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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. Written by Matthew Laudone, the volunteer chair of the Council's Enterprise Risk Management Committee.

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MESSAGE FROM SCOUT EXECUTIVE

Andy Price



Howdy and Happy Holidays!

As the sun sets on our yearlong Centennial Celebration, I reflect on the various events we've held. In July, we gathered for a family picnic at Camp Geronimo and managed to have a day of outdoor adventure before the rains moved in. In November, we enjoyed a Centennial Cub Scout Pow Wow hosted by our Wipala Wiki Order of the Arrow Lodge. And, just a few weeks ago we enjoyed our first NESAs event in several years and hosted our first "Holiday at the Heard." Throughout the year many Scouts across our council worked on earning the "GCC Centennial Award", and I've seen many hanging from the pockets of our Scouts and leaders. A great year and a great milestone! It's amazing to think about Scouting over 100 years in this part of the world and all the change we've seen – Arizona was a very different place in 1921!

Our marketing project continues with good progress and good success. As you may have heard, LAVIDGE has provided three training courses (so far) for parents and unit and district Scouters (public relations, social media, and brand messaging); all three were recorded and are available for viewing on our website.

One of our takeaways from the project is that our Scouting 'lingo' often makes it difficult for new Scouts and their families to feel welcome. We're also learning that the first 30-60 days are critical for a new Scout and their family, and we're learning that we don't consistently do a good enough job on-boarding new Scout families.

To attack the first challenge (lingo), LAVIDGE is working on a new brand platform from which we'll develop new ways to talk about Scouting with prospective members. For example:

In Scouting, every new adventure, every campout, and every badge is a chance to learn new skills and gain new experiences. Scouts and their families are welcomed into an inclusive community that encourages them to try new hobbies, serve their community, and explore the outdoors while learning about the world around them. Through these experiences, Scouts gain knowledge and skills; create and strengthen relationships with family, friends, and communities; and learn to lead values-based lives that build their character and leadership abilities, setting them up for future success.

More soon – happy new year!

Andy





The Greatest Day of Giving in the 100 Year History of the Grand Canyon Council!

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THANK YOU

YOU HAVE MADE A PROFOUND IMPACT
ON THE VALUES AND CHARACTER OF
FUTURE LEADERS

#SCOUTON

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We surpassed our goal of 500 donors in a single day with 762 donors (152%) releasing the additional \$100,000 from Dave Alexander. We had over 18,000 visits to scoutgivingday.org and raised \$112,719.44, 100% MATCHED by the Dave Alexander Matching Fund totaling In \$325,438.88!

We understand many deserving organizations ask for support on Giving Tuesday, we gratefully and humbly thank you for championing the Scouting movement. Please know how much we appreciate your support. Because of you, Scouting in Arizona can continue its mission of delivering character-developing adventures to youth and their families. A special thank you to Dave Alexander for his generous challenge gift.

New Announcing the Grand Canyon Council Unit Marketing Awards in 2022

Positive publicity and marketing Scouting to youth and the community are important steps to rebuilding Scouting in Grand Canyon Council and Arizona. As a next step of our marketing emphasis, beginning in 2022 we will begin recognizing units for their marketing and publicity work. More details will come out soon after the New Year, but units can begin building (or enhancing) their plans to promote Scouting in their local communities and they should begin keeping a 'scrapbook' of their successes for later submission to the council for consideration. Details are still being worked out, but we expect to present a prize to the top pack and troop/crew/ship/post in each district as well as an overall council top pack and top troop/crew/ship/post.

Alert for Units Headed to California

The State of California recently passed legislation strengthening requirements designed to keep youth safe from sexual abuse. California Law AB-506 requires, among other things, that adults working with youth must submit to background checks that include fingerprinting. It is our understanding at this time that any unit participating in a Scouting activity, even if they are not residents of California, will be required to conform to this law.

As this is a new law, we are still learning how it will be implemented and how it will impact Scouting leaders. Stay tuned for more but 'be prepared' if your unit is planning to go to California.

Do a Good Turn During the Historically Low Blood Supply

Do a Good Turn and schedule a blood donation today to help ensure everyone can get the treatment they need this holiday season. More type O blood donors are always needed to keep up with hospital demand. The need for blood never stops, help ensure that the U.S. blood supply stands ready!

[LEARN MORE](#)

2020 Council Honorees

Throughout 2021 we featured two of our 2020 Council Honors awards recipients. Thank you for following along and learn more about distinguished award recipients and their impact on Scouting today at: [2020 Honorees](#)

Tim Wolfe, 2020 Meritorious Service Star Honoree:



Tim Wolfe received the Meritorious Service Star in 2020 and currently serves in the Lost Dutchman District as the Vice President of Operations. Tim is an Eagle Scout and comes from 5 generations of Eagle Scouts, and knows the commitment, the investment and

the journey to achieve any goal. Tim's role as a key council leader and board member influences volunteers and youth throughout the council. Scouting is such a big part of who he is throughout his many years of service and history of Scouting in his family. In the leadership role as Vice President of Operations, Tim brings the fundamentals of Scouting; guiding and coaching others to ensure the program stays strong and flourishes. As a member of Order of the Arrow, Tim inspires leadership in the volunteers he interfaces with, while ensuring all youth facing leaders in the districts (and in turn, the units,) continue to deliver Scouting. As a founding father of the Lost Dutchman District, Tim's leadership supported the creation of a strong, healthy district that maintains the values of the Scout program while encouraging unit leaders to serve at the district level. Tim has been involved with Troop 653 for 21 years in numerous positions. Working directly with the youth and seeing them advance and grow within the troop speaks to his passion for the program and dedication to serving youth. Tim enjoys the outdoors and has been to Philmont 3 times, Boundary Waters 3 times and Sea base once ... earning him the triple crown patch for high adventure. Congratulations Tim on receiving the Meritorious Service Star; for your dedication to youth and their successful future by embracing the responsibilities of servant leadership.

William Popescue, 2020 Distinguished Service Star Honoree:



William Popescue received the Distinguished Service Star in 2020 and currently serves in the Sonoran Sunset as the Charter Organization Representative for Troop 526. To say that Mr. Popescue is a Troop Committee Member is grossly understating who he is, what he does,

and how he has contributed over the last 35 years in Scouting. He was an integral part of establishing Troop 526 and has supported the growth of this strong, healthy troop into what it is today. He continues to work diligently behind the scenes not looking for recognition but always wants to make sure that our youth and scouters have the best program possible. William has received numerous awards that he has not sought after but have found him through his role as a servant leader. His tireless work within the district, troop and Order of the Arrow has brought financial stabilization as well as a strong brotherhood for those privileged to have been elected to this National Honor Society in Scouting. His character exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law while his passion for scouting draws people directly to the adventures of scouting. Our troop, district and council would not be what it is today if volunteer leaders like William Popescue were not willing to dedicate their time, knowledge and share in the vision for the betterment of scouting. Congratulations William for receiving one of the highest council honors and for all you have brought to our youth and volunteers in Grand Canyon Council! Thank you for continuing to make a difference!

Our Council Volunteer Recognition event for 2021 Council Honorees will be held during the lunch hour presentation at the University of Scouting, Saturday, February 12, 2022. Details coming soon.

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Unit Recruitment Tools

When units get involved, more boys and girls are introduced to the adventure of Scouting than through any other recruiting campaign or method.

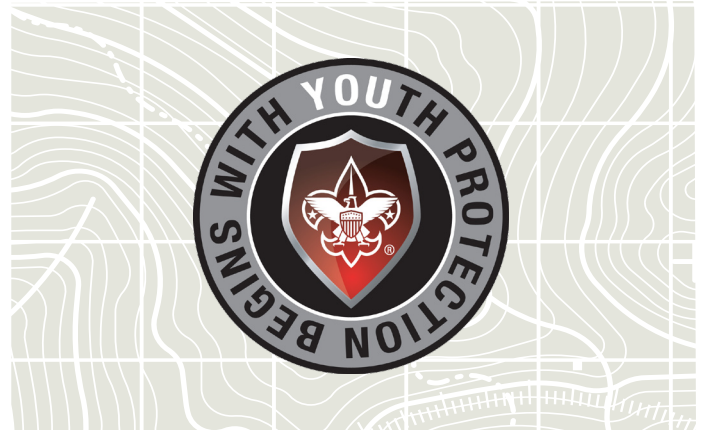
[Discover More](#)



See the 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](#)

How to Make Sure Your Youth Protection Training is Current



Completing Youth Protection Training, the Boy Scouts of America's three-module course covering the safety and well-being of our youth, isn't merely a good idea. It's a requirement.

[VIEW NOW](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- [New Specialty Trainings](#)
- [New Apply for NESAs Scholarships](#)
- [Why 'Normal Friend Activities' are such an effective recruiting tool](#)
- [Recruitment Tools and Resources](#)
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#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 Barrett-Jackson Westworld of Scottsdale Family Day January 22, 2022



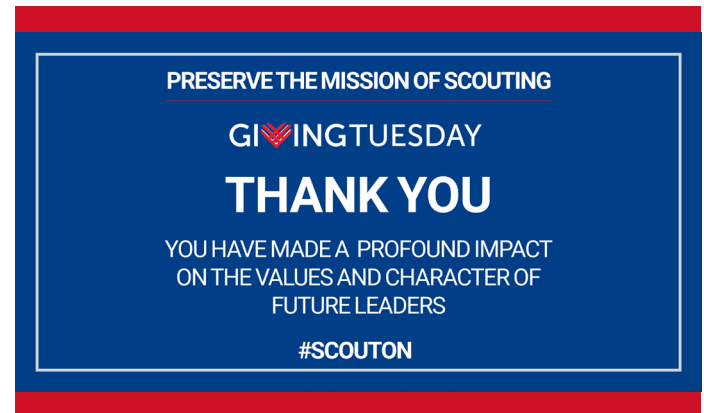
Join the Grand Canyon Council at the Barrett-Jackson Family Day filled with fast cars and STEM programs for kids! All Cubs, Scouts, and Scouters dressed in their field uniform will get into the Barrett-Jackson event at the WestWorld of Scottsdale location on January 22, 2022 for free! We are offering discounted tickets to family members who are not Scouts. Discount tickets are available for non-scouts by [clicking here](#) and using the PROMO CODE: AZSCOUTS22

Special Thanks to the American Legion!



Thanks to a generous donation from Gary Vaughan and the American Legion, 100 youth were able to attend the Phoenix Suns' win over the Charlotte Hornets on December 19th! Special recognition goes out to Joshua Balch and Justin Bradley for representing the Grand Canyon Council as the Color Guard during the National Anthem!

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ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE

- [Fundraising Events](#)
- [The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit](#)
- [Support Scouting with PayPal Giving Fund](#)
- [Support Scouting with AmazonSmile this Holiday](#)
- [Order Your Arizona BSA License Plate](#)
- [Shop the Grand Canyon Council Online Trading Post](#)

The Arizona Charitable Tax Credit

Arizona Charitable Tax Credit allows you to donate to a qualifying charitable organization such as Grand Canyon Council, BSA Outreach, LLC. to receive dollar for dollar tax credit on your state tax and claim it on your federal tax.

[LEARN MORE](#)



THE NEW WOOD BADGE

ADVANCED LEADERSHIP TRAINING AT R-C SCOUT RANCH

This Course Requires Attendance for Two Weekends:
September 9-11 (Friday-Sunday) & October 8-9 (Saturday-Sunday)

Wood Badge Participants Learn:

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

REGISTER ONLINE NOW AT

[HTTPS://SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/010-2022WOODBADGE](https://scoutingevent.com/010-2022WOODBADGE)



WOOD BADGE

COURSE DIRECTOR: CHANDRA CLARK, LAKEVIEWLNT@GMAIL.COM



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LIVING THE VALUES

2021 Popcorn Sale Review

The 2021 Popcorn Campaign has come to an end! We are very pleased to announce the results of the hard work that each of your units and Scouts has put in over the past several months. Across the entire council units made a collective \$277,819!! That is amazing!! The money raised goes to helping local Scouts pay for things like camp attendance, activities, uniforms, and equipment for their units, just to name a few. They are funding their ideal year in Scouting!

WHO PARTICIPATED: We had 67 units with at least one sale. 707 Scouts sold popcorn this year. Scouts who sold averaged \$895. 91% of sales went through the Trails End App. The app makes inventory management, tracking sales, and incentives easy for everyone involved in the sale. **The average sales per unit = \$9,440**

STOREFRONTS:

Total hours available = 14,700

Hours Claimed = 4,340

Hours Worked = 2,147

Average Sales per hour = \$232



This is an amazing testament to the hard work that units put in during their time at the storefronts that they selected. For the limited time that these units spent on a few weekends their return on that investment is huge! Other fundraisers struggle to get that kind of per hour return to participants. Popcorn, for our units, really is worth the time!

2021 Popcorn Sale Top 10 Units

District	Unit	Trad \$'s	Online \$'s	Total \$'s
Pinnacle Peak	Troop 824	\$97,788.00	\$950.00	\$98,738.00
Gila River	Troop 8051	\$43,050.00	\$3,732.00	\$46,782.00
Lost Dutchman	Pack 54	\$24,855.00	\$5,393.00	\$30,248.00
Gila River	Pack 389	\$25,027.00	\$4,139.00	\$29,166.00
Gila River	Troop 577	\$24,596.00	\$4,205.00	\$28,801.00
Central	Troop 747	\$21,378.00	\$2,087.00	\$23,465.00
Gila River	Pack 8054	\$22,070.00	\$365.00	\$22,435.00
Pinnacle Peak	Troop 3824	\$20,492.00	\$250.00	\$20,742.00
Lost Dutchman	Pack 380	\$16,670.00	\$2,339.00	\$19,009.00
Gila River	Pack 178	\$16,405.00	\$1,765.00	\$18,170.00

2021 Popcorn Sale District Totals

District	Trad \$	Online \$	Total \$	%
Central	\$76,357.00	\$76,357.00	\$91,559.00	12%
Council	\$0.00	\$347.00	\$347.00	0%
Gila River	\$245,269.00	\$36,207.00	\$281,476.00	35%
Lost Dutchman	\$80,906.00	\$14,178.00	\$95,084.00	12%
Pinnacle Peak	\$160,936.00	\$9,355.00	\$170,291.00	21%
Ponderosa	\$30,169.00	\$8,253.00	\$38,422.00	50%
Sonoran Sunset	\$102,284.00	\$14,670.00	\$116,954.00	15%
GRAND TOTAL	\$695,921.00	\$98,212.00	\$794,133.00	100%

2021 Popcorn Sale Top 10 Scouts

- Lost Dutchman, Pack 54, Samuel S. with \$30,247.81
- Pinnacle Peak, Troop 824 Alex W. with \$30,114.78
- Pinnacle Peak, Troop 824 Hayden B. with \$14,684.86
- Pinnacle Peak, Troop 824 Jon B. with \$14,232.83
- Pinnacle Peak, Troop 824 Logan B. with \$13,893.33
- Pinnacle Peak, Troop 3824 Savannah W. with \$13,479.69
- Gila River, Troop 285 Luke F. with \$12,675.00
- Pinnacle Peak, Troop 824 Alexander K. with \$10,108.10
- Gila River, Troop 8051 Joseph G. with \$7,630.61
- Pinnacle Peak, Troop 3824 Keira S. with \$7,132.16

Congratulations to the top 10 Scouts and units who raised funds for their ideal year in Scouting during this year's campaign! Your unit and Scouts can get involved with Popcorn for the next campaign and see some great results like these. The Council Kickoff for Popcorn happens in August each year. Keep your eyes on www.grandcanyonbsa.org/popcorn for future information regarding signing up and tools to make your popcorn sales successful!



SCOUTING FOR FOOD 2022 IS COMING!

Due to COVID-19, about 1 in 5 Arizonans and 1 in 3 Arizona children were impacted by food insecurity. The annual Scouting for Food drive is an excellent way to help those individuals and families in a meaningful way. Scouting for Food is an opportunity for Scouts to fight hunger in our communities. Scouting for Food is the leading service program for Boy Scouts of America and is a part of the national BSA program – Good Turn for America.

In partnership with local food banks, this council-wide service project will begin in January as Scouts distribute door hangers in their neighborhoods to announce the upcoming food drive. Days later, Scouts will return on the first Saturday of February to collect donations from doorsteps and deliver them to their local food banks and pantries.

We would love for each and every Scout in Arizona to lead by example and do their best to combat food insecurities. Our goal is to collect 12 pounds of food, approximately 15 cans, per Scout. This goal would allow Scouts to provide 150,000 pounds of food to those in need!

Please start identifying individuals that can serve as your Scouting for Food Chair to help coordinate your unit drive! It is also a great idea to review the Toolkit that is available at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/food. All the information that you will need to have a successful drive is located on the website or in the toolkit. See you in February!



What Should New Scouts BSA Members work on?



The troop program should be setup so that new Scouts can earn First class within 12 to 18 months and Star rank soon after. A well-rounded and active unit program that generates advancement as a natural outcome should enable Scouts to achieve First Class in their first 12 to 18 months of membership. We have found that over time, Scouts stay active in the troop if they achieve these goals. Advancement is a straightforward matter but attention must be paid by the unit leaders to make sure these goals are achieved. Information on advancement in troops can be found in Section 4.2.0.0 of [the Guide to Advancement](#). Advancement tracking tools, such as Scoutbook help units track every Scout's progress. Help on [getting started in Scoutbook can be found here](#).

Remember to Sign Up as a Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor



Scouts are to be signed off on merit badges by properly registered and approved merit badge counselors. Also, all Scouts who will complete the Eagle rank after July 1, 2022 must complete the Citizenship in Society merit badge. So, we will need many counselors available throughout the state. To be approved as a merit badge counselor for this badge, first make sure you are registered as a merit badge counselor. Learn how to register as merit badge counselor. At: <https://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/advancement/#MBC>

The only other requirements to be a merit badge counselor for this badge are to take the [BSA DEI training](#) and to agree to follow the [Citizenship in Society Merit Badge Counselor Guide](#).

New Virtual Advancement Class for Troop Leaders and Parents

January 29, 2022

"Advancement for Troop Leaders and Parents" is a virtual class for adults. The purpose of this class is to cover BSA and Grand Canyon Council policies and procedures for advancement in the Scouts BSA program. It is an ideal class for existing unit leaders and committee members, soon to be unit leaders or committee members and those who are responsible for administering advancement for a troop. It is also a good class for Parents who want a fuller understanding of Scouts BSA advancement. This class goes beyond what is taught in the BSA Online training.

Some of the subjects we will cover:

- New soon to be Eagle Required Citizenship in Society Merit Badge
- New Life to Eagle Process
- BSA and Council policies and advancement procedures
- Advancement under Covid pandemic conditions (any changes in requirements)
- Rank Advancement Strategies
- Unit advancement activities (requirements and policies surrounding)
- Troop Boards of Review (process and policies surrounding)
- Extensions to earn Eagle
- Scoutbook advancement recording
- Resources available to troops

Learn more and register today:

REGISTER NOW



New Eagle Candidate Paperwork Portal

The Grand Canyon Council introduced the new Eagle Candidate Paperwork Portal --Using this portal you are uploading the documents that are required for an Eagle Candidate to obtain Council certification and eventually the rank of Eagle scout! Review the Life to Eagle process and videos.

THE LIFE TO EAGLE PROCESS

NESA Scholarships Available



Earning the Eagle Scout rank is an impressive achievement that provides lasting impacts on one's life. One of those impacts can be financial support for higher education.

Beginning December 1, the [National Eagle Scout Association](#) will be accepting applications for five annual scholarships of varying amounts. Applicants must have completed an Eagle Scout board of review before January 24, 2022; must be members of NESA ([click here to join](#)); and must submit their application through the [NESA scholarship portal](#) between December 1, 2021, and January 31, 2022. Full requirements and conditions are listed [here](#).

Other eligibility requirements include:

- Eagle Scouts may apply for NESA scholarships beginning in their senior year of high school through their junior year in college.
- Recipients may receive a NESA scholarship one time only.
- NESA scholarships are available to Eagle Scouts attending four-year colleges or universities, vocational trade schools and other approved programs.
- NESA scholarships are not available to students attending any of the U.S. military academies.
- NESA scholarships are not available to graduate students pursuing a master's or doctoral degree.

Last year, 45 Eagle Scouts received a total of \$425,500 from NESA to aid in their educational endeavors. These scholarships are made possible by generous donors and NESA members that help the alumni organization.

To learn about scholarships offered to Scouts from other institutions, [click here](#).

MERIT BADGE WORKSHOPS

Virtual Merit Badge Workshops

- [Citizenship in the World: \(1/6/22\)](#)
- [Citizenship in the Nation: \(1/11/22\)](#)
- [Environmental Science: \(1/18/22\)](#)

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

Open Shoot at the Heard Scout Pueblo

Shooting Sports workshops occur monthly at the Heard Scout Pueblo.

Open Shoot for Rifle and BB Gun is Saturday, January 15, 2022. For the rifle merit badge we recommend the Troop come to the Pueblo Friday evening to the range for the book portion. Then on Saturday they shoot for the qualification part. Got questions? Contact, [Gary Jordan](#)

Work on your Archery Merit Badge this January 2022 at the Heard Scout Pueblo. Note that this program only covers the Shooting qualifications for the Archery Merit Badge. If a full merit badge program is desired contact Council to find a Merit Badge Counselors to work with individual units on a merit badge program.

- [January Rifle and BB Gun Open Shoot: \(1/15/22\)](#)
- [January Archery Open Shoot: \(1/22/22\)](#)
- [February Rifle and BB Open Shoot: \(2/19/22\)](#)
- [February Archery Open Shoot: \(2/26/22\)](#)

SHOOTING SPORTS

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- [Health Care Professions Merit Badge](#)
- [New Citizenship In Society Merit Badge](#)
- [BSA Rank and Award Restricted Scout Shop Items](#)
- [Recommended Merit Badge Process for Parents](#)
- [Policy on Unauthorized Changes to Advancement](#)



Leave No Trace Master Educator Course 2022

This internationally recognized course is the top tier of Leave No Trace training and provides participants with an in-depth look at the skills and ethics of Leave No Trace.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Faith and Fellowship - 26th Annual Ten Commandment Hike



Our 26th Annual Hike was held in the Chandler/Mesa area the day after Thanksgiving, November 26 and proved to be a beautiful day enjoyed by over a hundred hikers and presenters. Hikers learned about the Ten Commandments, ten different faith traditions, asked excellent questions and demonstrated respect for people of all faith backgrounds.

Many thanks to St. Timothy Catholic Church, Temple Beth Shalom, St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, the Mesquite Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Koinonia Mennonite Church and Tzu Chi Buddhist Foundation for opening their doors to us. Palo Verde Park proved to be a great outdoor venue and a welcome respite during the 5 mile "hike". Participants also learned about Sikhism, Islam, Lutheran and Seventh Day Adventist faith traditions during the day.

Please visit our [Religious Activities Committee](#) web page for a complete listing of presenters. Thanks to all!

Special thanks to this year's Ten Commandment Hike Team—Jordan Pendergrass, Jose Amorin, Allan Zisner and Kathy Polowski for their efforts in carrying out yet another inspirational event. If you would like to be part of the Religious Activities Committee and help with future Hikes and duty to God activities, please contact Kathy at kpolo55@gmail.com.

Please save November 25, 2022 as the date for the 27th Annual Ten Commandment Hike as we gather to enjoy another day of faith and fellowship! **Reminder: Scout Sabbath/Scout Sunday is February 5-6, 2022.**



Camp Geronimo Open for Summer Camp 2022



The [2022 Camp Guide](#) is available now! Learn about all the new and exciting things coming to Camp Geronimo in 2022, including brand new merit badge offerings, the return of the Downhill at the Heard. Meet our summer camp leadership team by viewing the first [2022 Camp Geronimo Webinar](#) recording now.

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For inquiries about camping please email gcc.program@scouting.org

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New 2022 National Camp School - Short Term Camp Administrator Training

January 22, 2022

The Grand Canyon Council will be hosting a Short Term Camp Administrator Training on January 22, 2022. This 8 hour training will enable Scouters to lead, organize, and conduct short term camps for their district, Order of the Arrow, or Council events.



2022 NATIONAL CAMP SCHOOL

New Registration now open for 2023 World Scout Jamboree in South Korea



In just a year and a half from now, you could be living it up with 50,000 of your closest friends from 170 different countries.

Registration is now open to join the BSA contingent at the 2023 World Scout Jamboree, set to kick off on Aug. 1, 2023, in Saemangeum, South Korea. World Scout Jamborees are the signature event of world Scouting. Every four years since 1920, Scouts from around the world have gathered in a spirit of fellowship, fun and peace. Discover More:

2023 WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

Mark Your Calendar for the 2022 University of Scouting February 12, 2022



University of Scouting will be held Saturday, February 12, 2022. This is a day for all Scouting Volunteers to learn new skills, and share fellowship. Details coming soon.

New 2022 NRA Range Safety Officer(RSO) Training January 22, 2022

2022 NRA Range Safety Officer(RSO) Training is open for registration. The one-day course date is Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 8:00AM - 6:30PM. Intended for BSA Registered Leaders Operating Firearms Shooting Ranges for BSA Activities. National BSA policy states that all firearms shooting activities shall be supervised by a currently certified NRA Range Safety Officer. Learn more Register today:

**NRA RANGE SAFETY
OFFICER (RSO) TRAINING**

New Virtual Advancement Class for Troop Leaders and Parents January 29, 2022

"Advancement for Troop Leaders and Parents" is a virtual class for adults. The purpose of this class is to cover BSA and Grand Canyon Council policies and procedures for advancement in the Scouts BSA program. It is an ideal class for existing unit leaders and committee members, soon to be unit leaders or committee members and those who are responsible for administering advancement for a troop. It is also a good class for Parents who want a fuller understanding of Scouts BSA advancement. This class goes beyond what is taught in the BSA Online training. Learn more and register today:

REGISTER NOW

New 2022 National Camp School - Short Term Camp Administrator Training

January 22, 2022

The Grand Canyon Council will be hosting a Short Term Camp Administrator Training on January 22, 2022. This 8 hour training will enable Scouters to lead, organize, and conduct short term camps for their district, Order of the Arrow, or Council events. A short-term camp is any district or council-organized overnight camping program, whether one-time or continuing, that is one, two or three nights in length where the council or its agents provide the staffing and may provide program and food services, and includes camps conducted off council properties. Overnight national training courses are subject to the short-term camp requirements, regardless of format or duration. Learn more Register today:



2022 NATIONAL CAMP SCHOOL

2022 Wood Badge

September 9-11 - October 8-9



WOOD BADGE

Wood Badge is an exciting, action-packed program designed to provide all adult members of the Boy Scouts of America with leadership skills and experience they can use in their units, districts, and council. This Course Requires Attendance for Two Weekends: September 9-11 (Friday- Sunday) & October 8-9 (Saturday-Sunday) Attendance at both weekends is required to satisfy completion of the course. Learn more and Register today:

2022 WOOD BADGE



SAFETY CORNER

Scouts First Helpline

1-844-726-8871 or 844-SCOUTS1

Do you know what this number is and what it is used for?

BSA has established 844-SCOUTS1 (844-726-8871), a dedicated 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk.

Who can use the helpline?

Scout leaders, registered members, parents, Scouting professionals, or anyone else who believes a youth in Scouting might be at risk.

When should I use the Scouts First Helpline?

Anytime you believe a youth has been harmed or their safety and well-being is at risk, and you cannot immediately reach your Scout executive or local council.

Below are some examples:

- A leader on a campout receives a report that one of the Scouts has been abused, and the council office is closed.
- Parents learn after their Scout has returned from camp that the youth was threatened with a knife, but they don't know who to call at the council.
- A Scouting professional receives an anonymous report of abuse and would like guidance on next steps.
- An individual is camped next to a Scout troop and witnesses behavior that appears to be unsafe.

Can I use the helpline during normal business hours?

Yes. The goal of the helpline is to provide immediate assistance that ensures the alleged victim as well as unit and council leadership are fully supported and appropriate actions are taken. During business hours, a member of the National Service Center will help you. Calls made after hours may be answered by an answering service that will take the information, determine the level of urgency, and then notify the appropriate person.

Reporting Tips

Accurate information is critical to an appropriate response. However, a lack of specific information is not a reason to delay a report. The Scouts First Helpline is not intended to take the place of council involvement. It is to provide 24/7 guidance to volunteers, Scouts, parents, and Scouting professionals to report abuse or serious youth protection violations outside of the local council's business hours. Local councils receiving reports of abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk will contact Scouts First to report the incident.

[Incident Reporting Resources](#)
[Incident Information Form](#)



New Leave No Trace Master Educator Course

May 17, 2022 - May 22, 2022

This internationally recognized course is the top tier of Leave No Trace training and provides participants with an in-depth look at the skills and ethics of Leave No Trace. In addition to practical applications of Leave No Trace in the field, participants will also learn about various teaching styles, effective communication techniques, and how Outdoor Ethics fits into the BSA program.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

- [New 2022 Campmaster Training](#)
- [New 2023 World Scout Jamboree](#)
- [New National Jamboree 2023 Details](#)
- [New Specialty Trainings](#)
- [Recording Youth Training](#)
- [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Volunteer Training](#)

District Chair

I sincerely wish all our families a Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas. As I look back on 2021 and all we accomplished, I am reminded of how terrific the volunteers are that help mentor and guide our youth truly are. I firmly believe 2022 is poised to be a break-out year for Scouting at a national level and Arizona in particular and I am proud to be a part of the BSA and what it does but also proud to say I am friends with those of you I have come to know because of this program.

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 and log your gifts before the end of the tax year:

BE A FRIEND OF THE GILA RIVER DISTRICT

Pack 524 Activities

Pack 524 has been busy having fun and we wanted to share with you. In October Julius Szakolczai, YoYo Instructor, shared his amazing skills with us during our Pack meeting. We love having Julius and look forward to him every year!

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Our November meeting consisted of our annual cakewalk where three Scouts walked away with Amazon Gift cards for their creativity. We had 22 scouts that brought in their masterpieces for everyone to vote on and a chance to win. We had three categories: sports, gaming and scouting outdoors. Scouts made everything from rainbows to skiing gummy bears.



We also had a successful Pack Scavenger Hunt and Hike at Veterans Oasis Park in November.

Yuma Veterans Day Parade



The local active scouts in Yuma participated in the Veteran's Day Parade. Members of Pack and Troop 8054 along with members of Girl Scouts of the USA Troop 8054 honored Yuma Area veterans. Senior scouts from the 8054 units led the delegation with the US, Arizona and Unit flags. Approximately 35 youth from 8054 walked the parade route and distributed hand written thank you notes to veterans along the route. There were more scouts from 8051 as well. This turned out to be a great form of recruitment, as there were several families that contacted to join scouts shortly after.

Congratulations to the Gila River District's Newest Eagle Scouts



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

- Jacob F. from Troop 285 in Chandler
- Sebastian G. from Troop 389 in Maricopa
- Jack H. from Troop 474 in Tempe

These outstanding Scouts passed their "in-person" Eagle Scout Boards of Review on Wednesday December 1, 2021. This was our first "in-person" Eagle BOR since February 2020! We also have :

- Jackson B. from Troop 285 in Chandler
- Anderson C. from Troop 379 in Tempe
- Charles D. from Troop 697 in Tempe

These outstanding Scouts passed their Virtual Eagle Scout Boards of Review on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. That makes 57 new Eagle Scouts for the Gila River District in 2021. Welcome to the brotherhood.

Gila River District Merit Badge Days

Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church

1656 E. Warner Road, Tempe, AZ 85284

Please visit this link to learn more and register NOW!

<https://scoutingevent.com/010-grmbday>

Gila River District Volunteer Recognition Dinner

Saturday, February 26, 2022

Mark your calendar! Join us for an evening recognizing our outstanding volunteers and scouts!

Register at this link:

<https://gilariver.grandcanyonbsa.org/>

Reminder!!! Nominations for Awards are open!

Please visit our web page and nominate a colleague!!!

Gila River District Cub Scout Activities and Derby Day

Saturday, March 12, 2022

Save the Date and watch our web page for more details!

Globe Scout Retires 707 Flags for Eagle Scout Service Project

Preston Quintana, of Troop 5101 in Globe, recently retired American flags as his Eagle Project. With the help of Troop members and the Tri City Fire Department, he retired 707 flags. Fourteen of the flags were the enormous flags displayed by Freeport McMoRan Mining on their Tailings Dam. These flags measure 25 feet by 15 feet. The picture shows the crew doing a "konga line" to put one of these in the fire. The other picture gives you an idea how big the flags are.



Scouts and Scout leaders Enjoy Turkey Shoot



Winners of the Scout Turkey Shoot were Kayden Maza 3rd place, Caleb Baldwin 2nd place, and Logan Ross 1st place.

Scouts: Logan Ross, Caleb Baldwin, Teegan Baldwin, and Kayden Maza shooting at Scout Turkey Shoot, Nov. 20, 2021

Scouts and leaders from Troop 5005, Safford, AZ, brought home food and awards during the Safford Shooting Range Turkey Shoot.

Cubmaster Fulfills Promise After Pack 380 Exceeds 2021 Popcorn Sales



Cubmaster Jason Meister fulfilled his promise to color his hair blue and gold, and shave 380 on his head after Pack 380 exceeded their Popcorn sales goals. They exceeded their stretch goal by 40%.



Winners of the adult round at Scout were 3rd place Merlin Baldwin, 2nd place Kerry Wilson, and 1st place Raul Maza.

Need a Kayak?

Troop 301 has kayaks for rent. Contact the troop at troop301@gmail.com.

Congratulations to the Lost Dutchman District November 2021 Eagle Scouts!



Total new Eagles in 2021 is 74! Congratulations to the Lost Dutchman District's newest Eagle Scouts:

- Andrew J., Troop 322, BOR: 11/02/21, Project: Riparian Bird Blinds
- Tyler T., Troop 853, BOR 11/05/21, Project: MVLC Fence Painting Project
- Seth B., Troop 88, BOR 11/15/21, Project: River Walk of Prayer Stones
- Gibson G., Troop 322, BOR 11/30/21, Project: Warbirds Wind Tunnel

Mesa Community College Hosting the Flagg Gem and Mineral Show

Looking for a rock or mineral collection for the Geology or Collections Merit Badge? How about someone in the mining industry to discuss some of the requirements for the Mining in Society Merit Badge. This and much more is available at the Flagg Gem and Mineral Show being held January 7-9, 2022 at Mesa Community College, on the northeast corner of US 60 and Dobson Rd. in Mesa. The show is open from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm each day. Admission and parking are free and there will be free activities for children. Children will also get free mineral samples for their collections. For more information and directions, go to: www.flaggshow.info

PONDEROSA DISTRICT



2022 Ponderosa District Klondike January 21- 23, 2022 at Camp Raymond

A youth-built and designed sled no longer than 6 feet no wider than 18 inches. No outriggers on the sled. The sled should be built with the ability to attach wheels in the event there is no snow. The sled is used to carry equipment. All items needed to participate in the events should be on your sled at the start of the event without returning to your campsite. Hint: If you were sledding across the Canadian wilderness, what would you need?

- 10 Scout essentials: see your scout handbook for what to bring
- A complete First Aid Kit with all items that might be needed to perform First Aid and rescue of accident victim. Bring items to actually use.
- Fire building materials to include method to start and sustain a cooking fire, cooking pot and utensils for cooking food. Compass.
- Extra points for THEME SPIRIT!

All Districts Welcome! For questions please contact, Marc Braatz at m2dabraatz44@aol.com

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