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Every unit has an assigned Unit Commissioner who is a tremendous resource and who stands ready to assist their units.

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**2020 FISH CAMP A GREAT SUCCESS**

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Over the past couple months, staff, volunteers and community partners from more than 50 Councils across the United States have worked together to create Den Leader Resource videos for all required and elective adventures in the Cub Scouts program. These videos are available at http://scouting.org/DLvideos for our Scouting volunteers and staff. Spanish versions of the required adventures are coming soon!

### Membership
- Transitioning Member Care to Serve
- www.BeAScout.org
- Recharter
- Fall Membership Toolbox
- 2020 BSA National Membership Fees
- **NEW** BeAScout and Online Registration
- **NEW** Boys’ Life Mini-Mag Now Digital!
- Scouting News Magazine App

### Training and Aquatics
- LGBTQ+ Awareness Training
- Philmont Contingent 2021 9-Day Trek
- Youth Training Credit
- NYLT

### Program Camping
- Tentative Fall Program Calendar
- Reserve Camp Sites
- New Event Disclaimer and Refund Policy

### Stay Connected
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- YouTube
- Email list
- **NEW** Forum

### Support Scouting
- Popcorn Sales
- **NEW** Why Use AmazonSmile
- Papa Johns Code: SCOUTING
- Ways to Support

### Advancement
- Introductory Board of Review(BOR) Guidelines
- BOR Video Introductory
- Nominate Scoutings Honors
- **NEW** Guidance for Inaugural class of Female Scouts
- STEM-Tastic Weekend in the Western Region

### Top Stories
- **NEW** Guidance For Units
- **NEW** Scout Me In Day September 26, 2020
- **NEW** BeAScout Pin Giveaway!
- OA Trading Post Now Online With Shipping
- Introducing Virtual Roundtable
- Understanding the Churchill Plan
- National Statement on COVID-19
- Coping with COVID-19

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The start of a new school year is an exciting time that always reminds me of the adventure and excitement I felt when I was invited to join Cub Scouts way back in 1982. I recall how challenging it was to memorize the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. I remember reading my handbook and sharing Boys’ Life with my Grandpa each month when it arrived. I remember how proud I was to wear my uniform to school on Den Meeting days and I remember how proud I was to earn the Bobcat and then the Wolf badges.

As a professional Scouter for the past 23 years, I’ve enjoyed the new school year because it brings back such wonderful memories of Cub Scouts – for me, the beginning of a lifelong adventure that has taken me across these United States and ultimately brought me here to Arizona. In hindsight I realize how important that invitation to join was – the impact of Scouting on my life and who I became as an adult.

The new school year reminds me of the awesome opportunity and responsibility we have as Scouts, leaders, and parents to help other youth create memories like these. We’ll never know the full impact on a youth and their family of our invitation to join Scouting. There is nothing more important than inviting a new boy or girl to join the adventure of Scouting.

With the pandemic continuing to interfere with school, commerce, and life, Scouting becomes even more important. Our Scouts and their families need Scouting for its social interaction and for outdoor adventure.

I saw this firsthand at Geronimo where we provided four weeks of safe, cohort-based, and socially-distanced camp activities to 892 campers. In a year where 70% of BSA Summer Camps were canceled, our team of volunteer and professional Scouters pulled it off! Our staff, Scouts, and leaders diligently followed protocols developed cooperatively with public health officials and our results were a perfect score on both the county and BSA inspections. And most importantly, there were no reported outbreaks of illness during or after camp.

As we look to autumn and continued pandemic impacts, I hope you’ll consider inviting every Scout to participate in one of our outdoor programs. But most importantly, invite someone new to join Scouting.

Andy Price
SCOUT EXECUTIVE
GRAND CANYON COUNCIL
The First annual Fish Camp was a success in spite of Covid-19 obstacles requiring daily schedules changes, the closure of Tonto National Forest for fire danger, and limited volunteer availability. Nine Scouts and two scouters attended the camp earning the fishing and fly-fishing merit badges and a lifetime of memories.

Each scout received some sweet SWAG, including a sling pack loaded with a box of flies, nippers, forceps, leader and tippet. Additionally, each scout received a Trout Unlimited membership, an AZGFD annual Hunt-Fish Combo license, along with a hat, a shirt, and a unique Fish Camp patch. The patch design is pictured above.

Some of the highlights included keynote address by AZGFD Commissioner James Goughnour and Grand Canyon Council CEO Andy Price giving credibility to the Camp and setting the stage for the week-long program.

But the Scouts didn’t sit around in class all-day listening to speeches; they learned fishing basics of equipment, knots and casting techniques, fly tying, fish anatomy, dissection and pathology, entomology, including using a seine to capture aquatic invertebrates, aquatic invasive, nuisance species, water and soil conservation, including ‘leave no trace’ philosophy, daily excursions to other mountain lakes and streams, an introduction and understanding of AZGFD rules and regulations for fishing and taking of aquatic species, How to properly catch, clean, and cook a fish.

The group learned a lot from the “socially-distanced” hands-on instructions, which resulted in them catching enough fish for a fish fry on Thursday evening. They also cleaned their own fish, learned about fish anatomy and how to prepare and cook them for dinner.

The overwhelming response from all was they planned to tell others about the great time they had in Fish Camp.

This camp would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors, including:

- BSA Grand Canyon Council
- Arizona Game and Fish Department
- Arizona Council of Trout Unlimited
- The Kiwanis Club of Phoenix
- Old Pueblo Chapter Trout Unlimited
- Zane Grey Chapter Trout Unlimited
- BSA Certified Angling Instructor program

Lastly, but certainly most importantly this program could not have happened without the seemingly tireless energy of Zane Grey members Doyle Gaines and Bill Laudenschlager, along with BSA Program Director Gabby Rich. We worked 15-hour days, with few complaints.

Thanks also to Glen Knight who helped with our fly-tying contest and casting games.

Special thanks to Jim Strogen from Payson Fly Casters and Gila Trout Chapter of TU who counseled us and helped prepare us with suggested places to fish and “bug” on the Rim, taught the youth knots, entomology, and some basics of fish handling and landing.

Thanks also to our Grand Canyon Council partners, and in particular to Greg Harmon, Director of Program Services, who helped us understand how to run a scout camp, and CEO Andy Price, who in addition to giving opening remarks, helped with the beginning casting instruction, and the youth’s first day on the water.

We all enjoyed the great opportunity the camp gave us and the opportunity to help create the next generation of conservationists. [Reprinted with permission from Trout Unlimited Zane Grey Chapter]
Centennial Logo and Patch Design

Grand Canyon Council is pleased to announce its Centennial Logo and Patch Design Contest! We are looking for Scouts, Scouters and families to design a logo and patches to celebrate the Grand Canyon Council’s Centennial, which will run throughout 2021! Our council was formed in 1921 so 2021 will be our 100th Birthday! The selected logo(s) will be used on the following:

- Council Shoulder Patch
- Council Centennial Awards
- Council and District Activity Patches during all of 2021!

This will be our first new Council Shoulder Patch in over 20 years! Here are the rules:

1. We are looking for a logo design that will work on a Council Service Patch. The Council shoulder patch must include:
   a. The words “Grand Canyon Council”
   b. The words “Boy Scouts of America,” “BSA” or the fleur-de-lis.

2. We are looking for the same or another design that would work on council or district activity patches as the center of the patch. Plan for a minimum of a 3 inch round patch, but you can use other shapes and sizes!
   a. The patch must include the words “Grand Canyon Council”
   b. The words “BSA” or the fleur-de-lis.

3. We are looking for a distinctive border that says “Grand Canyon Council Centennial 1921-2021” or similar words that can surround other patches to celebrate our Centennial year.

4. You may introduce as many designs as you would like for all of the patches or only one type.

5. All designs must be Scout-worthy, camera ready or clear enough that the patch company can quickly produce them. If colors are important, be sure to include a color chart with your submission.

6. All designs are DUE on **October 15, 2020** by 5:00 pm. Awards may be submitted by mail to the Council Service Center at the following address:

   Centennial Patch and Logo Contest  
   Grand Canyon Council, BSA  
   8840 E Chaparral Rd, Ste 200  
   Scottsdale, AZ 85250

Or by email in PDF, JPG, TIFF or PNG format to: Ehiser.BSA@gmail.com

The final selections will be made by a team of volunteers, professionals and youth! The winning designer(s) will be honored at a special council Centennial picnic. The new designs and order forms will be released in the November newsletter!
We are most grateful to the countless individuals and organizations that support the Grand Canyon Council. We truly appreciate the generosity of everyone that helps Scouting fulfill its mission and help develop tomorrow’s leaders. To show our gratitude, we have created a comprehensive plan that recognizes the wonderful generosity of so many people that believe in our future.

First, we have our 1993 Society that commemorates the year that the Theodore Roosevelt and the Grand Canyon Council combined efforts to better serve the youth of Arizona. 1993 Society recognizes those individuals that support our annual FOS campaign with gifts up to $1,993 (gold level) per year. Next, we have our Eagle Society that recognizes annual giving at levels up to $25,000 per year.

Also, we have our Legacy Society that honors individuals who have made a long-term gift to Scouting through their estate plan. Finally, we have our James E. West Fellowship Award that recognizes individuals who contribute $1,000 or more in cash or marketable securities to the Council’s Endowment Trust Fund.

Recognition will be presented to all of our wonderful supporters in February of each year. Generous donors at the 1993 Society Gold level, All Eagle Society levels, new James E. West Fellows, and Legacy Society members will be invited to an exclusive Donor Recognition Event to be held mid-February 2021. If you haven’t already, make your contribution and save the date!

If you have a question about any of our recognition levels, please contact Dan Selby, Director of Development at dan.selby@scouting.org or 602-955-7747 ext. 232. 
https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/support-scouting/

Grand Canyon Council Day of Service
November 14, 2020

A Scout is Helpful! As an organization, Scouting has always worked to serve the communities we live in, through unit service projects, Eagle Scout projects, flag retirements, road cleanups, and many others. The Grand Canyon Council Day of Service wants to amplify our efforts by coordinating all units to get out in their communities making a difference ... all on the same day, November 14th! Please put this on your calendar now.

The Day of Service Committee is currently identifying community partners to have a set of ready-made projects available for participating units. Registration for these will be available soon. However, we know your community needs help too. Please reach out to your Chartered Organizations, your local schools, your local places of worship, and your local nonprofits to see if they have a need that aligns with the skills and talents of your unit. We want to know how you plan to serve.

Join us in friendship, fellowship, and service!
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This Eagle Has Earned His Wings

Ever since Tim O’Hara-Haworth was a Cub Scout, he dreamed of two things: becoming an Eagle Scout and flying airplanes. Now, he has achieved both.

Starting as a Tiger with Pack 10 in Mesa, Tim moved on to Troop 10 when he was 10 years old and quickly began earning the requisite Merit Badges on his Trail to Eagle. In Spring 2018, Tim organized his project, which was building scent-training devices to assist the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Search and Rescue Posse with their mission. At the age of 15, he completed his Eagle Board of Review in December 2018.

Once he became an Eagle Scout, Tim was able to pursue his lifelong passion of flying. In April 2019, he joined Aviation Explorers Post 352, based at Falcon Field Airport in Mesa. Sixteen is the youngest age for a student pilot to solo and Tim set this as his next goal. Six days after his 16th birthday, Tim soloed in a Cessna 150. Seventeen is the youngest a person can become a Private Pilot and Tim wanted to reach this mark, too. The next year was spent studying for his written and oral examinations, as well as attaining proficiency in a Cessna 172. Twenty days after Tim’s 17th birthday, he passed his Private Pilot practical test with flying colors.

While the Eagle Class of 2018 has over 52,000 members, the number of 17-year-old Private Pilots in 2020 is projected to be fewer than 300. How many of those are Eagle Scouts? Tim has shown through hard work and perseverance, any goal is achievable. This Eagle has definitely earned his wings!

Know a Volunteer Deserving of Recognition?

NOMINATE THEM FOR SCOUTINGS HONORS

Grand Canyon Council presents four honors to Scouters and one to non-Scouters. Click to learn more.

Grand Canyon Council would like to thank our newest James E. West Fellow’s

David Maquardt and Jason Youn

The James E. West Fellowship Award is a national recognition for individuals who contribute $1,000 or more in cash or marketable securities to the Council’s Endowment Trust Fund.

This gift must be in addition to and not replace or diminish the donor’s annual Friends of Scouting support. Many individuals and organizations make these gifts on behalf of someone else such as in honor of an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver recipient, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, a retirement, a special accomplishment, or anniversary or in memory of a special individual.

The James E. West Fellowship Award is recognized with a personalized certificate, a distinctive lapel pin and an exclusive knot for the uniform.

Be prepared with new uniforms
Units that update their BeAScout pin anytime between June 1, 2020, and Sept. 30, 2020, will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a $500 Scout Shop Gift card, or one of five $100 Scout Shop Gift cards. See the full rules for the giveaway here. For units that need help updating their pins, they can find a complete set of step-by-step instructions on how to update the BeAScout pin in this guide, and/or this “Setting Up Your BeAScout Unit Pin” instructional video.
University of Scouting

University of Scouting, Grand Canyon Council’s premier adult leader training event is going to be on Saturday, February 13, 2021. The University brings together three Colleges, including:

College of Commissioner Science – Training for Commissioners of all types with Bachelors, Masters, Doctoral, and Continuing Education available.

College of District and Council Studies – Training targeted at volunteers at the District and Council levels focused on the operating committees. Programs will include functional studies and volunteer development among other things.

Baden Powell College – Training for Unit level volunteers with divisions for Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and General Studies.

The event will also include the 2021 Council Recognition ceremony, rounding out an action packed day.

Registration will be available by October 15, 2020. We hope to see you there!
There are still openings for the Fall National Youth Leadership (NYLT) training sessions. NYLT is a six-day leadership skills course for youth in Scouting. During the weeklong course, scouts will learn:

- The stages of team development
- How to communicate better
- What the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) is and its function in a Troop
- What it means to be a Servant Leader
- Conflict resolution skills
- Ethical decision-making skills

Grand Canyon Council will have two courses this year and time is running out to reserve your space. For additional information about the course, eligibility, cost, availability of scholarships and to register, go to https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/nylt/

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If you have questions on the Training Manager, contact your district training chair or council training chair, Allyn Calhoun at acscouter312@gmail.com.
New Commissioner Tools Feature Unit Advancement Reports

The National Commissioners Service Team Commissioner Technology Group is pleased to announce the release of a long desired enhancement to Commissioner Tools: Unit Advancement data.

Commissioner Tools users can obtain advancement reports, by unit, by selecting the unit in the CONTACTS tab, and then clicking on the Advancement Report button in the gray bar near the top (next to the Charter download button). Commissioner Tools is available to all commissioners and can be found at http://my.scouting.org

Merit Badge Counselor Registration

Remember that a merit badge counselor is a council position, not a unit position, so you need to be registered separately as a merit badge counselor. You are not automatically registered as a merit badge counselor based on your unit position. Also note that it does not require a unit signature on the application. To register as a merit badge counselor, please follow the directions here: https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/advancement/#MBC

Scoutbook Troop Merit Badge Counselor Report

From time to time we are asked if there is a way for a unit to see which of their adults are signed up as merit badge counselors. Scoutbook has provided a way for a unit to obtain such a report. For a troop unit leader to get the report they should do the following:

• Log into Scoutbook
• Click on their Dashboard, then their troop
• Click on the troop roster
• Click on Print Roster
• Select all adults and Merit Badge Counselor Options and run the report.

Unfortunately, there is not a comparable report for districts in Scoutbook. If there are issues (people who should be registered not showing up, etc please refer questions to: gccadvancement1@gmail.com

BSA Program Discussion Forum

Did you know the BSA has a place where Scouters can ask questions and get answers and help with how to run the program and also technical help with the BSA online tools? It is called the Scouting Forums and is located here: https://discussions.scouting.org/

STEM in Scouting

Please join us for this unique event led in conjunction with the National STEM in Scouting Committee November 6-8, 2020 We will be having the program inside the Stone Lodge just west of the Pueblo. Learn more about STEM in Scouting and the BSA STEM Nova program. Early bird registration ends August 31, 2020 Learn more at https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020STEMTastic

How-To:
BECOME A MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR
For steps in becoming a merit badge counselor, please visit: https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/advancement/#MBC
Popcorn Fundraising!

This year’s popcorn fundraiser has begun, with nearly 200 Scouts having already averaged $294 in sales through Online Direct sales, even before the first Council order! Online Direct sales allow for Scouts to sell online, with the popcorn shipped directly to their customer. For a limited time, any online sales over $40 will include free shipping for the customer. This promotion is limited and will end as soon as the metrics show it is no longer boosting sales, so don’t wait and miss out! Scouts can register to sell popcorn online at www.trails-end.com/scouts. Popcorn sales have a great return on your time invested, and our Council’s Popcorn web page includes a plan on how to potentially sell $1,000 online through eight hours of effort. Through their efforts, Scouts will earn 35% Commission on popcorn sales, along with 8-16% return in the form of Amazon gift cards, and a $125 Grand Canyon Council camps voucher for sales over $1,500! The first 200 Scouts nationwide to make over $2,000 in sales will earn a $200 amazon gift card bonus, which has already been earned by several Scouts in our Council.

Four Scouts have already earned the camp voucher through online sales, congratulations to:

- Samuel S Pack 54 $3,660
- Alex W Troop 824 $2,746
- Savannah W Troop 3824 $2,690
- Henry H Troop 577 $1,514

It is not too late to get involved with popcorn, in fact, our first order is not due until August 31st, and we have order dates in September and early October for units looking to start later! To view a recording of our popcorn kickoff, find out information on how to get your unit involved, or any other popcorn related information, please visit www.grandcanyonbsa.org/popcorn.
PROGRAM CAMPING AND ACTIVITIES

NEW EVENT DISCLAIMER AND REFUND POLICY
If the minimal number of participants is not met then the event will be canceled. Please register early to aid our planning process. https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/camps-activities/#event_disclaimer

Cub Scouts Winter Fest!
Save the Date for Cub Scout Winter Fest at the Heard Scout Pueblo!
Join us Saturday, Dec. 19th, 2020 from 9am to 4pm as we enjoy some reindeer games, crafts in Santa’s workshop, penguin races and more!
There will also be a BB Gun open shoot at Heard Scout Pueblo event from 1-4pm, allowing Scouts to participate in two separate events at the Heard Scout Pueblo that day! Registration for open shoot will be separate from Winter Fest.

Cub Scout Program Committee
The Cub Scout Program Committee, formerly known as the Cub Scout Camping Committee, met this month and laid out a plan for Cub Scouting activities over the course of the upcoming year. Keep an eye out for announcements of upcoming Cub Scout events and activities! Our biggest limitation to providing activities for Cub Scouts is the number of volunteers and leaders willing to represent their unit and/or district and organize events with the committee. If you love Cub Scout programs and would like to assist in creating fresh, fun new programming at Grand Canyon Council, please speak with Committee Chair Lynda Hale! Lynda may be reached at lyndahale3@gmail.com.

Western Region
2020 STEM-TASTIC WEEKEND
November 6-8, 2020 Heard Scout Pueblo
Join us for this unique event led in conjunction with the National STEM in Scouting Committee.
**R-C Staff Hiring**

R-C Cub Scout Resident Camp is looking for Scouts and Scouters who may be interested in working as staff at the 2021 Summer program! There are available positions for a variety of program areas, although keep in mind that some may have age specific requirements. To review the positions available and the age requirements, review the table below!

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The 2021 R-C program will need staff for five weeks, from May 31st (Memorial Day) to approximately July 2nd. Staff pay rates vary, depending on years’ experience as staff, age, training, and leadership roles. To express interest or to apply, please Camp Directors Jamie and Nicole at email [RCScoutCamp@gmail.com](mailto:RCScoutCamp@gmail.com)

**R-C Cub Scout Resident Camp**

Save the dates for our Cub Scout resident camp dates in 2021! This camp is an opportunity for Cub Scouts and their parents to engage in activities such as archery, BB guns, horseback riding, fishing, and much more! Parents will have the opportunity to engage in activities alongside their Cub, and enjoy three days of quality camping with their Cub. This is a bonding experience that will be unforgettable for any Cub who attends with their mom, dad, grandparents, or entire family!

The 2021 R-C Cub Scout Resident Camp will include a variety of new Cub Scout programs for Cubs and their families to enjoy. Traditional Sessions – Our traditional Friday afternoon to Monday morning program!

- Session 1: June 4-7
- Session 2: June 11-14
- Session 3: June 18-21
- Session 4: June 25-28

Specialty Sessions - These sessions have smaller caps, allowing for more staff attention with every family, and will focus on a particular program with additional advancements and activities to highlight the experience. Each session will run Monday afternoon through Thursday morning.

- STEM Session June 7 - 10
- Equestrian Session 1 June 7 - 10
- Webelos Session June 14 - 17
- Girl Pack Session June 14 - 17
- Space Session June 21 - 24
- Equestrian Session 2 June 21 – 24
- Craftmanship Session June 28 – July 1
- Art Session June 28 – July 1

We are currently updating our websites and setting up registrations for 2021, so keep an eye out for registrations opening sometime soon! To find out more information, please visit [www.r-cscoutranch.org](http://www.r-cscoutranch.org)!
Looking for Geronimo Campmaster Corps Members!

Geronimo Campmaster Corps is a group of selected, trained, and registered Scouters who serve at Geronimo whenever Scouting units are using any part of the camp property. As a member of the Geronimo Campmaster Corps, you have chosen to provide cheerful service to the Boy Scouts of America youth, parents, adult leaders, and the various other community organizations that visit our council camps each year. Your primary responsibility will be to assist the Camp Ranger in providing an enjoyable camping or training experience to those that visit Camp Geronimo on any given weekend.

There may be a number of different activities going on each weekend, year-round. The Campmaster’s role may vary in each of these activities. It is not the Campmaster’s job to run the weekend activities or programs. But, to be there to assist and help.

Campmasters may be called upon to:
- Ensure the safety of campers according to The Guide To Safe Scouting and the rules of the camp
- Check groups in and out that are camping and provide guidance as needed
- Check tools in and out that may be needed for camp projects
- Perform small maintenance tasks
- Assist campers in following the procedures and policies of Geronimo and Council
- Assist with program help as needed
- Work on other service projects as skills align

What can the Campmaster Corps offer you?
- If you like the outdoors, find fulfillment in working with other scouters, and don’t mind a little work or getting dirty. Geronimo Campmaster Corps may be for you.
- Campmasters will have use of a family cabin while giving service
- Our rangers trust our trained Campmasters with access to the camp to be able to provide an exceptional experience to our customers. If you are interested in the state of our camps and want to help maintain and support them while providing exceptional experiences to our Scouting units and others, this is the way to do just that.

Requirements to be a Campmaster:
- Minimum age of 21 years old
- Current YPT trained
- Provide service for at least 2 weekends every year, does not include being a commissioner during summer camp
- Knowledgeable of BSA and council policies and procedures
- Has acceptable character traits (follows the Scout oath and law)
- Have a great attitude
- Attend Campmaster Orientation Training at Geronimo
- Not a Scoutmaster or Venture Advisor, primary unit adult leaders

Would you like to be a member of the Geronimo Campmaster Corps? Talk with our Camp Ranger, Larry Carpenter, or the Campmaster Chair, Steve “Gecko” Smith, at geckoses@gmail.com.
Email the following information to geckoses@gmail.com.

Name. Scout Rank Achieved as Scout, If Applicable.
Address. Unit.
Email. District.
Cell Number. Leadership Positions Held.
Number of years in scouting. Date of YPT Training.
Are you Wood Badge Trained? List any special skills/trades that you have: IE; Plumber, Electrician, EMT, heavy equipment operator
What shirt size do you wear? Are you willing to come any Season?
Geronimo’s Prefect’s Academy

A one-week crash course for scouts and youth 12 years or older with the theme of our favorite magical characters. Participants will:

- Learn and master the game of Quidditch in the grand school tournament.
- Fight against their fears by taking up a saber against our fencing professor!
- Learn about their astrological signs under the vast natural planetarium in the cool fall evenings.

These courses will enable them to earn merit badges for their corresponding muggle classes, such as chemistry (potions), fitness (Quidditch), plant science (herbology), Astrology (Astronomy), and many more!

Cohort model: Those whose sense of adventure compels them to accept this challenge will be sorted into several of the Ancient Houses of the Rim with up to 25 of their fellow adventurers. As a House, you will travel, eat and study together, guided by skilled instructors with over 30 years’ experience, learning the skills in the ancient disciplines of science, technology, engineering and math needed to for your House to place first in the race for the Prefects’ Banner and win Eternal Glory.

Covid-19 Notice: This camp will operate under the same methods that the Camp Geronimo 2020 summer program operated, including participant pre-screenings, daily temperate checks, a unit health officer, and additional precautions. For additional information, visit: www.campgeronimo.org/forms-resources/

The Six great houses of Geronimo’s Prefect’s Academy have limited capacity so register early to take part in this grand adventure that awaits you! For more information or to register, please go to: https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020prefectgeronimo

R-C Ranch Winter Blast Provisional Leadership!
December 27 – January 1

A Different Type of Boy Scout Camping!
Winter Blast is a unique scouting experience designed for Scouts 13 and older that focuses on Eagle required badges, STEM, and winter fun. This program is lead entirely by provisional leadership handpicked from our best summer camp staff—no parents or unit leadership allowed. While atypical, this environment fosters creativity and learning, encourages personal responsibility, and provides lots of time to chill out with good friends. Registration is open now at https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020winterblastrc
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.

*The hope is that the hike will still be an in-person event, with participants taking precautions such as wearing face masks and physical distancing. The Hike will be organized a bit differently with the large group broken down into smaller contingents with staggered start times. Please watch for details coming soon!

Countdown to the 25th Anniversary of the Ten Commandment Hike

Houses of worship in the North Central Phoenix area have opened their doors for the Hike in 2004, 2014 and 2017. The hike started at the First United Methodist Church in 2017 and Troop 41 hosted the opening ceremonies. Additional stops included All Saints Episcopal Church, Living Streams Church, Casa de Santa Cruz, Church of the Beatitudes, First Christian Church, Bethany Bible Church and Christian Science Second Church.

ARE YOU A PATCH COLLECTOR?

Watch for opportunities to purchase historic hike patches!
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Our monthly open shoots have returned! Scouts may join us 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](https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/shooting-sports).
OA Award and Vigil Honor Nominations Needed and Due by October 10

Do you know somebody in the OA that has provided exceptional service to the scouting community? If so, you should nominate them to receive a lodge award! There are several different awards we give out, from OA lodge-level service to camp service awards! The forms we have give explanations on eligibility and instructions for each award nomination. We have recently created new forms for both Lodge awards and Vigil nominations. With the creation of these new forms, there have been digital ones created through Google Forms as well! We accept both versions of the form, and you only need to fill out one of them. You can find these forms at https://www.wipalawiki.org/awards/.

If you have any questions, or wish to submit a form, please feel free to contact us at awards@wipalawiki.org. All forms are due at the October LEC, which is October 10th at 1:00 PM.

OA TRADING POST NOW ONLINE WITH SHIPPING
We have an online store now for OA merchandise including 2020 Flap sets, a new lodge belt buckle, and even a new fundraiser flap! Be sure to bookmark and visit our store for more details!

SCOUTING’S NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
As of August 5th 2020, the rules on adult nominations into the order of the arrow have been updated. In place of the usual 1 adult to youth elected like it has been in the past, National has just released that it is permitted for two adults to be selected per three youth elected. This means that if you have held an election AFTER August 5th 2020, you may select two adult leaders, but any elections taking place anytime before or on August 4th are still only able to select 1 per 3 ratio. Questions? Please contact our inductions team: inductions@wipalawiki.org

It is with regret that we inform you that the Braves Pow Wow for November has been Canceled due to concerns about the spread of Covid-19. We want a safe event. Alternative options are being discussed for a limited fall Cub Scouting activity. If you have already pre-registered to go to Braves Pow Wow, please contact the council regarding your fees.

I would like to take this time to remind you about some upcoming events. Wipala Wiki Lodge is hosting the last ordeal weekend of the year on September 11th through the 13th at Camp Geronimo. We invite all arrowmen to attend this event, it will be full of cheerful service and fellowship. We are in need of elangomats to help guide our candidates through their ordeal. If you are interested in this role or have questions, please email inductions@wipalawiki.org. You can find the registration link, a packing list, FAQ’s, and more on our lodge website at wipalawiki.org.

Section W6W Conclave Now Virtual on October 17

Flagship event and is a fun interactive weekend filled with brotherhood and fellowship. This year, Conclave will be hosted by the Papago Lodge via the virtual platform Zoom. Participants of Conclave will digitally meet with their peers from across the Section and will also get the chance to experience Native American culture, compete in various activities, and be a part of several shows and events. Conclave is scheduled to take-place from October 16th to 18th and is open to any and all Section members.

Order of the Arrow Ordeal
Camp Geronimo September 11-13

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You can place an order for Conclave items for this year and from past years.

Online Store Link: http://squareup.com/store/section-w6w
Register Here: https://www.scoutingevent.com/010-2020OASectionw6wvirtualconclave

Lodge Elections are October 10th

Any youth member that has intent to run for lodge level office - Lodge Chief, Vice Chief, Secretary, or Treasurer - needs to send a letter of intent to run for office to our Lodge Adviser, Jeff Posey by 5pm, October 9th. (Friday).
adviser@wipalawiki.org

OA Policy Update

OA Adult Membership Selection Change

Source: https://oa-bsa.org/article/increasing-induction-adult-unit-leaders

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**AFTER SCHOOL ART IN SCOUTING!**

It’s here! Art is for your scout, an after-school Scout’s program you’ll love. Learning in the world of arts is cool. But experimenting with the hottest tech alongside friends? That’s exciting.

We are moving out After Lunch Arts Program (12:30pm) to After School Arts program (3:30pm). Here we dive into all the arts and crafts that scouts has to offer.

- Tuesdays will be for Cub Scouts
- Wednesdays will be for Webelos Scouts
- Thursdays will be for Troop/Crew Scouts.

**REQUIREMENTS**

Scouts will need a computer, tablet, or smart phone, and an internet connection. Materials and Supplies needed for this course are listed in the Scout Handbook. Bring it: A desire to create some delightful works of art!

Awaken your scouts imagination and creativity in our After School program! Your scout will gain both confidence and an understanding of the visual arts while building painting, drawing and mixed-media skills. Sessions are two to three weeks and are challenging and exciting.

Through guided, hands-on art projects, students develop an eye for color, composition and design.

While mastering the fundamentals, they also learn lifelong habits regarding technique, material use and art appreciation.

Throughout the program, we explore a variety of artistic realms, such as still life, animals, people, landscapes, and abstract concepts.

Your scout will accumulate an amazing portfolio of completed pieces and works which they are proud to sign, display, and share.

We will also be having an Art show Saturday, January 31 to display there works and pieces.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CENTRAL’S NEWEST EAGLES**

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**TOTAL SERVICE HOURS - 1753.8**
The first time I used Zoom, it was for Scouting. I had used Skype every so often for many years, but anytime I try new technology like software, I’m nervous. Will look like I don’t know what I’m doing in front of my peers? Videoconferencing wasn’t a normal way for me, and the thought of sitting there staring at my computer screen—while someone stared back—was not my idea of a relaxing way to spend my volunteer time with Scouts. Truth be told, I’ve used FaceTime, which made it possible to connect face-to-face with friends or our family on our iPhones. When I travel, I love to FaceTime with my children in the morning before they go to school. Of course, now, there’s no traveling, and there’s no face to face.

1. MAKE IT EASY

For a long time, videoconferencing was something that required downloading software, understanding how to set it up, and complicated dial-in processes. Zoom, on the other hand, is pretty much as easy as FaceTime.

2. MAKE IT ACCESSIBLE

You can also use it on any device. It works on your laptop, iPad, iPhone, desktop, or Android device. That means pretty much anyone can use it, well, anywhere. Which, if you think about it, is just another way of making it easy. Of course, it’s also a valuable lesson for every Unit Leaders. The more ways your parents and Scouts can use our service or programs, the better. The reason Zoom took off right now is because everyone can use it no matter how they connect to the Internet.

3. MAKE IT AFFORDABLE

Also, it helps that Zoom is free to use. I don’t just mean for joining meetings; that’s true of a lot of videoconferencing services. You can actually host Zoom meetings for free, which hasn’t been true of its competition. (In fairness, many of them currently are offering free versions to help as their workforce is suddenly working from home.) Zoom didn’t invent the freemium model, where a company offers a limited version of its service for free, and then charges for additional features, but it certainly mastered it in a highly technical market where it hadn’t really been done before. As a result, millions of people are using Zoom in really creative ways to stay connected both for work and personal reasons.

4. MAKE IT RELIABLE

Millions of people use it, Zoom has held up remarkably well considering the surge in usage over the past few weeks. Sure, it’s had a few glitches, but when you think of the sheer bandwidth and data processing that has to happen to make real-time video meetings possible, it’s actually pretty impressive that the whole thing hasn’t collapsed. Of course, in Zoom’s case, a lot of people are depending on its technology holding up. A lot of folks are using Zoom to stay connected and keep their jobs, which means there’s no margin for downtime.

5. MAKE IT FUN

Finally, Zoom is actually pretty fun. For example, instead of hosting a meeting where everyone has to stare at you in your kitchen, you can add your own background so that it looks like you’re on the beach or in outer space. You might think those types of features are totally unnecessary, and you’d be right. They aren’t. That’s why they’re fun. And, to be honest, right now, everyone can use a little fun. The district has many new plans that involve Zoom, and I hope you can join us.
**Cub Scout Cyber Chip August 29, 3pm**

For: Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos Scouts and their parents/guardians  
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.)

**Hometown Heroes Wolf Elective September 12, 3pm**

For: Wolves and their parents/guardians  
We will talk about what it means to be a hero, take a virtual tour of a fire department or police station, and learn about guide dogs and service animals. Your Wolf can interview one of their heroes and share with us.

**Roaring Laughter - Bear Elective September 26, 3pm**

For: Bears and their parents/guardians  
This will be a virtual meeting and should be a “roaring” good time! What are some other terms for roaring laughter? Belly laugh? Guffaw? Let’s have a fun time as Scouts share funny stories, jokes and run-ons! More info to come pertaining to being prepared for this opportunity.

**Build My Own Hero**  
**Webelos Elective Adventure October 3, 3pm**

For: Webelos and their parents/guardians  
Discover what it means to be a hero. Identify how citizens can be heroes in their communities. Learn about a real-life hero and learn about a Scout hero! And much more!
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

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**The Gila River Handshake From the Chair, Kent Thomas District Chair**

Shout out to the Advancement Days Leadership Team for a first time ever successful Virtual Scouts BSA Advancement Days! Every weekend in July, our team held a morning and afternoon session with terrific participation from not only the district, but national attendance. Thanks to our counselors and our district Communications team for coordinating the material and promoting the event. These activities, in addition to some amazing and unique virtual training content – most recently our class: AZ Basic Scout Essential Kits – How I Learned to Love Desert Survival, are some of the ways we intend to take back Scouting!

If you are interested in learning more on what we are doing to Take Back Scouting, follow this link: [https://gilariver.grandcanyonbsa.org/news/07/07/2020/chair-update/](https://gilariver.grandcanyonbsa.org/news/07/07/2020/chair-update/)

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**Congratulations to Gila River’s Newest Eagles**

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The Lost Dutchman District Graham County

A group of Scouts in the Lost Dutchman participated in a Zoom meeting with a group of Scouts who live in Ireland! We have a girls’ troop that has girls registered from Mesa, Pima, and Morenci (a four hour drive from one side of the troop to the other!) that meet each week via Zoom.

We have a Cub Scout Pack that has cubs registered from Globe, Pima, and Morenci (a 3 hour drive from one side of the pack to the other!).

A volunteer in our district taught a portion of the Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge via zoom to a group of Scouts BSA which included both girls and boys.

We have had a Family Scout Night at the park where those scouts who want to meet in person are welcome to attend. A family could come to one park at one time, and there was the Scouts BSA troop meeting for boys in one ramada, a Scouts BSA troop meeting for girls in a second ramada, and the Family Pack of Cub Scouts meeting in the third ramada. Everyone enjoyed Popsicles, friends, and fun while working on Scout rank advancements.

DONATE TO SUPPORT THE HOMELESS SHELTERS IN FLAGSTAFF

A Tiger Den Leader and her son who live in Morenci support the homeless shelters in Flagstaff, since she grew up in Flagstaff, and visits family periodically in Flagstaff. The homeless shelters are currently gearing up for the winter by collecting donations of coats, blankets, tents, and backpacks.

Please email Desirae: dezzyie5683@gmail.com if you would like to submit a donation that she can take pick up her way to Flagstaff. Also, consider helping your local homeless shelter this winter!

Maverick Camporee Canceled

The decision was made that the 2020 Maverick Camporee be canceled. Since we are no longer using Camp Geronimo for the event, units are encouraged to consider scheduling an outing that weekend up at camp. Registration for individual sites can be made online from the camp’s website or by calling council directly.

We are already working on booking Camp Geronimo for Maverick 2021 in September. The theme “Movies at Maverick” will be used for next year and we will be putting together the schedule for our spring planning meetings soon.

We are looking forward to 2021 and hope to see you all there.
Maverick Camporee Committee
https://www.maverickcamporee.org/
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Ponderosa District Fall Events:

SHOOTING SPORTS COMPETITION

Oct. 24-25 Ponderosa Shooting Sports Competition at Camp Raymond
Open to all Grand Canyon Council Scouts and adult leaders!
Participants will shoot .22 caliber rifles, 20 gauge shotguns, and archery Scouts will compete on Saturday for a troop score. Scores are averaged across all scouts for a troop score (minimum of 6 scouts to compete). Troops claim the Wainwright trophy in the category they win. Scouts will compete on Sunday for individual and 3 person team score plus Top Shot to win great prizes!

Learn more and register: https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020pshootingsports

IOLS BALOO TRAINING

Oct. 24-25 IOLS Baloo Training at Camp Raymond
Get your training and enjoy a fun overnighter at our beautiful Camp Raymond! Every Scout deserves a trained leader! Open to all adult scouters! $25 per person, includes campsite; Saturday lunch and Dinner, Sunday breakfast and materials!

Learn more and register: https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020piols

PONDEROSA FALL CAMPOREE

Nov. 6-7 Ponderosa Fall Camporee – Theme and Details Soon! Save the Date!

FALL ROUNDTABLE SCHEDULE WITH ZOOM LINKS:

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New member of the Pinnacle Peak leadership team

We are excited to announce that we have a new member of the Pinnacle Peak leadership team. Our District Executive, Matthew Hill, recently accepted a promotion to District Director and will continue serving Pinnacle Peak alongside our newest District Executive, Deanna Mankins.

Deanna brings over 20 years of business experience and a BBA degree in Sports & Event Management from Wilkes University and an MBA from Grand Canyon University. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Performance Psychology at Grand Canyon University. She was a former P.E. teacher, coach and has been a professional volleyball official for NCAA & USA Volleyball organizations for over 11 years. She has enjoyed working with youth in every aspect of life. Deanna is looking forward to working in her new position with the Grand Canyon Council and the great team and units of the Pinnacle Peak District.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PINNACLE PEAK’S NEWEST EAGLES

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Troop Improvises After Camp Cancellation

Several weeks before Troop 603 was scheduled to attend Camp Geronimo, Scoutmaster William Smith heard the bad news. Session 3 was canceled due to the coronavirus. For the first time in over 20 years, Troop 603 was not going to summer camp.

Out of this misfortune, his senior patrol leader, Zak Steenhoek, and his patrol leaders council decided that the troop needed summer camp. Summer camp, after all, was the first opportunity their new scouts had to learn basic scouting skills, how to work in patrols, and have fun.

Planning for the event took several weeks, leaning on the skills of the SPL and older scouts while considering safety concerns due to the pandemic such as masks and physical distancing. Steenhoek put together a four day, scout led Brownsea Island experience for his troop. He planned a constant program focused on the lower scout ranks with an emphasis on first aid, cooking, and the patrol method. Of course, no camp would be complete without campfires and service projects.

William Smith, Scoutmaster of Troop 603 explains, “Summer camp builds bonds with each other and the scouts learn the basics of being a scout while helping them progress. We knew that we did not have the adult volunteers for a later session at camp but knew we needed to create the camp experience for our scouts that gives them that strong foundation for their first year in scouting.”

Up in the cooler weather along the Mogollon Rim, Troop 603 set up their Brownsea Island experience with virtually all scouts from the troop in attendance. The new scouts were broken up into two new patrols with rotating patrol leaders to provide each scout a chance to understand the roles as a scout and patrol leader.

Older scouts led a variety of classes included first aid, cooking, knots/lashes, and knife safety. Scouts even had the opportunity to earn the Historic Trails Award since the older scouts incorporated a conservation service project along the General Crook trail. Smiths adds, “It was so great to see the older scouts engaged in teaching and mentoring our younger scouts. All of our newer scouts came out of there with their Scout rank and a good portion of Tenderfoot too. Most importantly, it got them excited for an upcoming backpacking trip and gave them a camp-like experience.”
**SONORAN SUNSET DISTRICT**

**SONORAN SUNSET SCOUTS ARE KEEPING BUSY AND ADAPTING DURING THE SUMMER OF VIRUS**

**PACK 129 CROSSOVER**

Pack 129 held their Crossover Ceremony on July 25th. They adapted their normal, in-person meeting to a hybrid virtual meeting. The location and time for in-person attendees was modified to enable physical distancing and accommodate summer temperatures. Also, since some Scouts were unable to attend due to virus concerns or summer vacation schedules the event was live streamed on the Pack’s Facebook Group for remote families. Remote families had awards distributed to parents prior to the meeting so parents could present awards to their Scouts when their achievements were announced. Thank you to Cubmaster Shane McMenemy and Committee Chair Emily McMenemy who put together this fantastic event; big thanks to Monika Masciangelo for being the pack videographer and making the livestream possible! And, thanks, to our District Executive, Robert Butteweeg, for stopping by and checking out our physically distanced, live-streamed Crossover Ceremony. *David Masciangelo, Cubmaster Pack 129*

**TROOP 828 BEAR PATROL TAKES OFF FOR THE HIGH COUNTRY**

A perennial difficulty is retaining older age scouts in your Scouts BSA troop. Troop 828 is facing that challenge as several scouts are over the age of 14, near the Eagle rank, and are more active in high school. A challenge was placed upon them in February 2020 when the patrols were being reconfigured, a venture patrol was to be formed. These Scouts were asked to think big! Short hikes, quick turnarounds, and basic scouting were not required. They were requested to think of all the promo’s they’ve seen and wild thoughts they had when they first crossed over to Scouts BSA on what activities they would want on their scouting resume.

Bear patrol Scout, Nicholas P., lead this challenge. He began planning not just a long backpack trip, but a five day / 50 miler. The destination was the Mogollon Rim and the Cabin Loop trail system. Nicholas researched via Internet the lengths of the different trails and advertised water stops. Different web sites on backpack meals were also researched. The Bear patrol was invited and kept in the loop as to dates and itinerary. Many members were hesitant due to Covid-19, family vacations which might happen, and July is very hot. Three members accepted the challenge, or their parents insisted they get out.

When Philmont announced their closing, the Philmont store was searched for their backpack meals in order to get a small taste of the Philmont experience. The meals looked small, but after three hours of backpacking and drinking water heavily, the meals were the right size. On July 15th, members of the Bear Patrol, and several adults, took off on this adventure. The first water hole was found on the sixth mile. Longest trek without water, but the Scouts were prepared! The four cabins of Cabin Loop trail were seen along with the wonderful view from the rim. The unit had four days of wonderful weather. The third day was rain then ten minutes of hail followed with a steady dose of rain for the next three hours.

The loop is incomplete as part of the trail/road had been washed away with a large gap and a major drop between the two sides. The vote was to recalculate the necessary distance and turn back. So instead of lunch at Pinchot Cabin, lunch was at the highest point of Fred Haught trail. The fifth day was the easiest as water containers were filled with what was needed for the next water hole saving a few pounds. The food was a lot less as that was consumed the other days. The scouts and adults were pleased with the accomplishment and began thinking ahead to next year. *David Charron, Scoutmaster Troop 828 Photo by Dan Simon; Pictured: Nicholas Pacione, Zach Johnson, and Dalton Simon*
Troop 3 has been busy this summer fishing at Canyon Creek and boating on Knoll Lake. It’s good to get outdoors with friends this summer 2020!

We have been able to maintain our existing troop meeting schedule using Zoom for virtual meetings with a better than 85% participation rate. These meetings have included Patrol meetings and game time. There was a patrol vs patrol Ultimate Tic Tac Toe tournament that took two meetings to complete. And we had an Epic Battleship game; last patrol standing won. The games were planned and facilitated by the youth leadership. We also had a virtual campout that coincided with the BSA National Camp In. Scouts camped at their homes inside and out. Met for Dinner and a campfire to participate in a Troop game of Mafia. For us older scouts that would be a game of Clue! It wasn’t Colonel Mustard. Scouts have also been able to advance by getting signoffs, Scoutmaster conferences and BOR’s via video conferences. We have had 15 rank advancements since April. Many of the scouts earned merit badges while participating in Virtual MB clinics and a virtual Summer camp “Tricamp” conducted by the WLAAC. Our scouts have earned over 75 merit badges using the available online resources and making contact with MB counselors to complete requirements virtually. We also had one Scout participate in a Virtual Eagle Board of review. Another Scout that is ready for his Eagle BOR, but he wants to wait until in person Eagle BORs startup again. As a Troop we always have a Summer Camp called Camp Big Red for new scouts. This always helps the new crossover scouts to learn camping skills (without parents) that helps them be successful in scouts. These camping skills are learned from older scouts that staff the camp. While the new scouts learn and practice these skills, they are signed off on rank requirements and older scouts get to reinforce their skills while teaching. It is not just about the skills and rank advancement. It allows the new scouts become part of our Troop and start to feel comfortable without their parent’s direct involvement. That is a big change from Cub Scouts to Scouts. We considered having Camp Big Red in person but given the Covid-19 numbers began to rise as soon as restrictions were lifted and group sites we had reserved were canceled, we decided to change it to a 5-day virtual summer camp covering many of the skills and requirements that we normally cover in person with older scouts facilitating the classes. We did draw the line at earning their Totin’ chip and Firem’n chit, for obvious reasons! At the end, we were able to conduct Virtual Scoutmaster conferences for the new scouts. We are very proud of the older staff scouts and the new scouts for what they accomplished! I am proud of what our Troop has been able to do despite the circumstances. Carl Gebhardt, Scoutmaster Troop 526

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO SONORAN SUNSET’S NEWEST EAGLES**

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The biggest comment Sonoran Sunset leaders received at camp was how grateful that we had camp! We received Troops from CA, NV, CO, and UT! We were the only camp open in over 500 miles and our neighboring states camps were all closed.

Troops 3, 90, 99, 126, 365, 461, 513, 3365, 3448 and 3546 all attended camp and completed over 185 courses!

We learned a few things during camp this year as we found that the Troops really enjoyed the cohort model. From the way we took turns coming into the dining hall for our allotted meal shift time to the aspect the Troop stayed together for the most part for the whole week. Instead of scouts splitting up and taking off into different directions in the old MB model, the cohort, which included a whole Troop, rotated to areas together. This allowed the Troop to work together on MB’s and kept the Troop Leadership together as a team. This also allowed the Troop to ‘gel’ throughout the week and really get to know each other. It also allowed them time to create a schedule to include setting time aside for a service project that could not be done in a pre-weekend.

There were no ‘open program’ times this year due to Covid-19, we expect to be able to have open time next year. Another change that helped this year was provisional scouts that were put with Troops for the week. Instead of the one week and all provisional scouts thrown together as one Troop in the past, the scouts were attached to other Troops. This allowed them to really enjoy camp for the week with another Troop that already had Troop leadership in place with no pressure to have to step up into a leadership role.

I really enjoyed my time in the cool mountain air and the time I got to spend with SPL’s in setting goals and visiting with the adult scouters. Camp was very successful, and I can’t wait to go back up next year!

Paul Stithem, Sonoran Sunset Committee Chair and Camp Geronimo Commissioner
New Advancement and Recognition Chair

Please welcome Sully Sullivan to the Sonoran Sunset leadership team! Sully is our Advancement and Recognition Chair replacing Gary Vaughan.

As a Scout leader, Sully Sullivan has been associated in various forms with the BSA since 1997. Born in Big Spring, TX then Seattle as a teen, Burbank, Brazil, Salt Lake City and Phoenix with a few stops all throughout the west, Sully has been around. Sully enjoyed Scouting as a Cub and a Scout. He didn’t achieve the rank of Eagle, but he remembers the camaraderie, the love of the outdoors and great Scout leaders that anchored him in Scouting.

As a Scoutmaster, Sully has been using the Mission and Aims of Scouting to help his Scouts become better people - better as a citizen, a student, a friend and hopefully a spouse. For Sully, it has been a great road of service and many miles yet to travel.

In his 20+ years in the construction world, Sully has found that adults are no different than young scouts, just with a bit more baggage along with some deeper, but correctable habits and a little less hair. What he has learned as a leader, coach and mentor has helped him personally and professionally.

Sully is an avid Scouter and outdoorsman. He loves to camp, hike and fish with his family and enjoys his Scout service in various capacities. Sully met his Arizona White Mountains sweetheart in 1996, Melissa Bigelow, and they have been married since April of 1997. Sully and Melissa have four children, 17-year-old twins Sara and Ethan (Life Scout), Jenna 16 (going on 21) and Nathan 9. They currently reside in Glendale, Arizona. Make sure to say hi when you see Sully or shoot him an email with your Advancement questions or suggestions.

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)
Provided by Sonoran Sunset

September 19-20, 2020 at the Heard Scout Pueblo
Working as patrols, this hands-on course provides adult leaders the practical outdoor skills they need to lead Scouts in the out-of-doors. Upon completion, leaders should feel comfortable teaching Scouts the basic skills required for them to earn the First-Class rank. Register here: https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020ssiols
If you have additional questions please contact David Charron, nepfca48@cox.net

Topics will include updates from key Vice Presidents, an update on the Strategic Plan and our vision for 2021, budget training, and we’ll announce plans for our 100th anniversary celebration next year. Register here: https://scoutingevent.com/010-ls

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.
https://sonoransunset.grandcanyonbsa.org/volunteer-leaders/open-positions/

FIRESIDE CHAT

Leaders, pull up a chair to our campfire, come chat and share stories about leadership, join our fireside chat. https://www.facebook.com/groups/fireside.chat.ssleaders/
NEWEST PRIVATE PILOT IN ARIZONA

Congratulations to the newest private pilot in Arizona, Tim O. from Troop 10 and Aviation Explorer’s post 2352! Tim earned his Eagle Scout at 15 years of age, and at 17 has just earned his Private Pilot’s License. All of his flight training has been through Post 2352. These are outstanding achievements and look forward to hearing more about his accomplishments in the future!

FEEDING MY STARVING CHILDREN

These 4 Aviation Explorer’s, including Tim O., along with, Deanna Mankins, District Executive, donated their time to pack boxes for Feeding My Starving Children. FMSC is a non-profit organization in Mesa, AZ. that helps children and adults a nutritious Manna Pack meals specifically designed to assist in reversing and preventing undernutrition. These Manna Packs are sent to various countries all over the world.

Thank you, Explorer’s, for your time and dedication to the community!
“A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” - Proverbs 11:25

Deanna Mankins
District Executive

www.GrandCanyonBSA.org
PISTOL SHOOTING COMPETITION

NOV 14 | 8-3PM | HEARD SCOUT PUEBLO | $20

Come show off your marksmanship skills!
- All firearms, ammunition and targets are provided
- Lunch included
- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded

8AM SIGN-IN
8:30 SAFETY MEETING
9AM START OF COMPETITION

In an effort to mitigate the potential spread of illness and maintain safety standards sanitizing stations are provided and masks must be wore.

Register now at: https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020exploringpostpistolnov

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