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## INTRODUCING REGULAR SCOUT SHOP HOURS

HEARD SCOUT PUEBLO TRADING POST

### Our Standard Scout Shop Operating Hours are Here!

You can visit our Scout Shop at the Heard Scout Pueblo Trading Post from Tuesday to Saturday, 10 AM to 6 PM. Drop by at your convenience and explore a carefully curated selection of essential uniform items.

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## MESSAGE FROM SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Howdy!

Just a short while ago, Scouts and leaders from our council attended the National Scout Jamboree at The Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, and they had a blast meeting Scouts from around the United States, made friendships that will last a lifetime, and experienced all kinds of outdoor adventure. Our Scouts got to experience mountain biking, BMX racing, zip lines, and more. The next Jamboree date hasn't been announced yet, but keep your eyes peeled for an announcement; Jamboree typically comes around only once every four years, and it takes time to plan and save.



Next year, the National Order of the Arrow Conference will come out west and Arrowmen from across BSA will converge at the University of Colorado Boulder for a week of training, competition, and fellowship. If you've never attended a NOAC, you're in for a treat. Reach out to our lodge leadership team if you have interest in attending.

Summer has just wrapped up but we're already planning for a fun, exciting, and safe 2024 summer camping season. Registration is open for Geronimo and our best troops have already planned their 2023-2024 programs and have signed up to join us. We're working on new and exciting Cub Scout programs that will be offered at Camp Raymond – stay tuned for announcements coming later this fall.

Lastly, with the recharter process just behind us, a reminder that new Scouts are the lifeblood of Scouting. Every unit should be working with their district membership team, Unit Commissioner, and District Executive to plan and execute a high-quality marketing and recruiting effort to invite new youth to join Scouting. Recruitment is among the most important functions that unit committees oversee and there are a variety of tools in our recruiting toolkit based on best methods from units across the United States. If you need additional support, please let us know.

Thanks,

*Andy*



## TROOP 4: CREATING PATHS TO SUCCESS

**For 16 incredible years, this ScoutReach program has transformed the lives of over 360 youth. Led by Scoutmaster Nancy Welton, Troop 4 imparts Scouting values, life skills, teamwork, and leadership development.**

Troop 4 is an outreach program that serves the Adobe Mountain School, a secure facility under the guidance of the Arizona Department of Juvenile Corrections (ADJC). For the past 16 years, Troop 4 has introduced the values of Scouting to approximately 360 Scouts.

Under the leadership of Scoutmaster Nancy Welton, Troop 4 is instilling the aims and methods of Scouting. From Scout skills, team building, mentoring, and leadership development, the troop is helping its members realize their potential and find a better path in life. Nancy is a founding member of Troop 4 and emphasizes that the Scouts of Troop 4 are ordinary teenagers who have found themselves entangled in a web of poor decisions. Troop 4 allows these young individuals to learn essential life skills, work as a team, solve problems, resist negative peer influences, and ultimately return to society as improved versions of themselves.

Allyn Calhoun, an integral member of Troop 4, highlights the unique environment the program provides for these youth. At Adobe Mountain School, they are known by their last names, but within Troop 4, they are addressed by their first names. This small but significant change underscores the emphasis on the individual and creates an environment where they are recognized as persons, not just numbers. As the Scouts attend more meetings and engage in Scouting activities, the values of the organization become more natural to them. Over time, their transformation becomes evident as they embrace personal growth, becoming more open, positive, and receptive to new possibilities.

Avery Thresher, another dedicated member of Troop 4, emphasizes the program's focus on teaching the youth about the outdoors, life skills, survival, and the power of choice.

The motivation behind the involvement of Troop 4 committee members like Nancy, Allyn, and Avery is as inspiring as the program itself. Nancy recounts how she initially became involved after hearing a District Scout Executive appeal for help in starting a Troop at Adobe Mountain School. When no one else stepped forward, her conviction, driven by her faith, led her to embrace the opportunity. Little did she know that she would become the founding Scoutmaster of Troop 4.

During a Wood Badge training session, Allyn was moved by Nancy's words and decided to make a "one-time" visit to Troop 4. Witnessing the adjudicated youth being given an opportunity to be kids, to enjoy the same experiences as their peers on the outside compelled him to continue his involvement.

Over the years, Troop 4 committee members have witnessed firsthand the growth and development of the Scouts in Troop 4. Nancy highlights that being selected as a potential Scout at Adobe Mountain School indicates that the youth are meeting established metrics in terms of behavior, attitude, and treatment plans. The transformation these Scouts undergo is unique as they gradually shed their skepticism and embrace Scouting. Allyn observes how the youth learn to work together, develop leadership skills, and experience the power of being part of a team, even when faced with the constraints of their environment.

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COUNCIL HONOR AWARD RECIPIENT OF 2022

**Recognizing Mike Gerlach’s Outstanding Contributions: A North Star Award for His Dedication to Scouting and Camp Development**

**R. MICHAEL C. GERLACH, COUNCIL  
North Star 2022**



We are pleased to recognize and award Mike Gerlach the North Star for generously volunteering his professional time to support GCC properties. The North Star award is given to a non-Scouter (not

currently registered as a Scouter) to recognize their significant service and contributions in the Council. Mike’s contributions have been instrumental to the success of our Scout camps and the Scout families that enjoy them.

Mike is the proud father of two Eagle Scouts, supporting both of his children through Cub Scouts, and eventually served as the Scoutmaster of their very active troop. Mike’s professional knowledge and extensive experience with erosion control + engineering + Council camps led him to volunteering to help with our council’s properties. Mike joined forces with us to determine how to patch the Geronimo Dam and wrote a grant to cover the cost of engineering a new dam. He

served as the primary engineer designing the Master Erosion Plan for Geronimo and provided invaluable service by helping our Council submit required reports, along with overseeing the project and spending multiple days teaching Scouts how to install various erosion structures. After over 22,000 volunteer hours, despite Covid and the bankruptcy, he led the implementation of this plan.

In addition, Mike graciously agreed to chair the Camp Raymond Master Planning Committee to help develop documents to support and organize our group. We recently received a grant to create a master water plan for Geronimo and Mike is serving in a role that will consume many hours and time at camp.

Volunteering his service on the Board of the Arizona Civil Engineering Association and the Presbyterian Church, as well as donating his time to a religious camp, Mont Lure, Mike’s unwavering support of Scouting in the Grand Canyon Council is on firm and solid ground! We are very happy to award Mike Gerlach the North Star Award for everything he represents in his service to Scouting in our Council! Congratulations, Mike!



**Celebration of Life for Roy Kamisugi**

We regret the passing of Roy Kamisugi, a long time former District Executive in the Grand Canyon Council. Prior to being here he had served BSA in the Pacific Harbors Council (Tacoma WA) and in the Long Beach Area Council (Long Beach, CA). Roy also served as the President of Kiwanis Club of Phoenix. There will be a Celebration of Life for Roy on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 2pm. To attend rsvp to Virginia at [abbotrabbit1@gmail.com](mailto:abbotrabbit1@gmail.com). Instead of flowers donations can be made to the Grand Canyon Council, BSA in honor of Roy.

## Know a Volunteer Deserving of Recognition? Nominate them!

Every year, the Grand Canyon Council and its districts honor outstanding volunteers for their exceptional service to youth and Scouting. This event celebrates how Scouting positively influences young people and society. We acknowledge those who lead through service and set strong examples for everyone.



**Do you know someone who deserves this recognition? Nominate them for a Grand Canyon Council Honor! There are four awards for current Scouters and one for non-Scouters.**

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

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

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

The *District Award of Merit*, bestowed by the Council Court of Honor on a registered Scouter for noteworthy service to youth on a district basis.

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

Learn about these Council Honors and nominate a deserving individual at <https://support.grandcanyonbsa.org/main/council-awards/>. It has information about the awards, FAQs, and even an on-line nomination form for the Silver Beaver, Distinguished Service Star or Meritorious Service Star! Without your help, the council may not learn about the great service of our volunteers. So, take a moment and consider someone deserving of special Council recognition! ***The deadline for nominations is October 15, 2023.***

**Our Council Honors Recognition Celebration and Reception where everyone is welcome to celebrate our volunteers and their families, will be held at our Winter Homecoming at the Heard Scout Pueblo on Saturday, February 10 at 2:00 pm.**



## The “Scout of the Year” Award: Recognizing Excellence

Nomination and Application Deadline: October 31, 2023

The Grand Canyon Council BSA is pleased to present the “Scout of the Year” award—a distinguished recognition that spotlights remarkable Scouts who have showcased exceptional Scout spirit, leadership, heroism, community service, or citizenship within their Scout unit or personal lives. This award celebrates true Scout spirit, and we’re excited to recognize these exceptional individuals.

Like last year, adult leaders can nominate a Scout of the Year. This year, we’re now allowing Scouts to apply themselves! Plus, we’ve made it even easier with our online nomination and application forms. Even better, we’re now allowing video submissions! Remember to keep it brief, just like the suggested 500-word limit for the nomination and application written section.

**How to Nominate a Scout of the Year as a Unit Leader:** If you’ve witnessed a Scout who goes above and beyond, someone whose actions and character resonate with the values of Scouting, now is the time to acknowledge their contributions. Fill out the “[Scout of the Year Award Nomination Form](#),” highlighting the exceptional qualities and accomplishments of the deserving Scout. Your insights can help us celebrate the individuals who have gone above and beyond.

**How to Apply for the Scout of the Year Award as a Youth:** For the Scouts who have shown exceptional dedication and commitment, we encourage you to step forward and apply for the “Scout of the Year” award. Utilize the “[Scout of the Year Award Application Form](#)” to share your experiences, achievements, and aspirations. This is your chance to showcase how you’ve incorporated the Scout values into your everyday life.

**The Journey of a Scout of the Year:** The selected Scouts of the Year will take center stage throughout the 2024 Scouting year. Their remarkable stories will be showcased in a series of videos, providing a platform for their achievements to inspire others. To kickstart this exciting journey, selected Scouts will participate in a video shoot in early November 2023, at the Heard Scout Pueblo (1901 E Dobbins Road, Phoenix, AZ 85042).

These extraordinary Scouts will also be honored at various Grand Canyon Council BSA events. They will feature in our monthly newsletter, the HUB, as well as other GCC publications. As a commitment to their dedication, the Scouts will agree to attend at least two council events during 2024 and a council Executive Board Meeting. [Learn More >>](#)



Recruitment

Ready, Set, Grow: Rev Up Your Pack’s Success with FREE Pinewood Derby Cars!



Grow your pack and score FREE Pinewood Derby cars! Achieve 25% growth by September 30 for 100% off. Hit 15% growth for a 50% discount! Qualifying units get redemption in October. Contact your District Executive now and rev up your pack’s success journey!

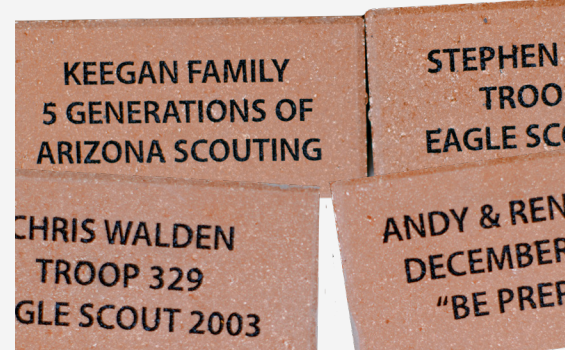
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Welcoming New Families: From Flyers to Event Support



It’s that time of year...time to invite new families to experience the fun and excitement only Scouting can provide! Review the growing list of new recruiting materials and start using them now! We are excited to support your recruitment efforts. We’ll help you print recruitment materials and are here to assist on the big day too! Contact your District Executive now for this support. Don’t hesitate to request your recruitment flyers and Facebook event ads!

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DONATE A BRICK

The Dave Alexander Leadership Plaza

Over the next several years, planned improvements to the Heard Scout Pueblo will transform it into a premier facility – “Adventure Base Phoenix.” The Heard Scout Pueblo will become the center of Scouting in Phoenix. To help construct the leadership plaza and fund our master planning process, we hope you will join Dave Alexander and his vision by purchasing a commemorative brick paver. All funds generated will be used to help fund the master plan. Thank you for all you do for scouting! If you have any questions, please get in touch with the Scout Office at (602) 955-7747, ext 221.

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Health & Safety

Safety Moments

Safety Moments are exactly what the name implies: opportunities to prepare for an activity, review safety measures and report incidents correctly. Topics of this series include incident reporting help, heat related injuries, safety afloat, how to review an AMHR. And more. [View Safety Moments on the HUB >>](#)

Merit Badges

## New Upcoming Merit Badge Workshops

Explore a variety of badges: From Photography and Weather to Personal Management.

[VIEW CALENDAR](#)



### Nuclear Science Merit Badge with APS

Sept. 16, 2023

Grand Canyon Council BSA and APS will be offering a **Nuclear Science Merit Badge workshop on September 16, 2023** at the Palo Verde Energy Education Center in Buckeye. **This event is not offered often and we expect it to fill up.** Please register early! [Register Now >>](#)

### Units & Earning

#### Kernel Update

The 2023 Popcorn Unit Fundraiser is here! Stay up to date on the HUB Unit Fundraising Channel. [View Now >>](#)

Shooting Sports



### Upcoming Shooting Sports You Don't Want to Miss!

#### Open Shoot for Rifle

We hope you all enjoyed honing your skills with those .22 rifles during our exciting Summer Camp! If you're eager for more action, we have fantastic news! **Mark your calendars for September 15-16, Open Shoot Rifle at the Heard Scout Pueblo!** [Register Now >>](#)

#### Archery Open Shoot

Work on your Archery Merit Badge! Cub Scouts can work on their Archery Skills! **Archery Open Shoot at the Heard Scout Pueblo begins Saturday, September 23.** [Register Now >>](#)

#### Shotgun Open Shoot at Casa Grande Trap & Skeet

For those who are interested, we've got a shotgun open shoot/merit badge class lined up for October 21 at Casa Grande Trap & Skeet. It's an excellent chance to broaden your skillsets and earn that badge. [Register Now >>](#)

#### Open Shoot for Rifle/BB

Join us for open shoot for rifle and BB October 21. Each session begins with a thorough safety briefing. BB Rifle open shoots are available for Cub Scouts ages 7 and above. [Register Now >>](#)



### Join us at Camp Kaibab: Out of this world

Mark your calendars for an unforgettable weekend of family fun, September 15-17, 2023, at Camp Kaibab! Cub Scouts and their families are invited! Camp Kaibab offers a variety of activities for Scouts and their families. From archery and BB gun shooting to handicrafts and more, promising an action-packed weekend!

[REGISTER NOW](#)



## Become a Sponsor! Take Your Aim, Make an Impact

The Grand Canyon Council BSA is sponsoring a premier sporting clays event unlike any other; held in the second largest shooting range in Arizona! Join us for a day of friendly competition where teams will shoot 75 rounds of sporting clays at 13 stations. If that isn't enough, there will also be individual shooting activities, great food, and over \$2,500 worth of raffle items!

All proceeds from this event will benefit over 6,000 young men and women participating in Scouting programs throughout most of central and northern

Arizona. Are you and your business looking to sponsor our Sporting Clays event? We have several different sponsorship opportunities available!

Please contact Mario Atkins with any questions at [mario.atkins@scouting.org](mailto:mario.atkins@scouting.org) or at 602-955-7747, ext. 218. 2023

Sporting Clays Tournament  
October 27, 2023

Rio Salado Sportsman's Club

[REGISTER NOW](#)

## Scout Nights


**GRAND CANYON COUNCIL**  
 Boy Scouts of America

**SUN DEVIL FOOTBALL VS FRESNO STATE**



## Discounted tickets for Scouts, family, & friends!

**Check out the growing list of new Scout Nights!** For most Scout Nights, a portion of the proceeds from every ticket sold will benefit the Grand Canyon Council BSA!

### Sun Devil Football

Sun Devil Football is excited to invite Grand Canyon Council BSA to Sun Devil Football vs. Fresno State on **Saturday, September 16, 2023**, at Sun Devil Stadium. [Get Tickets >>](#)

### The Arizona Diamondbacks

The Arizona Diamondbacks invite all Scouts, their families, and friends to enjoy Scout Night at the Ballpark on **Saturday, September 30**, vs. the Houston Astros. [Get Tickets >>](#)

### The Arizona Cardinals

With your friends and family, enjoy access to exclusive ticket offers for the Arizona Cardinals game against the Cincinnati Bengals on **Sunday, October 8, 2023!** [Get Tickets >>](#)

### NASCAR Championship Xfinity

Bring the WHOLE family for a fun day at Phoenix Raceway's NASCAR Championship Weekend on **November 4, 2023.** [Get Tickets >>](#)

# 2023 SPORTING CLAYS TOURNAMENT

## TEAM LEVELS



### TAKE YOUR AIM MAKE AN IMPACT!

**Friday, October 27, 2023**  
 Rio Salado Sportsman's Club  
 3960 Uesry Pass Road  
 Mesa AZ, 85207

**Sporting Clays Schedule:**  
 Registration & Breakfast: 7:30  
 75 Round Sporting Clays: 8:00AM-12:00PM  
\*Event may be broken up into flights depending on number of teams\*  
 Catered Lunch 11:00 – 1:00  
 Awards: 1:00

The Grand Canyon Council, BSA is an independent nonprofit organization chartered by the Boy Scouts of America. Scouting benefits its members, their communities, and the future by helping youth build character, learn teamwork, and grow into inspired leaders. In Scouting, every new adventure, every campout, and every badge is a chance to learn new skills and gain new experiences.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

### EAGLE TEAM - \$5,000

- Two 4-person teams
- Promotional Marketing
  - » Name & Logo on one station sign & event program

### LIFE TEAM - \$2,700

- One 4-person team

### STAR TEAM - \$1,500

- One 2-person team

### INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT - \$750



## FALL HOMECOMING AND AKELA COLLEGE FOR DEN LEADERS AND CUB MASTERS

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### NRA Basic Instructor Training

Sept. 14, 2023

This course will also be open for folks that may not be interested in Rifle Instructor, but have a desire to obtain the shotgun/pistol instructor course. [Learn More >>](#)

### Troop Advancement Training

Sept 11, 2023

Join our Troop Advancement Training virtual class on Sept 11, 2023, at 6:30 PM. It's free! Open to troop leaders, committee members, and parents. [Learn More >>](#)

### Pack-Cub Scout Advancement Training

Sept 28, 2023

Join our Cub Scout Advancement Training virtual class on Sept 28, 2023, at 6:30 PM – and it's free! Geared towards Pack leaders, committee members, den leaders, and parents. [Learn More >>](#)

### Fall High Adventure Trek Training (HATT)

Oct. 14, 2023

H.A.T. is a high adventure training course for adults to help them plan and prepare for a high adventure outing for their Troop, Crew, or Ship. All registered adult Scouters are welcome to attend. [Learn More >>](#)

### Wilderness First Aid CPR & AED Course

Nov. 11, 2023

The Grand Canyon Council plans to facilitate a “Blended” Wilderness First Aid and CPR & AED Course at the Heard Scout Pueblo in November.

[Learn More >>](#)

### Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills Training (IOLS)

Nov. 04, 2023

This is a one-time required training only available in person. Any Scout BSA leader wishing to learn the necessary skills along with training tips and tricks for the Scout Ranks, Boy Scout through First Class.

[Learn More >>](#)

### Upcoming Events:

Always view the GCC calendar at [grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar](https://grandcanyonbsa.org/calendar) for upcoming events and training opportunities!

## Central District Welcomes Four New Eagles Scouts

Central District celebrates four Eagle Scouts to the rank this month. Here we introduce these four incredible young men and their project:

Andrew L. from Troop 6 worked with Box of Balloons for kids in need, assembling and collecting items to create multiple themed and personalized Birthday Boxes to distribute to children less fortunate, ensuring they experience a memorable Happy Birthday Celebration - making THEIR day a very special day!

Ren L. from Troop 747 partnered with Arizona Association for Foster and Adoptive Parents (AZAFP) and provided 135 Bicycles for Foster Kids where bikes were collected, purchased and refurbished, and then given to kids in foster care who quite often do not have any possessions of their own.

Luke R. from Troop 340 created a Welcome Wall for Sisters of Life where a 42'x6' wall was constructed on the property to provide security and privacy for the women who come to their organization for support and services, making the area more beautiful and welcoming for everyone.

Kale C. from Troop 201 led the Mojave Garden Expansion at Mojave Middle School where Kale attended, supporting the garden club with new planter boxes, irrigation systems and trellises while expanding the science program within the school curriculum leading to physical and intrinsic rewards for students and teachers.

These young men, each in their own way, exemplify leadership, organization, character, teamwork and incredible focus and determination to accomplish their goal to achieve Eagle Scout rank. We wish to thank First United Methodist Church-Phoenix, for hosting our Eagle Boards this month. We sincerely thank the families, volunteers, Scout leaders, friends, family and community who have supported these young men along their Scout journey. We are all so proud of their great accomplishment! Congratulations, Andrew, Ren, Luke and Kale! You did it and remember...the best is yet to come!



WIPALA WIKI LODGE

ORDER OF THE ARROW

### OA Valley (Central) Chapter Update:

As many prepare for back-to-school and end of summer celebrations, several brothers from the Valley Chapter gathered for an evening of friendship and fellowship. As many Scouts and Scouters love to do, we shared a meal, stories and lively conversation, and played cards. What a great way to get together and catch up! Speaking of catching up, there was much discussion about the fall calendar. **Look for Valley Chapter members in attendance at upcoming events including September Ordeal at Camp Geronimo 9/8-10, Section 13 Conclave 10/13-15, Cubs Braves PowWow at Heard Scout Pueblo on 11/18, and the Brotherhood and workday at Heard Scout Pueblo on December 3rd. We hope to see you soon and look forward to welcoming new brothers in September!**



## Alaskan Adventure: Troop 41's Epic Summer through Anchorage, Seward, and Denali

Troop 41 of Phoenix, Arizona, always looks forward to its annual summer trip, but perhaps none as much as the Alaska adventure planned for July 2023. Nearly a year of planning culminated with a 10-day excursion to Anchorage, Seward, and Denali National Park, where Scouts and families would experience the beauty and adventure only Alaska can offer.

Scoutmaster Brian Cook had been to this region of Alaska before, and his travels helped to narrow down the seemingly limitless opportunities. Activities were penciled in, researched, and discussed in terms of cost, travel options, food, and group size. The troop raised money by selling Christmas trees at their lot on 11th Street and Northern Avenue in Phoenix.

Tent camping kept accommodations thrifty and added to the Scout spirit. The large group of 56 people was organized into patrols for cooking, cleaning, and activities. Sleeping outside also offered a unique way to experience the Alaska summer, which comes with variable weather and more than 20 hours of daylight.

The trip began with a flight into Anchorage, Alaska, where the larger group met up with some who had flown in a day earlier to procure rental vans, trailers, and food. After a restful night in a hotel (it would be all tent camping from there on out!), the troop headed to Alyeska Resort for a scenic tram ride to the top of Alyeska Mountain. At an elevation of 2,300 feet, they witnessed frosty views of the Turnagain arm, "hanging" glaciers, and endless peaks deep into the Chugach mountain range.

[READ MORE](#)

## Star Wars Comes to Geronimo!



The Central District is hosting a Fall Camporee, open to all Scouts BSA troops from all districts, Oct 6-8, 2023. We had a patch design contest, and every attendee (Adults and scouts) will receive a patch designed by our contest winner, Scott Beaubien, a 1st Class Scout from Troop 747. Young Jedis (Scouts) attending the Fall Camporee will use The Force to navigate a number of great events throughout the weekend, such as "Raising the X-Wing Fighter". Troops can also compete in the Cantina Dutch Oven Cookoff Contest. Will YOUR main dish or dessert be the winner we are looking for? Feel free to wear Star Wars costumes to the Moon of Endor (Camp Geronimo). We hope that troops from throughout the Rebel Alliance will join us at the Fall Camporee. **But you'll need to register in less than 12 parsecs, as the deadline for the regular registration ends on September 5th.**

[REGISTER](#)

## R-Boo-C: Creep It Real In 2023!

### October 6-8, 2023 at R-C Scout Ranch

R-BOO-C is an annual Halloween Family Fun Camp for Cub Scouts led by Scouts BSA youth and adult leaders

You might be asking yourself, what in the world is R-BOO-C? October 6-8, 2023, R-C Scout Ranch transforms into R-BOO-C. R-BOO-C is a Halloween-themed Family Fun Camp for Cub Scouts operated by volunteer Scouts BSA and Venturing youth and adults. Last year, we had around 265 participants and over 100 volunteers.

Everyone dresses up in costumes, goes camping for “two nights” at R-C Scout Ranch outside of Payson, and enjoys Halloween fun activities, including fun with science, shooting BB guns, shooting archery, catching mutant crawdad, participating in the costume contest and enjoys delicious meals & more! There are also some fun features like Alien Slime and Ghoulish Grossness, and we bring back classics like the Tunnel of Terror!

**We are excited to add the Webelos/AOL Zombie Apocalypse this year!**

This year, we are adding some new features to R-BOO-C. **The Webelos/AOL Zombie Apocalypse, a pumpkin carving contest, a campsite Halloween decorating contest, and an optional late-night haunted walk!** Webelos and Arrow of Light Scouts will have a chance to be prepared for the Zombie Apocalypse. This special event within the event will include

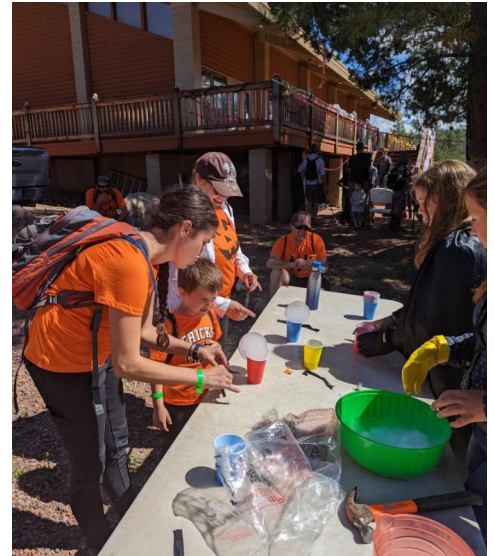
Webelos First Responder and Webelos Castaway Adventures. **This amazing annual event isn’t possible without the help and guidance of over 100 youth and adult volunteers from several Arizona Scouts BSA Troops.**

R-BOO-C is a unique opportunity for our older Scouts to show their leadership abilities by helping our Cub Scout youth and their families and Packs have a fun experience! Scouts BSA youth earn 16 service hours, and meals are included with their “staff” registration. The R-BOO-C Committee actively seeks Troops to be the “lead” on 1-3 activities. Want to see pictures from the last two years?: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/rbooc/>

#### About:

R-BOO-C is a Halloween Family Fun Camp for Cub Scouts led by Scouts BSA youth and adult leaders. R-BOO-C is led by Scaremaster Jess Rankin from the Pinnacle Peak District, who also serves as Scoutmaster of Troop 531 in North Phoenix. Volunteer staff include Pinnacle Peak District Troops, Troops from all around the Grand Canyon Council, and Troop 531 Scouts and Parents. Join us! For questions or to receive the Staff registration password, contact Scaremaster Rankin at [jess@aztroop531.org](mailto:jess@aztroop531.org)

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## Prescott's Troop 7007 Pays Tribute to Robert "Bob" Pratt, Honoring His Milestone 100th Birthday and Lifelong Dedication to Scouting

### From WWII Service to Generations of Scouts: A Century of Dedication to Character Development and Community

Prescott Arizona's Troop 7007 is joining Charter Organization Representative (COR) Robert "Bob" Pratt's family in celebrating his milestone 100th Birthday. He has a lifelong history of involvement in the Boy Scout organization. Bob Pratt began his Scouting journey at the age of 12 in 1935 and continued Scouting until he reached the age of 18. After spending time in college, World War II service in the European theatre, and marriage in 1949, he reconnected with Scouting through his two sons as they entered Cubs and Boy Scouts.

Bob was the Cub Master for his younger son's Den. It was one of the largest Cub packs in the local council in New Jersey. There were 105 boys involved at one point. He remembers the boys marching in the local Memorial Day parade. There were some boys who chose to march with their Little League teams rather than Scouts. Bob remembers instructing them to wear their Scout uniforms if they marched with the Scouts but their baseball uniforms if they were marching with Little League. He also served as a Troop treasurer when his sons were active.

After retiring, Bob and his wife moved from New Jersey to Prescott, AZ and joined Prescott United Methodist Church. He filled the position of Charter

Organization Representative (COR) for Troop 7007 in 1990 with the intention of serving both his church and the community. After serving 30 years in the role of COR for PUMC, the American Legion, Post 6 became the Troop's new Chartered Organization. However, Bob remains a leader within Troop 7007 filling the role of Committee Member and PUMC Liaison. Since the inception of his service, which spans over 30 years, Bob attends nearly every meeting of Troop 7007. He actively participates in Boards of Review for rank advancement. He refers questions to the church ministers when necessary and contributes news notes from the Troop to the church newsletters. He encourages church members to support the Troop's Hot Dog Booth at the annual 4th of July Parade.

Bob's commitment to Scouting is rooted in his desire to impact the character development of future generations. He sees Scouting as a vehicle to supplement the values that the youth's parents are developing. He is proud that both his sons were Scouts. His three grandsons participated in Scouting and, two of them achieved the rank of Eagle. He's happy to continue his role within the Troop as long as he is able. He wants to continue to impact the youth of the future.



## Exciting Summer Adventures with North Glendale Troop 526

### From White Water Rafts to Culinary Contests - A Recap of Troop 526's Epic Summer Expeditions

The Scouts of North Glendale Troop 526 for boys had an action-packed and unforgettable summer! From the scenic landscapes of Glen Jean, West Virginia, to the sunny vibes of Payson, Arizona, and the wild waters of Kernville, California, these Scouts truly made the most of their break.

In June, the older Scouts began on an exhilarating journey to Summit Bechtel Reserve in Glen Jean, West Virginia. Their mission? Conquer the thrilling white-water rapids of the New River during a five-day escapade. With a total of 50 miles to cover, the Scouts fearlessly paddled and navigated through Class III to Class IV rapids. Laughter filled the air as they surfed the waves and tackled the challenges of the river. Adding to the excitement, they concluded their waterborne exploits by taking on the Big Zip-5 parallel zip lines, each stretching over 3000 feet!

Meanwhile, another group of Scouts marked the 4th of July at Camp Geronimo in Payson, Arizona.

The honor of raising the flags at the camp on Independence Day was a cherished tradition for Troop 526. With the spirit of patriotism, these Scouts stood tall as they paid tribute to their nation. Additionally, they took part in a culinary showdown known as "Cutthroat Kitchen." With a playful competitive spirit, numerous Scouts engaged in this culinary contest, showcasing their skills. When camp came to an end, the Scouts proudly earned the coveted "Big G Gold"!

The adventures continued for the third group of Troop 526 headed out to California for merit badges and some white-water rafting of their own at Camp Whitsett in Kernville, CA. Scouts and leaders hiked Sentinel Peak with an elevation change of 1400ft and visited the Trail of 100 Giants in the Sequoia National Forest.

Troop 526 meets in North Glendale. For more information: <https://www.aztroop526.org/>



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