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Join us for the 2022 virtual popcorn training on Tuesday, May 31st, 7:00-8:00pm. We will be discussing best practices, the campaign timeline, changes within the product, how to implement social distancing, storefronts, and answering your questions!

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MESSAGE FROM SCOUT EXECUTIVE



Howdy! Summer is here and I hope to see you at Geronimo or R-C in just a few weeks! Summer Camp is a special opportunity for Scouts to have fun, adventure the amazing outdoor world, and work to discover their path. Whatever the Scouts enjoy, from crafts to sports, hiking to cooking, swimming to fishing, Summer Camp has adventure for Scouts in spades.

This summer we also have a special opportunity for Scouters and their families to enjoy Philmont. July 10-17 will be “Grand Canyon Council Week” and we invite any interested Scouters to join us for learning, fellowship, and inspiration. Philmont is an amazing place and a great place to spend a week surrounded by Scouters from our council and around the United States.

There are a variety of program offered and the full slate of offerings can be found at philmontscout ranch.org. You’ll note a GCC “Board Retreat” listed, which is available only to members of the Executive Board. Our staff will participate in a planning conference at PTC that week, and all we’re missing is you!

During the meals, outside of class, and during daily receptions, all Scouters from GCC will mix, mingle, and plan for the future. This will be a fun week to build and rekindle friendships and plans for the future of Scouting in GCC will be discussed.

And, every Scouter from GCC will receive a cool necker at no extra charge. See you at Philmont!

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#SCOUTERCODEOFCONDUCT

A reminder that the Scouter Code of Conduct and the BSA Rules & Regulations speak to BSA policies regarding political activity in Scouting:

Applicable section of the Scouter Code of Conduct:

I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, BSA policies, and BSA-provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:

- *Unauthorized fundraising activities*
- *Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of the BSA uniform and brand*
- *Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind*

Applicable section of the BSA Rules & Regulations:

Policy Concerning Political Questions

The Boy Scouts of America must not, through its governing body or through any of its officers, chartered councils, Scouters, or members, involve Scouting in political matters. However, this must not be interpreted to prevent the teaching of ideals of patriotism and good citizenship as required to fulfill the Boy Scouts of America's purpose. Faith-based teachings incorporated into the Scouting program by religious chartered organizations in a manner consistent with the Bylaws are not considered political matters. This policy does not prohibit the Boy Scouts of America from expressing its opinion upon matters of governmental concern when considered in its best interest by the governing body of the Boy Scouts of America. This policy does not limit the freedom of thought or action of any Scouter or member as an individual in a manner not directly or indirectly implying a connection to Scouting.

See the full Scouter Code of Conduct here:

<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/bsa-scouters-code-of-conduct/>

See the full BSA Rules & Regulations here:

https://www.scouting.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Rules_Regulations_Sept20.pdf



GRAND CANYON COUNCIL
Boy Scouts of America

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!

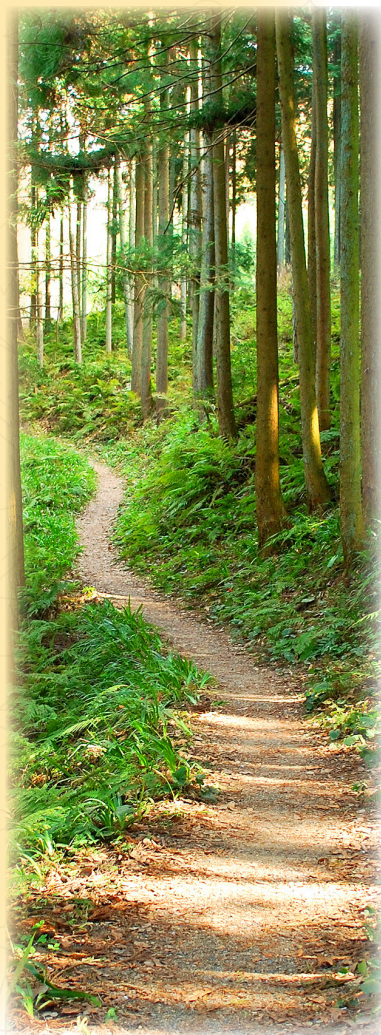
**Come One ...
Come All...**

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





“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](#)

“Back to Pack” Concept

Thank you to everyone who registered for the “Back to Pack” and the Scouts BSA rebrand “Regroup the Troop” webinars! Video recordings of the webinars and resources are available now! The “Back to 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 the “Regroup the Troop” webinar we share how the Grand Canyon Council can help you promote and conduct this event for your Troop as Packs have done across the nations for many years.

[VIEW WEBINAR](#)



Ideal Year of Scouting Webinar

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](#)

Discover More

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- [New 2022 Philmont Training Center Conferences](#)
- [New Council Awards Nominations Open](#)
- [New Recharter](#)
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- [Scoutbook’s Den Leader Experience](#)
- [ScoutBook | PayPal/Venmo Update for BSA Units](#)
- [How to keep your troop meetings productive](#)

2021 Council Honorees Individual Contributions

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

Alana LaBelle currently serves in the Gila River District as a Den Leader, Advancement Chair, and Assistant Cubmaster for Pack 71. She also supports 2 Council Committees, the Cub Scout and the STEM Committee, which impact youth throughout the entire council.

Alana was instrumental in organizing a STEM virtual tour of lab spaces in ASU's School of Earth and Space Exploration for the Cub Scout STEM Nova "Tech Talk" Award, along with the teaching and implementation of STEM throughout the Gila River District. While on the Cub Scout Committee, she chaired several committee events, one of which was a really fun and successful GPS Geocaching Duck Hunt. Alana also created Animal Tracking Expedition courses, which included animal information, maps, animal signs, and animal tracks. Scouts used all of the clues to deduce which animal they were following. Alana ensured each Cub Scout was able to track their animals, learn, earn a patch, and have fun.

In addition to serving on the Baden Powell College Staff, Alana is a member of the Diocese of Phoenix Catholic Committee on Scouting. She has received the District Award of Merit for her service at the district level and has earned several Unit level leadership awards, the Den Leader Training Award in 2018 and the Cub Scout Leader Award in 2020. In addition, despite the pandemic, Alana finished her Woodbadge training and earned her beads.

Scouting is all about family in the LaBelle household, where Alana leads the girl Tiger Den as well as a boy Webelos Den. Her love and enthusiasm for Scouting provides so many fun opportunities for her children and the Pack. To Alana, Scouting is truly a fun family adventure in so many wonderful ways for youth and her family. Her husband, Jeffrey and three Cub age children, Josiah-Webelos, Savana-Tiger and Hana-Tiger are 4 great reasons Alana is all about Scouting, exemplifying Scouting in her daily life with friends, family, and those she meets along her journey. Thank you Alana for your energy, enthusiasm, and love in so many areas of the Program. For this and so many reasons, we celebrate you and all you do to deliver Scouting in the Grand Canyon Council. Congratulations!



2022 COUNCIL AWARDS NOMINATION FORM



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2022 Arizona Tax Credit Donations

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Scouts Celebrating with the AZ Coyotes

Gila River Arena, April 29, 2022 - Families from across the Valley attended the Coyotes last game at Gila River.

On Friday, April 29th, families from across the Valley joined GCC as the Arizona Coyotes battled the Nashville Predators at their last game of the season and last game at Gila River Arena. After a shaky start, the Coyotes rallied in the 2nd and 3rd periods to win 5-4! Those in attendance even got a deal from The Keg e-mailed to them when the Coyotes scored in the 2nd period!

Former Coyotes stars Shane Doane and Jeremy Roenick were also on hand for the celebration and to share memories of their time with the team.

Next season the Coyotes will be sharing the ice at the ASU hockey arena as they prepare to build their own arena in Tempe. Stay tuned for more opportunities to get out of the heat and catch the action on the ice!

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.

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 **SCOUT SHOP**
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SHOP SALE

(Promo Dates: 05/26/22-05/30/22)



Virtual Popcorn Training

We highly encourage units to participate in the training in order to understand the new storefront sign-up process.

Join us for the 2022 virtual popcorn training on Tuesday, May 31st, 7:00-8:00PM. We will be discussing best practices, the campaign timeline, changes within the product, how to implement social distancing, storefronts, and answering your questions!

We expect our presentation to last about 45 minutes to an hour, and the remainder of the time will be dedicated to answering your questions.

Our training will be taking place over Zoom, so that any interested Scouter may participate regardless of health concerns, location, or schedule.

- When: Tuesday, May 31st, 2022, 7:00-8:00PM
- Where: Zoom! [Click here to join the meeting at 7:00pm.](#)
- Who: Unit kernels, committee chairs/members, & anyone interested in POPCORN for 2022!

DISCOVER MORE



TOP REASONS TO SELL POPCORN

- 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

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:

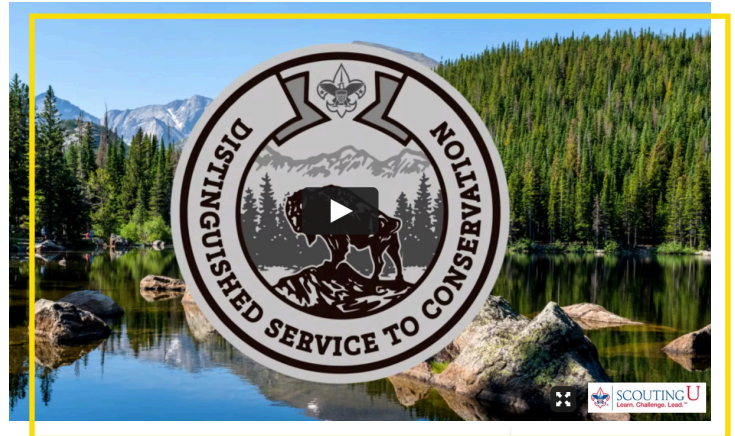
<https://gcc-hub.org/posts/102259/advancement>

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

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.

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Worth Repeating

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- [New Popcorn Kickoff!](#)
- [2023 National Jamboree Survey](#)
- [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](#)
- [National Eagle Scout Association](#)

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SHOP SALE

(Promo Dates: 05/26/22-05/30/22)

Open Shoot at Heard Scout Pueblo

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

- [June Open Shoot for Rifle / BB 06-18-2022](#)
- [June Archery Open Shoot 06-25-2022](#)
- [July Open Shoot Rifle / BB 07-16-2022](#)

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.

- [Citizenship in the World begins 06-16-2022](#)
- [Citizenship in the Nation begins 06-21-2022](#)
- [Scouting Heritage begins 06-30-2022](#)



NEW! 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

Upcoming Cub Scout Handbook Transition Details

Please note that minor updates are being made to all Cub Scout Handbooks to remove the 19 Elective Adventure Loops (discontinues on May 31; see BSA Supply Group Updates – May 18th.) No major changes are being made to the handbooks. This is a rolling change only.

- The Bear and Webelos Handbooks have already been revised and have been available since last fall.
- Revised Wolf and Tiger handbooks will not be available until the current inventory is depleted. The Scout Shops will be notified when the new versions are available to order.



Civic Service Projects

The school year is winding down. Summer is closing in. Scouts looking for civic service hours can consider the two following projects that are available.

Veterans Memorial Cemetery Flag Placement Project

May 28, 2022 Veterans Memorial Cemetery

On May 28, 7:00 AM a flag placement event is taking place at the Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Arizona located at 23029 N. Cave Creek Road. Scouters would meet at the center of the cemetery near the flagpole. You need to be in Class A uniform. "Parents and family members are welcome to help, please wear red, white and blue." There is a big need for as many Scouts as possible, they have a large area to cover. They suggest bringing a ½ inch cordless drill to help create the hole to place the flag in. Flags will be provided.

Royal Palm Park July 4th Celebration

July 4, 2022 Royal Palm Park

Our second event is scheduled for July 4th. It's our annual flag collection project and it 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 Councilwoman 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 at rlottaway@aol.com.



Expanding and Improving
Arizona's Native and Wild
Trout Fisheries.

Trout Unlimited Workday at R-C Scout Ranch

Recently a group of volunteers from Trout Unlimited and several Scouts BSA Troops gathered at R-C to improve erosion control on the main road and around the fishing pond. Special thanks to the TU volunteers who helped: Alan Davis, Dan Briley, Sal Cirincione, Mickey Fletcher, Doyle Gaines, Tom Knight, Bob McMenemy, Ken Richter, Sam Simmons, David Wasson, Taylor Wheeler, and Vicki Ainsworth, and all the Scouts and troop leaders. Over two days, the conservation efforts resulted in approximately 105 cubic yards of earth (enough dirt to cover a football field with about an inch of dirt) and 112 cubic feet of rock and gravel being moved to improve water flow at the camp. Photo credits and thanks to Bob McMenemy for his photo expertise. Additional photos from the conservation project can be found [here](#).

Discover More

- [2022 Geronimo Camp Guide](#)
- [2023 National Jamboree Survey](#)
- [2022 NYLT Registration Is Open](#)
- [Merit Badge Workshop Calendar](#)
- [New June Open Shoot for Rifle 06-18-2022](#)
- [New June Archery Open Shoot 06-25-2022](#)
- [Happy 50th birthday to NESA! Here are 5 things you need to know about the National Eagle Scout Association](#)



2022 R-C Cub Scout Resident Family Camp

3 Family Camp Sessions June 2022



Dust off your hiking boots, and get set for a program filled with adventure, fellowship, great food and of course tons of fun! R-C strives to be an inclusive camp for the entire family! While our program is developed for Cub Scouts and their parents to have a great time in Scouting together, we do welcome grandparents and siblings over 5-years old. Register by May 1, 2022 to receive a t-shirt and patch! Register after May 1, 2022 and receive a patch!

[YES, SIGN ME UP!](#)

Camp Geronimo Pre Camp Webinar

Welcome to Camp Geronimo! Advancement is a huge part of the Scouting experience, and we believe that we have designed a program that will help your Scouts meet their goals. But summer camp is about more than how many merit badges you came home with. It's about fishing for crawdads with your friends, finally making it to the top of the climbing tower and looking up at the stars on your way to your tent for the night. The Camp Geronimo Pre-Camp Webinar with Program Executive, Brendan Switts and, Program Director, Andrew Knudsen is available now!

[VIEW WEBINAR](#)



FORWARD



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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](#)

Discover More

- [Training Awards: awards@grandcanyonbsa.org](mailto:awards@grandcanyonbsa.org)
- [2023 National Jamboree Survey](#)
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- [New June Open Shoot for Rifle 06-18-2022](#)
- [New June Archery Open Shoot 06-25-2022](#)

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](#)

Leadership and Training Awards

Leadership and Training Awards recognize an adult Scout's efforts to complete required training and serve youth directly. Most adult awards and recognitions have certificates, pins or medals, with an embroidered square knot patch. Adult leaders wear these square knot patches on their uniform over the left pocket. The Grand Canyon Council is proud to recognize adult volunteers. Please send your completed award applications directly to awards@grandcanyonbsa.org for easy processing today!



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.



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!

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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!



WIPALA WIKI LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW

Wipala Wiki Lodge Chiefly Speaking

2022 Wipala Wiki Lodge Chief

Scouters, it has been an amazing first half of the year serving as the 2022 Wipala Wiki Lodge Chief. The Lodge has been up to some incredible things these past few months including running awesome events such as the March Ordeal and April Fellowship and Vigil Weekend as well as continuing to work on behind the scenes things like communications and resources. I'd like to give a big thank you to everyone that came to give cheerful service at the Geronimo Service Weekend. This was a weekend hosted by the Lodge that had both OA members and scouters helping give service to get Camp Geronimo ready for the summer camp season. Several super impactful projects went on around camp. Many of the facilities including the dining hall, restrooms, and cabins were deep cleaned. Downed trees were cut up and removed from campsites to make them safer. And a few other special projects like framing repair and new cabin flooring also went on. Once again, a huge thank you to everyone that made this weekend possible.

Although the Lodge takes a break from events over the summer there will be several OA things happening at summer camp. Each week there will be a Call Out ceremony for all scouters that have been chosen by their peers. Each week there will also be a Brotherhood opportunity. If

you have been an Ordeal member for at least 6 months, you are eligible. All you have to do is write a letter to the Lodge Adviser about what you have done since your Induction and bring \$20 to the Trading Post for your new sash. There will be no elections this year at camp per National guidelines but there will still be OA day so bring your sash!

I myself am super excited for this summer as I will be serving on Geronimo staff as the Assistant Wrangler Director. If you are up at camp feel free to swing by the corrals and come say hi!

We will kick back off the second half of the year with our monthly Lodge Executive Committee (LEC) meeting on August 6th at 10am in the Kiva at the Heard. All dues paid Arrowman are welcome to attend these meetings to see what our leadership is up to.

As always if you have any questions at any time, please feel free to reach out to me at chief@wipalawiki.org. I hope you all have an amazing summer, and I can't wait to hit the ground running in August for the second half of the year!

Yours in Scouting,
Joshua Balch

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Brother and Sister Achieve Eagle on the Same Night

Siblings from Central District Troops 3329 and 329 achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on May 19, 2022

Regan Huxtable, a graduating senior from Madison Highland Prep, and her younger brother Thomas, a sophomore, found themselves sitting for their Boards of Review on the same night.

"It just happened," Regan says when asked if it was planned. Regan's Eagle project consisted of building a mobile garden and sensory table for the Ryan House and installing pavers in their courtyard where the table sits. "I had to wait between constructing the table and installing the pavers to allow their facilities director to complete another project before reviewing and approving mine, but we got it done and it turned out beautiful," shared Regan. Regan's perseverance to see the project to the end reflects her developing leadership philosophy, cultivated by her involvement in the NYLT program. An NYLT Leadership Academy graduate, Regan is actively involved in NYLT programming for the Council.

Thomas' Eagle project included the removal of over a mile of barbed wire fencing from the Sonoran Desert in Vekol Valley, south of Maricopa. As cattle ranching has moved out of that area, BLM and AZ Game and Fish look to remove the fencing and enable the secure repopulation of the Sonoran Pronghorn sheep while providing for safer recreation in the area. His Eagle project was a "diffi-

cult experience, but the volunteers enjoyed it and the beneficiary was happy with the work that was done." Thomas is looking forward to his transfer to Franklin Police & Fire High School where he will enter the Law/Forensics track.

Regan says about their relationship in scouting, "it's like any sibling relationship, sometimes we argue with each other, but at the end of the day, he's my brother and we've always got each other's back. In scouting, it's a bit different, it becomes more like a colleague relationship." Thomas sees his older sister as a peer in scouting, describing her as "hardworking and determined while using humor to make scouting a fun experience."

May 2022 Central District Eagle Scouts also include Patrick Houser T127 (Pioneer bench restoration), Jack Scholz T127 (Kindergarten playground revitalization), Nate Isham T329 (19North Garden revitalization), Emmett Boorse T41 (Emmett's fence building), Samuel Ortman T41 (School improvement at Phoenix Christian Prep), Reese Cardella T441 (Tortoise habitat beautification), Carter Bruns T6 (Baby play games for Phoenix Children's Hospital), and Caden Laughlin T644 (Robotics room refurbishment at PV High School). Congratulations to all of our recent Eagles!



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SUMMER CAMP IS COMING!



Summer Camp is Coming... Time to Serve!

As the end of the school year drew near, units were busy with final rank advancements, Courts of Honor, crossover ceremonies, and service workdays. Anyone planning to go to summer camp at Camp Geronimo is undoubtedly familiar with going for “Big G” distinction. All three levels of Big G distinction require the completion of a camp improvement project prior to, or during camp week. Completing a project on a weekend in March through May affords units more free time while at summer camp, and can be done at any of the Council’s camps.

Troops 329 and 3329 teamed up at the Heard Scout Pueblo to roll a new roof coating on top of the Pueblo, sand and paint tables and benches around camp and at the Wood Badge amphitheater.

Troop 41 headed up to Camp R-C to improve the soil erosion barrier and retaining wall at the pond.

Whether you’re helping break out the platforms and set up canvas tents, or working on a conservation related project, the rangers always have a honey-do list a mile long. Keep council camps in mind when you’re planning your next service outing or preparing for summer camp!



Pack 276 Annual Travel Through the Time Machine Event

On May 7, 2022, Pack 276 held their annual Travel Through the Time Machine event. Scouts enter the time machine as current Rank and they exit as their next rank. (neckerchiefs change while in the machine).

Pack 276 had the honor & privilege of welcoming 5 new Lions into their Pack. How fortunate they are, so early in the game, to start with already having 5 Lions and a Lion Leader!

Following the Travel through Time, Pack 276 held another successful Dirty Derby event! Cub Scouts showed up in a big way with their amazing dirty derby cars! “It’s not your Daddy’s Pinewood Derby”.

These cars are super-sized to make it through a wild and treacherous track full of saw blades, blocks, and even a swinging bowling ball! The car to make it the furthest wins! This year, the big winner was a brand new Lion Scout, Bradley! A very close second was another new Lion Scout, Cody!

Pictured are both scouts with the 2022 Dirty Derby Trophy, taller than they are! All eyes are on our newest cubs, who are sure to bring tough competition to future derby’s, pinewood and dirty, alike!

Now on to Pack summertime activities starting with Pack Family Camp!

Gila River Cub Scout Activity Day – Lots of fun for all!

Cubs enjoyed a wide range of activities including YoYos, leather crafts, and working on “Science Everywhere” and “1,2,3 Go” STEM Nova awards. A special thanks goes out to the YOYO Factory for their continued support of Scouts honing their YoYo skills and earning their adventure loop or pin.

In addition to all the Scout skills and activities the district Pinewood Derby added a level of excitement. With nearly 50 racers participating in the derby, it was a great day of fun for the Cub Scouts, their families and our hosts. A very special thanks to Troop 17, Troop 48 and Pack 178 for their hard work in making the day a big success.

2022 District Derby Winners

Tigers/Lions –

First Place – Cameron Mueller, Pack 178

Second Place – Hana LaBelle, Pack 71

Third Place – Trey Palmer, Pack 71

Wolves –

First Place – Charlotte Rehmert, Pack 919

Second Place – Elliot Banner, Pack 878

Third Place – Trevor Barney, Pack 679

Bears –

First Place – Grayson Anderson, Pack 178

Second Place – Asher Pauly, Pack 378

Third Place – Jack Terry, Pack 378

Webelos –

First Place – Conner Armstrong, Pack 878

Second Place – Landon Rauschenberger, Pack 679

Third Place – Brody Westrick, Pack 679

Overall District Champions –

First Place – Charlotte Rehmert, Pack 919

Second Place – Grayson Anderson, Pack 178

Third Place - Conner Armstrong, Pack 878

Open Class (Adults, Siblings and Scouts BSA) –

First Place – Matt Brown, SBSA Troop 17

Second Place – Caiden Armstrong, Sibling Pack 878

Third Place – Jeremy Piwowarczyk, Leader Pack 178



Gila River Court of Honor

Troop 285 in Chandler held a long-awaited Court of Honor to celebrate with 9 Eagle Scouts who were unable to have their own COH due to COVID. Congratulations to Hayden R, David W, Jackson B, Ryan P, Mason W, Theo P, Rylan W, Nathan S, and Anthony K.



Gila River District's newest Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to the Gila River District's newest Eagle Scouts - Isaac T. from Troop 283 in Chandler, Devan N. Troop 78 in Tempe, Dylan F. from Troop 697 in Tempe, Nicholas A. from Troop 285 in Chandler, William C. from Troop 172 in Tempe, Joshua D. from Troop 285 in Chandler, and Brodey R. from Troop 697 in Tempe. That makes 19 new Eagle Scouts for the Gila River District in 2022.



FLAG PLACEMENT AT VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

Flag Placers needed at Veterans Memorial Cemetery

May 28, 2022 Veterans Memorial Cemetery

On Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 7:00am flag placement IS ON at Veterans Memorial Cemetery of Arizona at 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd Phoenix, AZ 85024. Meet by center of cemetery by flagpole. Wear Class A uniform. Parents and family members welcome to help, please wear red, white and blue. We will need as many from Scouting(Scouts BSA, Cub Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouts and Girl Scouts) to come out and participate. Have a 1/2" cordless drill you want to use to help make hole for flag, bring it. Flags provided. Jess, SM of Troop 531.

Lost Dutchman District Welcomes New District Committee Chair & Commissioner

At the recent district elections, Mark Day was elected as District Committee Chair and Scott Gaddis was recommended as District Commissioner. Tim Francis was elected as Membership Chair. Congratulations and welcome to all of you!

Congratulations to the April 2022 Eagles

- CONNOR S. TROOP 88, BOR 4/11/22 | EQUINE THERAPY GOAT SHELTER / PLAYGROUND
- WILLIAM P . TROOP 88, BOR 4/11/22 | NO MORE COLD FEET (FLAGSTAFF HOMELESS SHELTER)
- JAKE S. TROOP 88, BOR 4/18/22 | PROJECT DIGNITY HEALTH GARDEN(PARENTS WITH LOSS)
- RYAN P. TROOP 50, BOR 4/19/22 | GATHERING SUPPLIES FOR REFUGEES
- AARON T. TROOP 325, BOR 4/25/22 | FISH HABITAT REHABILITATION
- JACOB M. TROOP 50, BOR 4/26/22 | GATHERING HUMANITY (REFUGEE SUPPLIES)

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Troop 30 Celebrates 150 Eagle Scouts

Troop 30 is celebrating the achievement of 150 Eagle Scouts.

Phoenix, Arizona - With the Eagle Board of Review of Garrett Willis on April 14, 2022, Troop 30 has reached the outstanding level of having 150 Eagle Scouts. Troop 30, chartered by Friends and Supporters of Troop 30 (FAST30), was started in 1995 and is celebrating 27 years of actively guiding youth in the Scouting way. We are very proud of all 150 Eagle Scouts and look forward to seeing more young men earn the rank of Eagle.

Scouts BSA Troop 30 is a premier Scouting unit located in Phoenix, Arizona. We offer a traditional scouting experience based in outdoor skills, community service, camps, and events. <https://www.troop30.net/>

Scottsdale Rotary Presented with Bronze Eagle Award

Troop 30 is celebrating the achievement of 150 Eagle Scouts.

Matt Hill, Field Director and Chris Bosn, Pinnacle Peak District Executive at the Scottsdale Rotary. The Scottsdale Rotary was presented with the Bronze Eagle award for their contributions to the Pinnacle Peak District.

Sonoran Sunset Troops at Shooting Camporee

Troop 30 is celebrating the achievement of 150 Eagle Scouts.

Camp Raymond, April 30, 2022 - Sonoran Sunset Troops have a great time at Rt. 66 Shooting Camporee. The Rt.66 Shoot Camporee was hosted by the Ponderosa District / Troop 7033 and had four major events that included 20-gauge shotgun, .22 caliber rifle, archery and axe throwing. The Scouts could do the events in any order they chose but they had to do all four and the rifle competition twice. There were three troops from Buckeye, Troop 515 (Odyssey Preparatory Academy Elementary) and brother/sister Troop 448 and 3448 girls (Odyssey Preparatory Academy HS). There were two troops from Peoria, Troop 126 (Circle of Peace) and Troop 505 girls (American Legion Post #94). From Sun City, there was Troop 938 (Sun City Lodge #72 F&AM)

For the 22-gauge shotgun, it was trap shooting and the goal was to hit clay targets that were traveling away from the shooter. The targets were projected into the air at varying angles using an oscillating machine known as a "house" or bunker". Scouts shot 10 rounds.

At the .22 caliber rifle range, Scouts had two targets and had 5 shots per target each time they were at the rifle range. Each Scout participated twice in this event. Scores were based on the grouping of their shots. Scouts picked one score for their individual score and another score for their three-person team score.

In Archery, Scouts had two rounds with 10 arrows per round. Scouts were trying to achieve the highest score possible with the bulls-eye being the most points. After each round the staff would score their rounds.

The Axe throwing competition was hosted by Flag-TagAZ.com located in Flagstaff on Route 66. The axe throwing was very popular as evident by all the scouts visiting at the end of the day during open time. During the competition, a Scout was given 5 practice throws to try single hand and double hand throws. Then they had 10 throws to obtain the highest score possible aiming for the bulls-eye.

Sonoran Sunset is proud of all the Scouts who participated in this event. We are also honored to announce the Sonoran Sunset Scouts who placed at the camporee. The awards were broken down into three age categories – 11 to 13, 14 to 15, and 16 to 20 for each event.

SHOTGUN COMPETITION

- 2nd Place / Age Category 14 to 15 – Aydden Carrillo, Troop 938

AXE THROWING COMPETITION

- 2nd Place / Age Category 11 to 13 – Wesley Hulse, Troop 126
- 2nd Place / Age Category 14 to 15 – Jaxon Hulse, Troop 126
- 1st Place / Age Category 16 to 20 – Katrina Albers, Troop 505

RIFLE COMPETITION

- 2nd Place / Age Category 16 to 20 – Katrina Albers, Troop 505

RIFLE TEAM COMPETITION

- 3rd Place / Age Category 14 to 15 – Troop 126 "Team" – Tommy Salch, Jaxon Hulse & Colton Neese
- 2nd Place / Age Category 16 to 20 – Troop 505 "Devin's Dominators" - Katrina Albers, Nani Bass & Devin Clark

On Sunday morning, many Scouts participated in the Sunrise Hike to Fortress at 4:45 in the morning. It was a beautiful sunrise and a great way to start the day. Thank you to Troop 7033, the camporee staff and leaders/parents who volunteered at the event. It was a great event, and we appreciate all your support!

Sonoran Sunset 2021 Unit & Volunteer Awards

Litchfield Park, February 26, 2022 - Sonoran Sunset honors Units of the Year and Volunteers

While it was a few months ago, we do want to take a moment to recognize our units and volunteers who were honored at our Annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony on February 26, 2022, by Bill Leroy, Sonoran Sunset District Chair, at the Scout Lodge in Litchfield Park.

The District recognized the 2021 Units of the Year:

- Pack & Cubmaster of the Year – Pack 1776 David Masciangelo
- Troop & Scoutmaster of the Year – Troop 526 Carl Gebhardt
- Crew & Advisor of the Year – Crew 2513 Avery Thresher

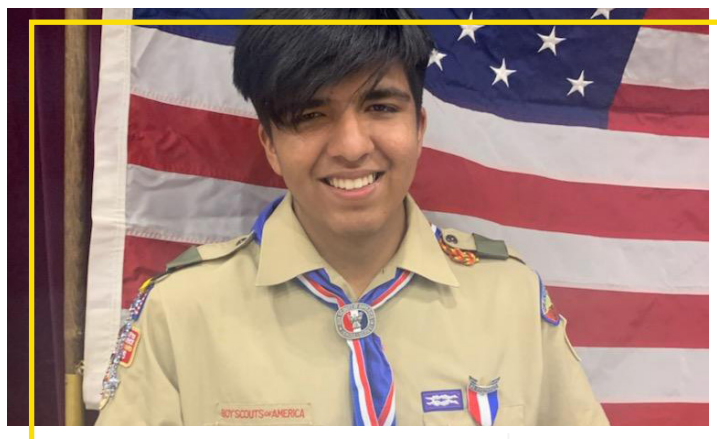
Cub Scout Volunteers were recognized with the Spark Plug Award by their Pack:

- Pack 3 - Meaghan Marquez
- Pack 263 - Amy Afek
- Pack 400 - Tori Bias
- Pack 436 - Jake Mabe
- Pack 513 - Mark Price
- Pack 526 - Ryan Taylor
- Pack 546 - Juan Castellanos
- Pack 1776 - Aimee Erickson
- Pack 1776 - Monica Masciangelo

Scouts BSA volunteers were recognized with the Silver Whistle Award by their Troop:

- Troop 3 - Patrick Davis
- Troop 194 - Joel Larson
- Troop 505 - Vanessa Loftin
- Troop 526 - Dan Bleasdale
- Troop 546 - Tase Evans
- Troop 3546 - Shannon Kellogg

To learn more about our honorees, visit the [Sonoran Sunset website](#). The district is grateful and appreciative of all our volunteers. Without you, Scouting does not exist. Thank you for all you do. A special thanks to Linda Gillham for coordinating and organizing the awards and the ceremony! Great job Linda!



Alex Palomo - 2021 GCC Eagle Project of the Year

Grand Canyon Council 2021- Alex Palomo of Troop 526 was awarded the 2021 GCC Eagle Project of the Year. The Grand Canyon Council NESA (National Eagle Scout Association) Committee awarded Alex Palomo of Troop 526 the 2021 Eagle Project of the Year. For Alex's Eagle Project, 53 hand washing stations were made for Red Feather, an organization that serves the Hopi Tribe and Navajo Nation in Arizona. Red Feather delivered the hand washing stations to the Tuba City area, Kykotsmovi, Bacavi and Indian Wells.

Alex was very honored to receive the award and immediately thanked the Scouts and Leaders in his troop for all their help. In looking back on his Eagle Project, Alex said, "I really enjoyed creating a new handwashing station design with the larger 30 and 50 gallon barrels. It was a great experience for learning leadership skills and at the same time being able to help the citizens of the Navajo Nation and Hopi Tribe."

Michael Rooney is the GCC NESA Committee Chair and he and Hugh Hallman, former mayor of Tempe, reviewed many outstanding Eagle Projects. They ultimately selected Alex's Eagle Project for this distinguished honor.

Once a Scout becomes an Eagle Scout, they can become a member of NESA as a youth and an adult because a Scout's journey does not end at Eagle. NESA members play a critical role in creating a world filled with leaders who are responsible, participating citizens guided by the Scout Oath and Law. Eagle Scouts, who are NESA members, may also apply for NESA scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school through their junior year in college. To learn more about this great organization, visit [nesa.org](#).

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



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SONORAN SUNSET *SPRING FAMILY CAMP*

Tunnel Fire Cannot Stop Spring Family Camp

Despite a raging forest fire, Cub Scout Pack 1776 hosts a family camp



Peoria, Arizona April 29, 2022 - Pack 1776 had big plans for our Spring Family Camp 2022, we were going to camp on a volcano!

We arraigned to travel to Sunset Crater National Monument on the April 29 - May 1 weekend to camp in the cool pines at the O'Leary Group Campsite just outside the Sunset Crater National Monument. We had big plans to hike the Lenox Crater Trail, have a local volcanologist visit the pack at camp and give a talk, one of our den leaders created a treasure hunt bingo game all about geology. The scouts could roam the landscape looking for items in nature to fill out their bingo card for a prize. It was going to be great!

Then, six days before camp, while we had our pack meeting where we learned about fire safety in the woods, the Tunnel Fire started near Flagstaff. It ravaged the whole area we planned to have Spring Family Camp! Group campsites in Arizona book up a year out, finding a new location for 76 people on six days' notice was not looking promising. It looked like Spring Camp was cancelled.

However, Cub Scouts always do their best and our pack leadership called the Grand Canyon Council and asked if

it was possible to squeeze our pack into a council campsite. Our District Executive, Steven Nazaruk, and the Program Administrator, Carly Farr, came through for us. They booked us space at Camp Geronimo even though the facility wasn't fully de-winterized and ready at the time. The Camp Rangers made sure we had water and toiletries at our campsites and camp was back on! Our leaders and families adapted and adjusted, we hiked the Fireside Trail at Camp Geronimo to get our hike in, and we saw amazing views of the Mogollon Rim! We switched up our treasure hunt bingo to reflect the area we camped in and had a blast with our revised game. We played in Weber Creek, built forts and ran around like crazy monkeys. We had campfire with skits, songs, awards and s'mores just like we always love to do, and everyone agreed it was one of our best camps ever!

The BSA is an amazing organization filled with dedicated leaders, both professional and volunteer, and fantastic parents willing to adapt to change; we don't let little things like a forest fire stop our Scouts' adventures!



Cub Scout Pack 1776 operated out of Northwest Peoria and is chartered by American Legion Eugene C. Yount Post 145



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Geronimo Warmup

Last Campout before Geronimo

Happy Jack, Arizona May 2022 - Troop 828 campout weekend get away. Troop 828 welcomed the month of May with the family campout. A few additional family members attended along with the scouts and leaders. The campout took place in the Happy Jack area up on the Mogollon rim. Temperatures dropped below freezing during the night, but we were prepared.

The events consisted of knot typing, compass course, geocache challenge, and frisbee golf. In addition, time was made for the newer scouts to get some rank requirements completed. A great time was had by all. Next up is Geronimo!

Troop 828 is in the Northwest Valley.



Troop 828 Eagle Court of Honor

That which most only dream about became a reality for three. On May 15th, three scouts from Troop 828 formally received the Eagle rank at a special Eagle Court of Honor. Nick Pacione, Zach Johnson, and Dalton Simon who started their scouting journey together as Tigers, were recognized together with the Eagle medal and badge. Staying with the together theme, they waited to do the award ceremony together as their Eagle dates are far apart. The Eagle projects were Estralla Park entry way clean up, Pioneer Village restoration, and Ben Avery shooting benches.

During the ceremony, each scout took time to reflect on their scouting career. Each discussed the positive memorable, and also reflected on surviving when things did not go according to plan. These three did take advantage of the covid limitations and they organized a 5-day backpack trip. With covid preventing going anywhere public, the outdoors was the perfect place. Several adults attended as they had vacation to use and also felt the need to go out. Their scouting skills were really displayed as they had the lowest weighted backpacks and fewest incidents of blisters. At the end of their reflection, then encouraged those in attendance to complete the trail. Scouts in attendance were inspired being able to see scouts receive this rank and knowing it can be done.

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Pack 1776 Celebration

Cub Scouts recognized for their Achievements

Mountain Vista Club, Wednesday, May 11, 2022 - Pack 1776 Celebration. Pack 1776 located in the Vistancia area celebrated a memorable year with the Cub Scouts and their families on Wednesday evening, May 11. The Pack gathered at the Mountain Vista Club to honor their Cub Scouts, and to kick-off the evening, the Cub Scouts gathered and played games.

Once everyone gathered inside, Cubmaster Masciangelo welcomed everyone to the celebration and invited everyone to enjoy a wonderful BBQ dinner. Scouts also enjoyed winning some delicious desserts at the cakewalk. Next, awards were presented to the Cub Scouts.

At the end of the evening, Webelos Den Leaders Dennis Prestidge and Karen Nolan with the assistance of Troop 1776, had their Webelos crossover to Troop 1776. Congratulations to the following Webelos: Balyen B., Cole W. David G., Dean P. and Embry C.

The Pack would like to thank all the leaders and volunteers who assisted with the ceremony and dinner, especially Monika Masciangelo. The Pack would also like to thank Troop 1776 and 505 for assisting with the festivities.

Pack 1776 is for girls and boys in the Vistancia area.

Pack 526 Celebrates

Cub Scouts recognized for their Achievements

Saturday, May 7, 2022 at Northwest Church of Christ - Celebrating Cub Scouts

Pack 526 had a wonderful celebration to honor their Cub Scouts successes on Saturday, May 7. It was a festive family gathering and to kick off the evening, the Cub Scouts performed a very funny skit. Then it was time for a delicious spaghetti dinner.

After dinner, Cubmaster Nelson and Committee Chair Taylor were excited to recognize and honor the cub scouts for their numerous awards. These Cub Scouts have done an amazing job and it was so great to see them so excited about scouting! After awards, the Cub Scouts were gathered into their dens and there was a ceremony where the Cub Scouts happily greeted and welcomed their fellow Cubs moving up into their dens. Andrew Nelson and Kyle Taylor were also presented with their Arrow of Light arrows.

A special thanks to Deer Valley High School ROTC Team for their assistance with flag retirement and to Troop 526 Ceremonial Team for assisting with the ceremonies.

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