



# Troop 141 Scoutmaster's

## Weekly Update January 28th, 2011



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Due



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# Eagle Court of Honor



## EAGLE COA – SATURDAY, 1/29/2011



**Nicholas J    Greg R    Jacob H**

**Saturday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**4-6 pm**

**Tanque Verde Lutheran Gym**

**Dinner will be served**

**after the ceremony**

**Please RSVP by January 24<sup>th</sup>**

**to Kim J**

**520-749-0701**





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## NO MEETING – PATROL LEADER'S CONFERENCE

This is the last patrol leader's conference for these leaders. Take a moment to congratulate them on a highly successful Fall term. Next month, we start off with New Leader Elections! 1 New Senior patrol leader and 4 Patrol Leaders will be elected.

I already have interest expressed in the following :  
Librarian, Quartermaster, and Leave no Trace Trainer.

## 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.

We added a FEW Merit Badges – (See Below)

Mr. Long has a Commitment out of a Fire Captain at TFD Fire Central to teach the FIRE SAFETY Mb sometime in April! That will be HUGE.



## VENTURE UPDATE

February 9-Meeting-7:00 pm Java Edge  
February 23-Meeting 7:00 pm TVLC  
February 25- Winter Sports-Greer

Venture Crew 141 Now has a WEBSITE of their OWN!! :

<http://www.scoutlander.com/publicsite/unithome.aspx?UID=8597>

Stop by and register for Updates.



Also –

**Venture Crew 141 was chosen as Catalina Council CREW OF THE YEAR!**

This was awarded because the had the most tour permits turned in, and the most expansion in membership in 2010. HOW COOL THAT OUR VENTURE CREW IS THE BEST OF 2010 – the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of scouting!!!

They received their honor at the Council dinner on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Well done Mrs. Scully!



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### SCOUT-O-RAMA

IF you are looking for a way to FUND Summer Camp, or a New Uniform, or anything else, Here is your chance. The Scout-O-Rama event is an opportunity for the community to see what Scouting is all about. Not only does it help the community see Scouting in a positive light but it helps the unit to showcase their program to the community. This year's event will be held on March 26, 2011 at Reid Park from 10am – 3 pm. This is your unit's chance to sign up to host a booth that demonstrates a popular activity in scouting your unit enjoys. You unit can also sign up to sell Scout-O-Rama tickets. These tickets cost \$5.00 each and come with \$40 worth of coupons from stores such as: Tri-Sports, Pizza Hut, Chik-Fil-A, and more. If you unit sells tickets AND has a booth at the Scout-O-Rama your unit will receive a 50% commission on all tickets sold. This is an easy way for your scouts to raise money for camp and all the summer activities that your unit has planned. Scouts that sell (2) booklets of tickets (\$200) will receive a Scout Beanie Cap at the district's May Roundtable.



If you unit is interested in selling tickets and/or having a booth at the event please contact Dave

McCammon or the council office to have the proper registration forms filled out. Tickets will be available to sell starting February 7<sup>th</sup>. Tickets can be picked up at the council office, at Roundtable or by calling your district executive. We hope your unit decides to participate in this fantastic opportunity to raise funds.

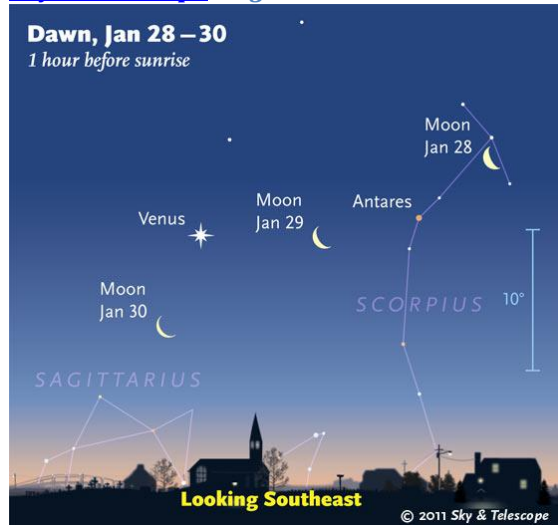


### ASTRONOMY MERIT BADGE:

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>

Early risers can watch the waning Moon pass bright Venus, with Antares and Scorpius looking on. (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. The blue 10° scale is about the size of your fist held at arm's length.)

#### Sky & Telescope diagram



#### Friday, January 28

- Is your sky dark enough for you to see the Great Andromeda Galaxy? It's just off the knee of the Andromeda stick figure. The brighter, sharper bottom-point of the Cassiopeia "W" points to it.

• *During dawn Saturday morning, the waning crescent Moon has bright Venus to its left, as shown above.*

#### Saturday, January 29

- During dawn Sunday morning, the thin waning Moon is below Venus.



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## MERIT BADGES COMING IN JANUARY & FEBRUARY!

There are a TON of Merit badges coming ! **Two are Eagle Required.**

Communication\*: January 25,2011



Horsemanship: January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Sports: February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

Family Life, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011



Cycling MB



February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011

**MORE Merit Badges have been added for February through April! Including**

Badge *Eagle required	Date
Leatherwork**POSTPONED**	TBD
Disability Awareness	03/22/2011
Stamp Collecting	03/29/2011
*First Aid	04/02/2011
Automotive Maintenance	04/16/2011
Fire Safety	TBD in April

## 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!

01/29/2011	Horsemanship MB
01/29/2011	Eagle Court of HONOR (Nick, Jacob, Greg)
01/31/2011	PLC – NO TROOP MEETING
02/01/2011	Sports Merit Badge (Mr. Winston)
02/01/2011	Cycling Merit Badge (Mr. Van Hook)
02/01/2011	Scoutmaster Round Table
02/04/2011	Reservations for Annual Council Dinner
02/07/2011	TROOP MEETING – ELECTIONS!
02/08/2011	Family Life MB
02/08/2011	Committee Meeting
02/09/2011	Spanish Trails Eagle Board of Review
02/10/2011	O/A Meeting
02/11/2011	Alex C's Eagle Project / Campout



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02/11/2011	Annual Catalina Council Dinner – Hilton East
02/14/2010	TROOP MEETING
02/19/2011	Agua Caliente 10 Mile Hike
02/19/2011	Raytheon MB Day (Pre-registration required)
02/21/2011	Presidents Day
02/21/2011	TROOP MEETING
02/22/2011	Reptile & Amphibian Study MB
02/28/2011	PLC – NO TROOP MEETING
03/01/2011	Spanish Trails Scoutmaster Round Table
03/04/2011	CAMP – IN (Lock IN) TVLC Gym
03/05/2011	Sporting Clays – Shooting event
03/07/2011	TROOP MEETING
03/08/2011	Committee Meeting
02/09/2011	Spanish Trails Eagle Board of Review

### 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.



### PHYSICAL FORMS 2011 – DUE BY FEB 28TH, 2011 (CLARIFICATION)

It's time to get your 2011 Physical forms done. [Click here for the A-B-C Form that you will need to take with you to the Dr. when you get your Physical](#) HINT: Fill most of this form out ON LINE BEFORE you print it.

Mr. Winston has the physical forms for those who attended Camp Geronimo in 2010. BSA regulations now require new physicals each year so these are not valid for 2011 12 months. If you want your son's physical form returned please see Mr. Winston by Feb 1, 2011. ~~The old physical forms will be shredded after Feb 1.~~ Expired forms will be shredded after March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you don't have a valid form on file, you are NOT eligible to participate in outings.

**YOUR FORM IS GOOD FOR 12 MONTHS – YOU MUST HAVE a current form on FILE.** We want to get this all cleaned up by FEB 2011. If you have a form that is in force, please just provide a copy of the existing form. (OR, we can hang on to last year's GERONIMO forms).



Please let us know if anything has CHANGED since last year.

### GERONIMO 2011

**HURRY – THERE ARE ONLY 28 SLOTS THIS YEAR – SIGN UP NOW.**

It may seem EARLY to talk about SUMMER CAMP, but it's time to start planning for Geronimo, - Even though this is in June, we collect down payments and partial payments from now until May.



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Mr. Winston has again offered to be the Leader of this event (As he has so many times before) but has hinted that this is his LAST Year at Geronimo. SO, if you want to get BIG "G" Gold to sew on your sash, This is a GREAT Year to do that.

Here is [a Flyer with Information about the Summer Camp experience at Geronimo:](#)

## EVENT HELP 2011

**NEXT TRIP IS IN February–Cochise Stronghold Car Campout –Who will volunteer?  
(It can be more than one person)**

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 –

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

**PHILMONT 2012 – June 14-26, 2012**

### Catalina Council 2011 Friends of Scouting Breakfast

The Catalina Council will hold its 2011 Friends of Scouting Breakfast on Tuesday, March 8th at the Holiday Inn Palo Verde at 7:30am. Keynote speaker, Mike Candrea – University of Arizona Head Softball Coach, will be at the Holiday Inn at 6:45am for a guest Meet and Greet. You'll have a chance to meet Mike and talk to him about the University of Arizona Softball season and get your picture taken with Mike. The breakfast will be a great event to help push the Catalina Council over its 2011 Friends of Scouting goal. Don't miss this great opportunity next spring to come out and support your local Scouting programs. If you are interested in becoming a Table Host for the breakfast or in attending the event, invitations will be going out in early January or you can contact Ken Camp at 520-750-0385 or kc@catalinacouncil.org

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



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## YELLOWSTONE: UPDATE JANUARY 2011

The base cost for the trip to Yellowstone is \$225/person and will cover gas, 2 nights in the hotel, camping and admission fees for Yellowstone and food while camping in Yellowstone. Additional fees will include mountain biking (\$25/person) and white water rafting (\$45/person) if you have signed up for these activities. (Reservations for these side trips have been submitted and while there may be time to change our reservations, I can not guarantee a bike or seat in the raft for those who have not contacted me.) Other costs to consider include money for souvenirs while at Yellowstone and meals on the road to and from Yellowstone (4 lunches and 4 dinners) with each person responsible for paying for these on their own. We get free breakfast each morning in the hotel.



Geothermal Pool

Please make checks payable to "Troop 141" and these can be given to Mr. Winston at the troop meetings. Please try to have all costs paid in full by the end of April. If you need an extension, please contact Mr. Winston.

We will need physical forms including copies of insurance cards for all who attend (scouts, parents and siblings). These physicals must have been performed within a year prior to the trip (July 21, 2010) and must

be on the official BSA form ([http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605\\_Letter.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf)). You can use the same form for Yellowstone that you use for Camp Geronimo if you or your scout is attending both. If your scout takes a prescription medication, it is required by BSA that you provide the medications in the prescription bottle (not the weekly dispensers) and legibly written (ie typed or computer printed) instructions. I will need at least one parent to serve as the pharmacist for this trip. If you are traveling with your scout then you can be responsible for administering the medication to your scout.

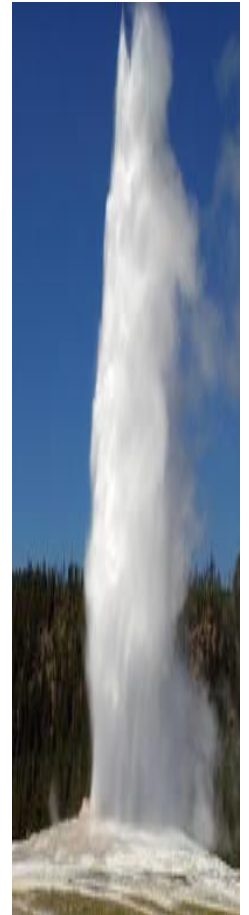
At present, it is more than likely that we will need all adults to drive. Please let me know how many seat belts you have in the vehicle you are planning to drive. If you have not registered your vehicle with the troop, please fill out the form which can be found on this page on the troop website:

<http://www.scouttroop141.org/parents/DriverInfo.html>

I would like to have all adults to have at least the Youth Protection Training and for those adults who have signed up for the white water rafting please do the Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training. Please print up your training cards and bring them with you on the trip. All three of these training

sessions can be found online (<http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx>). Hazardous weather training is also advised.

A permission slip will be made available in April. In addition there is a permission slip for the white water rafting and mountain biking that will be provided by the outfitters. I will forward these permission slips once the outfitters send me these via email.



Old Faithful

## TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIR STILL NEEDED

After a LONG and Tireless term as committee chair, Mr. Siepker has asked for relief. His work situation requires him to be so busy as to not have enough time to dedicate to being committee chair. Behind the scenes, Mr. Siepker worked hard to give us the results we saw in 2010. He has done a great job supporting the Scouts this last year and a half and we should all congratulate him. He's one of the finest leaders I have ever known.

**SO WE NEED A NEW VOLUNTEER- ASAP:**



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So what is it all about to be Committee Chair of the Troop Committee?

Take a look at THIS PRESENTATION called [the COMMITTEE Challenge](#) to see what it's all about.

## Troop Committee Mission Statement

The troop committee, which is the troops Board of Directors, supports the troops adult and youth leaders in delivering a quality program to the troops Scouts

But you don't need to be the Chairperson to help out. Take a moment to look at the presentation and see where you can fit in. As always, ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO COME TO THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS. The next one is JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2011 AT THE TVLC.

## TCC Responsibilities

- Organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated and completed.
- Maintain a close relationship with the chartered organization representative and the [Scoutmaster](#).
- See that unit leaders and committee members have training opportunities.
- Interpret national and local policies to the unit.
- Work closely with the Scoutmaster in preparing [Troop Committee](#) meeting agendas.
- Call, preside over, and promote attendance at monthly unit committee meetings and any special meetings that may be called.
- Ensure unit representation at monthly roundtables. **(Mr Long does this)**
- Secure top-notch, trained individuals for camp membership.
- Arrange for charter review and recharter annually. **(Mrs Barone Does this)**
- Plan the charter presentation program. **(Mr. Volkman Does this)**

## Qualifications

“ **Qualification.** Adults citizens, or adult non-citizens who reside within the country, may register with the [Boy Scouts of America](#) in any capacity if they agree to abide by the [Scout Oath](#) or Promise and the [Scout Law](#), to respect and obey the laws of the United States of America, and to subscribe to the precepts of the [Declaration of Religious Principle](#). All [leaders](#) must be 21 years of age or older, except [assistant Scoutmasters](#), [assistant den leaders](#), [assistant Cubmasters](#), [assistant Webelos den leaders](#), and [assistant Varsity Scout coaches](#), who must be 18 or older. ”

— [Adult Application, No. 524-501A](#) PDF (420 KB) *(Previous editions obsolete.)*

Additionally,

“ **Youth Protection training** is required for all BSA registered volunteers, regardless of their position. New leaders are **required** to take [Youth Protection](#) training **before** they submit an application for registration. The certificate of completion for this training must be submitted at the time application is made and before volunteer service with youth begins. ”



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## LIFE TO EAGLE:

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](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](http://www.troop1631.org/forms/Eagle_Scout_packet.rtf)
- Where to write for Congratulatory Letters:  
<http://usscouts.org/eagle/eaglecongrats.asp>

## CLASSIFIED ADS:

### FOR SALE:

#### Wanted:

**New Trailer!** Mr Bailey has a Quote in HAND for a brand New Trailer. Stay TUNED,

#### 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. . WE CLEANED A LOT OUT AT THE COURT OF HONOR, BUT I STILL HAVE:

- 1 hacksaw – Likely from the carpentry MB day
- 1 Drink bottle – Nice with an Orange thermal liner

## WEEKLY THOUGHT

### Responsibility and Safety – Our Trailer Dilemma

One of the greatest fears that I have as scoutmaster is the thought of any scout OR adult getting hurt on an outing while under my charge. I think of you scouts as My Kids and the adults as My friends so I feel a measure of serious responsibility for you all. During the ride down from Mount Lemmon after Winter Camp – A parent described the trailer wheels as being BOWED out. And we only had 60 % of our Gear weight on this outing.

Another Parent provided me with feed back after our last campout. I really feel he has our best interests at heart and would want all of you to know how he looks out for us in the background:



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"I'm only writing this back to you as my suggestion but again as I've mentioned to everyone before, until we do get our new trailer, we **really need to load the old trailer very deliberately**. As I understand it, we had more cars/trucks go up to Camp Lawton than we needed and some of the drivers drove down the hill early because their seats weren't needed. Maybe a better way to go would have been to have the vehicle towing the trailer go as empty of people as possible, instead, load that vehicle up with more of the equipment from the trailer to disperse the load better and have the boys from the tow vehicle ride in other vehicles. The same load spread out between the trailer and the tow vehicle is safer than trying to put the entire load in the trailer and then maxing out the tow vehicle with boys as well. I know this is a boy lead troop but I don't think the boys have the experience to totally comprehend all this. As I understand it Mr. Juhasz' vehicle was pulling the trailer and was also full of boys, sounds like a potentially dangerous combination to me. Maybe we should have taken the boys in Mr. Jz' vehicle and transferred them over to the vehicles that left early because they had empty seats. Now that we know what our equipment weighs, we really need to come off that idea of carrying everything in the trailer, we already know that it weighs too much. **Reality check here, what would we tell the parents if anything ever happened to the boys as a result of something going wrong with the trailer because we over loaded it, knowing what we know?** Isn't that what "Be Prepared" means, it doesn't mean keep doing the same wrong thing over and over again when we know better? Just a thought."

**I'm paying attention** – I don't want ANYONE to get hurt. We have been looking to replace our trailer since Last May when we had a raffle and raised \$2,200. Some of you have even donated additional money for this purpose.

**UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE – THE OLD TRAILER IS OUT OF SERVICE – AND WILL NOT BE USED ON ANY MORE CAMPOUTS.** Even if this means cancelling the trip, I won't put us in that danger again.

**GOD SPEED WITH GETTING OUR NEW TRAILER Mr. Bailey, Mrs Barone and Mr. Siepker.**

-Mr. Long-

