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Andy Price

SCOUT EXECUTIVE

GRAND CANYON COUNCIL

Howdy!

February 8th marked the 110th birthday of the Boy Scouts of America. Ten years into our second century of Scouting, we continue to grow and evolve yet stay true to our roots of duty to God and country. I reflect on my time as a Scout in the 1980s and appreciate knowing that the life lessons of leadership, character, and self-confidence I learned are still being learned by our Scouts today, even as program delivery and content continually evolve to remain current.

Recently I joined Sonoran Sunset District for a Fireside Chat and enjoyed speaking with the passionate volunteers in that part of our council. One of the questions I received was about online registration – why don't we allow youth and leaders to join BSA online? I'm pleased to report that we will be rolling out full availability of online registration in Grand Canyon Council for unit-level volunteers and youth this year.

We will have two challenges to fully implement online registration. The first is units' beascout.org pins. Links to register online will live in the BeAScout system, so units will have to maintain their pins and monitor my.scouting.org for new registrants. Second, Charter Organization Representatives will have to engage with the system (through my.scouting.org) as they are required to approve all adult leaders before they are fully registered. More details, along with training materials, will be rolled out this year so units can 'be prepared' when the system is fully functional.

As we move into March, I get excited about the many camporees, pinewood derbies, and other activities our Scouts and their families will be experiencing – what a great time to invite a friend to join Scouting!

Lastly, we will be rolling out an updated new youth recruiting plan this year. We will be focusing on recruiting for Scouts BSA members in the spring, working to identify potential Scouts in grades 5-6 for your troops. Be sure to attend Roundtable and talk with your district leadership (specifically your Membership Chairman and District Executive) to coordinate efforts and allow your troop to make best use of the resources available from the council. Our fall efforts this year will be focused on Cub Scout recruiting, focused on boys and girls in Kindergarten through 4th grade. March Roundtables will have more information about our council's updated recruiting plan.



2019 Finance Report

2019 was a year of transition for Grand Canyon Council and we are able to report that we have turned a corner in the finance department. The accounting team has closed the books and we're proud to report that we operated at a surplus of operating income over expenses for the first time since 2014. Still pending final audit (not complete until the summer), we were able to balance the budget with a \$54,588 surplus, representing a margin of 1.0%-you could say that we scored a 99% on our budget test last year!

As exciting as this news is, it should be noted that we had an 'angel' donor make a \$250,000 contribution on December 21st. Without this amazingly generous contributor's passion and 11th hour contribution, we would've ended about \$200,000 in the red. The financial

condition of our council is improving, and we've made good strides, but we're far from out of the woods. For 2020 we will receive no allocations from Mesa or Valley of the Sun United Way organizations (we will continue to receive donor-designated funds) and we anticipate most of the FOS that has come from the LDS community will not continue. A variety of programs and fund-raising events are being planned to offset these losses, but every dollar matters and we're continuing to watch all expenses like a hawk.

Congratulations to all for the successes of 2019 and best wishes for continued success in 2020!

Tax Identification Numbers for Units

Recently a bank contacted Grand Canyon Council to discuss an account on their books for a local Cub Scout Pack. The pack had opened the account inappropriately using the Tax Identification Number (TIN) of the council and the bank also didn't catch the error. We were able to clear up the confusion and help the pack get its account fixed and tied to its own TIN.

Because of the charter organization relationship, units in BSA exist under the umbrella of their charter partners, not the council or BSA. As such, the TIN for the charter partner, or a TIN set up specifically for the unit, is the appropriate number to use for bank accounts.

A scouting volunteer should never use their personal social security number to set up a unit bank account.

Now is a great time for your unit to double check that it is using the correct TIN on any bank accounts it might have. Need to set up a TIN for your unit? Go to [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov) and submit form SS-4. Keep in mind that a TIN does not establish tax-exempt status for your unit; units, as an extension of their charter organizations, may be able to benefit from the charter organization's tax-exempt status, but are not separate entities and are not tax-exempt organizations.



Journey to Excellence (JTE)

Each calendar year Scout Units are asked to help deliver continuously improving program to our youth. The Journey to Excellence (JTE) program is a way of measuring key performance indicators for the health of the program and how we are growing in our service to Scouts and the community. Over the past two months Journey to

Excellence score cards have been collected by your commissioners and District Executives. The following units have achieved Bronze, Silver, or Gold unit status. Award ribbons will be given to year unit to be added to your unit flag.

Central

Pack 100	JTE Gold	Pack 329	JTE Gold	Troop 329	JTE Gold	Troop 3401	JTE Gold
Pack 105	JTE Gold	Pack 787	JTE Gold	Troop 401	JTE Gold	Troop 0041	JTE Gold
Pack 127	JTE Gold	Troop 105	JTE Bronze	Troop 461	JTE Gold		
Pack 210	JTE Gold	Troop 201	JTE Gold	Troop 787	JTE Gold		
Pack 244	JTE Gold	Troop 244	JTE Gold	Troop 3329	JTE Gold		

Gila River

Pack 178	JTE Gold	Pack 587	JTE Gold	Troop 577	JTE Gold
Pack 577	JTE Gold	Pack 8054	JTE Gold		

Lost Dutchman

Pack 125	JTE Gold	Pack 451	JTE Gold	Troop 282	JTE Gold	Troop 923	JTE Gold
Pack 253	JTE Gold	Pack 501	JTE Gold	Troop 286	JTE Gold	Troop 1968	JTE Gold
Pack 286	JTE Gold	Pack 653	JTE Gold	Troop 301	JTE Gold	Troop 010	JTE Gold
Pack 301	JTE Gold	Pack 735	JTE Gold	Troop 322	JTE Gold	Troop 088	JTE Gold
Pack 322	JTE Gold	Pack 738	JTE Gold	Troop 325	JTE Gold	Crew 2020	JTE Gold
Pack 325	JTE Gold	Pack 923	JTE Gold	Troop 330	JTE Gold	Ship 3519	JTE Silver
Pack 330	JTE Gold	Pack 010	JTE Gold	Troop 380	JTE Silver		
Pack 355	JTE Gold	Pack 088	JTE Gold	Troop 451	JTE Gold		
Pack 371	JTE Gold	Troop 125	JTE Gold	Troop 738	JTE Gold		
Pack 380	JTE Gold	Troop 253	JTE Gold	Troop 853	JTE Gold		

Ponderosa

Pack 7029	JTE Gold	Pack 7136	JTE Gold	Troop 7010	JTE Bronze	Troop 7134	JTE Gold
Pack 7112	JTE Gold	Pack 7911	JTE Gold	Troop 7033	JTE Gold	Troop 7911	JTE Gold





Journey to Excellence (JTE)

Pinnacle Peak

Pack 40	JTE Gold	Pack 648	JTE Gold	Troop 426	JTE Gold	Troop 3323	JTE Gold
Pack 226	JTE Gold	Pack 848	JTE Gold	Troop 432	JTE Gold	Troop 7063	JTE Bronze
Pack 242	JTE Silver	Pack 916	JTE Gold	Troop 440	JTE Gold	Troop 7117	JTE Bronze
Pack 247	JTE Silver	Pack 918	JTE Gold	Troop 531	JTE Silver	Troop 7354	JTE Silver
Pack 316	JTE Gold	Pack 7063	JTE Bronze	Troop 603	JTE Gold	Troop 7554	JTE Gold
Pack 323	JTE Silver	Pack 7117	JTE Bronze	Troop 616	JTE Gold	Troop 7780	JTE Bronze
Pack 416	JTE Gold	Pack 7354	JTE Silver	Troop 619	JTE Gold	Crew 1912	JTE Gold
Pack 432	JTE Gold	Pack 7554	JTE Gold	Troop 648	JTE Gold	Crew 2015	JTE Gold
Pack 531	JTE Gold	Pack 7780	JTE Silver	Troop 649	JTE Gold	Crew 2030	JTE Gold
Pack 536	JTE Gold	Troop 15	JTE Gold	Troop 818	JTE Gold	Crew 2619	JTE Gold
Pack 603	JTE Gold	Troop 30	JTE Gold	Troop 824	JTE Gold	Ship 3500	JTE Gold
Pack 606	JTE Bronze	Troop 109	JTE Gold	Troop 916	JTE Gold		
Pack 619	JTE Gold	Troop 316	JTE Gold	Troop 3030	JTE Gold		
Pack 647	JTE Gold	Troop 323	JTE Gold	Troop 3226	JTE Gold		

Sonoran Sunset

Pack 64	JTE Gold	Pack 400	JTE Gold	Troop 126	JTE Gold	Troop 828	JTE Gold
Pack 90	JTE Gold	Pack 513	JTE Gold	Troop 194	JTE Gold	Troop 921	JTE Gold
Pack 91	JTE Gold	Pack 990	JTE Gold	Troop 365	JTE Gold	Troop 938	JTE Gold
Pack 126	JTE Gold	Troop 3	JTE Gold	Troop 400	JTE Gold	Troop 3546	JTE Gold
Pack 129	JTE Gold	Troop 21	JTE Gold	Troop 515	JTE Gold	Troop 0365	JTE Gold
Pack 263	JTE Gold	Troop 64	JTE Gold	Troop 515	JTE Gold		
Pack 297	JTE Gold	Troop 91	JTE Bronze	Troop 526	JTE Gold		
Pack 365	JTE Gold	Troop 99	JTE Gold	Troop 546	JTE Gold		

Congratulations to our Journey to Excellence Scouting units!

Based on unit JTE forms submitted to Grand Canyon Council Registrar by February 13, 2020. Units can submit their 2019 JTE forms by emailing them to Katherine.coleman@scouting.org.

District Ops

Our March District Operations meeting will be held at 7:00pm on March 12th at the Grand Canyon Council Service Center. We have two breakouts you are invited to attend. District Chairs and District Training Chairs please join us to discuss unit training and how we can assist.

District Commissioners please join us to plan our actions to serve struggling units. We look forward to seeing our District Chairs, Commissioners, and Trainings Chairs for this important event.

Spring Recruitment is Warming Up!

Spring recruitment is warming up! Troops, be sure to attend your March Roundtable to receive the tools and resources necessary for a great crossover and brand new Scout recruitment. Be sure to bring the family who is committed to help host your recruitment event and/or is driving your recruitment efforts.

(Cub Scout Packs, we will be hosting your recruitment readiness training at our May Roundtables)



Our Scouting family is Growing!

Our Scouting family is Growing! In January, 7 new Scout Units have joined the Grand Canyon Council. If you are a member of a unit that did not re-charter, or if you would like to help provide more families an opportunity to learn

the values; email gcc.membership@scouting.org, so we can help.

Our newest community partners are:

- Taylored Properties Troop 82
- Square Planet Presentations Troop 665
- Ballard Enterprise LLC Troop 704
- United Islamic Center of Arizona Troop 744
- United Islamic Center of Arizona Pack 744
- Mesa Thunderbird Lions Club Troop 2019
- Saints Philip & James Episcopal Church Troop 5133

1993 Society Corrections:

We are thankful to all of our Council donors. Last month we recognized our 1993 Society donors. Paul Stithem should have been included as a Bronze level donor. We hope you are interested in being included in our 1993 society this year. You can join at <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/donate>

Press Release

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Boy Scouts of America Welcomes Northern Arizona District Executive



The Grand Canyon Council Boy Scouts of America is proud to announce and welcome Patrick Gamble as the Ponderosa District Executive serving northern Arizona. With volunteer support, Gamble's responsibilities will include effective district operations. This includes membership growth, building community partner relationships, fundraising, unit service, program support, and enhancing our volunteer team to better serve the youth of northern Arizona. Gamble, is a long time Scouter and Eagle Scout, serving as summer camp staff for 11 years.

Gamble is a nonprofit and creative professional with over twenty years of experience in information technology, marketing, and community-driven organizations. He is a graduate of Northern Arizona University with a Bachelor of Science in Advertising and Visual Communications.

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*Patrick Gamble
Northern Arizona
District Executive*

Certificate of Insurance

The BSA general liability policy provides primary liability insurance coverage for all chartered organizations on file with the BSA for liability arising out of their chartering a traditional Scouting unit. Chartered organizations do not need a certificate of insurance (COI); however, units do occasionally utilize facilities that require this document.

To obtain a Certificate of Insurance, COI for short, you will need to complete a request form. The request forms can be found on our website. All information must be completely entered, including the amount of the COI (1million or 2-million-dollar policy) and the address of how the requestor wants the COI to read.

Once you complete the request form, it should be emailed to Jackie.vantress@scouting.org. We do ask that you submit your request form at least 2 weeks in advance of your event. Sometimes there are special circumstances that require we get the COI from our National office and that can take several days.

It is always best to "Be Prepared", just like our Scout Motto says. The COI will be emailed back to the contact person. Grand Canyon Council is not responsible for sending COI's to the certificate holder. If you are heading to another BSA property, you do not need a COI, you can simply request a copy of our General Liability Insurance, which we are happy to provide.

If you are heading to the Riparian in Gilbert, AZ, we ask that you email Jackie.vantress@scouting.org the following information: Unit number, date of event and the leader's name(s) who are making the reservation and attending the event. The Grand Canyon Council and the Town of Gilbert work together and have a Leader Verification process, which is to be completed by the Grand Canyon Council and submitted to the Town of Gilbert.

If you have any questions regarding a COI and how to obtain one, please contact Jackie Van Tress, Office Manager at 602.955.7747 ext. 228.

COUNCIL RECOGNITION

Out of thin Air

Eagle Scout, philanthropist, triathlete, businessman. These are all words that describe Dave Alexander, a member of the Executive Board for Grand Canyon Council and the Boy Scouts of America National Executive Board. Dave was recently presented the Silver Beaver award by our council and received the Silver Buffalo award from BSA in 2019. Dave has been one of the single best 'friends of scouting' to our council for several years and is passionate about Scouting and its impact on youth and families.

Dave has written a book detailing some of the lessons on leadership he has learned in his life, and he has made it available as a free e-book to Scouts, leaders, and parents. His book is called [Out of Thin Air | Lessons in Leadership](#) and can be downloaded [here](#) at no cost. Thanks, Dave!

New Grand Canyon Council Youth Team Additions

Recognized in [Western Region Venturing](#)

"VP Programs Support Riely Bradley from the Grand Canyon Council!"



2019 Volunteer Award Recipients

Congratulations once again to the 2019 Volunteer Award Recipients on receiving your very well-deserved Council Awards that define the "Scouting in you" Your passion, your commitment, your time, your talent, and your never-ending support for the Boy Scouts of America program here in Grand Canyon Council. Thank you for all you do in serving our youth of tomorrow and inspiring each other by supporting Scouters along the Journey to Excellence in character, leadership and personal development.

View Recipients and Keynote Speaker Biographies:
[Council Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year](#)
[2019 Meritorious Service Star Honorees](#)
[2019 Distinguished Service Star Honorees](#)
[2019 Silver Beaver Honorees](#)
[2019 Silver Buffalo Honoree](#)
[Keynote Speaker](#)



Gila District Leader Receives Torch of Gold Award

Author Kathy Richmond

The Torch of Gold is a council-level award of the Boy Scouts of America to recognize adults for exceptional service and leadership in working with Scouts who have special needs. Only one is awarded each year within the council.

This year's Torch of Gold has been duly awarded to Dr. Josef Debbins. Throughout his Scouting career, Joe was a 2-year Scoutmaster and 3-year Assistant Scoutmaster. During this time, he also earned his religious emblem, Order of the Arrow Brotherhood Honor, Unit Leader Award, Spark Plug Award and five JTE Gold Unit Awards. He is also the proud father of two Eagle Scouts.

Joe has been an outstanding leader and role model to the Scouts in Troop 16 which is chartered through the Desert Foothills United Methodist Church in Ahwatukee. Joe grew up in an extremely large family with some of his siblings having special needs, some quite severe. No doubt, he learned early on that his siblings were capable of much, when given the tools and time they needed. He has certainly applied this outlook when working with the boys in Troop 16.

In a world where people are quick to judge, impatient, and often display intolerance, Joe refreshingly demonstrates patience, acceptance, and wisdom. To his testament, Joe has humbly received numerous mentor pins from Eagle Scouts within the troop. Troop 16's Will Richmond, who earned his Eagle rank last year said, "Mr. Debbins was always there to help me reach my individual goals along my journey, but what's great is that he's done that for every boy."

Within Joe's years of leadership, our troop has had boys with varying degrees of special needs, both physical and behavioral. What has made Joe successful in working with these boys is that he chooses not to view them any differently than the rest of the Scouts in the troop. No matter their goals, he helped these boys achieve them. All but one have even attained the rank of Eagle.

Joe is naturally non-judgmental and accepting. He leads by example, treating everyone with respect, hardly noticing the differences between those with and without the label of "special needs." While others might find the boy with ADHD's short attention span annoying, or the boy with Asperger's challenges frustrating, Joe does not.

He is consistently present; always coaching, counseling, teaching, encouraging, and guiding the boys, building the relationships necessary to help each boy be successful.



Joe is famous for his short and to the point expression of praise, "Strong work!" He never does more for a Scout than what is needed, allowing the Scouts to feel a sense of accomplishment, having learned the information and skills needed, and having earned the merit badges and ranks prescribed by the program.

Joe is an unassuming man, never seeking recognition for what he does; however, through his example, leadership, and the trusting relationships he has developed with the boys, both adults and Scouts alike have learned how to seamlessly integrate these boys into the Scouting program. When a parent or Scout thanks him for his help, his reply is often a smile and a simple, genuine, "That's what we do here." The Torch of Gold Award should be renamed "The Heart of Gold Award" in Joe Debbins' case, if it is to fully encapsulate the heart he has for boys in his troop and the desire he has to see each one succeed, no matter the obstacles.



Wood Badge Premier Training Course

Wood Badge is Scouting's premier training course. Baden-Powell designed it so that Scouters could learn, in as practical a way possible, the skills and methods of Scouting. It is first and foremost, learning by doing. The members of the course are formed into patrols and these into a troop. The entire troop lives in the out-of-doors, camping, cooking their own meals, and practicing Scout skills.

Wood Badge is more than just mechanical course work. Wood Badge is the embodiment of Scouting spirit. Like many intense training experiences, it has always relied on a busy schedule forcing the participants to work together, to organize and to develop an enthusiasm and team spirit to accomplish the tasks and challenges

placed before them. Carried out in context of Scouting ideals and service to young people, the course brings out a deep dedication and spirit of brotherhood and fellowship in most participants.

Grand Canyon Council will host two sessions of the 2020 revision of Wood Badge this year! Each session will take place over two weekends two weeks apart, which each participant must complete in order to continue with the training

R-C Ranch – Christopher Creek, AZ

Director: Rob Wisheart

Oct. 9-11 & 24-25

[Click here to register!](#)

Outdoor Ethics: Leave No Trace



Outdoor Ethics and Leave No Trace are key components of all core BSA outdoor programs. Consider the combined effects of millions of outdoor visitors. One poorly located campsite or campfire may have little significance, but thousands of such instances seriously

degrade the outdoor experience for all. Leaving no trace is everyone's responsibility.

Help protect the front and backcountry by remembering that while you are there, you are a visitor. When you visit a friend, you take care to leave your friend's home just as you found it. You would never think of trampling garden flowers, chopping down trees in the yard, putting soap in the drinking water, or marking your name on the living room wall. When you visit the front and backcountry, the same courtesies apply. Leave everything just as you found it. Hiking and camping without a trace are signs of an expert outdoorsman, and of a Scout or Scouter who cares for the environment.

A Leave No Trace Trainer course provides more advanced awareness and skills training, and develop youth and adults capable of effectively teaching these important outdoor skills and ethics.

A unit with an active Leave No Trace Trainer will be better equipped to travel lightly on the land.

A 16-hour, overnight, Leave No Trace Trainer course trains adults and youth ages 14 and up to serve as Leave No Trace Trainers. It is recommended training for the Outdoor Ethics Guide troop junior leadership position.

Grand Canyon Council's Outdoor Ethics Team goal is for every unit, within every district, to have some level of formal Leave No Trace training. By becoming a Leave No Trace Trainer, you will learn the skills and gain the confidence to host Leave No Trace awareness workshops for you unit.

The next [Leave No Trace Trainer](#) course is being offered from Saturday, March 21, 2020 to Sunday March 22, 2020 at The Heard Scout Pueblo. A [second course](#) will be held in 2020, offered Sept. 19-20 at Camp Geronimo. We hope you'll join us! Regards, Graham L. Twaddell, MS Grand Canyon Council Outdoor Ethics Advocate

BALOO

(Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)

March 28-29 at Pioneer Living History Museum

Early Registration Cost until March 15, 2020

INTRODUCTION TO LEADERSHIP SKILLS



Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops, Crews & Ships

The purpose of the ILST course is to teach youth with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role.

It is intended to help youth in leadership positions within their troop, crew or ship to understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities.

ILS is the first course in the series of leadership training offered to youth and is a replacement for Troop Leadership Training. Completion of ILS is a prerequisite to participate in the more advanced leadership courses National Youth

Leadership Training (NYLT) and the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE). It is also required to participate in a Kodiak Challenge Trek.

After completion of their respective course, the youth is entitled to wear the "trained" patch for their leadership position. For more information on how and when to conduct this training, contact your district training chair or the council training chair, Allyn Calhoun at acscouter312@gmail.com.

Working towards the Automotive Maintenance Merit Badge at Phoenix Raceway with NASCAR guest appearance William Byron
[Click here for Merit Badge requirements!](#)

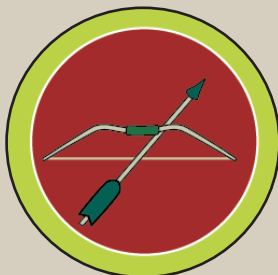
MERIT BADGE CLINICS



Automotive
Phoenix Raceway
March 7, 2020



Mammal Study
Odysea Aquarium
March 21, 2020



Archery
Heard Scout Pueblo
March 28, 2020



Insect Study
Butterfly Wonderland
March 28, 2020



Fishing and Fly Fishing
Sun City Grand Pavilion
April 18, 2020

PHILMONT 2020 *Leadership Inspired*

In just a few short months, during WESTERN REGION WEEK--July 19-25, 2020, the Grand Canyon Council's "Leadership Inspired" conference begins at the Philmont Training Center in northern New Mexico, near Cimarron. Haven't decided to go yet? If you need some encouragement, please consider this:



Here are Ten Reasons to join us! You can...

- 10) enjoy a book, relax or play with your kids (with a view of the Tooth)
- 9) travel somewhere new (and have fun exploring the area in and around Philmont)
- 8) observe wildlife (deer, antelope, wild turkeys, "mini-bears" and more)
- 7) go for a walk around the PTC (or take a hike to see the T Rex footprint)
- 6) wear a Western shirt (bring your boots and a bolo tie for Cowboy night)
- 5) enjoy a beautiful sunset over the mountains (and see God's handiwork in the sky)
- 4) visit one of the 4 Museums on or near the Ranch (including the Villa)
- 3) experience fellowship (with Scouters from around the Country)
- 2) gain inspiration (to continue as an advocate for Scouting)
- 1) help Grand Canyon Council develop ways to implement the strategic plan to ensure a bright future for Scouting in our Council!



Join us for a great week in God's country! The early bird gets the worm. Don't delay, register today! Just do it. "Leadership Inspired, Inspired Leadership"!

Please visit the following link for more information and to register: (click on the large green tab)
<https://www.philmontscoutranch.org/ptc/2020-conferences/>.

QUESTIONS? Please contact:

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Kathy Polowski—boyscoutsrock565@yahoo.com

2021 NATIONAL JAMBOREE

July 21-30, 2021



REGISTER TODAY!



Grand Canyon Council National Scout Jamboree 2021 JULY 14 - 30, 2021

Don't miss the trip of a lifetime! Reserve your spot today! We have four different Council contingent opportunities, pick the one that is right for you. Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, and Venturers are invited! Qualifications to Register

- Must be at least a First Class Scout OR registered member of a Venture Crew.
- Must be at least 12 years old on July 18, 2021. Venturers must be less than 21 years old and Boy Scouts must be less than 18 years old.

Amazing activities at the National Jamboree include:

- Fun and thrilling Jamboree arena shows
- World-class zip lines
- Shooting sports
- Merit Badge Midway
- American Indian Village
- Kayaking and boating fun
- Whitewater rafting and kayaking
- Rock climbing and bouldering
- Mountain biking and BMX

[Click here to learn more!](#)

We will have two different trip options

Registration is open for all Scouts, BSA and Venturing Scouts.

[Click here to register!](#)





Poseidon Event

The [Poseidon event](#) is a weekend filled with Aquatic adventure, like sailing, scuba, paddle craft, and maritime learning being offered to adult Scouters and youth that are 14 years of age or older. The program includes SCUBA, sailing, marksmanship, lifesaving, boat repair, paddle-craft, and much more! [Click here](#) to download our flyer (PDF)

Lifeguard Training

Lifeguard training dates are now open for any youth 15+/scouters interested.
(BSA Camp Staff & BSA Youth and members 15 year old.)

Offer includes Boy Scouts of America Lifeguard and Red Cross Lifeguard **April 18 - 19 and April 25-26 at the Heard Scout Pueblo**. Lifeguard Training will also be offered during **Poseidon** at Lake Pleasant (non-camp guards) May 2-3.

BSA Lifeguard only- \$50

Red Cross (Includes BSA Lifeguard)- \$150

1901 E Dobbins Rd
Phoenix, Arizona 85042



- Red Cross Lifeguard candidates must attend pre-online training course to be certified.
- Any non-camp staff candidates must attend two supervised lifeguard training opportunities at Lake Pleasant in order to complete their BSA lifeguard requirements.
- All candidates must present evidence of BSA Safe Swim Defense.
- All lifeguard candidates must pass the prerequisites in order to be accepted into the lifeguard training course which include:
 - » Swim continuously for 550 yards in good form using the front crawl or breaststroke or a combination of either, but swimming on the back or side is not allowed.
 - » Immediately following the above swim, tread water for two minutes with the legs only and the hands under the armpits.
 - » Starting in the water, swim 20 yards using a front crawl or breaststroke, surface dive 7 to 10 feet, retrieve a 10-pound object, surface, swim on your back with the object 20 yards back to the starting point with both hands holding the object, and exit the water within 1 minute 40 seconds.

For more info/ to register, please contact Ember McCall, mccall.ember@gmail.com

Den Leader Experience

This is a good time for packs and dens to check out the Den Leader Experience for possible use next school season. There is a 'sandbox' where you can check out how the advancement system works without disturbing your current pack and den calendar. [Click here for more information](#)

Merit Badge Process and Requirements

The process for earning merit badges and a list of the requirements for all merit badges can be found here: <https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

Reminder: New Requirements for Merit Badge Counselors

We will automatically reregister all merit badge counselors in April if the following three conditions are met:

1. You have taken the Merit Badge Counselor orientation course.
2. Your youth protection training is current (remember it must be retaken every 2 years.)
3. You have the new Background Check Authorization form on file with council.

The form is here: <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/additional-disclosures>

Fill it out, sign it, and send it to: gcc.membership@scouting.org

If you no longer wish to be a merit badge counselor, please send an email to: gcc.membership@scouting.org

All Merit Badge Counselors must have taken the Merit Badge Counselor orientation course to be registered or reregistered starting in April. The course is online, to take the course:

- a) Log in to my.scouting.org (use Chrome or Safari)
- b) Click on the large BSA Learn Center icon on the right
- c) Click on Program
- d) Click on Scouts BSA
- e) Click on Merit Badge Counselor Training, add it and take the course. (if you have any problems with the online training, send an email to: myscouting@scouting.org)

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Camp Cards Fundraiser 50% COMMISSION

The Camp Card fundraiser is designed to assist scouts in fundraising for their Scouting activities, while reducing out of pocket costs for their families.



PROGRAM



Our Scouting for Food occurred on Feb. 1st this year, with over 60 units across our Council having reported their collections so far! Units have reported a total of 30,751 pounds of food collected so far, with even more units

reporting collections across this month as they have combined their efforts with Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath, Blue and Golds, and Scouting for Food night with the Arizona Coyotes on Feb. 22nd!

Top Collections by Pack:

Pack 178 – 3,000 pounds

Pack 7733 – 2000 pounds

Pack 524 – 1640 pounds

Top collections by Troop:

Troop 283 – 4,572.5 pounds

Troop 616 – 2,230 pounds

Troop 7733 – 2,000 pounds

Participation by District:

Gila River – 16260 pounds, 12 units reporting

Pinnacle Peak – 7,240.5 pounds, 18 units reporting reporting

Central District – 3432 pounds, 9 units reporting

ScoutReach – 294 pounds, Troop 4 reporting

Units may still report their collections through <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/food>. Scouting for Food patches will be distributed at the March 5th roundtable meetings, or can be arranged through your District Executive!

Scout Sunday and Scouting for Food First United Methodist Church and Scouting Celebrates Duty to God and Serving our Community

The first 3 church pews on both sides of the aisle were filled with a sea of khaki, forest green and navy blue and gold hosting Scouts of all ages as we celebrated Scout Sunday and received Scouting for Food collections from our congregation family. Four BSA Units (from two districts) totaling 42 Scouts (Cubs, Scouts BSA and Venture) plus their parents, siblings, grandparents, and Scout and Den leaders all participated together in two services to honor our tradition in celebrating our Duty to God and serving our community:

Troop 41, Brian Cook, Scoutmaster and Charter Partner with FUMC

Troop 513, Geoffrey Boadu, Troop Chaplain (event coordinator) and Scoutmaster, Dan Gavagan

Pack 531, Brian Lee, Cubmaster

Troop 531, Jess Rankin, Scoutmaster

Troop 787 Orvell Franklin, Troop Treasurer and Public Relations

Unit Commissioners, Avery Thresher and Judy Walden

Letter of Appreciation

Geoffrey Boadu, Troop Chaplain of Troop 513
Scout Sunday/Scouting for Food
[Pinnacle Peak District](#)

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Troop 41 is a charter partner with First United Methodist Church and hosts weekly troop meetings, as the Scout program aligns with the church vision and principles in growing stronger youth through Scouting. The troop opened up the service at 9:00 am by presenting the colors. They also coordinated two Scouting for Food events this year; one to benefit the Oasis Food Pantry and the other to First Church Food Pantry, totaling 1,293 pounds.

Troop 531 and **Pack 531** began a new tradition in 2019 that was bigger and better in 2020. In a combined effort, Scouts from Pinnacle Peak District's Troop 531 and Pack 531 follow three steps to make an impact in the community with Scouting for Food and Scout Sunday. First, each den and patrol split up and place flyers in multiple areas in the North Phoenix area. Second, the dens and patrols pickup the food donated on the official Scouting for Food weekend. The third step is the final day of giving back, the Scouts deliver their Scouting for Food donations to First United Methodist Church's food pantry for those in need and then the Scouts participate in the

church's service by being greeters, ushers and speakers. The congregation even joins in reciting the Scout Law. In fact, Pastor Denny even asked those who were in Scouts at one time to stand and almost 3/4 of the church was on their feet. Troop 531 and Pack 531 hoped to collect 1,000 lbs this year and they exceeded their goal and delivered 1,724 lbs! Troop 531 and Pack 531 say the experience is so positive they hope to bring in 2,000 lbs next year!

The **Religious Emblem Program** in Scouting encourages members to grow stronger in their faith and to reinforce the values of the BSA. Christopher and Geoffrey Boadu completed the 3rd of the 4 programs "God and Church" and were both presented the award on Scout Sunday.

Caitlynn Pulley's UMC-**Good Samaritan Award** is also in recognition of her accomplishments in BSA Venture Crew 3041, her Girl Scout troop and her recognition of Youth Leadership within the UMC, all while a member of FUMC-Phoenix.

Please read "Letter of Appreciation and Thanks" from Geoffrey Boadu, Troop Chaplain of Troop 513 and Chair of Scout Sunday/Scouting for Food and member of First United Methodist Church, Phoenix where this wonderful event took place:

Thank you Scout Leaders and Church Community;

It's my greatest honor to express my profound gratitude to you all for your support and unbounded commitment in joining to celebrate Scout Sunday yesterday. The event keeps getting better each year, reinforcing the 12th point of the Scout law – A Scout is Reverent - in our youth as they experience "Duty to God" as a practical reality.

I also want to thank Pastor Denny Silk, Cathy Fuentes, the church administration and our congregation of First United Methodist Church for hosting this great event, and for their continued support for Scouting.

Our Scouting for Food donations will expand the First United Methodist Church (FUMC) community outreach in continuing to serve food to the homeless and the needy in the church neighborhood.

I am very humbled for such a great turnout and it's my fervent hope that we continue to engage our youth in these great events. The next Scout Sunday falls on February 14, 2021 so let's add this to our yearly planner to give our youth another great moment to celebrate and serve others.

*Thank you,
Geoffrey Boadu*

Troop 513, Chaplain

Scout Sunday and Scouting for Food Coordinator

Camp Cards 2020

The Camp Card fundraiser is back, and better than ever! Scouts will now earn 50% commission, or \$5.00 for each discount card sold. With support from Fry's Food Stores and Jiffy Lube, we have four weekends and 146 locations that Scouts can use as storefront opportunities! Additionally, we have four different cards available, with regional offers that allow Scouts to sell more relevant local deals for customers in their communities! We are offering a Northern Arizona card, West-Metro Phoenix, East-Metro Phoenix, and a state-wide card for Explorer posts!

Also new to this year, a Camp Card Leaders Guide has been created to provide leaders of all levels a plan to motivate your Scouts, how to lead a unit kickoff, how to set goals, and how to ensure this can be one of your best fundraisers yet! There is no cost to participate, and Camp Cards will be available at March roundtables! If you would like to reserve cards, review the Leaders Guide, or find out additional information, please visit www.grandcanyonbsa.org/campcard.



GRAND CANYON COUNCIL

LODGE ADVISOR

Jeff Posey

Lodge Advisor Minute

Order of the Arrow...What's in it for me? "Who among you now is ready? Who among you will go on this journey?" It has been 36 years since I heard these words on a dark night, as a young scout, from a Chief I could barely see through a smoky fire. I remember these words, because I bought in immediately to the fundamentals and principles that I was hearing. I was intrigued by the challenge before me and the opportunities that seemed endless

As an example of the enduring and inclusive nature of this program, I graduated from high school 31 years ago, and yet, I am not in contact with any of my friends from high school or college. However, I am still in contact with, and very close with, my scouting friends I grew up with and met along the way. We all came from different backgrounds and some of us share different views on politics, religion, hobbies, etc., but we respect and love each other no matter what. That is one of the things the Order of the Arrow provided for us...shared experiences and principles that bind us all together in a life of servant leadership and wanting to make a positive impact in the communities we live in. In a society, where people seem so divided, I look at what Scouting and the Order of the Arrow taught me and feel that if only everyone could live these principles daily...the world would be better for it.

The Order of the Arrow's primary focus is on supporting the units. One of our primary goals this year, is to get out and visit every troop and build a strong working relationship with Scoutmasters. I am passionate about this program and the leadership opportunities it provides. I believe it is vital for the Lodge to work with units to find out where we can be of assistance to those units.

The Lodge has a couple of immediate areas of focus:

1. Elections
2. Getting candidates to the Ordeal
3. Membership Retention
4. Grass roots promotion – visitation to all units, Roundtables, summer camps

Over the years, I have heard comments like "The OA is just manual labor" or "the OA just steals the scouts from the units" or "the OA is a clique or elitist organization".

Our leadership is focused on managing this perception by "re-branding" the image through building relationships with the units and focusing on the leadership opportunities that this organization can provide. In the OA Scouts are considered a youth until the age of 21, this makes the OA an INCREDIBLE retention tool to keep scouts involved who "age out" at 18. This is a tremendously powerful tool that will benefit the units we serve. As I mentioned in my previous "adviser minute", I am still in Scouting because of the OA.

We will begin making contact with Scoutmasters, with a goal of visiting 100% of the units this year and the hopes we can partner together and perform elections in all of the units.

This year is a National Order of the Arrow Conference year. The event will be hosted at Michigan State University, August 3 – 8. Wipala Wiki will be sending a contingent and I would like to invite all OA members to register for this event (info can be found at www.wipalawiki.org) The conference is filled with fun, fellowship, sports, patch trading, REMARKABLE shows and training of all sorts.

I cannot emphasize how excited I am about the youth leadership and their vision for this year. They are off to a great start and look to make 2020 an incredibly fun year.

I am deeply honored to have been given this opportunity to serve our Council and give back to a program that has given me so much. I look forward to this year and creating a positive and inclusive culture for the Lodge that will inspire the next generation

I welcome all arrowman...new, veteran, youth, adult... everyone to get active. Please reach out to me with any questions or if you have an interest in serving. Email me at Jeff.posey@wipalawiki.org or mobile at 480-258-0919. "It Starts With Us" Jeff Posey, Lodge Adviser.



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ORDER OF THE ARROW



GRAND CANYON COUNCIL

LODGE CHIEF

Kyle W.

Chiefly Speaking:

Hello Wipala Wiki and Grand Canyon Council,

These past couple of months have been the most successful months Wiki has seen! As a leadership team, we have conducted two business meetings that have allowed us to thrive in such a minimum amount of time we have been in office. I encourage any youth or adult member who is interested in lodge business to come to our Lodge Executive Council meetings!

Since our January banquet, when I was sworn in as lodge chief, I have had the opportunity to meet so many of you active Arrowmen. I also want to meet our inactive Arrowmen too. We are trying to do some things differently to appeal to more Arrowmen and have more impactful events as a lodge to maximize fun. Do not forget about our upcoming May Fellowship, the National Order of the Arrow Conference in August, and our Section Conclave in October too!

To all of our involved Arrowmen: Encourage your friends to come back! Talk to your Brothers in your schools, troops, crews, ships, chapters, and tell them to come to an Induction Weekend or Fellowship weekend and come have fun!

We always welcome new coming Arrowmen and old Arrowmen seeking to become active again. Please email me at chief@wipalawiki.org for any information on how to become active again or any Lodge business.

Yours In Brotherhood,

Kyle W.

Lodge Dues

Each active member of the lodge pays their own way with dues. Dues are collected annually to help support the lodge program and also pay for the Arrowman's National Order of the Arrow Dues.

This annual fee can be paid online at the provided link, or at a lodge event. You must be registered with the BSA to be registered in the lodge. LINK TO PAY DUES: <https://scoutingevent.com/010-2020oadues>

Activities: Our lodge has a number of activities each year including:

Spring Fellowship
Winter Banquet
Ceremonies: Ordeals, Brotherhoods,
and Vigil inductions
American Indian Affairs

Training Events
Leadership Opportunities for Youth
Mentorship Opportunities for Adults
National Events such as the National
Order of the Arrow Conference



Order of the Arrow: Ordeal Candidate Induction and Election Update

Effective January 1, 2020, Wipala Wiki lodge has moved from four Ordeals annually to two Ordeals. One Ordeal Induction weekend in the spring and one in the fall.

Why the Change?

We want to have less lodge events that take new Arrowmen away from their Troop, Crew, or Ship. We also want to make sure that we have less lodge events for existing members to go and welcome their new members in. It is very important for all Order of the Arrow members to go and welcome these new members in to make them feel welcome as part of their Induction. This Brotherhood can lead to strong life-long friendships and we want to help foster building those friendships.

What are the new Dates?

Spring Ordeal, Heard Scout Pueblo: March 6-8th

[Register Now](#)

We moved this Ordeal from October to March for cooler temps and to have a large Ordeal to benefit the camp ahead of the busy camp season. We want to make sure that the Heard is improved before it gets used more for the spring, summer and fall. Also, we want to make sure that new members have the opportunity to attend the [National Order of the Arrow Conference](#) - the flagship OA member event in August. Members that want to convert to Brotherhood Membership will have an opportunity as well.

Fall Ordeal | Camp Geronimo: September 11-13th

[Registration Opens in the Spring](#)

After a busy summer of going to summer camp, Philmont, the National Order of the Arrow Conference - this will be our Fall Ordeal and Lodge Reunion. Candidates can join the lodge and existing members can welcome them in and convert to Brotherhood Membership. It will be a little cooler up there and a nice break from the heat! Let's reunite and convene before our fall activities.

How do we have a Unit Election?

Great question! We want to make this easier to schedule and coordinate. We have a new online form for Units to sign up for an election and let the lodge know that they are interested in having a Unit Election. Local Chapter/district lodge members will reach out to confirm and schedule with you. [Click here to visit our new online sign up form for Unit Elections!](#)

How long do Candidates have to complete their Ordeal induction?

Candidates will have one calendar year from their Election Date to complete their Ordeal Induction weekend. We urge all units to encourage their Candidates to sign up as soon as possible after their election and to go and support them through their induction!

How do we help with the Ordeals? How do we help in general?

Thanks! We need Arrowmen to come and welcome new members in the lodge. We need adults and youth to serve as Elangomats alongside the candidates and always welcome more youth members to join our ceremonies teams. Please contact our team with the email address under resources! We want people to schedule their elections and we also need help with elections! Encourage your Unit to sign up!

Resources:

Questions- please reach out to our Inductions team, Vice Chief Ben F. and his adviser, Tim Pitcock at: Inductions@wipalawiki.org.

[Membership Page of our Website](#)

[Ordeal Page of Our Website](#)

[Ordeal Packing List](#)

ORDER OF THE ARROW



National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State August 2nd - 8th, 2020

- National OA Event complete with Region and Section Gatherings
- Tons of Activities and Recreation Events
- Patch Trading
- Awesome Arena Shows
- National OA Trading Post
- Escape the Heat

It's getting to be that time again when we start planning for the BIGGEST and BEST Order of the Arrow event in the country!! That's right, the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) will be held in East Lansing, Michigan August 2- August 8, 2020 on the beautiful campus of Michigan State University. This conference will feature the best in Shows, Indian Affairs, Workshops, Lodge Administration classes, Personal Development Classes, Sports Activities and much more!! There are too many activities to list. .. All expenses for this once in a lifetime trip will be approximately \$1500.00. This includes airfare, bus transfers, hotel stay, meals, Conference fee and our famous "Goodie Bag". PLEASE remember that this is only a guess to the final amount, as we will not know the final figures until January 2020.

Sign up now with a \$100.00 deposit. Checks made payable to NOAC. We will have a payment system for all of you that would like to pay in monthly increments. Just ask to start this service. Payments must be made in \$50.00 increments for the ease of accounting.

We're here to help you in any way that we can. Please send payments to:

Gary Hnydowitz

PO BOX 50374

Phoenix, AZ 85076-0374

Cell 602-469-0824

[Download the Sign Up Form Here.](#)

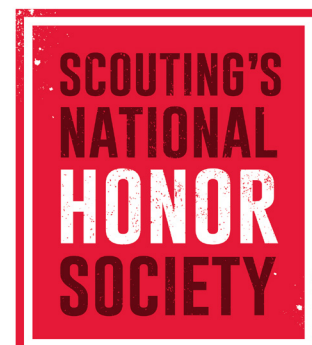
Who can go to NOAC?

Any member of our lodge can attend the conference this year. There are no limits on adults attending. This is a fantastic opportunity that youth should especially attend to see more about the Order of the Arrow!

If you are interested in being able to check out the Conference Remotely- sign up to be a Remote Delegate with online shows and more. \$80. [Click here](#)

Ceremonies Update

While American Indian attire has been the historic tradition used in OA ceremonies, circumstances may dictate that lodges use either the Scout Field Uniform or the Alternative Ceremonial Clothing. For example, Alternative Ceremonial Clothing should be used in situations where a lodge does not have a relationship with a local tribe, a local tribe has expressed concern with the use American Indian ceremonial attire for this purpose, or limited resources preclude a lodge from developing historically correct and acceptable American Indian ceremonial attire. Details of this update can be found [here](#).



GILA RIVER DISTRICT

2020 Gila River District Recognition Banquet

Saturday, February 29, 2020 at Mission Del Sol, 1565 East Warner Road; Tempe, AZ 85284. Check-in at 5:00pm.

Contact Joe Berretta, azberrettas@cox.net, 480-980-9648
[Register now](#)

2020 Gila River District Colorado River Run

A float on the Colorado River! Friday to Sunday April 17-19 at West Wetlands Park, Yuma, AZ. Open to all Scouts BSA and Venture Scouts.

Come join the adventure of canoe and fellowship with patrol competition! [Click here to learn more](#)

Gila River District Fireside Chat

Scouters and Scout Parents of the Gila River District; Our Scout Executive along with members of our volunteer board will be hosting a fireside chat for you on Thursday March 5th at 7:30pm at Mission Del Sol Presbyterian Church 1565 E. Warner Road Tempe, AZ 85284. This

discussion will be a review of our past year, plans and goals for the coming year, and time for open discussion led by you the community Scouters to share your views and ask questions. All registered Scouting leaders and parents of Scouts are invited. We hope you will join us.

LOST DUTCHMAN DISTRICT

Troop 5017

We made knives during December. Boys ground the metal that was cut out of saw blades. We will affix handles made of antler, bone and/or wood next month.



PINNACLE PEAK

DISTRICT

Scouting for Food and Scout Sunday with 531

Trailhead Youth Foundation's Troop 531 and Pack 531 began a new tradition in 2019 that was even bigger and better in 2020. Scouts and Scouters from these two Pinnacle Peak units combined efforts for both Scouting for Food and Scout Sunday, making a memory for their Scouts all while benefitting the community. Scouts followed three steps to make their 2020 effort a huge success. First, each den and patrol split up, distributing flyers in multiple areas throughout North Phoenix. Second, dens and patrols picked up donated food on the official Scouting for Food weekend. The third step was the final day in which we delivered the Food was where we combined with Scout Sunday. Our Scouts delivered

their Scouting for Food donations to the First United Methodist Church's food pantry for those in need. Following the delivery, Scouts participated in the church's service by being greeters, ushers and speakers. It was a joy to have the congregation joins our Scouts in reciting the Scout Law. During the service, Pastor Denny recognized those who were former Scouts and nearly three quarters of the church rose to their feet. Troop and Pack 531's goal was to collect and deliver, 1,000 lbs this year and they exceeded their goal by delivering 1,724 lbs! With their success in 2020, 531 is convinced they can expand their efforts and impact to bring in 2,000 lbs in 2021.

Eagle Scout Spotlight: Nicholas Tigges

This last month we were excited to see many of our Scouts advance in rank but we had in 11 scouts who reached the top of the peak and passed their Eagle Boards of Review. Nicholas Tigges of Troop 109, was one of those Scouts and we were pleased to have him share with us a little more about his Scouting experience and Eagle Leadership Project.

I'm Nicholas Tigges, an Eagle Scout from Troop 109 in Scottsdale. My Eagle Scout project consisted of creating and filling 55 new emergency classroom buckets for Sonoran Foothills School in Phoenix. In the unforeseen event that an emergency/lockdown situation occurs, students will be able to relax knowing that they have supplies for medical and/or bathroom necessities. I enjoyed organizing and leading 39 volunteers (age 10-62 years) during this project and successfully implemented my leadership skills learned in Scouting while doing so. My favorite part of scouting has been the leadership opportunities afforded me in Scouting and in school. As



2019 Pinnacle Peak District Awards
Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:00pm-8:30pm at Cross in the Desert United Methodist

BALOO Training Presented by the Pinnacle Peak District
Saturday-Sunday, March 28-29, 2020 at Pioneer Village

2020 Recharter Training
Thursday, March 7, 2020 7:00pm-8:00pm at Cross in the Desert United Methodist

2020 Council Fireside Chat presented by Andy Price, Jacob Benyi, and Tim Wolfe
Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:00pm-8:00pm at Cross in the Desert United Methodist

2020 Pinnacle Peak Invitational – Pinewood Derby
Saturday, April 18, 2020 8:00am-12:00pm at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church tinyurl.com/PPDerby

Pinnacle Peak February New Eagle Scouts

- Andrew Vescova, Unit 30
Paradise Valley Beautification Project
 - Trevor Steinmetz, Unit 439
 - Joshua Altmann, Unit 15
St. Gabriel's Landscaping Project
 - Gabriel Calvin, Unit 603
Desert Hills Presbyterian Church erosion control
 - Christopher Dougherty, Unit 439
Kiwanis Park Trail
 - Benjamin Gardner, Unit 108
Paradise Valley High School
- Chaz Hansen, Unit 327
Phoenix Area Homeless
 - Sean Kleimeyer, Unit 607
Horses Help shed construction
 - Liam Pluntke, Unit 109
Hunkapi Farm
 - Mathew Sostrom, Unit 649
Scottsdale School District
 - Robert Hunt, Unit 109
Horizon High School



Pinnacle Peak District Fireside Chat

Scouters and Scout Parents of the Pinnacle Peak District; Our Scout Executive along with members of our volunteer board will be hosting a fireside chat for you on Thursday April 2nd at 7:00pm at Cross in the Desert UMC 12835 N 32nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85032. This

discussion will be a review of our past year, plans and goals for the coming year, and time for open discussion led by you the community Scouters to share your views and ask questions. All registered Scouting leaders and parents of Scouts are invited. We hope you will join us.

PONDEROSA DISTRICT

The Ponderosa District

By the request of the volunteers of Northern Arizona the Mountain Communities have been re-named as Ponderosa to represent the rich outdoor nature and signature flora

of their communities. Some documentation may carry the name Mountain Communities while we make this transition as a Council.



SONORAN SUNSET

DISTRICT

PACK 129 LIONS WENT ON A 2.5 MILE HIKE RECENTLY ON SUNRISE MOUNTAIN.

Sonoran Sunset District Leader Awards

Thank you to all the leaders in Sonoran Sunset that came to the district dinner and awards ceremony! It was a fun evening of fellowship with great food, great conversation and great people. The leaders below exemplified our

district vision to Just Connect! with their Scouts, their fellow leaders and the community, which is what we are all working to do our best to do this 2020 as well.

2019 Sparkplug Award

- Tim Wilson – Pack 3
- Joseph Lovett – Pack 91

2019 Cubmaster of the Year

- Scott Koehle – Pack 126
- Jim Meury – Pack 126

2019 Pack of the Year

- Pack 126

2019 Silver Whistle

- Patrick Davis – Troop 3

2019 Scoutmaster of the Year

- Carl Gebhardt – Troops 526

2019 Troop of the Year

- Troop 526

District Award of Merit

- Bill Leroy – Sonoran Sunset Eagle Board of Review Committee Chair

New Unit Commissioner

Please join us in welcoming Stacy Winer in her new role as a Unit Commissioner for the 2020 year! Stacy, previously the Advancement Chair, has transitioned to her new role

and is excited to begin working with units to help them grow and deliver an excellent program.

Volunteer!

Make a difference in the lives of thousands of youth and adults in Sonoran Sunset District and put your talent to work helping your community. We are looking for:

Committee Members

- Activities & Service Chair
- Advancement Chair
- Friends of Scouting Chair
- Fundraising Chair
- Program Chair

Commissioner Team

- Roundtable Chair
- Cub Scout Breakout Committee Member
- Scouts Breakout Committee Member
- Unit Commissioner

Would you like to help out but you're not sure you have the time to commit to a full year's responsibility?

No Problem, we have plenty that needs doing and we'd love to have you. Consider helping with a short term, single project like helping plan the Pinewood Derby, Fishing Derby, Luke Days, Cuboree, Camporee, and more!

Paul Stithem, t3cor@cox.net, and Peter Zipp, [zippagency@live.com](https://www.zippagency.com/live.com), are happy to answer your questions and help align your talents with district needs, don't be shy...

HAVE YOU JOINED OUR FIRESIDE CHAT GROUP?

Part of our District's vision for 2020 is to Just Connect! We want to make sure Scouting is the premier youth organization in our district, we want all families to know about our program and we want to ensure the leaders in our district have all the knowledge they need to ensure we continue to be the premier youth organization. We hope to Just Connect! in part through great communication.

We have created a private Facebook group for leaders throughout our district to connect with one another and share challenges, knowledge and experiences. We

welcome registered leaders throughout Sonoran Sunset District to connect together to share questions and provide suggestions about how we can all ensure we are delivering the very best possible Scouting program to all available youth in our district.

We hope you'll take a minute to sign-up and join the conversation: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/fire-side.chat.ssleaders>

SCOUTREACH

DISTRICT

2019 ScoutReach Achievements 2020 Goals

This past year, the Grand Canyon Council extended a scouting experience to youth in our council who would not otherwise receive the benefits of scouting through its Scout Reach outreach program. We partnered with Creighton School District and Excelencia School Center, and Alhambra School District and James W. Rice Elementary School to introduce both boys and girls, ages 5 to 14 years old, to scouting activities and values through their association with a council-operated Soccer & Scouting program. In 2019, approximately 210 youth participated in 2, 13-week soccer seasons, during spring and fall, with 2 practices and one tournament game per week and 1 fun event with individual recognitions at end of each season. We thank American Legion Post #43 for serving as the Charter Partner for Soccer and Scouting this year.

The after-school Scout Reach programs at Hirsch, Rainbow and Sine are supported by council-paid program aides. The after-school program at Lincoln Elementary School in Prescott is presented by council volunteers, Sue and Ray Breeden.

Scout Reach also supported Troop 4, located at the Arizona Department of Juvenile Correction's Adobe Mountain Facility. Under the volunteer direction of scoutmasters Nancy & Chris Welton, the troop held its first "camporee" this year. The troop is limited to 8-10 youth.

Moving forward in 2020, Scout Reach will focus on expanding the number of after-school programs in the council with the intent of encouraging Scout Reach-supported youth to also participate in traditional Cub Scout Packs. At present, we are looking to join with the Payson Community Kids organization, Isaac E Imes Elementary School in west-Phoenix and William T Machan Elementary School in east-Phoenix in offering after-school scouting activities.

We are also developing an operating Scout Reach District Committee with Pablo Felix as District Chair and are

Scout Reach supported 4 after-school scouting programs in 2019. These once-a-week scouting sessions incorporated scouting activities to teach scouting values to approximately 55 boys and girls, ages 5 to 10 years old, at 4 sites in 4 Arizona communities. Our charter partners in the after-school program were:

Hirsch Academy, Scottsdale

Rainbow Housing Assistance Corporation, Phoenix

Melvin E. Sine Elementary, Glendale,

Lincoln Elementary School, Prescott.

actively seeking volunteers to fill roles of District Commissioner and district committee positions working with program, communications and other activities.





Central District Orienteering Camporee Spring 2020



Hone your orienteering skills and come prepared to compete against your peers for the title of the fastest map runner! Scouts AND adults will compete in three separately timed orienteering events, co-hosted by the Phoenix Orienteering Club.

When:

Friday through Sunday
March 20 – March 22, 2020

Where:

Dead Horse State Park – Raven Group Site

Who:

central District Units
Scouts and Scouters (100 participant limit)
limited to 10 persons per unit,
with max of 2 adults per unit.

Cost:

\$20 per person up to Feb 14, 2020,
\$25 per person after Feb 14, 2020

Space is limited so register now to reserve your spot!

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VolunteerDevelopment

By lending your knowledge, skills and expertise you can make a difference to the youth in Scouting

As the new year is upon us and having already blown through the 1st month, time is flying by. The Central District could use your help.

Commissioners: Commissioners could use some help as Bill and Carol will be departing us in Feb for the East Coast. Godspeed to both of you. That means we have 2 additional requirements for commissioners to fill. This is a very enjoyable position and we could use your help.

Social Media: We need an Internet enthusiast with an interest in promoting the special rewards Scouting has to offer.

If you don't see a position that you would like to work on, come see me or call me, we will find a place where you would like to help.

Any questions, please contact
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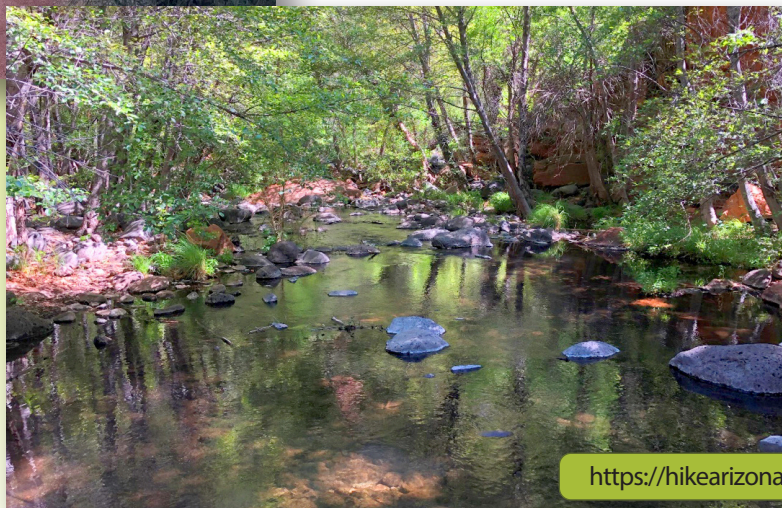
January New Eagle

- Devon Allred, Troop 249
Project: **Onward Hope** - Collected items that foster kids can use to go to camp. - 95 hrs
- Nathan Allred, Troop 249
Project: **City of Phoenix** - Cleaned and painted an alley to coverup the graffiti. - 150 hrs
- Oscar Garcia, Troop 711
Project: **St Vincent de Paul Society** - Collected blankets and jackets for homeless. - 41 hrs
- Allen George, Troop 262
Project: **City of Glendale Parks & Recreation** - Repaired and painted park ramada for Glendale. - 127 hrs
- Kristoffer Jarne, Troop 461
Project: **Glendale Nazarene Church** - Installed lights around the Church playground. - 212 hrs



Total
525
hours of
Service

Hike of the Month **By Patrick Jackson** ***Bell Trail*** ***to the Crack Trail***



Located within the Wet Beaver Wilderness, there is a short 7-mile hike (out and back) to a truly magnificent destination - the Crack. A split below the Mogollon Rim, the Crack provides a water oasis mixed with Sedona red rock beauty. To get to the Crack from Phoenix, head north on I-17 and take the State Route 179 exit that most people take to head to Sedona. However, instead of turning left (west) for Sedona, turn right (east), which turns into Forest Service Road 618. Stay on FR618 until you come to the Bell Trailhead. Google Maps will easily guide you to the trailhead.

Once at the trailhead, the trail starts right behind the signs that give some history of the local area. The trail is very easy, but it's also fully exposed to the sun and can be very hot. Be prepared with sunscreen and water. After about mile 2, the trail crosses into the Wilderness Area and becomes a single track. Glimpses of the creek are available all along the route, and can provide some good opportunity for side explorations and dipping your toes in the water. Oh, did I mention a bathing suit is a must on this hike?

After about 3.5 miles, you will come across the Crack, easily identified by two deep pools of water surrounded for the most part by cliffs. However, there are trails that lead to "beaches" upstream and downstream of these pools. The beaches provide easy access to the pools. Be warned though, the water is cold; but when combined with an early summer day, it is the perfect retreat from the sun.

Combine the water treat with a trail meal, and you have the ingredients for a wonderful day hike and picnic. The trail is short enough that you can carry all of your water needs. However, if you choose to pull water from the creek, do so upstream of the Crack and be sure to filter/purify all water.

As always, please follow the principles of Leave No Trace and the Guide for Safe Scouting for hiking, as well as age appropriate water and swimming activities.



Adult Recognition Dinner

A night to Remember





Arrow Tips (to-do list) for
February & March

-  Pay your 2020 lodge dues
-  Plan your unit election

ORDER OF

Webelos Crossover Ceremonies

If your pack would like Arrowmen to assist with your Webelos to Scouts crossover, please contact Chapter Adviser Guy Skirpan. Provide three potential dates, location (place/address) of the crossover, and contact (name/email address/phone number). The earlier you submit your request, the more likely it is to get your preferred date.

Chapter Activities

The chapter has scheduled elections for Troops 6, 644, and 3329, and an Arrow of Light/Crossover ceremony for Pack 329 in the near future. If you would like to help with elections or ceremonies, please contact Chapter Adviser Guy Skirpan.

Calendar

**2/7-2/8 Lodge Leadership
Development** at HSP

**2/13 Next Central District
chapter meeting** at Beth El

3/6-3/8 Induction Weekend
at HSP

**5/15-5/17 Lodge Fellowship &
Vigil Weekend**
at Camp Geronimo

8/3-8/8 NOAC
at Michigan State
University

**9/11-9/13 Induction Weekend
& Lodge Fellowship**
at Camp Geronimo

**10/16-10/18 Section W6W
Conclave**

New Lodge Standard Flap

Wipala Wiki Lodge issues a new standard flap at the beginning of each year in which the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) is held. The version for 2020 is inspired by the Arizona state flag. In addition to the standard flap (costs \$5 and has a black border), three sponsor flaps are also available. The proceeds will be used to reduce the cost of ordeal registration for candidates. You can invest in the future of our lodge by purchasing a sponsor flap for \$10 (copper border), \$50 (gold border), or \$100 (sky blue border).

2020 Lodge Priorities

The incoming youth leaders and adult advisers of Wipala Wiki Lodge have set ambitious goals to improve lodge operations, structure, and culture in 2020. Here are a few of the highlights:

Better communications with units – Chapters are extensions of the member units, and the lodge is the connection to the council.

More interaction with members (especially new members) – Members will be invited to upcoming events, be more engaged, and encouraged to provide feedback after events have taken place. Parents of youth candidates will have more opportunities to understand what is happening in the induction process.

Decreased number of lodge events – Combine fellowship weekends with existing induction and Vigil weekends. Minimize conflicts with unit events.

Cultural focus on positive thinking, mentoring, inclusivity, and relationships. The Order is a “thing of the spirit”. Brotherhood is needed in a day when there is too much hatred. Cheerfulness is needed in a day when the pessimists have the floor. Service is needed in a day when millions are interested in getting or grasping rather than giving.

New Chapter Boundaries

On January 1, 2019, Central District units were combined into one chapter. Previously, the units were arranged in separate chapters (based on the three former districts of which they were a part): Camelback (Oraibi Chapter), Thunderbird (Tovakinpi Chapter), and Lake Pleasant (Walpi Paho Chapter). Similarly, most other chapters now mirror their own district boundaries. Two special chapters, called “fixed chapters”, were created for the Yuma and Globe areas, to recognize their contributions despite remote locations in their current districts. Any future district boundary changes will automatically result in corresponding chapter boundary changes called “flexible chapters”, but the fixed chapters will remain the same. Names will be determined once the new chapters begin to meet.

The chapter serving Central District meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, from August to May, at Beth El Congregation (1118 West Glendale Avenue). This is the same time and location as Central District Eagle Boards of Review. If you are not receiving the chapter emails, please contact Guy Skirpan to be added to the distribution list.

THE ARROW



NOAC 2020

The National Order of the Arrow Conference comes around every two to three years. Michigan State University will host the first NOAC to include female youth Arrowmen from August 3-8, 2020. Need another reason to go? Consider typical August weather in the Valley of the Sun! \$1500 covers conference registration, air and bus transportation, room and board, and the contingent goodie bag with shirts, patches, and more. A \$100 deposit reserves your spot in the Wipala Wiki contingent. The conference includes top-notch training sessions on a variety of OA, BSA, and personal development topics, recreational opportunities, Native American exhibits, dance and ceremony competitions, evening theme shows, fun, inspiration, patch trading, and fellowship. Contact Gary Hnydowitz at (602) 469-0824 or hindeex3@yahoo.com for more information or to register.

Where to Find Lodge News

The final edition of the Tom Tom newsletter was published on November 12, 2019. Future lodge news will be included in the Grand Canyon Connection (new council newsletter). Everybody on the Tom Tom distribution list will be added to the Connection list. You can also find information on the lodge website (wipalawiki.org) or social media pages (facebook.com/wipalawiki432 and instagram.com/wipalawiki432).

Eligibility Changes

On 6/7/19 the National Order of the Arrow Committee implemented a change in the brotherhood requirements. The waiting period between induction and brotherhood eligibility was reduced from ten months to six months. During this time, ordeal members should improve their understanding of the Order's symbolism and use what they learned during the ordeal to be better leaders. Six months is the new minimum, but there isn't a maximum. Even if you've been an ordeal member for decades, it's never too late to seal your membership by becoming a brotherhood member.

On 2/1/19, membership was opened to female youth from girl troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships. Crews and ships are also now eligible to elect male youth candidates. Previously, only male youth candidates were elected by troops and teams. BSA members are considered youth in the Order of the Arrow until turning twenty-one.

Details for Arrow Tip 1 (2020 dues)

Lodge dues are paid on a calendar year basis. Your dues must be current to participate in OA activities and training including the lodge banquet, Lodge Leadership Development, fellowship, and NOAC. If you are unsure of your dues status, you can contact Guy Skirpan. Dues are only \$10 per year, a bargain compared to the \$15 to \$20 that many lodges charge. You can pay at chapter meetings, lodge events, on the lodge website (wipalawiki.org), or through the council cashier.

Details for Arrow Tip 2 (Unit Elections)

The chapter hopes to conduct as many unit (troop, crew, or ship) elections as possible before the next ordeal. Please contact Chapter Adviser Guy Skirpan with a minimum of three potential dates on which your unit can hold an election, including meeting (place/address/time), and contact (name/email address/phone number). Provide at least three weeks' notice before the earliest event date choice to allow for proper preparation and promotion. A unit election is an opportunity for the unit's best role models to be recognized by their peers. Becoming an Arrowman allows youth candidates to reflect on their leadership, and mentally prepare to take on higher responsibilities in their units.

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