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Weekly Update April 1st, 2011



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## First Aid Merit Badge



### FIRST AID MERIT BADGE AND CPR TRAINING— TOMORROW - SATURDAY APRIL 2, 2011 8:00

The First Aid merit badge will be offered beginning at 8 AM in the Family Life Center (where we have our Monday meetings). This is an Eagle-required merit badge and it is required for at least 2 other merit badges (Lifesaving and Emergency Preparedness). Please see the troop calendar entry for the items needed for the merit badge.

CPR training is mandatory for those who want to earn the merit badge and is available for any others (adults, siblings or scouts) who would like to be trained in CPR. We are required to have at least 1 CPR trained adult on each outing. The CPR training will begin at 1 PM in the Family Life Center (note later time than in previous years). The cost of the CPR training is \$10 (checks made payable to "Troop 141").

### CANOE PRACTICE – SUNDAY APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>, 11:00 AT SILVERBELL LAKE.

If you are signed up for the Canoe Trip to the Colorado River, it is MANDATORY that you attend this safety Briefing at Silverbell Lake. NO, The VERDE River wasn't satisfactory for getting you ready for the Colorado. There will be no standing up and wading out in the Colorado – That's why we are MUCH more serious about safety.

We'll be meeting at the SOUTH END Boat Ramp. Please bring something for

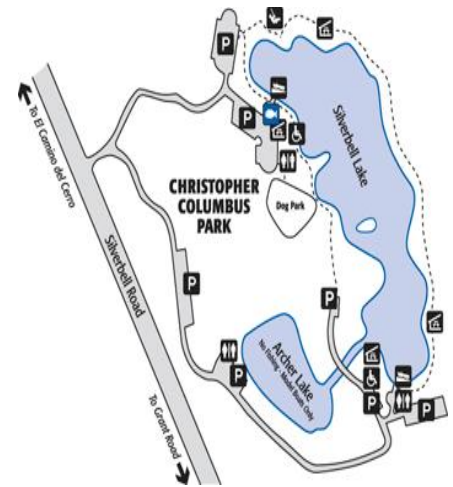
**WHERE:** Silverbell Lake

**WHEN:** 11:00 Sunday

**HOW MUCH:** No Cost

**WHAT:** We will be practicing Safety for the Colorado River Trip.

Contact [Mr. Bailey](#) For Info.



## LEE L's Eagle Project.

Lee Finally got Council Approval to do his Eagle Project at the All the Kings Horses Childrens Ranch. Tomorrow's Campsite Preparation is cancelled because it is too late to make arrangements. Next weekend, the freeway between Tucson and Benson will be closed at Marsh station Road to replace the bridge. This means a 67 Mile detour on Saturday SO, we'll be heading out there Friday Night and camping out. We are going to do a 9:00 AM Flag ceremony for some WWII vets. Then we are going to build a new Trail because the old one is too dangerous, paint a barn, and put up horse fencing inside a corral. If you are planning on coming out on Saturday morning,



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that's still OK, it will just take an hour or so longer to get out there. If you were planning on CAMPING on Friday, it's still ON.

## 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 5 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>.

## TURN IN YOUR TICKETS & MONEY ON MONDAY

All Scoutorama tickets/money MUST be turned in to Council on Tuesday at the District Roundtable. This means we have to have ALL UNSOLD TICKETS, AND COLLECTED MONEY To Mrs. Jones by MONDAY night at the meeting.

**ALL MONEY / TICKETS DUE 4/4/2011**

## 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 7<sup>th</sup>!

[CLICK HERE for INFO](#)

## MERIT BADGE BOOK LIBRARY

Eric O' the Troop Librarian has Inventoried ALL of the merit badges books. These are now posted upon the website and can be accessed by Clicking this Link: [TROOP 141 Merit badge Library](#). See Eric if you want to check one out on loan.



## ASTRONOMY MERIT BADGE:

Even though this is not an eagle required Merit badge it takes a lot of work observing, drawing and pointing out astronomical objects

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

*Friday, April 1*

- Early spring is when Orion tilts downward in the southwest after dark, with his three-star belt horizontal as seen from north temperate latitudes. Orion's Belt points left toward bright Sirius (out of the frame here), and to the right more or less toward orange Aldebaran (also outside the frame). Right of Aldebaran are the Pleiades.

*Saturday, April 2*

- Sirius, the Dog Star, is the brightest star shining in the south-southwest after dusk. At a distance of only 8.6 light-years, it's the nearest thing outside our solar system





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that's visible to the naked eye from Earth's mid-northern latitudes. Look high above Sirius for Procyon, the Little Dog Star, not much farther away at 11 light-years.

### Sunday, April 3

- Saturn is at opposition tonight, opposite the Sun in Earth's sky. Look for the brightening of Saturn's rings this week due to the *Seeliger effect*, described in "This Week's Planet Roundup" below.
- New Moon (exact at 10:32 a.m. EDT).

### Monday, April 4

- Look very high in the northeast after dark this week for the Big Dipper starting to tip over to the left, after standing straight upright on its handle when winter was nearing its end.

### Tuesday, April 5

- A small telescope will always show Titan, Saturn's largest moon. Tonight Titan is at greatest elongation, four ring-lengths to Saturn's west. A 6-inch telescope will begin to show the orange color of its smoggy atmosphere. Saturn's other major moons appear much closer to the planet tonight.

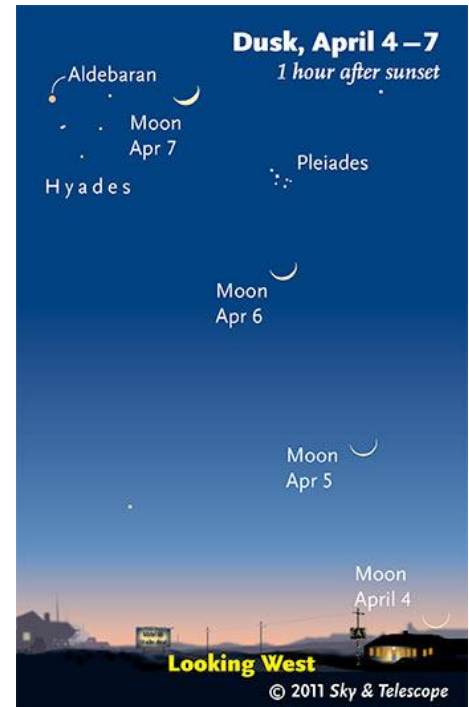
Watch the waxing crescent Moon ascend from night to night in the twilight toward the Pleiades and Hyades. (These scenes are drawn for the middle of North America. European observers: move each Moon symbol a quarter of the way toward the one for the previous date. For clarity, the Moon is shown three times actual size.)

### Wednesday, April 6

- As twilight fades, look for the Pleiades above the Moon as shown at right (for North America).

### Thursday, April 7

- Look for orange Aldebaran to the left of the Moon, and the Pleiades to the Moon's lower right, as shown here.
- This evening the Moon's earthlit dark limb will beautifully occult (cover) Kappa and/or Upsilon Tauri for observers in much of western North America. Both stars are magnitude 4.3. Kappa also has a 5.3-magnitude companion 0.1° to its south. See prediction maps and local timetables [for Kappa](#) and [for Upsilon](#).



FIRST AID MB this weekend, Mr. Winston says there are still slots OPEN for this day. You have to renew CPR every 2 years. The CPR method has changed since last time. [Mr. Winston](#) – Click his name to email him your interest

Badge *Eagle required	Date
*First Aid	04/02/2011 <b>SEE NOTE BELOW</b>
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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## 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!

4/2/2011	First Aid MB
4/2/2011	CPR Class
4/3/2011	CANOE Safety Practice Day
4/4/2011	TROOP MEETING
4/5/2011	Space Exploration MB
4/5/2011	Spanish Trails Round Table
4/9/2011	Lee L's Eagle Project
4/11/2011	TROOP MEETING
4/12/2011	Committee Meeting
4/13/2011	Eagle Board of Review
4/14/2011	Order of the Arrow
4/16/2011	Automotive Maintenance Hands on MB
4/18/2011	TROOP MEETING
4/19/2011	Personal Management MB (Eagle Required)
4/22/2011	Colorado River Canoe Trip
4/23/2011	Space Exploration Rocket Shoot off
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

## 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](mailto:treasurer@scoutroop141.org).

Remember – If you leave the Troop – Your un-used funds are put in the troop general fund for scholarships.

We'll be adding 50cents from every dollar worth of Scout-o-Rama tickets you sell RIGHT INTO YOUR ACCOUNT

There were a lot of Tickets sold, and a LOT of donations that will be split up amongst the guys that sold and went to the scout o rama.

## PHYSICAL FORMS 2011 – DUE NOW

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



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## GERONIMO 2011

### TWO SLOTS OPEN - 26 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](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).

## EVENT HELP 2011

**Next Trip is THE 100 MILE CANOE TRIP – MR. LONG REALLY REALLY NEEDS COORDINATION HELP ON THIS ONE!**

**We ARE Planning for the COLORADO RIVER CANOE TRIP at the end of APRIL. As of now, were at 13 Scouts 6 Adults!!!!**

**We'll need at LEAST two Tow vehicles for the Canoes** (Don't need to be heavy duty, they are light trailers)

- TWO Big Boats to carry Scout Gear (Backpacks/Dry bags, etc)
- MR.LONG will be towing his Aluminum 12' boat for Safety
- Will need at LEAST 6 Adults to make this happen
- Need a SHUTTLE Driver to get us back to where we PUT in.
- We can run this as a Backpack trip so No Chuckboxes, troop tents, etc will be required.

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 –



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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

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### **YELLOWSTONE JULY 2011!**

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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](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.scoutroop141.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.



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## 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.



## 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:

**FOUND:**

**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:

- 1 hacksaw – Likely from the carpentry MB day
- 1 Drink bottle – Nice with an Orange thermal !
- One Whistle w/compass (What color is it?) left in Mr. Long's truck after Cochise Stronghold blizzard campout.



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## WEEKLY THOUGHT

### April Fool's Day

Unlike most of the other nonfoolish [holidays](#), the history of April Fool's Day, sometimes called All Fool's Day, is not totally clear. It is not like Halloween, where despite an interesting history, most people just put on [Halloween costumes](#), get candy, and leave it at that. There really wasn't a "first April Fool's Day" that can be pinpointed on the calendar. Some believe it sort of evolved simultaneously in several cultures at the same time, from celebrations involving the first day of spring.

The closest point in time that can be identified as the beginning of this [tradition](#) was in 1582, in France. Prior to that year, the new year was celebrated for eight days, beginning on March 25. The celebration culminated on April 1. With the reform of the calendar under Charles IX, the Gregorian Calendar was introduced, and New Year's Day was moved to January 1.

However, communications being what they were in the days when news traveled by foot, many people did not receive the news for several years. Others, the more obstinate crowd, refused to accept the new calendar and continued to celebrate the new year on April 1. These backward folk were labeled as "fools" by the general populace. They were subject to some ridicule, and were often sent on "fools errands" or were made the butt of other practical jokes.

This harassment evolved, over time, into a tradition of prank-playing on the first day of April. The tradition eventually spread to England and Scotland in the eighteenth century. It was later introduced to the American colonies of both the English and French. April Fool's Day thus developed into an international fun fest, so to speak, with different nationalities specializing in their own brand of humor at the expense of their friends and families.

In Scotland, for example, April Fool's Day is actually celebrated for two days. The second day is devoted to pranks involving the posterior region of the body.

It is called Taily Day. The origin of the "kick me" sign can be traced to this observance.

Mexico's counterpart of April Fool's Day is actually observed on December 28. Originally, the day was a sad remembrance of the slaughter of the innocent children by King Herod. It eventually evolved into a lighter commemoration involving pranks and trickery.

Pranks performed on April Fool's Day range from the simple, (such as saying, "Your shoe's untied, or I accidentally stepped on your glasses!), to the elaborate. Setting a roommate's alarm clock back an hour is a common gag. Whatever the prank, the trickster usually ends it by yelling to his victim, "April Fool!"

Practical jokes are a common practice on April Fool's Day. Sometimes, elaborate practical jokes are played on friends or relatives that last the entire day. The news media even gets involved. For instance, a British short film once shown on April Fool's Day was a fairly detailed documentary about "spaghetti farmers" and how they harvest their crop from the spaghetti trees.

April Fool's Day is a "for-fun-only" observance. Nobody is expected to buy gifts or to take their "significant other" out to eat in a fancy restaurant.

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the next April Fool!

Nobody  
off work  
school. It's  
a fun little  
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one must  
remain  
forever  
vigilant,  
may be