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ON THE COVER

Howdy! I’m getting a little cabin fever and I bet many of you are as well. This pandemic has my family spending much more time indoors than I’d like and I’m ready to get back outside, to camp, and back to normal Scouting. Soon, we’ll get there!

As we’ve announced previously, this pandemic has forced our council to postpone all camps and activities until July. We’ve added additional July sessions to accommodate all units and we’re adding long-term camps in October and December (during school breaks) for Scouts BSA and Venturing youth and a variety of Cub Scout programs throughout the fall. We now have more camps and programs available than originally planned.

It’s recharter time again, and wait – didn’t we just do this? Yes, it’s been only 6 months or so since we last went through the recharter cycle. All units’ expiration dates were moved to July 31st, aligning them with the school year (and for most, the Scouting program year). Looking ahead, we’re back on a 12-month cycle, so units won’t have to do this again until next year.

It’s hard to believe we’re wrapping up the program year, with Summer Camp being the ‘caboose’ for many units. This is also the time for 2020/2021 program planning—so many families will base their decision to join a unit this fall based on their calendar of events (and how organized they are!). Now is a great time for units to review the many opportunities offered by the council and districts, along with other events the unit may choose to offer, in planning their calendars.

Now is also the time, especially for packs – to confirm unit leadership for the upcoming program year. A full team of engaged leaders at the unit level (unit committee) and leading the program (dens, patrols, etc.) leads to stronger program for our youth. If you need ideas or assistance, check out our tools on the council website and reach out to your Unit Commissioner. The best packs set an expectation that every family provide leadership to one thing per year – could be as a den leader or pack advancement chair or could be pinewood derby team, and so on – a mix of year-round and single event leadership.

Lastly, a big part of planning (especially for packs) is fall recruiting. Recently, the top 20 packs (based on 2019 recruiting) were invited to participate in a discussion to share best methods and how they’ve been successful and made new member outreach a part of their unit culture. Inviting new youth and families to join Scouting is the most important thing we do as adult leaders in Scouting. The results of their discussion, along with best methods from units all around the BSA, have been put in an online toolbox for all units to use.
Council Program Fee Established

Throughout this year and at six Fireside Chats significant feedback was received from Scouters who prefer a program fee to having unit Friends of Scouting requirements.

Based on this input and other operational challenges, at the May meeting of our council’s Executive Board, a program fee was established, effective August 1st, 2020, which will replace the mandatory minimum Friends of Scouting requirements. The current FOS requirements will remain in place through this year’s recharter.

The program fees will be $60 for youth registrations and $10 for adult registrations. There will be a $10 discount for all registrants if they complete registration using the BSA online registration system, (no application submitted to the council). The BSA online registration system is currently available for all youth applications and adults will be able to use the system beginning June 1st. These fees (both the program fee and the discount) will be prorated based on the expiration date of the registration. Online registration can be accomplished online via links in each unit’s ‘beascout.org’ pin.

New BSA Membership Fees Effective August 1st

BSA recently announced an increase in membership fees that will become effective August 1, 2020. The new youth registration fee will be $66 and adult registration will be $42. Additionally, BSA has established a one-time initiation fee for new youth members of $25.

Units that successfully complete their recharter process by July 31st will be able to register all members for 2020/2021 at current rates, thus saving money. Additionally, new youth who register prior to August 1st can avoid the initiation fee.
Introducing the GCC “Leadership Summit”

Save the date! Saturday, August 22nd will be the first GCC “Leadership Summit” ever offered! We’ve taken the President’s Summit concept and evolved it to this new opportunity for training, planning, and fellowship.

The Leadership Summit is designed for district and council Scouters and will be one of just a few annual ‘all hands’ events. As we move many of our council planning meetings to virtual-only events, we’re reminded of the importance of team development and the relational aspect of Scouting.

With this in mind, we hope you will plan to join us Saturday, August 22nd for the 2020 Leadership Summit. More details will be forthcoming in the next couple months.

While primarily focused on district and council Scouters, all interested parties are welcome to attend!

Youth Protection Survey

In April a survey was conducted of all units’ Committee Chairs and unit leaders to report on the culture of youth protection in their units. With 150 responses, we gathered a solid picture of how strongly the program is implemented.

A few takeaways:

- 100% of units reported that youth protection guidelines are always followed.
- 96% of units are aware of the Cyber Chip Award and almost all Scouts have earned it.
- 61% of units annually hold a program for youth and parents where youth protection is reviewed.

Youth Protection resources for leaders and parents are available on the BSA website.
WIPALA WIKI LODGE
ORDER OF THE ARROW

Minnis Honored with the OA Distinguished Service Award

The Order of the Arrow created the Distinguished Service Award in 1940 in conjunction with the 25th anniversary of the Order. The National Order of the Arrow Committee presents the Distinguished Service Award (DSA), every two years, to those Arrowmen who have rendered outstanding service to the Order on a region or national basis. The award is given primarily for dedicated service to the Order and Scouting over a period of years, and only a limited number of awards can be presented. Arrowmen whose service records are the most outstanding and extend the farthest beyond the lodge level are usually selected. Over the past 80 years, only 1019 have been awarded, making this recognition truly one of the rarest in scouting.

Wipala Wiki Lodge is very pleased and honored to announce that our very own Michael Minnis has been selected as a 2020 recipient.

Michael has been active in Scouting for 43 years, and the Order of the Arrow for over 35 years, and his continued service speaks for itself. His dedication to the program and the youth, comes from a true servant’s heart and his leadership has resulted in a positive impact on the youth and the program. He sets a great example for the youth on hard work, servant leadership, dedication and leadership. He serves willingly and unselfishly, without hesitation. Michael has a true passion for scouting and the Order of the Arrow, and it is reflective in the attitudes of the youth he works with.

Michael has a list of achievements and positions he has served in, that include: Lodge Chapter Chief, Lodge Chief, Section Adviser, OA Region Committee member, and varies council positions. More importantly...is why he serves. He has such a tremendous passion for serving others that it sets him apart as a truly remarkable and rare leader. His impacts on Scouting and the Order of the Arrow will continue to leave a positive lasting legacy upon those he serves.

Michael truly exemplifies “He who serves his fellows, is of all his fellows greatest, and Wipala Wiki is very proud of our Brother Michael Minnis for receiving the Distinguished Service Award.

We will add Mike to our page of Distinguished Service Award recipients once the presentation has taken place.

Michael’s very good friend and Lodge Adviser and fellow Distinguished Service Award recipient, Jeff Posey, lodge Adviser, a wrote this biography. See the full list of recipients from this year here.
Best Practices from our Most Successful Packs of 2019

We invited our council’s top 20 recruiting Packs from 2019 to share how they were so successful. These 20 Cub Scout Packs recruited more than 35% of all new Scouts in the Grand Canyon Council last year. Of the 20 Packs invited, 6 joined us. We had representation from Packs in urban, suburban, and rural parts of our council. These Packs charged families anywhere from $60-$275 for a year of participation, and spread out through public schools, private schools, and faith partners for their primary recruitment sources, and represented most of Scouting districts. In short, our most successful units come from diverse backgrounds, but we set out to find what they had in common.

One of the first items our Packs mentioned was being present where the families were. For most this meant a Facebook page that was up to date with contact information and calendars that shared the adventure. Kelly, from Pack 7010, mentioned that when the Pack page was first set as a business it portrayed the pack more formally than they intended. So, a group was the better way to go. David, from Pack 129, said they take all of the interest from families on the Facebook page and enter those families into the Leads system of BeAScout to keep track and follow up with them.

Michael from Pack 263 was the first to mention that they are at Back to school or meet the teacher nights, but that is not their recruitment event. Those evening are a great chance to market and share information, but families have other goals that night. Most of our other top recruiting packs agreed with that feeling and added how those they best used those nights to promote their join event and how they excited families to return. Daryn from Pack 653 had the great idea of printing a flashy poster with a large QR code that redirects families back the Packs web page he invites families to take a picture of. That way families have the picture and the link saved in their phone, so the pack is available to the family when they think about youth activities. Michael and his pack host an ice-cream social for the new families as the excitement to have families return for the join event.

Pack 682 is based out of a charter school, so not all families are from the same neighborhood. They have worked hard to build a strong community of Scouting families this has helped with both retentions of Scouting families, and it shows potential new families a fuller picture of what Scouting offers.

Kevin and Steve from Pack 88 have the existing Den Leaders attend sign up nights to help welcome families. That night they emphasize volunteers and family involvement is key, so the stage is set for all families to be active right from the start.

There was one universal truth that applied for all units we visited with. They have a calendar that they stick to. Outdoor events take place monthly, Pack meetings are monthly, Families know what to expect, and these adventures can be shared easily with new families. Make sure your existing Scout families have the calendar and feel comfortable sharing it with others before the end of the summer.

Thank you to Packs 88, 129, 263, 653, 682, 7010 for visiting with us to help all Packs grow so we can serve more members of our communities.

Share your successes or questions with your District Membership Chair or District Executive to be a part of the conversation as we grow scouting in Arizona this fall. For more information and to learn more visit our fall recruitment toolbox. This is a great resource that is constantly growing with added tips, tricks, and resources for you, our Scout leaders.
BeAScout Pins

Families are looking for safe, fun, social activities. Is your Troop or Pack telling them your story? Keep your web presence up to date by with your website and/or Facebook and be sure your unit’s BeAScout pin is listed with current information and online applications activated. You can learn how to update your pin [here](#)! (After re-charter is completed adults will be able to join your unit online too to help make joining as easy as possible for your Scouting Families)

Lastly, we’d like to thank you for being flexible with us and ask that you continue to do so as the availability for environments is changing.

Our Scouting family is Growing!

Our Scouting family is Growing! In April, 1 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](mailto:gcc.membership@scouting.org), so we can help.

Our newest community partners are:

- Sedona Elks Lodge #2291, Troop 7026

COMMISSIONER CORNER

June Recharter

Recharter will officially be opened as of June 1st! It’s time to make sure that your rosters are all updated. The most effective way to do this is to register all new youth and adults before you start the recharter process. While the sooner you start the process the better, it is imperative that you register all new families first before taking anyone off as this will make the process much easier for you. Visit our recharter page [here](#) for more information.

If you have not already, plan a Back to Pack event a few weeks before school starts to make sure all your returning families are reengaged, recharter and pack expenses are collected, and each family can be asked to volunteer for specific tasks to help the Pack go. Your commissioner and or District Executive is available through the recharter cycle to help prepare or plan your event.
NYLT
The summer weeks for NYLT have been re-scheduled. There will be a week of NYLT at Camp Geronimo from October 5 to October 10. Registration is open. [https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020FallNYLT](https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020FallNYLT) There is a limited number of participants so make your reservations early. The December week at the Heard Scout Pueblo runs December 28 through January 2, 2021. Registration for this week is also open. [https://scoutingevent.com/010-32831-79701](https://scoutingevent.com/010-32831-79701)

WOOD BADGE
The next Wood Badge course scheduled for October 9 to 11 and October 24-25 has not been impacted by the recent program changes due to the Covid 19 issue. Registration is open for any adult leader in any Scouting position. [https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020Woodbadge2rc](https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020Woodbadge2rc) This course emphasizes adult leadership and how we can impact the youth we all serve.

High-adventure base, challenges Scouts and Venturers
PHILMONT CONTINGENT 2021 9-DAY TREK
Participants will enjoy exploring the more than 200 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness

Poseidon
The POSEIDON event is a weekend filled with Aquatic adventure, including sailing, scuba, paddle craft, and maritime learning being offered to adult Scouters and youth that are 14 years of age or older. The inaugural event will be held at Lake Pleasant the weekend of October 8-11th. Additional information and resources are available at: [https://scoutingevent.com/010-poseidon](https://scoutingevent.com/010-poseidon)
“WAGONS EAST”

THE JOURNEY TO THE PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER

Pack your bags, grab your gear, load up and gather your wagons! The Wagon Train to Philmont will be heading out in July and we want to encourage everyone to join in the fun along the way! Western Region Week and our Philmont 2020 “Leadership Inspired” Conference is July 19-25, 2020 and we would love to have YOU on board!

For travel to Philmont, most people head up to Flagstaff and travel the I-40 to New Mexico and beyond. Along this route there are towns along the old Route 66. We have created “The Great Hunt” to encourage you to explore some of the areas and experience a bit of the Old West as you travel to the Philmont Training Center.

Some of the Trail Bosses thought it would be fun to have a bit of a rodeo among districts enroute. Your district Trail Master, Shotgun and others will have a friendly competition visiting historic Roadside Attractions.

“Get Your Kicks on Route 66” and join us for this Great American Road Trip as we travel to Philmont for a great week of camaraderie and fun and work to shape the future of Scouting in the Grand Canyon Council!

It’s not too late to sign up!! Register for the Conference through the Philmont Training Center link by clicking on the large green tab at this link: https://www.philmontscouranch.org/ptc/2020-conferences/.

In addition, for the VIP package and information, be sure to visit the link to the Council’s registration page: https://scoutingevent.com/010-PhilmontRoadTrip

QUESTIONS? Please contact Judy Walden- jwscouter1@gmail.com; John Bryant- jbscoutmail@cox.net; Kent Thomas---thomas85249@cox.net; or Brad Roberts- brad.roberts@cox.net.

For specific questions related to the Philmont Training Center, Philmont and the area please email Kathy Polowski at boyscoutsrack565@yahoo.com.
Scouting at Home

Scouts can still advance while Scouting at home, even if your Cub Scout is behind in advancement they can catch up! Visit https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/ and https://www.scouting.org/scoutingathome/ for advancement resources!

Electronic Merit Badge Blue Cards

With a large number of virtual merit badge opportunities there is an immediate need for a fillable blue card or another other way to record merit badges. Here are a couple of options:

1. Use Scoutbook.com. Merit badge counselors can be added to a Scout to approve requirements for a particular badge. After the badge is completed a blue card can be printed for a permanent record.
   
   View resources:
   - How Merit Badge Counselors (MBCs) can Connect to Scouts for Merit Badges (SB)
   - Merit Badge Record Keeping for Merit Badge Counselors (SB)

2. A fillable PDF blue card is also available at grandcanyonbsa.org It can be found in Scouters Resources.

Merit Badge Pamphlets
Now Available Through Amazon Kindle

Bookmark the BSA’s Kindle library and keep checking back as more pamphlets will be uploaded!

Ten Commandment Hike

Mark Your Calendar! The 25th Annual Ten Commandment Hike will be held Friday, November 27, 2020 in Tempe. Participants will visit various houses of worship in and around the ASU Campus and learn about a Commandment and the faith tradition of each house of worship. This event has become a well-respected tradition in our Council and offers Scouts the opportunity to demonstrate a duty to God and respect for others. Details will be forthcoming! Please visit the Religious Activities page for more information.
Program Fundraising

Camp Cards Fundraiser

The Camp Card fundraiser has been extended to continue until May 31st, allowing Scouts to secure as funds as necessary. Units who may need additional cards or would like to close their balance before Council reopens should contact their District Executive. Grand Canyon Council does advise that Scouts should continue to social distance throughout the pandemic; Scouts may continue to fundraise by contacting family, friends, and neighbors and mailing cards to their addresses. We are excited to announce Scouts may register online to participate in “Camp Cards for a Cause”. Additional information on Camp Cards may be found here.

Camp Cards for a Cause

The Camp Card Fundraiser is still underway, with Scouts finding new and creative ways to support their fundraising! Due to pandemic precautions, storefront and door to door sales have not been advised at this time, although beginning May 4th, Scouts will be able to promote Camp Cards for a Cause to family, friends, and neighbors through a custom online sales page!

For each $10 raised online, a camp card will be donated to a COVID-19 front line responder and your Scouting unit will earn $5 to help fund your Scouting adventure. Scouts will receive 50% commission to support their fundraising goals. The camp cards sold will be donated to pandemic essential workers. The Grand Canyon Council service team will handle the mailing and delivery of camp cards.

Units that are already selling these cards will be contacted to participate! All other units and Scouts that want to participate in this cause are more than welcome to join in! All Scouts need to do is go to https://grandcanyonbsa.salsalabs.org/campcardsforacause to create an online sales page, then share it with family and friends to promote their fundraiser! Camp Cards for a Cause will continue until June 30th, at which point the online Camp Cards program will wrap up and remaining commissions will be applied to unit accounts! More information and a walk through of how to sign up can be found at: www.grandcanyonbsa.org/camp-cards.
Pre-Camp Webinar May 20, 2020 - Notes and FAQs

Camp Geronimo’s Pre-Camp Webinar resources and FAQ available directly at www.campgeronimo.org. The document discusses the measures being taken to ensure the safety of Camp Geronimo participants this summer. All files referenced throughout the Webinar may be downloaded at www.campgeronimo.org.

Camp Geronimo - Arizona’s Scout Camp!

**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 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 a six-day leadership skills course for young adults. 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.

**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.

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Camp Kaibab
Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire!

Calling all supporters of the Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire! Join us at Camp Kaibab September 18-20th for a Star Wars theme weekend, hosted at Camp Raymond in Flagstaff, AZ. Scout Leaders, parents, and siblings aged five and over are welcomed to join in on the fun. You can join us Saturday for a day camp and have the option to camp overnight Friday and/or Saturday nights!

This event has sold out weeks in advance for years, and we are limited at a 300-camper capacity, so be sure to register as soon as you know you would like to go! Additional information is available at https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020kaibab.

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Online OA Unit Elections are Now Available

Hello Scouts and Scouters,

This is your Vice Chief of Inductions for the Wipala Wiki lodge. I hope all of you and your families are staying safe and healthy in these troubling times. There has been a lot of bad news recently so I would like to share some good news with you all.

This past week, we conducted our first virtual order of the arrow election with a unit in our council. This election was put together very well for virtual standards and turned out to be a great success. Holding these virtual elections will ensure that those scouts who provide cheerful service can be celebrated and recognized and I am glad that we can keep our units active in scouting with the help of these OA programs.

If your unit would like to hold an election and have any questions, please feel free to reach out to inductions@wipalawiki.org and we will be glad to answer. Again, I hope you all are staying safe and I look forward to seeing you all in the future. Remember for more information about how the Unit Elections process works, please visit this web page.

Yours in Brotherhood,

Ben Flory
Vice Chief of Inductions

Council Recognition

OA DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

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Chiefly Speaking

Hello Wipala Wiki Lodge & Grand Canyon Council!

I hope you are all doing well and safe out there. Currently I am hunkering down with my family, freshening up my skill in cooking and baking to pass the time!

I am sure we have all seen the news, and it’s starting to look like stores and facilities will start opening up, but let us not forget how to treat one another, especially workers in this time. We are all excited to go out to eat, go see a movie, and be with our friends and family again, but that also means everyone else is too. You may experience long lines, food taking longer to order, and every single place to be busy these next couple of weeks when places start opening up. When that happens, remember to be kind and understanding to the cashier, waiter, or hostess, as they are probably stressed out as much as you.

In 2019, I purchased a book at the national scouting museum when I went to Philbreak, a Trail repair week at Philmont over my Spring Break. This book is called “A Thing of a Spirit, Biography of E. Urner Goodman,” our founder of the Order of the Arrow. I have just recently finished the book and there is a quote in it that I would like to share with you all. “Things of the spirit are what count: Brotherhood - In a day when there is too much hatred at home and abroad; Cheerfulness - In a day when the pessimists have the floor and the cynics are popular; Service - In a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping, rather that giving.” -Dr E. Urner Goodman.

I think about that quote a lot when I get discouraged or unguided and it helps me get my head on straight and motivated again.

I hope you and your family are remaining safe.

WWW,
Kyle Winer
2020 Wipala Wiki Lodge Chief
Unique Bridging Ceremony

On Saturday, May 2nd, Pack 324 held quite a unique bridging ceremony for their six Arrow of Light Candidates. Prior to March, Cubmaster Jessica Mitchell and Arrow of Light Den Leader Chris Newman had a more traditional ceremony in mind. Then COVID-19 derailed all plans and something new was concocted. A drive-thru ceremony with lots of social distancing in place.

Plans were shared with Scoutmaster Brian of Troop 41 – Pack 324’s longstanding Troop that the Pack’s Cub Scouts bridge to. He was onboard and enthusiastically rounded up Scouts and parents to help out.

On the day of the event, lots of festively decorated cars lined the street - AOLs touting their Pack 324 pride and Troop 41 welcoming the AOLs into their Troop. It was such an uplifting sight – everyone was excited.

While in their cars, Scouts and their Akelas logged onto Zoom, and a traditional bridging ceremony was read - AOLs used battery-operated candles during their speaking parts and they also were able to share three things that they loved about Pack 324. Once done sharing, Cubmaster Jessica gave each AOL a gift bag with items representing their time in Cub Scouts.

Then, the super fun and unique part - in lieu of the traditional cross-over bridge, when it was the AOLs turn to bridge, the scout’s parents drove through a banner with their Scout’s name written on it. On the other side of the banner, Scoutmaster Brian Cook presented the new Scouts with a bag of goodies including their first Scouts BSA Handbook and Scouts BSA shoulder loops.
Troop 41 has been conducting a community service project to benefit doctors and nurses at Deer Valley Hospital located at I-17 and the 101. We provided 4 boxes of donations including 16 Covid-19 care packages. These items will be dropped off today, Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 (Brian E. Cook, Scoutmaster)

Welcome Jessica Yiadom to the Gila River District

Grand Canyon Council is proud to announce and welcome Jessica Yiadom as District Executive for the Gila River District serving Tempe to Yuma and all communities in-between. With volunteer support, Yiadom’s responsibilities will include effective district operations. This includes membership growth, building community partner relationships, fundraising, unit service, program support, and enhancing our volunteer team to better serve the youth of Arizona.

Massachusetts native, Jessica Yiadom is no stranger to weathering the storm. As a graduate of Johnson & Wales University, Ms. Yiadom specializes in the development of business and creating growth.

Jessica’s passion to evolve the community and shape the world for future generations, exemplifies her profound dedication to expansion. With over 10 years of sales experience, in conjunction with her work as a Creative Director in the nonprofit sector, Ms. Yiadom is well-prepared to build new relationships and grow Scouting. When she isn’t working, Ms. Yiadom can be found reading a good book, singing in her local church choir, or watching a Patriots game with her family.
Virtual Opportunities | Camping, Outdoors, and a Festival! - Gila River District

Mark your calendar! Save the date! We hope you will join us to discuss some outdoor related topics from the comfort of your home. All events are intended to be fun, interactive conversations. Visit our website at gilariverdistrict.org.

We need volunteers to share their experiences and information as described below. Please contact Angel at angel.l.ortiz@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer. Click on the ZOOM link on the date and time shown and you will join in the fun!

Welcome to Scouts BSA! Outdoor Info for New Scouts - Gila River District

For new Scouts and parents, Webelos den leaders and parents

Saturday, June 6, 2020. Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81531405904?pwd=MnZjaittNWpCa2d3UDdyNEdDcGZYdz09
Meeting ID: 815 3140 5904 | Password: 261028 | Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kCHQGVGol

Be Prepared! Please join us for a presentation on Outdoor Essentials, camping necessities and tips from experienced Scouts and Scouters on “nice things to have”. You will learn about clothing and gear for different types of outings and tips on how to choose a sleeping bag, water purifier, backpacking stove, mess kit or dishes, good hiking boots, day pack, backpack etc. This seminar should provide good information for your Scout’s “wish list” and perhaps a start on the Camping merit badge!

NEWS FLASH! UPDATE ON DERBY RACING!

Gila River District’s Pinewood Derby will be Saturday, October 31 from 10 am – 4:00 pm at the Chandler Ostrich Festival. There will be a schedule indicating race times for different Cub Scout levels. There will also opportunities for Cub Scouts to earn the “Science Everywhere” STEM Nova award and the YOYO Adventure Loop. Lots of fun!!! Please SAVE THE DATE and watch for upcoming details.

DUTY TO COUNTRY!

WATCH FOR A SPECIAL FLAG RETIREMENT EVENT on Flag Day, June 14, 2020. If you or your unit is interested in participating in this Civic Service event, please visit the Gila River District web page for information.

CANOE THE COLORADO!

Gila River District is hosting The Colorado River Run, an event you won’t want to miss—canoeing, cooking, games, service and fun in Yuma, AZ. This event classic was postponed and the date is still TBD, but it is anticipated to be in mid-October. Please visit the Gila River District web page to check on updates.
Backpacking Readiness | Tips, Tricks and Hacks - Gila River District

For Scouts, Scouts BSA Leaders, Parents and other interested parties

Saturday, June 13, 2020 Time: 9-11 am

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87534752878?pwd=Mk9md0JXaHZKSJ0RGxQVHdyT1RzZz09
Meeting ID: 875 3475 2878  Password: 836012  Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kbshJz0q1V

You are invited to come and learn how to properly pack a backpack and you might just discover a new tip or trick! An experienced Scouter will offer a 15-minute demonstration on proper backpacking and host a discussion with Scouts across the district.

This is meant to start as a fun lecture and end as an interactive conversation with Q&A’s and Scout engagement.

Pinewood Derby Car "Overhaulin" - Gila River District

For Cub Scout leaders and families

Saturday, June 27, 2020 Time: 9-11 am

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81827510492?pwd=UFN1UDI0S0tPT0VUbHdXalovbZUUT09
Meeting ID: 818 2751 0492  Password: 169347  Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/ke4mNw8Az

All Cub Scouts and families are invited to attend this virtual workshop to learn tips and share successes. Perhaps you want to overhaul an existing car or make a new one!

Topics will include—How to make the car go faster, tips on achieving a great paint job, Do’s and Don’ts and making your car unique! We need experienced Derby designers to present these topics step by step and how to bring that cool factor to the Derby car.
District camporees

Due to the pandemic, the Lost Dutchman District Outlaw Spring Camporee has been moved to August 16-18 at Camp Geronimo. The Camporee is open to all Troops in the Grand Canyon Council. Contact Brad Lamoureaux, Outlaw Director at: 602-790-2210 or brad.lamoureaux30@gmail.com for more information or visit the camporee website at: http://outlawcamporee.org.

The Lost Dutchman District Maverick Fall Camporee is scheduled for September 25-27 at Camp Geronimo. Contact maverickcamporee@gmail.com for more information and virtual planning meeting schedule or visit the camporee website at: https://www.maverickcamporee.org.

District Roundtables

To provide ongoing information to our district units, the Lost Dutchman District will be hosting virtual Roundtables in June and July. Information will be sent out through our Google Group email list. If you are not a member of the list, send an email to Tony Madonia (tony.madonia@gmail.com) or David Lucas (theatredavid@gmail.com) to join the list.

Pack 555 virtual campout

Pack 555 had planned on a weekend campout at R-C before the pandemic. That did not stop the Pack families from doing a virtual campout at their homes. Here are some pictures from the adventure.
Resources to keep your Scout active!

- Yosemite National Park
- AZ Butterfly Wonderland virtual classroom
- REI – Keeping Kids active
- Knot tying
- Landmark coloring pages
- 25+ Virtual Educational Tours

1. Start out with simple shapes. Try to draw lightly for now. We’re going to draw over this at the end!

2. Next, draw two lines to connect the head and the body.

3. Draw curved lines for the marmot’s legs.

4. Give your marmot some little paws.

5. Draw a line straight out from the bottom of the marmot’s body for its tail.

6. Draw a curved line for the top of the tail.

7. Draw an almond shape for the marmot’s snout.

8. Give your marmot an eye, nose, mouth, ear, and some toes!

9. Draw over your light lines. Give your marmot some fur, and color it in if you’d like!
Community Support

A special thanks goes out to the Carefree & Cave Creek Italian American Club and American Legion Post 34 for their support of Scouting this month. District Fund Development Chair, Mike Farrar helped to secure the donations from the two organizations, and we want to thank them for their continued support of local Scouting.

Scouts Transition to Virtual Meetings by Rob Madden

Troops throughout the Pinnacle Peak district have had to learn to adopt to the new normal during these times of social distancing and isolation. Scout meetings have moved from in person activities to online meetings. Scouting has entered the new world of virtual activities.

Most troops immediately transferred their activities onto online platforms like Zoom, Google Hangouts, Microsoft Teams, and other online meeting platforms.

Heather Adams, Scoutmaster for Troop 226G had never conducted a scout meeting online but knew something had to be done. She stated, “We knew that we were going to fail but we knew the next time we would just have to fail better.” Troop 226 adopted online meetings back in March where they kicked off their online meetings with a virtual campfire, skits, and several scouts even had s’mores Adams said.

Other troops have tried to provide a sense of normalcy during online events. Cliff Race, Scoutmaster with Troop 439, stated, “It is important that we continue with an opening flag ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law. We assign different patrols to conduct the opening ceremony and all scouts are suppose to be in full uniform throughout the meeting.”

Jess Rankin, Scoutmaster for Troop 531, said that they have hosted a range of activities including a two-night virtual campout that dovetailed with BSA’s National Camp-in on May 2nd, virtual scavenger hunts, Kahoot games, and an Earth Day service project where the scouts collected trash in their respective neighborhoods that yielded over 1,200 pieces of trash and had 31 volunteers participate. Several troops have used the online meeting platform to bring in outside speakers that normally would not be available for in person scout meetings. Troop 226 recently hosted a pair outdoor adventurers that are going on a 2,000 mile canoe trek down the Yukon River in Alaska. Troop 531 invited the chef from the Wigwam Resort to talk about food safety as a part of their cooking theme for the month.

Once meeting restrictions are lifted, many hope to continue to employ online practices in their offline world. Adams stated, “I really hope we can do more scoutmaster conferences and rank advancement outside of the normal meetings. It is a great way to keep my scouts moving forward by giving them more opportunities to succeed.

Congratulations Pinnacle Peak District New Eagle Scouts!

Eagle Boards in April
Lucas Lundstrom, Troop 247, New River Kiwanis Park

Eagle Boards in May
Matthew Serene, Troop 323, Sun City West Medical Lending Center
Caden Bosn, Troop 432, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne Catholic Parish
PINNACLE PEAK - GRAND CANYON BSA

FALL TWENTY TWENTY PROGRAM LINEUP

SAT-SUN AUG 29-30
BALOO
CUB TRAINING
AT PIONEER VILLAGE

FRI-SUN OCT 2-4
CUB SCOUTS
R-BOO-C
CUB ADVENTURE CAMP PACKS & FAMILIES
AT R-C SCOUT RANCH

FRI-SUN OCT 23-25
FALL CAMPOREE
FRONTEIR-O-REE
AT CAMP GERONIMO
BLACK MOUNTAIN CHAPTER - OA

AT CAMPOREE
CAMP GERONIMO
INTRO TO OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP SKILLS
"IOLS TRAINING"
REQUIRED FOR SCOUTMASTERS & ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTERS

SAT DEC 5
BASIC LEADER SPECIFIC TRAINING
ALL LEVELS
AT CROSS IN THE DESERT UMC

PINNACLE PEAK DISTRICT
NORTHEAST VALLEY - PAYSON - WHITE MOUNTAINS

FALL ROUNDTABLE AND SUPPLEMENTAL TRAINING LINEUP
7PM ALL FIRST THURSDAYS AUG 6 SEP 3 OCT 1 NOV 5 DEC 3 AT CROSS IN THE DESERT UMC
SPECIAL THIRD THURSDAY SEP 17 PAYSON - HEBER - WHITE MOUNTAINS AT R-C SCOUT RANCH
TINYURL.COM/PINNACLEPEAKBSA FACEBOOK - “PINNACLE PEAK BSA"
Arizona Daily Sun

FLAGSTAFF SCOUTING IN ACTION!
Several Flagstaff scout troops spent Saturday morning placing flags on the graves of veterans at Citizen’s Cemetery in advance of Memorial Day.

Congratulations new Ponderosa District Eagle Scouts!
Matthew Hirning, Troop 7142
Cohen Bunting, Troop 7039
Dillon Gantt, Troop 7142
Dan Burger, Troop 7039

ADVANCEMENT

SCOUTBOOK
Recording service hours and camping nights just got easier. The Scoutbook team has introduced Activity Logs!

100% Trained
We are proud to announce 100% trained status for Pack 7330 and Troop 7020 Scouters!

Ponderosa District Events Calendar

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Virtual Scouting

On April 28, 2020, Troop 194 used Google Meets to host Andrew Christians from Nikola Motors here in Arizona. Andrew Christian, VP Defense with Nikola Motor joined Troop 194 to talk about Technology in Transportation and Energy as it relates to the Automotive and Trucking Industries.

Troop 194 has chosen to use the Program Feature for Technology and focused on Cyber Safety, Technology in communications, and Technology in Transportation and Energy. And, they’ve found that both Zoom and Google Meets are working well for hosting weekly online meetings.

Troop 828 has gone to virtual meetings. April used the Mentor theme with prepared slide show presentations, personal experiences, and examples on how the older scouts can be helping the newer scouts. ZOOM has allowed for patrol breakouts. This has helped in keeping with the normal template of a troop meeting. Videos from scouting.org on game ideas have been shown in place of the physical doing. This has helped show the scouts new activities and helped raise their curiosity to other activities.

Challenges with COVID-19 have resulted in out of the box thinking. Scout spirit lives in Troop 828 as the ZOOM attendance has been better than physical meetings.

Pack 3 is also working on creating fantastic games for Cubs to participate in virtually such as:

- **Critter Act** – each scout puts on an act as a local critter of choice and the others guess what animal is being imitated
- **Virtual Magic** – small simple magic tricks can be displayed on zoom by a single cub or working together they might be able to coordinate something (perhaps a disappearing act)
- **Troop 3** is also using some fun games and challenges that they can perform together over a video conference call, for example:
  - **Make fire starters** – announce need of following materials (egg carton, lint, melt wax) for next meeting. Then create fire starters for returning to camping
  - **Jokes** (select best joke) – practice skits and/or jokes for in preparation for camporees or campouts
  - **Airplane Flight** – everyone arrives with papers. Then see how many different airplanes they each can make, then display to see how many different planes were made

For these and a dozen more ideas check out our website:

https://grandcanyonbsa.wixsite.com/sonoransunset/post/virtual-group-pack-activities

And https://grandcanyonbsa.wixsite.com/sonoransunset/post/virtual-group-troop-activities
Challenging times challenge us to find new ways to do things. Cub Scout Pack 126 took on the challenge of recognizing the outstanding efforts our scouts have done this past year with a ‘Drive-By’ ceremony. Normally our pack celebrates Blue and Gold at the end of the year so we can award ranks, awards and other special activities from the year. This year provided the extra challenge of not only how we were going to conduct our Blue and Gold but also how we were going to have our Cross Over and Arrow of Light Awards Ceremonies. We had decided that we were going to have a carnival theme for the year but agonized how to translate that into celebrating our scouts just not in person.

The ‘Stay at home’ decree was lightened but yet we still have to maintain social distance and wear masks to make sure everyone stays as safe as possible. With parades at retirement homes, ‘drive by’s’ for food and take-out and drive-in movies coming back into style it was jokingly thrown out there, “Let’s have a drive by!” It was quiet after that remark. Why not? We could do it safety and still celebrate our scouts hard work! We set the date for Saturday 2 May 2020, took all of the items we had for our normal ceremonies and rolled it into one. The scouts that were crossing over would get to do that with our crossover bridge and receive their Arrow of Light awards. Our younger scouts received their ranks and awards and took some special pictures. Parents were able to cheer on their scouts and get out of the house for a while and we all honked our horns in honor of each scout that was able to attend.

We maintained social distancing, and everyone showed up with a mask and family members packed their cars. This pack year has ended with many challenges, but the scouts and families still showed up and participated showing the resiliency of our scouting family. The scouts were ecstatic that their “pack” was still there and remembered them and are excited about working on fun things over the summer and starting the new pack year in August. We are all immensely proud of the members and families of Cub Scout Pack 126 in helping to make scouting fun and exciting for all!
Sonoran Sunset Welcomes New District Leaders!

Gary Vaughan has volunteered to become our new Advancement and Recognition Chair! Gary has been involved in Scouting for about 40 years. He has served in various capacities including Den Leader, Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Venture Adviser, Assistant District/Council Commissioner, District Chairman, Council Vice President, Council Executive Board, NCAP Assessment Team, Wood Badge Course Director, and now as an Area 6 VP. A member of the Order of the Arrow, he has served in several councils and has received the Silver Beaver in two of them. He has also been awarded the Meritorious Service Star, Distinguished Commissioner Award, two Commissioner Arrowheads, and the District Award of Merit. He has attended and/or served on staff at the University of Scouting, College of Commissioner Science, Leadership Academy, and College of District and Council Studies. He is a Charter Member of the Vanguard International Scouting Association. Sonoran Sunset is lucky to have such an experienced Scouter in this role, please welcome him when you have a chance!

Chip Main has volunteered to become a Unit Commissioner! He will be serving Pack 263, Troop 448, and Troop 515. Please welcome Chip to his new role!

Laura Hinson is a long time Scouter and has volunteered to become our Activities and Service Chair. Laura 2009 with Pack 98. Beginning her Leader and then progressing through committee member then membership also continued her leadership with coordinator. Laura co-founded Troop chair. While serving as a Cub chair and Troop district committee. She was Activities took a 2-year break during which time Wood Badge. As part of her Wood Badge, she has returned this year to the Activities and Services position. She has earned the District Award of Merit, Silver Beaver and the Meritorious Star awards. Please welcome Laura back to the district committee!

Postponed Event Updates

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions Sonoran Sunset last month postponed a few events and many people are curious about the status of those events:

- Pinewood Derby – we are waiting to hear from Governor Ducey when restrictions will be lifted. Once we can begin attending events again, we will reschedule a venue.
- Spring Camporee – the camping committee is working to reschedule this camporee in the fall. They are currently working on potential dates in mid-late September. We’ll send out updates when a date/location is finalized.
- Annual Planning Conference – this all-day conference is held with all district commissioners and committee members in attendance. Chartered organization representatives are encouraged to attend, and all other unit leaders are welcome to come as well to provide input on planning the district goals, objectives and program for the upcoming year. This meeting has been moved to August 1 2020 from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, location TBD.
Exploring Posts

First and foremost, let’s welcome Deanna Mankins as our new Exploring District Executive for Maricopa County Grand Canyon Council. She has hit the road with getting to meet some of our Exploring Post Advisors.

Post 352 located at Falcon Field Airport in Mesa- Aviation Explorers currently have 34 Explorers in their program. Bennett Sloan who is the head post advisor has not had any meetings or ground school through the Covid-19 “stay at home”, but now explorers are currently flying planes, and doing maintenance on all 3 planes. They plan to have their Annual Welcome Picnic at Falcon Field in September or October.

Post 161 located in Tolleson- The City of Tolleson Fire Department is excited for their Explorers this Fall of 2020. Renee Hamblin will be the head post advisor and will be communicating regularly with Deanna on Fall events and schedules planned.

Post 960 located in Avondale- The City of Avondale Police Department is excited for their Explorers this Fall of 2020. Motor Officer Daniel Benavidez & Chris Odor will be co-post advisors for the Exploring program. They will be communicating regularly with Deanna on future events.

Deanna has reached out to several other post advisors to see what their plans are for the Fall of 2020. Most posts have taken time off due to the Covid-19 “stay at home”.

I-Tech Exploring is the next generation for our youth in the Arizona’s workforce to help develop the necessary skills and knowledge for our youth. Our Exploring posts are our backbone to our success.
COVID-19: Council Service Center Closed to the Public -- Re-opening early July
Information on Grand Canyon Council’s response to COVID-19 can be found here.

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Phoenix, AZ 85016
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Sat: 10:00 am - 2:00 PM
Closed Sundays

Mesa Scout Shop
Mesa Riverview Shopping
1061 N Dobson Rd. Ste 109
Mesa, AZ 85201
(480) 926-0345
Mon-Sat:10:00 am - 6:00 PM
Closed Sundays

Boy Scouts of America
National Service Center
855-707-2644

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928-474-4688

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Council Service Center is closed to the public — During this time staff will be working and available via telephone and email to provide customer service and support to our stakeholders.