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REGISTER TODAY!

SAFETY CORNER

Safety Moments are exactly what the name implies: opportunities to prepare for an activity, review safety measures and report incidents correctly. Safety Corner is where we will look to remind everyone of the need to always keep safety in mind during all of our activities. Written by Matthew Laudone, the volunteer chair of the Council's Enterprise Risk Management Committee.

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MESSAGE FROM SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Andy Price



Summer seems so far away, yet packs and troops right now are discussing where they will attend Summer Camp in 2022. I'm pleased to announce that we will be able to offer Summer Camp at Geronimo again in 2022! Timelines and dynamics surrounding the BSA Chapter 11 case are working in our favor in this regard and I'm sure your troop and your Scouts will look forward to another summer at Geronimo. Registration is open and we expect camp to fill quickly, so don't delay in registering.

As the year starts to wind down, we still have two remaining Centennial events for Scouts and the community to enjoy – November 20th and December 11th, both at the Heard Scout Pueblo. Be sure to register to attend on our website and don't miss out on the fun.

Finally, as you begin to consider year-end giving, I want to share two opportunities with you:

- Through the end of October (and again on Giving Tuesday – November 30th), Dave Alexander will generously match all contributions to Grand Canyon Council – Friends of Scouting, Endowment, Arizona Tax Credit, or any contribution to GCC. More details on our website under "Support Scouting".
- The Arizona Tax Credit is a terrific program that helps donors manage their income tax liability to the state while supporting Scouting's efforts to provide life changing experiences to the underprivileged community. Look for "AZ Tax Credit" on our website.

For more details on either the Dave Alexander matching program or the Arizona Tax Credit, feel free to reach out to your local District Executive or a member of our Development Team.

Andy



New "Holiday at the Heard"

December 11, 2021

The final Centennial Celebration of the year and 2020-2021 NESA Recognition Event

Join us on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at the Heard Scout Pueblo to celebrate 100 years of scouting with luminaries, a historic tour and activities hosted by the Grand Canyon Council in the final celebration of 100 Years of Scouting in the Grand Canyon Council.

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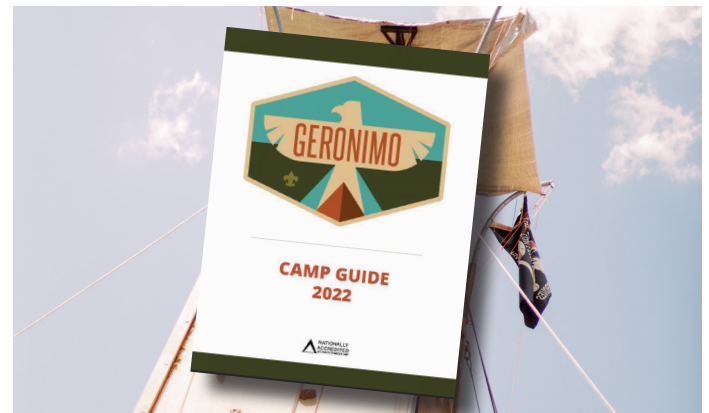
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NESA REGISTRATION

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OF THE YEAR

We encourage you and your guests to stay for the final Centennial Celebration of the year with a Luminary Tour Loop, Historic Tour and Scouts Reels! "Holiday at the Heard Centennial" is a community event open to the public.



New Camp Geronimo Open for Summer Camp 2022

Whether you're a parent excited for your youth for a fun week, or a unit leader planning on bringing the whole Troop, we are looking forward to a great summer of excitement at Camp Geronimo 2022! We are hosting an hour long Zoom informational webinar to preview our 2022 summer camp program, as well as answer the questions you need to know! Join us on November 3, 2021 at 6:00PM! There is no cost and registration is not required; registering helps us to send reminders and follow up information.

SUMMER CAMP 2022 WEBINAR

CENTENNIAL
POW-WOW

REGISTER NOW



NOVEMBER 20 2021

Q3 Report on Council Financial Operations



At the October 19th Executive Board Meeting, financial reports through September 30th were provided by Council Treasurer Todd Turner. Here are the highlights:

- 2021 continues to be a challenging year with national headlines challenging our local fund raising efforts. Our council benefited from the SBA's Payroll Protection Program by receiving a \$448,000 loan that has since been forgiven as part of the Federal Government's CARES Act.
- Total contributions are \$1,133,895, compared to a budget of \$1,470,299. This includes the PPP funds.
- Total revenues are \$1,954,196 compare to a budget of \$1,716,221.
- This puts total support and revenue at \$3,088,091 vs. \$3,186,520 budget.
- Total expenses are \$3,254,460 vs. a budget of \$3,276,382.
- Netting total support and revenues against expenses puts our year-to-date performance at -\$166,369.
- Looking at the remaining quarter, we are optimistic that the popcorn sale will exceed budget and several other fund raising projects will allow us to be close to break even on the year.

New "Brand Messaging Training" with Marketing Partner LAVIDGE

November 18, 2021



Our ongoing marketing relationship with LAVIDGE continues to bear fruit – last month we offered training to Scouters on best methods for [social media](#) and [public relations](#) (both which are available 'on demand'), and now we are pleased to announce "Brand Messaging Training", which will take place on November 18th.

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Feel free to share this invitation with other leaders or parents who might have interest and we look forward to seeing you!

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

2020 Council Honoree Continued



Peter Zipp 2020 Meritorious Service Star Award Honoree

Peter Zipp received the Meritorious Service Star Award and serves in the Sonoran Sunset District. He has volunteered as Treasurer for the Grand Canyon Council, among many areas of leadership at both the Unit and District levels. As Council Treasurer, Peter's leadership in council budgeting, finance, audits and reporting had a direct positive effect on how the council and its strategic plan support our youth. Peter is currently a Merit Badge Counselor for Troop 90. In whatever role he serves, Peter is always very energetic in his pursuit to make Scouting better for every youth and adult he works with, both at the unit and district level. Additional roles he has served include Unit Commissioner, Venturing Crew Advisor, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and Pack Trainer, among other volunteer positions. Peter's love for Scouting goes well beyond his volunteer position. He is the person you could always rely on to help out with anything asked. This included Camporees, Scout Expos, Roundtable, OA youth participation and so much more. Peter was always there for the youth during district events - willing to lead the scouts on outings, including back packing and long term camping trips. He continues to be a vocal advocate for the Scouters on the troop committee as a fun, well respected volunteer who exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law as he leads our Scouts and Scouters. It is for these reasons plus the many years of service that Peter has given and his passion for Scouting, we heartily Congratulate him on receiving the Meritorious Service Star Award!



Orvell Franklin 2020 Meritorious Service Star Award Honoree

Orvell Franklin received the Meritorious Service Star Award as the District Commissioner in the Central District. He has been involved in numerous Council level activities and committees that significantly support our future and direction. Orvell was one of 25 volunteers invited and participated on our year-long Vision 2040 Leadership Planning Team which set the vision and developed the Strategic Plan for our Council for the next 20 years. As the Central District Commissioner, Orvell's knowledge and team spirit coupled with his love for Scouting and Unit Service translates to an awesome commissioner corps. "His energy and excitement for Scouting never goes unnoticed." Orvell is also a Unit Leader and dedicates much of his time supporting both Pack and Troop 787. His commitment to serve with his son, Jaden since 2015, has given him the opportunity to fully embrace Scouting in his life and the values it brings. Congratulations, Orvell and Thank YOU for your continued service to Scouting!

The Religious Activities Committee and Religious Emblems

Have you ever seen a Scout or adult leader with a purple knot placed above the left pocket on their uniform? This knot indicates that the individual learned more about their faith tradition by working on a religious emblem. It is one of the only knots that can be worn on the Cub Scout uniform, moved to the Scouts BSA uniform and ultimately worn on their uniform as an adult.

Demonstrating our duty to God is a key element of Scouting, one that we promise to uphold every time we recite the Scout Oath. One way to show that duty is to earn a religious emblem. Congratulations to the following Scouts for earning the religious emblem of their faith over the past few months:

CATHOLIC

God is Love (Kinder)

Hana LaBelle, Pack 71

Savana LaBelle, Pack 71

JEWISH

Ner Tamid (Grades 6-9)

Mikah Yardeni, Troop 379

Aaron Redman, Troop 379

Light of Christ (Grades 1-2)

Maya Fissore, Pack 147

Rose Ruggiero, Pack 451

PROTESTANT & INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN

God and Me (Grades 2-3)

Angel Ortiz, Pack 8054

Parvuli Dei (Grades 3-5)

Cruz Anderson, Pack 416

James Ruggiero, Pack 451

Karlos Ortega, Pack 522

God and Family (Grades 4-6)

Austin Clarke, Pack 8054

Anthony Goodwill, Pack 8054

Joseph Goodwill, Troop 8051

Ad Altare Dei

(Grades 6 and older)

Isaiah Harvey, Troop 105

Mark Killian, Troop 7780

Matthew Killian, Troop 7780

Justen Soto, Troop 105

Antonio Suero, Troop 105

God and Life (Grades 9-12)

Nathan Murray, Troop 515





FUNDRAISING EVENTS

2021 Sporting Clays Classic

We invite you to partner with the Grand Canyon Council as one of our 2021 Sporting Clays Classic Sponsors.

Saturday, November 13, 2021 at Rio Salado Sportsman's Club. We invite you to partner with the Grand Canyon Council as one of our 2021 Sporting Clays Classic Presenting, Team, Meal, Scout, or Station Sponsors.

Your company will have a great opportunity to engage and inspire our participants while promoting your business or organization. Funds raised at this event stay local, and support Scouting here in the Grand Canyon Council.

JOIN 2021 SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC

New Introducing the eScouts Rocket League Tournament

November 6, 2021



The Grand Canyon Council invites you to join in on the first ever Rocket League tournament! Show off your gaming skills and compete against other Scouts, families, and friends for a chance to win some amazing prizes! You don't have to be a scout to play! Introduce someone new to Scouting! Do you have what it takes to be crowned the Grand Canyon Council eScout Champion?

- Saturday, November 6, 2021
- Sunday, November 7, 2021
- Saturday, December 4, 2021

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!

The current rate of \$25 per player will increase to \$40 beginning November 1, 2021. Family Tournament pricing will increase November 28, 2021.

GIVING TUESDAY IS 11.30.21



BE PREPARED

#SCOUTON | #GIVINGTUESDAY



ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE

- [Support Scouting with PayPal Giving Fund](#)
- [Support Scouting with AmazonSmile this Holiday](#)
- [Order Your Arizona BSA License Plate](#)
- [Shop the Grand Canyon Council Online Trading Post](#)



The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit

Arizona Charitable Tax Credit allows you to donate to a qualifying charitable organization such as Grand Canyon Council, BSA Outreach, LLC. to receive dollar for dollar tax credit on your state tax and claim it on your federal tax.

LEARN MORE



Congratulations to the Packs in the Grand Canyon Council for a fantastic Fall Recruitment. We have recruited more new youth to Scouting than almost every other council in the country (8th out of 251 councils). But we are not done yet! There are still many more families that can grow and develop with the values and adventures of Scouting. Not everyone knows that they personally are invited to be a part of our amazing program. Let's provide new opportunity for new families to join and be welcomed this fall!

Working with your district executive, the Grand Canyon Council is happy to continue providing paper flyers and stickers, digital flyers, social media advertising, recommended join night activities, help with locations for your join nights, and so much more. Reach out today so we can help you continue to grow your Scouting program and creating adventures for youth.

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- [New Specialty Trainings](#)
- [Policy on Unauthorized Changes to Advancement](#)
- [September 2021 Update to The Guide to Safe Scouting](#)

Promoting Your Event

The latest in 2021 customizable recruitment materials. It's time to escape the indoors and help families discover Scouting! Here are resources to promote your event and engage interested families. [Read More >>](#)

BeAScout Map Pins

Updating your BeAScout.org Map "pin" is simple, and it's a good way to make sure your information is current. From there, families can type in their ZIP code, select the program that interests them. [Read More >>](#)

Social Media Guide

Learn the most effective ways to promote your unit through social media and how to request council provided digital marketing. An average of 16.6% increased in recruitment for units that geofenced. [Read More >>](#)

FALL UNIFORM OFFER



SCOUT ME IN

READYSETSCOUT

Retail customers will save 25% on Uniform Bottoms with Purchase of a Uniform Top



New Escape the Valley and end 2021 with a Winter Blast at R-C!

December 27, 2021 and January 1, 2022



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We are looking to have 50 participants by November 19, 2021. View Registration for more advancement details.

WINTER BLAST

BSA Rank and Award Restricted Scout Shop Items

BSA Rank and Award restricted items cannot be purchased from any Scout Shop without an Advancement Report from either Scoutbook or Internet Advancement.

For information on how to print an advancement report see the following links:

- [Tracking ScoutsBSA Advancement in Scoutbook](#)
- [Tracking Cub Scout Advancement in Scoutbook](#)
- [Internet Advancement](#)



Earn Your First Rank Badge and Get a Free Shirt -- Over 200 Scouts have already signed-up!

Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA members who earn their first rank (Bobcat or Scout) in the months of September and October will be recognized with a limited edition State Forty Eight Grand Canyon Council Centennial T-shirt provided by a generous donor!

A special thank you to Dave Alexander for providing new opportunities for Scouts and Scouting. More than 200 Scouts have already signed up to order their shirt!

Order forms must be completed by November 4, 2021 to be accepted and shirts ordered. Help us ensure every Scout is recognized and celebrated! Scout leaders, if you notice an error on our report, or a Scout was omitted, please let us know so we can correct this and honor that Scout and their achievement.

LEARN MORE

After November 7, 2021 we will connect with unit leaders to let them know who has ordered a shirt, and what size they have. At that time, we will confirm your units preferred option for pick up.

MERIT BADGE WORKSHOPS

Virtual Merit Badge Workshops

- [Emergency Preparedness Online \(11/2\)](#)
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Visit each registration for prerequisites, fees, and additional information.

Open Shoot at the Heard

Shooting Sports workshops occur monthly at the Heard Scout Pueblo. Got questions? Contact, [Gary Jordan](#).

December Open Shoot for Rifle and BB Gun is Saturday, December 17, 2021. For the rifle merit badge we recommend the Troop come to the Pueblo Friday evening to the range for the book portion. Then on Saturday they shoot for the qualification part. *Is the work for your rifle merit badge complete? Then you can shoot for NRA awards and earn additional patches!*

Work on your Archery Merit Badge this January 2022 at the Heard Scout Pueblo January, 22, 2022. Note that this program only covers the Shooting qualifications for the Archery Merit Badge. If a full merit badge program is desired contact Council to find a Merit Badge Counselors to work with individual units on a merit badge program.

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Merit Badge Process for Scouts Parents and Unit Leaders

It all begins with a Scout's initial interest and effort in a merit badge subject, followed by a discussion with the unit leader or designated assistant, continues through meetings with a counselor, and culminates in advancement and recognition. Review the [Recommended Merit Badge Process](#).

New Advancement Class for Troop Leaders and Parents

November 6, 2021



"Advancement for Troop Leaders and Parents" is a virtual class for adults. The purpose of this class is to cover BSA and Grand Canyon Council policies and procedures for advancement in the Scouts BSA program.

It is an ideal class for unit leaders and those who are responsible for administering advancement for a troop. This class goes beyond what is taught in the BSA Online training. This is a virtual class, registrants will be sent a Zoom link to participate remotely November 6, 2021 from 9:00am - 11:30am.

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2021 Popcorn Sales Timeline



November 2, 2021 UPDATED

Take-Order Submission Deadline

November 18-19, 2021

Take-Order Orders delivered and distributed.

December 10, 2021

Fundraiser is closed. Deadline to settle all balances and submit prize orders.

[LEARN MORE](#)

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(Family Tournament pricing will increase November 28, 2021) **ALL entries receive a free T-Shirt and 50% of the proceeds will benefit your individual units!**

[REGISTER YOUR TEAM TODAY!](#)



New Popcorn Take-Order Update

Take Order deadline will be moving to Nov. 2nd. In order to ensure that we get you the product you need for take orders in time, we will be moving the order date two days sooner.

Please plan accordingly to make sure you get your orders in on time as the Council will not be placing any other orders after the take order is due. You can submit your order needs well ahead of the due date to help in your planning process.

Reminder: ALL units are to submit a Take Order. This is where you'll order the Chocolate Pretzels AND record the American Hero donations your Scouts sold in the App.

Please remember to SUBMIT your order when you are done so we can approve them.

New Sign Up For A Popcorn Sale Wrap-Up Webinar!



Are you looking for more information on how to wrap up your unit's sales? Attend our Popcorn Sale Wrap-Up Webinar for information on placing your unit's final popcorn order, submitting rewards, reconciling inventory, and more!

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NESA REGISTRATION

2021 Ten Commandment Hike

November 26, 2021

The 26TH Annual Ten Commandment Hike will be held Friday, November 26, 2021 in the Mesa/Chandler area. Participants will visit various houses of worship and learn about a Commandment and the faith tradition of each house of worship. This event has become a well-respected tradition in our Council and offers Scouts the opportunity to demonstrate a duty to God and respect for others.

The hike begins about 9:00 am and will conclude about 4:00 pm. Scouts, families and friends are welcome to join us. The route will be approximately five miles in length and the stops and presentations will be along that route. The cost is \$5 and includes a hike patch, water, soda and dessert. Families should bring their own lunches. *A flyer with more details and an image of this year's Hike patch, will be coming soon!*

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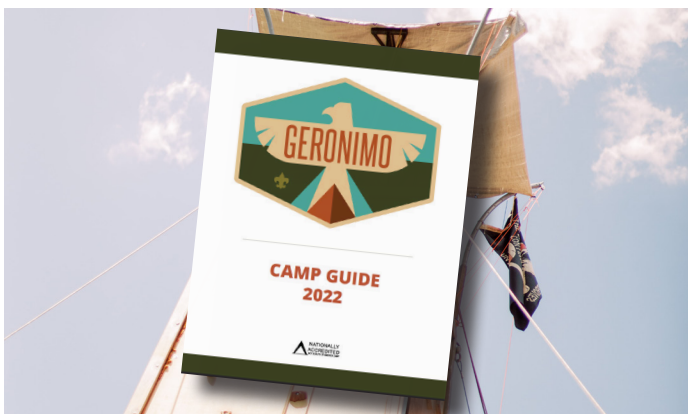
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EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT OF THE YEAR

Join The Religious Activities Committee!

The quarterly meeting for the Religious Activities Committee will be Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm. The location will be announced. If you are working on your Wood Badge ticket or just want to learn more about the Hike and our Committee, please come for a visit! We are a committee comprised of Scout leaders and parents of various faith traditions who are dedicated to offering faith-based opportunities for our Scouts and families. We could use your ideas, input and help in carrying out our events. Projects include the annual Ten Commandment Hike and Chaplain Aide Training. Questions? Please contact Kathy at kpolo55@gmail.com or call 480-244-6806.

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2022 CAMP GUIDE

New Council-wide Day of Service

November 13, 2021

Mark your calendars! The Grand Canyon Council Civic Service Committee are coordinating a Council-wide Day of Service to benefit our communities. November 13, 2021 has been chosen as our day of action! We ask that every participating unit register, so that we can share information with the unit civic service leader and point of contact! For additional details on or questions regarding our Day of Service, please contact doyourbestLD@gmail.com.

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ELVES' WORKSHOP & REINDEER GAMES

Call for Volunteers "Holiday at the Heard"

Be a part of history at "Holiday at the Heard." Our final Centennial Event of the year on Saturday, December 11, 2021. "Holiday at the Heard" is a community event open to the public. This is a great opportunity to showcase Scouting! Are you interested in volunteering? Contact us at GCC.Program@Scouting.org.

- Set-up and Clean-up Crews
- Parking
- Trail Guides
- Scouting Museum
- Trading Post
- Exhibits and Demonstrations



BB/Archery Open Shoot

Cub Scouts are scheduled for the afternoon sessions Saturdays at Heard Scout Pueblo. [BB open shoot](#) is Dec-11 and [Archery open shoot](#) will be held December 18, 2021.



New fillable "Join Cub Scouting" Stickers

Date, Time and Location Stickers — Utilize many possible methods to promote your event! Customize the stickers to your join night. [Learn More](#)



#CubChatLive

What is New in Cub Scouting? Find out by tuning in every Friday at 2 p.m. Central to Cub Chat Live, a Facebook Live event. They are recorded and posted on the [Scouting Magazine](#) Facebook Page.

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NOVEMBER 6, 2021

- Ages 10 and under – 11:00am
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- Ages 15 and under – 11:00am
- Ages 18 and under – 4:00pm

DECEMBER 4, 2021

- Family Tournament
all ages – 11:00am
- 2021 eScouts Rocket League



eScouts Rocket League Tournament

The current rate of \$25 per player will increase to \$40 beginning November 1, 2021 at 12:01am. Registration is cut off at 12:00 noon on Thursday, November 4th. No late entries are allowed. [Family Tournament pricing will increase November 28, 2021.]

ALL entries receive a free T-Shirt and 50% of the proceeds will benefit your individual units!



SAFETY CORNER

Prohibited Activities:

As Leaders one of our number one tasks is keeping our Scouts and Scouters safe. When doing any activity you should consider 3 things:

1. Is the activity in a handbook or other current literature of the Boy Scouts of America? If not, does the activity support the values of the BSA? If the activity helps to create good conduct, respect for others, and honesty, then it is most likely good to go.
2. Is the activity age appropriate? If you are not sure, A list of [age-appropriate guidelines](#) is in the appendix of the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).
3. Finally, is the activity prohibited or unauthorized? Activities are prohibited if they have led to injuries, personal or other property damage and if the event is not deemed "to be a scouting type event"; to learn more please click [this link](#).

New "Brand Messaging Training" with Marketing Partner LAVIDGE

November 18, 2021

Last month we offered training to Scouters on best methods for social media and public relations (both which are available 'on demand'), and now we are pleased to announce "Brand Messaging Training."

Our marketing project started with research conducted by Arizona State University on how Scouting is perceived by today's parents. This information has been used to create updated brand messaging that will inform our marketing work going forward; all with a goal of growing Scouting in Arizona. The training will take place Thursday, November 18, at 5:00pm and will be recorded for viewing afterward. This training will provide background, talking points, and best methods to help you share our message to coworkers, neighbors, and anyone else who asks about Scouting. Share this invitation with other leaders or parents who might have interest and we look forward to seeing you!

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

TRAINING & LEADERSHIP

New Advancement for Troop Leaders and Parents

November 6, 2021



"Advancement for Troop Leaders and Parents" is a virtual class for adults. The purpose of this class is to cover BSA and Grand Canyon Council policies and procedures for advancement in the Scouts BSA program.

It is an ideal class for unit leaders and those who are responsible for administering advancement for a troop. This class goes beyond what is taught in the BSA Online training. This is a virtual class, registrants will be sent a Zoom link to participate remotely November 6, 2021 from 9:00am - 11:30am.

Some of the subjects we will cover:

- Advancement under Covid pandemic conditions
- Rank Advancement Strategies
- Unit advancement activities
- Troop Boards of Review
- Extensions to earn Eagle
- Scoutbook advancement recording
- Resources available to troops

[REGISTER NOW](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- [September 2021 Update to The Guide to Safe Scouting](#)
- [Recording Youth Training](#)
- [New Social Media Specialty Training](#)
- [New Public Relations Specialty Training](#)
- [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Volunteer Training](#)

The Wainwright Shooting Competition and Camporee at Camp Raymond



During the first weekend of October, Ponderosa District held the Wainwright Shooting Competition and Camporee at Camp Raymond. Troop 329 and 3329 represented the Central district along with our friends from 644, 747, and 787. The competition included: .22 rifle shooting, shotgun shooting, archery, and a new addition-axe throwing! We also enjoyed other activities like the bear bag toss, bean bag slingshot and paper airplane competitions, just to spice things up. Speaking of spice, our troops used a cast-iron dutch oven to make beef stew and nachos to compete for the 'Golden Fork'. The event wrapped up with awards and the trebuchet exhibition, where our troops scored the highest for workmanship and design, and Troop 329 placed first in the Wainwright Competition for Shotgun.

Our troops really enjoyed this event and are excited to participate again next year!

COMING UP FOR YOUR UNIT:

- November 4, 2021 Round Table
- Veterans Day Flag Retirement Ceremony: North Mountain Park-Havasupai
- November 20, 2021 Cub Braves Pow Wow
- November 26, 2021 Ten Commandments Hike

Welcome to the Team Ty Simonian

Ty Simonian, Central District Executive. Welcome to the team! Ty Simonian is a NAU man, Eagle Scout, and life time Scouter. He is very excited to be working with the Central District. Ty has also worked in sales in California at the Mission Viejo Scout Shop. Being a sales associate for the Boy Scouts, he was in charge of helping customers, and finding employees to cover when needed. He thought it was a great work atmosphere, but is glad to be here in Phoenix, Arizona with us.

District Recognition Celebration

Save the date for Central District's Awards Recognition event, February 5, 2022! Nominate those who deserve to be recognized for their contribution to the Scouting Program. Nomination ends December 17, 2021. View nomination descriptions and submission from at: [Central District Awards \(2021\)](#)

Nomination dates:

- Open – October 1, 2021
- Closes – December 17, 2021
- Dinner – February 5, 2022

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NOVEMBER 20, 2021

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Central's Newest Eagles

Congratulations to Central District's newest Eagle Scouts! Their service projects performed a combined 585 hours of community service: Aidan H from Troop 148, Alex C from Troop 644, Bryce M from Troop 446, Carey H from Troop 446, Ian H from Troop 148, Miguel A from Troop 446, and Scott M from Troop 446. Thanks to the many volunteers who made the virtual BOR event a success!

New Sign Up For A Popcorn Sale Wrap-Up Webinar!



Are you looking for more information on how to wrap up your unit's sales? Attend our Popcorn Sale Wrap-Up Webinar for information on placing your unit's final popcorn order, submitting rewards, reconciling inventory, and more!

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Gila River District Chair

Fall is here and there is an energy in the change of seasons, a sense of Adventure - Gila River District Scouting is no exception! We are all about adventure, having hosted an awesome camporee. Upcoming events include:

- Annual District Recognition Event
- Baloo/IOLS Training
- Pinewood Derby/Cub Scout Adventure Day
- Merit Badge Day

Great also to hear about all our units participating in the outdoors (our district is in prime outdoor months!) as much as possible in a S.A.F.E. manner! Make sure to bring what is working to the next Roundtable as we close the year strong!

Yours in Scouting,
Kent Thomas / Gila River District Chair



Gila River's Newest Eagles

Congratulations to the Gila River District's newest Eagle Scouts: Devyn S. from Troop 77 in Phoenix, Jack L. from Troop 172 in Tempe, Brandon M. from Troop 283 in Chandler, and Ryan V. from Troop 948 in Casa Grande. That makes 51 new Eagle Scouts for the Gila River District in 2021. Welcome to the brotherhood.

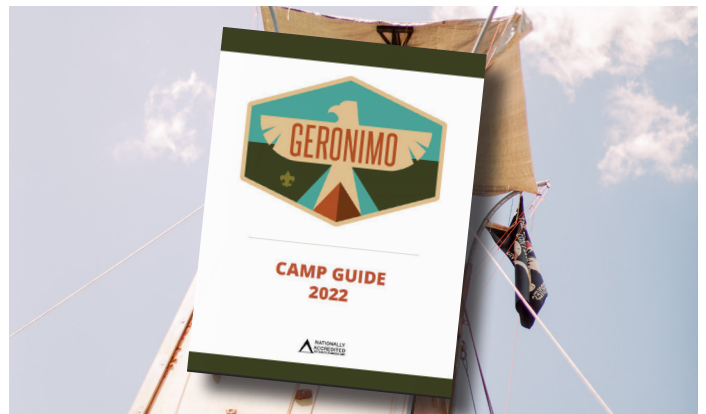
Looking to be featured?

Are your scouts doing anything fun, interesting, or news worthy? Would you like to be featured in the Gila River section of the newsletter? Contact babystew@gmail.com with pictures and your story and you may see your scout here!

Back to Scouting



Many Packs and Troops are back to scouting in person this school year, finding ways to meet safely. Pack 8051 Wolves Den first meeting was learning all about germs! They learned how to avoid the spread of germs and wash their hands properly.



New Camp Geronimo Open for Summer Camp 2022

Whether you're a parent excited for your youth for a fun week, or a unit leader planning on bringing the whole Troop, we are looking forward to a great summer of excitement at Camp Geronimo 2022! We are hosting an hour long Zoom informational webinar to preview our 2022 summer camp program, as well as answer the questions you need to know! Join us on November 3, 2021 at 6:00PM! There is no cost and registration is not required; registering helps us to send reminders and follow up information.

[SUMMER CAMP 2022 WEBINAR](#)





Lost Dutchman's Newest Eagles

Congratulations to the September 2021 Eagles Scouts! That makes 68 new Eagle Scouts for the Lost Dutchman District in 2021. Welcome to the brotherhood. Congratulations to the Lost Dutchman District's newest Eagle Scouts:

Harry W. from Troop 125, BOR 09/09/21, Project: Great Yote Lodge, Sawyer D. from Troop 125, BOR 09/09/21, Project: First Baptist Church A/V Shelving, Matthew Guerrero from Troop 88, BOR 09/09/21, Project: Aimee's Farm Habilitation, Craig Byrd from Troop 10, BOR 09/21/21, Project: Tug of War Toys for Paws 4 Claws Animal Shelter, Dennis Keith from Troop 301, BOR 09/22/21, Project: Picture Frame and Plant Box, Dominic Botlachiari from Troop 10, BOR 09/24/21, Project: Elks Youth Camp Project, and Carson Howland from Troop 322, BOR 09/27/21, Project: Pet Waste Bag Dispensers.

Troop 301 Hosts Mafeking Campout



Troop 301 headed out to Timber Camp for our annual Mafeking Campout! The scouts participated in pioneering, a Dutch oven competition and Night Games! Everyone had a blast!

Troop 5101 Hosts a "Get Out – Get Fit" Health Fair Booth

Recently the Cobre Valley Regional Medical Center, the hospital for the Globe-Miami area, held a "Get Out - Get Fit" Health Fair. Troop 5101, sponsored by the Globe-Miami Elks Lodge, was invited to have a booth at the event. The Troop set up different styles of tents and backpacks as well as a "show and tell" display of backpacking equipment. But the highlight was the Troop's Traverse Wall. The Wall is a hexagon that features rock climbing but rather than climbing up, the climber goes sideways for a closer-to-the-ground and safer experience. Many youth and adults took on the challenge of climbing on the wall including one of the doctors at the Hospital who came out specifically to try his hand at rock climbing.



BSA Climbing Instructor Training



We're researching how much interest there is in our Council to have a BSA Climbing Instructor Certification class. If you are interested, please respond directly to michael@sokiveta.com with your name and email address.



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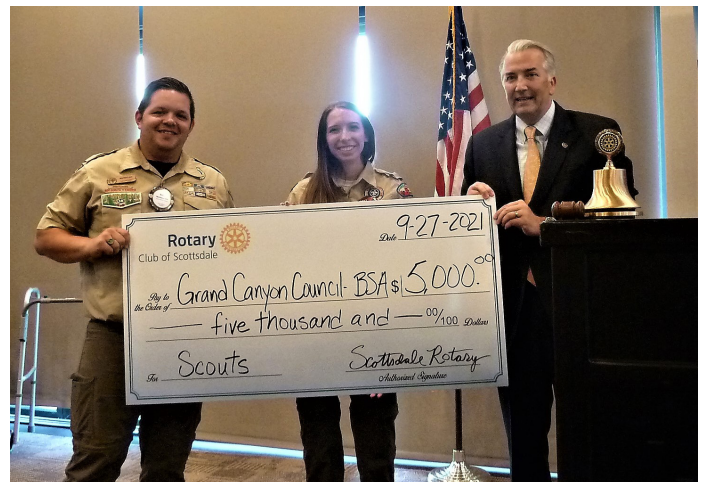
On Monday, October 4th, the Scottsdale Rotary presented a check for \$5,000 to Scouting Professionals, Matthew Hill and Kerry Schofield, to further the impact of the Scouting program. This donation will be matched dollar-for-dollar in accordance of the September Friends of Scouting matching opportunity to positively impact the community. A very big thank you to Scottsdale Rotary again for believing in Scouting!



Cub Adventure Day R-BOO-C!

During the first weekend of October, the Pinnacle Peak District was happy to present the inaugural year of the Cub Adventure Day, R-BOO-C! Families from across all districts came out and enjoyed a weekend filled with frightful fun! Candy, crafts and spooktacular experiences were had by over 200 attendees.

A special thank you to all the Troops and volunteers who came together to make this event run smoothly, to the families that came to enjoy the beautiful weather and all the Halloween-themed festivities and to the queen of Halloween herself, Lynda Hale for facilitating the success of the event.



2021 Ponderosa District Suddenlink Wainwright Shoot with Camporee Competition

Shooting, Throwing, and Slingshot has been a part of scouting since its beginning. It continues to be one of most popular parts of scouting, so we put together a camporee weekend like no other. An entire weekend devoted to nothing but projectiles flying through the air towards a destination led by the skill and marksmanship of a scout. Thank you FlagTag-AZ and Suddenlink by Altice!



Ponderosa's Newest Eagles

Congratulations to the Ponderosa District's newest Eagle Scout:
Joshua Allen Nicole, Troop 7031



Sonoran Sunset's Newest Eagles

Congratulations to the Sonoran Sunset's District's newest Eagle Scouts:

- Aaron Williams – Troop 365 - Riparian Meadows Conservation Project - Arizona Elk Society - Built a fence to protect an area of forest, preventing ATVs from damaging channel runoffs.
- Wyatt Rosevear – Troop 365 - Repair garden at Surprise Elementary School in the Dysart Unified School District: weed, add topsoil, post signs, repair bricks. The garden helps the school teach young children about environmental science.
- Benjamin Forsythe – Troop 546 - Remodel the Victims Assistance office in the City of Peoria Police Department. Painted, furnished and set up kid's area.
- Brandon Neugebauer – Troop 526 – Built a sports shelf system in cargo container, painted outside and added a mascot decal at Trivium Prep. In Goodyear.
- Alexander Gmyrek – Troop 365 - Replaced signage on the Discovery Center Trail at Lake Pleasant. Removed 20 signs & installed 14, 2 new tortoise enclosure signs & 5 new interpretive trail signs.
- Benjamin Gmyrek – Troop 365 - Restored and widened an interpretive trail & added two interpretive trail signs at the Discovery center at Lake Pleasant/Maricopa County Parks and Recreation.

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