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NATIONAL CAMPING SCHOOL FOR DAY CAMP ADMINISTRATION



The Grand Canyon Council BSA is hosting the National Camping School for Day Camp Administration from November 12-13, 2022, at the Heard Scout Pueblo - Phoenix, Arizona. For Cub Scout resources and registration information about Day Camp Administration School, visit: [BSA National Camping School](#)

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MESSAGE FROM SCOUT EXECUTIVE

As I write this month's message, I see that nearly 1,000 new youth have joined Scouting this year in our council – by the time you read this the number will surely be more than 1,000. How exciting to think about the new adventures our new Scouts will have in coming months and years as members of Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, Sea Scouting, and Exploring!

More than 25 years ago I became a professional Scouter, and over my career I've learned that the single most important thing we can do – a mandate to all adult Scouters – is to invite every youth to be a Scout. When we ask families not in Scouting why they aren't members, the single largest answer we get is "we weren't invited/we didn't know how to join" – you can help us change this!

Looking ahead to later this fall– you may see a new addition at the Heard Scout Pueblo next time you visit. We will be installing a statue that is sure to inspire Scouts and leaders for decades to come. "Sam" is a larger-than-life sized statue of a girl in Scouts-BSA who has wings that extend from her Scout backpack; the wings are metaphors for the leadership skills, self-confidence, and life skills she has learned from Scouting. The statue was commissioned by Dave Alexander and is one of three matching statues (the others will be installed at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia and at Camp Tahquitz in Long Beach, California).

Happy Scouting!

Andy

SCOUT EXECUTIVE'S CORNER





Introducing the Dave Alexander Leadership Plaza

Located at the Heard Scout Pueblo on the north side of South Mountain in Phoenix, the Dave Alexander Leadership Plaza celebrates Dave’s extraordinary commitment to helping provide character and leadership development programs for all young people through Scouting. It is also home to a beautiful and inspirational bronze statue honoring the inclusion of girls into the Scouts BSA program.

Planned improvements to the Heard Scout Pueblo over the next several years will transform it into a premier facility – “Adventure Base Phoenix” – offering Scouting programs and activities for Scouts and the community-at-large. It will include the headquarters of Grand Canyon Scouting, a Scout Shop, training facilities, and activity centers. The Heard Scout Pueblo will become the center of Scouting in Phoenix.

To help construct the leadership plaza and fund our master planning process, we hope you will join Dave and his vision by purchasing a commemorative brick, paver, or boulder in honor of a friend, family, fellow Scout or Scouter, etc., to be added to the completed project. All funds generated will be used to install the leadership plaza and help fund the master plan for Heard Scout Pueblo.

DONATE A BRICK



Customer Service Team Announcement

The Grand Canyon Council BSA is excited to announce that effective October 1, 2022, Kathy Coleman will become our new Customer Service Manager. Kathy will lead our Customer Service Team, assisting leaders and parents with membership, camping/event reservations, Eagle Scout applications, leadership and training awards, general inquiries, and cashier duties. Kathy's commitment and dedication to caring for the customer exemplify what the Grand Canyon Council is about. Please join us in congratulating Kathy on her new position!

As of September 26, 2022, Lisa Knight will be joining the Grand Canyon Council's Customer Service Team as our Customer Service Specialist. Contact us directly at 602-955-7747, ext. 221, 9:00am-5:00pm (M-F) or email GCC.Info@scouting.org. Our Team will be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Note: Leadership and Training Awards: please send your completed Leadership and Training award applications directly to awards@grandcanyonbsa.org for processing.

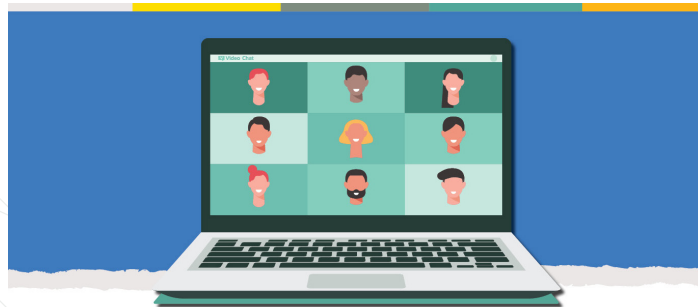
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Council Roundtable SAVE THE DATE

October 6, 2022 Exclusively through Zoom



SAVE THE DATE!

COUNCIL WIDE VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH FROM 7:00 PM TO 8:00

The Grand Canyon Council Roundtable is open to registered unit volunteers who want to learn more about supporting and growing our local Scouting programs. Join us every first Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM exclusively through Zoom. Save the date for next virtual Roundtable on October 6, 2022.

Follow the 'Council Roundtable' HUB Channel for the latest information at gcc-hub.org.

[COUNCIL ROUNDTABLE](#)

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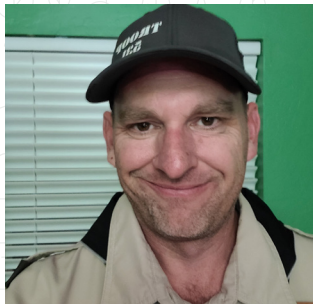
REMINDER: Please submit your Council Award Nominations today!

Deadline is October 14, 2022.

[Click here](#) for Nomination Forms and more information.

NOMINATE A VOLUNTEER

Meet George Chartier Meritorious Service Star Honoree:



The Meritorious Service Star is awarded to a Scout volunteer who has dedicated at least 5 years in a unit, district or council role. George Chartier has not only dedicated that many years and more, but he

has served in a wide variety of leadership positions. Currently George serves as the Chartered Organization Representative (COR) for Pack 531 and Troop 531 and takes his role very seriously. “The primary responsibility of the COR is to help units be successful and provide coordination between the chartered organization and Scouting. They are a voting member of the council upon selection or appointment and serve to represent Scouting within the organization.” George serves in this capacity and beyond ... always responsive to help secure program events and activities for the Pack and Troop to ensure success.

Giving back ... George has donated a significant amount of time, talent and treasure to help both Pack 531 and Troop 531 succeed. He has helped run the Pinewood Derby for several years, created a Lego racetrack, helped assemble and install shelving inside of the Troop trailer, fixed the Pack’s cargo container, and has hosted multiple Pack and Troop Annual Planning Meetings and multiple Pack and Troop Committee Meetings. George helps ensure the Pack and Troop have a place to meet, and all youth and leaders have what they need to learn, share and grow the Scouting movement.

Multiple roles ... In addition to serving as the COR of Pack/Troop 531, George has been a Lion Den Leader,

a Tiger, a Wolf, a Bear, and a Webelos Assistant Den Leader for the Pack. Here is where he has had the opportunity to work with youth and help them be the very best they can be, learning as they grow through the program! For two years, George also served as Assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 531. In addition to COR role for both the Pack and the Troop, George actively assists his son’s Den while also assisting with the Troop. He is there ... and you can always count on him!

Family Scouting ... George is the father of four. His daughter is a Girl Scout, his wife, Rachael, is the Treasurer for Pack 531 and Troop 531, two of his sons are in Pack 531 and his oldest son is a Life Scout in Troop 531. He runs a successful Air Conditioning company known for its integrity and work ethic. George has actively promoted Scouting within the Christian Hunters of America organization which has provided Pack 531 and Troop 531 an invite each year to their annual Elk Expo. Here the Scouts help lead the opening flag ceremony and provide service to the 400+ attendees and Veterans in attendance.

George gives of himself consistently to the Pack and the Troop as the ideal Scouting parent, Scouting volunteer and business leader in the community. In addition, celebrating “Scout Spirit”, George received the William D. Boyce Award in 2020 for helping start Troop 531. Many are honored, as many are that know him, to be able to share this Scouting experience with him as a key volunteer. Congratulations to you, George, for your support of Scouting – living

the mission through your service, your strong commitment and dedication, while making Scouting a family program for everyone!

SCOUT OF THE YEAR AWARD



2023 Scout of the Year Award

The Grand Canyon Council BSA is now accepting nominations for the 2023 Grand Canyon BSA "Scout of the Year!" Up to four Scouts across all programs will be selected to represent the Grand Canyon Council, BSA! The selected youth will be recognized throughout the 2023 Scouting year, including a video showcasing their accomplishments!

We are introducing the "Scout of the Year" award to recognize, honor, and celebrate exemplary Scouts! Please use the form below to nominate a Scout who has demonstrated exceptional Scout spirit, leadership, heroism, community service, or citizenship in their Scout unit or personal life.

These Scouts will be recognized at various Grand Canyon Council events and will be featured in our monthly newsletter, the Hub, and other Council publications. The selected youth will be expected to attend at least two council events and a council Executive Board Meeting.

NOMINATE A SCOUT

2022 Council Honor Awards

The Grand Canyon Council is proud to honor and recognize volunteer Scouters who provide exceptional service and leadership to Arizona youth and the Scouting community. Council honor awards are presented annually and include:

- The Silver Beaver Award
- The North Star Award
- The Distinguished Service Star
- The Meritorious Service Star
- District Award of Merit

Description of awards and criteria can be found at: <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/awards/>

Council honor award nominations are accepted May 1 through October 14. Nominate a volunteer today!

NOMINATE A VOLUNTEER



The Grand Canyon Council Partners with Barrett-Jackson in 2023!

Westworld of Scottsdale January 21, 2023

Grand Canyon Council and Barrett-Jackson Car Auction are joining together again for the 2023 auction!

Details are still being worked out but 2023 is shaping up to be very similar to this year. Saturday will consist of two merit badge classes and pinewood derby races. Please note that the races are open to all Scouts. This is not considered a Council pinewood derby.

We are looking for people willing to be on a committee to recruit sponsors and businesses who want to partner with us, as well as help, run the races and classes. Last year we raised almost \$26,000 thanks to everyone who participated! This year, with the committee's help, we are positive we can beat that!

Contact Nikki White at nikki.white@scouting.org or (623) 203-6201 for more information.

Mark your calendars and start working on those pinewood derby cars!

JOIN COMMITTEE!

The Grand Canyon Council Partners with Arizona Cardinals

November 6, 2022 State Farm Stadium



At the heart of Scouting are hands-on, interactive activities, with opportunities to spend time as a family. Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend special events such as large community projects or Scout Shows!

Arizona Cardinals are partnering with Grand Canyon Council BSA Get exclusive ticket offers to the Cardinals game against the Seahawks on November 6, 2022, in support of the Grand Canyon Council, BSA! Enjoy savings of up to 33% per ticket with no minimum ticket requirements! Get tickets today!

GET TICKETS



PHOENIX SUNS



GRAND CANYON COUNCIL
Boy Scouts of America

Scouts Night!

Discounted tickets for Arizona Scouts, family, and friends! All Scouts who purchase a ticket will receive a Phoenix Suns Patch and be invited into the arena early to watch the players warmup from up close. Additionally we will have a Scouts Color Guard and the Grand Canyon Council will be highlighted at halftime. Don't miss out on this wonderful night!



**Saturday, December 17th at 7:00 pm vs
New Orleans Pelicans**

To purchase tickets, scan the QR code above.
For questions contact Connor Sprague at csprague@suns.com



SUN DEVIL FOOTBALL

Oct. 8 (SAT) vs Washington - TBD - **WEAR GOLD**

Wave the Flag Pre-game Experience



Scout Night at Sun Devil Football

Sun Devil Football is excited to invite BSA Grand Canyon council and their friends and families out to our exclusive Scout night at Sun Devil Football! Join us for our game vs the Washington Huskies and receive a commemorative Scout Night Patch!

The first 100 Scouts (8th grade and under) to register will have the opportunity to join us on the field for our Wave the Flag Experience.

Tickets Start at \$20



To purchase visit

<https://fevo.me/asubsa>

For more information call Colton at (480) 727-3518 or email at cwturner@asu.edu

MERIT BADGE DAY

Saturday, October 22, 2022 at Western Spirit

TWO SESSIONS OFFERED

EARN UP TO 3 MERIT BADGES IN ONE DAY BY ATTENDING ARCHITECTURE & LANDSCAPE WITH ONE AFTERNOON SESSION

MORNING SESSION - 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Architecture & Landscape Architecture

AFTERNOON SESSIONS - 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Art

American Cultures

Sustainability

Sculpture



WESTERN SPIRIT

3830 N. Marshall Way
Scottsdale, AZ

480-686-9539
ScottsdaleMuseumWest.org



GRAND CANYON COUNCIL
Boy Scouts of America

For further information or details about registration contact Nikki White at Nikki.White@Scouting.org or 623-203-6201





SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC

PROCEEDS FROM THIS EVENT WILL BENEFIT GRAND CANYON BSA
FOOD • FELLOWSHIP • CLAY SHOOT • FRIDAY NOVEMBER 4

2022 Sporting Clays Classic

November 4, 2022 Rio Salado Sportsman's Club

The Grand Canyon Council BSA is sponsoring a premier sporting clays event unlike any other; held in the second largest shooting range in Arizona! Join us for a day of friendly competition at the Rio Salado Sportsman's Club on Usery Pass Road. All proceeds from this event will benefit over 5,000 young men and women participating in Scouting programs throughout most of central and northern Arizona.

The Sporting Clays Classic will be held on Friday, November 4, 2022, at Rio Salado Sportsman's Club on Usery Pass Road in Mesa. Teams will shoot 75 rounds of sporting clays in 13 stations! Are you and your business looking to sponsor our Sporting Clays event? We have several different sponsorship tiers available. Please scan the QR code to register online.

If you're interested in sponsorship opportunities or would like to participate in the Grand Canyon Council BSA's annual Sporting Clays Classic. Please contact Nikki White with any questions at nikki.white@scouting.org at 602-955-7747, ext. 218

Friday, November 4, 2022, at Rio Salado Sportsman's Club
Schedule:

- 7:15am Check in/Breakfast/Beginning of Silent Auction
- 7:45am Safety briefing and Welcome
- 8:00am Shoot begins
- 11:30am Lunch
- 12:30pm Awards and winners of Silent Auction announced
- 1:30pm Event concludes



YES, SIGN ME UP!

New Estate Planning Seminars

The Grand Canyon Council will be hosting Estate Planning Seminars this fall. Sam Kelsall IV, an attorney with more than 50 years of experience in estate planning, will lead the seminars. Sam is an Eagle Scout and a member of the executive board of Grand Canyon Council.

Despite the fancy-sounding title, estate planning is not just for the wealthy. The term “estate” might not mean what you think it does. Deciding who will inherit your estate is a big decision and essential to life planning. Estate planning helps protect families with young children as well as help your heirs from overpaying on taxes. The simple fact is that you won't get to choose who gets what without a plan.

Register today, follow Scouting's motto, and Be Prepared with a plan for your estate and family.

We will also have a Zoom broadcast running for those unable to join us in person (you must register to attend to receive the link).

[LEARN MORE](#)

SCOTTSDALE

Click the link below to register for a free Estate Planning Seminar at Valley Presbyterian Church.

- [October 4 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM](#)

EAST VALLEY

Click the link below to register for a free Estate Planning Seminar at Global Legacy Charities.

- [October 20 from 1:00 PM– 2:30 PM](#)
- [October 20 from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM](#)

SUN CITY WEST

Click the link below to register for a free Estate Planning Seminar at PORA in Sun City West.

- [October 5 from 9:00 AM – 11:00AM](#)

FREE ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS

SCOTTSDALE

Valley Presbyterian Church
6947 E McDonald Dr, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253

- September 13, 2022 from 3:00 PM– 4:30 PM
- October 4, 2022 from 5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

EAST VALLEY

Global Legacy Charities
4435 E Holmes, Mesa, AZ 85206

- October 20, 2022 from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM
- October 20, 2022 from 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

SUN CITY WEST

PORA
13815 W Camino Del Sol, Sun City, AZ 85375

- October 5, 2022 from 9:30 AM – 11:00 AM

GUEST SPEAKER

The Grand Canyon Council is getting you the financial information you need to plan your estate with guest speaker Samuel Kelsall IV, Estate Planning Attorney.



OPEN YOUR PHONE CAMERA
AND SCAN THIS QR CODE!

[REGISTER TO ATTEND](#)

CAMP GERONIMO ENDOWMENT FUND



ENSURE HIGH QUALITY CAMPING
FACILITIES & OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

CAMP MAINTENANCE ENDOWMENT FUND

The Grand Canyon Council has a strong commitment to ensure high quality camping facilities and outdoor adventures are available to all Scouts and desires to continue the operation of Camp Geronimo long into the future. Through the establishment of a permanently-restricted camp maintenance endowment fund, stakeholders can help cover the annual operating costs related to the operation of Camp Geronimo without ever decreasing permanent gifts made to this fund.

CONTACT US

Director of Donor Engagement
Dave Jarvis
dave.jarvis@scouting.org
602-955-7747, ext 241

RECOGNITION

- Donors who contribute \$250 or more will receive a GEF council shoulder patch
- Donors who contribute \$1,000 or more will be invited to an annual picnic at Camp Geronimo

MAKE A GIFT



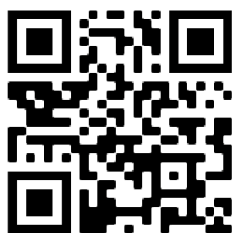


ANNUAL POPCORN SALES CAMPAIGN

SUPPORT SCOUTING, BUY POPCORN!

Sign up to sell! Fund the most exciting year of Scouting yet! Selling popcorn is a great opportunity for Scouts to earn their own way to Scouting adventures like summer camp and beyond! We're excited to partner with Trail's End Popcorn to deliver an unbeatable sale opportunity for our Scouts, who average \$200 an hour in storefront sales! And units who take part in the Take Order and Online Direct popcorn sales will have a zero-risk fundraiser. Commit your unit to the 2022 sale and fund your ideal year of Scouting now!

Selling popcorn this year? Stay in the loop by subscribing to the 'Popcorn' HUB channel [HERE!](#)



HELPFUL LINKS

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

2022 POPCORN SALE KEY DATES

- Oct. 3 Mid-Sale #2 Orders DUE
- Oct. 13-14 Mid-Sale #2 ARRIVES
- Nov 4 Take Order DUE
- Nov 17-18 Take Order ARRIVES Final Payments DUE

Grand Canyon Council BSA National Scout Jamboree 2023



July 15-28, 2023



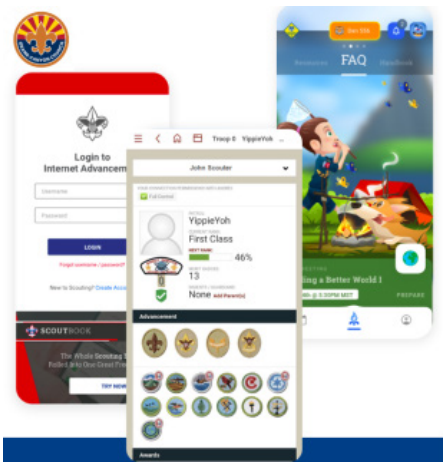
2023 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

SUMMIT BECHTEL RESERVE
JULY 19-28, 2023

SIGN UP TODAY!



Scouting Digital Advancement Tools



Learn the latest in digital advancement tools at the Scouting Digital Advancement Tools for Unit Leaders course. This virtual class will be held October 8, 2022. Ideal for leaders involved with tracking advancement in the unit (pack, troop, crew, ship). Subjects covered include My.Scouting unit tools, Scoutbook, Internet Advancement, and more. Discover more and register today.

REGISTER NOW

Scoutbook Supports New Eagle Applications

Scoutbook now supports Eagle applications for both the 2016 and 2022 versions of the Eagle rank. The application version will automatically be selected based on the version of Eagle set on the Eagle rank page for the Scout. Application versions can be distinguished as follows:

- 2016 Eagle application does not have the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge in required portion of the Merit Badge table and has a version date on page 2 of February 2022.
- 2022 Eagle application includes the Citizenship in Society Merit Badge in the required portion of the Merit Badge table and has a version date on page 2 of June 2022.

If your Scout has the wrong version of the Eagle application, go to the Scout's Advancement page then click on Eagle and change the selector at the top of the page to the correct version. Note: To use the 2016 Eagle application, all requirements except the Board of Review must be completed prior to July 1, 2022.

One Advancement Software Suite

Recently, you may have noticed when you click on a menu item in Scoutbook, it opens a screen in Internet Advancement. We want to share with you what is happening.

We have moved all advancements to one database. This database is shared amongst platforms such as Internet Advancement, Scoutbook, the Scouting App, MyScouting, and Registrar Tools.

Over the next weeks and months, we will continue to migrate more and more functionality from Scoutbook to Internet Advancement to reduce syncing of data and improve performance. When the migration is complete, users will see changes they have entered in real time in reports and across all platforms.

We know that you like Scoutbook (We do, too!) Our focus is to maintain the functions and capabilities that Scoutbook provides in Internet Advancement such as profile update, unit advancement tracking, activity entry, calendaring, messaging, quick entry, and unit financial logging.

Eventually, we will have one app suite for advancement that is based under Internet Advancement and the Scouting App. After the full migration is complete, our next task will be to add enhancements that you have requested from the field and to continue to improve this tool for your use in serving the youth in your community. [Source](#)

Camp Geronimo Save-a-Spot



Dust off your Hawaiian shirts...it's time to start thinking about summer camp 2023! We are currently accepting online Save-A-Spot deposits! Make your reservation by November 1, 2022, to secure one free leader for your unit! Please contact our Program Department at GCC.Program@scouting.org with any questions regarding campsites or campsite changes.

Open Shoot at Heard Scout Pueblo

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

- [October Open Shoot Rifle](#)
- [October Open Shoot Archery](#)

Merit Badge Day at the Western Spirit Museum of Scottsdale

Scottsdale, AZ, October 22, 2022, The Western Spirit Museum of Scottsdale is hosting a merit badge clinic to earn up to three merit badges in one day.

Scouts will be able to earn their Architecture and Landscape Architecture merit badges in the morning and choose one from Art, American Cultures, Sustainability or Sculpture for the afternoon session. Space is limited so please sign up now!

The registration fee is \$7.00 per person. Adults attending with their Scout or Troop are welcome to join in the merit badge sessions. Any adults wishing to tour the museum are welcome to do so for the standard \$20 admission price.

All participants will need to provide their own sack lunch. For more information or questions, please contact Nikki White at nikki.white@scouting.org or (623) 203-6201. .

[REGISTER NOW](#)

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. [Discover More](#)

- [Citizenship in the World Merit Badge](#)
- [Citizenship in the Nation Merit Badge](#)
- [Personal Management Merit Badge](#)

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CAMP GERONIMO 2023 **SAVE-A-SPOT**

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION BY NOVEMBER 1, 2022 TO SECURE ONE FREE LEADER

Letter to Leaders

Good afternoon Scouters!

On behalf of Camp Geronimo and our staff, I want to thank you for bringing your troops to camp Geronimo this year. I hope your week of adventure was great for the scout's growth and improvement. It would not have been the same without you. We hope you will and invite you to join us at Camp Geronimo again next summer.

When I think of all the things you do for your troops through the year, I am reminded of the sacrifice and love you share for those individual scouts and for the program. All year long you guide your youth leaders to really lead the troop, you teach them and inspire them. The youth leaders struggle at times and that is when the growth happens. Then, best of all, you get to go to a week-long resident camp, an outdoor lab of sorts, where magic happens. I have witnessed it and I assume you have too. That is a big reason I keep coming back to Geronimo. I hope you will keep that kind of growth in mind while guiding the troop youth leaders to select Geronimo again next year. See you there!

Andrew Knudsen
480-518-7477

CAMP GERONIMO STAFF APPLICATION

Duty to God Hike 27th Anniversary November 25, 2022



The “Duty to God Hike 2022” (formerly the Ten Commandment Hike) will be held November 25, 2022 and will be in the downtown Phoenix area. We invite people of all faith traditions to join us for an inspirational day celebrating our duty to God, a founding tenet of Scouting.

Please visit the following link to learn more and to register. Contact Kathy at kpolo55@gmail.com or call 480-244-6806 with questions.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Jamboree-on-the-Air, Jamboree-on-the-Internet October 14-16. , 2022



Connect to Scouts around the world during Jamboree-on-the-Air, Jamboree-on-the-Internet!

Scouts can participate in two other large Scouting events: the Jamboree-on-the-Air and Jamboree-on-the-Internet. This year’s digital and amateur radio events are slated for Oct. 14-16. That’s when more than 2 million Scouts from more than 170 countries will connect with other Scouts, locally, nationally or globally by logging online or turning on a ham radio. You can [register here](#).

[LEARN MORE](#)

District Camporees (BALOO/ IOLS Training)

October 7-9 Boyd Ranch, Wickenburg

- [Sonoran Sunset: “How the West was Fun!”](#)
Get your cowboy hat and boots because our district’s western camporee will be on October 7-9 at Boyd Ranch in Wickenburg.

October 21-23 Camp Geronimo

- [Pinnacle Peak: “Ahoy-O-Ree”](#)
“Ahoy-o-ree” with BALOO/IOLS training available, Scouts BSA, Venturers and Sea Scouts are welcomed to attend!

October 14-16 West Wetland Park

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National Camping School for Day Camp Administration

November 12-13, 2022, Heard Scout Pueblo

The Grand Canyon Council BSA is hosting the National Camping School for Day Camp Administration from November 12-13, 2022, at the Heard Scout Pueblo - Phoenix, Arizona.

For Cub Scout resources and registration Day Camp Administration School, visit: [BSA National Camping School](#)

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For Cub Scout resources and information about Cub Scout Day Camp – click [HERE](#)

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Trainer's EDGE

Training Fundamentals & Trainer's EDGE

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

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](#)

SAFETY CORNER

Emergency Risk Management for Arrow of Light Scouts transitioning to Scouts BSA.

The Arrow of Light “Scouting Adventure” is an important step to preparing our Arrow of Light Scouts to transition into a Scouts BSA troop. Part of this adventure provides them the opportunity to “participate in a troop’s campout or other outdoor activity. Use the patrol method while on the outing.”

As with all Scouting activities, this participation must follow the policies of the Boy Scouts of America as outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting. Here are a few helpful tips:

- It is not required for the Scouts to camp overnight. The troop event could be a campout or other outdoor activity such as an age-appropriate hike or other outdoor event. That is a decision the Arrow of Light den, the den leadership, and the Scout troop they are working with should make in collaboration.
- If the outdoor event is an overnight campout and the Arrow of Light Scouts are staying overnight, the Arrow of Light den must camp according to the specific camping guidance for Cub Scout found in the Guide to Safe Scouting. This includes:
 - The den must have a BALOO trained adult leader in attendance.
 - Webelos and Arrow of Light Den Camping: Each Scout should attend with their parent(s) or guardian(s).
 - *Webelos or Arrow of Light Scout whose parent or legal guardian cannot attend a den overnight camping trip may participate under the supervision of at least two registered leaders. The leaders and a parent or legal guardian must agree to the arrangement, and all Youth Protection policies apply. Reminder, a Scout cannot share a tent with any adult other than their parent or guardian.*
 - Cub Scout youth may tent with a parent or guardian as outlined in Scouting’s Barriers to Abuse.
- What does it mean to “use the patrol method while on the outing”? First, engage the youth leadership of the troop you are collaborating with to find ways they can help the Arrow of Light Scouts in attendance see and experience the patrol method. There are many wonderful ways to use and see the patrol method during this event! Examples could include:
 - Assign a member of the Arrow of Light den to serve as the “patrol leader” of their “Arrow of Light” patrol during the event.
 - Provide the Arrow of Light den the opportunity to divide up chores or other necessary tasks to enable them to work together as a group to meet their group’s goals.
 - Showcase the patrol method through the Scouts BSA patrols in attendance at the event/activity so the Arrow of Light Scouts can see the value and fun that comes from participating in a patrol.
- Regardless of the activity, verify that your planned Arrow of Light “Scouting Adventure” aligns with the policies in the Guide to Safe Scouting, including whether the planned activities are approved for an Arrow of Light Scout to participate in. Check out the Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities for a reference.
- Finally the “SAFE Checklist” is a helpful tool for your Arrow of Light den leaders and Scouts BSA troop youth leaders and adults to review and use as they plan for a successful event.



Chiefly Speaking 2022 Wipala Wiki Lodge Chief



Scouters,

It has been a busy month for the Lodge! I am happy to share that after our Fall Induction Weekend we now have 117 new Ordeal members, 33 new Brotherhood, and 2 new Vigil members. I am also happy to share that we had 243 Arrowman attend this weekend making it the largest attended OA event since 2015 and the 8th largest ever in the lodge's history! I'd like to say a big thank you to everyone who made this weekend possible, especially our Culinary team, our Inductions team, and our Ceremonies teams.

Looking forward we have many exciting things still to come before the end of the year. In just a few weeks we have our Section G13 Conclave in Las Vegas, NV at the Clark County Fairgrounds October 14th-16th. I'd like to invite all Arrowman, especially our newly inducted members to join us. For more information and to register please visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/010-2022OAW6Wsectionconclave>.

Also coming up in just over a month we have our Braves Pow Wow at the Heard Scout Pueblo November 19th. If you or someone you know has a fun booth or activity that you would like to see at Pow Wow please reach out to chief@wipalawiki.org. If you would like to volunteer to help at this event please feel free to also reach out to us, we would love to have you! For all of our Cub Scout parents if you are looking for a super fun event for you and your Cub this is the one for you! It will be a day of super cool booths, awesome games, shooting sports, and great food! For more information and to register please visit: <https://scoutingevent.com/010-2022OApowwow>.

After electing our 2023 Lodge Officers this past weekend I am super excited to begin working with next year's team to ensure a smooth transition from 2022 to 2023. The future of our Lodge is in fantastic hands and I have no doubt the 2023 team will do amazing things just like this year's team has done. As always if you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me at chief@wipalawiki.org. Thank you for everything you do in Scouting!

Yours in Scouting,

Joshua Balch





Order of the Arrow Fall Induction Weekend

Camp Geronimo September 9-11, 2020 - The Wipala Wiki Lodge held its second Induction Weekend of the year at Camp Geronimo this past month September 9th-11th. The Lodge welcomed 117 brand new Arrowman into Order of the Arrow along with 33 new Brotherhood members and 2 new Vigil members. Many service projects around the camp were completed including landscaping, fire fuel control, erosion control, canvas summer camp tent/ platform repairs, and much more. History was also made this weekend with 243 Arrowman attending making this the largest event since 2015 and the 8th largest ever in the lodge's history. This weekend the Lodge also held its annual leadership elections.

A big congratulations to the following elected 2023 Lodge officers:

- Jack McLellan- Lodge Chief
- Connor Carlson- Vice Chief of Events
- Alyse Silverman- Vice Chief of Inductions
- Ryan Picker- Vice Chief of Membership
- Liam Kennedy- Lodge Treasurer



Brother and Sister Earn Eagle Scout Rank

Saturday August 27th, 2022 was a big day for brother and sister Thomas and Regan Huxtable. They celebrated with friends and family having earned their Eagle Scout rank together. On May 19th, 2022 they became the first brother and sister to sit for their Eagle Board of Review on the same night in the Central District of the Grand Canyon Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Regan began her Scouting in 2018 in one of the first female troops in Arizona, Troop 3329. She was their first Senior Patrol Leader. She has since gone on to serve in other leadership positions as well as leadership positions in the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program. Regan's Eagle project was the construction of a courtyard sensory garden table in a newly paved space at Ryan House. Regan graduated from Madison Highland Preparatory in May 2022 and is looking forward to using her leadership and artistic skills in all her future endeavors.

Thomas has been in Scouting since he was a Wolf in Pack 329 and earned his Arrow of Light award, crossing into Troop 329. Troop 329 has been active in Central Phoenix for more than 50 years. Thomas served in various leadership positions including Senior Patrol Leader with a group of 40 scouts last year. Thomas has also completed the NYLT program and especially enjoyed the

high adventure camps of scuba diving at Sea Base in the Florida Keys and, the pinnacle camp for hiking and camping, Philmont, New Mexico. Thomas' Eagle project was to lead a barbed wire fence removal on the Sonoran Desert National Monument. He is a junior at Franklin Police and Fire High School and intends to explore the forensic sciences.

Both these fine Eagle Scouts credit their mother, Lindsay Kittler, as their guiding force and biggest cheerleader. When she missed one of Thomas' first rank promotions, she decided to become involved as a driver on campouts. Lindsay was the merit badge counselor for Regan's Troop 3329 and went on to become the Scoutmaster. She is also involved on the District level for Eagle Boards of Review. All three have benefited from the BSA Ideals of Scouting: Serving our community, one another and at the same time experiencing personal growth all the while being outdoors.

BSA Scouting programs are alive and growing in Arizona. Search for a unit near you by going to BeAScout.org, in Central Phoenix you may also reach out to connect with Troop 3329 for girls at scouts3329az@gmail.com or Troop 329 for boys at troop329az@gmail.com

Central District Eagle Scout for September

Tanner M. of Troop 6 was the star of the evening as Central District welcomed him to the rank of Eagle Scout on September 15th, after successfully passing his Board of Review. Tanner led his group to rebuild and install two new message chalkboards at the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church and School. The group also made sure to beautify the landscaping where the boards are located, adding plants for the finishing touch. Congratulations go out to Tanner, parents Mike and Linda, Scoutmaster and Eagle Scout Matthew Keeler, and project coach and Eagle Scout Brian Miller. Thank you for attending and showing Tanner your support. Thank you to our hosts at Ss. Simon and Jude/Troop 148, and to the reviewers that made this evening possible.

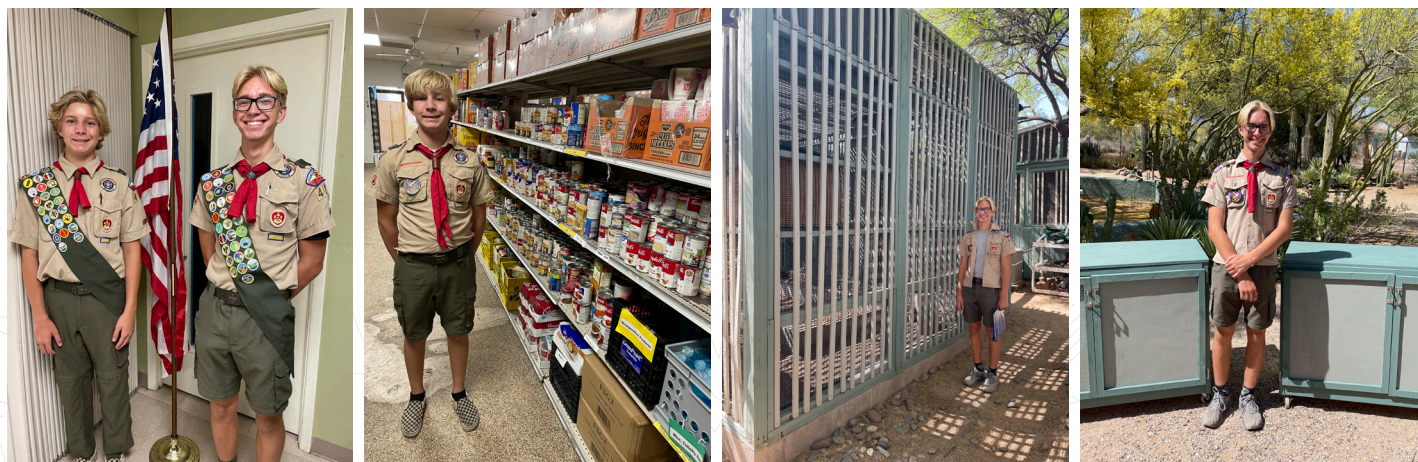


LOST DUTCHMAN DISTRICT



Claud Eldred Cluff

Claud Eldred Cluff, longtime Latter Day Saints Scouter in Arizona, passed away August 23rd, 2022 in Mesa, Arizona. Born February 2nd, 1959, he served the BSA program for many years in the Mesa and Pioneer Districts, bringing his expertise in agriculture and landscaping to the program, as well as his great heart to serve youth in packs, troops, and Varsity. He was a Wood Badge buffalo, as well as a recipient of the Mesa District Award of Merit (1996) and Silver Beaver Award. His last service to Scouting was with his wife Penny, assisting Pack 451 as a subject matter expert in all things nature-related, as well as being a master cast iron chef. His legacy is carried on via his wife Penny, daughters, Rose, and Iris (Scott) Lewis, and three grandsons, Riley Stuckey and Darien and Thor Lewis; sisters, Beth (Norris) Phelps, Lynette (Raj) Kohli, Peggy (Wynn) Caffall, Vicky (Paul) Roundy, Della, and Penny (Ben) McLaughlin and his brother David (Shelly) Cluff, and borrowed sister Kathy (Blaine) Waddoups.



Brothers Earn Eagle Scout Rank Same Night

Phoenix, AZ - July 2022 Two brothers from Troop 426 achieve scouts highest honor on same night

Brothers Kian Francis and Rylan Francis passed their Board of Review to become Eagle Scouts on the same night of July 14, 2022. The brothers are Scouts with Troop 426. They started their scouting journey in Pack 416, Kian as a Wolf Scout and Rylan as a Tiger Scout.

Kian has earned 31 merit badges and will receive a Bronze and Gold Palm. His Eagle project was at Wild at Heart, a raptor rescue organization, building two cabinets, demoing old cabinets, and painting slats on an aviary.

Rylan has earned 29 merit badges and will receive a Bronze Palm. His Eagle project was for Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank, sorting, organizing, and labeling thousands of canned goods and other items by type and expiration date in the back-stock area, and restocking shelving.

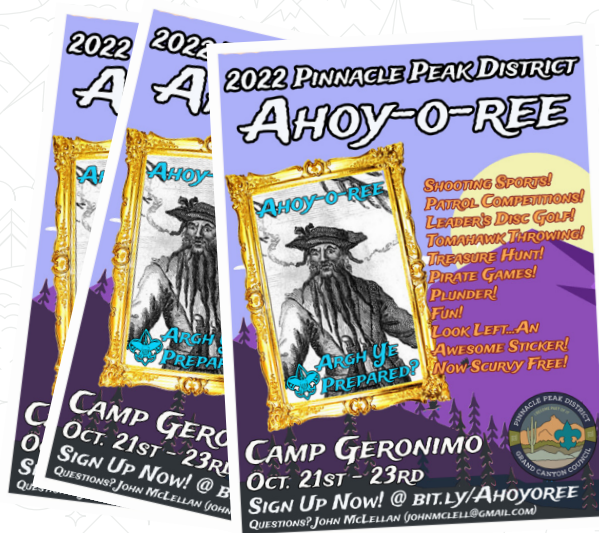
The two projects combined for 250 hours to benefit the community. Their joint Eagle Court of Honor is scheduled for October 2022. Parents Aaron and Teresa Francis couldn't be prouder.

Pinnacle Peak "Ahoy-O-Ree"

October 21-23, 2022 Camp Geronimo

Pinnacle Peak Camporee "Ahoy-o-ree" with BALOO/IOLS training available. Camp Geronimo from October 21-23, 2022 Scouts BSA, Venturers and Sea Scouts are welcomed to attend! [VIEW FLYER](#)

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Scout Troop 109 Celebrates 40 years of Service at Historic Palace Station

Yavapai County – September 24, 2022 – Deep in the woods of the Bradshaw Mountains along the old Senator Highway south of Prescott sits Palace Station, one of the oldest surviving stagecoach stops in the West. Scottsdale Scout Troop 109 adopted this historic building, cemetery, and nearby trail system 41 years ago to conduct annual service projects that protect and enhance the property.

“In 1981 a troop leader worked with the Prescott National Forest to have Boy Scouts and Webelos perform service projects at a registered national historic site,” said Scoutmaster Stephen Vaaler. “It became an annual event and over the years, they erected the flagpole and built the fence around the cabin, and for the most ambitious project, they constructed a stone helipad to assist search and rescue operations.”

President Ronald Reagan honored the efforts of Troop 109 in 1988 at a ceremony in Washington, D.C as a part of the Take Pride in America Program. Arizona Governor Rose Mofford, Senator Dennis DeConcini, and Representative Jon Kyl also sent along their congratulations. By 1989, the troop (and Cub Scout Pack) had logged more than 4,000-man hours of service. Scouts from Troop 109 were presented a wooden replica of the station by the U.S. Forest Service on the 20th anniversary.

In April 2022, the U.S. Forest Service feared the cabin wouldn’t survive the Crooks Fire and wrapped the station [in special “foil” hoping to protect](#) it. In this picture, you can see the flagpole Troop 109 built in 1983. The station survived again as it has since the Spence Family settled in Crook Canyon and built it in 1875.

“Troop 109 wasn’t able to provide service around the cabin in 2020 because of another fire in the area,” said Scoutmaster Vaaler. “We were excited to return for our 40th year and found Palace Station and the surrounding area in good shape despite these close calls. The Scouts performed trail maintenance on the nearby Trail 281 and removed brush and overgrowth around the station.”

“It was an honor to keep up this tradition of service with the rangers from the Prescott National Forest,” said Chris Capels, Troop 109 Committee Chairman. “We still have adult members of our troop who came here as Scouts and now they are providing this service with their Scouts.” You can read a short history of Palace Station on our website at: www.phxtroop109.org Find photos and videos [here](#).

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Camporee Committee

Hello Scoutmasters,

For this Camporee, please review the Leader Guide and the Check-In Packet. You are responsible for the Medical Forms & Boyd Ranch Waivers.

We want you to have an amazing time! Any questions, please contact Karen Albers (KebaConsulting@gmail.com).

Camporee Committee

Hi Senior Scouts & OA Members, If you are interested in staffing the Camporee, please email

KebaConsulting@gmail.com and your info will be forwarded to Jackson Herndon, OA White Tanks Chapter Chief.

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Camporee Committee



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