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Weekly Update MAY 6th 2011



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NEW SCOUT CAMPOUT – TOMORROW – 08:00 AM

I created GREAT confusion this year for several reasons –

1), I didn't market this early enough nor get the menus planned/ organized, but neither did my BOY LEAD troop. I did this intentionally to provide a planning LESSON. Don't worry, there will be PLENTY of FOOD for tomorrow/Sunday.



2) We start 4 hours Earlier than the traditional Lunchtime departure so that we could wrap up earlier on Sunday for Mothers Day. I'm going to wake everyone up early, get breakfast done early and try to get everyone back to the troop shed on Sunday Morning. I copied over last year's web page in haste and there is some STALE info in there about eating LUNCH before you come – EAT BREAKFAST on SATURDAY BEFORE YOU COME

3) This is not a MANDATORY campout – it is for YOUR benefit. If you are a new scout, we have offered this trip every year to teach you how to cook, camp, set up tents, and clean correctly, the Troop 141 way. This has ALWAYS been taught to younger scouts by older scouts, with occasional Adult help.

4)What if my Parent Cant Come? That's OK too – there is a review of the Troop Handbook about Lunch time and you can download and read that at your leisure. BUT it is handy to have a Question and Answer session:

SO: The PARTICULARS

WHAT: New Scout Campout

WHEN: Depart 08:00 AM Return 10:00 ish on Sunday

WHERE: Meet at the Troop Shed

WHY: To give you a heads up on the Skills we use for camping.

HELPFUL LINKS:

- [Permission Slip](#)
- [Web Page \(With Some stale info\)](#)
- [CAMPING Checklist \(From troop Website under LINKS/Troop 141 Forms\)](#)
- [Troop Handbook – \(Parents, please PRINT and BRING a copy WITH YOU\)](#)



SPANISH TRAILS MB DAY SATURDAY, MAY 7TH – NEW LOCATION:

Please take note that the location of this coming Boy Scout Merit Badge Rally has changed! It no longer will be held at Immanuel Presbyterian. The new location will be at Academy of Tucson which is located at 9209 East Wrightstown Road on May 7th from 7:00am – 3:30pm. Registration will begin promptly at 6:30am. You can view the flyer by clicking on the following link: [CLICK HERE FOR UPDATED BROCHURE](#). The next Boy Scout Merit Badge Rally will be held in the fall.

Enrollment Deadline was: April 15, 2010

Optional Lunch: \$5.00 per person



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To Register goto: Spanish Trails District Website:
<http://www.catalinacouncil.org/districts/spanish-trails-district/>
or e-mail: Stachow50@cox.net

Questions: Stan Stachowiak
(520) 722-4079 (evenings)

Class "A" uniform required for all Scouts

Full-Day Merit Badges: Auto Mechanics, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Electronics, Environmental Science, First Aid, Nuclear Science, Woodworking

Half Day Merit Badges: Computers (am&pm), Indian Lore (am & pm), Law (am), Plumbing (am & pm), Salesmanship (am & pm), Traffic Safety (am & pm), Geocaching (am & pm), Rifle Shooting (am), Shotgun Shooting (pm)**

SATURDAY MAY 7TH: U.S. MILITARY ACADEMY DAY

Our office will host the congresswoman's fifth annual Academy Day on May 7. This event is an information session for high school students seeking nomination to a United States service academy.

Students and parents will have the opportunity to meet with the members of the congresswoman's staff and representatives of the University of Arizona ROTC and academic institutions charged with training the next generation of military officers.

Every member of Congress has the privilege of nominating a select group of students for admission to our country's prestigious service academies, which provide undergraduate education for commissioned officers in the United States armed forces.

Interested students must apply for nomination in the congressional district where they reside. To fill out the application or for more information please [click here](#).

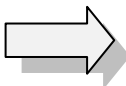
- WHAT:** U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' Academy Day
- WHEN:** 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, May 7, 2011
- WHERE:** Little Theater, Canyon del Oro High School, 25 W. Calle Concordia, Oro Valley



LAST TROOP MEETING – RANK ADVANCEMENT!!!

THIS is your LAST CHANCE for SM conferences – Boards of Review and MB card turn in's

Bring your book, your class "A" and Merit Badge sash to finish your rank advancement. EVERY NEW SCOUT SHOULD BE Scout rank for the Court of Honor. If you are having trouble remembering the Scout Oath, Law, Motto or Slogan, see your Patrol Leader



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T-SHIRTS AND SWEATSHIRTS ARE IN!!!

T-shirts and sweatshirts are in! They will be distributed at the May 2nd, Scout meeting. Please be prepared to pay for your order by check or cash. (small bills if needed)



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.

LAST CHANCE FOR TURN IN NEXT WEEK.

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.



COLE E'S EAGLE PROJECT – JUNE 4th, 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 MONDAY night to sign up.

UPCOMING MERIT BADGES

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 5th. You should be making your rocket now and finishing your home work up.



Family Life Turn in - : Mr. Toering will be taking Family Life MB turn in's on Monday Night



American Labor MB – Visit to Fire Department Union Hall



Badge *Eagle required	Date
Family Life MB Turn In	05/10/2011
American Labor Part 2 (Visit Labor hall)	05/10/2011
Space Exploration Shoot Off	05/15/2011

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

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



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schedule already. Additional details are available by viewing the Troop Calendar. As you can see we have a FULL month once again!

5/07/2011	NEW SCOUT CAMPOUT
5/07/2011	Spanish Trails MB Day
5/07/2011	Military Academy Day - Gabby Giffords
5/09/2011	TROOP MEETING – Rank Advancement
5/10/2011	Committee Meeting
5/10/2011	American Labor MB – Union Hall Visit
5/10/2011	Family Life MB Turn In
5/11/2011	Spanish Trails Eagle Board of Review
5/12/2011	O/A Meeting
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
6/04/2011	COLE E's Eagle Project – Rain Catch System

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.



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

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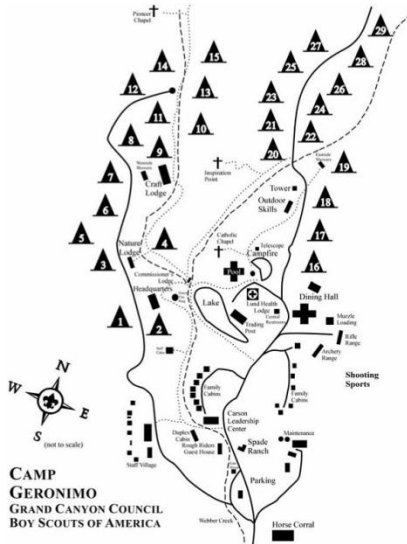
GERONIMO 2011



THREE SLOTS OPEN - 25

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 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) 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).

EVENT HELP 2011

LAST TRIP OF THE YEAR – NEW SCOUT CAMPOUT

I'll need at least two more adults to camp out - and ALL PARENTS OF scouts that joined since Sept 2010 to STAY FOR THE SATURDAY SESSION

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?

NEED A SECOND PARENT FOR 2 DEEP LEADERSHIP OR WE'LL BE CANCELLING THIS TRIP!

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. (Meaning Mr. Long missed an important deadline to pay \$100 for every scout that is signed up as a down payment by February 25th, 2011. Well, we begged and Pleaded with Philmont and the Re-instated our 12 day trek for June 14th 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 8th Grade by June 1, 2012, you are Eligible



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



WE WANT YOU!

Mr. Jeeperz is now in charge of coordinating Philmont

DUE DATES:

⇒ February 25th - \$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

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 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 if you would like to participate. This advanced notice will allow us to give you an update on trailhead parking and destination issues.



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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 16TH 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) 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.

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.

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>





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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!

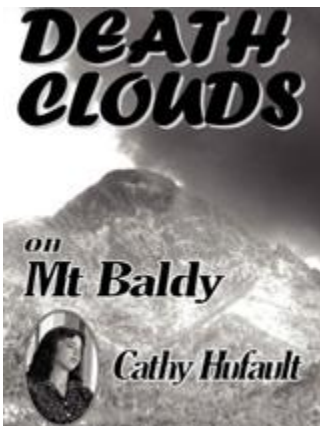
A special THANKS to the GIFT GIVER of the Historic Uniforms!

Lost n. Found

Cleaned out – May 3rd 2011.

WEEKLY THOUGHT

Be Prepared



Thanks to Mrs. Joyce, I am about 2/3 or the way through this book: DEATH CLOUDS. It's a stunning description of 1958 tragedy that stuck 6 boy scouts on a 'youth only' outing to Mt. Baldy (Mt. Wrightston) just south of Tucson. Three of these scouts Perished on that mountain in a surprise snowstorm that was NOT predicted.

These scouts were warned by the Scoutmaster that it was not a good idea to go up that mountain this time of year, but in the 1950's, the BSA rules were not what they are today. They had NO Adults with them at all. There was a 15 year old Scout leading the hike/campout, and several other boys down to 11 years old. One was on his 1st hike / event of his scouting experience.



The Santa Rita Mountains south of Tucson hold a deadly secret: what really happened to three young boy scouts on November 15th, 1958?

Photo: Courtesy of Hufault family.

The first memorial erected in honor of the three scouts is at Josephine Saddle, halfway between the Madera Canyon Lodge and the summit of Mt. Baldy.



Six young boy scouts from Tucson decided to hike to the summit of Mt. Baldy that day. They started out in sunshine, but by late afternoon it had started to rain. Halfway up the mountain, three scouts decided to stop climbing and return to camp.

The other three opted to keep climbing, even as the rain turned to snow. The snowstorm ended up being the largest on record in Arizona history, and it caught the young and inexperienced scouts by surprise. They would never be seen alive again.

Their disappearance sparked the largest search for missing persons in Arizona history. More than 750 searchers scoured the mountains for 19 days before their bodies were found.



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Photo: Courtesy of Ralph Coltrin.

Memorial cross at the site of the boys' deaths. Photo taken in 1959 by Ralph Coltrin.



Over fifty years later, the incident still looms large in the minds of many.

Tucson author Cathy Hufault is one of them, and she has a unique connection to the story: her brother, Ralph Coltrin, was one of the scouts who decided to return to camp that day.

Photo: Courtesy of Hufault family.

Tucson author Cathy Hufault's new book explores the death of three boy scouts in the mountains south of Tucson.

Hufault's new book, *Death Clouds on Mt. Baldy*, explores the event and presents new evidence of what happened to the boys.

Moreover, Hufault and Coltrin say, the book brings some closure to a tragedy that still affects many, even fifty years later.

The message this week is that over the last two years – your safety has always been in the fore front of my mind. The RULES for outings today are much more stringent than they were in 1958 – we never go anywhere without at LEAST two "TRAINED" adults. But ultimately, your survival and comfort depends on YOUR PREPAREDNESS.

Could this happen again today? I would like to think NOT in TROOP 141 because you guys are smart, and trained and SELF RELIANT. But most importantly, you all LIVE the Scout Motto



-Mr. Long