Summer Camp 2020  Grand Canyon Council

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!

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.

Heard Scout Pueblo Day Camp Registration

Camp R-C Scout Ranch Resident Camp Registration
Summer Day Camp at the Heard Scout Pueblo “A Tale of Two Knights”

Hear Ye, Hear Ye! All Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos are invited to journey to South Mountain and enjoy 3 fun-filled days of shooting, crafting, and exploring the realm of King Arthur. Will you be the one pull Excalibur from its Stone?

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. 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

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Camp R-C Scout Ranch (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!

Traditional Sessions:

- Session #1: May 29 – June 01 (Fr-Mo)
- Session #2: June 04 – 07 (Th-Su)
- Equestrian: June 07 – 10 (Su-We)
- STEM: June 07 – 10 (Su-We)
- Session #3: June 12 – 15 (Fr-Mo)
- Webelos AOL: June 15 – 18 (Mo-Th)
- Session #4: June 19 – 22 (Fr-Mo)
- Session #5: June 25 – 28 (Th-Su)

New for R-C Scout Ranch in 2020:
- The Dining Hall has been completely renovated, the BB Range is moving to the Archery Area, and the pond has been cleaned out and will be stocked with fish!
- A new STEM session, to add to our Equestrian and Webelos Sessions introduced in 2019!

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STEM Camp at R-C Scout Ranch - Cub Scouts and Webelos  
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.

Click here for more information or to sign up!

Webelos Camp at R-C Scout Ranch - Cub Scouts and Webelos  
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!

Click here for more information or to sign up!

Equestrian Camp—Rough Rider Roundup - Cub Scouts and Webelos  
Sunday, June 16 — Wednesday, June 19

For this specialty session, the Cub Scout 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!

Scouts BSA Venturing Exploring Sea Scouts  
Camp Geronimo 2020
What’s New in 2020?

- The Leader Guide has been rewritten and all programs are now in one location. We recommend that your camp coordinator read the entire guide. Leaders focused on a single program can just click on the table of contents page and leap to the program or topic they would like to learn more about.

- Cap numbers have been put in place to ensure there is no overcrowding in program areas or the dining hall.

- Check-in will be on Sunday and the opening campfire will be held on Sunday night.

- 4 merit badge classes will be offered in the morning. We’ve added some new options including shotgun merit badge, a black powder “fun” class, kayaking merit badge, and a beginner/non-swimmer class for those scouts who are unable to pass the BSA Swimmer Test.

- Afternoons are open program. We want your unit to be able to enjoy all the program amenities, work on the Big G Award, and enjoy the scenic hiking trails that surround Camp Geronimo. With the exception of Brownsea Island Scouts who can chose to earn either swimming or first aid in the afternoon, there are no scheduled merit badges. If you have a scout who wants to earn additional merit badges, we encourage you to treat camp as a resource that has virtually ever merit badge counselor. Basically, the scout would follow the standard merit badge procedure: fill out a blue card with his or her scout leader, work on the requirements at home, set-up an appointment with the appropriate Camp Area Director, and meet with the Camp Counselor to be tested on the requirements.

Camp Improvements

We are excited about all the positive improvements happening at Geronimo.

- This spring we will be implementing a master erosion plan thanks to an ADEQ grant and the support of our scouting volunteers.

- A formal helicopter landing pad will be constructed.

- Old school pit latrines are being replaced with flush toilets on the West side of camp

- The staff recreation hall is being renovated

- Roofs on the HQ and Old Nature Building will be replaced

- Plans are underway to renovate the Spade Ranch House

- A Brownsea Island program area is being created north of the Commissioner Shack
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. Click here for more information or to sign up!

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. Click here for more information or to sign up!

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. Click here for more information or to sign up!
Exciting Program Options for Everyone in your Unit!

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. Click here for more information or to sign up!

Counselor in Training (CIT)—Do you want to be a part of the Geronimo Family and spend a summer with some of the best people in Arizona? Then sign up for the newly revamped CIT program. 14 and 15-year-old Scouts are invited to spend 3 weeks at Camp Geronimo and participate in a program that will develop leadership, customer service, and teaching skills. If you are interested in this program, please send an email to Donna.Kutarnia@scouting.org.

Scoutmaster Program—Leaders attending camp can now sign up for all the trainings needed to successfully run a unit and get youth outside having fun. These classes are available on a first come first serve basis so please sign up in advance when you register your scouts for merit badges in April.

Camperships

The Grand Canyon Council is committed to removing barriers that prevent youth from having meaningful camping experiences. Youth who are attending GCC Council operated camps may apply for assistance by completing and submitting this form:


Camp Staff Opportunities

Cub Scout Summer Day is seeking staff for Cub Scout Summer Day Camp at the Heard Scout Pueblo at South Mountain Phoenix, operating from May 26 to June 15! This three-week opportunity is paid for staff 16+, and has available service hours for Scouts ages 14-15. Program areas with needs include nature, Scout skills, trading post, games, arts and crafts, and STEM.

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