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A unique scouting experience. This program is lead entirely by provisional leadership hand-picked from our best summer camp staff—no parents or unit leadership allowed.
You can use your Apple or Google login ID to login to Scoutbook, Internet Advancement, the BSA forums or my.Scouting.org. To get started, navigate to any tool you use: Scoutbook.com; My.Scouting.org; etc. and click the “Log In” button. Once there, you will see options to use your current username and password OR you can choose to sign in with your Google or Apple ID information. After a few, quick steps you’re in! Now, you have one less username and password to remember.

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- National Statement on COVID-19
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This newsletter marks the twelfth issue of Grand Canyon Connection, and I can’t tell you how proud I am of this work – we’ve made it one full year! Our team has met every monthly publishing deadline and provided relevant, fun, and helpful content in a well-designed format. Kudos to everyone who has helped produce it!

As the newsletter continues to evolve, please help us in three ways:

1. We encourage units and districts to submit stories, articles, and photos that help us show the life changing Scouting adventures that are taking place throughout our council. Content can be submitted directly to Tarryn Hutchison for consideration.

2. Help ensure everyone who cares about Scouting in Arizona is receiving the newsletter – there is a link on our home page (www.grandcanyonbsa.org).

3. Let us know your thoughts on how we can continue to improve the content and make it even more relevant for you (Virtual Roundtable).

Similarly, our website continues to grow and evolve. The Virtual Roundtable (Forum) is up and running and we continue to add content regularly. If you have ideas on how we can make the website more useful, please let us know. You can drop an email to Tarryn Hutchison or Matt Graham.

Now that fall is upon us, with its cooling temperatures, it’s time to go camping! We’ve been working to retool certain activities to be COVID-compliant and while we’ve had to cancel some, we’ve added several family camping opportunities that are available at R-C, Geronimo, and Raymond. Take a look at our council calendar to reserve campsites for your Scouting family and get outdoors!

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to influence our lives, it looks like masks are going to be with us for some time to come. You may have recently seen my post on Facebook with the Hashtags #MaskUpGCC and #MaskUpBSA. I encourage you and your Scouts to post similar photos to social media with these hashtags. This a simple way for Scouts and Scouters to be seen and let the community know that a Scout is Kind and Courteous (among other things!).

Thanks again for everything you do to provide Scouting adventures to our youth – and remember to #MaskUpGCC!
THE LATEST IN ARIZONA SCOUTING

SPORTING CLAYS CLASSIC

Saturday, November 14, 2020
Rio Salado Sportsman’s Club
3960 Usery Pass Road, Mesa AZ 85207
8:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Raffle Tickets will be sold 1 for $20, 3 for $50, and 6 for $100

We invite you to partner with the Grand Canyon Council as one of our 2020 Sporting Clays Classic Team, Meal, or Station Sponsors. Your organization will have a great opportunity to engage and inspire our participants while promoting your business or organization. Funds raised at this event stays local, and supports Scouting here in Grand Canyon Council. Click here to Sign-up or donate Online! Contact Latisha Joseph, Development Director, with any questions at Latisha.Joseph@Scouting.org, 602-955-7747 Ext. 218.

2020 SPONSORSHIPS

SPORTING CLAY TEAM SPONSORSHIP
SPORTING CLAY TEAM SPONSOR - $2500
• 1 Team (4 Participants)
• 4 Mulligans (1 per participant)
• Promotional Marketing Benefits (Deadline for marketing material 10/19/2020)
  • Name & Logo Printed on Event Banner
  • Name & Logo on Facebook Event & Sponsored Posts
• Participant Meals:
  • Enjoy Breakfast on us from 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Pastries, juice, coffee, water
  • Enjoy Lunch on us from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
• Shooting Vest

MEAL SPONSORSHIP
MEAL SPONSOR - $1500
• Promotional Marketing Benefits (Deadline for marketing material 10/19/2020)
  • Name & Logo Printed on a sign at the Food Station
  • Name & Logo on Event Banner
  • Name & Logo on Facebook Event & Sponsored Post

STATION SPONSORSHIP
SHOOTING STATION SPONSOR - $500
• Promotional Marketing Benefits (Deadline for marketing material 10/19/2020)
  • Name & Logo Printed on one of the Shooting Stations
  • Name & Logo on Facebook Event & Sponsored Posts

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT
INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT - $650
• 1 Participant
• 1 Mulligan
• Participant Meals:
  • Enjoy Breakfast on us from 7:30 AM - 10:00 AM - Pastries, juice, coffee, water
  • Enjoy Lunch on us from 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
• Shooting Vest

www.GrandCanyonBSA.org
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!

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!
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! Any questions can be directed to: gccdayofservice@gmail.com

The Scout Law According to COVID-19
An Interpretation of the Scout Law for the Pandemic

**A Scout is:**

**Trustworthy:** Scouts conduct themselves in ways which help prevent the spread of the virus to themselves, their families, fellow Scouts, and the community. Scouts answers screening questions truthfully.

**Loyal:** Scouts are faithful to their family, friends, and unit. They find ways to support their favorite local businesses and professions.

**Helpful:** Scouts aid others who may not be able to venture outside their homes or who cannot meet their own needs.

**Friendly:** Scouts seek to understand and respect those whose ideas and practices are different from their own.

**Courteous:** Scouts practice social distancing and wear masks when requested or required to help prevent disease.

**Kind:** Scouts go out of their way to be of service to others in need, especially the elderly and people at high risk.

**Obedient:** Scouts willingly follow the rules set up by the city and state, their church, school, and family to help prevent infection of themselves and others.

**Cheerful:** Scouts always smile even though a mask may hide it. Scouts find ways to bring pleasure to those who are quarantined or unable to do daily tasks.

**Thrifty:** Scouts do not hoard essential items. Scouts can make or encourage donations to worthy charities. Scouts can create, collect, or distribute masks and other needed materials.

**Brave:** Scouts can face fears of the virus and the uncertainties of what lies ahead. Scouts maintain a positive attitude and help others to envision a brighter future.

**Clean:** Scouts wash their hands often and keep common use items sanitized.

**Reverent:** Scouts offer their prayers and condolences to those who are suffering and to all those who are affected by this pandemic.

*Author Credit: Bob Swindling, ASM, Troop 182, North Florida Council Jacksonville, FL*
The Journey to Excellence Unit recognition program will continue

The JTE data is valuable information, and to assist with membership data analysis in the future, a new membership reporting tool is under development. This tool will provide councils and districts with key membership data, including gender and ethnic diversity. Stay tuned for details about the rollout of the new tool.

Unit Recognition

Revised unit criteria, due to the pandemic, is available at https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/2020-scorecards-english/. 2021 unit scorecards are available at https://www.scouting.org/awards/journey-to-excellence/unit/.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE JOURNEY TO EXCELLENCE UPDATES

It’s Time to Submit Nominations for the 2021 Silver Antelope Award

Nomination forms must be submitted electronically to the National Service Center no later than Nov. 30, 2020. Read more

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 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/.

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Updates to Venturing Awards and Ranks

The National Venturing Committee is pleased to announce that, effective immediately, the Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit awards will be referred to as Venturing ranks to improve consistency among the different programs within Scouting. The Quest, Ranger, and Trust Awards will remain as part of the Venturing program as specialty awards and are not considered Venturing ranks.

Additionally, certain restrictions regarding prior credit for Venturers have been changed. Effective immediately, Venturing Advisors have the discretion to give a Venturer credit toward Venturing rank and award requirements for work previously completed by the Venturer while a registered member of a Scouts BSA Troop or a Sea Scout Ship. As explained in more detail below, this change aligns the Venturing advancement program with the Scouts BSA and Sea Scouting advancement programs.

Under the current edition of the Guide to Advancement and the latest printed edition of Venturing Awards and Requirements, a Venturer was required to complete all work on Venturing awards while registered as a Venturer, and Venturing Advisors were not permitted to give credit toward Venturing award requirements for work previously done by a youth in Scouts BSA or Sea Scouts. Neither Scouts BSA nor Sea Scouts have these same restrictions. Except as stated in the temporary transition rules covering first-time members entering Scouts BSA after February 1, 2019, in both Scouts BSA and Sea Scouts, unit leaders are currently able to consider work done in any program when giving credit toward completion of rank or award requirements. To improve consistency within the three programs and to encourage membership in Venturing Crews, Venturers may now receive credit toward Venturing ranks and specialty awards for work completed while registered in a Scouts BSA Troop or a Sea Scout Ship.

The next editions of the Guide to Advancement, Handbook for Venturers and Venturing Awards and Requirements will be revised to reflect the two changes to the Venturing advancement program described in this update.

Google and Apple ID Options Now Available for Member Logins

We continue to find ways to improve experiences for members and volunteers with our tools and applications. One of those ways was to provide them with the ability for one username and password for signing in. We are now enhancing and simplifying logging in through the release of an integrated use of someone’s existing Google or Apple IDs!

This means that members and volunteers can now access our tools and applications by using their Google login or Apple ID.

To get started, navigate to any tool you use: Scoutbook.com; My.Scouting.org; etc. and click the “Log In” button. Once there, you will see options to use your current username and password OR you can choose to sign in with your Google or Apple ID information.

After a few, quick steps you’re in! Now, you have one less username and password to remember.
PayPal Functionality Enabled in Scoutbook for Key Unit Operation Items

The world we find ourselves in today has prompted our organization to provide our unit leaders with the right tools to continue Scouting in their communities. As part of this effort, we have been working on a way for units to accept and make payments for renewal/rechartering and other items for unit operation in Scoutbook through PayPal.

SEE FULL DETAILS ON SCOUTBOOK PAYPAL FUNCTIONALITY

Scoutbook is the BSA’s Online unit management tool and helps Scouts, parents and leaders track advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail. You will have up to the minute visibility of your Scout’s official BSA advancement record. You can view whenever you want. And the unit can make adjustments as necessary without contacting council. It automatically keeps the unit in compliance with BSA advancement reporting requirements and when a Scout moves, their advancement record follows them!

The Scoutbook team introduced Activity Logs making recording service hours and camping nights easier. With this update, unit leaders can add multiple registered youth and adults in the same activity entry. Parents and their youth will also be able to make updates through the Scouting app or Internet Advancement, whichever works best for them. All recorded service hours will automatically count toward Journey To Excellence, too! Personal activities can still be privately recorded and, similar to advancements, be submitted to unit leaders for review and approval (watch how this feature works here). For more on the new activity logs and how to record activities, click here. By now, you’ve probably caught word of Scoutbook’s Den Leader Experience, the free web app that makes it easier than ever for den leaders to prepare for and lead meetings, track advancement and attendance, and more (if not, just check out this video). The Scoutbook team has streamlined and simplify the den leading process—because they’ve now introduced a video series to help you navigate the Den Leader Experience app and get the most out of this terrific new tool. Check out the Den Leader Experience for yourself through Scoutbook and be sure to head to Bryan on Scouting’s story to learn more about the awesome features!

Units do not have to subscribe to Scoutbook, it is a free service provided to every unit. It is an optional service provided by the BSA. Some introductory guides and videos about Scoutbook can be found here: http://bit.ly/scoutbook

Get the latest in Scouting news through the new, improved magazine app!

Instead of waiting months for fresh content, the Scouting magazine app will be updated every day with something new. The Scouting magazine app is available now in the App Store and Google Play.
University of Scouting

University of Scouting, Grand Canyon Council’s premier adult leader training event is going to be on Saturday, Feb. 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!*

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/](https://discussions.scouting.org/)
STEM-Tastic Weekend – a Western Region Training

Grand Canyon Council is excited to host the Western Regional STEM-Tastic weekend. This training is hosted by National Council STEM Committee members and will cover how Scouters of all levels can support STEM programs at the unit, district, or Council level! There are hands on projects and experiments, discussions on best practices and opportunities for STEM in your community, and insights on the Nova and Supernova awards and counseling.

If you love STEM, this is a great opportunity to determine how to support STEM in Scouting and how to deliver great STEM opportunities to your Scouts.

Registration is $150, and includes two packed days of activities, course materials, meals, sleeping (bunk or tent) at the Heard Scout Pueblo, and a patch. To register or find out more information, please visit www.grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar.

Philmont Scout Ranch 2022

Troops interested in attending Philmont 2022 for 12-day, 9-day, or 7-day treks can begin registration as soon as Oct. 5th, 2020, which closes December 1st, 2020. Reservations will be picked randomly by computer after Dec. 1st.

To register, please go to https://registerphilmont.org/entry/2021.
To review the 2022 information fact sheet, please go to https://tinyurl.com/Philmont2022.

My.Scouting Changes and Training

Effective September 1, 2020, the Member Care function on my.scouting has been discontinued. If you have online training issues, make sure you are using either Google Chrome or Safari as your browser as many issues have been discovered to be using other browsers.

Some online training programs such as Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Position Specific training have recently been updated. Check your training completed with the requirement for your position, which can be found here. Again, some content has changed so compare your training completed with the requirements. If you are still having issues, contact your district training chair for assistance. The council registrar, Kathy Coleman can refer issues to BSA National for resolution.

Training modules have been updated to be able to run on most mobile devices, including smart phones. It is recommended that nothing smaller than an iPad be used to be able to read the captions on some of the training.

NYLT

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/
Scoutbook to track and receive advancement records

Grand Canyon Council encourages all units to use the national advancement system, Scoutbook, to track and receive advancement records throughout its membership. Scoutbook is a free app available to all registered members in Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturing. Scoutbook is faster, more accurate, and makes it easier to share and track information between unit leaders and Scouting families than the paper forms used in the past. Scoutbook allows Scouts, leaders, and families to have their advancement records on-demand at their fingertips.

Recent Advancement Updates

The latest updates to advancement include temporary changes to Rank Advancement and the process for earning the Camping merit badge. Also, updates have been made to the Eagle Scout Extension Process that give councils the authority to grant an additional three-month extension, which will end December 31st, 2020.

New Merit Badge Counselor Automatic Upload Functionality in Scoutbook

On September 21st, Scoutbook released an automated process that helps to update and assign approved Merit Badge Counselors (MBC) into Scoutbook. This works by syncing nightly through the membership upload (MU) via ScoutNET into Scoutbook. Changes made to merit badge counselor registrations at council will be reflected in Scoutbook within 24 to 48 hours. The following document has been provided to help answer any questions concerning this process, Merit Badge Counselor Automatic Upload to Scoutbook FAQ

They can also obtain a report of merit badge counselors in their unit by clicking on the unit roster and then Print Roster, see the guide here.

For now, we will continue to update the excel spreadsheet at this link once a month. https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/advancement/#MBC

Also, a reminder that everyone who wants to counsel merit badges must be registered as a merit badge counselor and approved for the badge they wish to counsel. Even if they are registered in a unit, district or council position. The instructions on how to register are here: https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/advancement/#MBC
PROGRAM FUNDRAISING

Popcorn Sales!

The Fall Fundraiser has begun! This year’s sale has been adapted to fit within the parameters of a COVID society. Scouts may sell through Online-Direct, which has the popcorn shipped directly to their supporters. Online sales over $30 currently have free shipping, meaning that the only limit to your sales are how many individuals your Scout would like to call, email, visit, or reach out to! Our top individual Scout has sold $7,605 so far on his first year!

With popcorn sales, Scouts earn 35% commission for each item sold. In addition, Scouts earn 8-16% commission in the form of an Amazon gift card, allowing them to choose between thousands of options Online. Additionally, Scouts with sales over $1,500 will earn a $125 credit towards any GCC camp. As an example, a Scout with $1,500 in Online sales will receive about 59.3% commission when all incentives are counted!

In addition… (there are many incentives this year), the first 50 Scouts with sales in all 50 states will get a $150 Amazon gift card bonus, and the first 200 Scouts with 25 states will earn a $50 Amazon credit!

It is not too late for any unit to make a small order and participate in show and sell or get take order forms (or the Trails End app) to collect orders from family and friends, or to get engaged with online sales. Our next order for units is due October 5th. Scouts of any age can participate through online sales by registering at www.trails-end.com. Interested parents or unit leaders should review www.grandcanyonbsa.org/popcorn for more details!

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**Geocaching Duck Hunt**

On December 5th the Cub Scout Program Committee is hosting a geocache Duck Hunt at a park near you! The volunteer committee will arrange for a scavenger hunt to teach Cub Scouts about GPS and geocaching. All you need is a phone or GPS device and to register! Duck Hunts will be at parks in Prescott, Payson, Peoria, Tempe, Queen Creek, Scottsdale, and Phoenix. They will run from 8am to 3pm, with time slots arranged in 15-minute increments, allowing Cub Scouts and their family to learn through this self-guided program in a social distance format! The Duck Hunt should last around an hour. To find out more, or to register, please visit www.grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar.

**Halloween Spectacular**

Join us for the Halloween Spectacular at the Heard Scout Pueblo! On October 17th from 4:00 to 8:30pm we will be hosting fall fun for Cub Scouts, including games, booths, campfire s’mores and skits, a costume contest, and more! Packs may register to host a booth, which gives them four free admissions, two for adults and two for Cubs! If you would like to participate, do not hesitate! This event requires a minimum of 20 registrants by Oct. 1st, or else it may be canceled. To find out more or to register, please visit www.grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar.

**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.
Cub Scout Family Camp – Hosted by Order of the Arrow

All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to participate in the upcoming Cub Scout Family Camp Weekends, hosted by Order of the Arrow. During the mornings, Cubs and their families will have the opportunity to listen to Native American stories and play traditional games from Native American cultures. The afternoon will feature crafts and activities, including crafting bows and arrows, small teepees, and drums. After dinner, the Order of the Arrow will host a campfire! There will be two weekends and two camps to choose from:

- October 2-4  Camp Raymond, Flagstaff, AZ
- October 23-25 R-C Scout Ranch, Payson, AZ

There will be two weekends and two camps to choose from:

Participant fees are $20 per youth, $15 per adult, and $10 for OA staff. Fees include lunch and dinner on Saturday, programs, and program materials. Participants are to provide their own meal on Friday and breakfasts. If you are interested in attending, please be sure to register as soon as you can! Events will be canceled if there is low participation.

Cub Scout Shooting Sports Day

On Nov. 21st Grand Canyon Council will be hosting our first ever Cub Scouts Shooting Sports Day! At this event, Cub Scouts will be able to earn their shooting sports patch and pins for BB guns, archery, and sling-shot! These awards can only be earned at Council and District events, so do not hesitate to sign up! This event will sell out. Cub Scout Shooting Sports day is Nov. 21st, from 8am to 5:15pm. Registration is $25. Sign up by visiting www.grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar.

Cub Scout Holiday at the Heard

Cub Scouts will have a day of reindeer games and crafts at the Elves’ Workshop at the Heard Scout Pueblo on Dec. 19th, from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Games include gingerbread golf, a penguin race, Santa’s cookies, and more! Cub Scouts can also make crafts and gifts for family and friends for the holidays!

Registration is currently open, and can be found at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar. Youth registration is $35, with $5 registration for adults. Please do not hesitate to show your interest, our volunteer leadership team needs to know how many participants are joining in on the fun! This event may be discontinued if there are less than 25 participants by Dec. 1s.
**Annual 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. *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**

The west Phoenix area near Peoria and 35th Avenues was the scene for the 2019 Ten Commandment Hike. The hike started at Trinity Bible Church and moved to St. Jerome Catholic Church next door. Additional stops included Westown First Southern Baptist Church, the Moon Valley Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Northminster Presbyterian, Shepherd of the Valley United Methodist Church and St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church. Participants also enjoyed presentations about the Jewish faith, Islam and Hindu faith traditions.

**FUN FACT**

For several days prior to last year’s Ten Commandment Hike, rain drenched the Phoenix area. In fact, it was pouring rain even as guests were checking in with their umbrellas in hand. During the opening ceremony, everyone prayed for the rain to stop and a few minutes later, when the group ventured outside to go to the next stop on the 5 mile route, the rain had stopped and it was a sunny, beautiful day! A similar event occurred in 2003 when the congregation’s prayers were answered, and a rainbow was visible in the sky.

**R-C Ranch Winter Blast Provisional Leadership!**

A Different Type of Scouts BSA 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!
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

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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).
Fundraiser Flap Released

Wipala Wiki lodge is offering a new flap for our Patches with a Purpose program! We are offering sales of an all Pink lodge flap with proceeds benefiting Wigged Out. Wigged Out Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, which is dedicated to assisting residents of the Phoenix metropolitan area and surrounding regions who are in need of a wig, hairpiece, hair accessories, etc. due to the effects of a documented medical condition. You can learn more about Wigged Out here: [http://wiggedout.org/our-story/](http://wiggedout.org/our-story/)

Patches are on sale in our [Online store](#) along with a number of other new items including face-masks, belt buckles, and more!

OA Award and Vigil Honor Nominations

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/](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.

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

Cub Scout Family Camp

All Cub Scouts and their families are invited to participate in the upcoming Cub Scout Family Camp Weekends, hosted by Order of the Arrow. During the mornings, Cubs and their families will have the opportunity to listen to Native American stories and play traditional games from Native American cultures. The afternoon will feature crafts and activities, including crafting bows and arrows, small teepees, and drums. After dinner, the Order of the Arrow will host a campfire! There will be two weekends and two camps:

- October 2-4 Camp Raymond, Flagstaff, AZ
- October 23-25 R-C Scout Ranch, Payson, AZ

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!
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.

2020 Vigil Class Inducted at Camp Geronimo
On Sunday, August 30th, part of the 2020 called-out Vigil Class stood their Vigil at Camp Geronimo. This was our first Vigil induction at a lodge event in quite some time. We want to congratulate all of these Brothers on their induction and thank the Riely and Tyler for serving in a ceremony role and on the Vigil Committee. We want to thank our Culinary Team too! Cathy Catalfo (Lead Adviser), Kevin Catalfo, James Bradley, Colin Dunlop, Kieran D., and Mike Forrest!

2020 Vigil Class
Sutton B. One who Advocates Our Cause
Benjamin F. One Who Leads With A Drum
Nick G. Outdoors Enthusiast
Caleb L. Quiet Leader
Izaak Rohman Eagle To All
Tim Richard Excellent Listener
Angel L. Ortiz Wise Leader Who Gives
Emilio M. Friendly Runner
Benjamin P. Patient One.
John McKenna Bear Chief Who Cares
Ross Lemire Leader Of All
Carl Gebhardt Prepared Leader

Lodge Top Shot Winners from our August Fellowship. They won this special patch too! Congratulations to John Drogosz, Riely Bradley, and Kieran Dunlop.
Commissioners Corner

Recharter Update - Central District is at 86% completion with Recharter needs as of Friday, September 4th. As a District, we are ranked 2nd out of all Grand Canyon Council districts. Outstanding!

Units with outstanding trained leader percentage

Congratulations to Jessica Cosner, Pack 340 and Ralph McCloskey, Troop 340, Charter organization, Saint Thomas the Apostle for outstanding trained leader percentage!

Troop 41’s newest Eagle Scout!

Congratulations to Sam Benavidez! Sam had his district board of review for Eagle last Thursday via Zoom. Sam Benavidez is Troop 41’s first Eagle Scout during the COVID-19 pandemic. Brian Cook, Scoutmaster.

CENTRAL’S NEWEST EAGLES

Congratulations to Central’s district’s newest Eagle Scouts:

- **Matthew Smalley**, Troop 446
  Project: Seton Hall Improvements - 180 hrs

- **Michael Fischer**, Troop 127
  Project: Growing Together Garden Beds - 193.25 hrs

- **Luca Sebastian Prozzillo**, Troop 401
  Project: Taliesin West Trail Building - 308 hrs
Scout Me In Day featured in Bear Essential News!

Scout Me In Day is a single day promoted by local Packs and Grand Canyon Council for Packs to host a two-hour event at a park near you! Families with kids in grades K–5 can go to a park to enjoy a fun and fabulous Cub Scout activity and learn what their neighborhood Cub Scout Pack has to offer all while steps to prevent COVID are being taken. “All of the activities—all the fun they have—they’re designed to build character and resource-fulness in our youth, points out Doug Bergman, Central’s District Director.

Pack 276 Halitosis Dragon Skit

A fun Skit for our virtual Pack meeting. The Halitosis Dragon was born in 2007. It was a remake of “The Worlds Ugliest Man” skit. Created by Pack 276, Den 1 for a Knight themed Summer Day Camp. They also performed it at pack meetings and at school talent show. The original cast Travis, Blake (the original dragon), Derick, Garrett, Adam & Alex are now 21 years old. It was fun to recreate the skit with these stars! The legend lives on! Thanks, Sandy, Sabrina & scouts!

CLICK TO WATCH THE SKIT
Gila River District Chair Update from Kent Thomas

Fall is here and Christmas right around the corner. There is anticipation and energy in the air – a pent-up need to start getting youth off the computer and gaming systems and start getting them face to face in the outdoors. That means it is time to TAKE BACK SCOUTING. I just had an opportunity to attend the OA Vigil ceremony as a sponsor. It was conducted in a COVID-safe manner and I experienced a COVID-free weekend of outdoor camping, shooting, dining and hiking – along with a patch bonanza at the trading post – and it was glorious for someone who loves being outdoors and has continued to be outdoors responsibly in 110 degree weather! The OA successfully recently held the September Ordeal, the council will be hosting Leadership Inspired in November and GCC is sponsoring Pack’s to Scout Me In at the end of September. All of these are great examples of outdoor face to face activities to meet the need and accommodate the anticipation and pent-up energy.

Gila River District is planning to Take Back Scouting with our Fall outings – the first-ever October Colorado River Run hosted by units in Yuma and the District Pinewood Derby on Halloween hosted by units in Chandler. This will be balanced by virtual meetings that are administration in nature – such as Annual Planning and Roundtable – in order to be as inclusive as possible for our volunteers in Yuma and Casa Grande.

If your COR has not forbidden your unit to meet face to face, I recommend to every unit get outdoors, get face to face in a S.A.F.E. manner with the utmost attention to the health and welfare of all participating in order to TAKE BACK SCOUTING. I realize it requires extra work planning the event, but Scouting is experiential learning. The pandemic has lasted longer than most anticipated - it is now time to be thinking in terms of learning to live in a COVID world. Scouting cannot afford to be put on hold or postponed if we volunteers are staying focused on delivering the Promise of Scouting – the need is now to offer parents personal choice with face to face offerings.

Let’s TAKE BACK SCOUTING together and be an example of how to do it safely. It is an aspect of Civic Service that we can shine a light on during difficult times.

Gila River District’s Newest Eagles

Congratulations to Gila River district’s newest Eagle Scouts, James Egelston, Troop 389, Maricopa and Clayton Diggs, Troop 278, Phoenix.

Know a Volunteer Deserving of Recognition? Nominate Them!

Grand Canyon Council presents four honors to Scouters and one to non-Scouters each year. We recommend starting the nomination process earlier so that you have time to gather any required information. Nominations are due October 15th of each year.

Cub Scouts Can Code added to our Online STEM Program

The NOVA and SUPERNOVA Awards program incorporates age appropriate learning for Cub Scouts that includes inspiring activities and exposure to science, technology, engineering and mathematics!

Virtual Cub Scout Adventure

Bears and their grown ups! You are invited to join us Saturday, September 26, 2020 at 3:00pm to 4:00pm to earn the Bears Roaring Laughter Loop. This will be a virtual meeting and should be a “roaring” good time!
Gila River District Pinewood Derby

Rev up those engines and get ready to have fun racing your Pinewood Derby car at our District Pinewood Derby! The event is all day Saturday, October 31, 2020---Halloween! at the Boy Scout Outdoor Skills area at Desert Breeze Park in Chandler. There will be a schedule indicating the race times for each Cub Scout level. We have prizes for each level and the overall District winners! Also, a prize for the best Halloween themed car! Make a new one or bring an old car but come and have fun! But wait! There’s more! We will also work on the STEM/Nova Science Everywhere module where Scouts will race special cars on an extra track and do a scientific experiment! We will also offer the YOYO Adventure Loop and your scout can learn the great art of yo-yo-ing.

Mark your calendar and save the date! Watch for registration details! Coming soon!

Webelos Build My Own Hero Elective Virtual Adventure

Webelos and your grown ups! You are invited to join us Saturday, October 3, 2020 at 3:00pm to 4:00pm to earn the Webelos Build My Own Hero Elective Adventure.

NOVEMBER 11, 2020
TEMPLE VETERAN’S DAY PARADE

OA lodge level Awards and Vigil Honor nominations

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VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR THE LASTEST GILA RIVER DISTRICT NEWS!
Gila River Watershed Partnership

Some members of the female Scouts BSA Troop 3738, and Pack and Troop 5133, partnered with the Gila River Watershed Partnership to clean the banks of the San Francisco River that flows through Clifton, AZ.
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!

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!

Ponderosa Fall Camporee

- November 6-8, 2020
- Bradshaw Pines Camp, Prescott
- 8 Events, Campfire, Scout fun in the pines
- Cost: $15 Scouts/$5 for adults

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Pinnacle Peak District

It has been a crazy year and with that, many changes came to our annual district events. In early October we are excited to conduct Cub Spooktacular, our first Virtual Cub Day Camp in a Box. If you would like to learn more, please visit our website at tinyurl.com/ppcubcamp. If you missed the registration deadline and would like to see if we have space left, please contact us right away to see if we can get you included.

One of our events that has seen some changes but is still set on is our annual fall camporee for our Troops, Crews, and Ships across the entire council. Safety and COVID precautions have been made following much of what was in place at Geronimo’s Summer Camp earlier this year. Led by chair John McLellan and our

Order of the Arrow Chapter, the Black Mountain Chapter, under the direction of Chapter Chief Josh Altmann this is set to be a great year! They have activities galore! Rifle shooting, Tomahawk throwing, Bullwhip Demo, Orienteering, Pioneering, First aid. Perfect weather is on order under the shadow of the Mogollon Rim in the shade of the trees. Their enthusiastic staff is ready for what will be a great, Frontier themed weekend.

It’s important that you and your troop register today to save your spot and lay the way for our plans. Learn more and register at bit.ly/frontieroree

The camporee will also include an IOLS training for adults. More information and registration for the IOLS at the camporee can be found here, https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020FallPinnaclePeakIOLS.

Pinnacle Peak’s Newest Eagle Scouts

Congratulations to Pinnacle Peaks district’s newest Eagle Scouts: George Kenneth Mersiowsky, Troop 818 in Scottsdale, project Moving Audrey Angels Online, Colby Heuser, Troop 648 in Scottsdale, project Transevaporation Trail Bedding, Brian Adam Entrekin, Troop 252 in Paradise Valley, project Refugee Aid, Joshua Mark Bucks, Troop 109 of Scottsdale, project Close Quarters Battle Shoot House, Connor Paul Brunsman, Troop 131 in Scottsdale, project New Pathways for Youth and, Wesley Evan Bergman, Troop 439 in New River, project Atonement Lutheran Garden. Congratulations Eagle Scouts!
2020 PINNACLE PEAK DISTRICT
Frontier-o-ree
Camp Geronimo
Oct. 23rd - 25th

The Frontier Needs You.
REGISTER NOW!
SONORAN SUNSET
DISTRICT

SONORAN SUNSET SCOUTS ARE PROVIDING SERVICE

Troop 299 – Wickenburg, AZ
On Saturday, August 29th, members of Troop 299, Wickenburg, Az., participated in a service project at the Hassayampa River Preserve, a Maricopa County Park located in Wickenburg. The scouts took on the work to replace a worn-down picket fence that protects the grave site of the Martin Family. The family was killed, and the remains were brought to this site where they were buried by the landowner at that time.

The scouts and leaders removed the old fence, cleaned the area around the site and trimmed the trees as needed. The materials were provided by the county park and the Hassayampa River Preserve staff provided a background talk about the site and the surrounding area. Stuart Lerman, Unit Commissioner

SONORAN SUNSET’S NEWEST EAGLES


Sonoran Sunset has a new Website!

Sonoran Sunset is a district in the Grand Canyon Council. We’ve partnered with Council to redesign our website to have a similar brand as Council. We also have a new link: https://sonoransunset.grandcanyonbsa.org/. If you have links saved to our previous site you will need to delete them.

Training and Leadership
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. If you have additional questions please contact David Charron, nepfca48@cox.net

REGISTER HERE

www.GrandCanyonBSA.org
Meet Sydney

We would like to introduce the newest scout to Sonoran Sunset District—Sydney. Sydney and his family just moved into our area and is excited to learn about Arizona and the Grand Canyon Council. Both Sydney’s parents are members of the US Military and have served overseas. Sydney has seen so many wonderful sites and been on many special overseas adventures. Our new scout has an outgoing, friendly character and desire to make new friends and share exciting new adventures and discoveries.

Each month Sydney will travel to visit one of the Cub Scout Packs in the Sonoran Sunset District and share in their activities and adventures. The pack leaders will attend our District Roundtable with Sydney and share what they have done with the pack and the wonderful times they had. Sydney will choose which pack to visit next based on the attendance at Roundtable. The pack with the most attendance at roundtable will get to share their time with Sydney for the next month. Sydney is so excited to spend time with the Cub Scouts in our District that we have decided to sponsor a “Sydney” award at the end of the year to the pack with the most exciting adventures. Throughout the year packs will be able to load pictures/videos and stories to a google drive dedicated to Sydney’s scrapbook. We will publish these as part of our district newsletter and also submit them for publication with the Grand Canyon Council Newsletter. Scouts will get to share their experiences and adventures with other scouts throughout our district and council and see themselves in print! At the end of the year Sydney plans to create a video scrapbook to share with all the packs visited.

For the month of September Sydney will be spending time with Cub Scout Pack 129. They are so excited, and Sydney is even more so because they have some outdoor activities planned. If you would like to find out more about Sydney, attend the Sonoran Sunset District Roundtable the first Thursday of every month. You can also visit the Sonoran Sunset Facebook page or the Website at: https://sonoransunset.grandcanyonbsa.org/. Written by Karen J Meury, Sonoran Sunset Roundtable Commissioner

Sonoran Sunset Annual Planning Conference

October 10 8:00am – 4:00pm, location TBD. The APC is an all-day conference to plan Sonoran Sunset goals, program and brainstorm ideas to improve Scouting in the district. Use this opportunity to provide input on how you think Sonoran Sunset should Just Connect! with Scouts, Scout leadership and the community. This planning conference will set the district goals for 2021, plan program dates and look for ideas and solutions to problems we face as a district. All district leaders are welcome to come and contribute to this planning conference.

Volunteer!

We’d like to welcome you to the team! Share your skills with our Scout community and become a District Committee member or Commissioner. We are looking for a Program Chair, Popcorn Kernel, Friends of Scouting Chair, Membership Chair, Metrics Chair, Committee Members for all committees and event coordinators. Are you up for the challenge of building a great district-wide youth program?

Fireside Chat

Leaders, pull up a chair to our campfire, come chat and share stories about leadership, join our fireside chat, join our fireside chat: https://www.facebook.com/groups/fireside.chat.ssleaders/
Aviation Exploring Post #352

Our Aviation Exploring Post #352 out at Falcon Field in Mesa, Arizona has two new pilots! Santiago Connolly, age 19. He earned his Private Pilot’s License on Aug. 26th, 2020. In the Cessna 172! Also, Blake Campos, age 16, who soloed our Piper Cherokee for the first time on Aug. 29th, 2020! Congratulations to these two gentlemen!

Deanna Mankins
District Executive Pinnacle Peak/Maricopa Exploring
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

HEARD SCOUT PUEBLO
1901 E DOBBINS RD
PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85042
DEANNA MANKINS
602-955-7747 EXT 251
DEANNA.MANKINS@SCOUTING.ORG
Council Service Center remains closed to the Public
Information on Grand Canyon Council’s response to COVID-19 can be found [here](#).

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