really* fun -- your most epic summer camp adventure or a fun moment shared at a unit meeting. Adventures big and small.

Sharing is easy! For article format and length view our [press release sample](#), then email directly to tarryn.hutchison@scouting.org with 2-6 photos or with a link to an online gallery.

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Sonoran Sunset Districts Graduating Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Sonoran Sunsets District's newest Eagle Scouts, May-June: Ian Ruff - Troop 194, Bryson L. Barker - Troop 665, Alex E. Palomo - Troop 526, Spencer H. Smith - Troop 1776, Nathan E. Clines - Troop 665, Andrew Kerfoot - Troop 90, Matthew Afek - Troop 515, Maximus Mathie - Troop 665, Dalton Simon - Troop 828, Andrew Staley - Troop 546, Austin Christensen - Troop 665, and Harland Flatt - Troop 90.

Ian Ruff - Troop 194

Charter Organization: Surprise Friends of Scouting
Project: Marley Park Elementary Mural, Prepare and paint a mural of the state of Arizona, marking counties in multiple colors.

Bryson L. Barker - Troop 665

Charter Organization: Square Planet Presentations
Project: Homeless To Go Bags, teaming up with "*Operation Big Serve*," a non-profit organization for the homeless. Collected, purchased, and assembled 150 hygiene and 150 food "to go bags."

Alex E. Palomo - Troop 526

Charter Organization: Maricopa Live Steamers Railroad
Project: Indian reservation personal family hand washing stations

Spencer H. Smith - Troop 1776

Charter Organization: American Legion Post 145
Project: Teamed up with "*A Mighty Change of Heart*," a non-profit organization for foster children. Two Part project: 1. Monetary & item collection 2. Clean, organize & inventory AMCHAZ warehouse.

Nathan E. Clines - Troop 665

Charter Organization: Square Planet Presentations
Project: OCJ Kids Comfort Bags - worked with OCJ to acquire items and assemble 100 cuddle bags for foster children.

Andrew Kerfoot - Troop 90

Charter: Litchfield Park Scout Lodge Preservation
Project: Wildflower Park North Playground at the City of Goodyear Parks and Recreation-replace rundown playground equipment & wood chips at Wildflower Park.

Matthew Afek - Troop 515 -

Project: Student Benches for Odyssey Prep Academy at Apache Campus.

Maximus Mathie - Troop 665

Project: Fire Hydrant Restoration - cleaned, repainted and restored fire hydrants for the City of Peoria.

Dalton Simon - Troop 828

Project: Cabin Restoration - Replaced old and decaying chinking for a log cabin at the Pioneer Living Museum.

Andrew Staley - Troop 546

Project: Centennial High School Memorial Space - Created a memorial space for staff members and alternate space for students who have passed away during their time at Centennial High School.

Austin Christensen - Troop 665 -

Project: St. Mary's Food Bank Covid 19 Digital Support Drive - During spring 2020 organized a drive to gather food and supporting items for people economically affected by Covid-19.

Harland Flatt - Troop 90

Project: Kiwanis Desert Park Gentrification in Litchfield Park, regentrifying the Kiwanis Desert Park Property. Extensive removal of cacti, trimming bushes and trees, and raking garden on 2.5 acre park.



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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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