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Weekly Update April 15th, 2011



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WE HAVE A NEW EAGLE SCOUT!!!

Alex C passed his Board of review on April 13th. It was one of the toughest boards I have ever sat through because I have watched Alex grow from a young cub scout to Eagle. I was honored to be his Mentor.



Please take a moment to congratulate Alex if you see him.

AUTOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE MERIT BADGE - TOMORROW



Hands on parts are tomorrow. We'll be doing this back by the Troop shed and there are things you will need to bring:



- Your Parents Car (Have them drive it)
- The # of Quarts of Oil (Recommend buying the 5 Qt Jug)
- An Air Filter (If it is needed)
- A 5 or more quart Jug for disposal of old oil
- A Towel for Drying

We'll be supplying Ramps, drain pans, jacks and Jackstands.



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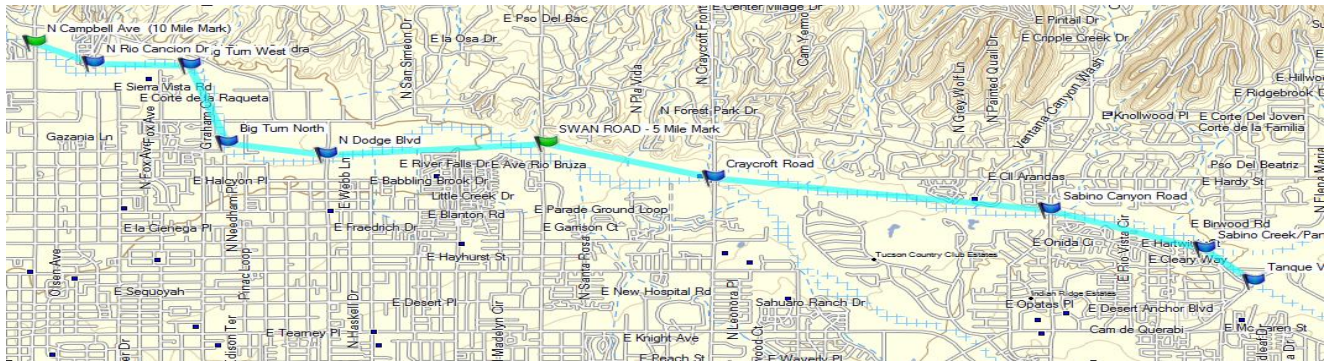


20 MILER – SUNDAY!! 06:00 SHARP!!

We will be getting together EARLY on Sunday morning at the Troop Shed and Hiking along the Pantano and Rillito Rivers. IT's likely that the turn around point will be RIVER/Campbell. Since we will be pretty much following the 2400 foot contour – there will NEVER be an easier 20 Miler than this. Don't miss this opportunity to get this difficult hurdle between you and Eagle scout – out of the way!

There will be a variety of Relief stations set up at :

- **5 Mile:** River/Swan
- **10 Mile:** Campbell/River or 1st /River
- **15 Mile :** River Swan



if you want to print this map to bring on the Hike it is [here \(CLICK FOR MAP\)](#)

TROOP MEETING – CANOING IS THIS MONTH'S THEME

[Click Here for This Meeting's Schedule:](#)

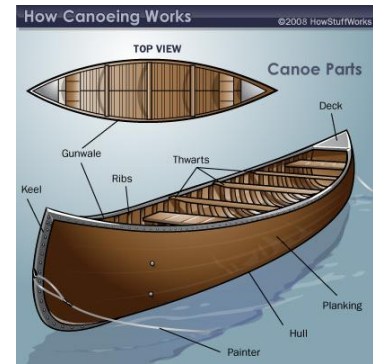
Print and bring it with you.

Bring your BOOK – You will need a CLASS "B" Uniform this week for some Major Fun.

Rank advancement is starting to heat up as there are only **3** more regular meetings between now and the Court of honor in May. It's IMPORTANT that you make an Appointment for Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review with Mr. Hussey. Email him here:

[mailto:advancement@scouttroop141.org?subject=Need a rank advancement appointment.](mailto:advancement@scouttroop141.org?subject=Need a rank advancement appointment)

From NOW ON – Scoutmaster conferences CAN be conducted during the meeting. BUT, you must have a time.



MERIT BADGE CONTEST!

Last fall we had a RANK Advancement Contest. This Spring, we'll do another contest by Patrol, with MERIT BADGES Earned being the counter. HURRY HURRY earn as many as you can and your Patrol can be the VICTORS! Prize TBD – But it will be GOOD.

SEVERAL MORE BADGES have been ADDED.

AND there is a SPANISH TRAILS Merit Badge Day on May 7th!

[CLICK HERE for INFO](#)





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GILA RIVER CANOE TRIP:

This will be open to MORE scouts – Everyone who passed the Safe Swim test in March is eligible to come. WE ARE GOOD TO GO.

If you didn't do the Canoe Class last month, don't worry, we are repeating it starting Monday Night and will continue it at the GILA River.

IF you didn't pass the SWIM TEST and are NOT currently listed as a Swimmer (i.e. you are a NON Swimmer), you can still go, you have to ride in a boat with an adult.

We actually had this PLANNED for November 2009, and it didn't happen

<http://www.scouttroop141.org/outings/GilaRiver/gilariver.html>

GARRETT C'S EAGLE PROJECT APRIL 30TH

Is coming up at PICACHO PEAK – ON April 30th. We will be CAMPING OUT on APRIL 29th so we can get an UBER Early Start.

Garret's project is building some Trail from the campgrounds to the Trail Head for the West Picacho Peak Trail. We can benefit from this because we ALWAYS hike on this trail when we camp there and have to hike on the dangerous road for a ways. This trail will avoid the road passage.

UPCOMING MERIT BADGES



Automotive Maintenance – Tomorrow – At TVLC by the Troop Shed. Details above



Personal Management – This is a truly tough Merit Badge that holds many scouts up from finishing their Eagle Scout. **EAGLE REQUIRED**



Space Exploration: Rocket Shoot off April 23rd Mr. Obrien is conducting the Rocket shoot off at Udall Park in the back. He gave out some rockets at the meeting on April 5th. You should be making your rocket now and finishing your home work up.

Badge *Eagle required	Date
American Labor Part 1	04/12/2011
American Labor Part 2 (Visit Labor hall)	TBD
Automotive Maintenance (Hands ON)	04/16/2011
Personal Management	04/19/2011
Fire Safety	TBD in April

Mrs. Toering hopes everyone is keeping track of their Pets for the May log turn in.





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SAHUARITA BOY SCOUT MERIT BADGE CLINIC

All Boy Scouts age 11-17
Saturday 9:00 AM April 16th 2011
Sahuarita Stake Center South of Sahuarita Town Hall on
Starlight View Lane

Each boy will be able to chose one badge to complete. The Merit badges will be taught by merit badge counselors and the boys will be given a blue card upon completion. In order to participate in the skating merit badge, please bring roller blades or roller skates. The time of the clinic will last about three hours or until the merit badge is finished. All scouts are encouraged to attend. For more information contact **Jeremy Baldwin** at **203-8273**



Citizenship in the WORLD



Textiles



Skating

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!

4/16/2011	Automotive Maintenance Hands on MB
4/16/2011	Saharita merit Badge Day
4/18/2011	TROOP MEETING
4/19/2011	Personal Management MB (Eagle Required)
4/22/2011	Colorado River Canoe Trip ***POSTPONED***
4/23/2011	Space Exploration Rocket Shoot off
4/23/2011	GILA River Canoe Day
4/23/2011	Wilderness First Aid Class
4/25/2011	PLC
4/26/2011	Rank Advancement
4/26/2011	Yellowstone PREPARATION Meeting
4/29/2011	Garrett C's Eagle Project – Picacho Peak
4/29/2011	Order of the Arrow Ordeal Camp Lawton



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SCOUT ACCOUNTS:

Mr. Winston keeps track of what scouts have in their accounts from scholarship to popcorn money. If you are curious what your balance of the individual fund is, please drop him an email at treasurer@scoutroop141.org.

We are still waiting for the check from Council for the Scout-O-Rama BUT – EVERYONE'S ACCOUNT HAS BEEN MARKED WITH HOW MUCH THEY ARE DUE.

Payments will be completed in time to make this money available for GERONIMO

PHYSICAL FORMS 2011 – DUE NOW

If your form is expired, you are NOT eligible to participate in any OUTDOOR events.

WE WILL NEED TWO COPIES OF YOUR FORMS IF YOU ARE GOING TO GERONIMO –

We have to have these forms in our POSSESSION on any OUTING.



SO WE ARE AT THE POINT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CURRENT MEDICAL FORM ON FILE – YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GO ON OUTINGS

GERONIMO 2011

THREE SLOTS OPEN - 25 Scouts signed up.

Camp Geronimo 2011 (June 11-18)

There are currently 2 openings for Camp Geronimo. If you are interested in attending Camp Geronimo, please contact Mr. Winston via email. For those who have already signed up you should have paid half (\$185) by now. The remaining payment is due by May 9. Checks should be made to "Troop 141" and given to Mr. Winston. In the interim, please make arrangements to get your son's physical. You can turn in your physical forms (http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf) to Mr. Winston (but check with Mr. Long to make sure parts A&B are entered into Troopmaster). Please do not forget to include a copy (front and back) of your insurance card. Scouts should also turn in their merit badge choices to Ms. Philips if they have not done so already.



A final meeting for Camp Geronimo will be held on Monday May 23 at 7 PM (room TBD). At this meeting we will elect the senior patrol leader and patrol leaders and make sure all paperwork is in order (permission slips, physical forms and scout behavior forms) as well as discuss packing and other details such as transportation (we will need drivers for both Saturdays).





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EVENT HELP 2011

As you can see there is a HUGE amount of FUN planned for this year. We'll not exactly PLANNED yet, but simply identified. Mr. LONG NEEDS YOUR HELP. I need a parent to be the lead on every trip/outing or event. What does this mean?

- Promote (Via Web page, PowerPoint, personal experience, etc).
- Arranging Permits/Reservations, etc.
- Setting the Sign Up sheets out
- Collecting money and giving it out to the patrol Grub Master
- Designating an Adult Grub master –

These kinds of things are very tough to do when acting the part of Scoutmaster. (I would much rather be the target of a dodge ball ☺) So I need your help. If everyone would choose just ONE event / outing to help with, it would make the year go so much more smoothly. So Look over the list at the top of this Blast, and see what outing might interest you. Any one of the bullets above you could help out with would be very appreciated as well.

PARENTS –MR. LONG NEEDS HELP ORGANIZING TRANSPORTATION – GETTING FOOD BOUGHT FOR ADULTS, SIGNING UP KIDS, ETC.



LONG TERM EVENTS

PHILMONT 2012 – SIGN UP IS NOW

Cost for Philmont and Important Milestones

This year is important for the 2012 Philmont outing – the Cost for Philmont next year is \$740 – We HAVE to make payments by certain milestones or we will not be going. \e (Meaning Mr. Long) missed an important deadline to pay \$100 for every scout that is signed up as a down payment by February 25th, 2011. Well, we begged and Pleaded with Philmont and the Re-instated our 12 day trek for June 14th 2012. The Troop committee voted on Tuesday to FUND the reservation to the tune of \$1,400 out of our Savings account. BUT NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN THE SIGN UP PROCESS.

If you are 14 NOW or will be 14 by June 1 2012, you are Eligible

If you are going to be 13 and finished with the 8th Grade by June 1, 2012, you are Eligible

Mr. Long will be providing a List of WHO is eligible



Mr. Jerharz is now in charge of coordinating Philmont

DUE DATES:

- ⇒ February 25th - \$100 down payment. **The Down Payment from YOU is Due June 1st, 2011**
- ⇒ Signups are happening NOW
- ⇒ October 1, 2011 – first ½ Due \$320
- ⇒ March 1, 2012 – Second ½ due \$220

WE WANT YOU!

Don't miss this opportunity of a Lifetime! - Philmont is WORLD Famous as a life changing experience for many many hundreds of thousands of scouts. Mr. Long and Mr. Juhasz, possibly Mr. Hein and Mrs. Scully will be going. HOW ABOUT YOU?



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YELLOWSTONE JULY 2011! UPDATE



Don't FORGET THE **YELLOWSTONE PLANNING MEETING IS COMING UP** in TWO WEEKS – YOU MUST HAVE A FAMILY REPRESENTATIVE THERE.

The base cost for Yellowstone 2011 is \$225/person and includes 2 nights in a hotel, gas, camping, entrance fees and food while at Yellowstone. If you signed up for white water rafting or mountain biking the additional costs are \$45 and \$25, respectively. Please make arrangements to pay these fees by the end of April. Checks should be made payable to

"Troop 141" and given to Mr. Winston. Additional costs will include food money while traveling and souvenir money. This money is to be carried by the scout. Physical forms (http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf) and permission slips (troop, white water rafting and mountain biking) are required for all scouts, siblings and adults attending Yellowstone. In addition, all adults should be trained for Youth Leader Protection, Safety Afloat, Safe Swim Defense and Hazardous Weather as well as getting your vehicles registered with the troop (<http://www.scouttroop141.org/parents/DriverInfo.html>). The training sessions are all available on-line (<http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx>).

A meeting to discuss transportation, meals and activities while at Yellowstone will be held on Tuesday April 26 at 7 PM (room TBD). This will be your chance to suggest activities while at Yellowstone. Permission slips will be made available at this time.

If you are interested in Yellowstone and have not signed up yet, there are several openings for camping and whitewater rafting but only one opening for mountain biking. Please contact Mr. Winston ASAP as deposit deadlines are approaching.

PIMA-REE JULY 24 – 30

Pima Ree is kind of like Summer camp. It lasts a week, and only 175 Scouts can go. This is the same week as Yellowstone, so if you were not going to Yellowstone, and were looking for something to do ---There you have it. Mr Travers is running this one and it's in honor of "Dick Hughes" who so graciously opens his Realty Executives office every month for Eagle board of review.

EAGLE MENTOR – WANT TO BE ONE?

There are several Life Scouts that have not chosen an Eagle Mentor – Being an Eagle mentor is rewarding and not hard – if you are interested in being one, check out what's involved here: [Eagle Mentor Program](#)
There are SEVERAL Life scouts in need of a Mentor right now.





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LIFE TO EAGLE:

Some of you had asked where the application and Eagle packet are – So I re-posted them here:

- Ideas for Eagle Projects

<http://home.flash.net/~smithrc/eagleprj.htm>

<http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/eagle/eagleproj1.html>

<http://www.eaglescout.org/project/select.html>

CLASSIFIED ADS:

FOR SALE:

Wanted – Old stuff

If you have any shoes, uniform shirts, pants, etc, please consider donating these to the troop inventory for those scouts less fortunate. Thanks!

A special THANKS to the GIFT GIVER of the Historic Uniforms!

Lost n. Found

If you are missing any gear, it's probably in the troop shed. .

I STILL HAVE:

- One Whistle w/compass (What color is it?) left in Mr. Long's truck after Cochise Stronghold blizzard campout.
- One Black Hoodie



WEEKLY THOUGHT

Duty

Every week, like good Parrots – we get up – put up our right hand with three fingers- and repeat the Scout OATH. BUT – have you ever stopped to think what it all means? Someday – Someone might ask you what it means so here is something that I recommend that you PRINT and KEEP somewhere.



**On my honor, I will do my best
 To do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law;
 To help other people at all times;
 To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.**

When making a promise or oath, be sure you know what you are promising...

On my honor

You are stating your promise backed by your own personal worth.

I will do my best

Only you know what your best truly is. Do not measure yourself against the accomplishments or laziness of peers - strive to surpass your own high standards and be proud when you know you've put in your best effort.

To do my duty to God

Your duty to God is to follow the teachings of your religious leaders always.



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and my country

Every citizen has responsibilities to understand, defend, and improve his community. Duties include serving in public office, voting, protecting natural resources, and learning about our government system.

and to obey the Scout Law;

You are promising to follow these twelve points, not only in scouting, but in all areas of your life. You will use the Law as a compass to guide your decisions and actions.

To help other people at all times;

You will look for opportunities to help and will not pass someone by that you are capable of aiding. You will use your skills to assist anyone you meet and seek additional help if needed.

To keep myself physically strong,

You will nurture and protect your body, eating healthy food, exercising, getting rest, and avoiding harmful habits like drugs, tobacco, and alcohol. Maintaining your physical strength is required to do your best and fulfill the other points of this promise.

mentally awake,

You will exercise your mind by doing your best in school. You will explore your world and try to continually learn and then share your knowledge with others.

and morally straight.

You will maintain honest and open relationships with others. You will hold yourself to a high moral standard and be clean in your speech and actions while being faithful to your religious beliefs.

THE THREE PARTS OF THE SCOUT OATH:

The Boy Scout Oath has three main clauses which are good to remember and may help you understand that the oath is meant to cover all parts of your life:

DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY

The core of your being is your relationship with God. Your family and religious leaders teach you about knowing and serving God and you do your duty by following their teachings and being a good family member. Your duty to your country is being a good citizen, obeying the laws, working to make it a stronger nation, and defending it and its principals.

DUTY TO OTHER PEOPLE

Doing your Good Turn each day, looking for people that could use a hand, and providing aid for community services are all ways to help others. We are obligated to help those that can not help themselves and helping with a cheerful spirit builds our own character.

DUTY TO SELF

Caring for yourself physically, mentally, and morally will result in a more rewarding life. Only you can control how you respond to challenges, hardships, and pleasures - and being strong in body, mind, and spirit will aid you in handling anything that comes your way.

