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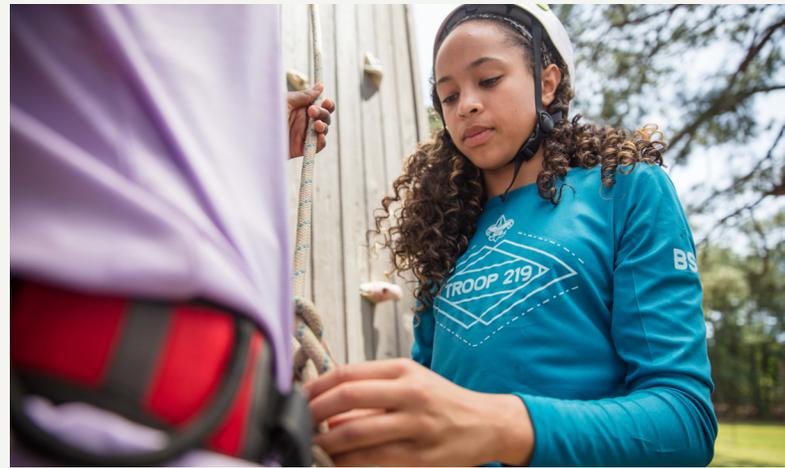
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Andy Price

## SCOUT EXECUTIVE

GRAND CANYON COUNCIL

We continue to make progress in repositioning Grand Canyon Council for success and growth in coming years.

One of our strategies has been to find a more suitable and cost-effective Service Center. The current location is far too large for our needs and becoming burdensomely expensive to maintain.

After nearly a year of work, on June 12th we closed on the sale of the Greenfield building and will invest 100% of the proceeds to offset lease expenses over the next four years. We have signed a lease that will result in lower operating expenses for the next four years.

Leasing for the next four years will give us a chance to let the 'dust settle' so we can truly determine what our needs will be for the next 10-20 years in Grand Canyon Council.

Covering 2/3 of the state of Arizona, along with portions of Utah and New Mexico, and having only one Service Center to support the entire council, we have been moving to a service model where all Scouting business can be accomplished via internet and telephone; a Scouter will never need to go to the Service Center.

Our new office space is a sublease, which allowed us to get attractive office space for about 50% of market rate and it is fully furnished; the office was move in ready and the council will spend no money on furniture. We will save significantly from we're currently spending to maintain the former office.

In searching for a new location, we have emphasized a central location accessible to major highways that will have lower costs. Although leaders can accomplish their Scouting remotely, if they choose to visit the Service Center in person 65% of our membership will see a shorter drive (by 9.8 minutes on average) and 45% will see a longer drive (by an average of 10.0 minutes). The new location is about as centrally located as is possible in such a large council.

In summary, we're in a better, more accessible location that is closer to more of our Scouters than the former location and we're saving money. Wins all around!

The new location is located at 8840 E. Chaparral Road, Suite 200, Scottsdale, AZ 85250; just off Highway 101 at its intersection with Chaparral Road.

A shift with our new Service Center is that it will not contain a Scout Shop; this was the one item we worked for that couldn't be accommodated with the sublease arrangement we have. The Service Center is 10 minutes away from the Mesa Scout Shop, which will be the only Scout Shop in our area at this time.

We've worked with BSA to ensure that the Scout Shop will also support our "Scout locally" paradigm shift. They will work with units to ship advancements and all Supply items directly to unit leaders. Shipping costs are very low and are likely less than the cost of gas.

We continue to watch the COVID-19 virus and its ebb and flow in the community. Effective July 1st, our staff will be back in the office working but it will remain closed to external customers. The Scout Shop will reopen July 1st.

**"WE WANT YOU!"**

As soon as we heard that Philmont was closing for the summer, we quickly chose the same dates to have our Program at R-C Scout Ranch. What we did not take into account was the amount of interest we would generate following that announcement, yet many would also have trouble changing summer plans this late in the game. So in an effort to give "everyone" the opportunity to help to shape our future, we would like to announce that "WE" are all invited to the:

**Leadership Inspired**  
Grand Canyon Council Retreat  
LOCATION: R-C Scout Ranch  
DATE: Fall 2020 (Will confirm this week)  
Registration will open on July 1, 2020.



**Leadership Inspired**

*The Leadership Event that Launches the Next Decade in Arizona Scouting.*

## 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!

## Fall Recruitment

The time has come to invite new families into Scouting. Our communities are hungry for Safe, Fun, Social activities after our unique spring and summer and Scouting is just what they need!

With the help of your district's volunteer Membership Chair and District Executive, plan your recruitment drive now. We have a tools and resources to help make sure your neighborhood families know your Pack is here to serve them and help grow their youth. But we need your help to share the right information for your community. We have already reached out to your packs leadership asking in which neighborhoods they would like us to promote your pack for join events. Our next steps are to plan a welcome and signup night. Our goal is to offer families in each of your communities an opportunity to join in August. Learn more about our New Scout recruitment in our [Fall Recruitment Toolbox](#).



## Back to Pack

The best Scout units have a plan for the coming program year before it starts. Be among our strongest Cub Scout Packs by hosting a Back to Pack event in July. These events are fun, simple, help make sure returning dens are formed, verify our returning volunteer leadership, share pack calendar and program features with the families, and (if needed) collect the re-charter payments from families. This should be an event all families are expected to take part at. Invite your Commissioner to join you too as they love to have Packs show off and brag about how engaged the families are and to see the program you deliver for our Scouts.



### 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!](#) (Both youth and adults can join your unit Online now to help make joining as easy as possible for your Scouting Families)





## Recharter

Scout unit Leaders, we are halfway through our Recharter season. We have a hard deadline of August 1st to complete recharter, but encourage you to wrap things up for your unit by July 15th. This way there is a buffer in case we need to revisit any part of your charter. Help ensure the greatest success by ensuring all current youth and adults are registered before you complete the Online recharter. The most effective way to do this is to register all new youth and adults before you start the recharter process. Visit our recharter page [here](#) for more information.

We know some families continued participation is up in the air at this time. To help our Scouts and families, help stay plugged in and invite them to keep Scouting. Virtual Scout Meetings are a wonderful way to help our youth stay engaged with Scouting while staying connected to their friends. Cub Scout Adventures can be done as groups or dens, so all your youth complete this year's advancement. Plan a Back to Pack event for mid-July to confirm your charter and set up to have a great (volunteer filled) Scouting year starting this August. Read more about Back to Pack in the [membership section](#)

## BeAScout and Online Registration Updated and Ready for Fall Recruiting!

With digital technology becoming even more vital as a means of connecting, it's more important than ever for families to be able to find units and join Scouting online. Help your leaders get up to speed on BeAScout.org and the online registration process with new easy-to-follow training resources at <https://www.scouting.org/resources/online-registration/>.





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## PHILMONT CONTINGENT 2021 9-DAY TREK

Participants will enjoy exploring the more than 200 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness

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### My.Scouting Changes

There have been some changes made to my.scouting so things might look a little different the next time you log in. The tab "REQUIREMENTS" will be updated to include all positions you are registered for. Currently, only the requirements for your "primary" position will be listed.

Many new courses have been added that are not a part of required training but have some valuable information in them. To access these, click on the training center. From there, click on the program you are involved

in (Cubs, Scouts BSA....) and then click "COURSES". You will then find a very extensive listing of courses that can be taken. You will also see that the duration of courses has been added for each offering.

Also, under programs, it is much easier to find the specific position you are seeking training for, along with the time needed to complete the entire training. The site should be easier to navigate. Log on and check it out. If you don't have an account, create one. All of your training records are housed here.

#### 100% Trained Leader Initiative

A reminder that all assistant unit leaders are required to be trained for the upcoming re-charter process. For Assistant Scoutmasters who have completed all of their training with the exception of Introduction To Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS), due to the Covid shutdown, an extension to complete that course has been made. The extension runs to 12/31/2020. The districts will be scheduling this training in the fall. Please check with your district training chair or keep checking the council calendar for these dates which should be posted in the near future.

### Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)

#### SONORAN SUNSET

Sonoran Sunset is planning IOLS required training for scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters for September 19 – 20.

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### NYLT

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is a six-day leadership skills course for young adults in Scouting. Content is delivered in an outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in an exciting environment. Participants learn to use current corporate leadership skills within the framework of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. BSA National carefully developed the NYLT curriculum with input from current corporate trainers, the United States Air Force Academy and others in the training community. The course is led and taught by some of the best youth leaders in the Grand Canyon Council; all of whom are graduates of the NYLT program and many have staffed multiple courses.

Grand Canyon Council will have two additional courses available this year:

Fall Course: Oct. 5 – 10 At Camp Geronimo Director: Sarah Sokiveta

Winter Course: Dec. 28-Jan. 2 At Heard Scout Pueblo Director: Wes Morrill

For more information or to register, please go to: <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/nylt/>

## Scouts BSA Position Specific Training Changes

A new Online and facilitated version of Scouts BSA training will be available on August 3rd. Scouters that are currently completing the training need to please complete prior to this date as we will be changing the Learning Plans for all positions – Scoutmaster/ Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Committee Member and Merit Badge Counselor. They will have to restart the training using the new learning plans and modules If they do not complete the existing modules by August 3rd.

The new Online learning combines content resulting in fewer modules. We have also streamlined courses to help reduce the total time it takes to complete the training. The new facilitated course uses offline versions of the learning modules to facilitate maintenance on any future changes - thus the Online and facilitated content are simultaneously updated to ensure consistency in the versions of the training.



### Poseidon

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. This weekend of aquatic fun will provide participants a well-rounded, basic working knowledge of a variety of different water-based activities,

and allow Scouts and Scouters to further explore and pursue their interests in aquatics programs.

This program is the first of its kind and is modeled on the High-adventure Powder Horn training with an emphasis on aquatic adventure. Find out more [here](#), or contact Sheldon Allred at [4sjallred@gmail.com](mailto:4sjallred@gmail.com).

### WOOD BADGE



Wood Badge is an advanced leadership training for Scout leaders of all levels and in all BSA programs. The five day course, broken up over two weekends two weeks apart, assist Scouters in recognizing leadership concepts that can be utilized in our program, apply skills learned to develop successful teams, and provides an inspirational and stimulating experience that enables leaders opportunities for growth in Scouting.

After an amazing first course in 2020, which hit capacity with over 50 Wood Badge participants, we are looking forward to a great time with our second Wood Badge course at the Grand Canyon Council at R-C Ranch in Payson this October! The Fall course will take place Oct. 9-11 & 24-25 at R-C Scout Ranch and will be led by Rob Wischart.

For more information, please visit <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/wood-badge/>



## Don't Let the Shutdown Stop Your Advancing

Check out the COVID FAQ for how Scouts can continue to advance:  
<https://www.scouting.org/coronavirus/covid-19-faq/>

## Recording Your Unit's Community Service Hours

Packs and Troops are encouraged to record their unit service hours, not only to keep track of their Scouts' participation, but also to enable Scouting to determine its impact on the public and recognize the outstanding units who serve our communities!

"Service Hour Reporting" accessed via the my.Scouting 'Legacy Web Tools' section on <https://my.scouting.org> was shut down for unit entries on May 6 so that the tools can be integrated into Scoutbook and allow service to be recorded as a part of Scout and leader advancements.

- Units should log service hours via the Scoutbook redirect when they click "Activity Logs" (under either the individual or 'Quick Entry') or directly in Internet Advancement 2.0.
- For the time being, units can still enter Exploring Service Hours, report Eagle Service projects and view previously recorded projects.
- Lodgemaster should be used for entering Order of the Arrow service hours. This data (which is stored in the Scoutbook database but is not User visible in Internet Advancement 2.0) feeds JTE directly.

### Additional notes

- Legacy Scoutbook activities that were ported into Internet Advancement 2.0 on May 6, 2020 do not feed into JTE.
- Any service activities that were imported from Good Turn For America show in Internet Advancement 2.0 and continue to feed into JTE.
- Any service activities approved in Internet Advancement will feed into JTE.

## Merit Badge Counselors

The requirements to become a Merit Badge Counselor now include training. Check out how to become a [Merit Badge Counselor here](#).

Scout Shop

### ADVANCEMENT RECOGNITIONS

You can order advancement recognitions Online visit [The Scout Shop & COVID-19](#)

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### Virtual Merit Badge Counselors

As part of its response to the continuing COVID-19 situation, the council is looking for merit badge counselors who have offered a merit badge virtually or have a good idea on how it could be done. We will vet them and work with the counselors to facilitate Scouts working on them. If you have a merit badge or cool skill that you would like to share with our Scouts (Cubs, Scouts BSA, Venturers or Sea Scouts), please drop a note to Eric Hiser at [ehiser.BSA@gmail.com](mailto:ehiser.BSA@gmail.com).



The National Religious Relationships Committee of the Boy Scouts of America want to continue “Scouting as Usual as We Can Make It”. Therefore, we are hosting a family version of our [Duty to God summer classes in the virtual world](#). Join us for a week filled with excitement, learning, crafts, challenges, discussions, trivia, and so much more. We are offering over 60 different program options throughout the week, all free of charge. So pull up a chair, relax on the couch or in a hammock outside, and enjoy this Virtual Interfaith Week brought to you by the [NRR!](#)

## Ten Commandment Hike

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.

### Countdown to the 25th Anniversary of the Ten Commandment Hike

The inaugural Ten Commandment Hike, “Scouting Bridges Us in Faith”, was held in 1996 and started at the Church of the Beatitudes in north central Phoenix. This was the first hike of this type in the Grand Canyon Council and the entire Western Region. Additional stops included First Baptist Church, All Saints Episcopal Church, Valley Cathedral, North Phoenix

Baptist Church, First United Methodist Church, St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, the LDS Institute of Religion and Temple Beth Israel. One unique aspect about the 1996 hike: stops along the 6-mile route were one-way and a bus transported hikers back to the start!



## Popcorn Sales!

We are getting ready for our big fall fundraiser, Trails End Popcorn! The popcorn kickoff is scheduled for Sunday August 2nd, at 2:30pm at Orangewood Church in Phoenix, AZ. We will arrange for remote viewing for those unable to attend in person.

The 2020 sale will feature a few changes to account for the impact that Covid-19 has had on our communities. We will have TWO midsale orders, allowing units to make smaller orders and get additional inventory as needed. Online products have been decreased to match the Show and Sell prices, allowing Scouts to engage in more fundraising while maintaining social distancing. Units who engage in Take Order and Online only sales will be able to conduct a completely risk-

free sale, allowing units to fundraise without any concern of losing money or having excess product. Additionally, Units will earn a 5% bonus (in an Amazon.com gift card) for Online Direct sales completed during July 1 – August 15!

To register your unit to sell, or to find out additional information about this year's sale, please visit <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/popcorn/>

## Camp Cards

The Camp Card fundraiser closed on June 5th! While the fundraiser was impacted by Covid-19 and the resulting shutdown, some units still managed to do an amazing job this year with what little time they had to fund raise! Troop 824 sold 2552 cards, Troop 88 sold 777 cards, and Troop 56 sold 705 cards. Great job!

If you would like to find out more about Camp Cards in preparation for the 2021 fundraiser, please visit <http://www.grandcanyonbsa.com/camp-cards>.

## Camp Cards for a Cause

Camp Cards for a Cause is ongoing and will close on June 30th! As of June 25th, we have raised \$7,249.51 to support Scouts and Council programs through out Online-version of Camp Card support. In lieu of supporters receiving cards, Camp Cards will be distributed to front-line workers throughout the pandemic as a thank you for their hard work and support to our communities!

Scouts may fundraise Online through Camp Cards for a Cause until June 30th. If you would like to participate, you can sign up and find out more [here!](#)



## #CampGeronimo - 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.

### [Session 5](#)

Starts: June 28

Ends: July 4

### [Session 6](#)

Starts: July 5

Ends: July 11

### [Session 7](#)

Starts: July 12

Ends: July 18

### [Session 8](#)

Starts: July 19

Ends: July 25

#GetReadyForCamp



## Camp Kaibab Rebel Alliance and the Galactic Empire!

Calling all supporters of the Rebel Alliance and Galactic Empire! Join us September 18-20, 2020 for “Star Wars” themed activities while having a great time in the outdoors! Camp Kaibab is a Cub Scout Adventure camp, hosted at Camp Raymond in Flagstaff, AZ. This program follows a “honeycomb” model where Scouts can float between nearly two dozen different activities and enjoy their time outdoors with their family! Families can attend alone or with a unit, just for the day or overnight Friday and/or Saturday, and you can even bring siblings over the age of 5!

Camp Kaibab always sells out weeks in advance, and space is limited on the property. Be sure to register early to reserve your place, because we cannot fit extra campers in once it sells out! To find out more, please visit: <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/camp-kaibab/>



### Western Region

## 2020 STEM-TASTIC WEEKEND

November 6-8, 2020 | Heard Scout Pueblo

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## STEM

I hope the summer is off to a great start for all and that you are getting more comfortable in using all these Online and virtual systems that have risen in light of COVID. There is so much out there on the internet for anyone looking for STEM related activities, virtual camps and STEM fun. However, I am looking forward to the time when we start to gather as a group again to explore and experiment in our pursuit of STEM Awards.

I would like to toss out a huge “HURRAH” to Gila River District and the STEM Rep for Gila River District (Alana LaBelle) for posting the Fearful Symmetry Nova Award for Cub Scouts. It is a great award to work on and will be followed in July with a Technology based award.

As you look toward the future, please visit our Council STEM Webpage as well. You can get there through the “Camps & Activities” menu or use this link: [www.grandcanyonbsa.org/stem/](http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/stem/) to learn about STEM in Scouting.

I would like to also invite anyone to join in on our monthly STEM Committee Meetings. Your ideas and voice is welcome and encouraged. The meetings are held via Zoom Meeting on the 3rd Tuesday at 6:30. Please drop me a note if you would like to join us and I will send you the ZOOM link.

A couple of other notes to highlight once again are:

1. The NOVA Award Application is on our STEM Web page and we are starting to see some districts sending in these forms to allow us to track our Nova Award progress. Details are explained in an instructions document found on that web page.
2. Our STEM Leader Training is on track for Nov 6-8, 2020. Registration is open by going to the Council Calendar and navigating to the November date. Also there is a link in the calendar section of our STEM Webpage that will take you straight to the registration. This training is for any adults interested in learning more about STEM in Scouts and the role of Nova Counselors and Supernova Mentors. Please don't be shy about signing up, the more the merrier, and with the National STEM team coming in to do the training, I know it is going to be extremely fun and worthwhile!

Here's wishing all Grand Canyon Council Scouts and Scouters a safe and adventurous Summer

Rich Gomez,  
Council STEM Chair  
[rmgchallenge@earthlink.net](mailto:rmgchallenge@earthlink.net)

# SHOOTING SPORTS



We are excited to return to our shooting sports activities this July! This includes our monthly open shoots for rifle/bb-guns the third Saturday of most months, and Archery the fourth Saturday of most months. Open shoot events are Scouts BSA only from 9am – noon, and Cub Scouts 1-4pm. The open shoot events cover most of the requirements necessary for advancements, and fees are \$6 for archery and \$10 for rifles/bb-guns which covers wear and tear, target costs, and ammunition!

A full listing of our shooting sports merit badges, open shoots, trainings, and competitions are available at <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/shooting-sports>.

<b>Shooting Sports</b>		
July 18	<a href="#">Rifle and BB Open Shoot</a>	Heard Scout Pueblo
July 25	<a href="#">Archery open shoot</a>	Heard Scout Pueblo
Aug. 15	<a href="#">BB Gun Open Shoot</a>	Heard Scout Pueblo
Aug. 22	<a href="#">Archery open shoot</a>	Heard Scout Pueblo
Sept. 19	<a href="#">Adventure Day: Aquatics and Swim day + BB Gun Open Shoot</a>	Heard Scout Pueblo
Sept. 26	<a href="#">Archery open shoot</a>	Heard Scout Pueblo
Oct. 17	<a href="#">Open BB Shoot 1-4pm</a>	Camp R-C Ranch
Oct. 24	<a href="#">SCOUTS BSA Shotgun Merit Badge</a>	Ben Avery Shooting Facility
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Oct. 24	<a href="#">Archery open shoot</a>	Heard Scout Pueblo
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Nov. 21	<a href="#">Pow Wow – Cub Adventures w/ Order of the Arrow</a>	Heard Scout Pueblo
Dec. 12	<a href="#">Archery Open shoot</a>	Heard Scout Pueblo
Dec. 19	<a href="#">Adventure Day: Santa’s Workshop Crafts &amp; Games + BB Guns open shoot</a>	Heard Scout Pueblo



## WIPALA WIKI LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW

### Hello Arrowmen,

Our Lodge Inductions team has been hard at work these past few months and have quite a few things that we are excited to share with you all.

Firstly, as a reminder, the lodge is offering VIRTUAL Order of the Arrow elections to any units who would like to have one. We know that trying to keep youth involved in your units are important, especially during times like these. If your unit would like to have an OA election, you can request one by emailing us.

Secondly, we are happy to announce our new inductions recognition program. We realize that there are plenty of arrowmen who give up their time to serve their fellows, and we would like to help recognize those scouts. This program is on a patch/pin system which means that scouts will get a really unique patch to wear on their uniform. After completing certain milestones like serving as an elangomat or ceremonialist (to name a few) you will be awarded a pin to wear on the recognition patch. [Click here](#) for more information about this exciting new program.

Lastly, our next ordeal in September at Camp Geronimo is arriving quickly. We are looking for Arrowmen who would like to do some cheerful by taking on the role of either an Elangomat or a Ceremonialist. These two roles are very important and are a very rewarding experience should you choose to accept. If you want to find out more about how to do one of these things, please email us and we would be happy to help steer you in the right direction.

If you have any comments or questions, you can reach us at [inductions@wipalawiki.org](mailto:inductions@wipalawiki.org)

I hope all of you and your families are staying safe and healthy.

Yours in Brotherhood,  
Ben Flory  
Vice Chief of Inductions  
WWW



# OPERATION ARROW

JOIN HUNDREDS OF ARROWMEN FOR THE  
LARGEST SERVICE PROJECT OF THE YEAR!

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# EXPLORING DISTRICT

## Aviation Explorers



Aviation Explorer Post 352 is up & flying around Mesa! These young men and women between the ages of 14-20 have the desire and passion to learn to fly and maintain an aircraft. The goal of the post is to provide these eager Explorers with the opportunity to explore the Aviation Field for fun and as a potential career.

These Explorers will participate in Ground School on Saturday's 9am-12 noon, which they learn basic aerodynamics, instruments and engine systems, air traffic control, weather, navigation, charts, radio communications, and cross-country flight planning.

Besides learning to fly a plane and Ground School, the Explorers will also learn about the maintenance and upkeep of the aircraft. This involves changing oils, filters, compression checks, wheel and tire maintenance, riveting, bending metal sheets, fabric cover flight surfaces, interior reupholstering, and servicing oleo struts.

The Explorers will engage in aviation enrichment activities such as airshows, visits to Pima Air Museum, and during the summer go to the Oshkosh Air Venture in July and camp out at the Boys Scouts Base Camp for a week.

I had the great privilege to meet and have lunch with some of the potential Aviation Scholarship Explorers Candidates and Post Advisor, Bennett Sloan this month. Thanks for having me out!

Deanna Mankins,  
District Executive Maricopa Exploring



# CENTRAL DISTRICT

## District Chair

Hello All, I'm Christopher Ferman (Scouter Kit) the new District Chair. We have a great group of volunteers working to make sure the district supports packs, troops, and crews in the Central District. We have been working very hard to ensure programs are still available to BSA youth during these difficult times. If you have ideas to make our district even better, consider joining our team.

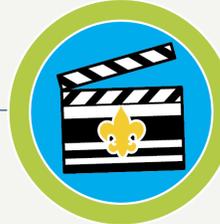
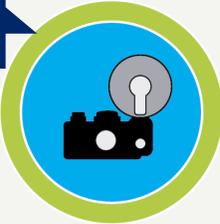
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Please contact me anytime  
[kit@ScoutingCrew.org](mailto:kit@ScoutingCrew.org)

### Scout Activities

## CENTRAL DISTRICT

Check out the district website to find more activities!



## Virtual Merit Badges and Classes

This summer we are launching our new After Lunch Merit Badge classes.

Wednesdays at 12:30 pm, Merit Badge classes will be open to Scouts in Central District - Free!

In addition, Central District has made available to Cub Scouts a virtual Webelos Adventure, Thursdays at 12:30 pm. Check out our district [website](#) to find more scout activities!

### Virtual Class Line-up:

Virtual Class	Date
Merit Badge Photography	July 1, 2020
Merit Badge Photography	July 8, 2020
Merit Badge Art	July 15, 2020
Merit Badge Art	July 22, 2020
Webelos: Game Design	July 2, 2020
Webelos: Game Design	July 9, 2020
Webelos: Art Explosion	July 16, 2020
Webelos: Art Explosion	July 23, 2020

## STEM Virtual Class

More Virtual Classes with STEM in July. During the month of July we will be offering from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm a STEM related class. STEM is part of an initiative the BSA and Central District have taken on to encourage the natural curiosity of youth and their sense of wonder about these STEM fields through existing programs. Scouts can't help but enjoy the wide range of STEM-related activities. To support this initiative, the BSA developed the STEM Nova Awards program so that youth members have fun and receive recognition for their efforts.

Cub Virtual STEM Nova will be available Monday to Thursday evening class from 6:00pm - 7:30 pm, June 29 - July 2. It is new and we are all very excited to offer virtual STEM activities to our cub youth here in Central District.

**“IF EARNING A MERIT BADGE EVER FEELS LIKE SCHOOLWORK...WELL, YOU’RE DOING IT WRONG!”**

**Have fun!**



Earning merit badges is one of my favorite parts about Scouting. Other than the merit badges required for Eagle, young people get to pick any merit badge that interests them. That decision should be 100% theirs. If earning a merit badge ever feels like schoolwork... well, you’re doing it wrong.

**CENTRAL DISTRICT**

DATE	COMING UP FOR YOUR UNIT
July 1, 2020	Virtual Merit Badge Photography
July 2, 2020	Virtual Webelos: Game Design
July 2, 2020	<b>Round Table: Special Summer Meeting</b>
July 4, 2020	Retiring Flag Collection
July 7, 2020	Merit Badge: STEM Space Exploration 1
July 8, 2020	Virtual Merit Badge: Photography
July 9, 2020	Virtual Webelos: Game Design
July 15, 2020	Virtual Merit Badge: Art
July 16, 2020	Virtual Merit Badge: Art: Sculpting
July, 20, 2020	Merit Badge: Art: Music
July 21, 2020	Merit Badge: STEM: Plant Science
July 22, 2020	Merit Badge: STEM: Weather
July 22, 2020	Merit Badge Art
July 23, 2020	Virtual Webelos: Art Explosion
TBA	Virtual Webelos: Movie Making
DATES TO REMEMBER	
October 2-4, 2020	“Back to the Basics” Scouts, BSA Camporee
January 30, 2021	Arizona’s Central District Cinema Festival
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# GILA RIVER

## DISTRICT

### Pinewood Derby Car “Overhaulin” Zoom meeting

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!

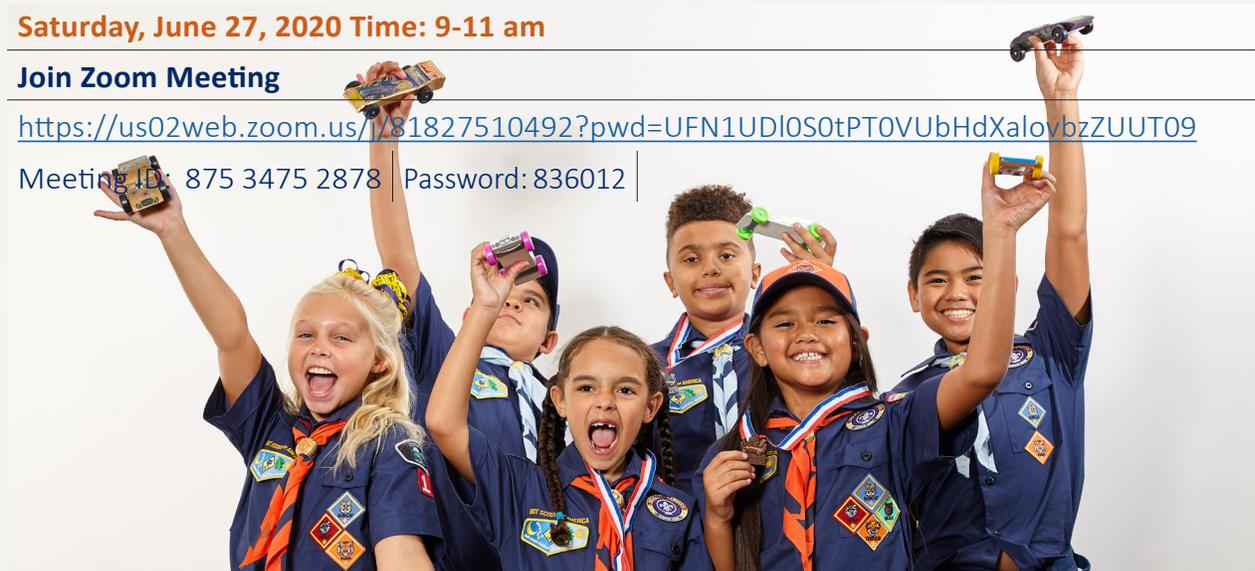
Topics will include—How to make the car go faster, tips on achieving a great paint job, Do’s and Dont’s and making your car unique! We need experienced Derby designers to present these topics step by step and how to bring that cool factor to the Derby car.

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

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81827510492?pwd=UFN1UDI0S0tPT0VUbHdXalovbzZUUT09>

Meeting ID: 875 3475 2878 | Password: 836012



### Tempe Scouts!



For the past 68 years, the Kiwanis Club of Tempe has produced the Tempe Town Lake July 4th Festival. This year that event is not happening so an alternative has been developed.

The Kiwanis Club of Tempe is presenting a celebration of sparklers. Each household in Tempe will receive two sparklers with a small American Flag and instructions.

Kiwanians will bundle 77,000+ sparkler packages, one for each household, and deliver them approximately June 18-July 2nd. Scouts BSA Troops could greatly assist in this distribution. Scouts BSA volunteers will ring the residence doorbell and leave the package by the doorstep. Troops should contact me with the number of households in a particular area - if the number is not known, we can get an approximate number for you. Due to the sparklers, Scouts should work under the guidance and supervision of adult leaders.

If you could contact me at [jaldrich419@cox.net](mailto:jaldrich419@cox.net) and tell me which Troop you represent, number of households in your area and the boundaries of your area, we would certainly appreciate it. I will get back to you immediately and confirm the information and set up a delivery to you.

We are looking forward to the Kiwanis Tempe Sparkles on July 4th!

Judy Aldrich, Kiwanis Event Chairman | 480-961-3576

## Are you prepared for the Mighty Colorado River?

### The Colorado River Run

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. Arrive Early or Late --No matter what time you get here there will be time for some instruction. Fri night or Sat morning learn the Scout way to unload, launch, and portage your canoes. Learn and bring the 10 ESSENTIALS FOR CANOEING!

**October 23, 24, 25 2020**

#### A Gila River District Camping and Canoeing Event

For more information contact: Rick Rademacher | 928-257-6104 | [rademacher.rick@gmail.com](mailto:rademacher.rick@gmail.com)



**GILA RIVER CAMPING AND CANOEING**  
Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Second year Webelos be a part of the first annual Colorado River Run this October.

### The Contests

- The 10 essentials for Canoeing : List 10 things you have to take on a day canoe trip. What does it take to "Be Prepared?"
- LNT Campsite Compliance: Since we are camping in a public park, we must minimize our impact on the terrain. Your campsite will be inspected while you are on the river.
- Evening Meal Cooking with Bacon: Prepare a main dish, side dish, and dessert using the most delectable of ingredients-Bacon!



# LOST DUTCHMAN DISTRICT

## Maverick Fall Camporee



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

## District Round Table



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](mailto:tony.madonia@gmail.com)) or David Lucas ([theatre-david@gmail.com](mailto:theatre-david@gmail.com)) to join the list.



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# PINNACLE PEAK

## DISTRICT

### CONGRATULATIONS NEW PINNACLE PEAK DISTRICT EAGLE SCOUTS

Carter Bosn Troop 432 Anthem, AZ St. Rose Catholic Parish  
Connor Carlson Troop 818 Scottsdale, AZ Phoenix Children's Hospital  
Dante Michael Case Troop 432 Anthem, AZ Dog Rescue  
Michael A Ferrara Troop 818 Scottsdale, AZ James Walton Home  
Alexander Nicholas Hernandez Troop 15 Cave Creek, AZ Cave Creek Museum  
Camden Michael Hoey Troop 316 Scottsdale, AZ SBC Bridge  
Tyler Morgan Joy Troop 619 Phoenix, AZ Cross in the Desert UMC  
Jordan Carter McCormick Troop 323 Phoenix, AZ New Life

### Troop 7733 and Pack 7733



On Saturday, March 24, 2020, scouts from Troop 7733 and Pack 7733 in Show Low assisted members from VFW Post 9907 and its auxiliary in placing American flags on the graves of deceased veterans in preparation for Memorial Day ceremonies.

35 scouts, siblings, and other family members participated in assisting over 20 veterans from the VFW in placing over 800 flags throughout the morning. Boys and girls ranging from Lion cubs to Eagle scouts participated in the event. The troop and pack have been participating in this activity with the VFW since 2002.

Chris Kozak, Scoutmaster for Troop 7733 and Cubmaster for Pack 7733, said, "We pair each scout with one of the veterans. It is important for our scouts to learn from our veterans for they walk away from this experience knowing that there is a price for freedom. Also, it gives them a little better appreciation for Memorial Day."

The troop and the pack have been recognized locally and nationally over the years for their service from various organizations, including from the national VFW organization as well as recent write-ups in the local newspaper for their service projects in the community.



# FALL TWENTY TWENTY PROGRAM LINEUP

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SAT-SUN AUG 29-30

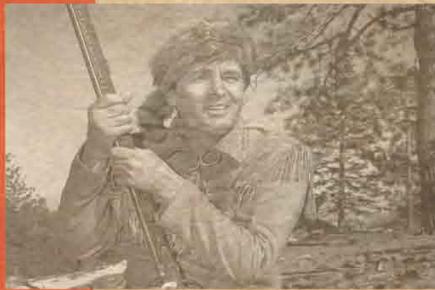
**BALOO**  
CUB TRAINING  
AT PIONEER VILLAGE

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

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FACEBOOK - "PINNACLE PEAK BSA"

# PONDEROSA

## DISTRICT

### CONGRATULATIONS NEW PONDEROSA DISTRICT EAGLE SCOUTS

Bean, Isaac Troop 7195

Brownlie, Caleb Troop 7007

Cluff, Jace Troop 7099

Daniels, Kaden Troop 7007

Litchfield, Kyler Troop 7001

Maynard, Kady Troop 7093

Morris, Benson Troop 7093

Siddoway, Bryant Troop 700

### Prescott Valley Troop 7330

On Thursday, June 11th the Scouts and Leaders of Prescott Valley Troop 7330 met to prepare for Camp Geronimo. Troop 7330 is chartered by the Elks Lodge but because of COVID-19 these scouts have been safely meeting at Fain Park Lake to get ready for camp. Scoutmaster Mark McIntire leads their trip to Camp Geronimo starting June 28th.



### Elks Lodge Ceremony Honoring the American Flag

Every year on Flag Day the Elks Lodge in Flagstaff holds a ceremony to honor the American Flag. The June 14th ceremony was led by Linda the Exalted Ruler of the lodge. Scouts from all over Flagstaff came together in a collective service project to help with the ceremony. Scouts BSA Troops 7033, 7039, 7142, and 9142 presented the colors as each flag description was read.

together we can  
**REIMAGINE**  
the way we serve Arizona students





## American Legion – Eagle Scout of the Year



Mark S., Eagle Scout from Troop 513, Glendale, Arizona, recently received the Eagle Scout of the Year Award from the American Legion, Department of Arizona.

Mark has been in Boy Scouts of America since he was six years old. Being the child of an active duty United States Army Officer has afforded Mark the opportunity to travel the world and be a member of the Boy Scouts in Kentucky, Italy, Alabama, and Arizona. Mark and his family moved to Arizona in the summer of 2017 and Mark found a home in Troop 513. During his time with the troop, Mark served as a Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He earned Eagle Scout in May of 2019 and continues to be an active in scouting.

In addition to Scouting, Mark has been active in a wide variety of activities during his high school life. He was a member of an all boy youth service organization in Alabama called Ready Yourself for the Future (RUFF). While a member of RUFF, the group met monthly to build wheelchair ramps for underprivileged senior citizens. Mark was also an active member of the National Honor Society and the Society of Male Scholars at Sandra Day O'Connor High School. During this time, Mark volunteered over 100 hours to help at local food banks. He was also very active in Air Force Junior ROTC. Mark earned the rank of First Sergeant and was responsible for the training of over 75 cadets.

As a Boy Scout, Mark earned all four of the religious awards and was involved in over 200 hours of community service. For his Eagle Scout Service Project, Mark lead a project to build benches and install a prayer garden with a fountain in the courtyard of his church. Mark raised over \$1,100 for materials and lead a group of over 30 volunteers to totally renovate the courtyard.

Being selected as Eagle Scout of the Year for Arizona earned Mark a \$500 scholarship and the opportunity to compete for the National Eagle Scout of the Year. Mark is extremely proud of this honor and humbled to be recognized for this prestigious award. Mark recently graduated from Sandra Day O'Connor High School and will be attending Tarleton State University in Texas this fall. He plans on majoring in Electrical Engineering and plans to continue to be involved in the Boy Scouts of America as an adult.

## Welcome New Roundtable Commissioner!



Karen Meury has volunteered to become the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner! Karen has been involved in scouting in Arizona since 2015 with Cub Scout Pack 126. She grew up as a Girl Scout and Fire Explorer in Illinois. She started her scouting experience as a Wolf Den Leader and progressed through all levels of den leaders within the pack following her son up through the ranks. Her second year of scouting she became the Training Chair and Advancement Chair for the unit. This was quickly followed by Committee Chair. During this time, she also became a STEM Nova Mentor and started advancing

Cub Scouts through different Nova Awards and the Charles H. Townes Supernova Award. As her son crossed over, she continued as Committee Chair and den leader for Pack 126 supporting the Cub Scouts as well as becoming a Merit Badge Counselor for 8 different Merit Badges and continuing to promote STEM at the Scout, Venturing and Sea Scout levels. She serves as the District STEM Chair and has now volunteered to serve as the Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner. Take a moment to welcome Karen to the commissioner team!

## Volunteer

Even though we welcomed Karen onto our leadership team this month we'd like to welcome you as well! Share your skills with our Scout community and become a District Committee member or Commissioner. Check out our [open positions](#).

### Save the Date

Sonoran Sunset is planning ILOS required training for scoutmasters and assistant scoutmasters for September 19 – 20. If you were unable to complete ILOS in the spring due to Covid-19 now's your chance. Details will follow...

## Fireside Chat

Leaders, pull up a chair to our campfire, come chat and share stories about leadership, join our [Fireside chat](#).



# COUNCIL DIRECTORY

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 Information on Grand Canyon Council's response to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

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