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Andy Price

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

GRAND CANYON COUNCIL

Howdy!

We are living through interesting times and I suspect we may reflect down the road that these were historic times. I hope that you, your family, and all your loved ones are safe and healthy during this challenging time in history.

We continue to work to reintroduce Scouting to our community and this month our new website launched. Our primary goal is that it is a comprehensive, useful, and well-organized tool, that speaks effectively to the various stakeholders who might view it. As with anything new, it probably has a bug or two in it, and I encourage you to share ideas and suggestions for improvement with Tarryn Hutchison.

While we continue to monitor daily updates from public health officials on how to best mitigate the spread of COVID-19, we also continue to work on and plan for an exciting Summer Camp season! We will be rolling out new programs for youth involved in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturing at our summer programs this year and more information is in this newsletter and on our website – take a look! I’m personally most excited about the new Fish Camp offering that will be housed at R-C Scout Camp for our youth in Scouts BSA and Venturing; this is the only collaboration in the United States between a local BSA council and Trout Unlimited.

Included in this newsletter is an article about charter organizations and their role in Scouting. During my time in this council I’ve had a number of conversations and received many questions about the charter partner concept, and I’ve learned that it’s not commonly understood by many of our leaders. I hope you’ll take a look.

As always, thanks for everything you do for our Scouts and I hope to see you at camp!

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The Charter Partner Concept in BSA

Scouting is a collaborative organization by its very nature. Every pack, troop, crew, ship, and post in the Boy Scouts of America is chartered to a local organization, often a non-profit civic organization or house of worship, but sometimes a business, too.

The local council also receives a charter – annually BSA grants a charter to every local council to operate and support Scouting for the next year in its territory. Grand Canyon Council, in one form or another, dates back to 1921 (our 100th birthday is right around the corner!).

Grand Canyon Council grants charters annually to more than 300 local organizations so they can use Scouting as an outreach program to their local community. As a chartered unit, every pack, troop, crew, ship, and post is ‘owned’ by its charter organization. Assets (camping equipment, funds, pinewood derby tracks, etc.) are owned by the charter organization and used by the unit to provide the Scouting program. Annually, each charter organization signs an Annual Charter Agreement that highlights the relationship between the council and itself, and details how each party supports the Scouting program.

This relationship between the unit and its charter partner is an important one, and frankly it is a relationship that is often taken for granted. Our best Scouting units avoid this challenge by carefully developing a strong relationship, that is mutually beneficial to both parties, by strategically meeting with key leadership, sharing successes and challenges, and by looking for ways to deepen their bond.

In upcoming newsletters we will share best methods for units and charter partners.





Report to the State

Grand Canyon Council rekindled the annual Report to the State this year; the first time in many years we've reached out to our government officials to share our successes. This year's event took place March 11th, and we had a great showing of about a dozen of our best Scouts for the day. Our Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance in the House of Representatives and the Senate and gave reports to the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate.

Our Scouts met with representatives from the Governor's office and got a tour of the state Supreme Court. Vice Chief Justice Ann A. Scott Timmer even gave a presentation to our youth about the court system and how it works to preserve justice for all Arizonans. Our Scouts proudly represented Grand Canyon Council and learned much about the role of government in our civil society. Plans are underway already for 2021!





The Arizona Tax Credit Program

There's still time to take advantage of the Arizona Tax Credit Program for the 2019 tax year! Making a tax credit donation is easy! Support the girls and boys of your community by donating (up to \$400 for individuals or \$800 for joint filers) to the Grand Canyon Council through the Arizona Tax Credit program!

Arizona law states that your donation to a Qualified Charitable Organization (QCO) counts as a tax credit, not a deduction, towards your tax liability! 100% of your money will support our Scouts and 100% comes back to you as a tax credit.

At the Grand Canyon Council, we believe everyone deserves a chance at Scouting. Your generous Arizona Tax Credit contribution will enable the Grand Canyon Council to provide outreach programs that serve minority, at-risk, special needs, refugee, foster and economically diverse youth in our state. Your gift will help young people living in challenging circumstances learn time-tested, proven skills & values that have been changing lives for over 100 years.

How to Make an Arizona Tax Credit Donation:

1. Donate online or by sending a check to the Grand Canyon Council
2. Receive a receipt and complete the Arizona Form 321 using our QCO code.
3. Subtract your tax credits from your tax liability and include your completed Arizona Form 321 with your tax return.

There's more information on these programs at azdor.gov.
For advice on tax credit donations, consult with your tax professional.
[Donate now](#)

MEMBERSHIP

Our Scouting family is Growing!

Our Scouting family is Growing! In February, 4 new Scout Units have joined the Grand Canyon Council. If you are a member of a unit that did not re-charter, or if you would like to help provide more families an opportunity to learn the values; email gcc.membership@scouting.org, so we can help.

Our newest community partners are:

- Christs Church of Fountain Hills, Pack 13
- United Islamic Center of Arizona, Pack 1744
- Ridgeline Academy, Troop 3824
- American Lutheran Church, Crew 7206

Scout from Home

Our Scouts and those around the country are developing great ways to keep the families plugged in and engaged even with out the regular scheduled meetings. Scouts are hosting Den and Patrol meetings through Facebook Live, There are many merit badges that can be completed at home with the guidance of a remote instructor so classes are taking place. Help us build our list of resources by emailing Amanda.Foster@Scouting.org with the subject line "Scout From Home" so we can include links ideas and resources for all of our community to use.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

Welcome to the Team

The Grand Canyon Council would like to welcome our newest support staff member, Kory Ball. Kory and his family recently relocated to Phoenix from the Portland area. There he worked at the Cascade Pacific Council, following serving in the military. Kory will be working as Program Assistant to Greg Harmon. We are very glad to have him as a part of our team.

Troop 329 Scouting for Food



I would like to thank all the Boy Scouts and their families for participating in the 2020 Scouting for food drive and a special thank you to our troop leader Tyler Howland who recognized and supported the importance of this community service project. On Saturday 2/22/20 9:00 am, The Boy Scout slogan “Do a Good Turn Daily” came to life when the Troop 329 participants came together at the North High School campus, 1101 E. Thomas Rd. and helped sort out, date and stock the homeless teen food pantry with food collected by the troop during the Scouting for Food drive.

The Scouts were able to learn from the High Schools community liaison why their effort in supporting Scouting for Food really does matter and serves the community. In addition, the Scouts sorted out and organized the clothing closet for students that are homeless or from low income families. We learned that there are currently 29 homeless teenagers attending North High School. Our troop came together to help these teenagers at North High School who otherwise would not have food.

The closet now has a store like atmosphere everything is sorted by size and gender to make it easy for students to find what they need.

With gratitude,
Thank you, Malinda Hurd,
Troop 329 Scouting for Food Chair



Over 100 Scouts enjoyed Scouting day at the Phoenix Raceway NASCAR CUP Series on March 7, 2020. Troops as far south as Nogales and Tucson were in attendance. They were given the opportunity to have hands on instruction from checking the brake fluid to changing a tire

to work towards earning their Automotive Merit badge. According to scouts, the highlight of the day was having the privilege of meeting Eagle scout and NASCAR Cup Series driver of the Number 24 Chevrolet, William Byron. William placed 10th over all in the Cup Series the next day.



OUR COMMITMENT TO SAFE SCOUTING



Youth Protection Training (YPT) Expires for Many

IN 2018, BSA rolled out new YPT training that had to be taken by all registered adults. It is now 2020 and unless you have taken the training since 2018, your YPT will expire this year.

As in 2018, there will be many who will need to complete this training so the system might be a bit slow and certificates might take a while to show up if everyone waits until the last minute. Get ahead of the crowd and complete your training now.

Log into your my.scouting account to verify your expiration date. This is also the place where you can take the needed training. After you log in, click on the menu in the upper left hand corner of the page. Select “My Training” from the drop down menu. The YPT tab should automatically come up. You can see your expiration date from there and click on the “Take Course” arrow to start the process.



Wood Badge at R-C

Wood Badge is Scouting’s premier training course. Baden-Powell designed it so that Scouters could learn, in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. It is first and foremost, learning by doing.

Wood Badge is more than just mechanical course work. Wood Badge is the embodiment of Scouting spirit. Like many intense training experiences, it has always relied on a busy schedule forcing the participants to work together, to organize and to develop an enthusiasm and team spirit to accomplish the tasks and challenges placed before them.

Grand Canyon Council will host two sessions of the 2020 revision of Wood Badge this year!

Each session will take place over two weekends two weeks apart, which each participant must complete in order to continue with the training

R-C Scout Ranch – Christopher Creek, AZ
Director: Rob Wishart
Oct. 9-11 & 24-25
[Registration is open](#)



Poseidon Event at Lake Pleasant Aquatics Center

The Poseidon event is a weekend filled with Aquatic adventure, like sailing, scuba, paddle craft, and maritime learning being offered to adult Scouters and youth that are 14 years of age or older. The program includes SCUBA, sailing, marksmanship, lifesaving, boat repair, paddle-craft, and much more! [Click here to learn more](#)

[Registration is open](#)
October 8-11, 2020



Red Cross Lifeguard Training | BSA Camp Staff Only

Offer includes Boy Scouts of America Lifeguard and Red Cross Lifeguard Training April 18 - 19 and April 25-26 at the Heard Scout Pueblo. Scouts aged 16 or over interested in life guarding at Summer Day Camp Contact: Program Director, Matthew.Graham@scouting.org



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Philmont 2020 Western Region Week

Top ten reasons to attend Philmont 2020 Leadership Inspired

In just a few short months, during Western Region Week -July 19-25, 2020, the Grand Canyon Council’s Leadership Inspired conference begins at the Philmont Training Center in northern New Mexico, near Cimarron.

Haven’t decided to go yet? If you need some encouragement, please consider this:

Here are Ten Reasons to join us! You can...

- 10) enjoy a book, relax or play with your kids (with a view of the Tooth)
- 9) travel somewhere new (and have fun exploring the area in and around Philmont)
- 8) observe wildlife (deer, antelope, wild turkeys, “mini-bears” and more)
- 7) go for a walk around the PTC (or take a hike to see the T Rex footprint)
- 6) wear a Western shirt (bring your boots and a bolo tie for Cowboy night)
- 5) enjoy a beautiful sunset over the mountains (and see God’s handiwork in the sky)
- 4) visit one of the 4 Museums on or near the Ranch (including the Villa)
- 3) experience fellowship (with Scouters from around the Country)
- 2) gain inspiration (to continue as an advocate for Scouting)
- 1) help Grand Canyon Council develop ways to implement our strategic plan to ensure a bright, positive future for Scouting in our Council!

Join us for a great week in God’s country! The early bird gets the worm. Don’t delay, register today! Just do it. “Leadership Inspired, Inspired Leadership”!

Is there anything else you need to know to make a decision to join us? Just “say yes” and please sign up. We would love to have you on our team!

2 Steps:

- 1) Please visit the Philmont link for more information and to register at the Philmont Training Center: (click on the large green tab) <https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/2020-conferences/>
- 2) Click this second link to access Grand Canyon Council registration and sign up for the Philmont 2020 VIP Package at: <https://scoutingevent.com/010-PhilmontRoadTrip>

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PHILMONT 2020 *Leadership Inspired*



COVID-19: Philmont Closed to the Public -- April 10

Information on Philmont's response to COVID-19 can be found here: www.philmontscoutranch.org/coronavirus



Face the Challenge | National Scout Jamboree 2021 July 21-30, 2021

The truth is that young people can achieve more than they believe is possible. Scouting uniquely prepares its members to redefine their boundaries, push past them and emerge from the experience with the confidence that no matter the challenge, they can meet it.

Nothing is impossible for the prepared young person — no future is out of reach for a group of committed people who care.

We have four different Council contingent opportunities, pick the one that is right for you. Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers are invited! Visit: www.grandcanyonbsa.org/2021-national-jamboree/

Will you Face the Challenge? Jamboree.scouting.org

*We will have two different trip options
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Venturing Scouts.
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Eagle Time Extension due to Covid-19

Through September 30, 2020; the Grand Canyon Council can approve Eagle Scout extensions of up to 3 months based upon the limitations listed [here](#).

The process is as follows:

A request for extension must be made by the Scout, Request for and justification for the extension needs to be sent to the following email addresses: gccadvancement1@gmail.com and copy Katherine.Coleman@scouting.org

All of the following must be included with the request:

1. The letter requesting the extension, by the Scout, the Scout's parent or guardian, the unit leader, or a unit committee member. (Include the full Scout's name as registered and unit number.)
2. Letters from others in the unit who know of the situation.
3. The latest advancement history report for the Scout from Scoutbook or Internet Advancement

We will review the request and, if needed, ask for more information. Our recommendation will go to the Scout Executive, Andy Price, who will make the final decision and provide a letter to the Scout and interested parties to be attached to the Eagle application. *Allow two-weeks for processing.*

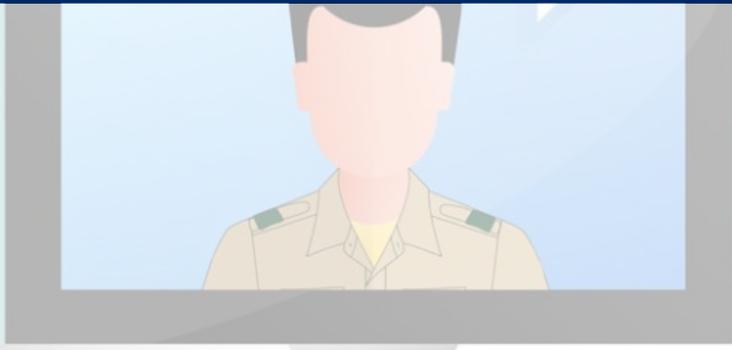
Please note: upon turning 18, the Scout must submit a completed adult application and successfully complete YPT; their participant code will now be UP for Scouts BSA or VP for Venturing and Sea Scouting.

Rank Advancement and the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Q&A

Questions regarding advancement have arisen as we deal with closures, cancellations, or other issues caused by the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Although there are difficulties and constraints, advancement can continue.

Youth, parents, and leaders should work together to implement creative, common sense ways to facilitate advancement while adhering to the Guide to Safe Scouting and following the rules of Youth Protection training.

Please follow this link to the [Guide to Advancement \(GTA\)](#), which remains the primary source for information related to Scouts BSA advancement. It is referenced throughout the answers provided [here](#). Please send additional questions to gccadvancement1@gmail.com



Boards of Review Through Video Conferencing

With schools closing and many units suspending activities for a few weeks, please review the following information:

Boards of review for any rank are meant to be face-to-face, personal experiences. From time to time, however, as Scouts go off to college or the military, or live in very remote locations, or external events prevent a face to face experience, it may be virtually impossible to hold in-person boards of review. In those rare situations where it is unreasonable to expect a Scout to travel long distances, or to wait several months, it is permissible to use videoconferencing. If such boards of review are held, however, they must be conducted according to the following requirements.

- The local council must grant permission to hold a video conference board of review for the Eagle Scout rank. Videoconference boards of review may be held for other ranks without local council approval, but they still must comply with the following requirements.
- All equipment, including the cameras, lighting, microphones, software, and internet connection, should be tested ahead of time to provide the best audiovisual experience possible.
- All members of the board of review must be visible to the Scout, and any observers with the Scout must be visible to the members of the board of review. No one within hearing range on either side shall be off camera. It is important to consider your technical capabilities when planning how many board of review members to involve. Observers should be minimized for any board of review, and this applies especially to videoconference reviews. Their presence can change the discussion dynamics.
- For Scouts under the age of 18, a parent or guardian of the Scout, or two registered adult leaders as required by the Guide to Safe Scouting (www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss01) who are familiar with these requirements for videoconference boards of review, must be directly present with the Scout at the beginning of the conference. The Scouters may be from the nearest council, district, or unit. Their role is to verify that the Scout is in a safe environment and that the board of review appears to be in compliance with these requirements. Once all the members of the board of review are present on their end of the call and introductions are completed, and the review is about to begin, anyone present with the Scout must leave the room or move out of hearing distance unless they have specifically been approved to remain as observers. See [“Conducting the Board of Review,”](#) 8.0.1.0, in the Guide to Advancement, for more information.
- Once the review process has been concluded, if the Scout is under age 18, the Scout’s parent or guardian, or two registered adult leaders must rejoin the Scout. Their purpose is to be available to answer any questions that may arise, to join in the celebration of the Scout’s accomplishment, or to be party to any instructions or arrangements regarding the appeals process or the reconvening of an incomplete review. Once this is done, the board members end the call and sign off.
- Videoconference boards of review must not be recorded.

Boards of review under disputed circumstances and appeal boards may be conducted via videoconference under the same rare circumstances and the requirements listed above.

For more information see: <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2020/03/16/how-to-conduct-a-board-of-review-through-videoconferencing/>

Internet Advancement Access for Council and Units

The new Internet Advancement web platform is specially designed for both council employees and unit leaders to track and record unit advancements. The platform was built to optimize unit management and includes features that enable council employees or leaders to record the same advancement for many youth at once.

You don't have to wait to try out this new tool because Internet Advancement is now field ready and optimized so you can use your mobile device or desktop to review the progress of your council's units.

How to Access Internet Advancement

1. Visit and bookmark <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/login>
2. Log in with your my.scouting account tied to your council role or unit position

View more instructions and how-to tips [here](#), including [how to record advancements](#).

PROGRAM

Camp Cards 2020

The Corona Virus has hit us in a particularly unfortunate time concerning Camp Cards. As of March 25th, Council is advising that Scouts maintain social isolation and do not participate in storefront sales for the time being.

Jiffy Lube and Fry's food stores have suspended storefront sales for the month of April, which means that our second weekend sales for both businesses have been postponed for the foreseeable future. Both Fry's and Jiffy Lube have offered weekends in May for continued sales, dependent on if the virus restrictions are reduced by that time. As additional information or sales dates become available, we will be sure to share it with our units' camp card leadership.

In replacement of the in-person sales, we do recommend that Scouts make the most of the situation by promoting Camp Cards on social media, by calling family, friends, and neighbors, or sales outreach via email communication. Scouts could mail their cards to supporters through snail mail if need be. By encouraging Scouts to gather email

contacts now and practice sales pitches over the phone, they can lay groundwork for strong online sales for popcorn in the fall and camp cards in 2021.

As previously announced, council is extending the sales period to May 31st. As of this time we have not replaced the 25% return policy, although no units will be penalized for returns in excess of 25%.

For units who would like to pick up additional cards, you are still able to do so by contacting your district executive to arrange for them to drop cards off. We have been pleasantly surprised by the handful of units who have picked up additional cards over the last two weeks! Great job with your remote sales and continuing to support Scouting within the parameters necessary.

Further announcements may be made in the "[Grand Canyon Council Fundraising Forum](#)" group on Facebook, and on the [Council Camp Cards webpage](#).

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Summer Camp 2020

Summer is just around the corner and we wanted to take this opportunity to share information about all the amazing opportunities in the Grand Canyon Council. *All unit reservations of Grand Canyon Council camps through May 31st have been rescheduled or cancelled. [Click here](#) to read more on the COVID-19' Impact to Grand Canyon Council.*



Cub Scouts and Webelos

This summer we have two great opportunities for Cub Scouts to experience camp and fun in the outdoors, with two diverse options for your Scout and family to experience the adventure of Scouting!

Day Camps are single or multi-day programs allow Cub Scouts to participate in activities and learn without having to acquire camping equipment or commit to overnight stays! These programs are ideal for Cubs who are still too young to feel comfortable sleeping outdoors or families who do not have camping equipment or available time to commit to multi-day excursions.

Resident Camp programs are overnight programs which allow the Cub Scouts and their families the ability to fully embrace their camp experience by spending the night at camp and immersing themselves in everything our programs have to offer. They also traditionally feature songs, skits, and night-time campfire programs!

Cub Camping programs do require parent or guardian oversight, or den/pack leader support as Cub Scouts are still too young to attend programs on their own. These requirements vary by program, the details of which are on the respective registration pages.

Summer Day Camp at the Heard Scout Pueblo “A Tale of Two Knights”

Our activities include archery, aquatics, BB’s, crafts, games, adventures and all themed around water activities to keep everyone cool in June. Cubs and their families will meet new friends and learn new skills through all the adventures at camp.

[Registration is open](#)

We have 4 Twilight Sessions from 3:30pm to 8:30pm.

- Session #1: Friday, May 29 – Sunday, May 31
- Session #2: Monday, June 1 – Wednesday, June 3
- Session #3: Friday, June 5 – Sunday, June 7
- Session #4: Friday, June 11 – Sunday, June 13

[Click here for Camp Information](#)

[Day Camp Leaders’ Guide](#)

[Flyer to share at Den/Pack Meetings](#)





Summer Camp 2020

Cub Scout Adventure Camp at R-C Scout Ranch “Superheroes, Super Scouts!”

Camp R-C (Pronounced R bar C) is our residential Cub Scout camp that welcomes 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, although we ask that the kiddos under 5 be left at home! This 72-hour, overnight camp includes Archery, BB Guns, camping and compass skills, horseback riding, fishing, crafts, nature, and more!

[Registration is open](#)

Traditional Sessions:

- Session #1: Friday, May 31 — Monday, June 3
- Session #2: Thursday, June 6 — Sunday, June 9
- Session #3: Thursday, June 13 — Sunday, June 16
- Session #4: Thursday, June 20 — Sunday, June 23

[Click here for Camp Information.](#)

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STEM Camp at R-C Scout Ranch

Sunday, June 7 — Wednesday, June 10

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) is more than just a buzz phrase— it pervades every part of our modern lives. Join our staff for this enriching program that will be delivered through hands-on learning with real-world applications. Scouts will work on STEM based awards and develop a variety of skill sets including creativity and 21st-century expertise.

Webelos Camp at R-C Scout Ranch

Sunday, June 9 — Wednesday, June 12

This specialty session is designed specifically for Webelos and their leaders. Each adventure and activity is aimed to further their advancement and provide a pre-Boy Scout experience. Webelos will experience such adventures as First Responder, Stronger, Faster, Higher, Webelos Walkabout, Cast Iron Chief, Camper, Scouting Adventure, and more. In addition to the many advancement and learning opportunities, our participants will also have the chance to enjoy the many program areas at R-C including shooting sports, fishing, and our newest activity, Climbing!

Equestrian Camp—Rough Rider Roundup

Sunday, June 16 — Wednesday, June 19

For this specialty session, the Cub family, (Scouts, siblings, parents, guardians, and leaders) will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with the horses at R-C Scout Ranch. Participants will take an adventurous, expanded trail ride, and experience firsthand horse care and culture. The program lead by our Head Wrangler will give participants a glimpse of what it takes and what it's like to own a horse. This program isn't limited to just our younger Scouts. Siblings, parents, guardians, and leaders are encouraged to join in on the fun and participate in the full Rough Rider Roundup experience.

[Click here for more information or to sign up!](#)



Camp Geronimo 2020



[Brownsea Island Adventure \(BSI\)](#) is designed to ensure your newest scouts have an amazing first experience at camp. Scouts are placed into patrols lead by staff guides who will help your scouts work on requirements from Tenderfoot to First Class. This is a transitional program to help Scouts understand the patrol method, learn basic Scout skills, and experience many of the programs available at Summer Camp.



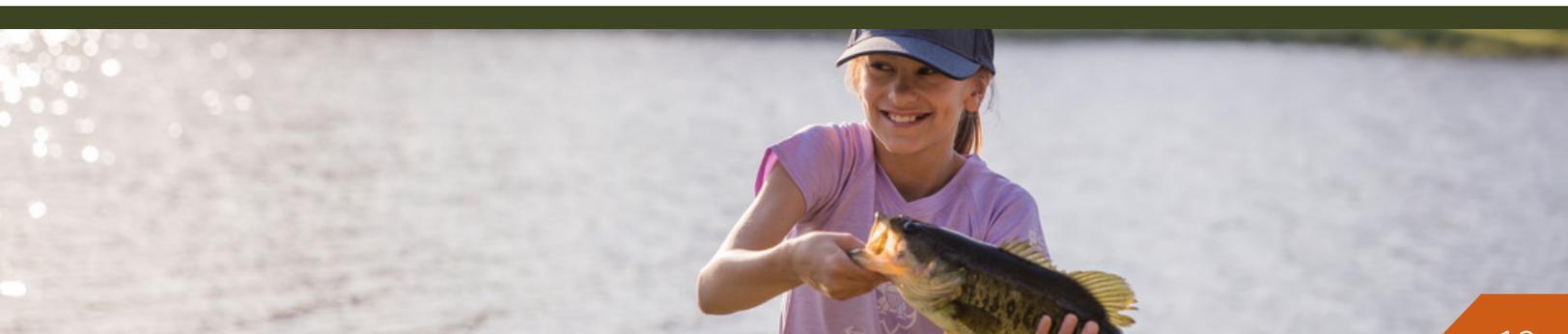
[Fish Camp](#) is a high-end angling program offered by Trout Unlimited and the Grand Canyon Council, BSA. This is not your grandfather's cane pole fishing experience—participants will learn the ecology necessary to select proper fly or bait, understand where to cast, and master the art provoking fish to attack your fly or lure. Interested scouts will earn and learn both Fishing and Fly-Fishing Merit badges as they become proficient in technical skills like casting and fly tying. Join our expert staff and fish the beautiful streams and lakes of Northern AZ in this unique scouting adventure.



[National Youth Leadership Training \(NYLT\)](#) is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide youth with leadership skills and experiences they can use in their home troops and in other situations demanding leadership of self and others. The NYLT course centers around the concepts of what a leader must BE, what he must KNOW, and what he must DO. The key elements are then taught with a clear focus on HOW TO. The skills come alive during the week as the patrol goes on a Quest for the Meaning of Leadership.



[Spade Ranch Adventure](#) --Conquer your fears and face the challenge of a lifetime in this exciting a la carte program designed for older youth and adults. Participants will ride ATVs, descend into total darkness, climb natural rock, mountain bike, and go on an epic Canyoneering trip. This program is open to youth who are 13 years old by January 1 of 2020—no leadership from your unit is required for this program.





GRAND CANYON COUNCIL
LODGE ADVISOR

Jeff Posey

Lodge Advisor Minute

This Year is off to a Great start!

Two awesome events occurred in March.

1. We had our first Ordeal of the year, which was a great success.
2. The council had their first ever Report to the State!

First, the lodge hosted the first Ordeal of the year, at the Heard Scout Pueblo, and had 70 scouts and scouters inducted and became members. In addition, we had 25 members attain their Brotherhood! It was an awesome day of cheerful service and great fellowship.

One of the awesome programs, they youth started this year, is "Patches with a Purpose". Due to this program, the lodge raised over \$1400 of "Sponsor" patches to cover 50% of the cost for each Ordeal Candidate! This was an AWESOME way to give back to the membership.

The youth new Ordeal members are chosen by their peers, because they exemplify the Scout Oath and Law. This is not an award for a job well done, but an invitation to dedicate oneself to service; and lead others through example and leadership in service. Unit leaders...can use this opportunity to leverage their new obligation to serve as leaders and contribute to a great and fun program.

Second, our Lodge Chief, and some of the youth leadership, had an incredible opportunity to participate in the council's first ever Report to the State. What an once in a lifetime opportunity for these scouts. Just a few short years ago, these scouts were serving in their Troops, Crews & Ships, and now they are part of a leadership team that is running the equivalent of a large business with locations and staff across the state. What a cool experience for them.

The fun side can start at their next chapter meeting and the Lodge Fellowship and Vigil Weekend May 15-17 @ Geronimo.

The year is off to a great start, and I hope to see you at the fellowship August 28 – 20 at Camp Geronimo! I challenge each Arrowman to bring one new member!

In Scouting and Cheerful Service.

Jeff Posey



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- National OA Trading Post
- Escape the Heat

It's getting to be that time again when we start planning for the BIGGEST and BEST Order of the Arrow event in the country!! That's right, the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held in East Lansing, Michigan August 2 - August 8, 2020 on the beautiful campus of Michigan State University. This conference will feature the best in Shows, Indian Affairs, Workshops, Lodge Administration classes, Personal Development Classes, Sports Activities and much more!! There are too many activities to list. ... All expenses for this once in a lifetime trip will be approximately \$1500.00. This includes airfare, bus transfers, hotel stay, meals, Conference fee and our famous "Goodie Bag". PLEASE remember that this is only a guess to the final amount, as we will not know the final figures until January 2020.

Sign up now with a \$100.00 deposit. Checks made payable to NOAC. We will have a payment system for all of you that would like to pay in monthly increments. Just ask to start this service. Payments must be made in \$50.00 increments for the ease of accounting.

We're here to help you in any way that we can. Please send payments to:

Gary Hnydowitz

PO BOX 50374

Phoenix, AZ 85076-0374

Cell 602-469-0824

[Download the Sign Up Form Here.](#)

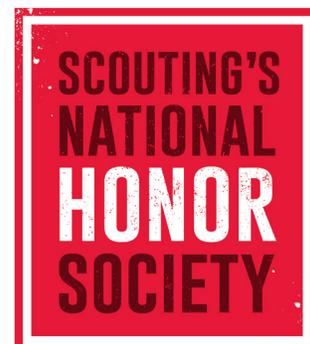
Who can go to NOAC?

Any member of our lodge can attend the conference this year. There are no limits on adults attending. This is a fantastic opportunity that youth should especially attend to see more about the Order of the Arrow!

If you are interested in being able to check out the Conference Remotely - sign up to be a Remote Delegate with online shows and more. \$80. [Click here](#)

Ceremonies Update

While American Indian attire has been the historic tradition used in OA ceremonies, circumstances may dictate that lodges use either the Scout Field Uniform or the Alternative Ceremonial Clothing. For example, Alternative Ceremonial Clothing should be used in situations where a lodge does not have a relationship with a local tribe, a local tribe has expressed concern with the use American Indian ceremonial attire for this purpose, or limited resources preclude a lodge from developing historically correct and acceptable American Indian ceremonial attire. Details of this update can be found [here](#).



EXPLORING DISTRICT



Press Release

Company: Boy Scouts of America, Grand Canyon Council
Address: 2969 N. Greenfield Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85016
Phones: 602-955-7747, 602-508-8044 fax
Schedule: For Immediate Release



Boy Scouts of America Welcomes Maricopa County Exploring Executive



The Grand Canyon Council Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce and welcome Deanna Mankins as the Maricopa County Exploring Executive. With volunteer support, Mankins' responsibilities will include effective district operations. This includes membership growth, building community partner relationships, unit service, program support, and enhancing our volunteer team to better serve the youth of Maricopa County. Mankins will also provide staff leadership to the new iTech Exploring pilot program helping link mid-tech career pathways between local businesses, our schools, and today's youth (tomorrow's workforce).

Deanna Mankins has over 20 years of business experience. She has her BBA Degree in Sports & Event Management from Wilkes University and an MBA in Sports Business Management from Grand Canyon University. Deanna has been a NCAA, USAV, AIA, and AAU Volleyball official for 11 years now. Over the years, she has dedicated herself to the Arizona community. Deanna has a passion for business and education and will bring a desired passion to the Exploring Program.

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GILA RIVER DISTRICT

www.gilariverdistrict.org

Questions about Scouting? Contact our Field Director: [Jose Rodriguez](#)

For the latest information with the Gila River District Please follow us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Gila-River-District-Grand-Canyon-Council>



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LOST DUTCHMAN

DISTRICT

Congratulations to our District Executive on Completing his Wood Badge Ticket!

At the March Roundtable, Lost Dutchman District Executive, Isaac Garcia, was presented his Wood Badge beads, neckerchief, woggle, and certificate. Congratulations, Isaac!

Dutch Oven Fun during March Roundtable

Several Scouters showed off their Dutch Oven skills at the March Roundtable. Offerings include: Donuts, Ice Cream, deep fried Oreos, chili, and pineapple upside down cake!

March District Officers Meeting and April Roundtable

Our District Key 3 are working to host virtual March District Officers Meeting and April Roundtable. Information will be communicated as it becomes available.

Welcome to our new leaders

We welcome all our new leaders, and those transferring in from the Coronado District which has been folded into Lost Dutchman District!!

Council Fireside Chat with Andy Price

Our Scout Executive along with members of our volunteer board will be hosting a fireside chat for you on Thursday April 23, 2020 at 7:00pm at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 612 S. Ellsworth Road, Mesa, Arizona 85208 (Roundtable location). This discussion will be a review of our past year, plans and goals for the coming year, and time for open discussion led by you the community Scouters to share your views and ask questions. All registered Scouting leaders and parents of Scouts are invited. We hope you will join us.

Annual District Awards Dinner

Adult District Awards Dinner postponed, date to be announced when available.

Outlaw Camporee 2020

Dates moved to August 14th - 16th, 2020
This event is open to all Scout units in the council

Date: August 14th - 16th, 2020.
Location: Camp Geronimo
Theme: Scout Wars (Star Wars theme)
Cost: TBA
Planning Meeting Dates: 3/3, 4/7
Time: 7 pm - 8 pm Sharp
Location: The First United Church of Gilbert,
331 S Cooper Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85233
Dress: Class B Uniforms

Bring to the Meetings:

- Pen and Paper
- The details to your event (if you were there last meeting and picked one. If not, no worries.)
- How many Scouts your troop will tentatively bring to the Camporee.

For any questions contact: Brad Lamoureux, Outlaw Director at 602-790-2210 or brad.lamoureux30@gmail.com

Visit: <http://outlawcamporee.org> for photos from past Camporees and more information on Outlaw 2020.

Rest in Peace

Prayers and condolences on the passing of two great people in our Mesa Scouting Community. On February 21, we lost long time Mesa and San Tan District Scouter, Dean Beutler, as well as Joan Brinton, wife of Dilworth Brinton Jr. Mesa and Pioneer District Scribe and Historian. Our prayers go out to Dean's wife, and Dilworth. The obituaries of both of these members of our Scouting Family. Services for both were on Friday, February 28th.

Calendar

The District calendar (<https://grandcanyonbsa.wixsite.com/dutchman/district-calendar>) lists currently identified events, activities, and training for the district and council for 2020 and 2021. Lost Dutchman District events are also listed on the GCC Calendar (<https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar>).

Communications Updates

Website update: We continue to keep the website as current as possible as we get new information. If you see an area that needs attention, please contact webmaster, David Lucas (theatreddavid@gmail.com) or VC-Communications, Tony Madonia (tony.madonia@gmail.com).

As the council recognition awards can only be presented once, we would like to recognize those Scouters who earned them in an old district on our website. If you received the Meritorious Service Star, Distinguished Service Star, or Silver Beaver, please email our webmaster or VC-Comm with your name, district earned, and award.

Google Group email list:

Lost Dutchman District utilizes a Google Group email list to keep our members informed of events and opportunities. We originally populated the list from Grand Canyon Council records of all registered leaders. If you are no longer a leader, or no longer want to get information from the group, please email Tony Madonia to be removed from the list. If you know of new leaders not currently receiving emails from our list, please forward their email addresses to Tony so they can be put on the list.

Happy Scouting!

Maverick Fall Camporee

Dates: September 25th - 27th, 2020

Location: Camp Geronimo

Registration Deadline: TBA

Theme: Movies

Cost: TBA

Forms and registration: TBA

Planning meetings: 3/1, 4/5, 5/3 7pm

Planning Location: Love of Christ Lutheran Church,
1525 N Power Rd, Mesa, AZ 85205

Contact: Amy Jo Haywood at amyjo6662@yahoo.com or
480-688-0686.

Visit: <https://www.maverickcamporee.org/>



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PINNACLE PEAK DISTRICT

The Pinnacle Peak District is pleased to have some of the best Scouters around and because of their efforts we also have some of the best units around. Earlier this month we had the opportunity to help recognize some of those individuals and units at the 2019 Pinnacle Peak District Awards. We want to congratulate them once again and thank all of them for the support that they give to Scouting, the Grand Canyon Council, and the Pinnacle Peak District. We also want to thank the wonderful Scouts who helped present flags and awards that evening in addition to sponsors, Scorpion Ridge, and Catapult Strategic Design.

Charter Organization Representatives of the Year

Mark Sanchez
Beth Sobotka
Kevin Joy

Committee Chair of the Year

Nicole Peña, Pack 619
John McLellan, Troop 616

Committee Member of the Year

Anthony Xavier, Pack 416
Charles Thomas, Troop 616

Cub Pack of the Year

Cub Pack 316, La Casa de Cristo

Scouts BSA Troop of the Year

Troop 607

High Adventure Unit of the Year

Ship 3500, Maricopa Youth Mariners

Cubmaster of the Year

Cubmaster, Jason Angelini, Pack 916

Scoutmaster of the Year

Scoutmaster, Patty Heit, Troop 3030

Den Leaders of the Year

Beth Calder, Pack 226
Michael Kunze, Pack 316
Corey Newkirk, Pack 619

Scouting Family of the Year

The Geer Family

Scouting Sprit Award

Lynda Hale

District Award of Merit

Graham Twaddell
Adrionna Hatfield
Thomas Collins





March 2020 Eagle Scouts

24 Eagle Scouts to Date in 2020

Spencer MoseleyScottsdale, AZ Troop 109 Desert Shadows Sign Improvement
 Knoble MohnCave Creek, AZ Troop 15 Beautification and Trail Establishment
 Robert DunnScottsdale, AZ Troop 49 Serra Playground Improvement
 Paul OtradovecPhoenix, AZ Troop 439 Illrgal Dumping Clean-Up and Prevention



Friday, March 20, 2020

Dear Pinnacle Peak Unit Leadership,

We are all living in an interesting time and as many of you likely saw earlier this week, recommendations were made to close the council offices for the rest of the month and to postpone in-person district and council events through May 15th. Following the closure of schools the recommendation was made for units to discontinue meetings as well. With that said, our Scouts and Scout families need our support now more than ever. We invite you to visit the Pinnacle Peak Facebook page “Pinnacle Peak BSA” where our District Commissioner, Adrionna Hatfield, and Commissioner team have been posting ideas on how you and your Scouts can continue Scouting. Here is a small sample of resources shared on the council website, for Cub Scouts and for Scouts BSA Troops. We also want to invite you to visit our District Webpage at <https://grandcanyonbsa.wixsite.com/pinnaclepeak>.

As we are facing many changes, your district team has been active in making sure that we have ways to support each and every one of you. Even while the Council Offices are closed, Scouting is not, and the District is not. Sometimes we simply need to hear from you to know what we can best do to support you. Do not hesitate to reach out to us. See our District Team main contacts below.

- District Chair, Chris Smith, Chair.PP@ChrisMSmith.com
- District Commissioner, Adrionna Hatfield, adrionnabf@gmail.com
- District Membership & Relations Chair, Nigel Matson, nmatson@att.net
- District Program Chair, Kevin Joy, kevintjoy@gmail.com
- District Fund Development Chair, Mike Ferrar, MikeF.scouts@gmail.com
- District Advancement Chair: Brian Flynn, imirish3@cox.net
- District Training Chair, Dale Lewis, delewisaz56@gmail.com

As we have met throughout the week, we have made a few changes to upcoming meetings and events. Please take a moment to review those changes below. We thank you for your continued support and hope you can join us virtually over the next few weeks and in person as we approach this fall. You will notice Eagle Boards of April have been postponed to April. During this time, our project and packet reviewers will continue working with scouts virtually, that information can be found on our district website under the “Life to Eagle” page.

Still Happening

April Roundtable “Fireside Chat”
Thursday 4/2/2020 through Zoom at 7:00pm
<https://scouting.zoom.us/j/7053338076>

May Roundtable
Thursday 5/7/2020 through Zoom
<https://zoom.us/j/114732470>

May Eagle Boards
Fall BALOO Training
Cub Camp “R-Boo-C Adventure”
District Camporee
Fall IOLS Training
Winter Leader Specific

Thursday 5/14/2020 at Cross in the Desert UMC
August 29-30, 2020 at Pioneer Village
October 3-4, 2020 at R-C Scout Ranch
October 23-25, 2020 at Camp Geronimo
October 23-25, 2020 at Camp Geronimo
December 5, 2020 at Cross in the Desert

Postponed:

- Spring BALOO Training Scheduled on 3/28-29/2020, see Fall BALOO Above
- April Eagle Boards Scheduled on 4/9/2020, see May Boards Above
- Pinewood Derby Scheduled on 4/18/2020, Rescheduling TBD
- Spring IOLS Training Scheduled on 5/16-17/2020, see Fall IOLS Above

Once again we want to thank you for your support in Scouting and your willingness to help us in offering the Scouting program at this critical time. Yours in Scouting, The Pinnacle Peak Key-3

Chris, Adrionna, and Matt

PONDEROSA

DISTRICT

Hello Ponderosa Leaders!

Thanks for the great welcome as your new District Executive. Feel free to reach out to me anytime. Please keep an eye on your email for updates. YIS! Patrick Gamble

April Roundtable – Thursday 4/2/2020 through Zoom at 6:30pm
<https://zoom.us/j/487643671>

May Roundtable – Thursday 5/7/2020 through Zoom at 6:30pm
<https://zoom.us/j/502049905>

Postponed Events to Fall 2020:

Spring IOLS/BALOO Training – Scheduled on 4/25-26/2020
April District Dinners in both Flagstaff and Prescott



SONORAN SUNSET DISTRICT

Scouting for Food, Scout Sunday and First United Methodist Church Duty to God

On February, 9th this year Troop 513, Pack 531, Troop 531, Troop 41, Troop 787 and Venturing Crew 1912 totaling 42 Scouts with their friends and families joined together to celebrate Scout Sunday at the First United Methodist Church in Phoenix. They received Scouting for Food collections from the Scouts and the congregation. Part of the food collection was donated to the Oasis Food Bank and the remaining went to the church food pantry. This will expand the community outreach in its continued efforts to serve food to the homeless and the needy in and around the church neighborhoods.

Troop 41 collected 1,293 pounds of food; both Pack 531 and Troop 531 collected 1,724 pounds and Troop 513 collected 724 pounds of food, in all totaling 3,739 pounds of food.

On Scout Sunday, Scouts of all ranks had the opportunity to honor their “Duty to God” in practical reality, where they served in the two services (9:00 am and 11:00 am) as greeters, bulletin distributors, scripture reading, ushers and Acolytes. At the beginning of each service, Pastor Denny, the presiding minister requested the congregation and whoever had been involved in scouting to stand and about two-thirds stood up. The flag ceremony was performed followed by the scout law which was performed as responsive reading.

Troop 513 is involved in the Religious Emblem Program. On Scout Sunday two Scouts from the Troop, Geoffrey Josh Boadu and Christopher Baruch Boadu completed the God and Church program and were both awarded the God and Church Medallion and certificates by Pastor Denny Silk. He acknowledged that the Religious Emblem Program in Scouting encourages members to grow stronger in their faith and reinforces the values of the BSA. He therefore revitalized the need of all BSA Units to be involved in a religion of their faith, and that more Scouts should register in the Religious Emblem Program.

It was quite a memorable day and each year the event keeps getting better with more units participating.

Troop 513 – Troop Chaplain/event coordinator
Troop 513 – Dan Gavagan, Scoutmaster
Pack 531 – Brian Lee, Cubmaster
Troop 531 – Jess Rankin, Scoutmaster
Troop 41 – Brian Cook, Scoutmaster

Venturing Crew 1912 – Matthew Bunn, Crew adviser
Judy Walden – Unit Commissioner
Avery Thresher – Unit Commissioner
Troop 787 - Orvell Franklin Jr., Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, Public Relations



Baloo the Builder

Pack 129 Bears built their own tool boxes. One bear was asked, "Did you have fun playing with the tools?" He responded, "We didn't play with tools, we learned to use them properly." These boys are learning well!

Have you joined our Fireside Chat Group?

We welcome registered leaders throughout Sonoran Sunset District to connect together to share questions and provide suggestions about how we can all ensure we are delivering the very best possible Scouting program to all available youth in our district. Take a minute to sign-up and join the conversation: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fireside.chat.ssleaders>



Volunteer!

Make a difference in the lives of thousands of youth and adults in Sonoran Sunset District and put your talent to work helping your community. We are looking for:

Committee Members

- Activities & Service Chair
- Advancement Chair
- Friends of Scouting Chair
- Fundraising Chair
- Program Chair

Commissioner Team

- Roundtable Chair
- Scouts Breakout Committee Member
- Unit Commissioner

Also, consider helping with a short term, single project like helping plan the Fishing Derby, Cuboree, Camporee, and more! Paul Stithem, t3cor@cox.net, and Peter Zipp, zippagency@live.com, are happy to answer your questions and help align your talents with district needs, don't be shy.

CENTRAL DISTRICT



February New Eagle Scouts

- Mateo Aguirre, Troop 446
Project: **City of Scottsdale** - Constructed 2 gabions retaining wall cages for erosion protection at mile marker 34 on the Pinnacle Peak Trail in Scottsdale. - 101.0 hrs
- Samuel Eckhardt, Troop 441
Project: **Scottsdale Community College** - Installed rain gutters and reshaped land to redirect water flow, planted native plants and built shale lattice to conserve water.. - 105.3 hrs
- Brett Miketinac, Troop 644
Project: **Cancer Support Community Arizona** - Repainted wheelchair ramps, car lines, handicapped spaces and arrows in Cancer Support Community Arizona office parking lot. - 94.0 hrs

Largest Ever Eagle Scout Class In 2019

Exactly 61,353 young men earned the Eagle Scout award last year, beating the previous record of 58,659 set in 2012. That was the 100-year anniversary of the award first being presented in 1912. Eagle Scouts, and the volunteers they led, completed 8,575,780 hours of work for Eagle Scout service projects in 2019. That works out to 139.8 hours per project. At the 2019 “value of volunteer time” rate of \$25.43 per hour, that equals a staggering \$218.1-million hours worth of service to communities. As many city governments are forced to trim their budgets each year, Scouting often fills in the gaps through acts of service. Every branch of the U.S. Military allows Eagle Scouts to enter at a higher rank and pay grade than people who aren't Eagle Scouts. Huge battle cries of hoorah, oorah, hooah and hooyah, as our Serviceman shout out as an expression of enthusiasm and job well done!

Roundtable Merit Badge Classes

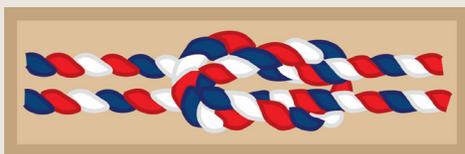
Central District holds Eagle Rank required merit badge clinics on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the District Roundtable. No fee. The Scouts should wear their Class A uniform and bring paper and a writing instrument. If possible, read the requirements before class.

Upcoming Merit Badge Session

- March Communications – A
- April Communications – B
- May Personal Management – A
- June Personal Management – B
- July - Break
- No Merit Badge Session



The merit badge book can either be purchased at the Scout Shop or downloaded as an interactive digital eBook from ScoutStuff.org.

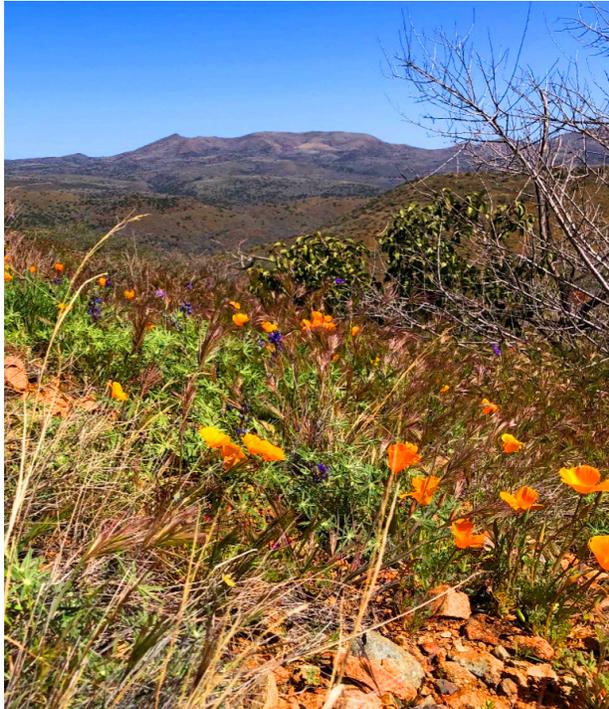


March New Eagle Scouts

- Daniel Abrams, Troop 127
Project: **Phoenix Parks & Rec** - Transplanted cacti from a developing area to a conservation area where they will survive. - 145.1 hrs
- Benjamin Aguilar, Troop 148
Project: **Welcome to America Project** - Collected, sorted & distributed clothing & toiletries for refugees. - 272.5 hrs
- Jack Barrett, Troop 41
Project: **Audubon Society** - Built split rail fences around owl burrows along a walking trail. - 92.1 hrs
- Wesley Chrisman, Troop 148
Project: **Boyd Ranch-Desert Caballeros** - Built a viewing deck to observe trails during equestrian competitions. - 177.0 hrs
- Garret Marshall, Troop 441
Project: **Shelter Church** - Built sound boards for the Shelter Church Sanctuary. - 54.0 hrs
- Max Martinez, Troop 441
Project: **Wild at Heart** - Constructed panels that will be used as sides for cages for wild birds of prey. - 146.5 hrs
- Zachary Meyer, Troop 441
Project: **City of Scottsdale** - Reconstructed and improved Church playground and herb garden. - 54.0 hrs
- Christian Nathan, Troop 148
Project: **Bourgade Catholic High School** - Painted an important religious statute and emergency doors at the High School. - 85.0 hrs
- Colter Niezgodzki Troop 148
Project: **Sts Simon & Jude Cathedral School** - Sanded and repainted wooden school bleachers. - 230.0 hrs
- Parker Orcutt, Troop 441
Project: **Scottsdale Community College** - Built mobile models for Native Arizona Burrowing Owls Habitats that can be shown at schools. - 60.0 hrs
- Giovanni Spadafore, Troop 441
Project: **Veritas Prep Academy** - Relandscaped and painted the School's courtyard. - 113.0 hrs
- Joseph Spadafore Troop 441
Project: **Hands on Phoenix** - Built street libraries and back pack racks. - 90.0 hrs

Hike of the Month by Patrick Jackson

Skunk Tank Loop Trail



The Skunk Tank Loop is a combination of the Skunk Tank Trail and the Cave Creek Trail that starts at the trailhead located at the Seven Spring campground area. Starting from the trailhead the trail meanders alongside a hill overlooking portions of the Seven Springs campground and eventually comes to a dirt road at about 0.6 miles and then to a junction just short of a mile. Go left, and cross the creek to pick up the Skunk Tank Trail and hike the loop in a clockwise motion. Depending on rainfall, the creek can be swollen and may take time to find a decent crossing point. However, more times than not this won't be a problem.

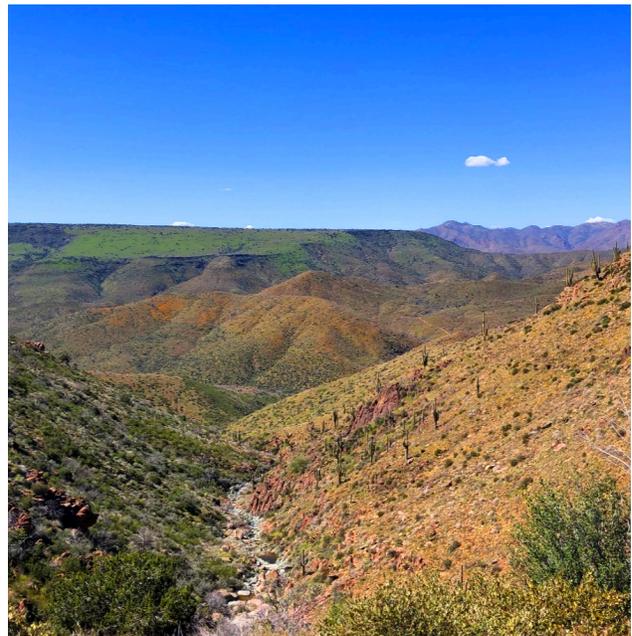
Once across the creek pick up the trail through the overgrowth, and continue out of the wash area and look for the trail heading up the hill alongside an old dirt road. For the next 2 miles or so, the trail continues to climb and, in some areas, steeply. Take breaks and enjoy the scenery. There are lots of old prospect mines in the area to look for, just be mindful of the dangers they present and observe from a distance. If there have been recent rains, the waterfall at Quien Sabe Spring may be flowing;; if so, is a recommended break point.

<https://hikearizona.com/decoder.php?ZTN=243>

<https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/leave-no-trace/>

Around 4.75 miles, you will come on Skunk Tank which is another spring in the area that, as always, depending on rain could be flowing. It is also a nice grassy area for a quick break. After Skunk Tank, the trail begins to descend toward Cave Creek, with switchbacks making up the last stretch. The junction with the Cave Creek Trail is at about mile 6. Turn left and take the Cave Creek Trail west to head back to the trail head. From this point on,, you'll be hiking near or in Cave Creek. The trail will cross the creek at least five times before getting back to the trailhead, so be prepared to get your feet wet. At about mile 7.5, there are some nice camping spots among the trees next to the creek - a great place to setup camp to break the hike into a weekend backpacking trip.

The trail continues for another 2 miles along the creek, back to the trailhead. The last 3 miles of the hike is the most scenic, which is



why I choose to hike this loop in a, clockwise motion. If you choose to pull water from the creek, be sure to filter/purify all water. As always, please follow the principles of Leave No Trace and follow the Guide for Safe Scouting for age appropriate activities. For additional information follow this link:

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sturdy and long life lasteven in rough and tumble weather. Opens and folds up in seconds-Sturdy steel construction provides a durable design that opens and folds up within seconds. This backpack chair won't take up any space on your travels and always provides you with a place to sit. \$14.99 at [AmazonSmile](#)



Unit Elections

The Central District Chapter hopes to conduct as many unit (troop, crew, or ship) elections as possible before the start of summer camp. Please contact Chapter Adviser Guy Skirpan with a minimum of three potential dates on which your unit can hold an election, meeting place / address / time, and contact name / email address / phone number. Provide at least three weeks' notice before the earliest date choice to allow proper preparation for and promotion of the event.

Some units are used to holding their elections at summer camp. The Order of the Arrow originated as a camp honor society, so elections and inductions were held at the camp. Now it is a BSA

honor society, and all youth members (under age 21) of the troop, crew, or ship are eligible to vote. Holding your unit OA election at summer camp disenfranchises any youth members not in camp that week. Your unit's election and call-out must be performed by teams from the lodge serving your council per national rules. You can't do your election and / or call-out at an out-of-council camp.

A unit election is an opportunity for the unit's best role models to be recognized by their peers. Becoming an Arrowman allows a youth candidate to reflect on his / her leadership and mentally prepare to take on higher responsibilities in the unit. Schedule your election today.

New Members

Welcome to the following new members of Wipala Wiki Lodge from Central District. They completed their ordeals at Heard Scout Pueblo on March 7th.

Troop 6 – Theodor K, Andrew L, Keegan M

Troop 41 – Austin G

Troop 329 – Giacomo C, Owen K

Troop 340 – Michael H

Troop 644 – Devan A

Troop 3329 – Regan H

Crew 2009 – Kristian K

New Brotherhood Member

Thomas G of Troop 446 became a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow at the Heard on March 7th. Way to go!

Central District Chapter Meetings

The chapter meets on the second Tuesday of the month from August to May at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held at Beth El Congregation (1118 West Glendale Avenue). This is the same time and place as Eagle Boards of Review. The next meeting is April 9th.

Central District Chapter Adviser Contact Guy Skirpan 480-688-4518 or guy.skirpan@wipalawiki.or



Scout Sunday Celebration

Scouts with troop 41 celebrated Scout Sunday at First United Methodist Church-Phoenix. Church aisles were filled with a sea of khaki, forest green, navy blue & gold, hosting scouts of all ages, as we celebrated Scout Sunday and received Scouting for Food collections from our congregation family. Four BSA Units (from two districts) totaling 42 Scouts (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venture) plus their parents, siblings, grandparents, Scouts & Den leaders all participated together in two worship services honoring tradition in celebrating Scout's Duty to God & serving our community.

Many thanks to the following leaders for helping coordinate this wonderful event:

Troop 41 Scoutmaster Brian Cook recently awarded the Silver Beaver, our Council's highest honor for an Adult Volunteer.

Troop 41 ASM Jose Amorin

Troop 513 Troop Chaplain (event coordinator) Geoffrey Boadu, & Scoutmaster, Dan Gavagan.

Pack 531, Brian Lee, Cubmaster

Troop 531, Jess Rankin, Scoutmaster

Unit Commissioners, Avery Thresher and Judy Walden

Caitlynn Pulley, formerly of Venture Crew 1010 & Girl Scout Troop 2880, received the UMC - Good Samaritan Scouting Award in recognition of her Scouting accomplishments.

Brothers Christopher & Geoffrey Boadu of Troop 513 were presented their "God & Church" awards.



Troop 41 also coordinated two Scouting for Food events this year; one benefiting the Oasis Food Pantry and the 2nd to First Church Food Pantry, totaling 1,293 pounds. Troop 531 and Pack 531 began a new tradition in 2019 that was bigger and better in 2020. In a combined effort, Scouts from Pinnacle Peak District's Troop 531 and Pack 531 followed 3 steps to make an impact in the community with Scouting for Food and Scout Sunday. First, each den & patrol split up and placed flyers in multiple areas in North Phoenix. Second, dens & patrols picked up donated

food. Step 3, Scouts delivered the food donations to FUMC's food pantry for those in need. Then the Scouts participated in the 11am worship service by being greeters, ushers & speakers. Troop & Pack 531 had hoped to collect 1,000 lbs this year, but exceeded their goal by delivering 1,724 lbs! Troop 531 & Pack 531 plan to bring in 2,000 lbs next year! For FUMC's food bank, the scouts collected a GRAND total of 3,017 pounds of food for local food banks.

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