



# Troop 14 Bugler

## Troop 14

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**April 2003**

### EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DATES:

#### April 2003

- 11-13 Picacho Campout
- 16 Troop Meeting & Youth Protection Training
- 23 Troop Meeting, O/A Election
- 25-27 Aravaipa Back Pack
- 28 Troop Adult Meeting
- 30 PLC

#### May 2003

- 1 Roundtable
- 3 CPR Training
- 7 Troop Meeting
- 14 Troop Meeting
- 15 Adult Youth Protection Training
- 16-18 Water Campout
- 21 Troop Meeting
- 26 Troop Adult Meeting
- 28 Troop Meeting

#### June 2003

- 1-6 San Diego Trip
- 5 Roundtable
- 8-14 Santa Catalina Summer Camp
- 10-18 High Adventure Boundary Waters Trip
- 11 PLC
- 18 Troop Meeting
- 25 Troop Meeting
- 30 Troop Adult Meeting

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

[www.geocities.com/bsatroop14](http://www.geocities.com/bsatroop14)

### Scouting in Support of America

#### Call to Action March 2003

Roy L. Williams, the Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America, has asked Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, and volunteer leaders across America to tie red, white, and blue ribbons on trees in their neighborhoods. "Our thoughts are with our fellow Americans fighting for peace in the Middle East, and we pray for their safe return," Williams says.

Throughout the decades, the Boy Scouts of America has rallied to the support of our nation's military and their families. In countless conflicts, Scouts have stood shoulder to shoulder in supporting the brave men and women who protect our nation. In this current conflict, Scouts, volunteers, and families will carry on this great tradition.



We encourage all citizens to show their support of America by joining us in tying red, white, and blue ribbons on trees in neighborhoods across the country. If you know someone in the armed services, you may honor him or her by writing their name on the ribbons.

*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

<http://www.scouting.org/media/press/030221/index.html>

### The Three New Divisions of Troop 14

For a while now we have had three programs going on in Troop 14. We have formalized the three programs into three divisions. These divisions have no affect on the current patrol structure.

- **Pioneers** Scouts who are working their way up to their 1st Class Rank.  
Youth Leaders: Michael, Brennan, Daniel and Ersen - Troop Guides  
Adult Advisors: Tom Keith, Jim McDonald
- **Rangers** Scouts who have made 1st Class Rank or above.  
Youth Leaders: Kyle - Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster; Keith - Instructor; Mike and Bradly - Troop Guides  
Adult Advisors: Rob Gaunt, Brewster Keith, Ed Maple
- **Venture** Scouts who are at least 1st Class, 13 years old and older, and want to participate in high adventure activities. (This is not the same as the separate Venturing program that the BSA has).  
Youth Leader: Brent, ASPL - Ventures  
Adult Advisors: Mark Perkins, Liam Smith

### Adult Committee Members Needed

Troop 14 is looking for adults to join the Troop 14 Committee. The Committee oversees the administrative functions of running the Troop enabling the Scoutmasters to focus on the Scouts. There are several positions that need to be filled or need assistance. The Troop Committee meets the last Monday of the month at Esperanza at 7pm. Contact Steve Farquhar, the Committee Chair.

### 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

#### Geronimo

July 12-19, 2003. For New Scouts, Scouts interested in earning Merit Badges and Scouts not going to any other camp. Camp Geronimo has updated its older boy program. For more info see: <http://www.geronimo.com>. Total cost is \$217.00. January and March payments have passed, but can be caught up for a total of \$121.00. The next payment is due April 23rd at \$96.00 per scout. Also, merit badge class forms are due **now** and a physical signed by a physician (form in camp packets handed out) is due prior to camp. (Early notice so that you can get an appointment.) Contact Mrs. Rogers to sign up.

**Emerald Bay, Catalina Island CA.**

June 8-14, 2003. **Fully booked.** Next payment for scouts attending this camp is **April 1st**; \$150.00 each. Adults must pay \$150.00 each also. Next payment is **May 1st** for an additional \$150.00 per Scout. A current physical is needed to attend camp.

#### Fees:

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

#### Due Dates:

- April 1st - \$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 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.

### Boundary Waters

Join us June 10th - 18th as we travel to Minnesota on a wilderness canoe trip through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. 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 from 5 to 10 miles and several portages from 1/4 to 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.) Spend your afternoons fishing, exploring bays and islands, swimming in sparkling clear lakes, or relaxing in a lakeshore campsite!

Be prepared to carry a 52-pound canoe and up to a 60-pound pack. We will be joining Troop 697 on this great adventure. We now have four scouts (Brent Perkins, Bryan Fletcher, Bradley Knight and Fredric Rozum) and one adult (Mr. Perkins) signed up from Troop 14 and a total of seven from Troop 697. Refer to the following web sites for further information.

- 1) Troop 697 information:  
<http://www.bsatroop697.com/forms/bw03.html>
- 2) Voyageur North Outfitters web site:  
<http://www.vnorth.com>.

If you have any questions regarding the Boundary Waters trip or the other High Adventure Camps, please contact Mark Perkins.

If you are worried about the cost of summer camp, 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. Campership applications for the Grand Canyon Council will be accepted no later than April 30<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/pdf/campership.pdf).

Applications must be into Council by April 30th for camperships.

This study shows that positive outcomes of Scout summer camp occur because the environment and activities at camp incorporate all of the elements of healthy youth development. See:

[www.scouting.org/media/research/02-448.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/media/research/02-448.pdf)

## National Camping Award

Have you camped a lot? Get recognized for it! You can earn the National Camping award for camping with the Scouts or your family or friends.

Scouts and Scouters can also qualify for a National Camping Award patch if the requirement for the total number of days and nights of camping has been met. This total can include any combination of camping with the Scout's family, patrol, or unit.



The requirements are:

- 100 days and nights of camping - Patch No. 00296
- 250 days and nights of camping - Patch No. 00297
- 500 days and nights of camping - Patch No. 00298
- 1000 days and nights of camping - Patch No. 00299

To earn this award the Scout or Scouter needs to keep track of his campouts and have them approved by his Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. This patch may be worn on the right pocket of the uniform shirt or placed on the pocket of a backpack or another appropriate place. Fill out this form and give it to Mr. Nelson:

<http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/pdf/nationalcampingaward.pdf>

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

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

This is your final opportunity to sign up for the 2004 Philmont trek. Our Scouts will be together in a crew. We can have up to 12 in the crew, so if you might be interested, now is the time to sign up! Crews of less

than 12 will have Scouts and Scouters from other troops fill-in to make the crew 12 in size.

What is a Philmont Trek, you ask? Well: Upon arrival at Philmont, there will be a whirlwind day of preparation before embarking into the Philmont Backcountry (also known as God's Country) for 10 days of backpacking, hiking, and programs such as: horseback rides, homesteading, spar climbing, gold panning and mine tour, burro racing, rock climbing, fly tying and fishing, 30-06 rifle shooting, shot gun shooting, and much more. You will hike over terrain ranging from 6,600' to 12,441' above sea level. You will see yourself and your crewmembers grow in personal confidence and capability - and learn what makes you and them tick.

At the end of the trail, you will enjoy the sense of accomplishment of having met the challenge that is Philmont - and on your way out of camp you, like so many others around you on the bus, will turn around and look at the arrowhead formation that was the inspiration for the Philmont Arrowhead Award that you just earned and now wear proudly on your uniform. And will then start thinking about when you will return to Philmont again.

There is something magic about Philmont that is really hard to describe. If you know of someone who has been there, talk with him about his experience. I have yet to meet someone who didn't leave a part of himself at this 130,000 acre Scouting paradise.

Join in the ultimate Scouting experience! Participate in a Philmont Trek!

The Grand Canyon Council has a Philmont High Adventure Expedition for 2004. 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:

1. At least 2/3 of the total participants must be registered Scouts under 18 or registered Venturers under 21. Adults must be registered Scouters.
2. All Scouts must be 14 years old on or before 1 Jan 2004 (no exceptions).
3. You are not permitted to exchange your slot with anyone without permission from Dave Dolge.
4. 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 directly to the council and have your application in as soon as possible. There must be a check for \$75 attached to each application. The application is here:

[www.grandcanyonbsa.org/pdf/philmont2004flyer.pdf](http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/pdf/philmont2004flyer.pdf)

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

### **Our Newest Eagle Scout**

It is my great honor to announce that Harman passed his final Eagle Board on Feb. 25, 2003! It is wonderful to be able to welcome Harman into the fraternity of Troop 14 Eagles! He takes on the date of 2/25/2003 as the official date of his Eagle class.

Congratulations Harman!  
Bill Nelson, Scoutmaster, Troop 14

### **Our Scouts in the Armed Forces**

Troop 14 has four Scouts who are now serving in our arms forces:

- **Derek Barber** – Eagle Scout, United States Navy - stationed in Sicily, working as a police officer keeping the fleet safe.
- **Wyatt Skinner** – 1<sup>st</sup> Class Scout, United States Army.
- **John Willis** – Eagle Scout, United States Air Force - stationed on an E-3 Sentry out of Saudi Arabia. The E-3 Sentry is an airborne warning and control system (AWACS) aircraft that provides all-weather surveillance, command, control and communications needed by commanders of U.S., NATO and other allied air defense forces. As proven in Operation Allied Force, it is the premier air battle command and control aircraft in the world today. See [www.af.mil/news/factsheets/E\\_3\\_Sentry\\_AWACS.html](http://www.af.mil/news/factsheets/E_3_Sentry_AWACS.html)
- **Donald Hollis** – Eagle Scout, United States Navy - stationed on the Bonhome Richard a multipurpose amphibious assault ship (a small aircraft carrier) and currently being used as a harrier carrier. See [www.lhd6.navy.mil/](http://www.lhd6.navy.mil/).

Please keep these fine men in your thoughts and prayers.

### **CPR Training**

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) is a specialized skill in which you endeavor to revive a victim of cardiac arrest (no breathing-no pulse). **It is a required pre-requisite for all aquatics-oriented**

**merit badges** and for many other activities in Scouting. This course is not conducted at summer camp. Scouts who attend a summer camp merit badge course that requires CPR certification will receive an incomplete if they are not already certified.

CPR training will be offered by the troop on Saturday, May 3rd at 9am at Esperanza Church. The cost is \$15 per person. This class is open to every Scout, parent and relative, but if the class fills preference will be given to the Scouts. Sign up with Mrs. Rogers now to hold your place.

This is a skill that can save others when the need arises.

### **Aravaipa Wilderness Backpack Update**

Aravaipa Wilderness Backpack is scheduled for April 25th - 27th. 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 distance to the Eastern trailhead is longer at approx. 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, than the other. More details to come later.

Refer to the Safford BLM (Bureau of Land Management) website for lots of info on Aravaipa Wilderness:

<http://www.az.blm.gov/sfo/aravaipa/aravaipa.html>.

For any questions regarding this trip, please contact Mark Perkins.