



TEAM POPCORN

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LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

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Introducing Virtual Roundtable, a new communication tool for our leaders across the council. A forum for our Scouters to discuss, share, and ask! The forum is easy to find, just go to www.grandcanyonbsa.org and click on 'Forum' on the menu. One benefit of Virtual Roundtable is that information and conversations will be kept for future use and easily searchable, providing a wealth of knowledge and assistance to Scouters moving forward. Review Digital Safety and Online Scouting Activities

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JOIN US FOR FAMILY FUN FEST ON AUGUST 8TH FOR THE BEST OUTDOOR FUN YOU'LL HAVE ONLINE.

ONS OF GIVEAWAYS, GAMES, RACES, MUSIC, PRIZES AND MORE -





Andy Price

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

GRAND CANYON COUNCIL

I'm writing this from the Dining Hall at Camp Geronimo; I don't get to be at camp nearly as much as I'd like so this week has been a special treat. Sunday, I arrived at R-C Scout Camp to visit and observe our brand new Fish Camp program and I was able to spend two nights with that group before heading over to Geronimo this morning.

Fish Camp is going great. We have campers from four different councils: Grand Canyon, Catalina, California Inland Empire, and Orange County. Everyone has already caught fish and yesterday they were introduced to fly tying. I got to tie my first ever fly – a wooly bugger – and while I'm proud of it, my fly was clearly inferior to those tied by our Scouts. I'll have to practice more! Our plan is to take this year's 'Fish Camp v1.0' and make it even better for next year. This is a unique Scouting experience – no other BSA council is collaborating with Trout Unlimited for a Fish Camp.

Camp Geronimo continues to have a great summer; we're in week 2 as I write this. We have received very positive feedback from our week 1 leaders, and we are on track to have a great summer for our Scouts and troops. I am grateful to the many volunteers and staff who planned, re-planned, and re-planned even more as we've been thrown various curve balls this year. Most importantly, I'm proud that our Scouts have an opportunity to get outside, experience Scouting, and have a little outdoor adventure this year.

Camp is a special place. Last week one of our leaders referred to Scout Camp as her 'happy place' and I appreciate the sentiment. Scout Camp, whether a week long summer program or just a quick weekend camp, is a special place. It's a place where Scouts can experience outdoor adventure and work on their leadership skills. It's a place where they can be inspired by others and nature, and it's a place where they can practice and test their skills. For me, camp is where we deliver the promise — the promise made more than 100 years ago by Baden Powell and the promise we make when every youth joins Scouting.

As we look ahead to August, we see a new program year beginning. I am excited about the upcoming year and I am proud to be part of the Scouting team here in Grand Canyon Council. Most importantly, I am grateful for your leadership and support.

Thanks,





THE LATEST IN ARIZONA SCOUTING

Grand Canyon Council Staff Changes

We are pleased to announce the following staff promotions and changes in Grand Canyon Council.

Amanda Foster has accepted a promotion to Office Manager. In this new role she will provide leadership to all Service Center operations and will serve as staff leader to the administrative staff of the council. She will also provide administrative support to the Scout Executive.

Matt Hill has accepted a promotion to District Director. In this new role he will continue serving Pinnacle Peak District and will become the staff leader to another District Executive.

Deanna Mankins will be joining the Pinnacle Peak District team as District Executive. Deanna has been with our council several months and had previously been serving the Exploring District.

Leadership Summit will be August 22nd

On Saturday, August 22nd, our council will host its 2020 "GCC Leadership Summit", which is an event for all district and council Scouters to gather, receive training, enjoy fellowship, and prepare for the upcoming year of Scouting.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this year's Leadership Summit will be offered virtually, using ZOOM. In late July an invitation will be sent via Salsa to all Scouters registered at the district and council level and participation will be free of charge. Be sure to check your inbox for your invitation to participate!

Grand Canyon Council New Event Disclaimer and Refund Policy

The Grand Canyon Council is committed to providing high quality programs and facilities for our scouting family. In order to guarantee supplies, staffing, and economical pricing, all future events will have minimal participation numbers. If the minimal number of participants is not met then the event will be canceled. Please register early to aid our planning process. We are also updating our refund policy. Please click this link for further information: https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/camps-activities/#event_disclaimer



2021 National Scout Jamboree Postponed

The Boy Scouts of America is committed to the safety of all youth in its programs. The unpredictability of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic coupled with the impact it has had on BSA councils so far prompted the difficult decision to postpone the 2021 National Jamboree. For further information please Click here for the postponement Frequently Asked Questions.

Voluntary recall of Cub Scout Outdoor Activity pin

The Boy Scouts of America announced a voluntary recall of Cub Scout Outdoor Activity pins that depict a gold animal paw painted on a blue background sold between April 2016 and January 2020. See this link from the Scout Shop and this link from the Consumer Product Safety Commission.



Update on Council Operating Budget

We have now completed six months of the 2020 operating budget and financial statements are complete. Overall, this year continues to be very challenging in fund raising and camp attendance, largely as a result of COVID-19. A summary of the Statement of Budgeted Operations below.

Two items impacting the operating budget so far include:

- Our council received a Small Business Administration PPP loan of approximately \$448,000. We will be working with our bank to convert it to a grant and are optimistic that the entire amount will be converted from a loan.
- All district and council activities/camps were canceled mid-spring through June resulting in a loss of revenue.

SUPPORT & REVENUE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
DIRECT SUPPORT	1,399,360	674,705	(724,655)
INDIRECT SUPPORT	20,300	478,798	458,498
PRODUCT SALES	105,000	47,131	(57,869)
INVESTMENT INCOME	371,550	371,550	-
CAMPING REVENUE	95,215	51,798	(43,417)
ACTIVITY REVENUE	76,300	31,708	(44,592)
OTHER	83,000	66,430	(16,570)
TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	2,150,725	1,722,120	(428,605)
EXPENSES	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
EMPLOYEE EXPENSES	1,025,396	913,767	(111,629)
PROFESSIONAL FEES	140,978	162,238	21,260
PROGRAM AND OTHER SUPPLIES	78,935	25,925	(53,010)
TELEPHONE AND COMMUNICATIONS	40,078	31,617	(8,461)
POSTAGE AND SHIPPING	2,496	1,898	(598)
OCCUPANCY	186,302	135,249	(51,053)
RENTAL AND MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	118,666	40,570	(78,096)
PUBLICATION AND MEDIA	11,934	3,744	(8,190)
TRAVEL	82,190	43,093	(39,097)
CONFERENCES AND MEETING	132,481	10,089	(122,392)
SPECIFIC ASSISTANCE TO INDIVIDUALS	45,323	9,434	(35,889)
RECOGNITION AND AWARDS	33,371	15,410	(17,961)
INSURANCE	31,673	38,658	6,986
OTHER	59,834	6,866	(52,968)
BSA SERVICE FEES	30,000	27,751	(2,249)
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,019,656	1,466,308	(553,348)
TOTAL INCOME, LESS EXPENSES	131,069	255,812	124,743

Know a Volunteer Deserving of Recognition? Nominate them!

Once a year, the Grand Canyon Council and its districts recognize the volunteers that give unusual or distinguished service to youth and Scouting. It's a time to celebrate Scouting's positive impact on youth and Society by recognizing those who lead by serving others and provide powerful role models to all.

Do you know one of these deserving people? Then please nominate them for one of Scouting's honors. The Grand Canyon Council presents four honors to Scouters and one to non-Scouters:



The Silver Beaver, bestowed by the National Court of Honor on a registered Scouter for unusual and noteworthy service to youth, it is the highest honor that the council can give.

The Distinguished Service Star, bestowed by the Council Court of Honor on a registered Scouter for distinguished lifetime service to Scouting. This is the rarest council honor typically given to Scouters who continue noteworthy service to Scouting for ten years or more after receiving the Silver Beaver, Meritorious Service Star or District Award of Merit.

The Meritorious Service Star, bestowed by the Council Court of Honor on a registered Scouter for five years or more noteworthy and meritorious service as a unit, district or council leader.

The District Award of Merit, bestowed by the Council Court of Honor on a registered Scouter for noteworthy service to youth on a district basis. Learn about these honors and nominate a deserving individual at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/awards/

It has information about the awards, FAQs, and even an on-line nomination form for the Silver Beaver, Distinguished Service Star or Meritorious Service Star! Without your help, the council may not learn about the great service of our volunteers. So take a moment and think if there is someone deserving of recognition! The deadline for nominations is **October 15, 2020.**

Know a non-Scouter who has been vital to your success in Scouting? A school principal, pastor, sponsor or great community leader who anchors your Scouting community? Consider nominating them for the *North Star Award*, a recognition given by the National Court of Honor for service to Scouting. Grand Canyon Council would like to honor its great partners. Help us identify them! Information on the North Star Award is also available at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/awards/

Thank you! Eric Hiser, Vice President of Program Council Recognition Chair



Grand Canyon Council recognizes the following youth who have earned their Religious Emblems. Visit https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/religious-activities for more questions on how to pursue religious emblems for your Scout!

Chuck T., Lutheran, Servant of Youth (LCM)
Zane T., Lutheran, God & Life
Jacob K., Lutheran, God & Life
Grayson A. Pack 178, Lutheran, God & Life
Danny B. Pack 178, Lutheran, God & Life
Samuel G., Pack 178, Lutheran, God & Life
Tyler G., Pack 178, Lutheran, God & Family

Jackson W.,Pack 178, Lutheran, God & Family Zachary W.,Pack 178, Lutheran, God & Family Dennis Max K., Lutheran, God & Life Aaron O., Lutheran, God & Church Mason K., Lutheran, God & Church Jacob L.,Pack 178, Methodist, God & Me





Scouters,

How Are You Telling Your Families About Your Adventures?

Typically our membership section revolves around re-charter (which is due now) and recruitment efforts for new families (who are hungry for program at this time). This month, let's make sure we are engaging our existing Scout families and members. Now, maybe more than ever, our members need to feel engaged and involved in an organization that cares for them personally, serving the whole Scout physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Scouting continues to offer a safe, fun, social way for our youth to learn about themselves, their families, and the world around them.

Many of you are hosting digital Scout meetings. You bring your families together (often for a shorter than previous meeting) and celebrate the accomplishments of the last week or month. You set targets for family activities and identify outdoor experiences that are still available, and we want to thank you! Thank you for keeping our members and your communities involved.

To help keep these activities front and center in our families lives this fall, we encourage you to share and promote your activities through social media. The calendar on the fridge is still important for our families, and emails are great for details, but fun, action oriented pictures help our families to stay engaged and should be shared, and liked. Maybe add in a line about how friends can sign up for your Scout unit now with a link to your BeAScout pin (because this is still the membership section of the newsletter and we still want to welcome more families into Scouting).



Be a Scout Pins and Online registration tools have been streamlined and made easier for both units and families

Visit our council <u>membership resources</u> to see some of the greatest tips and tricks to put your Scout unit on the map (*literally*). Applications can be received online for youth and adults. Updates now allow the Chartered Organizations Representative to delegate who can approve adult applications. Unit Dues and registration costs can be shared. These programs are becoming easier and easier. Online applications are faster, easier, more accurate, have lower program fees, and are what our new families want. Check it out today!



#GrandCanyonConnection July 2020

Annual Planning and Youth Leadership Meetings

Even though we have been challenged to meet in person, Troops and Crews still should be holding meetings with the Patrol Leader's Council and with Crew Officers. Annual planning should still be conducted with the understanding that plans may change and that in-person meetings may not always be possible.

Many units have taken advantage of virtual meeting formats such as Zoom to have different types of meetings. This particular format works very well and can help us in conducting unit operations as normally as we can. The youth can still plan and conduct the business of the unit, even though they cannot be physically together.

Chances are good that someone, an adult leader or parent, has access to a Zoom account as many businesses use this format for their meetings and daily operations. If someone does not have an account, you can get a free account with unlimited meetings for up to 100 people at the same time. The free version has a 40 minute time limit.

Zoom provides the opportunity for "breakout rooms" which would allow smaller groups to meet at this same time and all could come back together in a larger group.

If you are not familiar with Zoom, the link below has some tutorials that will guide you through using this service. Check it out and keep the youth engaged in leading their units.

https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials

Don't forget youth protection practices in 2-deep leadership which would include any breakout rooms as well. Each breakout should have at least 2 adults present. These meetings should not be recorded when youth are involved.

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	CAMP GERONIMO	DIRECTOR: SARAH SOKIVETA
WINTER COURSE	DEC. 28 - JAN. 2	HEARD SCOUT PUEBLO	DIRECTOR: WES MORRILL



High-adventure base, challenges Scouts and Venturers
PHILMONT CONTINGENT 2021 9-DAY TREK

Enjoy exploring the more than 200 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness

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TRAINING AND AQUATICS

Poseidon -- Updates!

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. Poseidon has moved dates from this fall to April 1-4, 2021. To find out more information visit: https://scoutingevent.com/010-poseidon Contact Sheldon Allred at 4sjallred@gmail.com



Wood Badge Course Change

Due to concerns with the Covid 19 virus, our course scheduled for this fall at R-C has been moved. Please make note of the new dates which will be March 26-28 and April 17-18. Both weekends are required to complete the course. The location will be R-C Scout Ranch, near Payson, AZ.

Registration is currently open for this course and can be accessed by this link: https://scoutingevent.com/010-2021WoodbadgeRC

For more information, contact Course Rob Wisehart: Phone/Text: 480-356-0740 Email: rob.wisehart@cox.net







Reserve Camp Sites!

Did you know that you can reserve camp sites at any of the Grand Canyon Council camps whenever we don't have camp or special events on the calendar? Whether its a camping trip for the whole unit, or a Scout and their family looking to get away for the weekend, our camps are available.

Our cabins, ramadas, and other facilities are available as well, with different price tiers for in-Council units, out of Council units, and non-Scouting organizations. <u>Learn more!</u>





Board of Review Guidelines



An updated edition of the Board of Review Guidelines, revised July 2020, is available <u>here</u>. This booklet contains guidelines for organizing and conducting Boards of Review in Troops, and includes suggested questions for the board members to ask in the review for each rank.

These are not rigorous requirements; not every question needs to be asked. Other questions may be appropriate depending on the boy or

girl and his or her individual situation. This document will also be amended and revised as dictated by its use.

I hope this document will be of use to you in Scouting. More detailed information may be found in the *Guide to Advancement* which is available online at:

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/GuideToAdvancement/BoardsofReview

Bill Nelson Advancement Committee

New Eagle Scout Application



There is a 2020 version of the Eagle Scout Application, it has minor changes in it. If a Scout has started using the 2019 version of the application, they can submit that version. The versions coming out

of Scoutbook and Internet Advancement are up to date.



Western Region
2020 STEM-TASTIC WEEKEND

November 6-8, 2020 | Heard Scout Pueblo

Merit Badge Counselor List

A reminder that there is only one official merit badge counselor list and it is maintained by the council. Merit badge counselor lists managed by districts and units are not official and should not be used. The official list is available to unit leaders and district advancement chairs and is located at the following places:

- On the council website: https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/advancement/#MBC (steps on how to become a merit badge counselor and how to update your approved badges are also located on that page.)
- Troop, crew, and ship adult leaders can also access the list in Scoutbook from a menu item on their unit page.

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PROGRAM FUNDRAISING

Camp Cards!

Camp Cards for a Cause closed on June 30th, with \$7,498.81 donated to Scouts and the Grand Canyon Council! Our top Scouts were close, but Tori from Troop 3030 cultivated \$508 in donations, with brothers Tim and Ben from Troop 10 raising \$500, and Evan from Troop 10 raising \$454! Outstanding job! With the proceeds from Camp Cards for a Cause, Grand Canyon Council donated 1,200 cards to the essential workers at Fry's Food Stores and an additional 1,000 cards to St. Joseph's Hospital.

In total, the 2020 Camp Cards program brought over \$53,609 in commissions to Grand Canyon Council Scouts, and \$42,199 contributed to Council efforts to support Scouting.

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.



Team Popcorn!

Our Online sales has opened with a blast, with nearly 90 Scouts selling an average of \$205 each online the first weekend! Our top salesperson so far is a Cub Scout from Pack 54, with \$2,565 in sales his first weekend! That \$2,565 in sales earned him \$897 in commissions, a \$375 Amazon gift card, a \$125 credit towards any Grand Canyon Council camp in 2021, a \$200 bonus for being one of the first Scouts na-

tionwide to sell over \$2,000, and a 5% commission bonus for this pack in the form of an Amazon gift card, totaling just over \$1,700 in rewards. What is even more impressive, is that since he accomplished it all on free shipping weekend, his customers didn't pay a dime in shipping and all the product will be delivered to customers' homes, no deliveries by the Scout is necessary! Not bad for a couple days' work!

Any Scout can begin participating in online popcorn sales now until August 15th, and any sales online before August 15th will provide their pack or troop a 5% commission bonus in the first of an Amazon gift card.

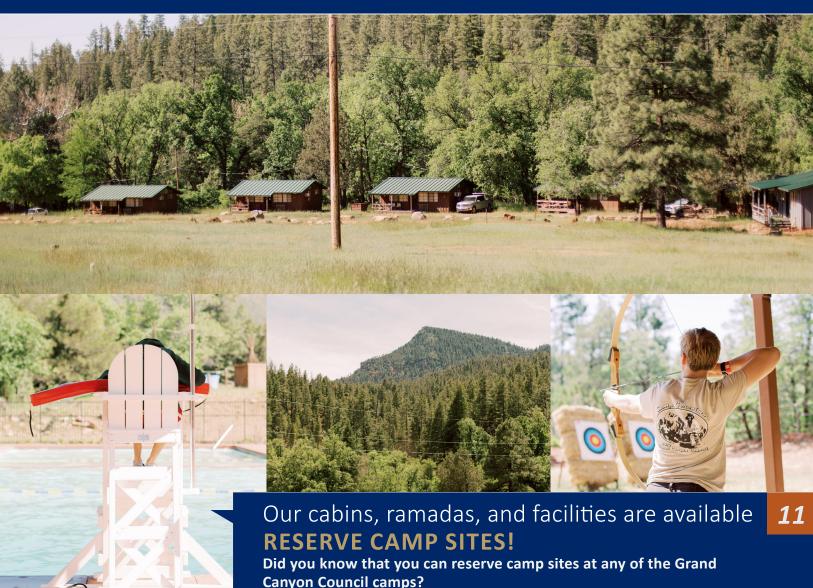


Online sales is a great way to fundraise while social distancing, and popcorn is mailed directly to the customer's home. To find out more, please visit www.grand-canyonbsa.org/popcorn.

Popcorn Kickoff – our kickoff is scheduled for Sunday, August 2nd at 2:30pm! We will host a virtual kickoff over Zoom so that any leader, regardless of location or health concerns, may participate!

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





Geronimo Summer Camp



"Just got back from the first session at Geronimo. Let me tell you, with all the changes right up to the last minute, everything ran so smoothly. Staff did an excellent job keeping the cohorts separated, the dining hall schedule went off as described, food was much improved, and the program ran surprisingly well considering all the challenges. The staff was amazing, responsive and so friendly making this all work for our scouts."

--- Sondra W., Troop 3824, Grand Canyon Council, BSA

Camp Geronimo aced the National Camp Accreditation Program (NCAP) assessment. NCAP is a rigorous review of the camp program and property, showing continuous improvement year over year with excellence in delivering Scouting to youth! Great job to the volunteers and camp staff who have worked hard throughout the last year to provide a great opportunity to youth!

Camp Geronimo was visited by Taylor from <u>50states50badges!</u> While at camp, she completed her basketry merit badge and spent some time at the climbing tower. Catch her on Scout Saturday Live!



NEW EVENT DISCLAIMER AND REFUND POLICY

Please register early to aid our planning process!

Religious Emblems for Cub Scouts - A Great Activity anytime!



Looking for some fun and inspirational activities to do with your Cub Scout or Webelos Scout? Why not offer the opportunity to earn their religious emblem? Every time we recite the Scout Oath we promise to "do our duty to God..." and one way a Scout can demonstrate that duty is to earn *a religious emblem!* Rank requirements for every Cub Scout level includes a duty to God requirement and earning a religious emblem is one of the choices.

- There are Religious Emblems programs available for Cub Scouts in most faiths. Please visit this link to learn more. https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/.
- For information on Catholic emblems, Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei, please visit this website—http://phxdccs.org Books are available for purchase at the Scout Shop.
- For information on the Maccabee and Aleph Emblems for Jewish scouts, please visit this website—https://www.jewishscouting.org/cub-scout-emblems/ Requirements can be downloaded at the site shown above.
- For information on emblems for scouts of various Protestant Denominations and Independent Christian churches, please visit this website--https://www.praypub.org/religious-emblems. Books can be ordered online or purchased in the Scout Shop
- Presenting the new Religious Emblem for Cub Scouts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints-the Light and Truth Award. Please visit this link to learn more: https://www.vanguardscouting.org/the-new-religious-emblems-program

For websites, contact information and images of the awards for Religious Emblems for many additional faith traditions, please visit this link: https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/chart

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! Watch for opportunities to purchase historic hike patches!

Countdown to the 25th Anniversary of the Ten Commandment Hike

The fourth Ten Commandment Hike was held in 1999 and started at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in south central Phoenix and was called "Bridging Faith Across the Salt River". Additional stops included Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Wesley United Methodist Church, Templo Adventista del Septimo Dia Montevista, Apostolic Assembly, Fisher Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Heaven's Gate Praise Fellowship, Masjid Jauharatul-Islam, Hope Lutheran Church and Southern Baptist Temple (Templo Bautista Del Sur). One unique aspect about the 1999 hike: Sounding the Shofar (Ram's Horn) was offered by Fred Missel.



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.

Shooting Sports			
Aug. 15	BB Gun Open Shoot	Heard Scout Pueblo	
Aug. 22	Archery Open shoot	Heard Scout Pueblo	
Sept. 19	BB and Rifle Open Shoot	Heard Scout Pueblo	
Sept. 26	Archery open shoot	Heard Scout Pueblo	
Oct. 17	Open BB Shoot 1-4pm	Camp R-C Ranch	
Oct. 24	SCOUTS BSA Shotgun Merit Badge	ТВА	
Oct. 24	SCOUTS BSA Rifle Merit Badge	Heard Scout Pueblo	
Oct. 24	Archery open shoot	Heard Scout Pueblo	
Nov. 14	Exploring Post Pistol Competition	Heard Scout Pueblo	
Nov. 21	Pow Wow – Cub Adventures w/ Order of the Arrow	Heard Scout Pueblo	
Dec. 12	Archery Open shoot	Heard Scout Pueblo	
Dec. 19	BB and Rifle Open Shoot	Heard Scout Pueblo	



ORDER OF THE ARROW

I hope this article finds folks managing and staying strong during such a rough period in our history as Americans. With so much stress and negative news being reported, I find myself having to constantly remind myself to stay positive. I truly believe that

we all have more in common with each other than what the news seems to tell us. I encourage us to be the light that is needed, and step up as leaders to how important it is to remember to Love One Another, seek to understand everyone's perspectives, and even if they differ, maintain respect and civility to each other.

I was so happy to see Camp Geronimo open up and "kudos" to Grand Canyon Council staff and leadership for incorporating and awesome playbook that focused on the safety of the campers and staff. I was able to visit camp one day, and witness the protocols and measures implemented. As a parent of a camper, I felt great knowing my son was safe.

This country is going through a time where there are a lot of questions surrounding the sensitivity of cultural traditions. I wanted to address how the Order of the Arrow has worked with various Native American leaders and organizations, in order to make sure we are honoring traditions in order to sustain our program.

For years the National OA program has invited American Indians to staff and participate in our national American Indian Activities (AIA) programs and provide essential feedback regarding our use of regalia, song and dance. The OA works closely, on a regular basis, with advisors from the American Indian community to ensure our songs, dances and ceremonies are appropriate for youth and reflect the sensitivity of respect we all fee for our American Indian brethren.

Several years ago the National Committee established the American Indian adviser team, composed of American Indian scouters and American Indian non-scouters, to guide our leadership with making respectful decision regarding American Indian culture. This team consisted of approximately 24 leaders of various tribes and Native American Groups, and all have endorsed the current methods and activities utilized by the Order of the Arrow. Since 2000, with

the input from the American Indian community, we developed Guidelines and Rules to govern our Dance and sing programs which can be found in the Field Officers Guide (FOG) located on the OA national web page. Our song and dance programs are centered around Powwow type dance styles and prohibits any type of dance/song which is considered offensive.

In addition, we are excited that the OA will have a representative on the BSA National Cultural Appropriation task force.

As mentioned at the beginning of this article, I realize all of us are dealing with different hardships and challenges with Covid and racial tensions. I encourage us to be the light this world needs. We should not just live the scout oath and law while in the uniform...but do so in our daily lives. The world needs our example.

Yours in Scouting Jeff Posey Wipala Wiki Lodge Advise





From the Chair

Hello All, Christopher Ferman (Scouter Kit) the Central 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. Currently we are looking for councilors that are part of the science (STEM) world. We are especially in need of someone for plant and weather related fields. Please contact me anytime, <u>Kit@ScoutingCrew.org</u>

August Roundtable

Central District Roundtables will remain online until at least November.

August Central District Roundtable will include at least three breakout sessions as follows:

- Cub Scouts led by Orvell Franklin
- Scouts BSA led by Janice Ehrlich
- Parent / Adult Information led by Judy Walden

The Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA sessions will cover a variety of topics including recruiting, BSA and GCC fees for the program year, and ideas for meetings and activities. Judy's session will include volunteer on boarding and brainstorming ideas for future breakouts.

District Popcorn Kernel Carol Baxter will promote fall sales opportunities. Unit leaders will also have the opportunity to suggest district / council programming opportunities to support learning and advancement in packs, troops, and crews.

After Lunch Scout Activity It's all about the ARTS!

Arts education has been slipping for more than three decades, the result of tight budgets, an ever-growing list of state mandates that have crammed the classroom curriculum, and a public sense that the arts are lovely but not essential. The benefits of involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skill. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork. Central District has taken on the

task of supplementing our youth with an Arts Summer Program called After Lunch Scout Activity. But there is more, we will be continuing once school starts. Every Wednesday for Scouts and Thursdays for Webelos there is an art related class at 12:30. We ask parents to make sure their scout has a health lunch and then we are offering an Art class. Click here, there is no cost to Central District Scouts (FREE).

Scout News

Through September 30, 2020; the Grand Canyon Council can approve Eagle Scout extensions of up to 3 months and Eagle Candidates have a new virtual process procedure, <u>click here</u> for more information. **Big Dates to Remember:** October 02-04: "Back to the Basics" Scouts, BSA Camporee January 30: Arizona's Central District Cinema Festival (ACDC Festival) Get more information at: http://centralDistrictAz.org/calendar/

The Time For Recharter Is Here

July is the new time for rechartering and we now have Internet Rechartering. Perhaps you not familiar and are interested. In BSA we have a charter organization associated with every Crew, Pack, and Troop. All units are chartered by a local branch of an organization, none at a national level. Of the 103,158 units in the U.S.A. and 3,615,306 youth, members belong to their charter organization. Civic, faith-based, and educational organizations operate Scouting units to deliver BSA programs to their youth members, as well as the community at large. Responsibilities of chartered organizations include:

- Providing adequate meeting facilities.
- Providing quality leadership for the Scouting unit.
- Appointing a chartered organization representative to coordinate all Scouting.

Congratulations to Pack & Troop 787!

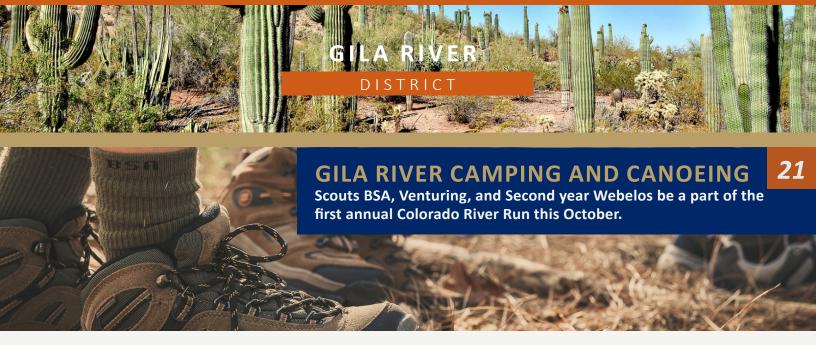
They were the First Central Units to turn in completed forms. Remember, unit registrations expire July 31st. I would strongly advise completing your recharter on-line, paying your recharter fees and fulfilling your Friends of Scouting (FOS) obligation by July 17th to avoid not meeting the July 31st deadline. After that, increases in National registration fees apply. (So hurry!)

COMING UP FOR YOUR UNIT CENTRAL DISTRICT
AUGUST 4, 2020 -
Skill: Cub Scout Tuesday: ARTS: Bears: Beat of the Drum
AUGUST 5, 2020 -
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Pin: Webelos Wednesday: STEM: Engineer
AUGUST 6, 2020 7:00PM -
Roundtable Zoom
Merit Badge: Troop/Crew Thursday: Arts: Music
Merit Badge: Troop/Crew Thursday: STEM: Electricity
AUGUST 13, 2020
Eagle Board of Reviews -
AUGUST 17, 2020
Pin: Webelos Wednesday ARTS: Maestro
Pin: Webelos Wednesday STEM: Adventures In Science
AUGUST 18, 2020
Skill: Cub Scout Tuesday: ARTS: Bears: World of Sound
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Go Take a Hike!

Cub Scout and Scouts BSA leaders, parents and Scouts. Saturday, August 1, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

This seminar will review recommended gear needed for hiking in Arizona, tips on first aid and blister prevention and favorite destinations for short and long hikes. Scouts and leaders are invited to join the conversation and share their tips and experiences!

Basic Scout Essentials--AZ Style

Scouts BSA leaders, parents and scouts Saturday, August 8, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

This seminar will review recommended gear needed for hiking in Arizona, tips on first aid and blister prevention and favorite destinations for short and long hikes. Scouts and leaders are invited to join the conversation and share their tips and experiences!

Desert Survival--Wilderness Survival with a Twist

For Scouts BSA leaders, parents and scouts Saturday, August 15, 2020 at 3:00 pm.

This discussion will review necessary gear, key safety tips to follow and Do's and Don't's while camping and hiking in the Arizona desert.



Staying Safe--Cyber Chip Chat

Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos Scouts and their parents Saturday, August 29, 2020 3:00 pm.

An introduction to Cyber Safety, this course will offer the opportunity for Scouts to earn the Cyber Chip. Scouts and parents will go into breakout rooms to watch the videos and finish this important requirement.

(BSA created the Cyber Chip program to help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online and teamed up with content expert NetSmartz®, part of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children® and training expert for many law enforcement agencies. Topics include cyberbullying, cell phone use, texting, blogging, gaming, and identity theft.)

Are you prepared for the Mighty Colorado River?

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

Gila River Eagle Scouts from this year!

January: Hayden Reeves, Anthony Ramos, Andrew Varadin, Pradyoth Veragapudi Benjamin Adelberg, Garret Rainwater

February: Nathan Martinez, Johon Singh, William Perciballi, Harlan Sturzenegger Kendrick Jones, Fernando Penada

March: Vaughn Grosse

June: Stephen Russell, David Choi, Jonathon Choi, James Eby, Kellen Chipman, Mason Brigham, Gage Rainwater, Nathan Schroeder

July: Dylan Hahn, Xavier Dion, Danny Alexander, Jaden Lynch, Rafael Montes





Our Nation's Independence

Members of Boy Scout Troop 5023 and Cub Scout Pack 5023 of the First United Methodist Church of Safford kicked off Independence Day with community service. The Town of Thatcher's traditional festivities were canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, individuals within the community opted to hold a smaller, socially distanced event.

When asked to lead the Town of Thatcher Independence Day Parade, Scout leaders took some time to carefully reflect on CDC guidelines as well as gathering restrictions. In the end, 8 scouts and 2 adult leaders came together with face coverings to lead the parade that included a live band, firetrucks and police cruisers, as well as children on bikes and skateboards. After marching a stretch of 1.3 miles, the scouts conducted a flag raising ceremony before departing. While certainly the gathering was limited in size and scope, it didn't stop scouts and revelers from commemorating our nation's independence.



Maverick Fall Camporee



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.

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OCTOBER 24-15, 2020	SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITION	CAMP RAYMOND	
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OCTOBER 24-25, 2020 IOLS BALOO TRAININ MORE DETAILS SOON		MORE DETAILS SOON	
NOVEMBER 6-7, 2020	PONDEROSA FALL CAMPOREE	MORE DETAILS SOON	

FALL ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULE WITH ZOOM LINKS:

AUGUST 6, 2020 6:00PM -

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83555569521?pwd=ZTB5M2dwOWNZcCsyOUVudkkzaVRkUT09

SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 6:00PM -

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OCTOBER 1, 2020 6:00PM -

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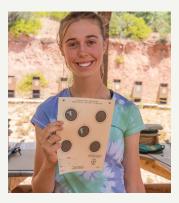
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My First Year in Scouts BSA

On Feb 1, 2019, female scouts between the ages of 11-17 were welcomed to enter into the ranks of Scouts BSA. Since that time, we have seen new troops form and flourish throughout the Pinnacle District. Troop 3226 from Cross in the Desert UMC in Phoenix, AZ has two girls working towards their Eagle.

Tessa Corbet is a Star scout that recently returned from her second year at Camp Geronimo. She was drawn to Scouts BSA by a friend. Corbet states, "I didn't know anything about scouts. Most girls have brothers or a father that are active in scouts, but this was a new experience for me. I recognized after the first meet-

ing that this would be a good opportunity to learn leadership." Since that time, Corbet has been active in her troop as a Senior Patrol Leader and now actively as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

Her first year in Scouts BSA has been filled with backpacking trips, summer camp, and merit badges. Cooking has been her favorite merit badge so far (though rifle shooting comes in as a close second). She states, "I highly encourage everyone to take it at camp. The counselors made it a fun and I was able to do it with my friends. I don't cook but the staff made it exciting to learn." Corbet is also a member of Girl Scouts of America and working towards her Gold Award in addition to being active in both high school sports and National Honor Society.

Corbet adds, "Scouting has been an activity that teaches a lot of life skills through its activities that I know I will be better off experiencing, especially the leadership opportunities that will help later in life. It has been challenging to try to be organized and stay on track to get Eagle. I have to stay on top of everything, but I know I will get there."

Lainey Apple, a Tenderfoot scout with the troop, comes from a family of scouters. Watching her brother go off on fun camping trips and troop meetings from the background, she jumped at the opportunity to join Scouts BSA.

"I saw the stuff that my brother was doing and know of the importance of earning Eagle for scholarships that I wanted to be a part of it too," she says.

She continues, "The greatest challenge that I have faced is learning how scouting works, especially the process behind merit badges and having to push myself to get rank requirements done."



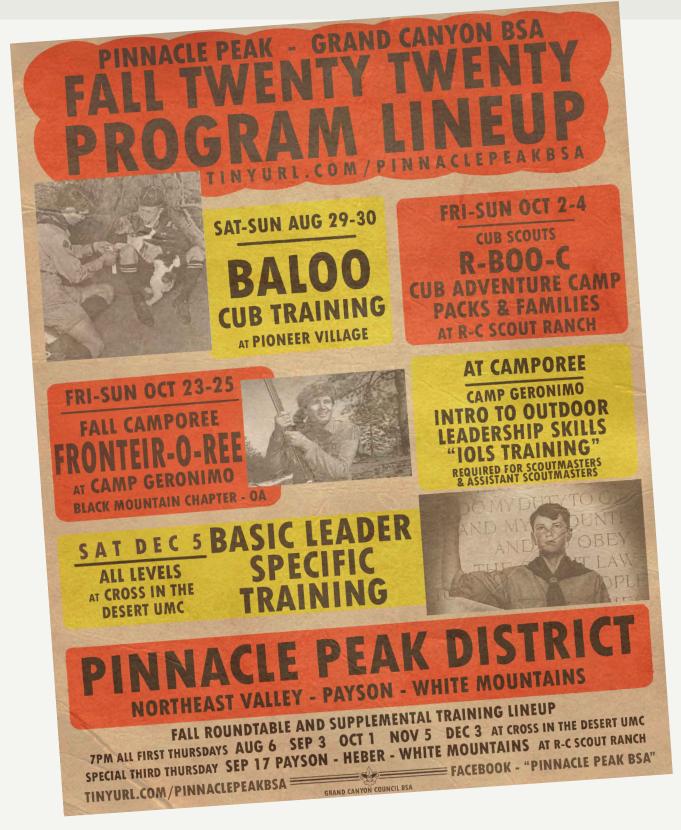
Overall, Apple has enjoyed her first year in scouting. She says, "We girls want to be a part of scouting. Scouting has been a great way to develop friendships, skills and connections in something that we were not a part of before. Scouting has had such a positive impact and I am so glad that I am a part of it."

Tessa Corbet (Top-left) and Laniey Apple (Bottom-Right) at Camp Geronimo, Photo credits: Rob Madden, Lisa Scibiensk.

Pinnacle Peak New Eagle Scouts

Caleb Hecht, Troop 619, Phoenix, AZ, MIHS Clothing Drive Thomas Higgins, Troop 30, Paradise Valley, AZ, Family Promise - Garden Renovation Nathan Magro, Troop 439, Phoenix, AZ, Animal Structures William Yeager, Troop 619, Phoenix, AZ, Shelter Church





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Troop 828 Mini Summer Camp Outing

Troop 828 wasn't going to let a few little things like Geronimo Session 2 canceled, riots, and Covid-19 slow them down for a Scout outing. With adults already having the week off, planning began for an extended weekend away from the heat. Happy Jack was the place. Temperatures in the 70's for the day, and low 30's at night provided the atmosphere.

The Scouts which had family willing or pushing them to gowere assembled for a mini summer camp experience. The Scouts had the opportunity to work on up to six different merit badges, several rank requirements, and they did get in

On the Cover TROOP 828 CAMP OUTING Photo by Sandra Holley

a service project which tied to Soil and Water Conservation. Scouts working on base camping cooking merit badge requirement started the meals with the adults giving the Geronimo feel of doing the cooking at the end. A nearby creek allowed for crawdad catching which were used for an appetizer to that evening's dinner.

A quick excursion to Flagstaff Extreme brought back the reality of what was happening. The trip home had the usual waking up in temperatures in the 30's and hitting the valley with temperatures in three digits. Adults had some fun, but really learned to appreciate what Geronimo staff do. A great time by those that made the trip.

Espen Z – Troop 665



Espen Z. from Troop 665 completed his Eagle project on June 20th. The City of Phoenix assigned him three tunnels under the road at Greenway Parkway just east of 19th Ave. There was a lot of graffiti and trash in the tunnels. He wrangled 28 volunteers and they started early in the morning although the temperatures in the tunnels was cooler than outside.

Espen organized the volunteers between the tunnels and constantly checked in with everyone to see how they were doing and if they needed anything. He created a cooling station situated at the entrance to the middle tunnel with chairs, water, popsicles, and donuts. After the graffiti was all covered, they cleaned up the paint supplies and then went the extra mile to pick up the trash. The volunteers worked hard and were finished in two hours. The tunnels looked much better afterward.

Espen has shown good planning, development and leadership in his project. Eagles like him are a doing a great service to our community, his troop and Scouting in general. [Bob Dornic]

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Sonoran Sunset's New Eagles

We'd like to congratulate the Scouts list below for completing their Eagle Boards:

Keegan HMatt LRyan SChristopher MDamion LJimmy PDavid WTimothy W

Also, a reminder that for the foreseeable future Eagle Boards will continue in a virtual format. Contact Bill Leroy, wleroy0755@gmail.com, for information and questions.



Advancement Updates

Have you seen our weekly video series, Friday 5? This is a weekly, 5 minute presentation about Advancement available on our Facebook page, If you would like to see a specific topic addressed, please send your request to garyavaughan@gmail.com

We are looking for leaders to assist with the Eagle Board and Boards of Review. If you are interested, please sign up by using this form.

Merit badge counselors needed! If you would like to assist our youth as a Merit Badge Counselor, please contact Jeremy Workman, jworkman502@hotmail.com, District Merit Badge Program Chairman. A new Eagle required Diversity Merit Badge is being introduced and we need a few Counselors to learn and teach the program.

Awards and Recognition are part of what the Advancement and Recognition Committee oversee. While it may seem a little distant, please start thinking of who may be deserving of awards such as the District Award of Merit, or the Council level: Silver Beaver. Council level awards may be submitted at this link:

https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/awards/. The District Award of Merit is available at this link: https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33720.pdf. The District Award of Merit nomination can be turned into Gary Vaughan, garyavaughan@gmail.com, for the Key 3 for Awards Committee evaluation.

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Grand Canyon Council Scouter's Honors KNOW A VOLUNTEER DESERVING OF RECOGNITION? Nominate them!

Volunteer

We'd like to welcome you to our leadership team! Share your skills with our Scout community and become a District Committee member or Commissioner. Check out our open positions.

Fireside Chat

Leaders, pull up a chair to our campfire, come chat and share stories about leadership, join our fireside chat.



Welcome Post # 2190 Buckeye Police Department Explorers!

We want to welcome our new post to Maricopa County Exploring. Marina Inez Dominquez, Post Committee Chairperson, David Ellison and Armando Perez Post Committee Members. Along with Jason Weeks, Post Advisor & Tamela Michelle Skaggs as Assistant Post Advisor.

With this new post, they bring in 8 new Explorers to learn, develop, and train in a variety of activities such as patrol "ride a long", tactical training, search and rescue, radio operations, building searches, writing reports, arrests and use of force, crisis/hostage negotiations, search and rescue, as well as emergency first aid, CPR, AED, and office down training.

I look forward to working with this new Post and growing their Exploring Program to help enrich the lives of our youth.



Deanna Mankins District Executive





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