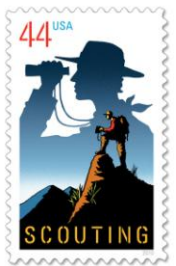




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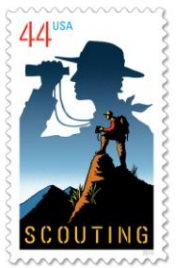
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Tomorrow is the DAY!

GREG RENCKEN'S EAGLE PROJECT OCT 16TH, 08:00

Hey the time's finally come for my eagle project and I would appreciate if you came to my Eagle project on October 16th from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. This project will be held at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church and will be held in the back of the church, where we have done our outdoor court of honors. This project will involve picking up weeds, painting, and building so make sure you have clothes that you will be willing to get dirty. Some other supplies I would like you to bring is:

- A pair of gloves
- A hoe
- A rake
- A water bottle

For more information call me at
(520)721-4227

Breakfast and lunch will also be provided to volunteers for my project. Thank You!

ST. GREGORY'S CAR SHOW CLEANUP (OCT 17TH)

Mr. Obrien would like some scouts to help him clean up after the St. Gregory's car show. Please let him know you are planning on helping out by emailing him robrien13@aol.com. This will involve running a police line over the field and making sure it's left better than we found it. Your Help is GREATLY appreciated.

FLASH: Mr. Obrien Can PICK UP And RETURN Scouts to the Church if you need that. Please EMAIL him above to make arrangements.

[Click HERE for More INFO](#)

UPDATE:NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 18TH.

We will be continuing to talk Backpacking. Make sure you bring your book with you. We are meeting at Summit Hut at Speedway and Craycroft at 7:00. We will meet at the church at 6:30 and car pool OR your parents can just bring you to Summit Hut.

WHERE: 5045 E. Speedway Blvd.

WHEN: Meeting starts at 7:00 – but we will meet at the Church and **CONVOY at 6:30**

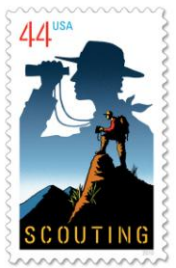
WHAT: We are going to have a talk by Summit Hut staff on Backpacks, Sleeping bags, foot wear and sizing these things for growing scouts.

PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY TO UNDERSTAND AND PLAN FOR SCOUT PARTICIPATION IN BACKPACKING





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RANK ADVANCEMENT CONTEST UPDATE:

I didn't do any **scoutmaster conferences** last week. How many MORE scouts can advance? Which patrol will win? **WHAT HAPPENED GUYS! WE WERE GOING GREAT GUNS, NOW IT HAS STOPPED, DON'T GIVE UP!**



VENTURE UPDATE

VENTURING · BSA

Meetings are now on Wednesdays

Upcoming:

- ⇒ October 16 –Greg's Eagle Project
- ⇒ October 20-Meeting 6:30-7:30 Dodge Ball
- ⇒ October 24- Nick's Eagle Project
- ⇒ October TBD –Rocks and Ropes

- ⇒ November 5-Backpacking Sedona
- ⇒ November TBD -Shooting

Meeting Locations:

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

IT'S RECHARTER TIME AGAIN!

Yep, That time of year again. We set the rates for Recharter for 2011 during the September committee meeting.

The Rates will be as follows: **(the due date is NOVEMBER 1ST)**

BSA Registration	BSA Insurance	Boys Life	Troop 141 Dues	Total
\$15	\$1	\$12	\$32	\$60

http://www.scouttroop141.org/parents/2010_Recharter.pdf

The troop dues were raised this year to offset the price hikes in all of the badges, registrations, etc that we have had to pay over the last year. The Fall Court of Honor alone cost the troop General fund \$350 in badges!

This year Mrs. Barone is leading the charge and will be providing forms and collecting money. You can email her at parents@scouttroop141.org if you need financial assistance.

There is a Link to a Financial Assistance Request form on the Catalina Website. You can request help with Registration Dues by filling this out:

http://www.catalinacouncil.org/forms/2010_Financial_Aid.pdf

UPDATE: NICK'S EAGLE PROJECT OCTOBER 23RD

The organization that will be benefiting from my Eagle project is Youth On Their Own. "Youth On Their Own is dedicated to support the high school graduation of homeless youth by providing financial assistance, basic human needs, and guidance", the Youth On Their Own mission statement. They are an organization that takes kids off the street and gives them free food, clothes, toiletries, and other various items. They also give the kids an allowance for the month and they promote graduation of high school. The kids will be the main people benefiting. There will be more storage space in the mini mall, so the kids will have more food to receive. There will also be more storage space in the shed so the kids will be able to

Boy Scout Troop/Venture Crew 141 Annual Recharter

It is time to renew Boy Scouts of America membership for returning scouts and leaders. Everyone who wants to continue their membership in the BSA needs to recharter. New scouts who have recently joined the unit have paid a small transfer fee or prorated registration fee. This was to cover scouting activities for the remainder of 2010. The rechartering fee is a separate fee now due for ALL scouts and leaders for the full year 2011.

These fees include Scout registration, Boy's Life subscription, and unit activity fee. Purchase of a troop 141 red T-Shirt is optional for another \$5. This T-shirt comes in very handy for events that don't require a uniform, and it allows the boys to feel like a part of the team. Sweatshirts are also available for overnight camping activities.

Families with more than one scout in the troop/crew will have a reduced price for the additional scouts. Assuming there will be only one Boy's Life magazine subscription for that household, the fee will be reduced by \$12.00 for each additional scout.

Name of 1st Scout: _____
Eagle (Yes/No): _____ Unit (Troop or Venture): _____
Phone Number: _____

Name of 2nd Scout (if applicable): _____
Eagle (Yes/No): _____ Unit (Troop or Venture): _____

Name of Registered Adult: _____
Adult Leadership Position: _____ Unit (Troop or Venture): _____

Check	TYPE	Amount
	Scout = \$60 (\$15BSA, \$33-T141, \$12-Boys Life)	
	Additional Scout reading brothers Boy's Life = \$28	
	Eagle Scout = \$22	
	Eagle Scout reading brothers Boy's Life = \$10	
	Adult Leader = \$10 (Covers outings under BSA insurance)	
	T-Shirts = \$8 (optional) Long Sleeve = \$10 (optional) (put number in box below)	

Total: \$ _____ Date: _____
Check # _____ Cash \$ _____

REDS: start # Long Sleeve # Sweatshirt # Hooded Sweatshirt #
Youth: (10-12) _____ (14-16) _____
Adult: (S) _____ (M) _____ (L) _____
(XL) _____ (XXL) _____ (XXXL) _____

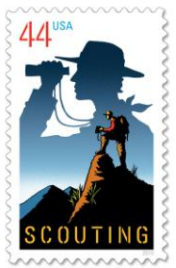
The rechartering fee, Talent Release and this form are due to Cheri Barone by
November 1st, 2010





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pick out items easier and there will be room for more items. The insulation in the shed will keep it cooler for the youth.

On October 23, 2010, at 7 A.M. we will meet at the troop shed and then depart for the work site. YOTO is located at 1443 W Prince Rd , Tucson, AZ 85705. After completion we will leave sometime between 3 and 4 P.M. I will provide donuts and orange juice in the morning, and provide Eegees for lunch. I have various projects to complete my Eagle project. We will be building three sets of shelves; insulating and putting up drywall and painting in the shed; and laying gravel behind the main building. This will all take place at the Tucson "Youth On Their Own" (Y.O.T.O.) facility.

We will be building part of the project by constructing shelves in the following locations: the "mini mall" (where the kids pick up food/clothing), the shed, and the garage. In the shed we will take down the original shelves, and put in insulation and cover the walls with drywall then paint. Then we will put up the new shelves. In addition, we will clean up behind the main building, and then add gravel. The gravel will be placed in the area next to the shed and the garage. The gravel is needed because when it rains, this area becomes flooded. The gravel will help provide runoff. If we have time we will build and attach a ramp to the garage.

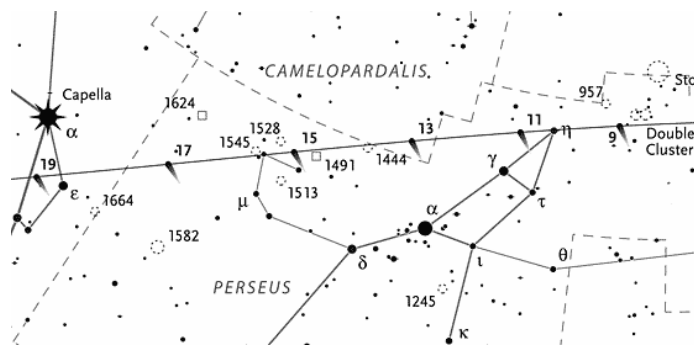
Thank you all for your help.



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/ata glance>

Periodic Comet Hartley 2 is at its best early this week — before moonlight becomes a problem late in the week. At 6th magnitude the comet is visible in binoculars in a moderately dark sky, well placed in the evening high in Perseus. It has a small central condensation and a large, dim coma. As a result of this, what you'll see of it depends strongly on the quality of your sky; in the last few days different observers have



reported the comet as anywhere from magnitude 5.3 to 7.2 overall. Use the finder chart below, and see our [article](#).



IF YOU CLICK THE PICTURE, THIS TEXT, OR THE EYEBALL, YOU CAN GET A LARGE PRINTABLE CHART – THIS COMET IS ALMOST VISIBLE TO THE NAKED EYE

This week Comet Hartley 2 speeds across Perseus toward bright Capella. Click image for larger chart. The comet symbols (visibility much exaggerated) are placed at 0:00 UT on the October dates indicated. Remember, 0:00 UT falls on the *evening of the previous date* in the times zones of the Americas

Friday, October 15

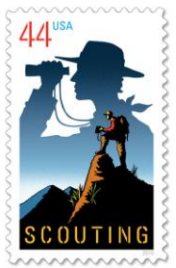
- Look just upper right of the Moon this evening (as seen from most of North America) for the 3rd-magnitude stars Beta and Alpha Capricorni, in that order counting up. Alpha is a double star that, with good or well-corrected vision, you can just resolve with the unaided eye. Binoculars resolve it easily into a golden-yellow pair.

HISTORIC MERIT BADGES



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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.

The *Signaling MB* is now on the calendar for Tuesday October 26th. *There will be a SLIGHT charge for a Signaling buzzer Kit. (Probably less than \$10).*

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

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO TEACH Carpentry

100th



Carpentry

100th



Pathfinding

100th



Signaling

100th



Tracking

Read more about the program here:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS_ (Color Coding RED TEXT is an event that has changed, Color coding

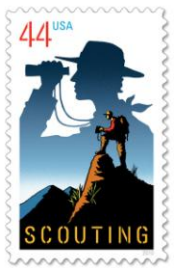
/Shading other colors indicates a new event since the last email). As you can see we are getting a full schedule already. Additional details are available by viewing the Troop Calendar. As you can see we have a FULL month once again!

10/16/2010	Greg's Eagle Project
10/16/2010	St Gregory's Car Show Clean Up
10/18/2010	TROOP MEETING
10/23/2010	Nick's Eagle Project
10/25/2010	PATROL LEADER'S CONFERENCE (No Meeting)
10/26/2010	Signaling MB
10/30/2010	Cops & Rodders
11/01/2010	TROOP MEETING
11/02/2010	Spanish Trails Roundtable
11/05/2010	Sedona Campout / Backpack trip
11/05/2010	Spanish Trains MERIT BADGE DAY
11/05/2010	Popcorn Pickup assistance *Mrs. Morrisett
11/08/2010	TROOP MEETING
11/09/2010	Committee Meeting
11/10/2010	Spanish Trains Eagle BOR



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11/11/2010	Veterans Day
11/11/2010	O/A Monthly Meeting
11/13/2010	International Wildlife Museum Scout Day

DEN CHIEFS NEEDED (FROM MR. OBRIEN)

I was talking with my neighbor last evening and his son is a member of Pack 141. Last year Eric, Andrew B and Garrison A were Den Chiefs for this Pack. This year they have a new Leader and he could use some boys as Den Chiefs. If any one is interested in additional Leadership experience this is a great opportunity. Pack 141 meets Wednesday at 7pm at Collier Elementary on Bear Canyon in the cafeteria.



Thanks to the Scouts that Volunteered on Monday Night.



EVENT HELP 2010-2011

(A HUGE Thank you to parents that volunteered to help out at The Camporee Trip)

NEED ADULT LEADER HELP FOR PEPPERSAUCE and PRISON CAMP (That means YOU are the LEADER). No LEADER MEANS NO TRIP.

Mr. Jones and Relich are coordinating SEDONA!!! Thank you.

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 Grubmaster –

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.

Thanks! (Thanks to Mr. Relich and Jones who have volunteered to steer us to Sedona!!)

LONG TERM EVENTS

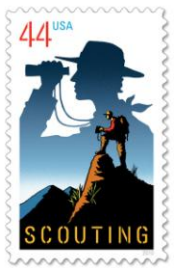
Scout-O-Rama

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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EAGLE SCOUT DINNER NOV 18TH:

Scouters;

I am writing because you each have 2010 Eagle Scouts who have not RSVP'd for the Eagle Banquet yet. Can you help me out and encourage them to do so, ASAP. Otherwise the room will fill with us OLDER, Eagle Scouts, and there will just be a bunch of people milling around with canes and walkers, and it won't be a pretty site. It is November 18th at the Hotel Arizona at 6:30PM. The 2010 Eagles are FREE !!! Family, Scoutmasters, etc. are \$35.00 each.

Please encourage them to attend.

T141 – Nathan Vita
Gregory Lochner
James Steinke

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

YELLOWSTONE: (DATELINE OCTOBER 2010 – MR. WINSTON DEADLINE IS HERE!)



Yellowstone Update: IMPORTANT CHANGE PLEASE READ

The group campgrounds for the dates we had initially planned are completely booked therefore the troop trip to Yellowstone has been shifted to July 21-28 (camping dates of July 22-27). These were the only dates available for stays longer than 2 nights. I have reserved the site for 60 (based on those who signed up by the deadline published in the last few scoutmaster blasts) at the Grants Village campground (**SEE MAP BELOW**) (<http://www.nps.gov/yell/planyourvisit/grantcg.htm>) at the cost of \$100.65/night for the group. If you have reserved a spot and now have a conflict, please contact Mr. Winston. A waiting list will be started, first come, first serve for those who are still interested in joining the troop but have not yet signed up. Please contact Mr. Winston to sign up for the waiting list.

Here is what I have so far. Here is my initial cost estimate:

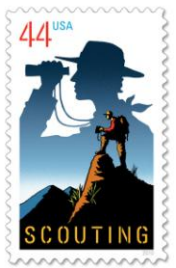
- \$60 for hotels (one night each way, 4 scouts/room with \$120 room fee)
- \$50 for Yellowstone camping costs and admission fees

Other costs TBD would be food and gas money and whatever you can think of.

Join 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:

Since this is 2010 and the centennial year, I have received many requests for scheduling Eagle projects so that Eagle can be achieved in 2010. This might be a difficult task to get everyone worked in around the regular Troop events but we will make a strong effort to get this done.

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:

UPDATE: 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! We'll break out the Hiking Shoe bucket on Monday the 11th.

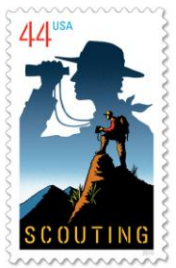
Lost n. Found

If you are missing any gear, it's probably in the troop shed. We'll break out the LOST and FOUND Bag on Monday the 20th. There is some Stuff from **The Canoe Trip** including a Sleeping Pad, hat, and Red shirt. These will be in the troop shed. The LOST and FOUND bag was trotted out Last Monday night. Thanks to those who reclaimed their gear.



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WEEKLY THOUGHT

[Click here for Mr. & Mrs. Jones' Photo Slideshow](#)

[Click here for Mr. Bailey's Photo Slideshow](#)

Spanish Trails 100 year Camporee RECAP:



A New Water Bar as Troy spiffs it up 1



Starting a Fire with Bow and Drill 1



Alexander klings like Spiderman 1



Every Gets a shot at the Archery Range 1



Peter aims to destroy a can 1



Eric Lobs on of 14 good Tomahawks 1

These Photos are provided courtesy of Mr. And Mrs. Jones with sincere appreciation.