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SPOTLIGHT

October 2021 Cub Scouts STEM Camp Adventure

Save the date October 15-17, 2021

STEM adventure Camp is for Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light Scouts as they learn the benefits of modular designing and building within the fun and exciting world of Snap Ships! The adventure features a new digital recognition for Cub Scouts with a congratulatory video. Each registered participant will receive a *Snap Ship*.

[LEARN MORE](#)

SAFETY MOMENTS

Safety Moments are exactly what the name implies: opportunities to prepare for an activity, review safety measures and report incidents correctly. "Be Prepared" is not just a motto but a method to follow to be safe. Using the right equipment for the right activity and in the proper location keeps Scouting SAFE. Review the [SAFE Checklist](#), and [Activity Planning and Risk Assessment](#). The Safety Moments landing page is found [here](#). Also, see new [Safety Awareness Videos](#).

NICE TO KNOW

- **NEW** BSA Guide to Advancement has been updated
- **NEW** Safety Awareness Videos
- Safety Moment: Psychological First
- Centennial Celebrations of the year
- Council Program Fee Change Announcement
- 2021 BSA National Membership Fee Increase
- BSA Chapter 11 Proposed Settlement Trust FAQ

CUB SCOUT PROGRAM

- **NEW** "Out of this World" STEM NOVA Clinic
- **NEW** STEM Camp Adventure
- **NEW** Scout Shop BSA New Uniform Sale
- Weekly "Cub Chat Live!"
- **NEW** Den Leader Top 5 Things You Need to Know
- Cub Scout Preview Adventures

JOIN SCOUTING

SENIOR SCOUT PROGRAMS

- **NEW** "SHOOT" STEM NOVA Clinic
- **NEW** Virtual Merit Badges Workshops
- 2021 NYLT Winter Course
- **NEW** Winter Blast



SCOUTERS

Thank you for your time and dedication to build tomorrows leaders through Scouting.

- **NEW** 2021 Leadership Summit
- September Wood Badge Dates
- Adult Leaders needed for NYLT
- Changing My.Scouting Functional Roles
- The Most Recent COVID-19 Guidance from BSA
- All-digital Scout Life Mini-Magazine.

PARENTS

Thank you for supporting the scouting experience.

- **NEW** Safety Awareness Videos
- **NEW** Centennial Pow Wow
- **NEW** Centennial Picnic at the Heard Scout Pueblo
- Popcorn Sales 2021
- **NEW** Scout Parent Orientation & Resources
- Scouting App for Advancement Tracking
- All-digital Scout Life Mini-Magazine.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- Positions of Responsibility for Star, Life and Eagle
- Import Summer Camp Merit Badge Records
- How to Use Geo-fencing for Recruitment
- Centennial Limited-Edition Set Guide
- PayPal Giving Fund

MESSAGE FROM SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Andy Price



By the time this edition of the Grand Canyon Connection arrives on your screen we will have wrapped up Cub Scout Camp at R-C Scout Ranch and just about wrapped up Camp Geronimo's Scouts BSA Summer Camp for 2021. What a great season of fun and adventure for our Scouts this year! Other than a week's disruption by the Backbone Fire, the summer went very smoothly, and we received great media attention over our successful Friday night evacuation at the end of session 3. Our Drone and Fish Camps were very successful and we look forward to more program enhancements in 2022.

Looking ahead to the fall, with a new school year starting we have a renewed opportunity to invite and welcome new Scouts and their families to the wonderful world of Scouting. Nothing is more important than our commitment to changing the future through Scouting and nothing is more important than our mandate to invite that new Scout to join a pack, troop, crew, ship, or post. Our council and district leadership teams have put a great deal of work into creating and refining tools for our units to use to maximize our ability to invite all youth to join Scouting and I hope recruiting will be a major emphasis of every new unit's fall plans.

Finally, earlier this month our New Unit Sales Director joined the team. Daniel Moore brings a career of sales experience to the GCC team and we are excited to begin this new phase of growth for Scouting in our council and Arizona.

Andy



2021 Leadership Summit August 7, 2021

District and Council Scouters, we hope you'll join us for our annual Leadership Summit. Topics include ASU and LAVIDGE report, Leadership inspired training and more. Scout parents welcome to attend or join us by Zoom. [Read More >>](#)

Centennial Pow-Wow November 20, 2021

Join us on November 20, 2021 at the Heard Scout Pueblo to Celebrate 100 years of scouting with our Centennial Pow-Wow sponsored by the Order of the Arrow. Starting at 10 am enjoy displays and activities centered around the history of scouting. [Read More >>](#)

Picnic at the Heard December 11, 2021

Join us on December 11, 2021 at the Heard Scout Pueblo to celebrate 100 years of scouting. Walk a display of luminaries and lights; stop on your trail for provided hot chocolate and ciders. We will have displays and games for the whole family. [Read More >>](#)

Leadership Inspired

Plan to Attend 2021 Leadership Summit

There are a handful of annual events where district and council Scouters come together for training, planning and fellowship, and the Leadership Summit is one of them; plan to join us!

The 2021 event will take place Saturday, August 7th, at Scottsdale United Methodist Church ([4140 N Miller Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85251](#)) and all Scouters (and interested parents) are welcome and invited to attend. For those unable to join in person, a Zoom option is available.

Topics for 2021 will include:

- Arizona State University report on their research into perceptions of Scouting in the Arizona community.
- LAVIDGE will report on initial plans to roll ASU research into our new marketing effort.
- Leadership Inspired Training to help Scouters be better prepared to move into Scouting's and GCC's future
- Budget Training/Roll out for 2021

The Leadership Summit will begin at 10:00 and is scheduled to last until 3:00, with lunch at 12:00. Feel free to bring your own lunch or reserve a Chick-fil-A box lunch when you register. The deadline to register is Tuesday, August 3rd, and you can register by going to: <https://scoutingevent.com/010-2021leadershipsummit>

We hope to see you there!

[View Leadership Summit 2021 Video](#)



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Scuba Adventure Camp at National High Adventure Sea Base

Several newly certified Scuba Divers from Troop 41 and one Scout from Troop 15 recently attended a 7 day "Scuba Adventure" camp at National High Adventure Sea Base in Islamorada, Florida. Florida Sea Base offers several Scuba and Sailing adventures for Scouts BSA. During the adventure our Scouts logged 11 Scuba dives at 6 different coral reef sites in the beautiful Florida Keys. They even dove on the wreck of the "SS Benwood". The SS Benwood is a 345' steam cargo ship that sunk during a collision with another vessel in 1942 off of the coast of Key Largo.



In addition to all the beautiful coral reefs and marine life they experienced under the sea, they furthered their knowledge on being responsible "stewards of the sea" by attending several evening presentations hosted by local experts. These were Coral Reef Restoration, Dive Against Debris/Project Aware, Shark and Fish Identification. The Scout Divers even participated in a Fish Survey by counting the number of a particular fish and then reporting back to their Dive Master. The final night at camp involved a traditional Luau where each crew tested their limbo skills. There is no doubt this was an experience of a lifetime for the Scouts and they all have an increased respect for the underwater world.



NYLT Leadership Academy

Matthew Guerrero (Troop 88)
 Regan Huxtable (Troop 3329)

During our time in St. Louis, Missouri, we were the only two scouts representing Arizona and Grand Canyon Council. While there, Academy challenged what we knew about National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and presenting, and pushed us to be the best we could be. We met scouts and scouters from all over the country; representing 23 different states, and even more councils. We both made lasting connections that wouldn't have happened otherwise, and we can't recommend this program enough. Both of us are excited to see what comes next in our leadership careers.

Recently, we got the opportunity of a lifetime by getting a scholarship to the National Youth Leadership Training Leadership Academy (NYLT LA). The

skills taught at the Leadership Academy we're very similar to those of NYLT, except at the academy we were able to put that knowledge into use and learn to correlate real world problems/teaching to the content of NYLT. At the Academy, presentations were a frequent test of our understanding of the Academy content. With a total of 5 presentations put on by participants, we covered the EDGE method, effective presentation activities, the stages of team development, problem solving/conflict resolution, and leading yourself. Overall, the NYLT LA expanded our understanding of the NYLT course content and enabled us to bring other councils ideas to our own. The LA helped us better teach content using our own personal experience and go beyond syllabus material. We couldn't be more thankful for the opportunity to go to St. Louis, Missouri, and further my leadership experience.



If you want to experience the same, register for National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) this December at the Heard Scout Pueblo.

Scouts must be at least 13 and First Class. This program is also open to Venturing and Sea Scouts. [Click here](#) for additional information and registration details.





According to [Bryan On Scouting](#):

1. Stretch out the corners of the flag.
2. Cut the flag in half, vertically – do not cut into the blue star field.
3. Place the two halves together and cut in half, horizontally.
4. You will have four pieces of flag, one being the blue star field and the other three red and white stripes.
5. Put the flag in a container and dispose of it properly.

If your troop is interested in doing more flag ceremonies, send me an email letting me know you're interested in receiving a "flag ceremony example kit" for Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, and Veterans Day.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to our community for doing your civic duty of handing over your flags to the Scouts for retirement. Of course, thank you Scouts and BSA leaders for supporting such a welcomed event.

Roger Ottaway is Central District's Activities and Civic Services Committee Chair and can be reached by email at rlottaway@aol.com.

Scouts BSA Central District Flag Collection Project

Since the vaccination roll out, the ability for our state and city to open has arrived. Central District's first civic service event has taken place. With short notice, the Scouts were able to plan a flag collection project at the Royal Palm Park. In lieu of the park's usual July 4th festivities, they scaled it back tremendously this year due to the parks opening just before July 4th. Next year, we will be at full force and our park should be back to normal.

We were able to communicate to the Royal Palm Neighborhood, through Facebook, that we would be at the park to collect their flags for retirement. The neighborhood brought us 50 flags to be retired, while we collected another 10 flags brought to us by one of our local troops. Not bad for two hours that it took to collect them.

Watching the Scouts interact with neighbors bringing in their flags was heartwarming. The event brings a certain understanding for our Scouts to learn that the flag is an important symbol to many of us and how it is retired matters. Our Scouts instantly took in the flags and properly folded them accordingly in preparation to be retired.

Please keep in mind that toxic flags are forbidden to be retired by fire and must be retired by separating the stars and stripes. Once separated it's no longer a flag and can be disposed of properly.



Philmont Training Center 2021

Earlier this month several members of our GCC leadership team spent a week at Philmont Training Center to participate in the “Building Blocks of Scouting’s Future” course to learn more about the new National Service Territory concept adopted by Boy Scouts of America. Attendees were Tom Curzon (President), Jacob Benyi (Council Commissioner), John Rosenlund (Executive Board member and NST-2 Scouting Safely Lead), and Andy Price (Scout Executive/CEO). One of the many special guests was former BSA President and former Secretary of State Rex Tillerson.



The intention of the new NST organization is to flatten the overall Scouting organization, provide better support to local councils, and ultimately, to serve more youth with a better Scouting experience. A significant topic of discussion throughout the week, and a key part of Rex Tillerson’s message, was empowering our volunteer base and leadership for a brighter Scouting future.



Every summer Philmont Training Center offers numerous classes for Scouters at the unit, district, and council levels, and they have even begun offering “Philmont Family Adventure” to individual Scouting families. Scouters from around the United States enjoy a mountaintop experience while growing and refining their Scouting skills. Our council leadership team is discussing a potential “GCC week” in 2022 – look for materials to come out later this summer and begin planning to join us!



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Leadership Inspired Story with Pack 129

Pack 129 from the Sonoran Sunset District. Their Charter Partner is Vistancia Village HOA and their Cubmaster is David Masciangelo. Pack 129 inspires its Scouts and families through fellowship and inclusivity. [View Video >>](#)

Leadership Inspired Story with Troop 3738

Troop 3738 from Lost Dutchman District. Their Charter Partner is Cambridge Academy, QC, AZ and their Scoutmaster is Jamie Tooley. Troop 3738 was founded not long ago, and they have worked hard. [View Video >>](#)

Leadership Inspired Story with Pack 8051

Pack 8051 from the Gila River District. Their Charter Partner is Christ Lutheran Church, Yuma and their Cubmaster, Jacob Anderson. Pack 8051 is excited to be celebrating its 25th year chartered with BSA. [View Video >>](#)

2020 Council Honorees Continued

Throughout 2021 we will feature two of our 2020 Council Honors award recipients. Visit our [2020 Honorees](#) to learn more about our 2020 council honorees and their impact on Scouting.

- James Patrick Bradley, Lost Dutchman, Silver Beaver Award honoree and Jess Rankin, Pinnacle Peak, Meritorious Service Star honoree. Featured in Volume 2, No. 10, July 2021 of Grand Canyon Connection.
- John McKenna, Gila River, Silver Beaver Award honoree and John R. Adcock, Sonoran Sunset, Meritorious Service Star honoree. Featured in Volume 2, No. 11, August 2021 of Grand Canyon Connection.
- Kathleen Polowski, Gila River, Meritorious Service Star honoree and Lynda Diane Hale, Pinnacle Peak, Silver Beaver Award honoree. Featured in Volume 2, No. 12, September

ber 2021 of Grand Canyon Connection.

- Orvell Franklin, Jr., Central, Meritorious Service Star honoree and Peter Zipp, Sonoran Sunset, Meritorious Service Star honoree. Featured in Volume 3, No. 01, October 2021 of Grand Canyon Connection.
- Sondra Wendt, Pinnacle Peak, Meritorious Service Star honoree and Timothy Smith, Sonoran Sunset, Distinguished Service Star honoree. Featured in Volume 3, No. 02, November 2021 of Grand Canyon Connection.
- Timothy Wolfe, Council, Meritorious Service Star honoree and William Popescue, Sonoran Sunset, Distinguished Service Star honoree. Featured in Volume 3, No. 03, December 2021 of Grand Canyon Connection.

Our 2021 Council Honor Awards submissions close October 15, 2021. Learn more at: [Honors and Awards](#)

James Patrick Bradley



James Patrick Bradley from Lost Dutchman District, Silver Beaver Honoree, is currently a Merit Badge Counselor for Troop 39 as well as a District Committee Member. James has given substantially to the youth of the council by providing training and service to both adults and youth of the council. He genuinely believes that every youth deserves

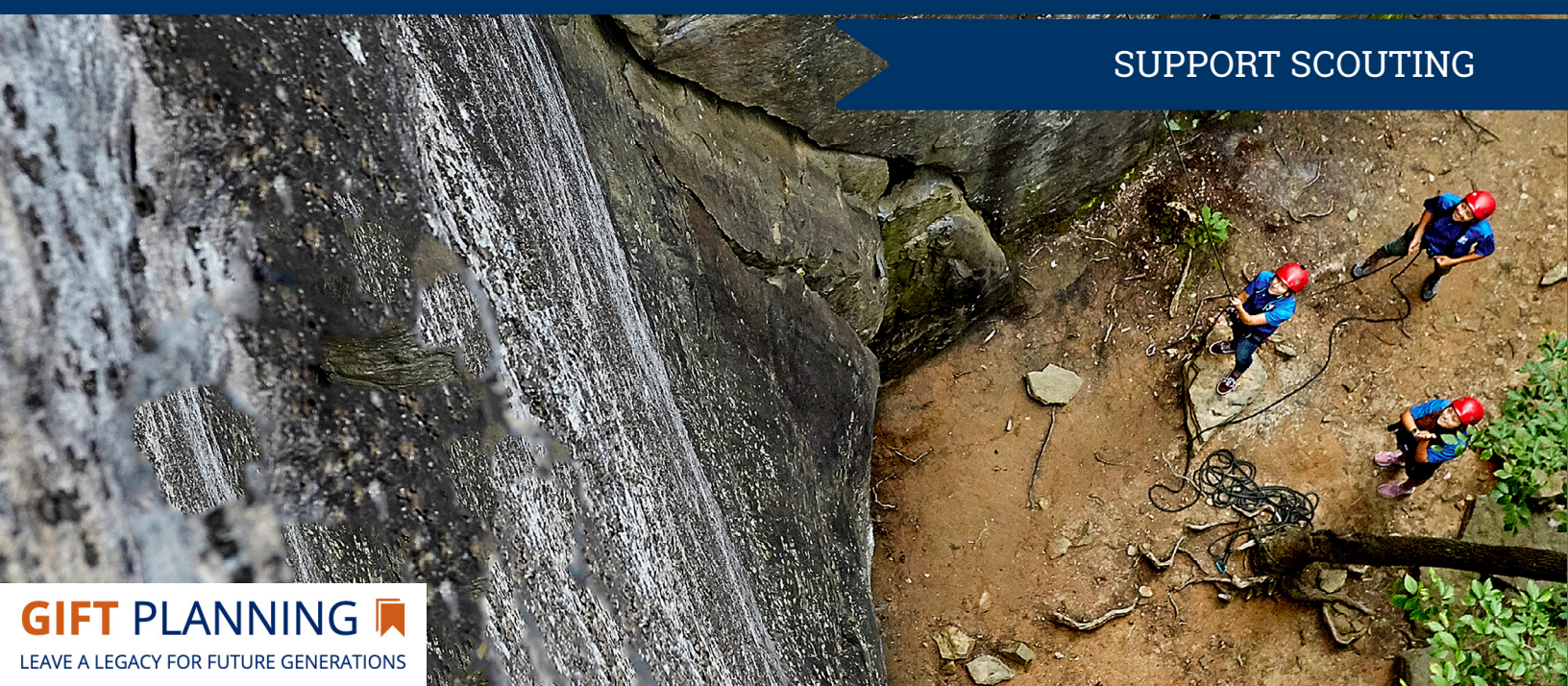
a trained leader and concurrently believes that every adult deserves a trained youth! James encourages all adult leaders to take Wood Badge. His involvement in Order of the Arrow allows the youth of the organization to lead a program and determine what they want to accomplish. James has attended and volunteered to support the youth at Braves Pow Wow for the last five years. He has volunteered as an advisor for Ordeals since joining the Order of the Arrow. James has volunteered in the kitchen for Order of the Arrow events for the last three years, in addition to other duties he has had the various events. Congratulations James for your many years of service and for your love and support of Scouting in Grand Canyon Council!

Jess Rankin



Jess Rankin, Meritorious Service Star Honoree, currently Scoutmaster of Troop 531, Advisor of Crew 1912 and a Merit Badge Counselor. Jess' contributions are everywhere he sees an opportunity to add value to serve and guide youth. He previously volunteered as a Scout-O-Rama Committee Member and has taught Cub-

master classes at Baden Powell University in addition to being involved with developing promotional videos for Wood Badge. For several years Jess and Troop 531 have partnered with 5 other troops in the council, participating in the annual Scouting for Food Program along with celebrating Scout Sunday on the first Sunday in February. Jess' contributions directly impact the positive elements of Scouting and his aptitude of servant leadership continues to be passed down to others compounding his impact on an even greater youth audience. Congratulations to you Jess for your commitment, support and dedication to the Scouting Program in Grand Canyon Council. You are making a HUGE difference in the lives of the youth you serve, every day in many, many ways! Thank you!



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Kali Protectives Donates 15 New Helmets



We are thrilled to have Kali Protectives donation of 15 new helmets! Thank you, Kali Protective Gear for such a wonderful contribution to our summer camp programs!

James E. West Endowment

The James E. West Fellowship Award is a national recognition for individuals who contribute \$1,000 or more in cash or marketable securities to the Council's Endowment Trust Fund. This gift must be in addition to and not replace or diminish the donor's annual Friends of Scouting support. Many individuals and organizations make these gifts on behalf of someone else such as in honor of an Eagle Scout, Silver Beaver recipient, Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, a retirement, a special accomplishment, or anniversary or in memory of a special individual.

The James E. West Fellowship Award is recognized with a personalized certificate, a distinctive lapel pin and an exclusive knot for the uniform. [Read More >>](#)



Scouts BSA "SHOOT" STEM NOVA Clinic

Scouts, BSA STEM NOVA Virtual Clinic "SHOOT" will be held by on September 14, 2021 and September 22, 2021. Scouts must attend both online Zoom meetings to receive credit for the Nova Award. [Read More >>](#)

Den Leader Session "Above & Beyond"

Den Leader "Above & Beyond: Tips, Tricks, & Shortcuts" Presented by the Council Cub Scout Committee. This is a 3-hour session about the best practices of successful Den Leaders, August 21, 2021. [Read More >>](#)

Open Shoot Monthly at the Heard Scout Pueblo

[Open Shoot Rifle / BB](#) August 21, 2021. [Archery Open Shoot](#) September 25, 2021. Visit registration for fees, and information on the Friday Night Rifle Merit Badge portion. Got questions? Contact, [Gary Jordan](#), Shooting Sports.

The Guide to Advancement Has Been Updated for 2021 and Is Now Available

The current edition of the Guide to Advancement is the official source for administering advancement in all Boy Scouts of America programs: Cub Scouting, Scouts BSA, Venturing, and Sea Scouts.

It replaces any previous BSA advancement manuals and previous editions of the Guide to Advancement.

Almost every section of Guide to Advancement, No. 33088 (PDF) has received some minor or major revisions since the last edition.

Readers are encouraged to carefully review the entire guide, especially those topics frequently referenced.

In particular, the following sections merit close review:

- Section 4 Mechanics of Advancement
- Section 7 The Merit Badge Program (completely rewritten)
- Section 8 Boards of Review: An Overview for All Ranks
- Section 9 The Eagle Scout Rank
- Section 10 Advancement for Members with Special Needs

[Advancement Resources](#)

MERIT BADGE WORKSHOPS

Virtual Merit Badge Workshops

- Law available July 30, 2021
- Coin Collecting available August 5, 2021
- Citizenship in the Nation available August 10, 2021
- Citizenship in the World available August 12, 2021
- Personal Management available August 17, 2021
- Environmental Science available August 26, 2021

Visit each registration for prerequisites, fees, and additional information.

NEW! R-C Scout Ranch Winter Blast

In December of 2021 R-C Ranch will be the place for earning advancement, growing as an individual, and having a great time -- designed for Scouts 13 and older that focuses on Eagle required badges, STEM, and winter fun. This program is lead entirely by provisional leadership -- no parents or unit leadership allowed. While atypical, this environment fosters creativity and learning, encourages personal responsibility, and provides lots of time with good friends.

December 27 – January 1. [View Flyer](#) for advancement information. *Registration coming soon!*

UNIFORMS



Mesa Scout Shop

HOURS:

- Monday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Tuesday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Wednesday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Thursday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Friday 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
- Saturday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- Sunday 11:00AM - 3:00 PM

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SEWING SERVICES AND PRE-SEWN SHIRTS AVAILABLE



2021 BSA Membership

The 2021 BSA Membership fees will take effect August 1, 2021, for the 2021-2022 program year. The value of Scouting is undeniable, and the BSA is committed to continuing to offer this unmatched opportunity to young people and families nationwide. [Read More >>](#)

Council Program Fee

August 1st, 2021, the council program fee for youth will reduce to \$50 per-year and will continue to be pro-rated. The program fee for adults will reduce to \$0. A \$25 fee will be charge to process each application entered by staff. The fee is bypassed using BSA Online registration. [Read More >>](#)

Changing My.Scouting Functional Roles

Changing functional roles can only be done by the COR or COR Delegate. The second tab on the Positions Manager page is for adding and maintaining the "Functional Roles." like a Key 3 Or unit Training Chair. [Read More >>](#)



New! BSA Personal Safety Awareness Video Series

Before starting this series you should review [Scouting's Barriers to Abuse](#) since the Personal Safety Awareness Series is intended to complement our many existing youth-protection measures.

LAUNCH TRAINING VIDEOS

Grand Canyon Council, BSA Employment Opportunities in Field Services

If you are looking for employment in the non-profit industry, consider the Grand Canyon Council. Field Services is seeking District Executives, and Admin Professionals.

To learn more and apply visit:

www.grandcanyonbsa.org/employment-opportunities

Welcome to the Team

Daniel Moore, Director of New Unit Sales

Grand Canyon Council is pleased to announce Daniel Moore as our Director of New Unit Sales. Daniel's background is sales management, and has had the privilege of growing several sales organizations. Daniel and his wife Holly have five kids between 28 and 8.

"Four girls and a very spoiled boy that happens to be the youngest." Daniel has lived in Arizona for over 25 years and enjoys traveling, camping, and hiking.

"I am super excited to be part of the team at the Grand Canyon Council. I think the timing couldn't be better for tremendous growth in scouting in Arizona."

Getting Ready for 2021 Popcorn Sales

The 2021 Popcorn Fundraiser has more support than ever to aide your Scouts in fundraising. Be sure to follow these steps to get prepared for your sale this fall! [Read More >>](#)

Top Reasons to Sell Popcorn

A scout can earn their own way to camp with a proven fundraiser that works; Take Order and Online Direct sales are a no-risk fundraising opportunity available for all Scouts. [Read More >>](#)

Fall 2021 Popcorn Sale Timeline

- August 1 Council Kickoff
 - August 31 Show and Sell Orders Submission Deadline
 - Sept.16-17 Show and Sell Delivery and Product pickup
- [Read More >>](#)

2021 Popcorn Sales

Popcorn web page has been updated with the latest information on how to help your Scouts fundraise and support their Scouting activities. Units who engage in Online or take order sales can have a completely risk-free sale, and units who choose to order in bulk to pursue storefront opportunities can make tens of thousands of dollars with this single fundraiser!



With popcorn, Scouts will earn 35% commission, with bonuses and incentives enabling them to earn more than 50% on certain weekends. Scouts in the Grand Canyon Council have averaged as high as \$43 per hour in commissions (\$125 in total sales) with door to door sales. In 2021 are excited

to have nearly four times the storefronts that we have ever had before, as well as a stronger online sales program for all youth! This will be a great year for popcorn, and a year that units will want to start planning earlier than prior years.



Council Popcorn Fundraiser Kickoff

Join us for the 2021 popcorn kickoff on Sunday, August 1st, from 2:30-4:30PM. We expect our kickoff presentation to last about 45 minutes, and the remainder of the time will be dedicated to answering your questions. We will be discussing best practices, the campaign timeline, changes within the product, how to implement social distancing, storefronts, and answering your ques-

tions! This year presents new opportunities and concerns, so we will include additional details on how to operate a risk-free sale and ensure unit success. This year, our kickoff will be taking place over Zoom, so that any interested Scouter may participate regardless of health concerns, location, or schedule.

REGISTER NOW

**NEARLY FOUR
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Virtual Merit Badge Workshops

[Virtual Merit Badge Workshops](#) are available. Workshops are traditionally capped at 20-25 participants to facilitate discussion and ensure quality. Visit each registration for prerequisites, fees, and any additional information.

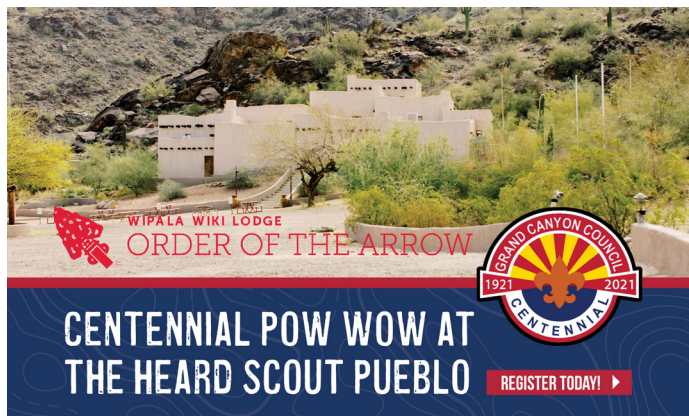
Do You Plan on Hiking this Summer?

Review the [Hiking Safety Moment](#). Not all hikes are the same. Take some time to research your destination and its terrain so you can better prepare to have a memorable experience and fun while exploring.

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[Learn More >>](#)



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[REGISTER NOW](#)

NEW! "SHOOT" STEM NOVA Scouts BSA

A two-day online STEM program for Scouts BSA. This STEM module covers the topic of Space Exploration and projectiles, as well as allows older Scouts to work on their STEM awards. Scouts must attend both online zoom meetings to receive credit for the Nova Award. [Click here](#) for pre-requisites and additional information. Space is limited so that our instructors can answer questions and ensure a quality program.



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[Read more >>](#)



BB/Archery Open Shoot

Cub Scouts are scheduled for the afternoon sessions Saturdays at Heard Scout Pueblo. [BB open shoot](#) is August 21, 2021 and [Archery open shoot](#) will be held September 25, 2021. Visit each registration for details.



Cub Scout Yo-Yo Trick

Before your Cub Scouts can go "around the world" or "walk the dog," they must first work on one of the basic yo-yo tricks, which is part of the Yo-Yo Preview Adventure. Here's how to do the "[gravity pull](#)"



#CubChatLive

What is New in Cub Scouting? Find out by tuning in every Friday at 2 p.m. Central to Cub Chat Live, a Facebook Live event. They are recorded and posted on the Scouting Magazine Facebook Page.



NEW! "Out of this World" Cub Scout STEM NOVA Virtual Clinic

The Grand Canyon Council will be offering the "Out of this World" Nova this August in two Online classes to Cub Scouts in the ranks of Wolf to Arrow of Light. Scouts attending both nights of the interactive session will be fascinated by the boundless adventures space exploration science provides for all of us. This STEM Nova incorporates an interactive workbook for scouts to complete at their own pace during the week between classes. The workbook provides everything the scout will need to guide them in completing the award.

Cub Scouts will explore topics such as planets, space, space exploration, constellations, eclipses, and asteroid mapping. Starting within our own solar system then venturing beyond into deep space and the mysteries that linger there the scout's imagination can run wild! Using the knowledge from their research, they can build their own rover to explore Mars, build a base on the Moon, or other fun activities! Finally they will share what they have learned with the STEM Nova Counselor during the online sessions. [Learn More >>](#)

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September 14, 2021 and September 22, 2021



Have you ever wondered how we launch rockets into Space? Then this STEM Nova is for you! The Grand Canyon Council will be offering the "SHOOT" Nova this September in two Online classes to Scouts at the troop level. Scouts attending both nights of the interactive sessions will acquire a launching pad of knowledge to rocket them into further exploration of space science. The "SHOOT" STEM Nova incorporates an interactive workbook for scouts to complete at their own pace during the week between classes. Scouts will discover the building blocks of space exploration in learning about projectiles and the different forces that affect them. Believe it or Not, Rockets, Spaceships, and satellites are all projectiles that we launch into space. We will discover how these projectiles escape from the gravity of Earth to orbit the planet, other planets, or travel beyond our known solar system. Finally scouts will share what they have learned with the STEM Nova Counselor during the Online sessions. [Read More >>](#)

NESA Scholarships

Bookmark [This Page](#) for When It's Time to Apply for NESA Scholarships

Every year, the National Eagle Scout Association bestows scholarships upon Eagle Scouts pursuing higher education. These scholarships are made possible by generous donors and NESA members that help the alumni organization to continue developing young adults beyond their traditional Scouting experience. To find out more on how to join NESA, [click here](#). *Bryan on Scouting* shares other scholarships Eagle Scouts who meet certain eligibility requirements can apply for. The application window for scholarships this year will open in December. At that time, check the National Eagle Scout Association website to find applications. Another scholarship page to bookmark is [this one](#), which includes scholarships for Scouts, Sea Scouts and Venturers from Scouting committees, universities and high-adventure bases.

NEW! R-C Scout Ranch Winter Blast

Escape the Valley and end 2021 with a Winter Blast --
December 27, 2021 – January 1, 2022



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 - no parents or unit leadership allowed. While atypical, this environment fosters creativity and learning, encourages personal responsibility, and provides lots of time to with good friends! *Link Coming Soon!* [View Flyer](#)

National Youth Leadership Training

2021 NYLT Winter Course at Heard Scout Pueblo
December 27, 2021 – January 1 2022



NYLT is a six-day leadership skills course for young adults. The program content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in an exciting environment. This course is available to all Scouts BSA and Venturing youth, male or female, aged 13 or over before the first day of the course. [Click here](#) for more information and to register today.

Leadership Inspired 2021 Leadership Summit

Where district and council Scouters come together for training, planning and fellowship. The 2021 event will take place Saturday, August 7th, at Scottsdale United Methodist Church.

[Read More >>](#)

NEW! Den Leader "Above & Beyond"

Den Leader "Above & Beyond: Tips, Tricks, & Shortcuts" Presented by the Council Cub Scout Committee August 21, 2021 at Heard Scout Pueblo, Forsman Leadership Center, 8--11:00 am.

[Learn More >>](#)

Review the Newest BSA Safety Moments

How far away should Scouts stand during a model rocket launch? Should you have a den meeting at a trampoline park? Is tossing color-changing additives into a campfire a good idea? For answers to these [Read More >>](#)

September 2021 Wood Badge at R-C Scout Ranch

Advanced Leadership Training for: Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout, Venturing, District and Council Leaders. This course requires two mandatory weekends: September 10-12 and September 25-26. [Click here](#) to register online now.

- Wood Badge Participants learn to view Scouting globally as a family of inter-related value-based programs that provide age appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize the contemporary leadership concepts utilized in corporate America and leading government organizations that are relevant to our value-based movement.
- Apply the skills learned from participation as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize commitment by sharing in an overall inspirational experience that helps provide Scouting with the leadership it needs to accomplish its mission on an ongoing basis.

Den Leader "Above and Beyond! Tips, Tricks, and Shortcuts"

This is a 3-hour session about the best practices of successful Den Leaders. Presented by the Council Cub Scout Committee, August 21, 2021 at the Heard Scout Pueblo, Forsman Leadership Center, 8--11:00 am. [Yes, Sign Me Up!](#)

- Can I share my den's success? Yes! We want you to share!
- Will there be food? Coffee, tea, hot chocolate, and of course, some goodies!
- If I'm not a Den Leader can I attend? Of course!
- I'm a parent is there something for me? Definitely! You are a vital role in Cub Scouting. Learn why!
- What is the "Den Leader Experience" and will it be explained? Yes, and what a great tool to plan the Den's Yearly Activities!
- Will I get a patch? Yes! [View Flyer](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

Adult Leaders Needed for NYLT

Adults are needed to ensure the health and safety of the course and to advise or assist the youth when asked. The GCC Training Committee is currently looking for adults to assist our youth in running future National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) courses so that we can continue this opportunity to the future leaders among our youth. Interested? Contact: Ron Trog at rtrog@cox.net





WIPALA WIKI LODGE ORDER OF THE ARROW



Phoenix Children's Hospital 2021 Fundraiser Flap

This year we are raising money for a Valley mainstay, Phoenix Children's Hospital, continuing with our Patches with a Purpose Program. [Click here](#) to order now.

"With a medical staff of nearly 1,000 specialists, Phoenix Children's is one of the largest pediatric healthcare systems in the country, and the most comprehensive children's care facility in the state. We provide inpatient, outpatient, trauma and emergency care across more than 75 sub-specialties."

WIPALA WIKI LODGE TRADING POST

Featured:

- [Wipala Wiki Lodge Calendar](#)
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Centennial Pow-Wow at The Heard Scout Pueblo

Join us on November 20, 2021 at the Heard Scout Pueblo to Celebrate 100 years of scouting with our Centennial Cub Scout Braves Pow Wow. Starting at 10am enjoy displays and activities centered around the history of scouting.

[Read More >>](#)

The Annual Section Conclave at Camp Raymond



Wipala Wiki will be hosting the annual Section Conclave at Camp Raymond, October 15 - 17. This is an incredible opportunity to spend time with fellow arrowman from Tucson, Las Vegas and San Diego.

What is CONCLAVE?

Conclave is the largest Section-wide event and is encapsulated with adventure, brotherhood, and fellowship from across the four Lodges and three states. [Read More >>](#)



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From the District Chair

Hello All,

Christopher Ferman (Scouter Kit) the Central District Chair. We have a great group of volunteers working to make sure the district supports packs, troops, and crews in the Central District. We have been working very hard to ensure programs are available to BSA youth during the summer. Currently we are looking for councilors that are part of the science (STEM) world. We are especially in need of someone for plant and weather related fields.

Please contact me anytime, Kit@ScoutingCrew.org



The Time For Recharter Is Here

July is the new time for rechartering and we now have Internet Rechartering. Perhaps you not familiar and are interested. In BSA we have a charter organization associated with every Crew, Pack, and Troop. All units are chartered by a local branch of an organization, none at a national level. Of the 103,158 units in the U.S.A. and 3,615,306 youth, members belong to their charter organization.

Civic, faith-based, and educational organizations operate Scouting units to deliver BSA programs to their youth members, as well as the community at large. Responsibilities of chartered organizations include: • Providing adequate meeting facilities. • Providing quality leadership for the Scouting unit. • Appointing a chartered organization representative to coordinate all Scouting unit operations within the organization.

Samuel Kelsall IV Biking for Scouts



RAGBRAI is an annual seven-day bicycle ride across the state of Iowa. Heading into its 48th year, RAGBRAI is the oldest, largest and longest multi-day recreational bicycle touring event in the world. Samuel Kelsall IV (Sam) earned his Bicycling Merit Badge when he was 14 years old. He is now in his late 70s and still riding. RAGBRAI is always held the last full week of July,

Sunday through Saturday. Sam has been riding across the state for over 30 years. This year he is asking scout friends to join him as he rides across Iowa by giving a contribution to the Boy Scouts of America, Grand Canyon Council. This is a great opportunity for you to support the BSA while providing Sam with an incentive to complete this ride again this year. He has chosen to support Scouts by encouraging and motivating them to achieve future goals while building good character, values, and leadership. This year he will ride 454 miles. He asks you to contribute by going to: <https://grandcanyonbsa.salsalabs.org/centralsamkelsall/index.html> Your donation will help support BSA's Grand Canyon Council and its camps and programs.

- 25 Cents/ Mile = \$113 50
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- \$1/Mile = \$450

Big District Dates to Remember

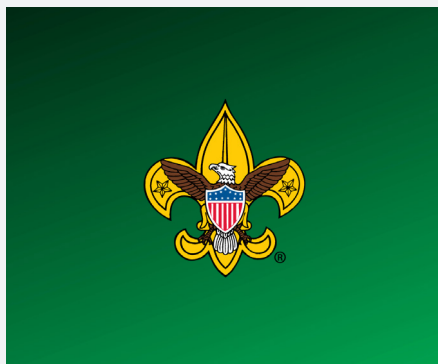
- August 05: Round Table: Back to it Meeting
- October 01: Scouts, BSA Camporee
- October 24-30: Blood Drive
- January 29: Arizona's Central District Cinema Festival (ACDC Festival)

[Click here](#) to view full calendar dates



Movie Making

If you know a scout that likes to make movies. Let them know Central District is looking for Scout movie makers! At the end of 2021, we are going to have an Arizona Central District Cinematography Film Festival (ACDC film fest). Scouts produce a film and enter in the festival. Winners have their movies on the big silver screen!



Scout News

The Grand Canyon Council is still doing Eagle Scout Boards of Review over the summer. Eagle Candidates may still use the new virtual process procedure. [Click here](#) for more Central District Eagle Scout information.



STEM Classes

STEM Classes are now being offered Thursday nights (5:30) for free to Central District Scouts [Click here](#) for more Merit Badge information.

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

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

Arts education has been slipping for more than three decades, the result of tight budgets, an ever-growing list of state mandates that have crammed the classroom curriculum, and a public sense that the arts are lovely but not essential. The benefits of involvement in the arts is associated with gains in math, reading, cognitive ability, critical thinking, and verbal skill. Arts learning can also improve motivation, concentration, confidence, and teamwork. Central District has taken on the task of supplementing our youth with an Arts Summer Program called After Lunch Scout Activity. Every Tuesday for Webeles and Thursdays for Scouts there is an art related class at 12:30. We ask parents to make sure their scout has a health lunch and then we are offering an Art class. There is no cost to Central District Scouts (FREE). Go to: <https://central.grandcanyonbsa.org/summer-calendar-2021/>





Flag Day Recognition

In early observation of Flag Day, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elk's Lodge #476 invited Scout Troop 8051 to participate in an important Flag Day ceremony for the community. During the ceremony, Scouts each carried in a flag recognized throughout the development of our great nation. Immediately following the ceremony, Elk's Lodge officials recognized several of the Troop's Eagle Scouts for their hard work and dedication to earn the prestigious rank.

Multi-Eagle Court of Honor

For the last 17 months, Scouts in Troop 283 have continued meeting Online and in-person outside but have had a difficult time being able to celebrate the greatest personal achievement in Scouting - which is achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Sunday, June 6th, nine of the thirteen Scouts who completed their Eagle rank over the last 17 months - ranging in age from 15 to 19 - were finally able to meet in person to celebrate with their family and friends. Many of these Scouts have been in Scouting since they were 5 years old Tiger Cub Scouts. With Covid-19, a number of the Scouts had to get creative. One was working with other volunteers to make thousands of masks. Another started collecting technology hardware for recycling, but ended up rebuilding a few hundred laptops that were given to students in need to support required Online classes. If you happen to visit the Chandler Railway Museum, you will see at least four different Eagle projects Scouts planned and led to earn their Eagle rank. In all, the service projects lead by these Eagle Scouts resulted in over 1,600 hours of community service from over 150 volunteers. Great job Scouts! Congratulations to top row Ryan Lemire, Louis Stewart, Ethan Merritt, Xavier Dion, Dominic Cangemi, bottom row Austin Harris, Josh Morris, Liam Nance and Cody Kuring.



“RACHAEL AND I FELT NATURALLY CONFIDENT IN OUR ABILITIES TO HELP HIM THANKS TO OUR RECENT TRAINING AND FAMILIARIZATION WITH FIRST AID TECHNIQUES.” - VAUGHN GROSSE, CREW 8051



NYLT Benefits

Rachael Henderson and Vaughn Grosse of BSA Venturing Crew 8051 recently completed National Youth Leadership Training. Henderson, President of Venturing Crew 8051 shared: “NYLT was one of my favorite experiences this year. While I was nervous at first, our group worked extremely well together to learn important skills that will be beneficial to our Crew, our community and for our future endeavors.”

While dining at a restaurant immediately upon completion of the course, Grosse and Henderson rushed to provide aid to a young man who was suffering from a seizure. After several minutes, the young man regained his strength and his family thanked the two for their assistance. Grosse - an Eagle Scout - shared, “Rachael and I felt naturally confident in our abilities to help him thanks to our recent training and familiarization with first aid techniques.”

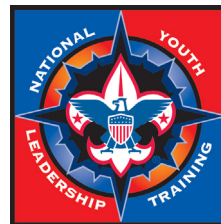


Gila River's Newest Eagles

Congratulations to the Gila River District's newest Eagle Scouts:

- Rohil B. from Troop 78 in Phoenix,
- Garrett G. from Troop 280 in Chandler,
- Ian E. from Troop 278 in Phoenix.
- Curtis M. from Troop 948 in Case Grande.

These outstanding Scouts passed their Virtual Eagle Boards of Review in June 2021. That makes 37 new Eagle Scouts for the Gila River District in 2021.





SAFFORD TROOPS LEAD THATCHER INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE.



Lost Dutchman's Newest Eagles

Congratulations to the Lost Dutchman District's newest Eagle Scouts:

- **Zachary W.** - Troop 125, BOR 06/07/21, Shade Cover for Animals at a Sanctuary.
- **Hayden P.** - Troop 565, BOR 06/07/21, Seton Football.
- **Andrew D.** - Troop 923, BOR 06/11/21, Fire Curbs for Redemption Church-Gilbert.
- **Owen W.** - Troop 853, BOR 06/12/21, Playhouse Renovation Project.
- **Dalton** - Troop 522, BOR 6/16/21, Church Cleanup.
- **Cole K.** - Troop 565, BOR 06/17/2, Project is Operation x 4.
- **Ryan M.** - Troop 777, BOR 06/24/21, Tree Rejuvenation at Church.
- **Ryan C.** - Troop 777, BOR 06/24/21, Catholic Parish Fire Lanes.

Troop 5101 help fill over 600 sandbags to Gila County Amid Monsoon Rains



With all the devastating forest fires, probably the only things that will be as bad, if not worse, are the floods that are sure to come with the monsoon rains. With that in mind, Gila County has asked for volunteers to help in filling sandbags. Troop 5101 sponsored by the Pinal Mountain Elks Lodge recently spent part of day filling bags and was able to add over 600 filled bags to the County's stockpile.



Welcome to the Team

Kerry Schofield, Pinnacle Peak District Executive

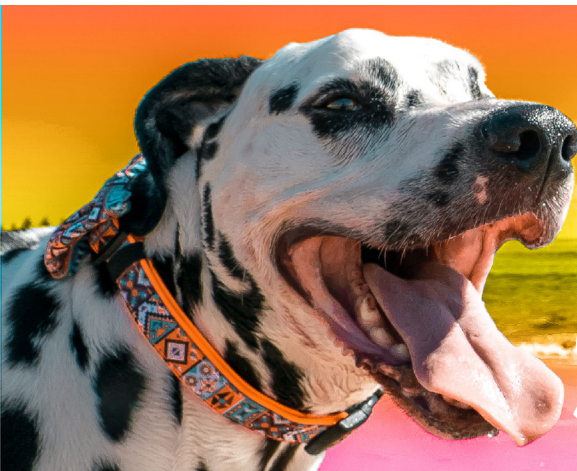
My name is Kerry Schofield, and I am so excited to be joining the Grand Canyon Council as a District Executive here in the Pinnacle Peak District. I am an Arizona native, and I graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Mass Communications and Media Studies. I have a passion for working with youth in programs that enrich their lives and have been doing so for the last 6 years. Outside of my passion for working with nonprofits, I enjoy painting, spending time with my niece and nephew and traveling. Again, I'm very excited to be working with the Grand Canyon Council and look forward to working with you all.

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Photography by: David Irvine, at david@dmirvinephotography.com



Ponderosa's Newest Eagles

Congratulations to the Ponderosa District's newest Eagle Scouts:

- **Joseph Spencer** - Troop 7007 Prescott
- **Colin McAvoy** - Troop 7031 Flagstaff



Camp Geronimo Commissioner Note

I had the honor to Commission for the whole month of June this year at Camp Geronimo. Most Commissioners are only up for one week, so I was fortunate to be able to spend so much time at camp.

I was really able to get my 'Geronimo legs' by the time I left. It was great to see so many scouters and scouts come to camp and I enjoyed meeting new people and seeing familiar faces.

The camp worked on the Cohort model the same as last year, however, we were able to relax some of the restrictive guidelines from last years Covid model. Such as in the Dining Hall the participants didn't have to space out in line and only had to wear a mask when getting their food. Also at the Trading Post, they had to wear a mask inside, but anyone could go in. We really like the scheduled dinnertime, so expect something like that to stay in the future. The Covid operating procedures opened our eyes to other possibilities in camp operations. In session 3 on Friday, we did have a nice orderly evacuation when the Backbone Fire caused us to depart camp (we missed the Friday night campfire!)

Subsequently, session 4 was all together canceled and those participants rescheduled for later sessions. Pamela in Headquarters had to pull off some miracle scheduling to accommodate everyone's reschedule. Kudos to her and the difficult job she has. The bigger blocked classroom time was enjoyed by many (less rotation time, more class time). Next year camp will start a week later and only run for 6 weeks, so book your week early!

Commissioner 'Bald Eagle'



Sonoran Sunset's Newest Eagles

Sonoran Sunset had a great in-person Eagle Board of Review. Everyone really enjoyed being back in person!

Congratulations to the Sonoran Sunset's District's newest Eagle Scouts:

- **Tyler M. Marion** - Troop 515 - Patriotic Picnic Tables - Clean and repaint tables patriotically for Veterans of Foreign Affairs in Buckeye, AZ.
- **Jacob T. Johnson** - Troop 126 - Create chair racks, peg boards and shelves to help manage the shed space for the high school drama department at Glendale Preparatory School.
- **Rhett M. Gold** - Troop 665 - Removed 171 valve boxes along 1.5 miles of new River Trail in Peoria.
- **Ethen J.K. Hickey** - Troop 448 - Reshelving and organizing the workshop area at the Women's Shelter.
- **Vance E. Cuthbertson** - Troop 1776 - Renovated outside of a home deemed blighted by the city. Work included painting and landscaping. Worked with Operation Enduring Gratitude - Baarson Completion City of Glendale.
- **Byron J. Chapin** - Troop 665 - Upcycled plastic bags into comfort mats for the homeless.



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