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JACOB PASSED HIS EAGLE SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE.

It was a race to the finish line, Jacob had several merit badges that needed to be finished up last Monday, but he did it. Now he has to get on the list for a Council board of review in December. I'm sure this will be a well attended BOR as it's the last chance to get the 2010 Eagle Rank Badge. We'll be sending Nick J and Jacob H to the BOR next month. That gives us 5 Eagle scouts in 2010!!!

Mr. Long can put his Razor away now... (Ask Jacob)

BLOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 28TH! (UPDATED)

HI!

For this years blood drives we wanted to say,"Thanks" for your generosity, time, and efforts for your previous donations.

The need for blood is still great, we ask again for your consideration to donate at the upcoming blood drive on **Sunday, November 28, from 8:30AM-12:30PM.**



Appointments can be effective in expediting your time and efforts, as well as helping us to organize the donation schedule.

Please think about what time you would like to sign up for after services on November 20 & 21.

We are also in need of volunteers for registration.

If you are willing to do this call the church office 749-1606 x126

Any questions stop by the tables or call the church office and speak with Nan Smith, RN, Minister of Spiritual Care and Health.

749-1606, ext 126

Yours in Christ,

Nan Smith

Laura Stewart

NIGHT HIKE-PRISON CAMP-HUTCHES POOL BACKPACK

[Full information is here](#)

The famous backpack trip to Hutches pool is ON for December 3rd. This will be a pretty moonless Night Hike so you will need a headlamp/flashlight. We are being joined by Troop 157 who haven't done this one before, and some webelos from Pack 186 that will do the night hike only.

We'll camp on Friday Night in Prison Camp – then Saturday backpack down to Hutches pool. On Sunday, we'll head out Sabino Canyon. (

SIGN UP DIDN'T HAPPEN AT THE TROOP MEETING SO IF YOU ARE COMING – SIGN UP BY CLICKING HERE:

[I WANT TO GO TO THE BACKPACK TRIP](#) <click here





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PATROL LEADERS CONFERENCE ON MONDAY NIGHT (11/29/2010) NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS DECEMBER 6TH

You are welcome to come listen to the Patrol Leaders conference but if you are currently in one of these positions, you are REQUIRED to be in attendance Monday night.

- Senior Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Patrol Leader
- Scribe
- Librarian
- Bugler
- Quartermaster
- Guide
- Instructor.

WHERE: At the Church Gym @ 7:

WHAT: Bring your patrol information.

RANK ADVANCEMENT CONTEST UPDATE:

I didn't do any scoutmaster conferences last week. How many MORE scouts can advance? Which patrol will win? **WE MADE Another Eagle Scout and another SECOND CLASS SCOUT LAST WEEK!**

FINAL PUSH FOR A NEW CARGO TRAILER FOR TROOP 141: TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS"



In short, we need \$1,000 in donations by December 1st so we can buy our new Troop Trailer. Please see [Mr. Bailey](#) for details (Click his name for Email).

On behalf of the Troop 141 Trailer Committee: Mrs. Barone Mr. Bailey, Mr. Siepker, Mr. Rencken and Mr. Juhasz, they have worked extensively on this project for over 10 months, weighed hundreds of options and searched extensively for new/used trailers. Their research has determined that our troop requirements, which seemed simple at first, have grown since we bought our last trailer 14 yrs. ago, easily maneuverable. they are unique to our troop

and include but are not limited to the following items: safety features that hold up under our extreme Arizona road conditions, able to carry more weight, are two ft. longer & one ft. taller (6x6x12), improved suspension/braking, ruggedly constructed to endure the off road hazards encountered on our way to remote campsites, can still fit into our shed. *According to one Dealer, the only group that is*



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harder on trailers than the Boy Scouts is the US Border Patrol.

THE TROOP COMMITTEE AUTHORIZED US TO MOVE FORWARD ON BUYING A NEW/USED TRAILER:

The off the shelf, standard built trailers; either can't carry the weight or are too bulky and expensive for our needs. Mr. Bailey has negotiated a deal with a manufacturer that will custom build a new trailer that is rated to carry 5,200 lbs. and is re-enforce on the sides to support our bulky equipment. He asked (Approved by Committee Chair Mr. Siepker and Scoutmaster Mr. Long) that we solicit Donations from the 65+ active scouts and their families in our troop. The new custom built trailer will cost \$3,850. Our fund raiser already raised \$2,100 for the trailer, we'll get some money, *we don't know how much*, when we sell our old trailer (\$500-\$1000?), we would like to raise the remainder of the money through family Tax Deductible Donations. Our last

trailer served us well for 14 years but now it is showing serious signs of heavy wear and tear. In order to continue our outstanding Outdoor Scouting Programs, we need to buy this new trailer now, before our old trailer totally wears out. We want a new trailer that will last another 14 years, and will serve our scouts safely and effectively.

Please feel free to contact Mr. Bailey if you would like to make a donation or ask him any questions (Click his name for Email).

Troop 141 is popular for a reason; We've got "GREAT KIDS and a GREAT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE PROGRAM", our boys are doing their part, now we need to do our part.!

The Troop thanks all the parents in advance for your generous, TAX DEDUCTIBLE, contributions



VENTURE UPDATE

Meetings are now on Wednesdays

Upcoming:

- December 1-Meeting 6:30
- December 18-19-Backpacking
- December 22- Dodge ball Night
- December?- Mountain Biking

VENTURING · BSA



Meeting Locations:

First Wednesday at the TVLC Café
Third Wednesday at the TVLC Gym



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>

It's still pretty dark when a lot of people get up at this time of year. If that means you, look southeast in early dawn to see the waning Moon passing Saturn, Spica, and Venus day by day. The blue 10° scale is about the size of your fist held at arm's length. (For clarity, the Moon is shown three times actual size. 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.)

Friday, November 26

- Bright Jupiter shines in the southern sky after dark. By about 8 or 8:30 p.m. this week, when Jupiter has moved a little to the right of due south, it stands directly above twinkly Fomalhaut, the Autumn Star, far below it.

Saturday, November 27

- Orion is well up in the east-southeast after about 8 p.m. (depending on where you live in your time zone). Watch far below Orion for Sirius rising some time after 9 (again depending on your location).



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- Jupiter's Great Red Spot crosses the planet's central meridian around 7:51 p.m. EST. Jupiter's new South Equatorial Belt Outbreak (see pictures below) crosses the central meridian about 3 hours and 40 minutes later, 11:31 p.m. EST.



Sunday, November 28

- Last-quarter Moon (exact at 3:36 p.m. Eastern Standard Time). As is always the case when the Moon is last quarter, it rises around the middle of the night. The exact time depends on your location.

Monday, November 29

- Mira, the brightest long-period red variable star, is now up in good evening view as it fades from its unusually bright maximum. As of November 24th observers were reporting it at about magnitude 3.5, still plain to the unaided eye. Estimate its magnitude with the comparison-star chart in the September [Sky & Telescope](#), page 58.

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A new bright white spot (indicated) in the latitude of Jupiter's South Equatorial Belt was the first sign of events that will probably lead to the whole belt's return. Discoverer Christopher Go took this image at 10:24 UT November 10th. Compare with the later images below. South is up.

Tuesday, November 30

- In early dawn tomorrow morning, North Americans can look southeast to find Saturn, Spica and Venus left of waning crescent Moon, as shown in the Picture.

Wednesday, December 1

- In Thursday morning's dawn, the waning Moon poses to the right of bright Venus as seen from North America. The two form a nice triangle with much fainter Spica above the Moon, as shown at the top of this page.

Thursday, December 2

- The bright eclipsing variable star Algol should be in one of its periodic dimmings, magnitude 3.4 instead of its usual 2.1, for a couple hours centered on 11:35 p.m. Pacific Standard Time (2:35 a.m. Friday morning Eastern Standard Time). Algol takes several additional hours to fade and to rebrighten. Use our [comparison-star chart](#). (For all times of Algol's minima this month, good worldwide, see the December [Sky & Telescope](#), page 64, or use our [Algol predictor](#).)

HISTORIC MERIT BADGES – ONLY A COUPLE OF WEEKS LEFT, THEN THEY ARE GONE FOREVER!

100th



Carpentry

100th



Pathfinding

100th

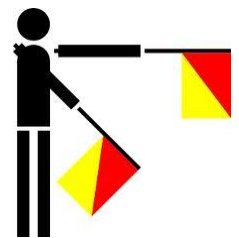


Signaling

100th



Tracking





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Read more about the program here:

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/historical_mb_program.aspx

Our plan is to get all four of these done this fall before the December Court of Honor. Anyone that can be a counselor for these please let Mr. Long know as soon as possible so we can plug you in to the calendar:

I hope everyone is taking digital pictures of tracks for their points.

We Started the *Tracking MB* on Monday Night. There is a LOT of work to do with a Digital camera on this one. There will be a Final Turn in meeting for Tracking MB on Tuesday October 12th.

Mr. Juhasz started the PATHFINDING MB during our last meeting.

Thanks to Mrs. Barone – We now have an EXCELLENT SET of Signal Flags for the troop!

WE STILL NEED A VOLUNTEER TO TEACH Carpentry

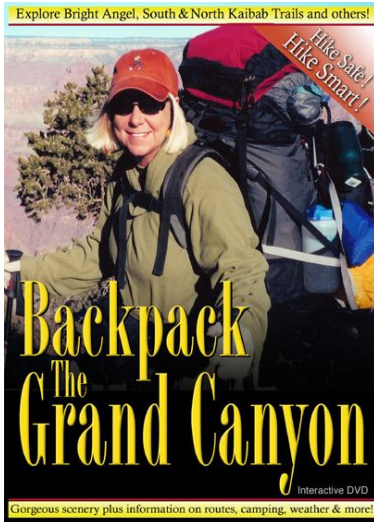
UPCOMING EVENTS (Color Coding RED TEXT is an event that has changed, Color coding /Shading other colors indicates a new event since the last email). As you can see we are getting a full schedule already. Additional details are available by viewing the Troop Calendar. As you can see we have a FULL month once again!

11/28/2010	TVLC Blood Drive
11/29/2010	Patrol Leader's Conference(PLC)
11/20/2010	RANK ADVANCEMENT
12/03/2010	Molino-Hutches – Catalina SP Backpack
12/06/2010	TROOP MEETING
12/07/2010	Spanish Trails Scoutmaster Roundtable
12/07/2010	Space Exploration Merit Badge
12/08/2010	Eagle Board of Review (FINAL of 2010)
12/09/2010	O/A Talala Chapter Meeting
12/13/2010	TROOP MEETING
12/14/2010	Committee Meeting
12/18/2010	Space Exploration Rocket Launch (Udall Park)
12/20/2010	Winter COURT OF HONOR
12/24/2020	Luminaria Setup and Takedown
12/25/2010	Christmas!
12/27/2010	Patrol Leader's Conference(PLC)
12/30/2010	Titan Missile Museum/Pima Air Museum



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GRAND CANYON BACKPACK TRIP- SIGN UP IS NOW

We have to submit our application to the National Park service on December 1st for a 2011 APRIL trip down the Kaibab/Bright angel Trails. We aren't going to do RIM to RIM due to Logisitcal challenges, but we WILL camp in the bottom of the Canyon, and come up the BRIGHT ANGEL trail.

We are limiting this trip to **two groups of 11**. That means that each group will be limited to Two adult leaders and 9 Scouts. (This is a NPS limitation on # of campers).

[YOUTUBE OF A BACKPACK IN THE GRAND CANYON](#)



IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO CLICK THIS LINK IF YOU WANT TO GO IN APRIL:

[I want to Hike the Grand Canyon in April](#)

Click here

EVENT HELP 2010-2011

Mr. Hein is Leading PrisonCamp-Hutches Pool trip.

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.

LONG TERM EVENTS

Scout-O-Rama

You will not want to miss the upcoming 2011 Scout-O-Rama event on Saturday, **March 26, 2011** - back at the Reid Park Bandshell and hill. The event will have many fun activities for Scouts and it is a great way for our community to come look and see what we are doing. What is Scout-O-Rama? The Scout-O-Rama is our annual Scout Show. It is the place to showcase what your pack, troop, team and crew like to do. Last year activities included a scuba pool, sponsored by the Dive Shop, marshmallow shooters and rainwater regatta, volleyball cannons, a YMCA climbing tower, a pioneer tower, a real race car, the Pinewood Derby finals, and so much more! Units will be able to sell advance tickets with loads of valuable coupons prior to the event, at many grocery stores in Southern Arizona, and keep 50% of the sales! Look for details in the next few months! Do not miss this event. Put it on your calendar now!



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

YELLOWSTONE: RUMOR BELOW

(DATELINE NOVEMBER 2010 – MR. WINSTON DEADLINE IS HERE!)

Yellowstone Update: IMPORTANT NOVEMBER CHANGE PLEASE READ



The summer 2011 trip to Yellowstone National Park will be July 21-28. The current plan is to leave at 7 AM on Thursday July 21 from the troop shed and drive to Richfield, Utah where we will be staying at the Hampton Inn. The room cost for 4 occupants is \$81/night. Currently we have 15 rooms reserved at this group rate. We plan to arrive in Yellowstone on the evening of July 22. We have a group campsite reserved for 60 people (Grant Village campground). Activities at Yellowstone are TBD and those who are going are encouraged to suggest activities. We will leave Yellowstone on Wednesday July 27, spend the night in the same Hampton Inn in Richfield, Utah and return to Tucson on Thursday July 28.



The final cost is yet to be determined but here are the costs so far:

\$20-40/night/person for hotel (depending on 2, 3 or 4 person occupancy)

\$15-20/person for camping and admission fees at Yellowstone (\$100/night for a group of 40-60 campers. The rate will drop to \$90-some dollars if we fall below 40 people.)

The other major costs will be gas and food both on the road and while camping. The current plan while at Yellowstone is to cook as a group for breakfast and dinner and have lunches



(sandwiches, etc.) at picnic areas as we are participating in the various activities. A meeting will be held in the spring to plan a menu. Money for meals on the road to and from Yellowstone as well as souvenirs will have to be budgeted by the scouts themselves. (The Hampton Inn has a free continental breakfast!)

Mr. Winston will collect money from those who have already signed up. The reimbursement policy is as follows: All of your money will be

reimbursed if possible if you have to cancel. The hotel will allow cancellations no later than 72 hours prior to the nights stay so cancellations within 3 days of leaving will result in room charges for the first night. Yellowstone will prorate the group fees for the 2nd-5th nights of camping so you will have to pay for 1 nights camping.

There are still several spots open so please either contact Mr. Winston at a meeting or via email. Email [Mr. Winston](#) by Clicking on his name

RUMOR

Mr. Winston is working on two activities: White Water Rafting and Mountain Biking for our time at Yellowstone. THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR 7 PEOPLE TO SIGN UP, but NOW is the time to sign up.

Troop 141 on its 2011 Summer Adventure to Yellowstone National Park. We are planning to camp near Yellowstone Lake at Grant Village campground. Firm Travel Dates are NOW July 21st through the 28th. (2 days of travel each way and 4 full days at Yellowstone). Please contact [Mr. Winston](#) either at a troop meeting or via email to be placed on the WAITING LIST if you are interested in attending. Families are welcome to attend.



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LIFE TO EAGLE:

The Race is ON – Jacob H has a few hurdles to get over before his December Board of Review. He's soo close and might need encouragement to get to the finish line.

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
- Here is an Editable version of the Eagle Workbook:
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:

Pack 186 is selling a canoe - It's a 17', flat keel Grumman canoe. Includes a small, outboard trolling motor. I think it needs a battery. Custom camouflage paint job. \$575.

Please contact Mike Hammarstrom via email mhammarstrom@cox.net

Wanted:

New Trailer ! Mr Bailey and Mr. Siepker have been searching extensively for a new trailer. Their extensive research has determined the problem is very complex.

- 1) A single axle Trailer (Like the one we have) is able to carry slightly more weight if we beef up the springs. This option is cheaper but may not meet the capacity needs. It's simple, doesn't require brakes.
- 2) A dual Axle Trailer – can carry up to 7,000 lbs, but is heavier making it difficult to move into and out of the shed by hand, requires electric brakes (Which means the tow vehicles have to have a controller) and are more expensive.

THE COMMITTEE HAS DECIDED TO MOVE FORWARD ON BUYING A USED TRAILER

– Thanks to the hard work of Mr. Bailey who weighed 100's of options features and caveats.

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. . . THERE IS A HUGE AMOUNT OF IT NOW IN THE TROOP SHED!



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WEEKLY THOUGHT

Norman Rockwell

In the Corner of this week's e-blast – you can see the famous Norman Rockwell Thanksgiving picture. Every time I think about Thanksgiving, this is the mental image I get of what to expect and remember. So while searching for this picture on the internet, I discovered that Normal Rockwell had a LONG and very STRONG relationship with Boy Scouts. (For over 50 years!)



Mention Norman Rockwell and Boy Scouts and your mind leaps to a vision of camp fires, roasted marshmallows and hot dogs and sleeping under the stars. Rockwell captured the essence of those moments more completely than any other illustrator.

Norman Rockwell and Boy Scouts have been almost synonymous for decades.

One can hardly find a Boy Scout calendar or Boy Scout handbook without a Norman Rockwell illustration.

And for good reason.



Boys' Life Magazine & 1912 - Rockwell's First Job

Norman Rockwell's first steady job after art school in 1913 was illustrating Boy's Life magazine. In fact, this was the only time during his life that he worked for a fixed salary. He illustrated stories and painted covers for Boys' Life. He also illustrated Boy scout books, such as "The Boy Scout Hike Book" by Edward Cave and "Boy Scouts Courageous" by Franklin K. Mathews.

Norman Rockwell became Art Director for Boy's Life magazine in 1913.

Then, in 1916, he sold his first two covers to The Saturday Evening Post. He decided free-lance artist was best for his career and left his job with Boys' Life.

Rockwell enlisted in the Navy in 1917. He was discharged in 1918.

In 1918, the Red Cross commissioned Rockwell to paint four covers for their monthly magazine. They were all to feature a Boy Scout theme. The Red Cross wanted to honor the Boy Scouts for the help they had freely given the Red Cross during World War I.

Norman Rockwell Boy Scouts Calendar

In 1925, the Norman Rockwell Boy Scouts calendar began. Brown & Bigelow, the country's largest calendar producer, printed an annual Boy Scout calendar

. For 52 years, each featured a Norman Rockwell Boy Scouts painting. The Boy Scout calendar was America's most popular calendar for many years.

Until 1929, Rockwell did the paintings at no charge to the Boy Scouts. After 1929, Brown & Bigelow paid Rockwell for the painting. After the calendar was published, Boy Scouts of America given all reproduction rights for the painting.



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Some of Scouting's most moving and memorable pictures were painted by Norman Rockwell for the Boy Scouts Calendar. [Click here to see more Norman Rockwell Boy Scouts Illustrations.](#)

The Silver Buffalo



In 1938, in recognition of his service to Boy Scouts, Norman Rockwell was awarded the Silver Buffalo. This award is the highest acknowledgment the Boy Scouts of America gives for "Distinguished Service to Boyhood."



1918 Boy Scout Week Poster

