



# Troop 141 Scoutmaster's

Weekly Update MAY 13th 2011



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The Cycle of Life.....



## QUARTERMASTER WORKDAY – TOMORROW – 08:00 AM

Time to get our Stuff put away for the Summer. Mr. Findysz and Joey F will be running a Quartermaster work day at the troop shed. We will be setting up Tents, firing up stoves, equalizing CHUCK boxes and servicing the Trailer.

Please try to be there to Help!!!

## SPACE EXPLORATION ROCKET SHOOT OFF



**Space Exploration:** Rocket Shoot off May 15th Mr. Obrien is conducting the Rocket shoot off at Udall Park in the back. He gave out some rockets at the meeting on April 5<sup>th</sup>. You should be making your rocket now and finishing your home work up.

These are the LAST Merit Badges that will be offered this Scout Season. Of course there is GERONIMO!!!



## COURT OF HONOR!!!! MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2011



This is the LAST WHOLE TROOP MEETING of the 2010/2011 scouting season. Cameron T. is the Master of Ceremonies (For his communications MB) There are numerous events planned:

- Campfire Lighting Ceremony
- Rank Badge presentations (BRING YOUR BRAG RAG)
- Merit Badge Presentations
- Special Award presentations
- Pot Luck sharing.

The meeting will again be held in the OUTDOOR CHAPEL by the troop shed. We'll be setting up Lanterns around the edges.

**WE NEED SOME SCOUTS TO SHOW UP AT 6:00 PM TO HELP SET UP  
YELLOWSTONE REGISTRATION CUT OFF IS TONIGHT**

## MERIT BADGE CONTEST! IS ALMOST OVER!

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 – After Feedback from your PLC will be **EATING DINNER ON OUTINGS WITH THE ADULTS .**





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Tomorrow We'll be Tallying up the # of Merit Badges by Patrol

**We'll allow the final Space Exploration and American Labor MB's to count.**

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## PACHY'S EAGLE PROJECT, - MAY 21, 2011

The project will remove buffelgrass from Coronado National Forest along the Pontatoc Trail near Finger Rock Trail. We will meet at the Tanque Verde Lutheran Church and then move over to the trail head to prepare. Before we start we will go over a safety briefing. Then we will hike about a ½ mile to the location of the buffelgrass and remove it with digging bars and shovels. Then we will put it into piles and put rocks on top of them to keep them from blowing away. There will be doughnuts and juice at the trailhead before we start and lunch afterwards. Buffelgrass is highly flammable and when it is on fire it can burn through almost any plants including the saguaros. It steals water from native plants. **LAST CHANCE TO**



**GET IN ON THIS ACTION!!! Please see him during the COURT OF HONOR to SIGN UP**



## COLE E'S EAGLE PROJECT – JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

We have done a LOT of eagle work this spring – Cole's project is the LAST one this season. Cole is building a RAIN HARVESTING system at the Convent in Sabino Canyon. **Please see him During the COURT OF HONOR to SIGN UP.**

**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!

5/14/2011	Quarter Master Work Day (Summerizing our gear)
5/15/2011	Space Exploration MB Rocket Shoot off
5/16/2011	SPRING COURT OF HONOR
5/21/2011	Pachy B's Eagle Project – Buffle Grass Pontotoc trail
5/21/2011	Catalina Council Backpack trip
5/21/2011	Scoutmaster Training Day
5/23/2011	Geronimo Planning Meeting
5/28/2011	MUD RUN – 5K race
5/30/2011	National Youth Leadership Training



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6/04/2011	COLE E's Eagle Project – Rain Catch System
6/07/2011	Spanish Trails Round Table
6/08/2011	Spanish Trails Eagle Board of Review
6/09/2011	O/A Monthly MEETING
06/11/2011	G-E-R-O-N-I-M-O SUMMER CAMP
7/04/2011	Independence Day Holiday
7/14/2011	O/A Monthly Meeting
7/21/2011	YELLOWSTONE
8/06/2011	Troop Organizational Workshop for 2011/2012 planning
8/08/2011	TROOP MEETING (We're BAAAAACK)

## 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).



**The Check for Scout-o-Rama Sales has been deposited and is available for use NOW.**

## PHYSICAL FORMS 2011 – DUE NOW

If your form is expired, you are NOT eligible to participate in any OUTDOOR events. WE WILL NEED TWO COPIES OF YOUR FORMS IF YOU ARE GOING TO GERONIMO –

**We have to have these forms in our POSSESSION on any OUTING.**

**SO WE ARE AT THE POINT IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CURRENT MEDICAL FORM ON FILE – YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO GO ON OUTINGS**

If they are on paper in the box, you can go – troop master entry is behind

**72 hour campers (i.e. GERONIMO) they will SEND YOU HOME if you don't have a Part A-B-C form signed by a physician!**

## 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



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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](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).

## LONG TERM EVENTS

### PHILMONT 2012 – SIGN UP IS NOW

#### Cost for Philmont and Important Milestones

This year is important for the 2012 Philmont outing – the Cost for Philmont next year is \$740 – We HAVE to make payments by certain milestones or we will not be going. \e (Meaning Mr. Long) missed an important deadline to pay \$100 for every scout that is signed up as a down payment by February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Well, we begged and Pleaded with Philmont and the Re-instated our 12 day trek for June 14<sup>th</sup> 2012. The Troop committee voted on Tuesday to FUND the reservation to the tune of \$1,400 out of our Savings account. **BUT NOW IS THE TIME TO BEGIN THE SIGN UP PROCESS.**

If you are 14 NOW or will be 14 by June 1 2012, you are Eligible

If you are going to be 13 and finished with the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade by June 1, 2012, you are Eligible

Mr. Long will be providing a List of WHO is eligible



#### Mr. Japaloo is now in charge of coordinating Philmont

DUE DATES:

⇒ February 25<sup>th</sup> - \$100 down payment. **The Down Payment from YOU is Due June 1st, 2011**

⇒ Signups are happening NOW

⇒ October 1, 2011 – first ½ Due \$320

⇒ March 1, 2012 – Second ½ due \$220

## WE WANT YOU!

Don't miss this **opportunity of a Lifetime!** - Philmont is WORLD Famous as a life changing experience for many many hundreds of thousands of scouts. Mr. Long and Mr. J, possibly Mr. Hein and Mrs. Scully will be going. HOW ABOUT YOU?

## COUNCIL-WIDE BACKPACK OUTING, MAY 21-22, 2011

The High Adventure Subcommittee of the Catalina Council Program and Activities Committee has organized a backpacking outing on **May 21-22.**



This event is open to any Scout or Scouter in Catalina Council. Scouts must be accompanied by one adult leader or parent from their troop. BSA tour plan must be filed if scouts are not accompanied by their parent/guardian.

We will meet in the Camp Lawton parking lot at 10:00 am on Saturday morning and backpack to a destination on Mount Bigelow. The exact destination will depend on the number and enthusiasm of the crew. Possible destinations



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include Incinerator Ridge (approximately 1 mile each way) or a site down-mountain beyond Mud Springs. The lower site offers fantastic views of the city.

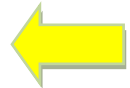
Water sources will not be conveniently located at the campsite so bring adequate water carrying capacity. We will be camping at an elevation where overnight lows are 15-20 degrees cooler than those in Tucson. Plan accordingly. Saturday afternoon will be open for day hiking, geo caching, and exploration. Sunday morning we will return to the trailhead and drive home.

Passenger cars can easily reach Camp Lawton which is off of Organization Ridge Road behind the Palisades Ranger Station on the Catalina Highway.

Contact Roger Dahlgran, Chair, Catalina Council High Adventure Subcommittee 575-1292 or [dahlgran@u.arizona.edu](mailto:dahlgran@u.arizona.edu) if you would like to participate. This advanced notice will allow us to give you an update on trailhead parking and destination issues.

## YELLOWSTONE JULY 2011!

Planning Meeting outlined the Itinerary for this trip. [Click Here for DRAFT Schedule](#)



**THERE ARE STILL SPOTS FOR 5 PEOPLE – ABSOLUTE CUT OFF FOR REGISTERING IS MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> COURT OF HONOR – AFTER THAT HOTEL ROOMS WILL BE RELEASED.**



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](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>).

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.

## CAMP LAWTON SUMMER CAMP

Tired of the Tucson heat? Camp Lawton Summer Camp offers exciting new programs, cooler weather and home cooked meals located in the beautiful Catalina Mountains! Camp Lawton offers a variety of merit badges, programs, and has the only pool on the mountain. It is located only 30 minutes from Tucson, so come enjoy a fun filled week of camping and fellowship. Get your [Claimstake form](#) and sign up now! Space is limited, check [HERE](#) for availability.



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## 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. 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.

## SPURS AND STARS OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 2011



The annual Catalina Council fundraising event, will take place on Saturday, October 22, 2011 beginning at 6:00PM in the beautiful Cottonwood Groves of Tanque Verde Ranch. Come join us on a perfect Tucson evening for fun, live music provided by the Bill Ganz Band, dancing, silent auction, games, and great food including one pound steaks, appetizers, salads, baked potato, beans, bread, desert, and hosted drinks. All funds from the Spurs and Stars go to support the Catalina Council, Boy Scouts of America.

## CATALINA COUNCIL 100 YEARS OF SCOUTING IN ARIZONA CAMPOREE

Mark your calendars, the 2011 Camporee will be in October at the Double "V" Ranch.



### 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:

### *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!**



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*Lost n. Found*

**Cleaned out – May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2011.**

## WEEKLY THOUGHT



### The Cycle of Life

As I sat in the stands at my daughter's graduation I had moment to reflect on the time from August 2009 to now. I was intensely proud of my middle daughter, but it made me think of my other 62 sons. Troop 141, who I am also very proud of.

It has been two years already? Unbelievable. When I started out as Scout master in August of 2011 I thought that this would be a LONG and ARDUOUS task to lead you guys. Quite the contrary turned out to be true. I had a group of Leaders that ran this troop in the 4 different seasons that made the journey much easier.

I would like to thank

- Paul H (Fall 2009)
- Jacob H (Spring 2010)
- Kyle B (Fall 2010)
- And finally Duncan R. (Spring 2011 – present)

My excellent Senior Patrol Leaders.

But the story doesn't end there – I have had the pleasure of 16 patrol leaders, numerous assistant patrol leaders and assistant senior patrol leaders that pitched in.

Did we accomplish what we had set out to do?

We earned Myriad merit badges, rank badges and made 10 Eagle scouts Is that a measure of success? Perhaps it is, but for me, a measure of success is seeing each of you grow from young Webelo cross overs to young adults.

During my term as Scoutmaster there were several scouts that did things that stood out. All of these scouts (In my humble opinion) will be EAGLE scouts some day. If you are not on this list does that mean you will NOT be an Eagle Scout? Quite the contrary - if you apply yourself, push yourself a little harder, study, earn merit badges, lead other boys, YOU TOO can be included on the list of Eagle scouts on the front of the Trailer.

SO Who are the Lucky six to have been awarded a Title this last two years?



**NICK 20 MILER – Nick C – 2010** - Nick was on his very first campout, his very first outing of any kind in April 2010. It was a unique outing because there was a lot of water running in the streams. Nick decided to hike the 20 mile hike with some of his other scouts. Usually, a new scout walks 5 miles, or no more than 10 miles before calling it a day, but not this scout. Nick walked the entire 20 – mile hike that day and shall forever be known as **20 – Miler**.



**Daniel Boone – Garrison C – 2010** : At Geronimo in 2010 – Mr. Long tried to shoot the Black Powder Rifle. Mr. Long has been shooting all kinds of weapons since he was a scout and this black powder rifle was TOUGH to get hits with. Garrison C not only did it with ease – he hit the bulls eye every time! Just like Daniel Boone he was a whiz with the ball and powder. Henceforth, he will be known as **Daniel Boone**.



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**Warbird – Alexander R. 2011** – Alexander is very knowledgeable about Warplanes and history. He spent many hours matching knowledge and trivia facts with Mr. Long on several outings. His fervor for history and particularly aviation earned him the title **“Warbird”**

**Mr. Merit Badge – Andrew B.** It seems that during EVERY Court of honor the LEAD Merit Badge earner is Andrew. In fact, he's up to 39 Merit Badges. Not the Most ever but certainly the most during Mr. Long's Term. His aggressive chase of being the Merit badge KING has set the example for many younger scouts and earned him the title of **MR. MERIT BADGE.**

### Merit Badges Earned

B Andrew		Rank: Life	Total MBs: 39
Swimming*	06/12/08	Personal Fitness*	12/22/09
Archery	06/13/08	Fingerprinting	01/26/10
Wood Carving	06/13/08	Cit In Nation*	02/01/10
Computers	12/20/08	Electronics	02/22/10
Medicine	03/23/09	Animal Science	05/06/10
First Aid*	04/04/09	Indian Lore	06/18/10
Rifle Shooting	06/12/09	Archaeology	06/18/10
Leatherwork	06/12/09	Wilderness Survival	06/18/10
Orienteering	09/14/09	Pioneering	06/18/10
Woodwork	09/15/09	Reptile/Amphibian	06/18/10
Small Boat Sailing	09/20/09	Communication*	08/02/10
Music	10/31/09	Environmental Sci*	08/16/10
Landscape Architect	11/15/09	Cit In World*	08/16/10
		Weather	08/16/10
		Mammal Study	08/16/10
		Soil and Water	08/16/10
		Art	08/16/10
		Geology	08/16/10
		Dog Care	09/28/10
		Camping*	11/01/10
		Emergency Prep*	11/22/10
		Signaling	11/23/10
		Coin Collecting	11/30/10
		Carpentry	12/18/10
		Engineering	02/19/11
		Cit In Community*	04/11/11



**“Mule” – Kyle F** if you have met Kyle, you wouldn't expect him to be a backpacking machine because he is all of about 90 lbs. On the Bell Trail backpack trip, the place you could legally camp was 1.5 miles and 1,200- feet above where the cool trees/water was. No big deal when you are hiking but when you are carrying 30-55 lbs on your back, this climb can be killer. At about the ½ way mark, there was a lovely flat spot that would have made a great camp and everyone wanted to stop there, except Kyle. He kept pushing us, moving us on and up the steep trail until we crested the Mongollon rim and camped out on the plateau. Not ever quitting even when the adults were faltering earned him the designation of the **“Mule.”**



**Spacoli- Matthew J.** This year, we did our 20 miler along the river with little elevation change. Normally we do our 20 mile hike in Happy valley and it takes the wind out of the best hikers. Matthew had just crossed over in December and this was his 1<sup>st</sup> 20 mile hike. At 10 miles he was ready to throw in the towel but Mr. Long asked him to reach down deep and find a little more stamina and 'try' to make it to the next water station at 13 miles. Normally we hike in boots but Matthew chose to walk 20 miles in a pair of VAN beach shoes! He wore the same kind of surfer dude shoes that Jeff Spacoli wears in the movie "Fast times at Ridgmont High". (Unfortunately rated "R" so he'll be waiting a few years to see the whole thing) Matt has the same spirit that Jeff Spacoli shoed when he pushed really hard and graduated from High school by passing Mr. Hand's class. Thus Matt will have that title **“Spacoli”**

So what happens to Mr. Long now? The honest answer is that we don't know. No one has officially stepped forward as Scoutmaster. No one yet has the required training logged in Troop master. Mr. Long will be stepping down as Scoutmaster before the August 6<sup>th</sup> Troop organizational workshop and will assume the role of "Assistant Scoutmaster" so I'll still be around.

Will this be the last Scoutmaster Blast?

I hope not – there is enough still coming up between now and August that might warrant a news letter or two but will I have these out every week as I have since August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009? No, probably not.



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Will the next scoutmaster continue the blast?  
That's not known, but I'm willing to help keep it going.

None of this is important, what is very important is that you follow the example of the six scouts above, and make this a BOY LEAD Troop. Not Mr. Long's troop, or Mr. Shinkels Troop or Mr. Brock's troop, it's TROOP 141 and has been since 1975.

**Keep the Cycle alive** – recruit new cubs to come over as Scouts. Help the crossovers become SCOUT rank, teach them to camp, cook, clean, hike and not fear the outdoors so they can reach Tenderfoot and Second Class. Help them learn how to use First Aid, Knots, lashings, ect.so they can become First class. Encourage them to become Leaders so that they can attain Star and Life, earn merit badges, become teachers, sign off other scouts and lead a patrol. And finally, pitch in on all service projects and get those few determined enough to Eagle scout. And then ask all of those that have attained this high honor to give back to the community and start the cycle over again.

See ya around.

Mr. Long.

