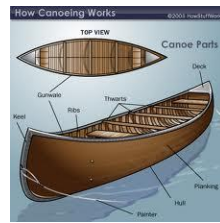




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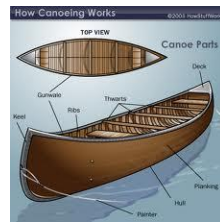
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Tonight!!

VERDE RIVER CANOE TRIP, OCT 2ND & 3RD



Paul H. Is setting this one up.

It has come to our attention that several concerns are floating (Pun intended) around out there.

- Scouts have to have a BSA Swim Test to Canoe.
 - While it is true that you need this to Paddle, you can still come and ride with qualified supervision (In an Adult present Canoe). We'll be conducting a Swim Test on Saturday Morning but there will be no one BSA certified to sign off so you will have to repeat this with Mrs. Phillips.
- There is no water in the river.
 - The river is running at 90cfs in the section we are running. Some have stated you need 200cfs to make this run. The River guides say they are running a specific section with tours, so we'll run that section too.

NEXT MEETING IS OCTOBER 4TH.

We will be continuing to talk about Tracking, but We'll also start talking about Backpacking and the Upcoming Spanish Trails Camporee. Make sure you bring your book with you.

If you signed up for the Camporee your \$10 Registration is DUE Monday night. IF you didn't sign up, and want to go, it will be \$11.

You will also need \$10 for Patrol Food. BRING \$20 to the MEETING. NO CHECKS PLEASE. I'm a little disappointed that we only have 16 people signed up.

RANK ADVANCEMENT CONTEST UPDATE:

I did **two more scoutmaster conferences** last week. How many MORE scouts can advance? Which patrol will win?



VENTURE UPDATE

Meetings are now on Wednesdays

VENTURING · BSA

Upcoming:

October 2- Canoe Trip

Meeting Locations:

First Wednesday at the TVLC Café

Third Wednesday at the TVLC Gym

Election Results

President –*Nathan Vita*

Vice President Administration- *Will Mitchell*

Vice Presidents of Activities- *Kevin Brown, Shenay Bailey*

Vice President Summer Trip- *Zack Winston*

Secretary- *Megan Juhasz*

Treasurer- *Emily Scully*

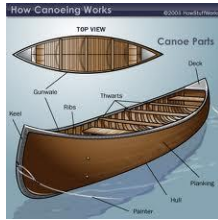
Sweatshirt Design- *Cales Wilson*

Communications- *Megan and Emily*



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GOOD LUCK MR. CZAPKO!

Mr. Czapko has been one of our great parents with two great scouts for the last several years. He's heading to Washington DC for a new Job working for the Department of Homeland Security. He will be Greatly Missed. Troy and Travis will be following him after the December Court of honor. Merit badge Counselors, Heads up that Travis and Troy will be getting a lot of badges finished up before they depart.

SPANISH TRAILS 100 YEAR CAMPOREE AT CAMP LAWTON, OCT 8TH – 10TH

<http://www.scouttroop141.org/outings/Camporee/stcamporee2010.pdf>

SAVE THE DATE
More Information will follow.

Spanish Trails Centennial Camporee

BSA 2010
CELEBRATING THE ADVENTURE OF SCOUTING FOR A CENTURY

Scouting Across the Decades
October 8-10, 2010 at Camp Lawton

Fun activities, a service project and witness a radio broadcast by President Franklin D. Roosevelt

If you would like to help in any way, big or small, please contact Dave Germain at dkgermain@aol.com, or call 885-5106.

Bring \$10 for CAMPOUT registration On Monday night. You will also need \$10 for Patrol Food.

There are TON of cool events planned for this Trip and HERE is the schedule:

- Friday Sunset: 6:01 PM**
- 8:00** Cracker Barrel for unit leaders
- Saturday Sunrise: 6:21 AM** Sunset: 6:00 PM
- 6:00** - Reveille
- 6:30 - 7:20** Breakfast and clean up
- 7:30 - 8:00** Opening Ceremony - Flag Raising at Parade Ground
- 8:00 - 9:00** All units - Service Project (as assigned at check-in)
- 9:00 - 12:00** 3 Event Rotations (per unit schedule assigned at check-in)

Events for Rotation (50 minutes with 10 minutes between events):

- Climbing Wall - Eagles Nest - Horizontal wall climbing challenge
- Tomahawk Throw - Mountain Man Area
- Fire Methods - Model Camp - How to make fire by traditional methods Geo Cache - Begin at Butler Hall - Please bring a GPS if you have one
- Archery - Archery Range - Archery shooting
- Shooting - Rifle Range - Air Rifle shooting
- Land Skis - Parade Ground - patrol competition on land skis as a team.



100 YEARS
Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey
OF SCOUTING

- 12:00 - 1:00** Lunch in Camp Sites
- 1:00 - 5:00** 4 Event Rotations
- 5:00 - 5:15** Camporee Retreat - at Parage Ground
- 5:00 - 6:30** Dinner in Camp Sites
- 6:30 - 8:00** Campfire and Closing - With a special guest Fireside Chat from President Franklin D. Roosevelt
- Sunday Sunrise: 6:22 AM**
- 8:00 - 9:00** Scout's Own Religious Service at Chapel
- 9:00 - 11:00** Units clear campsites

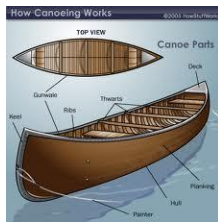
You will be wearing your "CLASS A" uniform the whole time. Check out the Leader's Guide Here:

<http://www.catalinacouncil.org/spanishtrails/2010camporeehb.pdf>



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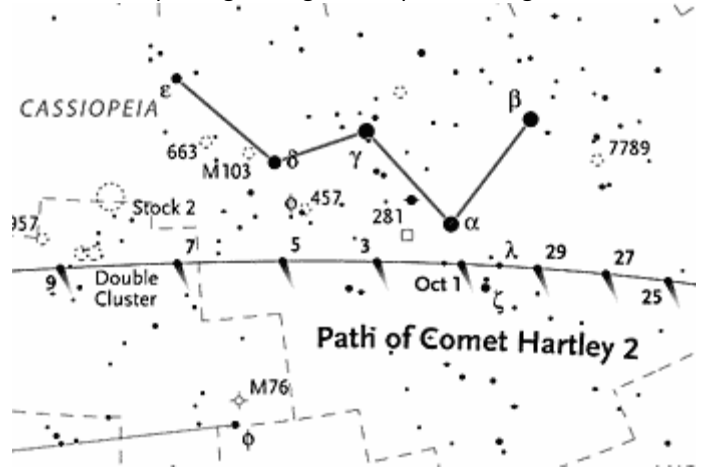
ASTRONOMY MERIT BADGE:

Even though this is not an eagle required Merit badge it takes a lot of work observing, drawing and pointing out astronomical objects. Kind of a QUIET WEEK BUT there IS a Comet passing through *Cassiopeia*. Tonight it is

JUST below ALPHA Cassiopeiae, the brightest star in that constellation.

SO, time for a follow up class and STAR Party. Keep eyes on the calendar for a night at the telescope coming up soon.

<http://www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/ataglance>



Friday, Oct. 1

Shortly after dark at this time of year, five constellations form a line descending from the zenith down to the west-northwest horizon. Near the zenith is the star Deneb: the head of the Northern Cross and the tail of Cygnus, the Swan. Next down is Lyra with bright Vega, then dim Hercules, then little Corona Borealis, and then big Bootes with bright Arcturus low in the west-northwest.

Saturday, Oct. 2

Jupiter's Red Spot should transit around 12:35 a.m. Sunday morning EDT; 9:35 p.m. Saturday evening PDT.

HISTORIC MERIT BADGES

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 *Signalling MB* is now on the calendar for Tuesday October 26th.

WE NEED A VOLUNTEER TO TEACH Carpentry and Path finding merit Badges



Carpentry



Pathfinding



Signaling

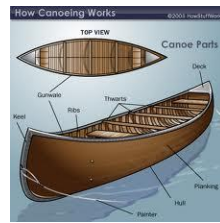


Tracking



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Read more about the program here:

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

GREG R'S EAGLE PROJECT:

Greg's project is October 16th. He is doing work at the Church. (Fixing the path, painting the Columbarium, etc). He will have a sign up sheet on Monday so please help him out!

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!

10/02/2010	Verde River Canoe!
10/04/2010	TROOP MEETING
10/08/2010	Centennial Camporee! Camp Lawton
10/11/2010	TROOP MEETING
10/12/2010	Committee Meeting
10/12/2010	Tracking MB
10/13/2010	Eagle BOR – Spanish Trails
10/14/2010	O/A Monthly Meeting
10/16/2010	Greg's Eagle Project
10/11/2010	TROOP MEETING
10/23/2010	Nick's Eagle Project
10/11/2010	TROOP MEETING
10/26/2010	Signaling MB
10/30/2010	Cops & Rodders

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.



EVENT HELP 2010-2011

(A HUGE Thank you to parents that volunteered to help out at Verde River Canoe Trip) NEED ADULT

LEADER HELP FOR CAMPOREE (That means YOU are the LEADER)

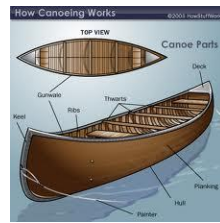
As you can see there is a HUGE amount of FUN planned for this year. We'll not exactly PLANNED yet, but simply identified. Mr. LONG NEEDS YOUR HELP. I need a parent to be the lead on every trip/outing or event. What does this mean?

- Promote (Via Web page, PowerPoint, personal experience, etc).
- Arranging Permits/Reservations, etc.
- Setting the Sign Up sheets out



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- 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 Mrs. Barone who has already offered to help out with Hikes!)

LONG TERM EVENTS

No biggies to report this week.

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/grantcgv.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

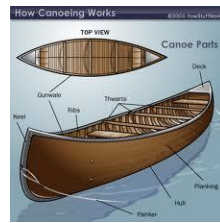
Join Troop 141 on its 2011 Summer Adventure to Yellowstone National Park. We are planning to camp near Yellowstone Lake at Grant Village campground. Firm Travel Dates are NOW July 21st through the 28th. (2 days of travel each way and 4 full days at Yellowstone). Please contact [Mr. Winston](#) either 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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Other costs TBD would be food and gas money and whatever you can think of.



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 go 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:

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.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT DURING THE TROOP MEETING. PLEASE SEE MR. BAILEY and MR. SIEPKER for Details

Wanted – Old stuff

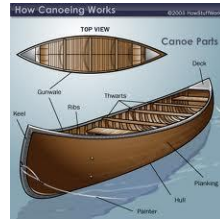
If you have any shoes, uniform shirts, pants, etc, please consider donating these to the troop inventory for those scouts less fortunate. Thanks! We'll break out the Hiking Shoe bucket on Monday the 20th.

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. FOUND on 8.23.10 – One Scout hat. There are now Sever al RED SHIRTS that were misplaced at ROOSEVELT Lake.



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WEEKLY THOUGHT

Sometimes life hands you lemons. The Leaders out there will figure out a way to make a Lemon Pie.

Geographic Information Systems(GIS)

As many of you know I work for the Fire Department, Northwest Fire District to be exact. I am the guy that makes sure that when you call 9-1-1, the phones, radios, computers etc, work and get help to you quickly.

We are all also aware of budget crunches, economy slowdowns, and the need to become more efficient. The government (Fire Dept) is no exception.

We recently had a wave of early retirements and the loss of many years of institutional knowledge. In light of this, we have all had to put on other hats and perform other job functions. In addition to my communications coordinator functions, I am now the GIS analyst for the fire dept. Many would moan at the assumption of additional duties, but to me, learning this new set of skills is a gift. That was kind of scary and a big bite to take until I started taking classes this week.

I wanted to share my 1st map with you (You can see how relevant it is).

You will likely see more detail, more trails, landmarks, etc before July 21st, 2011.

(Did you know Mrs. Scully is a GIS expert as well?)

