



Troop 14 Bugler



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January - 1Q2005

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February

- 2 Troop Meeting – Winter Survival
- 3 Roundtable and O/A(Lakeshore LDS)
- 9 Troop Meeting – Winter Survival
- 12 Scouting for Food
- 13 Scout Sunday
- 16 Troop Meeting – Winter Survival
- 18-20 Ski/Snow trip
- 21 President's Day
- 22 Eagle Board
- 23 PLC – No Troop Meeting
- 28 Adult Meeting – Committee/Scoutmasters

March

- 2 Troop Meeting - Canoeing
- 3 Roundtable and O/A(Lakeshore LDS)
- 9 Court of Honor (Esperanza Church)
- 12-15 Black Canyon Canoe trip
- 22 Eagle Board
- 23 PLC – No Troop Meeting
- 25 DV Holiday
- 27 Easter
- 28 Adult Meeting – Committee/Scoutmasters
- 30 Troop Meeting – Bike Safety

April

- 6 Troop Meeting – Bike Safety
- 7 Roundtable and O/A (Lakeshore LDS)
- 15 Venture Patrol – Backpack
Adult Safe Swim training
- 8-10 Aravaipa Backpack
- 13 Troop Meeting – Bike Safety
- 16 Car Wash/Garage Sale – (Esperanza Church)
- 20 Troop Meeting – Bike Safety
- 23-24 Bike Trip
- 25 Adult Meeting – Committee/Scoutmasters
- 26 Eagle Board
- 27 PLC – No Troop Meeting

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

Check the calendar for exact times.

Scoutmaster Corner: Mr. Nelson

January is the month to make initial summer camp payments and reserve your spot.

Summer camp is the highlight of a Scout's year. It is worth more than one year of Troop meetings, and the experience in Troop 14 is that Scouts who make it to Eagle have gone multiple years to summer camp.

Every Scout in Troop 14 is expected to attend at least one summer camp (or be a Staff member at a summer camp). You need to be on the camp list NOW!

Summer camp initial payments are due this month for a number of camps. There are some camperships available to those who have a monetary hardship in making summer camp payments. The campership will pay a percentage of the summer camp fee. Contact Mrs. Rogers for more information.

Every Scout should go to summer camp. If you feel that you cannot make it to a summer camp or do not know which summer camp options there are, see me (Mr. Nelson) for more information.

On another note, I would really encourage all Scouts to become Eagle and stay in the troop to earn your Eagle Palms during your Freshman Year of High School. Eagle is the ultimate achievement in Scouting. The earlier you achieve, the more you can enjoy it and give back to a great organization.



Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Nelson
Scoutmaster

Scouting for Food

A Boy Scout promises "to help other people at all times." What better way is there to show our Scouting spirit than by participating in the annual Scouting For Food drive?

Across the country, nearly 4 million Scouts and adult leaders will distribute and collect bags of food for their local community food banks.

Can you remember when your Mom and Dad first took you to a grocery store? I'll bet there was a cart to sit in while Mom or Dad walked up and down the aisles of food, inspecting and selecting just the right box or can and paying for it with all that green stuff called money. Now imagine that our local food banks providing grocery bags of foods for children all over the valley. These are but a few of the people that your participation will help with during this annual campaign.

Can you REALLY help? Without a doubt, you can. And it's easy. Make sure you keep the evening of February 2nd and the morning of February 5th free so you can distribute and then collect bags of food left on the porches and steps from around your neighborhood. All it takes is a couple of hours and you'll have been involved in one of the nation's biggest food drives! We also need drivers. So make sure your parents are available as well!

Uniforms

Class B t-shirts can be purchased from Mrs. 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. Currently there are 2 Medium and 3 Large in stock.

Bryan 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.

Aravaipa Backpack Trip

Mr. McDonald was able to obtain 26 permits for April 8-10, 2005. Please mark your calendars. More information will be forthcoming as the trip approaches. I will also talk to Leif about setting aside some time during a troop meeting as the trip approaches so that the older Scouts can discuss backpacking fundamentals with the newer Scouts.

As the trip approaches I will also schedule a mandatory meeting for the adults as we will need to coordinate transportation.

If your scout does not have a backpack yet, I suggest that you consult with a shop such as REI as they are experts at fitting the pack to the individual.

Note: As indicated, I was able to obtain 26 permits. We actually had 27 sign up for this trip. If anyone will need to drop out of this trip, please notify me as soon as possible so that I can assign the permit to Michael Larson.

We will have three groups. A West In & Out group consisting of 13 scouts/adults (primarily the younger scouts); A West to East group consisting of 8 scouts/adults; and an East to West group consisting of 6 scouts/adults. The East to West group will have to exchange car keys with the West to East group.

The group break down is as follows

West In & Out – Brandon , Clay , Michael , Tyler , Collin , Jake , Clint , Frankie , Tom K, Scott L, Lyle Mi, John and Joan S.

West to East – Matt , Leif , Huntington , Jeff , Danny , Ken L and Steve M.

East to West – Johnny , Morgan , Spencer , John B, Jamie and Patty M.

More on Camp Geronimo

As you know already, all Scouts in Troop 14 are expected to attend a long term summer camp once each year. Camp Geronimo is the camp that all 1st and 2nd year Scouts are expected to attend. We would also like to have older Scouts attend this camp as well and help lead the Troop during the week. (It never hurts to win extra points for Scout Spirit with Mr. Nelson) This year we are going to Geronimo July 9-16, 2005. Any Scout that has not yet registered to attend Geronimo must contact Mrs. Rogers NOW! **A \$25 deposit is also required to hold your place at camp.** You can talk to Mrs. Rogers at Troop meeting or call her at 460-7859.

It is also time to start thinking about merit badge classes that you want to take at camp. We anticipate that class reservations will be scheduled in late March or early April. Mr. McDonald will be providing more information on merit badge classes in the very near future.

It is also time to start thinking about skits and songs for Geronimo. Troop 14 should make it a goal to perform at the Friday night campfire in front of the entire camp. If we can come up with a great skit now, we can practice and perfect it at Troop meetings prior to camp. Please see Mr. McDonald if you have any ideas for skits or songs.

Board of Review

If you need to schedule a Board of Review, talk to Mrs. Wolfe. Try to schedule your Board a week in advance so Mrs. Wolfe can make sure there are enough adult leaders to conduct the review.

Class A uniform is required. You need to be in pants/shorts, shirt, neckerchief and belt. Also bring your Scout manual

Brent's Eagle Project at Lake Pleasant was a success!



The November 6th and 13th Lake Pleasant clean up event was coordinated with the help of Terry Gerber, who is the Lake Pleasant Regional Park Interpretive Ranger. A total of 35 large trash bags of garbage were picked up along the Castle Creek arm of Lake Pleasant. You would be amazed at the stuff we found! Over 160 hours of work was completed on this two day event and many THANKS goes out to all of those adults and scouts (including a few girl scouts!) who helped out and made this a successful event.

Thanks again, Brent

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). The dates have been set for May 29th - June 7th, **with first deposit due by Feb 1st**.

Similar to our June 2003 trip, we will be organizing this trip with Troop 697 of Chandler (<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. 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 Mr. Perkins at 706-0378 or by email.



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

www.users.qwest.net/~rbhollis/index.html

The latest copy of Petroglyphs can be found 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. 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.

Boy Scout History

Most Boy Scouts know that February is the birth month of Scouting in the U.S. But how much do you really know about the origins of Scouting in our country. You can bet that every Scout in Troop 14 will be asked a question or two during a Board of Review about Sir Robert Baden Powell and when Scouting was started in America. Here are a few tidbits of history to help develop your knowledge of Boy Scouting.

Scouting, as known to millions of youth and adults, evolved during the early 1900s through the efforts of several men dedicated to bettering youth. These pioneers of the program conceived outdoor activities that developed skills in young boys and gave them a sense of enjoyment, fellowship, and a code of conduct for everyday living.

In this country and abroad at the turn of the century, it was thought that children needed certain kinds of education that the schools couldn't or didn't provide. This led to the formation of a variety of youth groups, many with the word "Scout" in their names. For example, Ernest Thompson Seton, an American naturalist, artist, writer, and lecturer, originated a group called the Woodcraft Indians and in 1902 wrote a guidebook for boys in his organization called the *Birch Bark Roll*. Meanwhile in Britain, Robert Baden-Powell, after returning to his country a hero following military service in Africa, found boys reading the manual he had written for his regiment on stalking and survival in the wild. Gathering ideas from Seton, America's Daniel Carter Beard, and other Scoutcraft experts, Baden-Powell rewrote his manual as a non-military skill book, which he titled *Scouting for Boys*. The book rapidly gained a wide readership in England and soon became popular in the United States. In 1907, when Baden-Powell held the first campout for Scouts on Brownsea Island off the coast of England, troops were spontaneously springing up in America.

William D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher, incorporated the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 after meeting with Baden-Powell. (Boyce was inspired to meet with the British founder by an unknown Scout who led him out of a dense London fog and refused to take a tip for doing a Good Turn - see *story in next column*) Immediately after its incorporation, the BSA was assisted by officers of the YMCA in organizing a task force to help community organizations start and maintain a high-quality Scouting program. Those efforts climaxed in the organization of the nation's first Scout camp at Lake George, New York, directed by Ernest Thompson Seton. Beard, who had established another youth group, the Sons of Daniel Boone (which he later merged with the BSA), provided assistance. Also on hand for this historic event was James E. West, a lawyer and an advocate of

children's rights, who later would become the first professional Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. Seton became the first volunteer national Chief Scout, and Beard, the first national Scout commissioner.

- taken from scouting.org/factsheets/02-503.html

The Story Of A Good Turn

One day in 1909 in London, England, An American Visitor, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was.

A boy approached him and asked if he could be of help. "You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the center of the city.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip. But, the boy stopped him. "No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Boyce.

The boy told the American about himself and about his brother scouts. Boyce became very interested. After finishing his errand, he had the boy take him to the British Scouting office. At the office, Boyce met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that he decided to bring Scouting home with him.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders founded the Boy Scouts of America. From that day forth, Scouts have celebrated February 8 as the birthday of Scouting in the United States.

What happened to the boy who helped Mr. Boyce find his way in the fog? No one knows. He had neither asked for money nor given his name, but he will never be forgotten. His Good Turn helped bring the scouting movement to our country. In the British Scout Training Center at Gilwell Park, England, Scouts from the United States erected a statue of an American Buffalo in honor of this unknown scout.

One Good Turn to one man became a Good Turn to millions of American Boys. Such is the power of a Good Turn. Hence The Scout Slogan: DO A GOOD TURN DAILY!

- taken from Boyscouts.com

Adult Training



Adult leaders have training requirements too! If you are an Assistant Scoutmaster, or a Troop Committee member, there are specific requirements for training to participate in Scouting activities. New Leader Essentials and Leader specific training courses are conducted at Roundtable meetings periodically. One of the most important of these required training courses is Youth Protection. Youth Protection must be completed every three years to maintain your "Trained" status.

In addition to the required training there are many opportunities for optional training such as:

- Climb on Safely
- Safe Swim Defense
- Safety Afloat
- Trek Safely
- Leave No Trace
- Wood Badge

More information about these optional training opportunities can be found on the Grand Canyon council website - www.grandcanyonbsa.org and the National council website - www.scouting.org.

For each adult position there are required and optional training components. Any training you take need to be documented with Mrs. Wolfe. If you are unsure what components are required for your position, contact Mrs. Wolfe to get more information.

Junior 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?



a Scout.

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

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.



Future Events

Plan ahead for activities that will be coming up in 2nd, 3rd and 4th quarter of 2005.

Upcoming Events for the Rangers

The following events are not yet scheduled, but Mr. McDonald will be providing more information soon:

- Kart Racing at the F1 Race Factory or Speedway Cart track (limited to 13 years and older)
- Completion of the shotgun merit badge at Red Mountain Trap & Skeet
- Backpack trip to Fossil Springs as soon as it is warm enough to swim

CPR Training Day

For those Scouts that need to be certified in CPR, this class is critical. For new Scouts that plan on attending Camp Geronimo this summer and need to get their First Aid Merit Badge, you are required to have completed CPR training and show your card at camp. CPR Training is scheduled for Saturday, May 7th. Don't miss it!!

San Diego Navy Trip

This is Troop 14's annual trip to the Naval Training facility in San Diego, CA. We will be hearing more about reservations and deposits for this trip in coming weeks. If you want to spend a week (Mon-Fri) on a real Navy base and get to see how the greatest Navy in the world operates, you won't want to miss this trip. The San Diego trip is scheduled for May 30 – June 3.

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.