



# Troop 14 Bugler

## Troop 14

Esperanza Lutheran Church, Grand Canyon Council, BSA

John, Senior Patrol Leader

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Troop Webpage: <http://www.geocities.com/bsatroop14> - Fredric, Webmaster

**Building Tomorrow's Leaders Today**

February 2003

### EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DATES:

**Feb. 2003** – Themes: Aviation & Citizenship in the Community

- 2** Scout Sunday (go to services in uniform)
- 5** Scouting for Food canvassing (wear your class A uniform that night, meet at church)
- 6** Roundtable, O/A Meeting, Adult Safety Afloat Training
- 8** Scouting for Food (9am-11am), Scout Sabbath
- 12** Troop Meeting
- 15-16** Lower Salt River Campout
- 19** PLC
- 22** University of Scouting
- 24** Troop Adult Meeting
- 26** Troop Meeting

### Mar. 2003

- 5** Troop Meeting – Troop Elections
- 6** Roundtable, O/A Meeting
- 8** Troop Meeting
- 16-19** Canoe Trip
- 20** Adult Youth Protection Training (at Lakeshore, just North of Guadalupe Rd.)
- 26** **New Parent Meeting**, PLC
- 29** Scout Leader Specific Training
- 31** Troop Adult Meeting

### April 2003

- 2** Troop Meeting
- 5** Car Wash/Garage Sale
- 9** Court of Honor – all parents please attend
- 12** Great Cardboard Boat Regatta!
- 16** Troop Meeting
- 23** Troop Meeting
- 25-27** Aravaipa Back Pack
- 30** PLC

The Troop Calendar for the year has been updated and is on the troop webpage:

<http://www.geocities.com/bsatroop14>

### Scouting for Food

A Boy Scout promises "to help other people at all times." What better way is there to show our Scouting Spirit than by participating in the annual Scouting for Food drive? Across the country, nearly 4 million Scouts and adult leaders will distribute and collect bags of food for their local community food banks. Partnered with this new theme, just imagine the dramatic impact Grand Canyon Council Scouts and Scouters can make on and show to the local community.

The St Vincent de Paul Food Bank will once again be receiving the collected food. In fact, we are proud to note that Scouting for Food accounts for the single largest donation received by the St Vincent de Paul each year.

**SAVE YOUR GROCERY STORE BAGS AND BRING THEM ON FEB 5<sup>TH</sup> FOR USE AT SCOUTING FOR FOOD!**

How can you help? Without a doubt, you can, and it's easy. Make sure you keep the evening of Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> free so you can distribute bags. And then on the morning of Feb 8<sup>th</sup> collect the bags of food left on the porches and steps, from around your neighborhood. All it takes is a couple of hours, and you'll have been involved in one of the nation's biggest food drives.

### New Parent Meeting

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new Scout families that have joined Troop 14 this year. We know you will enjoy belonging to the best troop in the district! Please attend the New Parent Orientation Meeting on March 26<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm at Esperanza Lutheran Church. Subjects we will cover will include: Troop Orientation, What Parents Can and Cannot Do on a Boy Scout Outing, Safety Guidelines, BSA Policy and Summer Camp Information.

## Coon Bluff Campout

This is the perfect time to camp out in the desert! On Feb 15-16 the troop will be going on a campout at the lower Salt River. We will have wide games (like capture the flag!) and night games! We will also fish (they stock the river with trout) and practice our canoe skills on Saguaro Lake. Come one, come all! This car camp is open to all Scouts.

## Meetings Concentrate on Aviation and Citizenship in the Community

The PLC met and has organized future troop meetings to concentrate on working on the Aviation, Citizenship in the Community merit badges and special projects (such as the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, Snow Sports and Sports merit badges will also be worked on). The Webelos coming into the troop will work on Tenderfoot requirements.

The meetings will be full and exciting! Please don't forget to wear your class A uniforms to the meetings without the neckerchief. We are planning outings to Chaplain Air Museum in Feb. or early March as well, a date will be emailed out.

## The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta!

By: Bryan Craven

All Hands on Deck!: Scouts and Scouters: Troop 14 will be participating in the 4th annual Rotary River Great Cardboard Boat Regatta on Tempe town lake this year. The race involves designing, building, and painting a purely cardboard boat, then manning it at the event on April 12, 2003. This event allows troop members of all talents and interests to participate. Enjoy drawing, or math? Then help design the behemoth. Good at



building and crafts? Then help us in construction. Inhumanly strong? Pilot the darn thing. Just kidding. No special skills are actually required, simply the ability to hold a knife, and slice cardboard. This will be the troop's third consecutive cardboard boat race. Two years ago, our aircraft carrier won the "titanic" award. Last year, our PT boat successfully finished a round. This year, we aim to make at least the semifinals, if not win. As project manager, I will lead the youth segment. Adult support would be greatly appreciated. If you (youth or adult) are interested, contact me. Construction will begin soon. Do not miss out on this awesome opportunity! -Bryan Craven

## Aravaipa Wilderness Backpack Update

Great News! We were able to secure permits for everyone who signed up for the Aravaipa Wilderness Backpack (April 25th-27th). We plan to separate into three groups of (10) or less. Two experienced groups will traverse the entire Wilderness, one group traveling East-West and the other West-East. A less experienced group will enter in from the Eastern Boundary, hike in approx. 5 miles and return the same way they came. This is going to be a great trip full of wilderness adventure. In the next month, I will be looking for a

few of the older scouts to assist with planning this event. For those of you who haven't paid the Wilderness entrance fee, please pay Mrs. Rogers at the next meeting. For any questions regarding this trip, please contact Mark Perkins at 706-0378 or email at [mperkinsfamily@msn.com](mailto:mperkinsfamily@msn.com)

## Summer 2003 High Adventure – Boundary Waters

The trip is scheduled for June 10th-18th. This is going to be a great trip, where we will enter in at Little Indian Sioux River and exit at Moose River, canoeing across numerous lakes and making camp as we go (kind of like Lewis and Clark). The trip will be full of adventure, fishing, camping, site-seeing, hiking, backpacking and canoeing of course. Over one million acres in size, the Boundary Waters

Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) contains hundreds of lakes and rivers, has 1200 miles of canoe routes and is

home to abundant plants and wildlife, including threatened and endangered species. We will be going with Troop 697. This activity is open to Scouts 13 years old or above. If you have any questions regarding the Boundary Waters trip or the other High Adventure Camps, please contact Mark Perkins at 706-0378 or email at [mperkinsfamily@msn.com](mailto:mperkinsfamily@msn.com).

A paddle dipping into the water...  
The splash of a beaver tail...  
The echoing call of a loon...  
A northern sun setting on a glassy lake...  
Tall pines whispering in the wind...

### Spring Break Canoe Trip

During Spring Break, March 16-19, this year, Troop 14 will be going on a canoe trip. We will be going from Hoover Dam down a very beautiful canyon and visiting caves, hot springs and waterfalls. This trip is open to all Scouts who have completed the Swimming merit badge and have achieved the rank of First Class. Scouts 13 years old or older may be able to sign up for a kayak (limited number, so be the first to sign up!) We need to know how many people are interested in attending this event. The estimated cost for this event is about \$100. Our next organized fund-raiser is April 5th (the car wash/garage sale).

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND THIS EVENT YOU MUST SIGN UP WITH MRS. ROGERS NOW!**

### More Troop 14 2003 Summer Camp Information

**Emerald Bay, Catalina Island CA June 8-14, 2003** (for Scouts who have attended Geronimo twice or are 13 years old)

Fees: Scouts: \$385.00

Adults: \$150.00

Airfare, shuttle, approx. \$150.00 (may vary)

**Due:** January 1<sup>st</sup> - \$100.00 per Scout

#### **Required for placement**

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** - \$150.00 per Scout; \$150.00 per Adult

**May 1<sup>st</sup>** - \$150.00 per Scout

**May 31<sup>st</sup>** - \$135.00 per Scout; \$150.00 per Adult

After January 10, cancellation fees of \$100.00 each person will be charged by Emerald Bay. If space allows 10% will be added to any campers added after May 15<sup>th</sup>. After May 15<sup>th</sup> there are no refunds for cancellations or no-shows. **Scouts can be added after the January payment only if space allows and must be accompanied by \$100.00 deposit. (Request must be phoned in to WLAC Council by Mrs. Rogers.)**

### Camp Geronimo, Payson AZ July 12-19, 2003

(open to all Scouts)

Fees: Scouts \$217.00

Adults: \$100

Due:

January -\$25.00 per Scout reservation fee March

5<sup>th</sup> -\$96.00 per Scout

April 23<sup>rd</sup> -\$96.00 per Scout; adult fees due.

### Youth Protection Requirements for BSA Outings

The National Council of the Boy Scouts of America has modified the requirements for obtaining a Tour Permit. Effective January 1, 2003, all registered adults participating in any nationally conducted event or activity must have completed the BSA Youth Protection Training. At least one registered adult who has completed BSA Youth Protection Training must be present at all other events and activities that require a local tour permit. I am proud of troop 14's training record. For those of you who have not yet attended training, Youth Protection Training is offered every other month. The next one is on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the LDS Church on Lakeshore (just north of Guadalupe Rd.).

### Attention All Adults Helping Out the Troop!

Have you watched the Fast Start Training yet? If not, you can now see it on-line at:

<http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/boyscouttrain.html>

Please let Mrs. Wolfe know when you have completed this training.

### Troop Jackets

We are again offering the blue troop jackets for those who might like one. Troop jackets are ways you can show pride in your troop and where you can display the camp patches you earn. Jacket sizes (in men's): small, medium, and large. Each jacket costs \$25. Contact Amy Fletcher (759-9290) if you would like one.

### Attention Life Scouts

As you know, Mr. Nelson would like you to have your Eagle project approved by District within three months of you becoming a Life Scout. If you need an Eagle Scout packet, please contact Mr. Lishko for a paper packet. An online version is available at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/srdscouts/files/Advancement%20-%20Eagle%20Scout/>

Looking for ideas for an Eagle project? Check out the following sites for ideas:

<http://internet.cybermesa.com/~swede/history/egl-proj.html>

<http://qec-bsa.org/ironhorse/eagles/proj99.htm>

### Snow Sports Merit Badge

Scouts who attended lessons on the Snow Trip can probably earn the Snow Sports merit badge. Mr. Mefford will meet with those Scouts at the meeting on Wed. Feb 5<sup>th</sup>.



## University of Scouting – Feb. 22

The University of Scouting is a Saturday training camp for Boy Scout Adult Leaders and Committee Members. You can pick up knowledge in all sorts of areas, and I would recommend that ALL Troop 14 Asst. Scoutmasters and Committee Members attend. It will be held on Saturday, February 22, 2003 at the Heard Scout Pueblo. A registration form is here:

<http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/pdf/2003UOSForm.pdf>

## San Diego Trip

Now Hear This! From June 1 through June 5<sup>th</sup>, Troop 14 will be visiting the Navy in San Diego. We will board ships of the surface fleet (e.g., destroyers, aircraft carriers, frigates, etc.) as well as visit submarine, and Coast Guard facilities.



We will also be visiting sea aquariums, tide pools, and a planetarium. We will be billeting with the Marines at the Marine Corps Recruiting Depot. Mark your

calendars; you don't want to miss this trip! All Scouts and parents are eligible to go on this trip. IF INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THIS TRIP, PLEASE SIGN UP WITH MRS. ROGERS.

## Adult Basic Training

On March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Lakeshore LDS church (on Lakeshore just North of Guadalupe Rd.) there will be New Leader Essentials Training. All adult leaders or parents who would like to be a leader or committee member need to go to this training. It is free and you don't have to sign up for it.

On March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 11-12 there will be basic training for all Assistant Scoutmasters. All Assistant Scoutmasters in Troop 14 must go through Basic training within 1 year of receiving the position. This training is over 2 Saturdays: March covers indoor meetings and advancement, April meeting covers outdoor subjects. Please reserve a spot on your calendar if you are or would like to be an Assistant Scoutmaster. More information on this training will be sent out via email.

## Adult High Adventure Training

Asst. Scoutmasters and other interested parents: Thinking about High Adventure activities, but don't know where to start? Attend

Powderhorn and find out! Powderhorn was originally developed for Venturing leaders but has been found to be excellent training for anyone planning High Adventure activities. For more information see:

<http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/powderhorn.html>

## Start Sailing Right – Sailing Merit Badge Class



Sign up for this introduction to sailing class that begins in late February and ends in early May. Four Thursday evening classroom meetings of two-and-a-half hours each and five Saturday "On the Water" classes of four hours each will make up the training. Students will sail in

two different kinds of simple configuration boats: a 14-foot boat, which holds two or three people, and a 13-foot 9-inch single-handed boat. The 30 hours of instruction is offered at a cost of \$120 per student. The instructors are US Sailing certified and have enjoyed many years on, around and in the water. Classes are designed for ages 12 and older. This course is open to adults. The Arizona Sailing Foundation plans to follow this introductory course with Advanced Sailing Classes in larger, more powerful boats. Eventually, Arizona Sailing Foundation will also have classes in coastal cruising. First Class is February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003 --Thursday Classroom Nights 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM --2/27 3/20 4/3 4/24; Saturday On-the-Water Days --1:00 PM to 5:00 PM --3/1 3/22 4/5 4/26 5/3

Scouts who complete this course have satisfied all the requirements, and more, for the Sailing Merit Badge.

To sign up, or for more information see:

<http://www.arizonayachtclub.org/Education/>

## Sports Merit Badge

If you participate in a team sport (like football) and an individual sport (like tennis or track), you can easily complete the Sports Merit Badge. Contact Mr. Gibbs for more information:



## Troop Elections

At the troop meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> we will have elections for Senior Patrol Leader and for Patrol Leaders. This is also the typical time that Scouts re-up or are assigned to troop office positions. For a list of requirements for the troop offices see:

<http://www.geocities.com/bsatrop14/TroopPositions.doc>

There is a form at the end of this document to fill out if you are interested in any of the positions. Troop positions are required for Star, Life and Eagle ranks.