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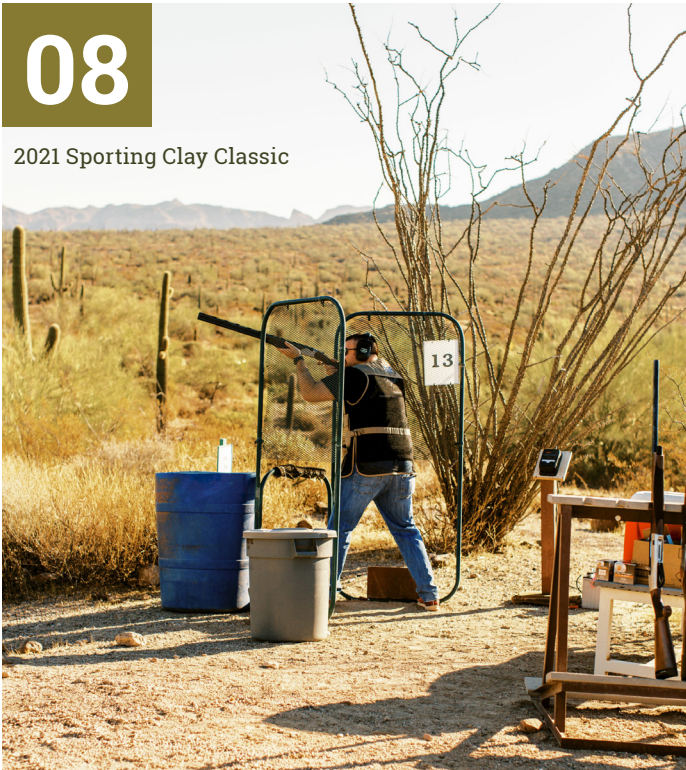


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[REGISTER NOW](#)

NEW SAFETY CORNER

Safety Moments are exactly what the name implies: opportunities to prepare for an activity, review safety measures and report incidents correctly. Safety Corner is where we will look to remind everyone of the need to always keep safety in mind during all of our activities with Matthew Laudone, the volunteer chair of the Council's Enterprise Risk Management Committee.

SAFETY CORNER

NICE TO KNOW

- Pima-Maricopa Community Mask Requirements
- Fundraising Events
- Centennial Celebrations of the year
- Council Online Trading Post
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- Safety Awareness Videos

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- **NEW** Virtual Merit Badges Workshops
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- Youth Training: Introduction to leadership skills
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SCOUTERS

Thank you for your time and dedication to build tomorrow's leaders through Scouting.

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- Import Summer Camp Merit Badge Records
- How to Use Geo-fencing for Recruitment
- Centennial Limited-Edition Set Guide
- Changing My.Scouting Functional Roles

MESSAGE FROM SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Andy Price



Howdy! Our summer camping season is behind us and a new school <and Scouting> year is upon us – what an exciting time of year!

As you may know, we have been working with LAVIDGE and ASU to conduct marketing research with families of elementary school aged youth and the first results were reported at the Leadership Summit held earlier this month. The research focused on getting input from a broad cross section of our council's families, targeting ethnically/racially, socio-economically, and geographically diverse input.

Results show us that Scouting's brand is strong among non-members across Arizona. Parents across all groupings want values-based, high-quality programs and activities for their children. They are aware of Scouting but don't know how to engage and believe they haven't been invited. What an opportunity!

This fall, as tens of thousands of youth begin a new school year, the most important thing we can do as Scouters to change lives and change the future is to invite new youth to join Scouting. I hope you'll join me in making this the year we begin to change the future of Arizona and America.

Andy





Leadership Inspired

2021 Leadership Summit Success!

Four times each year we gather as GCC Scouters to celebrate, train, inspire, and grow. Saturday, August 7th, was our most recent 'homecoming' event and was the 2021 edition of our Leadership Summit. Highlights of the day included a report from Arizona State University on their research into today's families as well as a report on our work initial marketing work with LAVIDGE.



Our council Key 3 shared their thoughts on our "Leadership Inspired" theme and we learned techniques to better support units and Scouting throughout our council. Nearly 100 volunteers participated, both in person at Scottsdale United Methodist Church, and virtually via Zoom. There was tremendous energy in the room and participants went home better prepared, and more inspired, to deliver Scouting to Arizona's youth.

Thanks to Judy Walden, John Bryant, Tom Curzon, Jacob Benyi, and the entire GCC staff for helping make this a great day for our Scouters!



New Training Available for Leaders and Parents

BSA recently unveiled new training for leaders and parents to help equip them in welcoming all youth and their families to Scouting. The new "Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Volunteer Training" is available online at no cost through my.scouting.org.

The Scout Law includes that a Scout is Friendly, Courteous, and kind, and our council is [deeply committed](#) to Scouting being welcoming and inclusive of all who want to participate.

Please encourage your leaders and parents to complete this new training provided by BSA.



Fiesta Bowl Parade Banner Carriers



All scouts at least 13 years old are invited to participate as banner carriers in the Fiesta Bowl Parade on Saturday, December 18th! What a great way to walk tall and finish off the 111th Year of Scouting in the Fiesta Bowl Parade in front of thousands of people and on live TV!

The Grand Canyon Council's Parade Committee and Fiesta Bowl Parade Banner Committee needs your help to carry banners in front of the parade floats, dignitaries, and sponsors. We are searching for the first 70 scouts that register for this event. The invitation is open to all Scouts BSA of any rank, OA members, and Venture Scouts who will be at least 13 years old on December 18th. The parade length is just under two miles.

All Scouts must be in the following standardized uniform, determined by the GCC Parade Committee:

- Official Scout Neckerchief.
- Official Scout Pants or Official Scout Shorts with Official Scout Socks (absolutely No blue jeans).
- Official Scout Uniform shirt- clean & pressed (thermal shirts OK underneath uniform).
- Merit Badge Sash worn over the right shoulder.
- O/A Members - O/A Sash worn over the right shoulder. (If you wear your OA sash, leave your MB sash at home. You cannot wear both the MB sash on OA sash).
- Scout belt or leather belt.
- Comfortable walking shoes-clean tennis shoes are OK.



Start Date/Time: 12/18/2021 8:30:00 AM

End Date/Time: 12/18/2021 12:30:00 PM (Approximately depending on where they are placed in the parade.

Online Registration Accepted Until: 12/15/2021 but is limited to the first 70 people plus a waiting list.

Contact Email: averythresher@gmail.com

Activity Location: North Phoenix Baptist Church (West Side)
N Central Ave & W Montebello Ave
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Scouts Signup: <https://reg.planetreg.com/E1515412319821>

2020 Council Honorees Continued

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

- 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 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.

2021 Council Honors Nominations are OPEN! Please go to our link below and submit your nominations today!

Deadline is October 15th, 2021. Any questions, please contact Eric Hiser, Council Recognition Chair at ehiser.bsa@gmail.com Thank you!

SUBMIT A NOMINATION

John McKenna 2020 Silver Beaver Honoree



John McKenna, Silver Beaver Honoree currently serves as the Roundtable Commissioner and District Vice Chair for the Gila District. He has been with Gila River since its inception; the second volunteer to accept a role with the district. John has been a key leader on the team of bridging our districts together since the merger of the districts. He brought Chandler / Gilbert with him to the Salt River District folks to help establish our District. He has been a leader on training and Roundtable support for the district for 40 consecutive months! John directly supports and guides our Cub Scout leaders as a co-lead for our Cub Scout Roundtable and as lead Roundtable Commissioner. He has directly support units as a Unit and District Commissioner for the past 7 years as well. John also served at both R-C Family Camp and Camp Kaibab Cub Scout Program as he continues to share his volunteer gifts with our Scout Families. In addition, John served as the Associate Advisor of Communications for the Wipala Wiki Lodge. For the many diverse areas of service along your years of commitment and support in Gila River, John, we heartily CONGRATULATE you upon receiving the Silver Beaver Award! Thank you!

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John R. Adcock 2020 Meritorious Service Star Honoree

John R. Adcock, received the Meritorious Service Star from the Sonoran Sunset District for his dedication and service to our youth as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 526 for 15 years! He is also a Merit Badge Counselor in the district. As a paramedic and firefighter, John has always been available to give of his time and expertise when Camporee staff and Webelos Crossover organizers request him to participate staff as the Paramedic/medical help over the camping weekends. Throughout his life, Mr. Adcock has shown his dedication to the flourishing of individuals other than himself by making himself available to those in need, those in training, or those who need someone to talk to. He is an exemplary figure both in and out of scouting, whose vast contributions and exact hours volunteered cannot be calculated. He exemplifies what it means to live a life in service which is why he is so deserving to receive the Meritorious Service Star Award. Congratulations John!



GIFT PLANNING

LEAVE A LEGACY FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

2021 Sporting Clays Classic

We invite you to partner with the Grand Canyon Council as one of our 2021 Sporting Clays Classic Sponsors.

Saturday, November 13, 2021
Rio Salado Sportsman's Club
3960 Utery Pass Road
Mesa Arizona, 85207



The Opportunity:

We invite you to partner with the Grand Canyon Council as one of our 2021 Sporting Clays Classic Presenting, Team, Meal, Scout, or Station Sponsors.

Your company will have a great opportunity to engage and inspire our participants while promoting your business or organization. Funds raised at this event stay local, and support Scouting here in the Grand Canyon Council.



Dave Alexander Matching Fund:

In his monograph, Dave Alexander shares how impactful BSA has been as a foundation to who he is today, crediting many of the successes in his personal and professional life to the lessons Scouting taught him. In support of the Grand Canyon Council, Dave will be matching all sponsorships paid in the month of September 2021. Scouting here in the Grand Canyon Council.

LEARN MORE

PayPal Giving Fund Purchase with a Purpose

Donate to Grand Canyon Council with PayPal Giving Fund. Learn how to give at check out to benefit your charity. [View the PayPal Giving Toolkit.>>](#)

Support Scouting with AmazonSmile Today

Shop *AmazonSmile* today and be part of something bigger! 0.5% of eligible purchases goes to your favorite charitable organization —no fees, no extra cost. [Shop Now >>](#)

Order Your Arizona BSA License Plate

Order your Arizona BSA License Plate today! Grand Canyon Council BSA will receive \$17 of the annual \$25 specialty license plate fee. [Click here](#) to personalize your BSA Arizona License plate!

Welcome To Scouting, Earn Your First Rank Badge and Get a Free Shirt!

We are excited to welcome new Scouts into the scouting program and we want to recognize all Grand Canyon Council Scouts for earning their first rank! **Cub Scouts who earn Bobcat and Scouts BSA members who earn the Scout rank during the months of September and October will receive a limited-Edition State Forty Eight Grand Canyon Council Centennial T-shirt!**

(Provided by a generous donor)

Scouts, invite your friends to join so they too can earn the limited-edition T-shirt too.

Scouters, be sure to use Online advancement during the months of September and October for your Scouts to be recognized.

Families, look for more information about how to order your free shirt on our Facebook and grandcanyonbsa.org after September's roundtable.

ADVANCEMENT



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 >>](#)

Open Shoot Monthly at the Heard Scout Pueblo

[Open Shoot for Rifle](#) September 18, 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](#).

Guide to Advancement (GTA) recently updated

The Guide to Advancement (GTA) is the definitive guide to advancement in the BSA. The Guide to Advancement was recently updated and there were 11 key changes made. [Read More >>](#)

New Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Training for Volunteers



[National BSA 08/05/2021]

New training to educate volunteers on key aspects of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion! Learn how to support diverse youth, to promote a culture where every youth and adult feels a sense of belonging, and to build communities where every person feels respected and valued. Take the training today!

DEI TRAINING

MERIT BADGE WORKSHOPS

Virtual Merit Badge Workshops

- Environmental Science available August 26, 2021
- Emergency Preparedness August 31, 2021
- Citizenship in the World September 09, 2021
- Citizenship in the Nation September 09, 2021
- Personal Management September 14, 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!*

READYSETSCOUT

AN ALL-ACCESS PASS TO AMAZING ADVENTURES



Promoting Your Event

The latest in 2021 customizable recruitment materials. It's time to escape the indoors and help families discover Scouting! Here are resources to promote your event and engage interested families.. [Read More >>](#)

BeAScout Map Pins

Updating your BeAScout.org Map "pin" is simple, and it's a good way to make sure your information is current. From there, families can type in their ZIP code, select the program that interests them. [Read More >>](#)

Unit Social Media Guide

Learn the most effective ways to promote your unit through social media and how to request council provided digital marketing. An average of 16.6% increased in recruitment for units that geofenced. [Read More >>](#)



What Do New Cub Scout Parents Need to Know Right Away?

Check out the Welcome to Cub Scouts one-pager. It's an editable PDF. Add your unit's info!



Best Practices for Sign-Up Nights

Sign-Up night is at the school where most new members attend. This is the Families First Scouting Experience --Consider the expectations the new families have of an organization.



Grand Canyon Council, BSA Employment Opportunities

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.

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FALL UNIFORM OFFER



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Retail customers will save 25% on Uniform Bottoms with Purchase of a Uniform Top



Do's and Don'ts Before Your Next Unit Fundraiser

Follow this list of fundraising do's and don'ts. It comes from Russ McNamer, the BSA's associate general counsel for all things taxes. [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 >>](#)

2021 Popcorn Sales Timeline Coming Up

- August 27 Show and Sell Orders Submission Deadline
- August 31 Drop Dead Date
- Sept.16-17 Show and Sell
- Delivery and Product pickup
- [Read More >>](#)

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How to Sell Over \$1,000 in Under 8 Hours

**5
MINS**

PERSONALIZE. Download the Trail's End App, register an account if you don't already have one, and personalize your account. Set a goal, add pictures, and a short bio telling customers why you're fundraising.

**10
MINS**

ONLINE DIRECT. Utilize the new Autoshare feature of the Trail's End App to ask your prior customers and phone contacts to support your adventures again this year. You can choose from one-time, 30-day, 60-day, and 90-day sharing campaigns that include email(s) and/or text message(s). Trail's End does the work for you, and the average customer orders over \$65 when they order Online Direct!

Pro Tip: Share your fundraising page through social media, and tag your family and friends.

**\$65
x 5
\$325**

**4
HOURS**

STOREFRONTS. Sign up and sell for at least 4 storefront hours in the Trail's End App. The average Scout sells over \$125/hr at storefronts!
Pro Tip: Make the most of your storefront time by working with only one Scout and parent per shift.

**\$125
x 4 hr
\$500**

**3
HOURS**

WAGON SALES. Go door-to-door in your neighborhood, with or without product, and ask your neighbors for their support. Scouts sell over \$100/hr on average!
Pro Tip: Wear your uniform, and practice your popcorn sales speech.

**\$100
x 3 hr
\$300**

TOTAL SALES \$1,125

Trails End Fundraising Mobile App

Beginning 2021 – all storefronts are arranged through the Trails End app and kernel account (*web page*) The app for Scouts to track and report real-time storefronts, wagon and Online sales, accept cash and credit cards, track inventory by Scout and storefront, and sign up for storefront shifts! The app has been redesigned, with upgrades to the platform allowing it to be even faster and more stable with FREE credit card processing. In 2018, units who tested it found that their sales were 20% higher than using cash alone. Please contact teappsupport@trails-end.com with technical support questions. [Click here](#) for more information on the Trail End Mobile App!

**NEARLY FOUR
TIMES THE
STOREFRONTS
THAT WE HAVE
EVER HAD
BEFORE!**

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.

2022 Summer Camp Save-A-Spot Site

Provide an estimated number of participants you expect to attend 2022 Camp Geronimo! This information will help us plan and prepare for next summer. [Learn More and Save-A-Spot >>](#)

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SAFETY CORNER

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- Must meet [Scouting's Barriers to Abuse](#) –In regards to transportation, an adult may not drive or be alone in the car with a Scout unless that Scout is their own child. An adult may drive two or more Scouts.
- Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours in one 24-hour period, regardless of drivers available.
- Youth drivers are prohibited. Must be 18 years of age or older.

We would ask all units to use the SAFE Transportation Checklist and Pre-Trip Inspection for planning transport and completing a vehicle pre-trip inspection. The SAFE Transportation Checklist and Pre-Trip Inspection are available [here](#). Until next time, have fun and stay safe!

Welcome to the Team!

The Grand Canyon Council is excited to welcome Carly Farr as our new Program Business Administrator.

Carly graduated from Brigham Young University Idaho in 2019 with a Bachelors in Marriage and Family Studies. She finds joy in serving the youth in her community and has served on camp staff at both Geronimo and Raymond for over 9 years. In her free time, Carly enjoys directing a choir at church and singing in a community choir. Carly began her employment on August 2nd and will provide leadership for various operations related to program and properties including Blackpug, Council Calendar, Trading Post, and Customer Service. Carly can be reached at Carly.Farr@Scouting.org, 602-955-7747 Ext. 239.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

September 2021 Wood Badge at R-C Scout Ranch

September 09, 2021

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

CENTENNIAL
POW-WOW

REGISTER NOW





BB/Archery Open Shoot

Cub Scouts are scheduled for the afternoon sessions Saturdays at Heard Scout Pueblo. [BB open shoot](#) is September 18, 2021 and [Archery open shoot](#) will be held September 25, 2021.



New fillable "Join Cub Scouting" Stickers

Date, Time and Location Stickers — Utilize many possible methods to promote your event! Customize the stickers to your join night. [Learn More](#)



#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 Cub Scout Geocaching Duck Hunt September 18, 2021

Planned but self-guided Geocaching Duck Hunt. You choose a start time and location from parks listed in the registration. No prior geocaching (or duck hunting) experience needed! Bring a Smartphone with a GPS app or GPS and select a one-hour time slot at a listed park during registration. Did you participate last year? This year, there's NEW parks NEW courses, and....NEW challenges! Patches are available for the first 60 scouts who register for this event, regardless of location! Don't miss out on earning a patch by waiting to register! [Learn More and Register Now >>](#)



NEW 2021 Fantastic Scouts & Where to Find Them

October 9, 2021

All Cub Scouts and families are invited for a fun customizable weekend of adventure! Watch for some special guests to visit at this event! And, find out what your Wizard Companion is for R-C Summer Camp 2022. You can earn your first of 3 patches for attending all 3-wizarding camps! This event must have 60 registrants by 9/24/2021 to avoid cancelation. For event questions, contact Jamie Tooley at rcscoutcamp@gmail.com. [Learn More and Register Now >>](#)

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NEW! Cub Scout STEM Camp Adventure

October 15-17, 2021



Designed for Cub Scouts!

This Adventure 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. This adventure features a new DIGITAL instant recognition for Cub Scouts! Each participant will receive a Snap Ship at the adventure with registration. [Register Now >>](#)



NEW! "SHOOT" Scouts BSA STEM NOVA Virtual Clinic

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 >>](#)

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December 27, 2021 and 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

December 27, 2021 and 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.

Youth Training: Introduction to leadership skills

Introduction to Leadership Skills is designed to help the youth leadership of troops, crews and ships understand their new leadership roles and how to succeed in those roles.

The training consists of 3, one-hour modules. The training is best accomplished with the entire youth leadership group prior to them taking their elected and appointed leadership positions. The face-to-face training not only informs the youth of their roles and responsibilities as unit leaders, it also provides a great forum for team development of the group. It enables each to understand the roles of the entire leadership group and how their positions work together to form a successful leadership team. These courses were developed to help youth leaders learn and practice the attitudes and skills effective leaders demonstrate. The syllabus for troops, crews and ships can be found here:

TROOPS

CREWS

SHIPS

There are also Online portions the youth can do on their own who are in troops and crews. To complete the training, there is a third module that is done face to face with the adult unit leader. The Online portions can be found at my.scouting. Click on the BSA Learn Center on the right side of the screen. From there, click catalog and type in Introduction To Leadership Skills and click on the search icon. There will be 2 modules each for troops and crews.

By completing Introduction To Leadership Skills, the youth is then entitled to wear the "Trained" patch for their respective position. Unit key 3 should then record the training in the training manager for each youth that completed the training.

Workshops with LAVIDGE Social Media Workshop

Join the Social Media Workshop with LAVIDGE on September 16, 2021. And the Media Relations Workshop on September, 23, 2021 from 5pm to 7pm by Zoom participant. [Learn More and Register Free Today >>](#)

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Recording Youth Training

The unit key 3 has the ability to access the Training Manager in my.scouting to record face to face training that youth have completed. This would include Den Chief Training, Introduction to Leadership Skills, NYLT, NAYLE and the NYLT Leadership Academy and others. Youth training records are a part of the training manager and can be very useful in reviewing the training a youth has completed, eligibility for NYLT, potential NYLT staff selection and other roles of continuing youth leadership.

To add youth training, go to the Training Manager in the my.scouting website. Choose the "add/search" function. From there, select "Optional Youth Training". Most courses will be in this drop down box although additional training is in the "Other" drop down box or the program specific drop down. You can then select the appropriate course and the course dates. From there, add members and submit.

If you need help with this, you can contact your district training chair or the council training chair, Allyn Calhoun acscouter312@gmail.com.

CENTRAL DISTRICT



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1921 2021



**A WEEKEND OF PATROL LEVEL SCOUT
SKILLS COMPETITION USING THE ORIGINAL 1911
RANK REQUIREMENTS**

OCTOBER 1-3 AT CAMP GERONIMO

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Overnight ILST Experience

In August, Troop 329 of Central District enjoyed cooler weather on the Mogollon rim for an overnight ILST experience. Youth senior and patrol leadership, including Instructors, Patrol and Assistant Patrol Leaders, shared thoughts on leadership, participated in team building and goal setting as the troop is eagerly returning to in-person meetings this school year.

Jake Van Quathem, ASPL, was excited to see everyone learning and getting a better understanding of the true value of scouting. SPL Thomas Huxtable looks forward to seeing everyone grow and trust each other while having fun during the coming year. Adult leaders including Scoutmaster Carl Churchman, were impressed to hear during campfire how the boys' expectations of the weekend were exceeded, and how much they learned during the reflection process. ASPL Joshua Humrich assisted Thomas and Jake with leading the first meeting's activities to emphasize the "312" way where they incorporated games to emphasize the points of the Scout Oath and Law. Nice work gentlemen!



Gila River District Chair

As I write this, I am reflecting on a fantastic and full summer - 3 trips, including my favorite destination-Maui, a national Championship for my daughter's dance team (in lieu of summer camp unfortunately), and a short trip to Cali.

I sincerely hope you all also had much needed family time in addition to the adventure of summertime Scouting. Gila River District Scouting is continuing the action with several virtual programs to end the summer season on a high note and getting ready for a fantastic fall event – the Mayarzira Camporee at R-C!

Camporee and Webeloree Details: "MAYARZIRA—Light of the Moon"

- WHO: SCOUTS BSA and Webelos. Join us for a great weekend of camaraderie and fun!
- WHEN: Friday to Sunday, October 15-17, 2021
- WHERE: R-C Scout Ranch near Payson
- WHY: Enjoy unique activities, develop skills, and accomplish rank requirements! Build camaraderie with fellow Scouts and Scouters from other units!

Scouts: Nighttime activities will start after check-in Friday night and go into the wee hours of Sat AM and will include fire building, cooking, lashing, first-aid, orienteering activities, signaling and MORE...all with a nighttime "twist". Make "moon cakes", construct a friction bridge, "communicate" with flashlights, relay races with glowing discs and MORE!

Webelos: You will have opportunities to participate in similar scout skills activities and work on rank adventure pins during the day. Webelos can stay the night - just make arrangements with a troop ahead of time and take the opportunity to get to know a future team!

Upcoming Cub Events: Cub Scout "Learn and Earn" Virtual Workshops

September 11, 2021 Bears—Roaring Laughter Adventure Loop, 9:00 am
Tigers—Tall Tales Adventure Loop, 10:30 am

September 18, 2021 Webelos—Build My Own Hero Adventure Pin 1:30 pm
Wolves—Hometown Heroes Adventure Loop, 4:15 pm

Watch for the registration information on the Council Calendar.

Like all 501Cs, we continue to need our community's support for operating funds - please do not forget to support our local Scouting program financially as you do with the gift of your time. We ain't selling cookies but we are selling the adventure of Scouting and the results of successful youth mentoring! Parents AND friends and family can join the 1993 Society here if you have not already done so: <https://grandcanyonbsa.salsalabs.org/GilaRiver/index.html>

Kent Thomas / Gila River District Chair

Please be sure to check the website, calendar, and follow our district and council on Facebook to see our upcoming events and register!

Summer Activities

Many packs in our district are staying active this summer to achieve the summertime award. Here are a couple examples:

Pack 71 had a great time with activities such as bowling, mini-golf, and scavenger hunts.



Pack 8051 celebrated National Hot Dog Day on July 21st by meeting up at a local park. They enjoyed hot dogs and chips, visiting, and splashing in the water in the splash pad. Cub Scouts were encouraged to bring friends as a way to recruit.



Pack 8054 held a "Back to Pack" and Recruitment event with great success. They used this event to get families involved by offering free hot dogs. Four members of Troop 8054, along with the Scoutmaster, provided the labor to cook and serve the hot dogs. In addition, they had an array of door prizes ranging from spiral bound handbooks, neckerchiefs, class B shirts, and local gift certificates that could be redeemed for scout expenses. Everything was provided by the Pack and adult Pack supporters. This is a great example for recruiting and getting families involved in scouting.:



Gila River's Newest Eagles

Congratulations to the Gila River District's newest Eagle Scouts - Ryan P. from Troop 285 in Chandler, Dylan S. from Troop 78 in Phoenix, Stefen H. from Troop 280 in Chandler, Rawley S. from Troop 14 in Phoenix, Michael O. from Troop 283 in Chandler, and Ian H. from Troop 8051 in Yuma.

That makes 43 new Eagle Scouts for the Gila River District in 2021. Welcome to the brotherhood.

LOST DUTCHMAN DISTRICT



TROOPS 88 AND 3088 CELEBRATE TIME AT CAMP GERONIMO



Lost Dutchman's Newest Eagles

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

- Bronson F., Troop 2019, BOR Date 7/1/2021, Fire Hydrant Refurbishing
- George J., Troop 2019, BOR Date 7/1/202, Sunshine Acres Bench Project
- Ethan W., Troop 88 , BOR Date 7/12/2021, Music Wall & Playground Games -Campo Verde H S Daycare
- Lloyd S., Troop 301, BOR Date 7/12/2021, Seed Library Project
- Jeremy K., Troop 653, BOR Date 7/19/2021, Garden beds and painted basketball court for Legacy Academy
- Anthony C. Troop 325, BOR Date 7/20/2021, Landscaping and Fencing for Church Farm
- Cameron W., Troop 2019, BOR Date 7/22/2021, Citrus Donation to St Mary's Food Bank
- Cohen G., Troop 522, BOR Date 7/27/2021, Comfort items drive for cancer patients @cancer center
- Tillman C., Troop 50, BOR Date 7/28/2021, "Remember the forgotten" protein and food drive for Father McGivney food bank

Total new Eagles in 2021 is 58!

Camp Big Horn!



Troop 253 and Troop 738 representing Lost Dutchman at Camp Big Horn!

Pack 555 Recycled Rain Gutter Regatta



On August 14, Pack 555 held a Recycled Rain gutter Regatta. All boats were made from recycled materials!! Congratulations to all of the boys for making something out of recycled materials, and having fun as a pack. The boat construction and regatta was held at EVIT in Mesa.



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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Assoc. Lodge Adviser, Mike Camarillo attended the OA National Council of Chiefs, 1 week in Philmont Scout Ranch.

SuddenLink and Ponderosa District BSA
FALL CAMPOREE 2021 & WAINWRIGHT TROOP SHOOTING COMPETITION



October 1-3, 2021

Ponderosa District Fall Camporee 2021 / Wainwright Troop Shooting Competition is just over the horizon and coming into view quickly! To celebrate 100 years of scouting in the Grand Canyon Council we have created an amazing weekend your troop will not want to miss. The theme you ask?

Scouting Ballistics
100 years of propelling us ahead!



Shooting, Throwing, and Slingshot has been a part of scouting since its beginning. It continues to be one of most popular parts of scouting so we have put together a camporee weekend like no other. An entire weekend devoted to nothing but projectiles flying through the air towards a destination led by the skill and marksmanship of a scout.

Location: Camp Raymond

Cost: \$35 Scout, \$35 Adult - Includes Campsite Fee, Program Supplies, Patch, EA Fee (Water and Trash), Saturday Lunch and Sunday Breakfast

Open too: Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts and Venturing.

Opening: October 1st Friday 4pm – October 3rd Sunday 12pm

Required: Part A&B Medical Form, COVID-19 Waiver and masks. Temperature checks on arrival and at Saturday flags.

Patrol Essentials:

- A youth-built Trebuchet per the design sent when you register for the event.
- 10 Scout essentials: see your scout handbook for what to bring.
- Breakfast Saturday morning, Dinner Saturday night
- A great respectful competitive attitude
- Extra points for THEME SPIRIT!

Schedule:

Saturday events:

- Rifle
- Shotgun
- Archery
- Bear bag rope toss (over a high branch)
- Lunch (provided)
- Axe and Knife throwing
- Air Compressed rocket building and launching
- Paper Airplane building and flying (no not that kind)
- Water balloon slingshot
- Campfire Program in evening

Sunday events:

- Breakfast (provided)
- Scouts Own (Chapel)
- Trebuchet Distance Competition (design provided and built by troops prior to event)
- Awards:
 Wainwright Trophies/Ribbons
 Camporee Awards
- Check Out (campsite inspection, patches, checkout)

REGISTER TODAY



Ponderosa's Newest Eagles

Congratulations to the Ponderosa District's newest Eagle Scout:
 Aurthur R. Turner, Troop 7193



Eagle Scout Project Giving back with Outdoor Ceiling Fans

Aaron Wright-Beeson of Troop 921 submitted his [Eagle Scout Project](#) titled "Outdoor Ceiling Fans For The Church" to Grand Canyon Council. Sharing this information will help us identify stories to share within and beyond our Scouting community. Aaron writes in this submission what inspired this project, "I was inspired to do this project because I care for the people of the church." "When people are standing outdoors talking on days like Scout Sunday, people often get hot, and we don't want anyone to go into heat exhaustion. So, with the outdoor fans, it can help keep people much cooler." Aaron's project took place in Wittmann with 37 total service hours.

EAGLE PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM



Sonoran Sunset's Newest Eagles

Another successful in person EBOR!

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

- **Ayrton Maguregui** - Troop 513 - Collection of donated items for Sunshine Acres Orphanage Homes
- **Cody Costello** - Troop 90 - Little Free Library at Palm Valley Elementary / Litchfield Elementary School District in City of Goodyear
- **Clyde Gardiner** - Troop 665 - First National Bank Beautification - Beautification of a landmark for the City of Glendale.
- **Seth Gardiner** - Troop 665 - Self Sufficiency Project for Homeless- sustainable and unsustainable supplies for Arizona Housing Inc. Used to set up apartments for the homeless to use while attending Provident Living classes.
- **Eli Nelson** - Troop 1776 - Manistee Ranch Historical Restoration - a historic park. Refurbished 15 benches, removed palm trees and re-mulched 6 flower beds.
- **Chase Creeger** - Troop 546 - Computer recycling and salvaging for AZSTRUT

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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



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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