



Troop 14 Bugler

Troop 14

Esperanza Lutheran Church, Grand Canyon Council, BSA

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March 2003

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DATES:

Mar. 2003

- 5 Troop Meeting, begin 1st Responder Class
- 6 Roundtable, O/A Meeting
- 8 Troop Meeting
- 16-19 Canoe Trip
- 19 – no meeting
- 20 Adult Youth Protection Training (at College and Alameda.)
- 26 Troop Meeting, Troop Elections
- 29 Scout Leader Specific Training
- 29 Car Wash/Garage Sale
- 31 Troop Adult Meeting

April 2003

- 2 New Parent Meeting, PLC
- 9 Court of Honor – all parents please attend
- 12 Picacho Peak Campout
- 16 Troop Meeting, Youth Protection Training
- 23 Troop Meeting
- 25-27 Aravaipa Back Pack
- 30 PLC

May 2003

- 3 CPR Training

NOTES: We will not be participating in the Cardboard boat. Troop elections will be on April 2nd not March 5th.

The Troop Calendar for the year has been updated and is on the troop webpage: www.geocities.com/bsatroop14

Welcome New Scouts!

John and I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new Scouts and Parents who have joined Troop 14 in the last few weeks!

Scouts coming from Cub Scouts are being integrated with a patrol of other Webelos at the troop meetings and should be attending as many of them as possible. Mr. Tom Keith is the Assistant Scoutmaster for the Pioneers

(the new Scouts), and will be introducing the boys to how a troop runs, etc. He can also answer any questions you have.

Scouts who are older than 11yo are being integrated into existing patrols and will be acclimated to the Scouting environment by the Scouts in the current patrols (known as the Ranger Scouts). Mr. Rob Gaunt will be overseeing this activity along with the Patrol Advisors for each patrol.

There will be a New Parent orientation meeting on April 2 at 7pm at Esperanza Church, which will, hopefully, answer most of your questions. We will not have a troop meeting that night.

All Scouts are expected to sign up for summer camp each year. Linda Rogers can sign the Scouts up for summer camp. The best camp for a New Scout is Geronimo, which will be July 12-19th. More information on Geronimo will be available at the parent meeting.

Until then, if you would like some general information see our troop website which has our calendar on it: www.geocities.com/bsatroop14/

And, especially, our Troop 14 Parents Guide, which is here: www.geocities.com/bsatroop14/parent.pdf

If there are any other questions, please don't hesitate to email or call Rob, Tom or I. Again, welcome to the troop!

Youth Protection Training for Youth

From 8pm-8:30pm on April 16, the troop will split into two groups to show the following youth training tapes. This program is optional:

"A Time to Tell" is an award winning film by the BSA designed for boys ages 11 to 14. This video depicts the risks of sexual abuse through dramatizations of adolescent experiences. We encourage the parents to attend this viewing with their sons. They will be dismissed immediately following the viewing of the tape so you may discuss with your sons what they have seen.

"Youth Protection: Personal Safety Awareness", is designed for any young person in the 14 to 20 age range. It is made up of vignettes dealing with the issues of acquaintance rape, Internet safety, stalking, and fraternization. Each scenario will be followed by a group discussion.

Class B T-Shirts & Uniforms Available

Class B t-shirts are in. Call Amy Fletcher, or email her to order or to have your questions answered. Each scout should have at least one Class B t-shirt. T-shirts are adult sizes S-XXL for \$7.75 each. XXXL sizes are available for \$9 each.

I have a few Troop caps left and am waiting for the troop jackets from our supplier. Also available are the new square Troop 14 neckerchiefs (limited quantities at this time) for \$7 each.

We are also coordinating Recycled Scout Clothing, which is a way to pick up or donate the uniform items you or your scout need or have outgrown.

For more than 93 years the Boy Scouts of America has taught young men how to be citizens as well as Scouts, and our nation is a better place for it.

President George W. Bush 2/5/03

www.scouting.org/media/press/030221/index.html

2003 Summer Camp Information

A lot happens during a Boy Scout summer camp and it is very important for the life of the Scout, troop and patrol. **EVERY Scout in Troop 14 is expected to attend a Scout summer camp each year.** They can attend with the troop, or a patrol (a patrol is at least 4 Scouts). They can attend a camp individually as well, but the team building that occurs when they go with others from the troop is very important. So far this year we have three Scout summer camps on the calendar: Emerald Bay, Boundary Waters and Geronimo

Emerald Bay, Catalina Island CA.

June 8-14, 2003. For Scouts who have attended Geronimo twice or are 13 years old. Camp Emerald Bay is a fantastic camp on a Pacific Island. Everyone who has gone has loved it. For more information on the camp contact Mrs. Rogers or Mr. Anderson.

Fees:

- Scouts: \$385.00
- Adults: \$150.00
- Airfare, shuttle, approx. \$150.00 (may vary)

Due Dates:

- January 1st- \$100.00 per Scout Required for placement
- April 1st - \$150.00 per Scout; \$150.00 per Adult
- May 1st - \$150.00 per Scout
- May 31st - \$135.00 per Scout; \$150.00 per Adult

After January 10, cancellation fees of \$100.00 per person will be charged by Emerald Bay. If space allows

10% will be added to any campers added after May 15th. After May 15th 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.)

Boundary Waters

June 10-18, 2003. A high adventure canoe expedition for older Scouts, 13 years old and above. Contact Mr. Perkins for more information. Also see next article.

Geronimo

July 12-19, 2003. For New Scouts and Scouts interested in earning Merit Badges and Scouts not going to any other camp. Camp Geronimo has updated it's older boy program. For more info see: www.campgeronimo.com/. Contact Mrs. Rogers to sign up. Scouts attending Geronimo Summer Camp need to get a \$96.00 payment to Mrs. Rogers by March 5th.

If you are worried about the cost of summer camp, we have fundraisers on the calendar. Scouts who participate in fundraisers can defray the cost of part of their summer camp. Also, the council has camperships available for anyone in



financial need who might need one. It will pay up to 75% of the cost of Geronimo. There is no reason why all Scouts cannot attend summer camp. For information, please contact Mrs. Rogers, Mr. Nelson, or Diane at the Programs Desk at Council: 602 955-7747, or see: www.grandcanyonbsa.org/pdf/campership.pdf. Applications must be into Council by April 30th for camperships.

Boundary Waters Update

Join us June 10th - 18th as we travel to Minnesota on a wilderness canoe trip through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. We have extended the sign up for those of you who are still interested. This trip is limited to Scouts ages 14 and older. Canoe through crystal clear lakes and rivers, fish for walleye and northern pike, and see moose, bald eagles and breathtaking scenery. Our route will take us through one of the most remote areas of the BWCAW and include side trips to see extraordinary waterfalls and wildlife. Each day will include canoe travel between 5-10 miles and several portages of around 1/4 and 3/4 mile each. ('Portage' is an Indian word meaning take everything out of your canoe, put it on your back, and lug it to the next lake.) Be prepared to carry a 52-pound canoe and up to a 60-pound pack. Spend your afternoons fishing,

exploring bays and islands, swimming in sparkling clear lakes, or relaxing in a lakeshore campsite! We will be joining Troop 697 on this great adventure. There are currently three scouts (Brent Perkins, Bryan Fletcher and Bradley Knight) and one adult (Mr. Perkins) signed up from Troop 14 and a total of six from Troop 697. You can refer to this link for more info: www.bsatroop697.com/forms/bw03.html. If you have any questions regarding the Boundary Waters trip or the other High Adventure Camps, please contact Mark Perkins.

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 Mrs. Wolfe for a paper packet. An online version is available at: [groups.yahoo.com/group/srdscouts/files/Advancement - Eagle Scout/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/srdscouts/files/Advancement_-_Eagle_Scout/)

New, detailed troop instructions can be found here: www.geocities.com/bsatroop14/eagle_instructions.rtf

Troop 14 will be participating in the Council 2004 Philmont Contingent.

JOIN IN THE ULTIMATE SCOUTING EXPERIENCE! PARTICIPATE IN A PHILMONT TREK!

The Grand Canyon Council has a Philmont High Adventure Expedition for 2004. There are 108 spaces available, the troop has 6 people signed up so far. Those spaces are divided into 9 Crews of 12 people each. If you want to be a part of this high adventure experience: YOU MUST REGISTER NOW. There are some basic restrictions for being accepted to this expedition and they are listed below.

1. 2/3+ of the total participants will be Scouts. That is a registered Scout under the age of 18 or registered Venturer under 21.
2. All Scouts must be 14 years old on or before 1 Jan 2004 (no exceptions)
3. You must be a registered Scout or Scouter.
4. You are not permitted to exchange your slot with anyone without permission from Dave Dolge.
5. Funds submitted to Philmont Scout Ranch are not refundable and not transferable to the balance of fees.

This is a Council Expedition each Crew will be made up of Scouts and Scouters from a geographic area. Troop Crews that register together will be kept together if possible. We will depart Phoenix on the evening of 3 July 2004, arrive at Philmont and be in process on 4 July 2004. We will hike 4 July to 15 July. We will arrive in Phoenix the morning of 16 July 2004.

At this time we do not know what the actual cost will be, Cost per person will be \$620 to \$680. The fee covers the

Philmont fee, transportation costs, and an Expedition 2004 shirt & hat. To reserve a spot on this expedition, each person must fill out the attached application. The troop will have special fundraising sessions to help defray the cost for those who participate in the fundraising.

You must apply separately and have your application in as close to march 1st as possible. There must be a check for \$75 attached to each application. The application is here: www.grandcanyonbsa.org/pdf/philmont2004flyer.pdf

This deposit is not refundable and not transferable.

This trek is open to registered adults who meet the weight requirements. See: www.concentric.net/~thedew/Philmont/P98/P98weights.shtml

For more info, contact: Mr. Nelson or Mr. Perkins

Yours in Scouting,
Bill Nelson

New Newsletter Editor

Greetings! I have assumed responsibility for putting together and disseminating the *Troop 14 Bugler*. As in the past, the *Bugler* will be available in a print version to be mailed out via conventional mail and in electronic form via email and (in an abridged form) the Troop 14 website.

Submissions for the newsletter as well as comments and suggestions are encouraged. Send them to emagle@maple-leaves.org and include the word Newsletter in your subject line.

As I learn the ropes, come up to speed, and get a handle on the process, I hope to get the newsletter out in a more timely fashion than this issue. My goal is to have the newsletter in your hands before the beginning of each month.

Ed Maple

First Responder Class to be Offered

We have been asked to offer some courses to older and interested Scouts, which will expand their Scouting and readiness skills. So, as requested, Mr. Anderson will begin a First Responder class for all interested Scouts at the meeting on March 5th. First responders provide pre-hospital emergency medical care to sick or injured persons prior to the arrival of an ambulance staffed with an emergency medical technician. This training goes beyond what is normally taught in basic first aid classes or in the first aid merit badge.

Scouts should be prepared to take on emergencies at home or when we are in the wilderness and help is delayed. Everyone who has taken this course in the past has really found it valuable. There are no pre-requisites, but Scouts should be willing to seriously attend the

classes. More information will be available at the first class.

Scouts who successfully complete this course and do not have First Aid merit badge, will receive the First Aid badge. Remember our motto: Be Prepared

CPR Training

Currently, CPR or cardiopulmonary resuscitation training is a required pre-requisite for all aquatics oriented merit badges, and for many other activities in Scouting. All Scouts and leaders in the troop are required to hold valid and current CPR cards. CPR training will be offered by the troop on May 3rd at 9am at Esperanza Church. The cost is \$15 per person. This class is open to every Scout, parent and relative (if class fills, preference will be given to the Scouts). Sign up with Mrs. Rogers now to hold your place.

Troop Carwash/Garage Sale/Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 29, 6-am-12pm for this 6th annual fundraiser. Proceeds are added to the boys individual scout accounts for upcoming scouting events. Presale tickets and detailed info packets are available at each troop meeting. This is the last fundraiser before summer camp and it is a great opportunity to offset the cost of the scouting program. Make sure you're not left out! Signup sheets are available at the troop meeting for boys and adults. Everyone's participation is needed to make this a success.

Adult Training

For a while now, we have been talking about 'BASIC' training for committee members and Assistant Scoutmasters. The new Scouts and their parents coming into the troop have activated this discussion again. It was decided by the troop committee at the February meeting to make BASIC training and Youth Protection requirements for all Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members within 6 months of assuming the position. What this means to you:

Parents: Parents who would like to participate in Scout activities will have to attend the in-troop briefing called Troop-Wise, which will be offered April 2nd at 7pm at Esperanza Church at the new parent orientation.

Committee Members: If you are a Committee Member you will need to take within 6 months of assuming the position:

1. Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training (located online at: www.grandcanyonbsa.org/boyscouttrain.html.)
2. Scout Leader Essentials Training (this only needs to be taken once, and could have been taken as a Cub Leader). Next offered: March 6th at the LDS Church on Lakeshore, just North of Guadalupe Rd. at 7pm
3. Troop Committee Challenge (offered at a troop committee meeting)

4. Youth Protection Training, next offered March 20th and May 15th, at the LDS Church on College and Alameda.

Assistant Scoutmasters: If you are an Assistant Scoutmaster you will need to take within 6 months of assuming the position:

1. Boy Scout Leader Fast Start Training (located online at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/boyscouttrain.html)
2. Scout Leader Essentials Training (this only needs to be taken once, and could have been taken as a Cub Leader). Next offered: March 6th at the LDS Church on Lakeshore, just North of Guadalupe Rd. at 7pm
3. Youth Protection Training, next offered March 20th and May 15th, at the LDS Church on Lakeshore, just North of Guadalupe Rd. at 7pm
4. Scout Leader Specific Training and Outdoor Leader Training available in March, see the flyer at groups.yahoo.com/group/srdscouts/files/Fliers/boyscouttraining.pdf

Recommended, but not mandatory:

- Safe Swim Defense Training, next offered April 3rd at the LDS Church on Lakeshore, just North of Guadalupe Rd. at 7pm
- Safety Afloat Training, next offered May 1st at the LDS Church on Lakeshore, just North of Guadalupe Rd. at 7pm
- Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Basic (see: www.arizonaredcross.org/Courses.asp)
- CPR, offered by the troop May 3rd.
- Trek Safely, offered by the troop

A calendar of upcoming adult training across the Council is located here:

www.grandcanyonbsa.org/trainsched.html

A calendar of district-conducted training is located here:

www.grandcanyonbsa.org/salriver/srdcalendar.html

Please notify Pam Wolfe of any training you have completed.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike McCabe

Troop Elections

At the troop meeting on March 26th 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:

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.

Aravaipa Wilderness Backpack Update

The last two openings for the April 25th - 27th Aravaipa Wilderness backpacking trip have now been filled. We have a total of (28) permits for this trip and will 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.

The travel distance to the Western trailhead is approximately 2.5 hrs, whereas the Eastern trailhead is closer to 4 hours. Friday April 25th is an early release day for Altadena (school is out at 1:45pm), but not Desert Vista (school is out at 3:00pm). Because of the distance to the Eastern trailhead, we will probably have one group leaving earlier on Friday, then the other. The exact times will be determined later.

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 (by check or scout account), please pay Mrs. Rogers ASAP. Refer to the Safford BLM (Bureau of Land Management) website for lots of info on Aravaipa Wilderness www.az.blm.gov/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.html. For any questions regarding this trip, please contact Mark Perkins.