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Join us on June 30, 2022 at 7:00pm via ZOOM for the Grand Canyon Council BSA Family Den Kickoff for pack volunteers. The pilot program is open to all interested packs and the pilot begins with the new Scouting program year in August.

## DISTRICTS

CENTRAL

GILA RIVER

LOST DUTCHMAN

PINNACLE PEAK

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# 2023 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE  
JULY 19-28, 2023

**SIGN UP TODAY!**



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## MESSAGE FROM SCOUT EXECUTIVE



Howdy! As I write this month's column, we are enjoying our first week of Scouts BSA Summer Camp at Geronimo and our staff at R-C is preparing for a summer of Cub Scout outdoor adventure. A great time of year to be a Scout! This summer we will host several thousands of Scouts from throughout Grand Canyon Council and many more from other councils across the United States.

We are in the middle of recharter – the time of year when all units, leaders, and youth renew their membership with Boy Scouts of America. This year an all-new online system is available for units to use. If your unit hasn't already begun the recharter process, be sure to get right on it so there is no disruption to your unit's registration status. More details can be found at [grandcanyonbsa.org/recharter](http://grandcanyonbsa.org/recharter).

Have you heard about the GCC HUB? The HUB is our new system for communicating and providing information for leaders, parents, and Scouts. We are working to move all content for these stakeholder groups away from [www.grandcanyonbsa.org](http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org) and to the HUB so everything is in one place. Our council website will be repurposed as an outward-looking tool for reconnecting with alumni, for parents of prospective Scouts, and for fund raising purposes. Be sure to sign up for a HUB account right way if you haven't! View the HUB online at [gcc-hub.org](http://gcc-hub.org).

Inviting new youth and families to join Scouting is the most important thing we can do as Scouters and delivering amazing program keeps families in Scouting. As we begin to look toward the new school year – and to the new Scouting year – it's time to begin thinking about [recruiting new Scouts](#) and planning for your unit's 'ideal year of Scouting'. The best packs across America do two things really well: they have a fun and exciting program that is refreshed annually and they proactively work to recruit new youth. Please reach out to your Commissioner or District Executive if you need help with these important projects.

*Andy*





# Grand Canyon Council BSA National Scout Jamboree 2023



# July 15-28, 2023



# 2023 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

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# Discover Your Path at Philmont 2022

**July  
10-16,  
2022**

**All GCC  
Scout Families  
& Volunteers:**

Come to Philmont Scout Ranch this Summer and be part of our Next Adventure!

All unit and district Scouters and families are invited to enjoy fun and fellowship in the beautiful surroundings of Philmont Scout Ranch with all levels of our Council volunteers and staff.

**DURING THIS WEEK:**

- Mon-Sat: Philmont is conducting a variety of training courses that are open to all Scouters (7 different courses will be offered this week!)
- Wed-Fri: GCC Board Retreat
- Mon-Wed: Staff Fundraising Conference

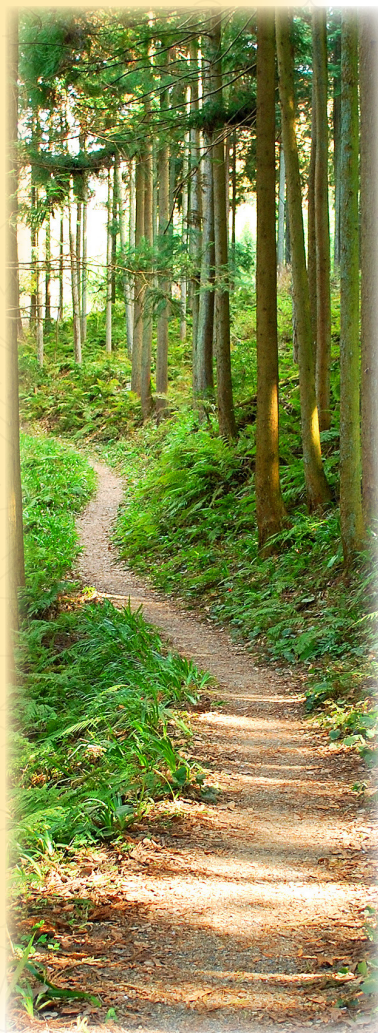
**IN ADDITION:**

- Fellowship! Enjoy a daily reception prior to dinner to mingle, share, learn and get to know fellow GCC Scouters, board members, and staff
- Recognition! Each GCC Scouter who attends Philmont July 10-16 will receive a specially designed GCC Philmont 2022 Necker to wear proudly
- Wednesday afternoon is your free time to explore and discover the magic of Philmont!

**Come One ...  
Come All...**

**but, Don't Miss Out**

**Discover Your Path  
with Us!**



All Scouters please register through Philmont Scout Ranch:

<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/ptc-conferences/>





# THE NEW WOOD BADGE

## ADVANCED LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT R-C SCOUT RANCH

This Course Requires Attendance for Two Weekends:  
September 9-11 (Friday-Sunday) & October 8-9 (Saturday-Sunday)

Wood Badge Participants Learn:

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

**REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT**

[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/010-2022WOODBADGE](https://scoutingevent.com/010-2022WOODBADGE)



**WOOD BADGE**

COURSE DIRECTOR: CHANDRA CLARK, [LAKEVIEWLNT@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LAKEVIEWLNT@GMAIL.COM)







## Family Den Kickoff For Pack Volunteers

Virtual Training June 30, 2022 ZOOM

The Grand Canyon Council has been selected by the Boy Scouts of America for inclusion in the Family Den Pilot Program which will allow participating packs to deliver Cub Scouting through mixed-gender dens.

The pilot program is open to all interested packs and the pilot begins with the new Scouting program year in August. Join us on June 30, 2022, at 7pm via ZOOM for the Family Den Kickoff for Cub Scout Pack Volunteers.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## IDEAL YEAR OF SCOUTING

In case you missed it! Grand Canyon Council's Ideal Year of Scouting Webinar video with Senior District Executive, Patrick Gamble is available now! This webinar is a demonstration of new council tools that will help you plan your Ideal Year of Scouting – PLAN, FUND, GROW!

[VIEW WEBINAR](#)

## “Growing Your Pack” Video Series

Hey Scouters we would like to welcome and introduce you to our Fall Recruitment Highlight Video series. Over the next several weeks we look forward to sharing with you the Tips, Tricks, and Hacks to Grow Your Pack. These will be shared through a series of short highlight videos which will soon be accompanied by a few slightly longer Mini-Workshop videos where we give you the chance to see some elements of the GCC plan in action. As you join with us we are confident that we can grow Scouting and specifically your pack together.

[VIEW VIDEO](#)

## DISCOVER MORE

- [Back to Pack Webinar](#)
- [Regroup the Troop Webinar](#)
- [New 2022 Philmont Training Center Conferences](#)
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## 2021 Council Honorees Individual Contributions

Throughout 2022 Grand Canyon Connection will feature each of our distinguished award recipients and their individual contributions.

Anuj Bhatnager currently serves in the Central District as the Pack 6 Committee Chair, Nova Award Counselor and Supernova Awards Mentor. As Committee Chair for Pack 6, Anuj has helped guide and recruit dozens of volunteers, and under his guidance, over 100 youth have earned their Arrow of Light. In an effort to always improve the program Anuj regularly takes on different volunteer tasks that go above and beyond the scope of Committee Chair. Nobody needs to ask Anuj to do more, he simply does it to better Pack 6. With his help the pack was able to provide a quality program where the vast majority of kids earned their rank even in the midst of a global pandemic.

Attitude is everything! ... In 2020 Anuj attended Wood Badge and completed his ticket given the limitations of Covid restrictions. During that time, he finished his PhD, volunteered in other religious, educational, and athletic organizations, while raising 3 wonderful kids. Even when the task at hand is frustrating or difficult Anuj works to follow the 12 points of the Scout Law, specifically by being cheerful which helps better everyone around him. Pack 6, Central District, Grand Canyon Council, and our community at large is a better place because of Anuj. His character exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in every way.

A closer look ... Anuj has previously served as a Den Leader and Tiger Leader in the Pack while earning the Adult Religious Emblem. He believes Scouting happens from the ground up, locally first, creating a strong base for council to build upon, working to recruit and promote the training of volunteers and parents. Jumping to help any leaders

that need guidance, Anuj visits other den meetings to make sure they are functioning properly and is always happy to welcome anyone into Scouting. With his guidance, his daughter was one of the first girl Arrow of Light Scouts in the nation and his son has regularly earned every adventure loop for his year.

Anuj has previously served as President of the “Dad’s Club”, a service oriented group at Archway Veritas School, a religious educator in his community, a volunteer in youth sports programs, and conducts research work at Phoenix Children’s Hospital.

Thank you Anuj for your ambition, dedication, commitment, and focus on growing Scouting in Pack 6 as an important priority for your family and the Program in Grand Canyon Council. You are an example of true Scout Spirit – in wonderful ways that help make every Scout and Scouter a better person in service to youth and Scout families! Congratulations Anuj!



## 2022 COUNCIL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM



## Save the Date! Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live at Gila River Arena!

Special Pricing Includes a FREE PATCH

Gila River Arena on Saturday, August 6, 2022, at 12:30pm and 7pm and Sunday, August 7, 2022, at 2:30pm

Bring the whole family! For the first time ever, Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live will visit the Gila River Arena from August 6-7 for 3 epic performances. Fans of all ages will enjoy an exciting lineup of monster trucks as they experience the thrill of watching the iconic Hot Wheels Monster Truck toys come to life in full-size, kid-focused, immersive Hot Wheels experience.

Purchase a Crash Zone Pre-Show Party Pass for an exciting 2.5-hour pre-show experience! The unique experience provides fans access to the competition floor to see the outrageous designs and epic size of the Hot Wheels Monster Trucks. Each pass includes an autograph card plus a souvenir pass and lanyard exclusive to Crash Zone attendees. \* While supplies last. *Informational flyer with purchasing information available on the website.*

[GET TICKETS](#)

## The 2021 tax season may be over but it's never too early to plan for 2022!

What is the difference between a tax credit and a tax deduction? A tax credit is more beneficial to you on your taxes than a deduction. A tax credit reduces the amount you owe dollar-for-dollar. A tax deduction reduces the amount of income on which you are taxed and affects how much taxes you owe to the state but is not a dollar-for-dollar reduction.

Through the Arizona tax credit program which benefits organizations assisting low-income children, individuals and families, donors to the Grand Canyon Council can claim a personal tax credit for the amount of their contributions (up to \$400 for individuals and up to \$800 for couples filing jointly). Again, this reduces the amount you owe dollar for dollar! The Arizona tax credit is taken when you file your Arizona personal tax return, resulting in either less taxes owed or a larger refund. As an example, if you expect to pay \$500 on your 2022 Arizona income tax and you make a \$400 tax credit donation to GCC, next spring you will only have to pay \$100! By doing this, you are helping young people who live in challenging circumstances learn time-tested, proven skills and values that have been changing lives for over 100 years.

As always, you are encouraged to speak with a tax advisor as to what type of donation will be best for your financial circumstances.

You can make your tax credit donation anytime throughout the year up through April 15, 2023. To make a donation, please click the link below or contact Nikki White, Development Officer, at (602) 955-7747 x 218 or [nikki.white@scouting.org](mailto:nikki.white@scouting.org).

## 2022 Arizona Tax Credit Donations

[LEARN MORE](#)

# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF SCOUTING ON #SCOUTGIVINGDAY!





### POPCORN KICKOFF RECORDING

In case you missed it [the 2022 popcorn kickoff recording](#) is up now! The popcorn sales campaign is not just about selling; it is also about promoting Scouting!

Scouts can earn money for camp and activities throughout the year, and they learn valuable skills like teamwork, goal setting, time management and salesmanship. Scouts gain confidence and there is NO upfront cost to your Unit to participate. Units who take part in the Take Order and Online Direct popcorn sales will have a zero-risk fundraiser.

Popcorn season is beginning, get prepared with Council Kernel, Sondra Wendt, and fund your ideal year of Scouting!

[VIEW NOW](#)



### TOP 4 REASONS TO SELL

- A Scout can earn their own way to camp with a proven fundraiser that works, all while keeping money in their parents' pockets!
- Take Order and Online Direct sales are a no-risk fundraising opportunity available for all Scouts.
- Not only will Scouts learn how to make a sales pitch and the value of hard work, but they can use aspects of the fundraiser to advance and earn rank and portions of several merit badges!
- A portion of this fundraiser supports Grand Canyon Council, which is used to improve properties and programs, supplement camp fees to keep them low, and provide financial assistance for Scouts in need!

[LEARN MORE](#)

### 2022 POPCORN SALE KEY DATES

- July 11: Storefront selection begins
- Aug. 26: Show & Sell Orders DUE
- Aug. 27 - Sept. 15: Council Kickoff -Youth

### HELPFUL LINKS

- [2022 Sale Timeline and Key Dates](#)
- [Getting Ready for 2022](#)
- [2022 Popcorn Sales Incentives](#)
- [Unit Orders and Returns](#)
- [Key Popcorn Contacts](#)

## Starting July 1 – Eagle Candidates Will Need Citizenship in Society Merit Badge

A reminder that starting July 1, 2022, those Life Scouts who do not have all requirements (except the Eagle Board of Review) signed off will need to also include the Citizenship in Society merit badge on their Eagle Application.

Eagle Scout candidates will continue to use the current rank requirements until June 30, 2022 and will not be required to complete the new Citizenship in Society Merit Badge as long as they complete all of the current Eagle Rank requirements before July 1, 2022. They do not have to submit their final Eagle Scout application nor complete their Eagle Scout Board of Review prior to July 1, 2022, but must complete all current Eagle Scout requirements before then.

So, starting July 1, 2022, Eagle Scout candidates will be required to complete all Eagle Scout requirements including the new Citizenship in Society merit badge. There will be a new Eagle Application issued in June that will have this merit badge on it. All Scouts who have not finished their Eagle requirements prior to July 1, 2022 must use this new application. Requirements for this badge are here:

<http://scouting.org/advancement>

Scoutmasters and other troop leaders are not authorized to sign off this new badge unless they are registered as a merit badge counselor and approved to counsel this badge. To be approved as a merit badge counselor for this badge, first make sure you are registered as a merit badge counselor. To find out how to register as a merit badge counselor, go to this page:

<https://gcc-hub.org/posts/102259/advancement>

The only other requirements to be a merit badge counselor for this badge are to take the BSA DEI training:

[https://training.scouting.org/courses/SCO\\_1800](https://training.scouting.org/courses/SCO_1800)

And to agree to follow the guidance for merit badge counselors which are [here](#).

[VIEW POST](#)



## Scouts Can Earn BSA's Highest Honor for Conservation and Environmental Service

The BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Award encourages exemplary environmental stewardship and service. From the Boy Scouts of America's inception, Scouts have been taught the importance of conservation. In fact, Gifford Pinchot, director of the U.S. Forest Service and the BSA's first chief Scout forester, suggested conservation be added to the Scout Law. It didn't end up as part of the 12 points of the BSA's Scout Law, but the organization has since put forth many opportunities and programs to instill this value, including the BSA Distinguished Conservation Service Awards program.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Cub Scout Handbook Transition

Minor updates to all Cub Scout Handbooks to remove the 19 Elective Adventure Loops. No major changes are being made to the handbooks. This is a rolling change only.

## DISCOVER MORE

- [New Advancement for Troop Leaders and Parents](#)
- [Does picking up trash constitute conservation?](#)
- [2022 NYLT Registration Is Open](#)
- [Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselors](#)
- [View Adventures Loops to be Retired](#)
- [Scoutbook for Merit Badge Counselors](#)
- [Eagle Required Badges in the Star and Life Ranks](#)



## Open Shoot at Heard Scout Pueblo

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

- [July Open Shoot for Rifle / BB 07-16-2022](#)
- [July Archery Open Shoot 07-23-2022](#)
- [August Open Shoot Rifle / BB 08-20-2022](#)

## Virtual Merit Badge Workshops

Visit each registration for prerequisites, fees, and additional information. Take the time to read each of the requirements and understand what we will be covering.

- [Personal Management begins 07-05-2022](#)
- [Citizenship in the World begins 08-04-2022](#)
- [Citizenship in the Nation begins 08-16-2022](#)

## Time Extensions for Life Scouts Working on Eagle Rank

Topic 9.0.4.0 of the [Guide to Advancement](#) details the conditions under which a Life Scout may apply for an extension of time to earn the rank of Eagle Scout.

These extensions are granted only when necessary, and only for work on the Eagle Scout rank. The Scout must meet three tests, which generally include an unforeseen circumstance or life-changing event with severe consequences that was completely beyond the control of the Scout. For more information, see the following resources:

- [Advancement Resources](#)
- [11.2.0.0 Request for Extension of Time \(form\) Application](#)

## Completing Summer Camp Merit Badges

The rule: After summer camp, some Scouts come back with partial merit badges that need to be completed. Scouts will need to work with counselors who are properly registered and approved for that badge. Troop leaders cannot sign the Scouts off on the badge if they are not also registered as a merit badge counselor and approved to counsel the badge.

Some help: Troop leaders have access to a list of registered and approved merit badge counselors in Scoutbook on the troop page (note: the troop does not have to regularly use Scoutbook to have access to that list.) If an adult in the troop would like to be registered to counsel a certain badge, they should [follow the instructions on this page](#).

## Merit Badge Counselors for Citizenship in Society

The Merit Badge Process for Scouts, Parents, and Unit Leaders! Scouts should contact their Scoutmaster for merit badge counselor recommendations. The Scoutmaster can refer to Scoutbook for counselors or reach out directly to our Council Advancement Chairman, Bill Nelson, [Bill.Nelson@scouting.org](mailto:Bill.Nelson@scouting.org).

## Updating Merit Badge Records for Scouts Attending Camp Geronimo

The Grand Canyon council is uploading the merit badge advancements for Scouts who attended Geronimo this year to Scoutbook.

The requirements and badges should show up in Scoutbook and badges in Internet Advancement the week following the camp session. They are uploaded as merit badge counselor approved. The unit still needs to approve any badges in the system before they will show up on Advancement Reports. Units should also check to make sure everything was uploaded (sometimes names are misspelled and other errors prevent an upload.) Units can still manually upload the file from Black Pug or hand enter the advancements. They methods will not interfere with each other. Send questions to: [bill.nelson@scouting.org](mailto:bill.nelson@scouting.org)

## Cub Scout Cyber Chip and Protect Yourself Rules

For Cub Scout ranks; Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light the Cyber Chip requirement may be replaced with earning the Protect Yourself Rules Adventure. Lions do not have a Cyber Chip requirement for rank. [Protect Yourself Rules Adventure](#). If Cub Scouts use the Protect Yourself Rules Adventure in place of the Cyber Chip requirement, the adventure cannot be used as an elective for rank. For more information see:

[The Advancement Trail](#)



## Royal Palm Park July 4th Celebration

July 4, 2022 7:00am-9:00am

Central district's annual flag collection project will be held at the Royal Palm Park July 4 Celebration located at 8405 N. 15th Avenue. This is a neighborhood celebration that starts at 7:00 am and will end at 9:00 AM. This event has a long history and over 40 years serving the area. Several booths will be setup with games and fun things for kids to do. The parade around the neighborhood starts at 8:00 AM. There will be a bike decorating contest, so bring your bikes and lots of ideas. We have partnered with Council woman Debra Stark with our flag collection and Veterans Day Flag Retirement projects. We will have a booth setup for our collection effort, which makes us visible to the neighborhood for those who need to have a flag retired. Plan to attend the event where you will hear stories about "their flag" and what brought them there!

For further information on either project, contact Roger Ottaway, Activities & Civic Services Chair Central at [rlottaway@aol.com](mailto:rlottaway@aol.com).

## National Camp School - Short Term Camp Administrator Training

Jul. 23, 2022, Heard Scout Pueblo

The Grand Canyon Council will be hosting a Short Term Camp Administrator Training on July 23, 2022. This 8 hour training will enable Scouters to lead, organize, and conduct short term camps for their district, Order of the Arrow, or Council events.

Who is invited to participate?

All Scouters who intend on organizing, leading, assisting, or conducting any one, two, or three night camping events on behalf of their district, Council, or OA. Scouters nationwide are invited to participate, as well as any unit leaders who would like to gain insight on coordinating short term camping experiences for their own units or potentially serve in future district/Council functions.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## Central District Camporee

Join us for a fun-filled Hollywood Movie themed camping weekend of Scout Skills and Patrol Competitions in the cool pines at Camp Geronimo.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

## Sonoran Sunset Camporee

Get your cowboy hat and boots because our district's western camporee will be on October 7-9 at Boyd Ranch in Wickenburg.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

## Lost Dutchman Camporee

Join us for our Maverick Fall Camporee, Maverick on the Gameboard, September 23- 25 at Camp Geronimo.

[REGISTER TODAY](#)

## Lost Dutchman District IOLS/BALOO Training

Cub Scout Leader training Required IOLS/BALOO Training at Heard Scout Pueblo September 17-18, 2022. More information coming soon!

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Wainwright Shoot & IOLS BALOO Training

Bring your shooting and scout skills to this intertroop competition and the required Adult Leader Outdoor Skills Training will be available Saturday, October 1, 2022 at Camp Raymond.

[LEARN MORE](#)

## Adventure Camp R - "Boo" - C

Cub Scouts and Families: put on your favorite Halloween costume and go camping with us at R-C Scout Ranch this Fall! Don't forget to Invite-A-Friend! Enjoy fun Halloween-themed activities

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# Grand Canyon Council BSA National Scout Jamboree 2023



## July 15-28, 2023

The Grand Canyon Council is planning to host two troops to attend the 2023 National Jamboree. The Jamboree is a life changing event full of adventures and scouting fellowship. A typical troop is made up of 36 youth and four adults

and the program is open to both males and females. For more information, subscribe to our [Jamboree Hub channel](#) and check out the National Jamboree website at: [jamboree.scouting.org](http://jamboree.scouting.org)

### Tentative Schedule:

July 15— Fly to Washington D.C.

July 16-17— Tour the National Capital, spend time in the world's best museums, and visit the tomb of the unknown soldier

July—18— Travel to West Virginia to raft the Class V Rapids of the New River Gorge

July 19-28— Experience one of Scouting's pinnacle experiences, The National Jamboree, at the Summit Bechtel Preserve!

**SIGN UP TODAY!**

### Cost:

We estimate that the National Jamboree & associated travel & tours will cost \$3500. This fee includes food, transportation, lodging, & activities. Participants will need pocket money for incidentals & souvenirs.

- I. Deposit July 15 = \$500
- II. December 1 = \$1500
- III. March 1 = \$1500

**THERE'S ONLY  
ONE  
NATIONAL JAMBOREE**



[scoutingevent.com/010-2023nationaljamboree](http://scoutingevent.com/010-2023nationaljamboree)





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- [New Wainwright Shoot & IOLS BALOO Training](#)
- [New 2022 Powder Horn](#)

## Trainer's EDGE

Training Fundamentals & Trainer's EDGE

July 16, 2022 Trinity Heights United Methodist

The purpose of the Trainer's EDGE course is to provide and help develop the platform skills of a trainer. It is meant to supplement the practice offered through Wood Badge and NYLT staff development, with a focus on the participant, while raising the level of skill a trainer brings to the staff experience. Only practice can polish these skills, but this course is intended to "train the trainer" on behaviors and resources while offering a hands on experience in methods and media. In this course, we will be going over some basic information that will help you when presenting to a group. We will be talking about communication skills, how to be comfortable in front of a group, media used in presentations, presentation preparations and other skills to help you become an even better presenter.

[GET THE DETAILS](#)

## National Youth Leadership

2022 NYLT Session #2 July 4 - July 9, 2022

NYLT Winter Course Dec. 27, 2022 - Jan1, 2023

National Youth Leadership (NYLT) 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 by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster. Registration is now open for the 2022 National Youth Leadership Training courses.

[GET THE DETAILS](#)





## WOOD BADGE

Advanced Leadership Training for: Cub Scout, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scout, District, and Council Leaders.

September 9-11 - October 8-9

Wood Badge is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide all adult members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their units, districts, and council.

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.

To attend the course, individuals must:

- Be registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and age 18 or older.
- Have completed the basic position-specific training courses for their Scouting role.
- Be capable of functioning safely in an outdoor environment. All participants are required to complete Parts A, B, and C of the Annual Health and Medical Record form.

[GET THE DETAILS](#)

## SAFETY CORNER

**Reminder: In the Four Points of SAFE Scouting, the “F” is for Fitness. Please Check-in on Adult Leaders and Youth Participants to Remind Them of the Importance of Fitness.**

As you encourage leaders and participants to follow the principles of [SAFE](#), you can highlight the following:

Ensure ALL participants complete an [Annual Health and Medical Record](#).

- Update the health history – making note of any recent changes, especially if fitness routines were paused by COVID-19.
- Stress the importance of consulting with health care professionals to consider health risks including respiratory issues, excess body weight, history of heart or cardiovascular diseases, high blood pressure, diabetes, seizures, COVID-19, etc.
- Determine fitness levels and skills testing at the unit level before strenuous Scouting activities.

### Reminder: Annual Health & Medical Record

Camping season is upon us! Be sure to encourage ALL participants to fully complete the [Annual Health & Medical Record \(AHMR\)](#) for ALL activities. To be sure to have the most current information, remember to link to the AHMR, and don't host your own version. Any questions? You can find the answers on the [AHMR landing page](#) or the [AHMR FAQ page](#).

Basics:

- Parts A & B - For all events/all participants less than 72 hours in duration.
- Parts A, B & C - For events/resident camps lasting 72 hours or more.
- Risk Advisory - Don't forget the Risk Advisory for each of the High Adventure Bases. This should be reviewed with your healthcare provider at the time of your pre-participation exam.
- Council Based High Adventure Program - We've built this template for you to develop your own risk advisory for your council high adventure program to share with your campers.

If you have questions, contact us at [Health.Safety@Scouting.org](mailto:Health.Safety@Scouting.org).



## The Philmont National Training Center Presents the Cub Scout Leader Extravaganza

This summer during the week of Jul 24-30, 2022. Located in Northeast New Mexico, Philmont is one of Scouting's premier locations for Boy Scouts of America training!

The sessions being taught at the Cub Scout Leader Extravaganza are divided into five tracks. These include: Cub Scout Fun! - Growing, Supporting and Sustaining Your Pack – Outdoor Skills/ Outdoor Adventure – The Game of Scouting/Managing Transitions – Super Leader Xtras!

Once you register, you will select your sessions for the week, AND those can be changed at any time during the conference! Choose to spend the week focused entirely on building your leader skills in a particular area and/or move around and sample other Cub sessions offered during the week that interest you.

Here's a little information about each track from the faculty that will be doing the training.

Bring your family to enjoy the family program offered by the Philmont Training Center. While you are engaged in these exciting training options, your kids and spouse will have fun adventures around Philmont Scout Ranch geared for their age group. Everyone can enjoy the beautiful outdoors of New Mexico and create a memorable and unique Scouting experience!

Learn more information about the family programs and the Philmont Training Center. REGISTER TODAY and join us for the cub Scout Leader Extravaganza in July!

[GET THE DETAILS](#)

### Cub Scout Fun

Want them coming through the doors, and keep them coming back for more? We're drumming up some Cub Scout fun. We've got the doldrums on the run! We've got ideas and plans galore. Come check out what we have in store . . . Cub Scout fun takes WORK! It's the spark that keeps everyone engaged and excited to come back again and again. Check us out!

### Growing, Supporting & Sustaining Your Pack

What does it take to have a great Cub Scouting Program? Fun, adventure, and learning are the outcomes, but preparation, planning, and knowing how to use program resources ensures your success. Join us for sessions that connect the motto "be prepared" with fantastic program delivery!

### Outdoor Skills / Outdoor Adventure

Outdoor adventure is the promise made to young people when they join Scouting. "Boys and girls yearn for outdoor programs that stir their imagination and interest." Gain confidence in your outdoor skills and abilities that will motivate you and your Pack to not only excel in outdoor experiences but also how to incorporate the outdoors in annual events and advancement planning.

### The Game of Scouting

#### Managing Transitions

Scouts are only Cub Scouts for a maximum of six years. During this time youth and leaders go through tremendous growth. Along with growth comes change. This track will tackle many of the transitions that occur as Scouts, parents, and leaders progress through the Cub Scout ranks. Attend these sessions to learn how to be prepared, plan ahead, and manage the transitions inherent in the Cub Scout program.

### Super Leader Xtras!

Want to add that special "XTRA" into your Cub Scouting Program? Come for fun hands-on activities and bunches of fellowship with idea exchanges....all that you can take home to your unit and bring some eXcitement to your Pack!





# Central District Camporee

Open to all BSA Troops in Council.

September 30th  
thru  
October 2nd

\$20 Youth  
\$15 Adults

Price increases \$10 after August 8th.

Registration Deadline  
September 25th



## Patrol Competitions Include

- Fire Building
- Knot Tying
- First Aid
- Orienteering
- Shooting
- Campfire Skits
- Dutch Oven Cook-Off

**DON'T FORGET**

Our **Patch Competition** is going on right now  
Deadline July 15th.

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/584051375384180/permalink/1520023321786976/>

We have a registration goal of 75 youth and adults  
BY AUGUST 2 to secure our spot, or risk cancellation.

### SIGN UP TODAY!

Simply register and pay for the number of troop adults and youth planning to attend. Names are not necessary, just a count. Additional troop adults and youth can be added, up to our registration deadline, September 25.

There is a minimum of 2 leaders per troop when registering; all volunteer leaders from your troop are welcome.

More details coming soon . . .

**Camporee Registration Link** -<https://scoutingevent.com/010-2022cdfallcamporee>

Questions? Roger Ottaway  
roottaway@aol.com





## My Best Scout Day!

Tuesdays in June are fantastic opportunities for the Grand Canyon Council Board Members to visit summer camp and experience the day with our Scouts, volunteers, and families. It is always one of my “best and favorite Scout days” of the year.

Mid-June several of us carpoled together with our Council Executive, Andy Price, enjoying beautiful scenery on the way to Payson, sharing Scout stories, and looking forward to viewing the totem poles just before we entered camp. The trading post was naturally filled with kids and those who left the snack shack held the coveted slushie as they headed toward their next adventure. So of course, I had to get my grape slushie too!

We wandered around the camp watching kids in kayaks, visiting the Commissioner shack and Handicraft Area (*that was cool!*), seeing Troop leaders, checking out the swimming pool, and more...while we dodged girls and boys running, smiling and enjoying wherever they were going. Experiencing the joy in their youthful laughter in the cool pines, whether taking a mb class, the Tenderfoot hike, horseback riding, shooting sports or meeting at the trading post was priceless! I recall such fond memories when my 2 sons attended summer camp at Camp Geronimo and R-C where they learned about leading their peers, making friends, cooking, sharing, being responsible, sleeping under the stars and so much more! I know summer camp molded their character into the young adults they are today .... and these treasured memories I was able to experience again on “this best day”. I believe summer camp is a place where all kids should have the opportunity to experience happy smiles, the freedom to explore the outdoors, fresh air and pine trees and beautiful stars in the sky - nature at its finest! And what could be better than that? *Judy Walden / Central District*





### Celebrating 13 New Eagle Scouts



Central District celebrates the addition of 13 new Eagle Scouts in May and June, including our second female Eagle Scout.

Well deserving of this recognition, these Eagle Scouts collectively totaled almost 1600 personal and volunteer service hours in completing their projects.

Beneficiaries included St. Gregory’s Parish, Abraham Lincoln Traditional School, City of Phoenix, Phoenix Christian Preparatory, 19North Garden, Ryan House, Bureau of Land Management/AZ Game and Fish, Pioneer Military and Memorial Park, Phoenix Children’s Hospital, Paradise Valley High School, Cheyenne Traditional School, and St. Francis Xavier School.

New Eagles and their unit number include:

- Aiden A, Troop 401
- Caden L, Troop 644
- Carter B, Troop 6
- Emmett B, Troop 41
- Jack S, Troop 127
- Joshua G, Troop 805
- Nate I, Troop 329
- Patrick H , Troop 127
- Phillip D, Troop 148
- Reese C, Troop 441
- Regan H, Troop 3329
- Samuel O, Troop 41
- Thomas H, Troop 329

To all of the parents, leaders, volunteers, and scouts who participate in the mentoring of these new Eagles, volunteered to serve and enabled them to lead, supported them at every step, showed up when they needed you, assisted with Boards of Review, supported your District volunteers and Scouters, we thank you!

### Royal Palm Park July 4th Celebration



July 4, 2022 7:00am-9:00am

Central district’s annual flag collection project will be held at the Royal Palm Park July 4 Celebration located at 8405 N. 15th Avenue. This is a neighborhood celebration that starts at 7:00 am and will end at 9:00 AM. This event has a long history and over 40 years serving the area. Several booths will be setup with games and fun things for kids to do. The parade around the neighborhood starts at 8:00 AM. There will be a bike decorating contest, so bring your bikes and lots of ideas. We have partnered with Council woman Debra Stark with our flag collection and Veterans Day Flag Retirement projects. We will have a booth setup for our collection effort, which makes us visible to the neighborhood for those who need to have a flag retired. Plan to attend the event where you will hear stories about “their flag” and what brought them there!

For further information on either project, contact Roger Ottaway, Activities & Civic Services Chair Central at [roottaway@aol.com](mailto:roottaway@aol.com).

### Gila River District's Newest Eagle Scouts



Congratulations to the Gila River District's newest Eagle Scouts. These outstanding Scouts passed their Eagle Boards of Review and earned Scouting's highest rank. That makes 22 new Eagle Scouts for the Gila River District in 2022. Welcome to the brotherhood.

- GARRETT G. FROM TROOP 14 IN PHOENIX
- DANIEL M. FROM TROOP 16 IN PHOENIX
- MICHAEL S. FROM TROOP 379 IN CHANDLER

### Troop 283 Eagle Project Highlight

Evan L and Troop 283 built a wall at the railway station as an Eagle Scout Project.



### Pinnacle Peak District Eagle Scouts

Pinnacle Peak District's Scouts to advanced to the rank of Eagle Scout during the 2nd Quarter of 2022..

#### April 2022

- Patrick Fattu, Troop 439
- Garrett Willis, Troop 30
- Matthew Colvin, Troop 649
- Jordan Visser, Troop 109

Total Eagle Project service hours: 1018

#### May 2022

- Arin Khanna, Troop 648
- Ashwin Sundaram, Troop 649
- Carter Beshey, Troop 252
- Ethan Bergman, Troop 439
- Glenn Miller, Troop 603
- Sevyn Smith, Troop 649
- Reagan Campbell, Troop 3030

Total Eagle Project service hours: 997

#### June 2022

- Finnigan Sise, Troop 824
- Matthew Slominski, Troop 869
- Zachary Egan, Troop 648
- Thomas Koska, Troop 607

Total Eagle Project service hours: 524



Pinnacle Peak District presented the Kiwanis of Cave Creek with their award for their donation to the District. Kiwanis has been instrumental in aiding our District. Thanks for lending your support to make Scouting possible in our community!





### Flag Placement Service Project at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona

East Valley Scouts helped with flag placement for Memorial Day at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Hundreds of Scout families participated.

### Scout Earns Eagle with Seven Palms and Completes all 134 Merit Badges



05/12/2022

It must be something in the blood. On May 12, 2022, Zander Nolte in Mesa Arizona's Troop 54 was awarded his Eagle Scout rank. In addition... he was awarded SEVEN Eagle palms!

In May, Zander had earned 134 merit badges. Since then, he has picked up the last three merits to be one of the very few Scouts that have earned ALL of the merit badges. This means that he has caught up to his brother, who, several years ago, also earned all of the merit badges. You may think that Zander is 'only a scout', he recently place 4th in the U.S. for his age group in gymnastics.



### Congratulations to the May 2022 Eagles

- CONNOR VP. TROOP 88, BOR 5/09/22 | SEAHORSE RANCH RESCUE - MOUNTING BLOCK AND SCRATCHING POST
- JACOB P. TROOP 50, BOR 5/11/22 | VITALANT BLOOD DRIVE
- NOAH U. TROOP 565, BOR 5/15/22 | ST MARY BASHA PLAYGROUND RESTORATION
- MATTHEW H. TROOP 301, BOR 5/15/22 | WOODEN CHRISTMAS TREE'S AND WOODEN WREATHS
- COLLIN R. TROOP 325, BOR 5/16/22 | BUILDING PICNIC TABLES FOR ASU PREPARATORY ACADEMY
- CHARLES S. TROOP 10, BOR 5/18/22 | LAS SENDAS BUTTERFLY GARDEN
- JACK R. TROOP 853, BOR 5/25/22 | MATTHEW'S CROSSING FOOD DRIVE

# SONORAN SUNSET HOW THE WEST WAS FUN

## How the West Was Fun Camporee

(October 7-9, 2022) Boyd Ranch, Wickenburg, AZ - How the West was Fun Camporee to be Oct. 7-9, 2022, at Boyd Ranch, Wickenburg.

Howdy Partners! Get your cowboy hat and boots because our district's western camporee will be on October 7-9 at Boyd Ranch in Wickenburg. Senior Patrol Leaders, save the date on your troop calendar and be sure to discuss at your next PLC. You won't want to miss all the fun, and yes you get to wear western apparel! Yea-haw!

The White Tanks OA Chapter is also planning and staffing the event. At the monthly chapter meeting, OA members have been working on plans for the camporee. OA members can attend the monthly meeting held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9502 W. Hutton Dr., Sun City, AZ 85351 Time 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Scoutmasters and Crew Advisors, the key to a successful event is being sure we have attendees, and we must have 80 participants registered by August 8 or we risk our camporee being cancelled. Registration is easier than ever as you only have to register the number of Scouts and Leaders attending. You no longer have to include information for each participant. We recommend you register your minimum number of scouts. Later, when you have more attendees, just go to your original registration and add the additional participants.

- Youth Registration \$20
- Leader/Adult Registration \$10
- Registration Opens Tuesday, June 14, 2022
- 80 Participants Registered by Monday, August 8, 2022
- Registration Closes Sunday, October 2, 2022
- Camporee Friday, October 7, through Sunday, October 9, 2022



[REGISTER NOW](#)



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