

TROOP 141 SCOUTMASTER'S UPDATE!

AUGUST 28th, 2009

BIG LAKE CAMPOUT

Is **TONIGHT!** Please be at the Church at 4:30! That gives us time to get to Big Lake before Midnight. Make sure to bring a sack dinner (Or stop at McDonalds/etc on the way) Please see this Website for any last minute directions

<http://www.scouttroop141.org/outings/BigLake/BigLake09.html>

GREER CAMP AND SHOOT AT BROWN'S RANCHO

Coming up September 4th for Venture Crew. For details, Check out this link:

<http://www.scouttroop141.org/outings/Greer/GreerVenture.html>

APACHE LAKE CAMP OUT

September 18th, Friday night is the departure for Apache Lake! We will have the sign up sheet out for Monday's meeting August 31st. This time we will have PLENTY of time to prepare patrol meal/shopping expeditions before the campout. We also won't be leaving as early as we did for big lake because the travel time is only about 3 hours. Keep an eye on the OUTINGS page for more updates. There will be a Saturday night cooking competition between patrols with 'lavish' prizes to the winning patrol.

PERSONAL FITNESS MERIT BADGE

The Personal Fitness merit badge will be started on Tuesday Sept 22 at 7 PM at TVLC. At this session requirements 1-5 and part of 6 (body composition) will be reviewed as well as the plans for the remaining requirements. If you sign-up for the Sept 22 class either at a Monday meeting or via email (treasurer@scouttroop141.org) before Thursday Sept 17 a worksheet will be provided for you. (Please note that Mr. Winston will NOT be at the Sept 14 meeting!) At the Sept 22 meeting adults and flexible cloth tape measures will be needed to make various body measurements of the scouts. The more tape measures and the more adults present, the quicker it will go.

This is NOT a merit badge that can be earned in one night. There is a 12-week daily fitness requirement as well as interval fitness milestone tests that need to be done. The milestone tests will be conducted every other Monday night at Udall Park prior to the weekly scout meeting beginning Monday Sept 28. In the days between the interval tests the scouts are REQUIRED to do physical activity EVERY DAY for 12 weeks! What constitutes physical activity will be discussed on Sept 22. Also, it will be helpful if some adults can stay at Udall to transport scouts to the Monday meeting.

Scouts who attend the Monday night fitness tests are exempt from the class A uniform requirement as long as the scout is wearing the troop t-shirt or sweatshirt.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

There was a very successful Troop Leadership meeting on Saturday the 22nd. We discussed the roles and responsibilities of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Instructor, Quartermaster, Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol leader. The scouts worked through several scenarios and how to handle them. (To be Continued)

POPCORN SALES:

There are NUMEROUS upcoming Show and Sell Appointments set up!

Safeway-

Sat, Sept. 12th Broadway Camino Seco 10:15-12
Sun. Sept. 13th Tanque Verde Catalina Hwy 9-10:30
and 10:30-12

Ace Hardware Bear Canyon/T.V

Sat. Sept 19th 9-10:30 and 10:30-12-->

Ace Hardware(Con't)



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Sun. Sept. 20 same place and times

Sat. Sept. 26th 9-10:15, 10:15-11:30 and 11:30-1:00

Frys Golf Links/Harrison

Fri. Sept 25th 4-5:50 and 5:50-7:00



NEXT MEETING: 7:00 PM, TVLC. Monday, August 31st – 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.

08/31/2009	Troop Meeting
09/01/2009	Emergency Preparedness (Eagle Req) Merit Badge
09/01/2009	Committee Meeting
09/04/2009	Greer Venture (Brown's Ranch) Camp and Shoot
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
09/21/2009	Fall Court of Honor (NOTE 6:30 Time! Bring a Desert)
09/22/2009	Personal Fitness Merit Badge

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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 **Tomorrow!** 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:

A good positive attitude can truly change the way you approach life, and your future. Let me illustrate with a short story.

A few years ago, there was a wildlife organization out west that offered a bounty of \$5000 for wolves captured alive.

Two friends, Sam and Jed, decided to make their fortune. Day and night, they scoured the mountains and forests looking for their valuable prey.

Exhausted one night, they fell asleep dreaming of their potential fortune. Suddenly, Sam woke up a bit startled, and saw that they were surrounded by a huge pack of

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nearly 70 wolves with searing black eyes, and bared teeth. Low growls rumbling from their throats.

He slowly reached over and nudged his friend and said 'Jed, wake up! I think we're rich!'

Gentlemen, Sam had a positive attitude. I hope you do.

