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UPCOMING EVENTS:

January

- 7 Troop Meeting
- 10 Rifle Range Day (Heard Scout Pueblo)
- 14 Troop Meeting
- 17 Venture Patrol Day Hike Sierra Estrella Quartz Peak
- 21 PLC (No Troop Meeting)
- 21 Venture Crew 14 Meeting
- 23-25 Campout McDowell Mtn. Park
- 26 Troop Adult Meeting
- 27 Eagle Board of Review
- 28 Troop Meeting

February

- 4 Troop Meeting
- 5 Adult Safety Afloat/OA/Roundtable
- 6-8 Backpack
- 7 Scouting for Food
- 11 Troop Meeting
- 14 Rock Gym
- 18 Troop Meeting
- 20-22 Ski/Snow Trip
- 23 Troop Adult Meeting
- 24 Eagle Board of Review
- 25 PLC (No Troop Meeting)

March

- 3 Court of Honor (All Parents Please Attend)
- 4 OA/Roundtable
- 5 New Essentials Training
- 6 Day Hike
- 10 Troop Meeting
- 14-18 Canoe Trip
- 17 Troop Meeting
- 23 Eagle Board of Review
- 24 PLC (No Troop Meeting)
- 27 Car Wash
- 29 Troop Adult Meeting
- 31 Troop Meeting

The Troop Calendar is frequently updated and is on the troop webpage: www.geocities.com/bsatrop14

From the desk of Fred R.:

Well it's been a big year. Good job on the festival of lights, guys. From experience, I know that weekend is some of the hardest work you will do as Scouts. Putting the bridge together, manning the bridge during the festival, working the luminaria trail on Saturday night takes all you good guys and it helps make our community a better place to live.

Good job to all who helped out at Geronimo last summer. For all the campouts and backpacks we did it took a lot of planning and work and cooperation, and you guys always came through. We had a very good year and thank you all for pitching in.

I know the Troop knows we have a great Scout Master and great adult leaders. Believe it or not we do appreciate you guys.



Now we begin 2004 and I think we need to start out with some goals. How about all of us that are Life Scouts making Eagle this year. I think the older Scouts can do an even better job of helping out the newer Scouts, keep them on their way. Also I want every meeting to be fun and productive. We have Scouting for food coming up.

How about doubling the amount of donations our troop has ever gathered? I for one, and maybe all of us, need to work harder at the fundraising so that our parents wallets don't get so thin during the summer.

Let's have another good year, participate – have fun - and be safe!

Aravaipa Canyon Backpack

You may think that this is an odd time to start planning the April 16-18th Aravaipa Canyon backpack trip, but think again. Like last year, we had to start our planning at the end of December, because the reservations need to be made by

January 16th. Last year we had a total of (28) Scouts/parents attend this trip and like last year it will be open to the entire troop.

The BLM (Bureau of Land Management) has an online reservation system which allows for reservations to be made 13 weeks in advance. The BLM allows only 30 permits/day through the western wilderness entrance and 20 through the eastern side. The maximum group size is ten, so we will need to split into multiple groups as before. We will form crews similar to what we did last year, one experienced group backpacking from West to East, one from East to West and the youngest group as an East in & out group. Each group will need a minimum of two adult leaders. The Philmont crew will take the East to West trek this year.

There are no guarantees though that we will get all of the permits we request, because the reservation system is first come/first serve. It's imperative that we have a list of those Scouts and adults who plan on attending this event by the January 15th meeting.

The fee for entering the wilderness is \$15 for the weekend/person and will need to be collected in advance. Once the reservations are made, the fees can not be refunded. We will review the sign up list at the January 7th troop meeting and finalize it at the following meeting (Jan 15th). Contact Mr. Perkins if you would like to get on the sign up list or if you have any questions. See the following site for more info on Aravaipa Canyon.

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

Thx, Mr. Perkins
(xxx-0378)

2004 Summer Camp Information

All Scouts in Troop 14 are expected to attend a long term camp once each year. A long term camp is 5 days or more.

Camp Geronimo is our local summer camp. We will be going July 10-17, 2004. It is the camp that all 1st and 2nd year Scouts are expected to attend. It is also the summer camp that all Scouts not going elsewhere are expected to attend.

We would like to have Scouts who are older attend this summer camp as well and help lead the troop during the week.

Deposits for Geronimo are due this month. Please give Mrs. Rogers at least \$50 to reserve your place at Geronimo. Total cost is approximately \$190 for the week. We also need adult volunteers to sign up for part or all of the week. Total cost for adults is \$90.

It is time to start thinking about which merit badges you will be taking at camp. We will be reserving your classes in March to make sure you get what you want. The list, with the pre-requisites is at www.campgeronimo.com/prereg

There are camperships available for those who have a financial need. Please talk to Mrs. Rogers if interested.

Information on Camp Geronimo is available at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/geronimo/gsummer.html and at www.campgeronimo.com.

Where the Venture group has been in 2003 and where they are going in 2004.

The Venture Patrol was born in the spring of 2003. The intent of the patrol is to offer more challenging activities to the older Scouts, through high adventure. The two highlights of mid 2003 were the Aravaipa Wilderness backpack and the summer Boundary Waters Canoe Trip (BWCAW) in Northern Minnesota. As with most high adventure outings, both trips required a lot of preparation and planning and were a lot of fun.

As most should be aware, we have a group of Venture Scouts attending Philmont in the summer of 2004 (Leaders: Mark Perkins and Tom Weakley, Scouts: Bryan Fletcher, Mike Weakley, Fred R. and Brent P.). In preparation for Philmont, many events have been planned for the Venture Patrol. The outings will serve two purposes, first to get the boys (and leaders) into better physical and mental shape and secondly to form a bond within the patrol, which will be important as we tackle the tough requirements of Philmont. As part of the preparation (in the fall of 2003), we went on two backpacking trips (East Clear Creek and Superstitions Haunted Canyon) and more recently a day hike on South Mountain., National West Trail.

In addition to the above activities, we have a number of events planned over the next six months to prepare us for Philmont. These events include caving, backpacking, canoeing, shotgun shooting and hiking trips. All of the events leading up to Philmont are distinctly unique, offering greatly different challenges and difficulty. In addition to these outings, a great deal of time will be required for preparation and planning for our Philmont trip.

In the month of January, we have a number of activities worth noting. On Wed. Jan 14th, we will have a special Philmont presentation from Jeff and Shawn Burr. This meeting is mandatory for all Scouts attending Philmont (parents are welcome to attend). We have a day hike planned on Sat. Jan. 17th to Quartz Peak in the Sierra Estrella Mtns. In preparation for our Feb. 7th caving trip, folks from the Central AZ Grotto will give us a presentation on Wed. Jan. 28th.

In addition to those attending Philmont, these outings are open to the entire venture patrol, the venture crew and in most cases the ranger patrol as well. We have a lot of exciting events planned. Hope to see you there. Contact Brent P. with any questions.

Thanks, Brent P.
(xxx-0378)

[Note that there is a distinction between the Venture Patrol and the Venture Crew. The Venture Patrol is a patrol within the Scout Troop. The Venture Crew falls under the Troop umbrella but follows a different program from that of the Scouts. See the article on the Venture Crew below. –ed.]

Uniforms

Class B t-shirts can be purchased from Amy Fletcher. Call 759-9290, or email her at amyfletcher555@hotmail.com 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.

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.

The December Petroglyphs is out and available on the district Website:

www.grandcanyonbsa.org/salriver/Petroglyphs/SRD/Petroglyphs.html

Nature Merit Badges

Did you get a partial on any Nature Lodge merit badges this summer? If so, you can finish them here. I can help you finish any Nature badge before or after a troop meeting, or on a weekend.

Also, for those of you interested in earning a Nature merit badge (some examples are bird study, mammal study, geology, soil and water conservation, environmental science [and more]) I can help you with that if you let me know enough in advance. Please call or email me.

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Scoutmaster Corner: Making Eagle

The fact that a young man is an Eagle Scout has always carried with it a special significance, not only in Scouting but also as he enters higher education,

business or industry, and community service. The award is a performance-based achievement whose standards have been well-maintained over the years. The Eagle Scout Award is one of the only world recognized awards of excellence for a young man. It surely opens doors that otherwise might not be open for you. It is a wonderful addition to anyone's resume. Also note that special college scholarships are open only to Eagle Scouts.

Once obtained, you enter into an elite fraternity made up of men who are in every walk of life. Only 2 in 100 that join Boy Scouts make Eagle--that's 0.512% of the male population, so it is a small fraternity, but an important one.

You should not be surprised to find that many of our leaders and high achievers in this country are also Eagles. A study in 1999 found that of the 293 former and current astronauts, 201 have taken part in Scouting. This year when the Nobel Prizes were announced, it was not surprising to find the name of an Eagle Scout on the list. Eagle Scout, Baltimore-area Scouting volunteer and eminent chemistry and medical researcher from Johns Hopkins Medical School Dr. Peter Agre recently received news that he and one of his colleagues had been awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry for their work in water channels at the cellular level. It is also not surprising to find so many Eagle Scouts defending their country as officers and men in the US Armed Forces. You too can be an Eagle Scout!

You may want to know when you should plan on completing your Eagle. I would like to encourage all Scouts to make it a goal to obtain their Eagle rank by the time they finish their freshman year of High School.

A sample of famous Eagle Scouts:

- **Henry (Hank) Aaron** - Baseball player, home run king - the Mobile Press Register quoted Henry as saying that the greatest positive influence in his life was his involvement in Scouting.
- **Neil Armstrong** - astronaut, first man on moon.
- **Willie Banks** - Olympic & world record holding track star.
- **William Bennett** - Secretary of Education.
- **Michael Bloomberg** - Mayor of New York City.
- **William C. DeVries, M.D.** - Surgeon and Educator, Transplanted first artificial heart.
- **Gerald Ford** - U.S. President.
- **Robert M. Gates** - Director of Central Intelligence (CIA).
- **Richard A. Gephardt** - U.S. Representative from Indiana, Minority Leader.
- **Richard Lugar** - Senator from Indiana (presidential candidate 1996).
- **Sam Nunn** - U.S. Senator from Georgia.

- **Steven Spielberg** - Movie producer, from Scottsdale, AZ, made a movie of his troop while getting Photography MB. Helped to design requirements for the cinematography MB.
- **John Tesh** - TV celebrity and pianist
- **Sam Walton** - Founder, Wal-Mart
- **Togo West** - Secretary of the Army and Secretary of Veterans Affairs
- **Elmo R. Zumwalt, Jr.** - Admiral, Chief of Naval Operations

A list of Eagle Scout Astronauts can be found here: usscouts.org/usscouts/eagle/eagleastronauts.html

Even more can be found here: www.usscouts.org/eagle/bsfamous.html

If anyone has any questions about obtaining your Eagle Rank, please give me a call. – Mr. Nelson

Venture Crew 14 News

1st Meeting of the New Year for Venturing Crew 14 and anyone interested will be Jan 21, 2004 at 7pm at Esperanza Lutheran Church Please spread the word. I am depending on you all to advertise this wonderful opportunity or more youths to become involved in Scouting! Thank you! Bill Nelson

We have recently re-chartered Venturing Crew 14 for another year; we are still active and looking for members. Our Crew will be participating in some of the troop's Venture Patrol activities (like backpacks, extended canoe trips, spelunking, etc.) and may also create some adventures of our own. The types of activities are endless and are based on high adventure, hobbies, sports or other interests the Crew may have.

Venturing is for young men and young women ages 15 (or 14 and have graduated the 8th grade) to 20. It includes challenging high-adventure activities, sports, and hobbies for teenagers that teach them leadership skills, provide opportunities to teach others, and give them an opportunity to learn and grow in a supporting, caring, and fun environment.

Venturing brings together adults and young people, and incredible things have happened and can happen in this coming together. The experiences that can emerge from this group of people are up to the people themselves. The more the individuals in the group ask of themselves and of one another, the more possibilities they have for experiences that they'll carry with them the rest of their lives.

Venturing is guided discovery. With discovery, you step into the unknown, into new areas. You grow. In Venturing, this discovering is guided. Too often, wonderful energy is simply wasted; it stays on the drawing board. In Venturing, that energy is focused. Ideas do not stay on the drawing board; they

happen. You learn how to go from a dream to a reality, to something you actually do.

There are no advancement requirements, but Venturers (they are not Boy Scouts) can earn optional nationally recognized awards (i.e. Bronze, Silver, Gold and Ranger awards). Male Venturers may also continue to work towards the Eagle rank.

Venturers do not wear the Boy Scout uniform; instead they have a distinctive green uniform they can wear for formal occasions.

We are also looking for adults interested in participating in our adventures. More information on Venturing can be found at www.grandcanyonbsa.org/venturing

If you know of anyone (youth or adult) who would be interested in participating, please have them send me the following information. This is a good opportunity for those Troop 14 Scouts who have become inactive and are looking to get back into a high adventure program. The Crew is also open to anyone who may never have been involved in Scouting before, but is looking to get involved in the outdoors.

- Name
- Age
- Gender: M/F
- Address
- Phone number
- E-Mail

Send information to Bill Nelson at bnelson45@hotmail.com

