



# Troop 14 Bugler



## Troop 14

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**December 2004**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### November

- 23 Eagle Board
- 24 PLC (No Troop Meeting)
- 25 Thanksgiving
- 27 Festival of Lights (Desert Foothills Park)
- 29 Committee Meeting

#### December

- 1 Troop Meeting
- 2 Adult Safety Afloat Training (Lakeshore LDS)  
O/A & Roundtable Meeting (Lakeshore LDS)
- 4 Advancement Day  
Fred's Eagle Project
- 8 Court of Honor (Heard Pueblo, South Mountain)
- 11 Rifle Range 12noon-3pm Heard Pueblo  
Fred's Eagle Project  
Luminary Trail - Pioneers
- 13-17 DVHS Finals
- 18 Jr. Leader Training  
Luminary Trail - Rangers
- 20-31 Christmas Vacation
- 21 Eagle Board
- 22 PLC (no Troop meeting)
- 27 Adult Troop Meetings (Committee, SM/ASM)

#### January

- 5 Troop Meeting
- 6 O/A & Roundtable (Lakeshore LDS)
- 12 Troop Meeting
- 15 Venture Patrol - Backpack
- 17 MLK holiday
- 19 Troop Meeting
- 21-23 Troop Car Campout (TBD)
- 25 Eagle Board
- 26 PLC
- 31 Adult Troop Meetings (Committee, SM/ASM)

The Troop Calendar is frequently updated and is on the troop webpage:

[www.geocities.com/bsatrop14](http://www.geocities.com/bsatrop14)

Check the calendar for exact times

### Scoutmaster Corner: Mr. Nelson

I am very impressed of the caliber of the Scouts in Troop 14. You should all be very proud. The troop is full of some of the best Scouts that have ever graced the halls of Esperanza Lutheran Church. As we roll into the troop's tenth year, we are achieving a number of firsts. Here are some examples:

- The Pioneers are advancing faster than any class of new Scouts in the history of the troop.
- With the help of the tireless leadership of Jeremiah Wolfe, the troop, for the first time in its history, won the overall award for the Fall Camporee. (Personally, I thought it couldn't be done).
- Our current troop leadership transitioned extremely smoothly from the previous administration. This is not a minor feat!
- We have more Life Scouts working towards Eagle than at any time in our history. Not only is this class of Eagle Scouts larger than in the past, but the quality is outstanding.



It is really an honor being your Scoutmaster.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Nelson  
Scoutmaster

## Troop 14 Fall Elections

**Troop 14 Elections were held on October 20th. The results are as follows:**

**Senior Patrol Leader - Leif Dyrsten  
Troop Leadership appointments are as follows:**

Assistant SPL	Matt Denike
Scribe	Cory Kraft
Quartermaster	Frankie Welch
Bugler	Michael Larson
Librarian	Michael Mefford
Troop Historian	Garrett Holt
ASPL of Games	Graham O'Neill
ASPL of Delegation	Huntington Keith
Senior Troop Guide	Jeff Leja
Chaplain's Aid	unassigned

### **Patrol Leaders for 10/04-4/05:**

Flaming Arrows	Jeremiah Wolfe
Phoenix	Bryan Fletcher
Dwarves	Graham O'Neill
Serpents	Aaron Foster
Hawks	Jake Sciacca
Cardinals	Brandon Catour
No Names	Tyler Miyasaki

## Uniforms

Class B t-shirts can be purchased from Amy Fletcher. Call xxx-9290, or email her at [amyfletcher555@hotmail.com](mailto: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. Currently there are 2 Medium and 3 Large in stock.

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.

## From the desk of Jeremiah Wolfe: Summing Up a Great Year

As most of you know (or should know) I have been the Senior Patrol Leader for the past six months. It was a great year, but now that school is starting up again I find myself with less time for the Scouts. Luckily I was SPL for the summer, which led to exciting summer camps. The one I attended was Geronimo. For this however, Matt Kolopanis was SPL. This left me with time to relax and enjoy Spade Ranch. It was a long week full of unexpected awakenings, early polar bear swims, and orienteering in the dark of night, but we did it. When the week was finally over Matt pulled through with his responsibilities as SPL (with my help), and we were able to achieve Big G Gold.



As great as that was, my best experience as SPL was at the Fall Camporee. The Troop was able to take first place out of over 20 other troops that were there. Nothing beats the look of astonishment some of the Scouts gave me when they called out the winner. It was a combination of careful planning, and hard work. While the rest of the troop was out going to or running events, Jeff Leja and I picked up the campsite. I attended the SPL challenge and Mr. Nelson and I attended the Cracker Barrel. With the combination of these activities we barely took first place by 6 points. That only proves that our Troop can achieve anything they try for. Thanks to Cory Kraft for helping me organize the events we ran.

I am confident that our new SPL, Leif Dyrsten, can lead us to even better achievements. Remember, if you don't know what's going, ask your SPL (not me). Thanks,

Jeremiah

## Scout Humor

Teacher: Let's review our work. Steve, what is the chemical formula for water?

Steve: H I J K L M N O

Teacher: What are you talking about?

Steve: Yesterday you told us water was H to O!

Dusty: Why was the broom late for breakfast?

Rusty: Why?

Dusty: Because it overswept!

### **Just a reminder...**

Class A uniforms are to be worn at Troop meetings during the winter months. A Class A uniform will consist of the following:

- BSA uniform pants or shorts (shorts w/socks, pants with or without)
- Troop neckerchief w/slide
- BSA belt
- Hat not required.

If you wear a hat, DO NOT wear your hat inside a building. If you hear an adult leader say, "Remove your cover!" that means, "Take your hat off!!"

### **Pioneers - Groups of Scouts to Working Patrols**

As the Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of the Pioneer Scouts, I get to see first hand how the Scouts come in as a group of Webelos and develop into a Patrol of Boy Scouts. This has been an interesting year because the two patrols, the Cardinals and the No Names, have been a comparison of two different ways to get to the same result.

The Cardinals came from Webelos already working as a group. This was evident at the first campout. What they needed was to learn how to organize and coordinate the tasks needed to be done. Through the various campouts and summer camp they have been learning to do just that. The best example I have seen of this was at the Fall Camporee. They were doing the Moon Walk event. This is where all the members of the patrol have their feet tied to two 4-foot 2x6 boards and then have to walk around a course. Just to make it interesting, all the Scouts are blind folded except the Scout in front. To complete the course successfully takes a lot of communication, teamwork, and coordination. The Cardinals did a fantastic job but they did it in a way that no other Patrol did. After going halfway through the course, all the other patrols would slowly go in a semi-circle to turn around and finish the course. The Cardinals finished the second half of the course by going backwards! The Scouts in charge of the event were amazed. And then, just to amaze us even more, a truck needed to get past the Cardinals so they stopped and side stepped out of the way to let truck by. They then side stepped back into the road and completed the course. To go backwards and to side step is really very difficult to do but the Cardinals were able to do it because they worked as a team, communicated with each other, and trusted that each member would do what was needed. They have truly developed into a Boy Scout Patrol.

The No Names did not all come from the same Cub Scout Pack so the members did not all know one another. This always makes it more difficult for the transformation to a working Patrol. The first campouts showed that they had plenty of opportunity

for growth as a Patrol. I must give the No Names a lot of credit. They have come a long way. This too is best exemplified at how they worked together at the Fall Camporee. Three different events showed this. At one event, one member of the Patrol was having difficulty completing the event. Another member of the Patrol went back and helped. He did not criticize but gave encouragement and helped his Patrol member finish the event. Six months ago this was not the behavior I would have seen but now I was seeing Patrol members helping each other. At another event, the Patrol made paper airplanes. One of the Scout's airplanes set a new distance record. All of the Scouts of the Patrol shared in the one member's accomplishment. And the Scout setting the record was glad that he could help the Patrol. For me, this showed the Patrol was coming together as a unit. The last event in which the No Names participated was probably the most trying event because it required the scouts to work together doing various tasks and to trust each other. Six months ago, I doubt that they would have finished any of the tasks but now what I saw was sharing of ideas, each Scout giving encouragement, taking shared responsibility for both successes and failures, and trusting each other. I even heard the Scouts say, "Don't blame each other, help each other". I realized when I saw them working together at this event that they had truly grown into a Boy Scout Patrol.

To see more pictures from the Camporee go to: [www.earthlink.net/~thomaskeith/MyWebPage/Camporee/index.html](http://www.earthlink.net/~thomaskeith/MyWebPage/Camporee/index.html)

Mr. Keith  
Asst. Scoutmaster

### **Venture Patrol: Mr. Perkins**

Just a couple of events we want the Troop to be aware of as the end of 2004 approaches and we turn the corner into 2005.

### **Peppersauce Cave Trip – Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>**

If you joined the Venture Patrol on their caving adventure, then you know how much fun caving can be! Peppersauce Cave is located along the northern range of the Santa Catalina Mtns., near the town of Oracle, Arizona (Coronado National Forest, 323133N 1104223W). Peppersauce cave has been forming and constantly changing for thousands of years and is now towards the end of its life cycle. It has been the subject of many national and local media reports and even visited by the National Geographic. Though visited by thousands of people over the past years, it's still a beautiful example of a southwestern cave. The cave contains a lot of formations, large rooms, tight spaces, water pools, and the 'rabbit hole'. Central Arizona Grotto (CAG) cavers agreed to lead us on a tour of the cave Saturday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup>. During this trip, we traversed through the 'rabbit hole' and explored the back half of the cave (not explored during our last trip). To participate in this outing, you had to be 13 yrs

or older and attend a caving presentation at the Nov 10<sup>th</sup> troop meeting. The Venture Patrol gave the presentation and discussed the necessary gear, safety and the do's and don'ts of caving. Like our last trip, we did some service work by cleaning up any debris (garbage) inside and outside the cave.

## Boundary Waters High Adventure Trip – June 2005

Join the Venture Patrol during June 2005 as we travel to Minnesota on a wilderness canoe trip through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). Similar to our June 2003 trip, we will be organizing this trip with Troop 697 of Chandler ([www.bsatroop697.com/index.htm](http://www.bsatroop697.com/index.htm)). This trip is limited to Scouts ages 14 and older. Canoe through crystal clear lakes and rivers, fish for smallmouth bass, walleye and northern pike and see moose, bald eagles and breathtaking views. Our route will take us through some of the most remote areas of the BWCAW and include side trips to see extraordinary scenery 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 during the portages. Spend your afternoons fishing, exploring bays and islands, swimming in sparkling clear lakes, or relaxing in a lakeshore campsite! During our last trip we lakes entirely to ourselves. There are currently three adults and five scouts who have shown interest. This is a great opportunity for those scouts who have attended Geronimo and Emerald Bay in the past and are looking to take it to the next level. If you have any questions regarding the Boundary Waters trip, please contact Mark Perkins at xxx-0378 or by email. More information to come in the next month.

Mr. Perkins  
Asst. Scoutmaster

[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. –ed.]

Troop 14 is part of the Salt River District. The District website can be found at:

[www.users.qwest.net/~rbhollis/index.html](http://www.users.qwest.net/~rbhollis/index.html)

The November Petroglyphs is out and available on the District website:

<http://www.users.qwest.net/~rbhollis/Petroglyph/SRDPetroglyphs.html>

## Troop 14 Admin: Mrs. Rogers

Who knows how much money you have in your account? Who makes sure that the Troop charter is renewed each year with the Council? Who makes sure all of our dues are collected and paid to BSA? That would be Mrs. Linda Rogers. Mrs. Rogers keeps track of all the finances of the Troop and can help with questions you may have regarding District or Council issues. Mrs. Rogers also acts as Troop 14's District Committee Representative.

**If you have not paid your dues for Charter year 2005, please see Mrs. Rogers and get your account current.**

## Troop 14 Merit Badge Process

DO NOT START ANY ACTIVITY ON A MERIT BADGE PRIOR TO TALKING WITH YOUR MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR (published prerequisites for Advancement Day or summer camp are the exceptions).

Scouts are coming to merit badge counselors saying they already completed requirements, often to find out they did them incorrectly and need to re-do them. Please contact Mr. Nelson, get assigned a counselor and discuss the requirements with them prior to beginning your work on a badge. NOTE: You do not need to get pre-signed blue cards for badges earned at Advancement Day, summer camp and those coordinated within the troop.

### The Procedures Scouts follow to earn merit badges.

#### A. Selecting Merit Badges and Counselors

1. *The Scout selects merit badges from the Scout Handbook, requirements book, or from individual merit badge pamphlets available in his troop library or at a public library. Merit badge requirements are also available on-line at [www.meritbadge.com/](http://www.meritbadge.com/).*

2. *The Scout indicates his interest in a merit badge to his scoutmaster (Mr. Nelson) who gives him:*

- An interview to determine interest, enthusiasm, and preparedness.
- A signed Application for Merit Badge.
- The name and phone number of a council or district approved Merit Badge Counselor.
- Encouragement to wear the official uniform when he visits the counselor with a buddy.

B. *The Scout gets the merit badge pamphlet on his subject from his unit library, public library, or purchases one from the Scout office.*

C. *The Scout calls the counselor and makes an appointment.*

D. The counselor sets a date, time, and place for the meeting, making sure that the Youth Protection guidelines are followed. He or she suggests that the scout bring the following:

1. *Merit badge pamphlet.*
2. *SCM signed application for MB.*
3. *Any projects he may have started.*
4. *Any other indication of preparedness.*

E. At the first interview the counselor and Scout decide upon

1. *Projects.*
2. *Short-term and long-term goals with dates of completion in mind.*
3. *Dates, times, and places for further interviews.*

F. The scout learns and does the things that the pamphlet explains, going as far as he can to fulfill the requirements on his own. The number of sessions you have during this period depends on the difficulty of the subject and the preparation and ability of the Scout. Youth Protection guidelines continued to be followed.

G. When the Scout has finished all required projects and learned all relevant material, he arranges with the counselor for examination. At the testing

1. *Each Scout is tested individually.*
2. *Scouts are expected to meet the requirements as stated in the handbook -- no more and no less.*
3. *Individual requirements for a merit badge may be signed off and recorded on the Application for merit badge as they are completed. Re-testing of these completed requirements is not necessary. If another counselor did a partial, you may review these requirements to satisfy yourself that the Scout has indeed completed the project or learned the material.*
4. *The Merit Badge Counselor assists the Scout to meet the requirements and certifies when he has completed them.*
5. *Scout returns Merit Badge Application to Mrs. Wolfe.*
6. *You continue to follow Youth Protection Policies (a buddy is present).*

**Mr. Nelson**  
**Scoutmaster**



## Future Events

As Troop 14 wraps up the 2004 year, we are looking towards the coming year.

### Ski / Snow Trip - Flagstaff

Troop 14 is planning a ski and snow trip to Flagstaff on February 18 - 20. The Troop will be camping at Camp Navajo National Guard base. Those who want to ski will go to Snowbowl and the rest of the Troop will have fun sledding.



### Camp Geronimo - Summer camp

Even though Troop 14 won't be going to Geronimo for several months, deadlines are approaching.

**January 15th** is the deadline to have a **\$25 commitment** for each Scout planning to go to Geronimo this summer.

If anyone is interested in applying for a Campership, the forms must be received at the Council office no later than April 29, 2005. Forms are available through Mrs. Rogers. Talk to her at a Troop meeting, call at xxx-7859 or email at [lrerogers@aol.com](mailto:lrerogers@aol.com).

All Scouts are encouraged to attend Camp at Geronimo. First and Second year Scouts can gain some valuable experience in long term camping and have a chance to earn several Merit badges.

### Emerald Bay - Adventure Camp

Troop 14 camps at Emerald Bay every summer. Emerald Bay is a high adventure campout where everything is focused on activities in and around the water. Emerald Bay is on Catalina Island off the coast of California. Troop 14 has reservations for camp the week of June 12-18, 2005.

Troop 14's only requirements for attendance at Emerald Bay is that Scouts are a minimum of 13 years old.

If you have any questions about either Camp Geronimo or Emerald Bay, ask Mr. Nelson or any of the other Assistant Scoutmasters.

## Leadership and Training Opportunities

### Silver Axe training, 2005

The Council's junior leader training program, called "Silver Axe," will be completely revamped in 2005 to match more closely the Wood Badge training available to adult leaders.

The new program, part of the National Youth Leadership Training, will focus on team development and team leadership, according to Mr. Leja who recently returned from a Western Region conference held to introduce the new program.

Silver Axe 2005 will integrate the NYLT program, and Scouts are invited to participate. Those who have attended Silver Axe previously are encouraged to be staff members for this innovative new training.

To participate or to apply for Silver Axe staff, contact Mr. Nelson. For more information on the new Silver Axe training, contact Mr. Leja.

### Den Chiefs Needed

Several Cub Scout and Webelos leaders have expressed a desire to have den chiefs. Are you ready to have fun?



Being a den chief is the closest thing to being a "superhero" to Cub Scouts -- some of whom may join Troop 14 in the future because of a Scout's

desire to be a big brother and set the example of what it's like to be a Scout.

Training to become a den chief is conducted at the same time and place as the Cub Leader Pow Wow (January). To be a den chief, a Scout must be First

Class, must want to have "fun" with the Cub Scouts, and be able to volunteer at least one hour a week to the Den and Pack. If you are interested in this leadership position, see Mr. Nelson.

### Troop Guides are Leaders, too

The leadership position of Troop Guide is one of the most challenging in Scouting. It's not like being Senior Patrol Leader, where you are the "head honcho" and youth chairman of the troop. It's not like being a Patrol Leader, responsible for all the guys in the patrol.



Instead, a Troop Guide is a "best friend" and "teacher" and "big brother" to the younger patrol members, and a "mentor" and "coach" and "resource" to the patrol

leader.

A Troop Guide must "walk the talk" and be a good example of leadership in the troop, WHILE -- at the same time -- not taking over from the patrol leader any of his authority and responsibility. It's a fine line -- it's hard to do! -- and it requires a high level of understanding and maturity for any Scout.

Think you're up to the challenge? See Mr. Nelson about this leadership role. You'll need to know your Scout stuff, and there's some brand-new training for those Scouts who can help guide the troop and its membership.



**Be Prepared...** the meaning of the motto is that a scout must prepare himself by previous thinking out and practicing how to act on any accident or emergency so that he is never taken by surprise.

Sir Robert Baden-Powell