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Weekly Update April 8th, 2011



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LEE L's Eagle Project

LEE'S EAGLE PROJECT **TONIGHT** IS THE CAMPOUT – TOMORROW THE PROJECT

[Click here for Information](#)

Lee Finally got Council Approval to do his Eagle Project at the All the Kings Horses Childrens Ranch. There will be several challenges, the freeway between Tucson and Benson will be closed at Marsh station Road to replace the bridge and the weather will be changing and cooling off. As of this morning there is a 70% chance of rain. This means a 67 Mile detour on Friday after 9:00 and until 7:00 *estimated* 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, 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.

THERE IS NOW A 70% CHANCE OF RAIN TOMORROW – WE ARE GOING TO BENSON – RAIN OR SHINE

Bring a poncho

Where: Meet at the TVLC Troop Shed

WHEN: 5:00 PM - we are trying to beat the Freeway Closure

WHAT: Bring Gloves, Eye Protection, Shovels, Saws, Rakes, Picks, etc we are building a new trail and closing the old dangerous one. YOU WILL ALSO WANT TO BRING YOUR PANTHO (.89CENTS AT TARGET)

EATS: Breakfast and Lunch are provided by Mr. & Mrs. Long

Lee has everyone broken up into Teams with defined assignments. There are a LOT of people signed up and we should be able to get this completed quickly.

[CLICK HERE for WEATHER - 50% chance of rain - it will be cooler than 60 degrees - dress appropriately](#)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Interstate 10 : Closures	
Go to Map	
Description	closed to through traffic
Location	On Interstate 10, EW-bound from mile post 296.50, 5.80 miles West of State Route 90 to mile post 297.50, 4.80 miles West of State Route 90
Duration	from Fri, 8 Apr 2011 9:00 PM to Sat, 9 Apr 2011 7:00 AM
Restrictions	
Public Notes	Interstate closed for J-6/Mescal bridge removal. Traffic detoured to off and on ramps. Use caution in the area. Daytime Buss Ph: 520-586-2949
Event Id	401589

[IF FREEWAY OPEN Go this way](#)



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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 4 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>.

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](#)

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.



COLORADO RIVER CANOE TRIP – POSTPONED

We finally dropped below Critical Mass last night and didn't have enough Scouts and Adults signed up to make this happen. This is a great disappointment since we have done so much to prepare for this trip. Hopefully – we can fit this in Next Year. BUT – We still have 12 Canoes Rented and we should not let them go to



waste: SO

It's being replaced with a 1 day trip:

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

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

SO LET'S MAKE IT HAPPEN

SIGN UP SHEETS will be available MONDAY Night.





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UPCOMING MERIT BADGES

American labor :his will be at Mr. Relich's office on Broadway

Law Offices of Paul A. Relich, P.C.

8230 E. Broadway, Suite E-8

which is located on the South side of Broadway between Pantano and Sarnoff, right next to the AAA of Arizona office.

The merit badge is scheduled for next Tuesday, April 12, beginning at 6:30.

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.



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!

4/08/2011	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 ***POSTPONED***
4/23/2011	Space Exploration Rocket Shoot off
4/23/2010	GILA River Canoe Day
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



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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.

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.



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) 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

Because we were not able to get enough participation , the Colorado River trip is Postponed until next year!

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.



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- 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.

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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)

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.



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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.



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:

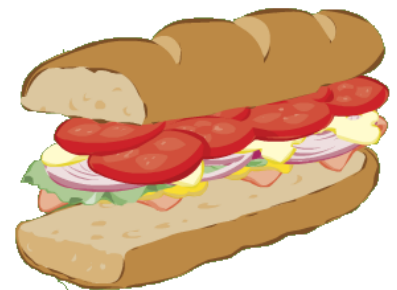
- One Whistle w/compass (What color is it?) left in Mr. Long's truck after Cochise Stronghold blizzard campout.
- One Black Hoodie

WEEKLY THOUGHT

Safety on the Water

Scouts, what do the following merit badges have in common: Canoeing, Motorboating, Rowing, Small-Boat Sailing, and Water Skiing? I'll give you a hint - they all have the same first requirement.

You guessed it. All those badges require that a Scout be classed a "swimmer" before he even gets started on the badge. It's pretty obvious why you must be a swimmer





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before you can go out into the deep water in a canoe or other craft.

As I think you all know, to be classed as a swimmer you have to be able to swim 100 yards, do the elementary backstroke, and be able to rest in water by floating. To those who swim well, that's a piece of cake. To those who don't it could be a challenge.

You're not going to be able to go canoeing or rafting until you can meet the test. We're going to spend time this month helping the non-swimmers and beginners so that by the time of our Water Rendezvous, most of you - maybe all - will be able to swim the hundred.

Being able to swim well will unlock the door to those other badges. It will also give you a life-long sport, one that you will be able to enjoy for many years after you no longer have the ability to play other sports. That's one of the reasons we go swimming now. The other of course is that it's fun.

Safety Afloat	Safe Swim Defense
Qualified supervision	Qualified supervision
Physical fitness	Physical fitness
Swimming ability	Ability groups
Buddy system	Buddy system
Personal flotation equipment	Safe area
Skill proficiency	Lifeguards on duty
Planning	Lookout
Equipment	Discipline
Discipline	