

TROOP 141 SCOUTMASTER'S UPDATE!

AUGUST 21st, 2009



BIG LAKE CAMPOUT

Along with this letter you will find the permission slip for Big Lake Campout. The cost of this Campout is **\$30.00** (This pays for the camp rental fees, food and gas) and is due on Monday night's troop meeting. (Since we have to buy the food in advance, account for number of attendees on the BSA Tour Permit **anyone not signed up and paid up on Monday won't be able to come**). Please let Mr. Long know if there is a financial issue that you need help with.

This is a GREAT trip so don't miss out!

TROOP LEADERSHIP AND PATROLS:

We elected new leaders last Monday. Each person that was interested in a position presented themselves and a speech of why they should be elected. Congratulations go out to

- Senior Patrol Leader – **Paul H**
 - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader – **Danny S**
- Patrol Leader – A Patrol – **Alex C.**
- Patrol Leader – B Patrol – **Travis C.**
- Patrol Leader – C Patrol – **Nick J.**
- Patrol Leader – D Patrol - **Greg R.**
- **Quartermaster – Troy C.**
- **Librarian – Jeffrey H.**
- **Instructor – Matt B.**

Names were drawn out of a hat and of the 26 people that were in attendance, all were assigned to patrols. There are many 'unassigned' scouts right now and as they appear at meetings, they will be assigned to a patrol with the least amount of scouts.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

There will be mandatory Training on August 22nd, Up on Mount Lemmon at the Bear Canyon Picnic area for these new leaders. The requirements to be in this position are posted here [Scout leader positions link](#)

Paul H. Has come up with a schedule for Monday August 24th.

POPCORN SALES:

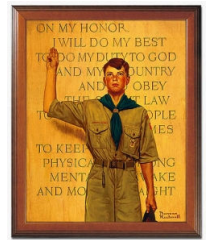
Mr. Juhas has been working with Council to set up some Show and Sells in front of local supermarkets. (I hear that one scout has *already* filled in 1 entire sheet! Bravo!)

the cool things about Popcorn sales:

- Only have to do 1 show and sell (AND you can be there with your buddies)
- Fabulous Prizes
- 25% of what you sell, goes into YOUR account to offset whatever costs you decide (Like Geronimo Summer camp cost.

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NEXT MEETING: 7:00 PM, TVLC. Monday, August 24th – Paul H. Has come up with a schedule for Our next meeting.

- **6:50- Setup** Patrols D and Leadership
- **7:00- Opening** Flag ceremony Patrol A
- **7:10- Scout Craft**
- **7:15- Uniform Inspections**
- **7:20- Patrol time**
- **7:35- Load Trailer** Pack for Big Lake
- **7:55- Closing** Skits Patrol B, C
- **8:00- Clean Up** The Patrol with the best Uniforms gets out of Cleanup!

EAGLE COURT OF HONOR: The Eagle Court for Kevin B. Is still on for September 12th.

SCOUT SERVICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY: Mr. Volkman has advised the Church would like us to complete 4 projects (Each of which should take only 1 hour).

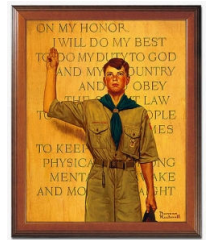
- Clean Trash between the Driveways in front of the church
- Sweep the parking lot curb areas
- Spread the dirt in the far north parking area
- Sweep and fill holes near the outdoor sanctuary

UPCOMING EVENTS (Color Coding RED is an event that has changed, Color coding 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.

08/22/2009	New Leader Training _
08/24/2009	Troop Meeting
08/25/2009	Small Boat Sailing Merit Badge
08/28/2009	BIG LAKE Campout
08/29/2009	Super Saturday Scoutmaster Training
08/31/2009	Troop Meeting
09/01/2009	Emergency Preparedness (Eagle Req) Merit Badge
09/01/2009	Committee Meeting
09/07/2009	Labor Day - NO MEETING! Have a happy Holiday and be safe
09/08/2009	Rank Advancement Night / Patrol Leader's Conference (PLC)
09/12/2009	Kevin Brown's Eagle Court of Honor (12:00)
09/14/2009	Troop Meeting
09/15/2009	Rank Advancement Night
09/19/2009	Apache Lake Campout

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09/21/2009	Fall Court of Honor (NOTE 6:30 Time! Bring a Desert)
09/22/2009	Personal Fitness Merit Badge
09/26/2009	Agua Caliente Hill 10 Mile Hike
09/28/2009	Personal Fitness Milestone (Udall Park)
09/28/2009	Troop meeting
09/29/2009	Hiking Merit Badge
10/03/2009	Paul H's Eagle Project

ADULT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: Training can make a big difference in the quality of the scouting experience for our boys. Please visit the Council Training page to see which course you should be taking next. [Click Here](#) - Don't forget the Super Saturday Training on August 29th.

CHECK YOUR CLOSETS! Do you have any scout uniform parts that you are never going to use again because they are too small? It is crossover time and we have new Scouts that can make use of those shirts and pants gathering dust in your closets. Please bring them in and either give them to Mr. Czapko or put in the Scout Closet in Linder Hall. Thanks!!!

MOVING THE MEETING ROOM:

The Tanque Verde Lutheran Church has offered to swap our regular room-Linder Hall for the Gymnasium in the Family Life center. This would give us a significant increase in room for troop meetings. We would lose the storage space that we currently have in Linder hall (The closet). SO, to take advantage of this change, we would have to store things that are currently in the closet in the troop shed. Mr. Long has offered to store the big Telescope and donate a metal lockable cabinet for that spot in the shed for our closet materials. We should all think about discussing this possibility. We would like to couple this with a Quartermaster Work Day which is coming up soon!



WEEKLY THOUGHT:

“The principles of the Patrol System were first introduced by the Founder, Baden-Powell, when he was with the British Army in India. The system he devised enabled soldiers to operate in small groups and use their own initiative within the overall plan of campaign ... the Patrol System became one of the basic elements of Scouting. The Patrol System not only gave a real adventure aspect to the program and responsibility to boys themselves, but it also blended perfectly with the natural desire in boys to form into gangs in their neighborhoods and schools. It was these very gangs which met in the streets who spontaneously formed themselves into Patrols and started Scouting.”

[Click here to read Baden-Powell's book on the Patrol system \(33 pgs\)](#)

~ Sir Robert Baden-Powell 1857-1941