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Weekly Update August 27th, 2010



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Quartermaster Work Day

QM WORKDAY - TOMORROW – 09:00 TO 11:00

Please help Cameron and Mr. Toering assess the state of our gear, see what we need, clean and organize tomorrow. This will count as SERVICE HOURS.



ORDER OF THE ARROW FALL ORDEAL

Don't forget that tonight is the beginning of the Fall Ordeal. Arrowmen, here is your opportunity to help out the lodge up at Camp Lawton. I expect it might be a little nicer than the weather during the Spring ordeal. You can find more info about this here:

<http://www.papagolodge.org/>

TROOP LEADERSHIP!

We had a GREAT turnout for the Leadership Boot Camp on Tuesday Night. :

- Senior Patrol Leader – Kyle B
- Patrol "A" Eric O
- Patrol "B" Ben C
- Patrol "C" Nick J
- Patrol "D" Andrew B

Appointed Positions

- Librarian – Alex C
- Quartermaster – Cameron T(Troop QM Dave T)
- Troop Guide – Cole E
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster – Paul H
- Prgm Manager – Games – Ryan H

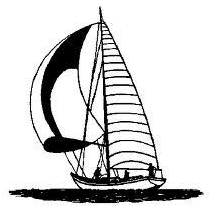
Here are the Patrol assignments as of 8/27/10

RED-MIST	GRIFFENDORFS	SHADOW WOLVES	AMERICAN EAGLES	LEADERSHIP
Anderson, G	Chapman, B*	Cuevas, G	Bailey, R	Blaine, K*
Czapko, T	Ellingsberg, C	Cuevas, N (20 Miler)	Barone, A*	Czapko, Trv
Di Anna, C	Findysz, J	Hart, J	Long, L	Hein, P
Harris, R	Joyce, M	Hein, J	McCormick, N	Hussey, J
McCormick, J	Miller, T	Joyce, P	Miller, S	Reed, D
Morisset, I	Rodriguez, M	Juhasz, N*	Volkman, E	Rencken, G
O'Brien, E*	Toering, C	Relich, A	Clabourne, A	Vita, N
Besich, M	Winston, S	Vita, J	Foss, K	



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Czapko, T	Jones, T	Brock, P	Lescarbeau, V	
Dunklee, A	Chapman, P	Hart, J	Watson, T	
Garcia, A	Walker J	Hein, J	Anderson, J	
Harkins, Z		Sackett, M	Evans, E	
Hill, J		Weisel, W	Ewer, B	
Garcia, A				

*= ELECTED

UNASSIGNED		
Havenga, J		
Kerg, A		
Siepker, D		
Steinke, J		
Miller, C		

If your name is on the Unassigned list, it's because you were not at the meeting on Monday OR you didn't get your patrol checked off on the sign up sheet. (I see a couple of you that fit this category). We will assign people based on a balance of number of scouts in a patrol.



VENTURE UPDATE

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- Nathan Vita Has accepted the nomination for 'President' of Troop 141 Venture Crew



ASTRONOMY MERIT BADGE:

Observing Highlights this week:

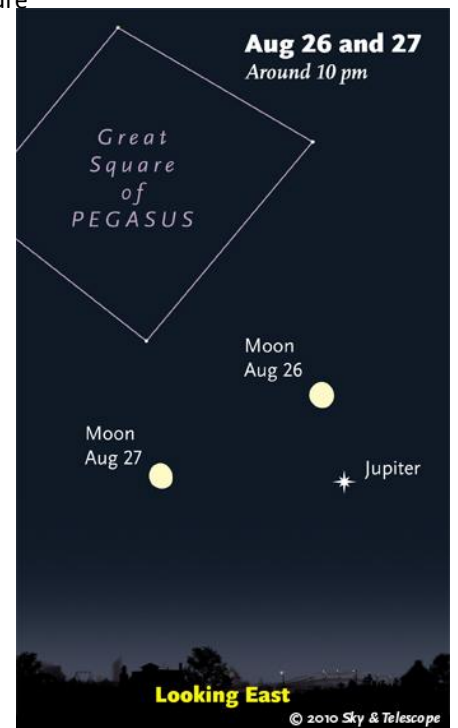
Mercury is now lost in the glow of sunset.

Venus (magnitude -4.4) is the bright Evening Star sinking low in the west during twilight.

Mars and Saturn (magnitudes 1.5 and 1.1, respectively) are near brilliant Venus low in twilight. Mars slowly skims a few degrees above Venus this week, while Saturn moves increasingly far off to Venus's right or lower right. Look carefully; Mars and Saturn are less than 1% as bright as the dazzler.

Left of this group, look for Spica. Very high above them shines brighter Arcturus.

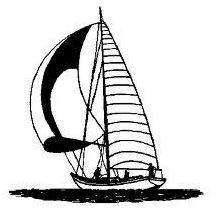
Jupiter (magnitude -2.7, in Pisces) rises around the end of twilight and is well up in the east-southeast by midnight. It's highest in the south before dawn — the brightest starlike point in the morning sky.





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Friday, August 27

- Low in the west-southwest in twilight, Venus forms the bottom of a flat, symmetrical triangle with much fainter Mars and Spica a little higher. Binoculars help.
- Jupiter shines to the right of the Moon once they rise after dark, as shown here.

Saturday, August 28

- The Venus-Spica-Mars triangle low in the west-southwest in twilight is distorting now, as Spica moves closer to Venus.

COIN COLLECTING MERIT BADGE

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[Click here for Workbook \(Word Format\)](#) [Click here for Workbook in .pdf Format](#)

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ROOSEVELT LAKE – PLANNING – AND PREPARATIONS



This trip is coming up on September 17th - 19th.

On Monday Night, - We'll be gathering up into Patrols and setting the menus and cost for the Roosevelt Lake trip. We only have 1 more regular meeting before we depart for the shores of Roosevelt Lake. Mr. Long is going on a Scouting trip this Sunday to find the best spot for us. (Suggested so far Cholla Bay, Orange Peel, Indian Point). Regardless of where we end up setting up our tents, we'll have fun. [DOWNLOAD A BLANK MENU PLANNER HERE](#)

Mr. Long will teach the MOTORBOATING MB on this trip. But you can also fulfill requirements for Fishing, Small Boat Sailing (If Will M brings his boat), and Water Skiing.

PARENTS – We need a Trip Leader on this one

We also need: Adult **Grubmaster, Lifeguard, Watersports coordinator, Trailer Tow.**





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HISTORIC MERIT BADGES

Our plan is to get all four of these done this fall before the December Court of Honor. Anyone that can be a counselor for these please let Mr. Long know as soon as possible so we can plug you in to the calendar:

100th



Carpentry

100th



Pathfinding

100th



Signaling

100th



Tracking

Read more about the program here:

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/historical_mb_program.aspx

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!

08/27/2010	O/A – Fall Ordeal (Camp Lawton)
08/28/2010	Quartermaster Work Day
08/30/2010	TROOP MEETING
08/31/2010	Patrol Leader's Conference
09/06/2010	Labor Day – No Meeting
09/07/2010	Spanish Trails Round Table
09/09/2010	Eagle Board of Review
09/11/2010	Reserved for Eagle Project
09/12/2010	Nick J's Eagle Project Fundraiser (Car Wash)
09/13/2010	TROOP MEETING
09/14/2010	Coin Collecting Merit Badge
09/17/2010	Roosevelt Lake Campout/Water
09/20/2010	TROOP MEETING
09/24/2010	Spanish Trails Camp Lawton Service Weekend
09/25/2010	Chemistry Merit Badge
09/26/2010	Jacob's Eagle Project
09/27/2010	TROOP MEETING

EVENT HELP 2010-2011

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



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- Collecting money and giving it out to the patrol Grub Master
- Designating an Adult Grubmaster –

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.

Thanks! (Thanks to Mrs. Barone who has already offered to help out with Hikes!)

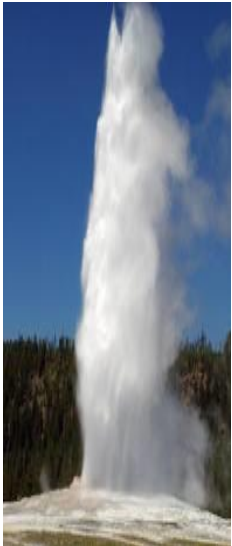
LONG TERM EVENTS

Service 9/24 – 9/26/10 - The Spanish Trails Service Weekend is Scheduled – Click here for info: http://www.catalinacouncil.org/ST_Service_Weekend.pdf

Camporee October 8th – 10th – Spanish Trails Camporee at Double V Ranch. This is the 100 year BSA celebration for the rest of us! <http://www.scouttroop141.org/outings/Camporee/stcamporee2010.pdf>

Yellowstone July 2011! THIS IS SO HUGE, SO EXCITING that it has burst out into its own Category!

YELLOWSTONE: (DATELINE AUGUST 2010 – MR. WINSTON)



Here is what I have so far. There are 3 group campsites at Yellowstone (Bridge Bay, Grant Village and Madison). Bridge Bay and Grant Village are on Yellowstone Lake and are my first choice. The cost is as follows (2010 rates as 2011 rates are TBD): \$83/night for groups between 20-29 and \$95/night for groups between 30-39. As of today there are plenty of openings the week of July 10 (leave Tucson on July 8 to arrive on the evening of July 10 then spend 4 days in Yellowstone and leave on Friday morning). The person I spoke with stated that we would almost be guaranteed to get the dates we wanted if we made our reservations by November.

Here is my initial cost estimate:

- \$60 for hotels (one night each way, 4 scouts/room with \$120 room fee)
- \$50 for Yellowstone camping costs and admission fees

Other costs TBD would be food and gas money and whatever you can think of.

SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, there are a lot of trips on the calendar that will cost beyond the normal 20-30 dollars of a campout. With this in mind, it is likely that the troop will be asked for more Scholarship support. We want to give as much as we have fairly to all who ask.

The Troop Committee recognizes that a system of evaluating and awarding this benefit has to be established to be fair to all. With this being said, many factors will be weighed when deciding who gets Scholarship money:

- Did the scout apply for Catalina Council Scholarship money
- Has the troop given this scout scholarship money for this event in previous years
- Has the scout participated in Fundraising activities during the year.

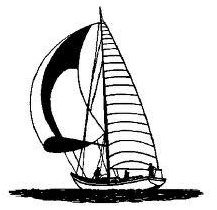
Join Troop 141 on its **2011 Summer Adventure to Yellowstone National Park. We are planning to camp near Yellowstone Lake at either the Bridge Bay or Grant Village campground. Tentative dates are July 9-17 (2 days of travel each way and 4 full days at Yellowstone). Please contact [Mr. Winston](#) either at a troop meeting or via email by the Court of Honor on Sept 13 if you are interested in attending. Families are welcome to attend.**





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NONE of these are eliminating factors but they DO help make the decision to support a scout much easier when several compete for the same pool of funds.

We'll try to do as much fund Raising as we can this year to help everyone go to the exciting places that are on the calendar!



POPCORN Selling IS HERE! Please be ready to do SHOW AN SELL and Get the forms that were mailed out filled in to win fabulous prizes! Mr. J and Mrs. J gave a presentation on this last Monday. There will be SHOW and SELLS planned.



LIFE TO EAGLE:

Since this is 2010 and the centennial year, I have received many requests for scheduling Eagle projects so that Eagle can be achieved in 2010. This might be a difficult task to get everyone worked in around the regular Troop events but we will make a strong effort go get this done.

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

- Here is the 12 Step Presentation for going from Life Scout to Eagle Scout:
<http://catalinacouncil.org/spanishtrails/Life-to-Eagle.pdf>
- Here is the New Application for Eagle
http://catalinacouncil.org/spanishtrails/Eagle_Application_09.pdf
- Here is an Editable version of the Eagle Workbook:
http://www.troop1631.org/forms/Eagle_Scout_packet.rtf
- Where to write for Congratulatory Letters:
<http://usscouts.org/eagle/eaglecongrats.asp>



CLASSIFIED ADS:

Wanted:

New Trailer ! Mr Bailey and Mr. Siepker have been searching extensively for a new trailer. Their extensive research has determined the problem is very complex.

- 1) A single axle Trailer (Like the one we have) is able to carry slightly more weight if we beef up the springs. This option is cheaper but may not meet the capacity needs. It's simple, doesn't require brakes.
- 2) A dual Axle Trailer – can carry up to 7,000 lbs, but is heavier making it difficult to move into and out of the shed by hand, requires electric brakes (Which means the tow vehicles have to have a controller) and are more expensive.

Right now the trailer committee is on the fence as to which way to go. Hopefully we will be ready for Roosevelt Lake! **BREAKING NEWS: Mr. Siepker has a line on a Trailer in Phoenix! Stay tuned for updates.**



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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!

Lost n. Found

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

WEEKLY THOUGHT:

Another Sailor worth Watching



Laura Dekker - 13 year old Dutch Sailor set out from Portugal for the Canary Islands last weekend. It constantly amazes me what young people are capable of. <http://www.lauradekker.nl/> (Warning DIS IST EIN DUTCH) it will be harder to read, but you can figure it out.

Last year we were watching the progress of Abby Sunderland, 16 year old from LA who was attempting the youngest – Solo – non stop around the world sailing voyage. She made it about ½ way, and lost the ability to do 'non-stop' when she pulled into Johannesburg to fix a broken boat. Her voyage ended in the South Indian Ocean during a storm that ripped off her mast. Abby still posts stuff to her blog from time to time, but the new sailor to watch is Laura. Last year, Laura was blocked by the Dutch court from undertaking this voyage as they felt she was too young and unprepared. She was going to attempt this trip in a 38' boat "the Guppy". (Mr. Longs boat is 26' and there's NO WAY I'd try to sail more than 10 miles from the coast.)

So What's different and whats the same about Abby's trip:

- They were Both on or around boats their whole lives (Laura was born on a boat)
- Laura is 13, Abby was 16
- Laura will Stop on the way to re-supply and rest
- The boat Laura is using is 2' shorter and much stouter than the one Abby used.(Abby's boat was built light for speed)
- The Website will be harder to follow....It's in DUTCH!

Wiki:

In August 2009, Dekker announced her plan for a two-year solo sailing voyage around the globe in the Dutch national newspaper, [Algemeen Dagblad](#). If successful, she could be the youngest person to have done it; currently the Australian [Jessica Watson](#) is the youngest with 16 years and 362 days. In that case Dekker should finish before July 2012 to be the youngest. Her father supports her; she lives with him after the separation of her parents.^[7] Dekker plans to sail seagoing [Jeanneau Gin Fizz ketch](#) 38ft, also named *Guppy*. The boat will be equipped for long-distance sailing and adapted for solo-circumnavigation. The route is planned to go from Portugal westwards, cruising the Caribbean, go through Panama and past Indonesia. Then she plans either to go past Somalia to the Mediterranean, or around Africa if piracy is of concern. She plans around 26 stops.^[8]

At 14 locations Dekker will be met by a support team that follows the same route. It will also help her along difficult spots such as the Panama Canal.^[9] An [Iridium](#) tracking system onboard will allow a team in the Netherlands to monitor her course closely. This route is not necessarily less risky compared to the non-stop route of Jessica Watson or the two-stop route of Abby Sunderland. This is because the risk of colliding with a ship or running aground is much larger near land than on open ocean. Also the risk of being a crime victim is larger in a port city than on the sea. Dekker will still have to cross the big oceans. On the other hand she will avoid the stormy [roaring forties](#), and she will avoid the [hurricane seasons](#) which otherwise makes latitudes 20-30 dangerous.^[citation needed]

Her education would be conducted through the [Wereldschool](#) (Worldschool), an educational institution that would provide her with material for self-learning. During hurricane seasons, Dekker plans to fly home to study there.^[10]