



Troop 14 Bugler

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May 2003

EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DATES:

May

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

June

- 2-6 San Diego Trip
- 5 Roundtable
- 7 Advancement Day
- 8-14 Santa Catalina
- 10-18 High Adventure Boundary Waters Trip
- 11 PLC
- 18 Troop Meeting
- 21 Troop Family Night at Ahwatukee YMCA
- 25 Troop Meeting
- 28 Advancement Day
- 30 Troop Adult Meeting

July

- 2 Troop Meeting/Mandatory Geronimo Meeting
- 3 Roundtable
- 9 Troop Meeting
- 12-19 Geronimo Summer Camp
- 17 Adult Youth Protection Training
- 28 Troop Adult Meeting

The Troop Calendar is frequently updated and is on the troop webpage: www.geocities.com/bsatroop14

Navy & Marine Corps Trip

Now Hear This! From June 2 through June 6th, Troop 14 will be visiting the Navy and Marines in San Diego. We will board ships of the surface fleet (e.g., destroyers, aircraft carriers, frigates, etc.) as well as visit Marine and Coast Guard facilities. We will also be visiting sea aquariums, tide pools, and a planetarium. We will be staying 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.

If interested in attending this trip, please sign up with Mrs. Rogers today!

When we are in San Diego, we will be staying with the Marines. What is it like? Ask Molly. Who is Molly? Why the official mascot of the MCRDSD and *History Channel* star. See: www.mcrdspd.usmc.mil and click on Molly's picture.

June Advancement Days

There will be two opportunities to attend an Advancement Day in June, on the 7th, and the 28th. Both events are held at the LDS Tempe Stake Center at 2707 S. College Avenue from 7:15am to 11:45am. You can select one or two merit badges per day. The cost is \$1.00 per day (one or two badges). Mrs. Wolfe has mailed a separate email with available badges and their prerequisites. Sign up and pay your dollar to Mrs. Wolfe no later than May 21 to guarantee your spot. Advancement Days are open to Pioneer, Ranger, and Venture Scouts.

Our Scouts in the Armed Forces

The list keeps growing. Troop 14 has five Scouts who are now serving in our Armed Forces. Please keep these fine men in your thoughts and prayers. In addition to the men listed in last month's issue of *The Bugler* (Derek B, Donald H, and John W), there's:

- **Jay S** Eagle Scout. Jay is graduating from the University of Arizona this week and being commissioned as an officer in the United States Army.
- **Wyatt S** 1st Class Scout, Intelligence Analyst, United States Army, 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment. Deployed to the Middle East. The 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment is the oldest regiment on continuous active duty in the United States. The Regiment was established on May 23, 1836 as the 2nd Regiment of Dragoons to fight the Seminole

campaigns. Wyatt's job is to operate very sophisticated, classified software to assist troops in understanding the enemy's battle plans. The show *Mail Call* on *The History Channel* produced a segment on his specific job. Anyone who saw the movie *Black Hawk Down* may recall the command center outside of Mogadishu. If Wyatt had been there, he would have been at the command center gathering intelligence data for the Commander.

You can check www.jrtc-polk.army.mil for more information. There are also lots of sites devoted to Military Intelligence information. Wyatt attended basic training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina. His advanced training in military intelligence was at Ft. Huachuca south of Tucson.

"When the war is over and the bullies of the world have been defeated we must Be Prepared for establishing peace, a peace that will ensure for ever the end of war.

"How this will be carried out in detail none can say, but one point of principle is certain and that is that the road to peace will be the more easy and effective where the young men and women of different countries are already good friends and comrades, as in the Scouts and Guides.

"So let us Be Prepared with steadfastness for what may befall in the war, and afterwards do our part in bringing about the essential spirit for peace."

Baden-Powell, founder of International Scouting,
Sept. 1940

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A Scout is Trustworthy

John and the other Junior Leaders have asked that that ALL Scouts try to show up to meetings and events on time. We would like to begin and end the meeting on time and not run late. We can't do that when Scouts show up 10 minutes late.

Scouts are missing out on events because people are waiting to the last minute to sign up. We would like to ask everyone to try to sign up at least one week prior to an event unless there is an earlier deadline. After you sign up, please don't cancel; other Scouts are depending on you. Remember: a Scout is Trustworthy

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. **Fully booked.** A current physical is needed to attend camp.

Fees:

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

Due Dates:

- 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.

Boundary Waters

All of the arrangements for this great High Adventure trip are close to being completed. Those currently signed up are: Mr. Perkins, Mr. Weakley, Brent P, Bryan

F, Fredric R, Mike W, Bradley K and Keith K in addition to six from Troop 697 (three adults and 3 scouts). Airline tickets have been purchased, so if anyone else is interested in signing up last minute, they will need to make their own airline reservations.



1) Troop 697 information:

www.bsatroop697.com/forms/bw03.html

2) Voyageur North Outfitters web site:

www.vnorth.com

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

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 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. 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.

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

Scoutmaster Corner

Words fail me when I try to express my gratitude and pride in Troop 14. We continue to grow and bond as a troop. I don't know if you realize it, but you all have done quite a bit these last few weeks. Whether it is the Pioneers learning the basics of woodcraft and first aid, the Rangers having a ball hiking and camping while learning the basics of Leave No Trace camping and what a 'smellable' is, the Ventures exploring the Arizona wilderness, the Scouts who have worked very hard on our troop service projects and fundraisers or the few and proud Eagle candidates who are finishing up their requirements, you all are making me very proud of you. It is my honor to wear the same neckerchief as you; emblematic of all troop 14 Scouts everywhere. Please wear it as you go forth to your summer camp with pride in our program, with pride in your troop and with pride in your personal achievement. I hope you are as excited as I am, as you get ready to go to your respective summer camps.

Remember, we are a great troop, with a strong tradition of excellence and we believe in doing things; for God, for our Nation, trying our best to help other people at all times, and working constantly, striving to keep ourselves physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. We try to be the best troop we can and we are proud of who we are and from where we have come. Never, ever, be ashamed to be a Scout, especially a Scout of Troop 14.

Sincerely, yours in Scouting,
Bill Nelson, Scoutmaster Troop 14

Class B T-Shirts Available

Class B t-shirts are still available. Call Amy Fletcher 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.

There are a few of the Troop jackets available for \$25. Also available are the new square Troop 14 neckerchiefs (limited quantities at this time) for \$7 each. There are no caps available but a large order is expected to arrive in the next few weeks.

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

Woods Canyon Lake Campout

We will be heading up to the cool pines at Woods Canyon Lake for some camping, canoeing and fishing May 15-18. We will be staying at the Canyon Point Campground in a heavily wooded, pine and aspen area, at an elevation of 7500 feet. Facilities include restrooms and showers. Popular activities include trout fishing (both lake and stream), hiking,

boating on Woods Canyon Lake, and photography. Firewood is available at a cost.

Our Events will include:

- Wide Games (like capture the flag).
- Canoeing! Rowing!
- Fishing (trout). Bring your fishing gear! (Youth 14 and above must have a license, available at the lake with a trout stamp. One-day licenses are available for \$12.50 at the Woods Canyon Lake store)
- Advancement opportunities for Pioneers, although this is really suppose to be a relaxing campout. All Pioneers should bring their Scout Handbooks so we can sign off when they do stuff.

This will probably be the last campout for the Pioneers before summer camp, so it is recommended that all try to attend. Lots of free time at the lake

Boating Courses on the Web

US Sailing has launched online boating courses on its website which are designed to present basic and advanced information about sailboats, powerboats and boat handling in US waters. The educational resources cover: Sailing Primer - Advise before you begin; Dinghy Sailing Course; Keelboat Course; Powerboat Course; Cruising; What to look for in a Sailing School. These courses would be good for Scouts going on the water activities with these types of boats during summer camp. See www.sailingcourse.com

Troop 14 Family Night at the YMCA

Troop 14 will hold a family night at the new YMCA on Saturday night, June 21st from 7 PM to 9 PM. This will be a special night just for the Troop; the Y closes at 6:30 PM to all other members.

We will have full use of the facility including both swimming pools, fitness center, gym and climbing wall. The Y will provide lifeguards and a belay for the climbing wall. The cost will be \$5 total per family, payable either to Mrs. Rogers or at the door on the night of the 21st. This should be a fun night!

Adult Youth Protection Training

All Adults in Troop 14 who attend activities with the Scouts should attend Youth Protection Training. All registered adults **must** attend this training. The Youth Protection Training course is now available online at

www.scouting.org/pubs/ypt/ypt.jsp?p=i-00&a=on&c=10

You will need Adobe Acrobat Reader, available for free at:

www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html

And the free macromedia Flash 6.0 player, available at: www.macromedia.com

Please let Pam Wolfe and Mike McCabe know when you have completed the course. If you are a registered leader, also take the test and follow the instructions for Council credit.

On-Line Youth Protection Training has also been added to the Grand Canyon Council website. It is accessible via Safe Scouting, Youth Protection and Training Description pages. There is also a link through an article in the News page.

If you have feedback for the Council webmaster please send it to Mr. Nelson and he will forward it on.

Aravaipa Wilderness Adventure

Over the weekend of April 25th-27th we had three different groups backpacking through the Aravaipa Canyon Wilderness. Here's what two of them had to say about their legs of the trip.

West to East Group Absolutely AWESOME! Our group consisted of Mr. Perkins, Mr. Weakley, Brent P, Mike W, Fredric R and Bryan F. Our trip started on the Western side of the canyon. Friday night was bit of an exploration in finding a campsite (we even offered to do some chores on a local ranch but no takers), but it was all worth it as we were rewarded with fine dining, thanks to Tom Weakley

We started out early Saturday morning from the Western trailhead, hiking through Nature Conservancy property until we reached the Western Wilderness Boundary (unmarked). So much for dry feet! We found Aravaipa Canyon to be as scenic as anticipated, backpacking through the water (most enjoyable), snaking through narrows, high towering saguaro studded cliffs rising above, wandering through old growth sycamores, cottonwood, walnut and mesquite, stepping over lots of boulders and lots of bushwhacking, trekking through lush riparian areas and seeing lots of native fish. We stopped on many occasions to relax and absorb the beauty of the canyon.

Saturday night we camped at a beautiful location near Booger Canyon, where we met up with the East to West group on their way to Horse Camp Canyon. We took a group photo and shared a few stories and they were on their way. Another night of fine dining around the campfire, with Tom Weakley even backpacking in a can of Redi Whip for our nightly desert. We won't mention who forgot their tent poles.

Sunday morning was more of the same great adventure as we had the day before. The hiking was easier on Sunday as the canyon opened up. We had a short stop at Hells Hole Canyon where we admired the natural beauty of the slot canyon and thought about the Hohokam and others who had had this

place all to themselves. The last leg was a short hike to the Eastern Wilderness Boundary

Next year, we would like to backpack in from the Eastern side and spend more time exploring Hells Hole Canyon.

East to West Group-Really Awesome! Our group consisted of the Dyrsten family, the Craven family, Steve and Danny M, and Brennan H. The first night we camped at an established campground outside of Klondike.

The next morning, we took the long and winding dirt road to the trailhead, but not before having a few encounters with the local bovine populace. When we arrived at the trailhead, we established our spot on our topo maps to guarantee we were starting in the right place.

The first few miles were of varied terrain, with long strips of hiking along grassy areas, and an occasional crossing of the river. We quickly learned that hiking on land was much easier and faster than trudging through water. Many of us tried to keep our feet dry, but quickly realized that was futile.

Our first stop was Hell's Canyon, about two miles from our starting point. A small contingent of us explored the canyon, amazed by its giant rock walls, and rock formations. The overall feel of it was contradictory to its name. The next stretch of trail was longer, all the way to Booger Canyon (no jokes left untold). Here we met with the rival West to East group, who warned us of much bushwhacking and river hiking ahead.

We managed to continue on with little trouble, fatigue being our only problem. Finding the hidden trails along the sides of the river was key. These allowed us to make good time and save energy. We finally made it to our campsite for the night, across the river from Horse Canyon. We set up camp in a grassy meadow with scattered trees. No campfires were allowed, and so we congregated around a dusty, filled in fire ring.

The next morning brought a beautiful day, a perfect start to a long day of backpacking. That morning by the river many scouts learned how easy life is with a water pump. We even converted Mr. Mefford away from his iodine tablets! Setting off, the canyon quickly narrowed down into a small box-like place with very shallow pools. It then began to widen up, eventually opening into a flat landscape. The final mile was an unsure one, as our directions were vague. However, we found the cars in no time, and saddled up for the long drive back to Phoenix.

Bryan C