



# TROOP 141 SCOUTMASTER'S WEEKLY UPDATE APRIL 9TH 2010



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## FIRST AID TOMORROW – BLOOD DRIVE ON SUNDAY p



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Mr. Winston would like everyone to know the First Aid Merit badge will start at **8:30 in the GYM**. The same gym we meet in every week. SEE MORE INFO BELOW

There has been a room change for the First Aid merit badge and CPR class. The class will be held in the Family Life Center (aka gym). The First Aid merit badge class will start at 8:30 AM and could last until 3 PM. The CPR class will start at 10 AM and last until 12 noon. Do not forget that it is \$20/person for the CPR class.

### TVLC BLOOD DRIVE - SERVICE HOURS! April 11<sup>th</sup>, in the gym

On Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> of April you have the chance to earn Service hours AND get a requirement for the Medicine merit badge out of the way. What better way to test out your new First Aid Skills than to watch the pro's in action? Give out much needed and appreciated refreshments to the Volunteers.



## REGULAR MEETING THIS WEEK - APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> - LOTS TO DO!

This month is NOW ABOUT First AID. We have a plan with weekly outline and they are posted on the Calendar Click here for the Schedule: [http://www.scouttroop141.org/meetings/FIRSTAID\\_Week1.pdf](http://www.scouttroop141.org/meetings/FIRSTAID_Week1.pdf)

FLASHLIGHT ORDER FORMS ARE DUE - Let's get the flashlights out to the folks that ordered them. Please see **Mrs. Jones** on Monday night and she will facilitate placing all the orders.

RAFFLE TICKETS - for the new Trailer Fundraiser will be available. You will only have to sell 10 tickets. The prize is a 52" TV set.

GARDNER CANYON CAMPOUT: This Monday is the preparation for Gardner Canyon Campout.

**You will need \$20.00 for Food given to your Patrol Leader on MONDAY night! CASH Only please.**



## VENTURE UPDATE:

- **TALL SHIPS MONEY** The Payment schedule has been adjusted from what is posted on the Catalina Council Venturing web site, because many of us did not know that the schedule was posted. They would like to see a \$100 a month increasing payment. The schedule is now as follows: \$400 by the end of March Full Payment by the end of April

### April 2010

- Venture Meeting-Monday April 12th 6:00 pm. We will finish training (Bring your personal calendar for planning).
- Venture Meeting Monday April 19th 6:00 pm
- April 17<sup>th</sup>- Camp Lawton Service Day
- Happy Valley April 23-25 [747 has invited 141 to Happy Valley, do we want to go?]



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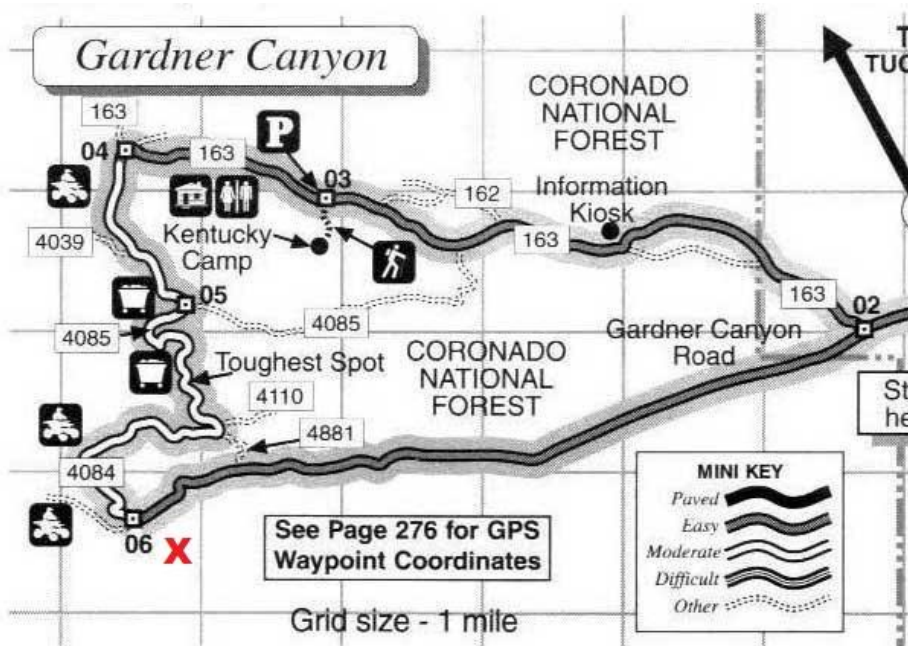
## MAY 2010

- Venture Meetings- May 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
- Venture Council –Shoot Out (more information to follow)
- Rock climbing –Camp Lawton (more information to follow)
- Sailing Trip –May 28<sup>th</sup>
- June 20-26 Tall Ships

## GARDNER CANYON CAMPOUT – APRIL 16, 17<sup>TH</sup> AND 18<sup>TH</sup>.

Plan on a FUN great Weather CAR CAMP on a road that is in much better shape than the Happy Valley road. Activities planned include a 5 Mile Loop Hike or a 10 Mile Out and Back hike, Geronimo Style Tent inspections, Astronomy, Fun Camp games, and Ghost stories by the Campfire. Click on the Link Below for Details:

<http://www.scouttroop141.org/outings/GardnerCanyon/gardnercanyon10.html>



## DOG CARE MERIT BADGE

Mr. Bailey is preparing to conduct the Dog Care Merit badge this summer. There is a 2 Month dog tracking requirement so he wants to get you started on this to work on over the summer.

The 9 general requirements are:

1. Briefly discuss Canine History and 7 different breeds and their characteristics
2. Know the 31 parts of a dog
3. As a dog owner know about your responsibilities, house training and the temperament for your dog
4. **Keep a 2 month care schedule for your dog**
5. Demonstrate obedience training for your dog
6. Know the proper medical and grooming requirements for your dog





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7. Know how to treat your dog in a medical emergency
8. Visit a Vet hospital
9. Know the local and state laws required for owning a dog



## ASTRONOMY MERIT BADGE:



Everyone working on the astronomy merit badge should be drawing the moon and the locations of the planets in relation to the constellations in the sky. If you forgot where to find this information, you can click here:

<http://www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/ataglance/>

### We will be completing the Astronomy Merit Badge at Gardner Canyon Campout!

That means you have to point out 10 Stars, 10 constellations but the sky will be pretty dark out there and it should be Easy!

#### Friday April 9<sup>th</sup>

- Mercury remains to the right of Venus at dusk, but see how it has faded! Mercury is now swinging between us and the Sun and consequently, in a telescope, it's becoming a thinner little crescent.

#### Saturday, April 10

- A small telescope will always show Titan, Saturn's largest moon. Tonight and tomorrow Titan is four ring-lengths to Saturn's east. A 6-inch telescope will begin to show the orange color of its smoggy atmosphere.

## CAMP LAWTON SERVICE WEEKEND 3/26-3/28 – POSTPONED UNTIL APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> – That's Gardner Canyon Campout weekend (See above)-

## FIRST AID MERIT BADGE/CPR TRAINING (APRIL 10)

The First Aid merit badge will be offered on Saturday April 10 at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church (room TBA). This is a great merit badge for all newly crossed over scouts to earn. Please see troop calendar for additional details. The class is scheduled to start at 8:30 AM and last until 2 or 3 PM. All scouts who are taking the merit badge should bring the following:

1. Snack and lunch (remember the church is a peanut-free campus)
2. An approximate 6-foot long pole and large blanket to construct a stretcher
3. Two short (1-2 foot poles) for splints
4. Two neckerchief sized cloths to tie splints and bandages
5. A personal first aid kit (bring one from home--this is the item most scouts forget and then do not get the merit badge that day)

All who register for the merit badge will automatically be signed up for CPR training. If you are interested in CPR training only that class will start around 10 AM and last until approximately 12 noon. It is really beneficial to the troop to have as many adults as possible trained in CPR. The cost is \$20 for CPR training (please make check out to



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"Troop 141"). CPR training with the Red Cross costs \$65 so we are getting quite a discount. Those who are taking the merit badge have to pay for the CPR as well. The deadline for sign-up for CPR is Monday April 5 so the instructor knows how many mannequins to bring. To sign up please see Mr. Winston at a meeting or contact him via email ([treasurer@scouttroop141.org](mailto:treasurer@scouttroop141.org)). **MR. WINSTON is aware of everyone that signed up on Monday. If you STILL want to come, please email him at the link above..**

## HORSEMANSHIP MERIT BADGE



There is an opportunity to do the Horsemanship merit badge on May 1<sup>st</sup> or May 8<sup>th</sup>. This is limited to 12 boys each day so SIGN UP NOW if you want to go for this MB. This looks like a real fun one.

- Where:** Tanque Verde Guest Ranch  
14301 E Speedway Blvd Tucson, AZ 85748
- When:** Sessions May 1st and May 8th, 2010
- Cost:** Free (you must have a Blue MB card)
- Times:** 8:00am – 2:00 PM
- Sign-up:** 12 scouts Maximum per day
- Sign-up: e-mail [stachow50@cox.net](mailto:stachow50@cox.net) or 722-4079 (evenings)

### other Details: **Scout parents must sign a waiver form**

Scouts should wear long pants (jeans), close toed shoes (no hiking boots) Bring a lunch/water to eat at the lake!!



## MUSIC MERIT BADGE:

Mr. Obrien is going to teach the Music Merit badge on May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 PM. Please print a copy of the requirements and bring them with you. We can meet some of the requirements by singing patriotic songs. Did you know that the Star Spangled Banner has 34Verses! I just learned that myself! (See Scoutmaster Roundtable DOES provide good stuff) <http://www.usa-flag-site.org/song-lyrics/star-spangled-banner.shtml>

## CAMP GERONIMO - **GET THOSE MED FORMS IN!!**

The final payments for Camp Geronimo are due April 28. If you have not turned in your merit badge request sheet please do so ASAP. We will get to sign-up a week earlier this year because Ms. Phillips went to the Camp Geronimo meeting in Phoenix. (Please give her a big thank you for this.)

Now is the time to get your scout's physical exam form completed. Remember that you have to download the new form and last year's physical form can not be used. If your scout does not have a physical form on file, your scout will not get to go to camp (and you will lose your \$55 deposit fee). You can turn in your physical form, merit badge sheet and payments to Mr. Winston. Mr. Winston is planning on attending every Monday meeting except March 29.



### MEDICAL FORMS from 2009

Mr. Winston has the physical forms from Camp Geronimo 2009. Because of the new BSA regulations these forms are not valid for any BSA camps in 2010. Mr. Winston will shred these documents at the end of March 2010 unless you contact him via email before then. [Get a New Form by Clicking Here](#) <PART A, B and C form good for 12 Months<<<<<<



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## SPANISH TRAILS MERIT BADGE DAY!

**When:** Saturday, May 15, 2010

Time: Registration starts 6:30am, Badges:7:00am – 3:30pm

**Where:** Immanuel Presbyterian Church 9252 E. 22nd St. Tucson, AZ 85710

**Enrollment Deadline is: May 1st, 2010**

**Optional Lunch: \$5.00 per person**

To Register Contact: Spanish Trails District Website:

<http://www.catalinacouncil.org/spanishtrails/>

Questions: email or call Stan Stachowiak [Stachow50@cox.net](mailto:Stachow50@cox.net) (520) 722-4079 (evenings)



- Full-Day Merit Badges Auto Mechanics, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Electricity, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Science, First Aid, Fire Safety
- \*\*\*Half Day Merit Badges: Dentistry (am & pm), Indian Lore (am & pm), Disability Awareness (pm), Law (am & pm), Leatherwork (am & pm), Music (am& pm), Plumbing (am & pm), Traffic Safety (am & pm)
- \*\*\* Half Day Merit Badge sessions are subject to sufficient enrollment.



## SCUBA MERIT BADGE:

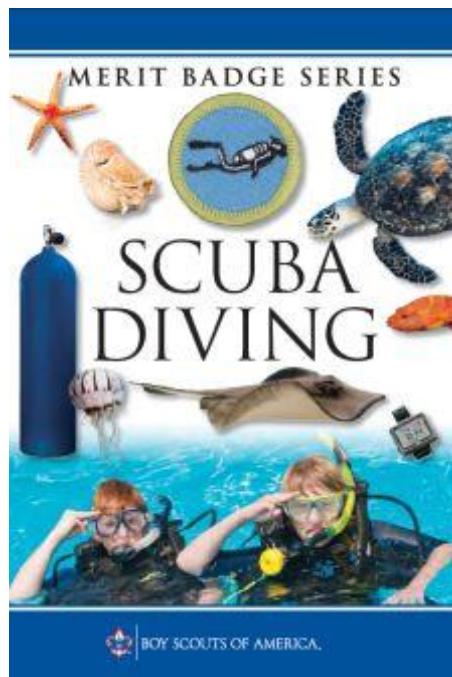
**This is literally the opportunity of a Lifetime!**

The BSA now offers the Scuba Diving Merit Badge to Scouts 13 years old and above. The Spanish Trails district is putting on 2 Courses this summer with the help of the DIVE SHOP. Basically, these are 1 week courses and you will do a qualifying dive in Lake Pleasant near Phoenix.

Once you get your PADI certification (Professional Association of Dive Instructors) you **are certified for LIFE!** Yes that's right LIFE!.

The cost for this is **\$380** (Which is a GANGLA) since a normal class costs \$600. If you aren't going to Geronimo – THIS IS YOUR ACTIVITY!!!

This activity was only available to VENTURE before! This is a LIMITED availability activity and you MUST be signed up by May 1<sup>st</sup> to get into the June class. Each class is restricted to the first 40 Scouts that sign up so HURRY! Don't delay! Email to [Mike George](mailto:Mike George) or call at 270-0102 for more info.



For More Details, Click to download the brochure and application here:

[http://www.scouttroop141.org/meritbadges/scuba/scuba\\_info\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.scouttroop141.org/meritbadges/scuba/scuba_info_sheet.pdf)



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## TRAILER REPLACEMENT:

### Mr. O'Brien will have Raffle Tickets available on Monday April 5<sup>th</sup>!

Our Troop trailer has served us well since the 1990's. When it was purchased, troop 141 had grown to the point that the existing open air trailer was no longer suitable for hauling all of the gear that was required on a campout. Before that, parents loaded gear into their vehicles. Back then, there were not Chuck boxes, Easy Ups or Dutch ovens to be hauled to exotic places such as Camp Lawton, Camp Geronimo and Happy Valley.

Today, we have 5 Chuck boxes (1 per patrol), and a variety of gear that adds up, more than 300 LBS per patrol (BEFORE PERSONAL GEAR IS COUNTED). So, for a trailer that is rated at hauling 1,500 lbs of equipment, we are regularly over loading it to the point where the single axle wheels bow outwards. The roads we travel on are dangerous with a correctly loaded trailer involving steep grades, sharp curves and mountain elevations. Our high temperatures are certainly a factor on tire wear.

The Troop committee has indeed decided to replace he trailer with one caveat – we can't drain the troop checking account completely so we will be doing a FUNDRAISER to raffle off a TV set. We have to sell 10 Tickets apiece to get a larger better trailer. We'll talk about this on Monday. Mr. Rencken is spearheading the fundraiser. .

Boy Scouts of America Troop 141 Camping Trailer Fundraiser Sharp 52" Aquos 1080P LCD HDTV Tickets are only \$10.00 each *** Only 400 Tickets will be SOLD *** Drawing will take place May 17, 2010 *** Need not be present to win ***	Name _____ Phone # _____
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## FAMILY DISCOVER SCUBA AND SCOUTING DAY, JUNE 5<sup>TH</sup>

THIS IS OPEN TO THE WHOLE FAMILY (Not just your scout)

Here is a Catalina Council sponsored event at the Double "V" ranch in the POOL on Saturday June 5<sup>th</sup>, from 11:00 am to 4:00 PM. The Dive shop and Catalina Council are presenti8ng a program to give all families an opportunity to learn about Scuba Diving and the programs that Catalina Council offers to scouts in Southern Arizona There will be Hotdogs , Soda and Chips provided for lunch and the cost = \$5.00.

### SCUBA DIVING for \$5 Bucks? Are you kidding me?

I know you were thinking of sleeping in this day but  
**THAT'S JUST CRAZY TALK!**

Advanced registration is required. Please click the link below for the registration form or call the Catalina Council at 750-0385.

Click HERE FOR Registration Sheet:

<http://www.scouttroop141.org/temp/famdiscoverscubaday.pdf>



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**UPCOMING EVENTS** (Color Coding RED TEXT is an event that has changed, Color coding /Shading other colors indicates a new event since the last email). As you can see we are getting a full schedule already. Additional details are available by viewing the Troop Calendar. As you can see we have a FULL month once again!

04/10/2010	First Aid Merit Badge/ CPR class
04/11/2010	TVLC – Red Cross Blood Drive
04/12/2010	Troop Meeting
04/13/2010	Troop Committee Meeting
04/16/2010	Gardner Canyon Campout
04/17/2010	Camp Lawton Service Weekend
04/19/2010	Troop Meeting
04/20/2010	Life to Eagle Transition Meeting
04/22/2010	Fossil Springs Backpack Campout
04/23/2010	O/A Ordeal – Camp Lawton
04/26/2010	Troop Meeting
04/27/2010	Rank Advancement Night
05/01/2010	New Scout Campout
05/01/2010	Horsemanship Merit Badge – TV Guest Ranch
05/08/2010	Horsemanship Merit Badge – TV Guest Ranch
06/05/2010	Family Discover Scuba and Scouting Day (Double “V” Ranch)
06/08/2010	Scuba Diving Merit Badge (Week Camp) Session 1 (choose 1)
07/06/2010	Scuba Diving Merit Badge (Week Camp) Session 2

## LONG TERM EVENTS:

- National Youth Leadership Training  
May 31 - June 5, 2010 -Double V Scout Ranch  
NYLT is a youth leadership training. The course teaches an individual how to lead themselves and others in a team environment. [\(Registration Form\)](#)
- Scuba merit Badge (June 8 -12<sup>th</sup>, July 6-10<sup>th</sup>) only one week required.  
[http://www.scouttroop141.org/meritbadges/scuba/scuba\\_info\\_sheet.pdf](http://www.scouttroop141.org/meritbadges/scuba/scuba_info_sheet.pdf)
- National 100 Year Jamboree – July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup> 2010. <http://www.bsajamboree.org/>
- October 20 -24<sup>th</sup> 2010 – Catalina Council Camporee – Kennedy Park in SW Tucson. Make plans now for the Fall Camporee.

## EAGLE PROJECT CONTACTS

At the Spanish Trails District Roundtable we received a couple of contact names for federal/state leaders that can give out information on available Eagle Projects

Name	Agency	Phone
Steve Hensel	National Forest Service	749-8700
Bob Lemmons	Arizona Game and Fish	628-5376



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## CLASSIFIED ADS:

### *Wanted:*

Mr's Joyce has asked that we find more Backpacks, Cots, etc for Geronimo. If you are a former or current scout and have an extra Backpack, she is in the market for one for her son Michael. Call 886-3312

### *Lost n. Found*

Listed here are the current Items in Lost N' Found:

- 2 Chairs (Lost at Happy Valley)
- 1 Hammock (Lost at Geronimo Last Year)

## HISTORIC MERIT BADGES

The BSA has brought back 4 merit badges for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scouting. These include (With the requirements): <http://www.tukabatcheebsa.org/forms/histmeritbadge.pdf>

### Carpentry - Historic Merit Badge



1. Demonstrate the use of the rule, square, level, plumb-line, mitre, chalk-line and bevel.
2. Demonstrate the proper way to drive, set, and clinch a nail, draw a spike with a claw-hammer, and to join two pieces of wood with screws.
3. Show correct use of the cross-cut saw and of the rip-saw.
4. Show how to plane the edge, end and the broad surface of a board.
5. Demonstrate how to lay shingles.
6. Make a simple article of furniture for practical use in the home or on the home grounds, finished in a workmanlike manner, all work to be done without assistance.

### Pathfinding - Historic Merit Badge



1. In the country, know every lane, bypath, and short cut for a distance of at least two miles in every direction around the local scout headquarters; or in a city, have a general knowledge of the district within a three-mile radius of the local scout headquarters, so as to be able to guide people at any time, by day or by night.
2. Know the population of the five principal neighboring towns, their general direction from his scout headquarters, and be able to give strangers correct directions how to reach them.
3. If in the country, know in a two mile radius, the approximate number of horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs owned on the five neighboring farms; or, in a town, know, in a half-mile radius, the location of livery stables, garages and blacksmith shops.
4. Know the location of the nearest meat markets, bakeries, groceries, and drug stores.
5. Know the location of the the nearest police station, hospital, doctor, fire alarm, fire hydrant, telegraph and telephone offices, and railroad stations.
6. Know something of the history of his place; and know the location of its principal public buildings, such as the town or city hall, post-office, schools and churches.
7. Submit a map not necessarily drawn by himself upon which he personally has indicated as much as possible of the above information.

### Signaling - Historic Merit Badge



1. Make an electric buzzer outfit, wireless, blinker, or other signaling device.
2. Send and receive in the International Morse Code, by buzzer or other sound device, a complete message of not less than 35 words, at a rate of not less than 35 letters per minute.
3. Demonstrate an ability to send and receive a message in the International Morse Code by wigwag and by blinker or other light signaling device at the rate of not less than 20 letters per minute.



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- Send and receive by Semaphore Code at the rate of not less than 30 letters per minute.
- Know the proper application of the International Morse and Semaphore Codes; when, where, and how they can be used to best advantage.
- Discuss briefly various other codes and methods of signaling which are in common use.

## Tracking - Historic Merit Badge



- Demonstrate by means of a tracking game or otherwise, ability to [track] skillfully in shelter and wind, etc., showing how to proceed noiselessly and "freeze" when occasion demands.
- Know and recognize the tracks of ten different kinds of animals or birds in his vicinity, three of which may be domestic.
- Submit satisfactory evidence that he has trailed two different kinds of wild animals or birds on ordinary ground far enough to determine the direction in which they were going, and their gait or speed. Give the names of animals or birds trailed, their direction of travel, and describe gait and speed; or submit satisfactory evidence that he has trailed six different kinds of wild animal or birds in snow, sand, dust, or mud, far enough to determine the direction they were going and their gait or speed. Give names of animals or birds, their direction of travel, and describe gait and speed.
- Submit evidence that he has scored at least 30 points from the following groups:  
Group (f) and 4 of the 5 groups (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) must be represented in the score of 30 and at least 7 points must be scored from (a), (b), or (c). Make clear recognizable photographs of
  - Live bird away from nest - 4 points each
  - Live woodchuck or smaller wild animal - 3 points each
  - Live wild animal larger than woodchuck - 4 points each
  - Live bird on nest - 3 points each
  - Tracks of live wild animal or bird - 2 points each
 AND
  - Make satisfactory plaster cast of wild animal or bird tracks with identification imprint on back of cast - 2 points each

## FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITIES: FLASHLIGHTS FOR CAMP:

Each patrol was given 1 small light, and 1 order form last week. Every dollar in profit from these sales goes directly into your account to pay for campouts, uniforms, Geronimo/Whatever! If you need an order form or brochures, click here

**MRS JONES IS THE COORDINATOR – PLEASE TURN ALL ORDER FORMS IN TO HER.**

**ORDERS ARE DUE ON MONDAY NIGHT – APRIL 12<sup>th</sup>!**

**Hey , you can use this money for Scuba too!**

<http://www.scouttroop141.org/forms/flashlightorderform.pdf>

For Flyers, Click Here:

<http://www.scouttroop141.org/forms/solarliteflyer.pdf>

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## WEEKLY THOUGHT:

### First Aid:

This month we kick off our "First Aid" theme with the First Aid Merit Badge on Saturday April the 10<sup>th</sup>. I would like to take this Opportunity to thank Mr. Winston (Who in case you didn't know it is a Doctor of Pathology and the Assistant Pima County Medical Examiner) for all of the Terrific health and wellness contributions he makes to the troop.

Mr. Winston has taught, Personal Fitness, First aid and Medicine for as long as I have been in the troop! He has shepherded the Geronimo Medical forms and attended each year with the boys so they can be sure things go right up there. **A hearty Round of thanks and Applause for Dr. Winston.**



### *Saving Lives?*

Did you see this cartoon in this month's Boys Life? it's a story of how a Scout saved a life. I read it every month and I hope you do, too. In just about every story, the Scout hero showed a lot of guts in making the rescue. But have you noticed that he usually demonstrated some skill, too? More often than not, in water rescue cases, the Scout here used one of the methods we teach in this troop. Same thing with rescue breathing cases.

The point is, it takes more than guts to save a life. It takes skill - the kind of skill that only comes from practice, practice and more practice.

Maybe you get a little tired sometimes of practicing bandaging , or life saving carries, or some other skill over and over again. But remember, each time you should be improving your technique a little bit - and that little bit of extra skill could mean the difference between life and death if you are called upon to use it some day.

This month, we'll spend most of our time learning first aid. We've been trying to prepare ourselves to help other people when they're sick or injured. But there's more to being prepared than knowing first aid. Real preparedness is many things - knowledge, confidence, and having the necessary equipment on hand when it's needed. We want to be ready for any emergency.

Next week we'll be testing ourselves on our readiness for emergency action. Our tests will not only require skill in first aid, but the ability to communicate well, to think through a problem, and to work together as a patrol.

Those are the kinds of skills that are useful in a disaster. If our town was hit by a tornado, we might be called out to help rescuers, but maybe we wouldn't be asked to do any first aid. We could be asked to serve as messengers, direct traffic , or cook and serve food.

That's why it's important that we prepare ourselves by learning more about our community and by practicing all sorts of Scout skills. And that's why it's important that you take full advantage of what Scouting has to offer by taking part in all our activities and doing your best to move up in rank. By the time you're a First Class scout, you'll be prepared for many kinds of service.