



Troop 14 Bugler



Troop 14

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

August

- 4 Roundtable and O/A(Lakeshore LDS)
- 8 School begins
- 10 Troop meeting
- 13 Kyle Kraft Eagle COH
- 13 Indian Lore Merit Badge at Mesa SW Museum
- 17 Troop meeting
- 23 Eagle Board
- 24 Court of Honor (Heard Pueblo)
- 26-28 Car Campout - Geronimo
- 29 Committee Meeting
- 31 PLC

September

- 1 Roundtable and O/A (Lakeshore LDS)
- 5 Labor Day
- 7 Troop Meeting
- 9-11 Fossil Springs backpack (mandatory for Philmont)
- 14 Troop Meeting
- 21 Troop Meeting
- 23-25 Car Campout
- 26 Troop Committee
- 27 Eagle Board
- 28 Troop Meeting
- 9/26-10/10 Horizon Fall Break

October

- 1-2 Bike 10 miles
- 5 Troop Meeting - Cycling
- 6 Roundtable and O/A (Lakeshore LDS)
- 8-9 Bike 15 miles
- 10-14 San Diego Navy Trip
- 11 Veterans Day
- 15-16 Bike 25 miles
- 19 Troop Meeting
- 21-23 Fall Camporee
- 25 Eagle Board
- 26 PLC
- 29 Troop Carwash
- 31 Troop Committee

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

I am very proud of what the Troop has accomplished this year. I hope everyone will be able to attend the August 24th Court of Honor in the Stone Lodge at the Heard Scout Pueblo where all of the Scouts' accomplishments (and a few surprises) will be shown.

Well, are you ready for another exciting year?

Some of the things the Troop is planning this year are,

For the younger Scouts

- Shooting 22's
- Visiting the Navy in San Diego during Fall Break
- Camping all over Arizona
- Climbing at the Rock Gym
- Canoeing down the Colorado River
- Backpacking
- Lock-ins at Esperanza
- Biking
- Summer camp at Camp Geronimo (best camp in the West)
- Camping in the snow
- Ski Trip
- Camporee
- Scout-O-Rama (in the Spring)

For the older Scouts

- Shotgun shooting (trap shooting)
- Backpacking to remote areas of Arizona and the Grand Canyon
- Rappelling off boulders at Geronimo
- Summer camp in Hawaii
- Participating in a Philmont Trek
- NOAC Trip (for OA members)
- Opportunities to be Staff at summer camp

Keep an eye out for notifications on the different trips that will come your way via email.



Yours in Scouting,
Mr. Nelson
Scoutmaster

Uniforms

Class B t-shirts can be purchased from Mrs. Fletcher. Call xxx-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.

We also have new Troop 14 hats available. Hats are an optional uniform item, but if you would like one see Mrs. Fletcher.

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.

Bicycling Merit Badge and 50 Mile Bike Ride

The Troop is finishing the Bicycling Merit badge for the month of October. If you have been working on this achievement, make sure you get involved in all the planned rides.

Big G Gold at Camp Geronimo

Troop 14 upheld a longstanding tradition of receiving the Big G award with Gold recognition at Camp Geronimo this summer. A big Scout cheer goes out to our SPL Danny Mefford and all the Scouts of Troop 14 that attended Camp Geronimo. The Troop did a great job of satisfying all the requirements for our "tough as nails Commissioner". Dave.

The weather at Geronimo was sunny and hot the whole week, which was somewhat of a welcome departure from 2004 (where it rained everyday). The Scouts had lots of opportunities for free time activities in the afternoon like swimming, archery, rifle shooting, muzzleloader, crafts lodge and everyone's favorite – the Trading Post!

Danny Mefford also completed his BSA Lifeguard certification at Geronimo which included BSA Snorkeling and the BSA Mile Swim. Not to be outdone, Clayton Lanham also completed the BSA Mile swim – 4 times!

The adults were also busy all week. There were opportunities for adult training in Youth Protection, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Health and Safety, Trek Safely and Climb On Safety. Most of our adult leaders attended every training class offered.

Congratulations to Troop 14.

Scott Lanham - editor

Board of Review

If you need to schedule a Board of Review, talk to Mrs. Allard. Try to schedule your Board a week in advance so Mrs. Allard 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

Life Scouts – Eagle Project Planning

This is a reminder to all Life Scouts that are in the planning or working stages of their Eagle projects. If you have any concerns or questions about how to develop your plan, accomplish your Eagle projects, fund your project or complete the written requirements -- contact Mr. McCabe

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

- Are you caught up on all your camp deposits and payments?
- Do you know 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 Unit Commissioner.

If you have any questions regarding what you may owe for camping activities, please see Mrs. Rogers and get your account current.

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 – 2 years
- Safe Swim Defense – 2 years
- Safety Afloat – 2 years
- Trek Safely – 2 years
- Health and Safety – 2 years
- Wood Badge - lifetime

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.

An additional note on Adult Training, the Troop Committee has set aside funds for scholarships to help pay for adult leaders that want to attend Woodbadge or other advanced training.

For each adult position there are required and optional training components. Any training you take need to be documented with the Troop. If you are unsure what components are required for your position, contact Mr. McCabe or Mr. Nelson 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.

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 4th quarter of 2005.

Mark your calendar and participate in these Troop activities:

- Troop Carwash Nov 12
- Festival of Lights Nov 25-26
- Luminary Trail Dec 3, 10, 17

San Diego Navy Trip

We will again be visiting the Navy and Marine Corps in San Diego during the week of Kyrene's Fall Break. We will be the guests of the United States Navy, Coast Guard and Marines and we will be staying with the Navy on North Island. This is a great trip that the Scouts really enjoy and is usually the highlight of the year. Mark you calendars and let Mrs. Rogers know you are interested in attending. Estimated cost will be \$60 per person, plus approximately \$60 in personal expenses (for souvenirs, extra food, etc.)

Siblings older than 11 years of age are invited to attend. We will need parents to drive as well. Only rule is YOU MUST STAY WITH THE TROOP AT ALL TIMES.

\$25 deposit due to Mrs. Rogers by September 1st.

Activities may include:

- Marine, Navy and Coast Guard tours
- Most meals will be with the Navy
- We will visit Marine Drill instructors
- We will go onboard ships and see aircraft
- We will visit a lighthouse and we may be able to visit,
 - A cruiser
 - A submarine, and
 - An aircraft carrier

(Ship tours depend on deployments)

We will also visit science museums, marine museums and the beach.

Fundraising Report

Troop 14's Spring Fundraiser, held on April 16th, provided an opportunity for the Scouts to raise money for their activities such as Camp Geronimo, Emerald Bay and the Boundary Waters Canoe trip. The annual fundraiser consisted of a car wash, yard sale and snack sales.

There were two ways a Scout could earn money for their account: by working at the event on the 16th and by pre-selling car wash tickets.

Over \$1,800 was distributed to the Scouts' accounts. In all, here is the breakdown of revenues and expenses:

Gross Revenue	\$2,213.73
Expenses	<u>\$ 175.96</u>
Net Profits	\$2,037.77

The Troop donated \$205 to the Esperanza Lutheran Church with gracious thanks for allowing us to use their parking lot, tables, water and other equipment.

Thanks to all the Scouts and parents who participated in the fundraiser, donated items for sale and assisted with all the preparation and clean up once we were done.

For the upcoming school year we will have three fundraising events:

- Popcorn Sales (new for this year!)
- Wreath Sales, and
- The annual car wash/yard sale

With next summer's camp in Hawaii, the additional opportunity for increasing the Scouts' accounts will be welcome. Look for further announcements and emails on fundraising this year.

Newsgroup Subscription – bsatroop14

Troop 14 uses a Yahoo newsgroup to distribute important information out to Scouts and Adults. Our new Scouts and families may not be familiar with the newsgroup distribution. To receive emails on important events and notification from the Troop, you must subscribe to the newsgroup. Subscription is completed through the following steps:

- Send an email message from your email address to – bsatroop14-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.
- Your email will be read by the moderator and you will receive confirmation of your subscription.
- You will begin receiving all email distributions from bsatroop14.

If you have any questions about the newsgroup or the subscription process, ask Mr. Nelson or send him an email at bnelson45@hotmail.com.

Also, if you have not provided contact information for the Troop roster as a Scout or as a Parent, please contact Mrs. Allard at a Troop meeting to complete that information so the Troop knows who you are.

If you are an existing Scout or Adult Leader and your roster record is inaccurate, also contact Mrs. Allard and make sure your information is correct. Thanks.

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