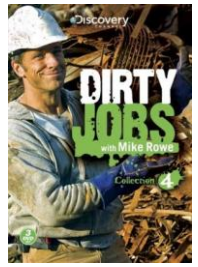




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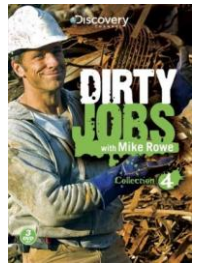
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NO MEETING ON MONDAY NIGHT!

It's Labor Day Weekend!

Labor Day is a [United States federal holiday](#) observed on the first Monday in September (September 6 in 2010).

The first Labor Day in the United States was celebrated on September 5, 1882 in New York City.^[1] It became a federal holiday in 1894, when, following the deaths of a number of workers at the hands of [the U.S. military](#) and [U.S. Marshals](#) during the [Pullman Strike](#), President [Grover Cleveland](#) put reconciliation with the labor movement as a top political priority. Fearing further conflict, legislation making Labor Day a national holiday was rushed through [Congress](#) unanimously and signed into law a mere six days after the end of the strike.^[2] The September date was chosen as Cleveland was concerned that aligning an American labor holiday with existing [international May Day celebrations](#) would stir up negative emotions linked to the [Haymarket Affair](#).^[3] All 50 [U.S. states](#) have made Labor Day a [state holiday](#).



QUARTERMASTER WORKDAY – WAS A HUGE SUCCESS:

Cameron and his Dad coordinated a workday last Saturday. Thanks to the 15 scouts that showed up to help set up tents, fix broken ones, (Nice stitching there Wyatt) and organizing our gear. Looks like we'll need a couple of tents but we should be in good shape for Roosevelt.

Nick's Eagle Project Fundraiser

EAGLE PROJECT CAR WASH – SEPT 12TH, 2010

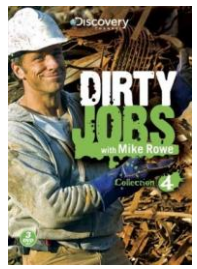
My name is Nick Juhasz, and I am the patrol leader for the Shadow Wolves. My eagle project is coming up, and to raise money, I am going to have a car wash. The organization that I am doing the project for is "Youth On Their Own" (Y.O.T.O.), an organization that helps homeless kids graduate high school and stay safe and healthy. The car wash will raise money for my eagle project, and the excess amount of money raised will be donated to Y.O.T.O. The actual car wash will be September 12 from 9 am to 1 pm at TVLC in the gravel parking lot. Please email or call me, if interested, at bizzybee@comcast.net or 520-749-0701. I will also be collecting non perishable food items and gently used teen clothing at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING IS THE FALL COURT OF HONOR: (SEPT 13TH 6:30)

The Fall Court of honor will be at 6:30 on Monday – and will last until 8:00 PM. During this meeting, Money for ROOSEVELT LAKE GRUBMASTER, TONTO PERMIT and GAS will be collected – SO bring \$15.00 PLUS what your patrol grubmaster says it will cost. [\(Click here for advancement report\)](#)



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IMPORTANT: Please take a moment to download this report ([Click here for advancement report](#)) and see what you will be getting this time. If there is a badge on this report that you have already received – Please email Mr. Vita at advancements@scouttroop141.org and let him know what corrections are needed. He needs to know this ASAP before he goes to the council scout shop to buy all the badges.



VENTURE UPDATE

Meetings are now on Wednesdays

VENTURING · BSA

Upcoming:

- September 6-Meeting Shirt Order Due (see Troop Web-Site for forms)
- September 13-Meeting plan for Lake Weekend
- September 19- Roosevelt Lake
- October 2- Canoe Trip

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*

ASTRONOMY MERIT BADGE:

Kyle Foss is the 2nd Scout to earn the 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. THERE IS A TON OF STUFF TO LOOK AT RIGHT NOW at Sunset. (4 Planets are in the western Sky at about 7:30 pm)

SO, time for a follow up class and STAR Party. Keep an eye on the calendar for a night at the telescope coming up soon. <http://www.skyandtelescope.com/observing/ataglance>



Dusk, Sept 10 and 11 30 minutes after sunset



Friday, Sept. 3

• Jupiter's Great Red Spot should cross Jupiter's central meridian (the imaginary line down the center of the planet's disk from pole to pole) around 1:38 a.m. Saturday morning Eastern Daylight Time; 10:38 p.m. Friday evening Pacific Daylight Time. The "red" spot appears pale orange-tan. It should be visible for about an hour before and after in a good 4-inch telescope if the atmospheric seeing is sharp and steady. A light blue or green filter helps. The Red Spot transits about every 9 hours 56 minutes; for all of the Red Spot's central-meridian crossing times, good worldwide, use our [Red Spot calculator](#) or print out our [list for the](#)



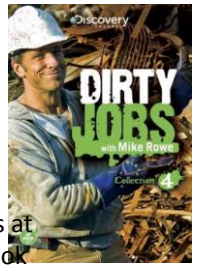
[rest of this observing season.](#)

Saturday, September 4

• Low in the west-southwest after sunset, Mars is 2° upper right of Spica, which is roughly 4° right of landmark Venus. Cloudy? Try again tomorrow.



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Sunday, Sept. 5

- **Zenith star.** This is the time of year when Vega passes closest to straight overhead at dusk (for skywatchers at north temperate latitudes). It goes exactly through the zenith if you're at north latitude 38.6°. Lie back and look straight up. Could it fall on you?

Monday, Sept. 6

- Jupiter's Great Red Spot should transit around 11:07 p.m. EDT.

Tuesday, Sept. 7

- The zodiacal light ("false dawn") should be showing well, for Northern Hemisphere skywatchers, before the first light of dawn for the next two weeks. But you'll need a dark, unpolluted sky.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

- New Moon (exact at 6:30 a.m. EDT).
- Jupiter's Great Red Spot should transit around 12:45 a.m. Thursday morning EDT.

Thursday, Sept. 9

- Mira, the prototype red long-period variable star in Cetus, is on its way to a maximum predicted for early October. It's probably not quite visible to the unaided eye yet but should be easy in binoculars. You'll need to look for it after about midnight, however. See the chart in the September [Sky & Telescope](#), page 58.

COIN COLLECTING MERIT BADGE

This is a FUN one (Meaning not eagle required) that will involve a class portion and a collecting portion. If you have ever liked saving pennies, or state quarters, this is the MB for YOU! Make sure to print out the Workbook and bring it with you



[Click here for Workbook](#) (Word Format) [Click here for Workbook](#) in (.pdf Format)

If you want to get a head start on the requirements – Start looking for a set of coins from the year of your birth to present (They must all be the same coin, I'd recommend Pennies)

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:



Carpentry



Pathfinding



Signaling



Tracking

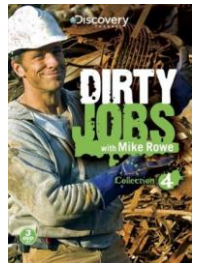
Read more about the program here:

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



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CHEMISTRY MERIT BADGE SEPT 25TH

Mr. Matsunaga is teaching the Chemistry Merit badge at the UofA labs this Saturday. It's a whole day merit badge event and has been described as the "Most Fun Merit badge ever!" There will be a Sign Up sheet at the Monday COH meeting on Sept 13th. Click here for the Workbook [in MS Word](#), and [in .PDF](#)

ROOSEVELT LAKE – SEPTEMBER 17TH TO 19TH THIS TRIP IS COMING UP ON SEPTEMBER 17TH - 19TH

Mr. Long scouted out the camping areas on Sunday the 29th of August and there were numerous options presented at the troop meeting of Monday August 30th. The troop voted and decided to try to get in to [Orange Peel](#) beach. Mr. Long will travel up to Roosevelt lake on Thursday night and attempt to reserve the area. Caveats – The area could accommodate the Troop, BUT...if other campers are there, it will be tight. Backup plan is the tent area at Cholla Recreation area. It was about 30' down to the edge of the water from the tent area.



Boat Launching – Will be a Cholla, but boats shouldn't have a problem anchoring/tying up at Orange Peel. It's about 2 miles north of Cholla rec area to Orange Peel.

We'll have 6 Canoes – and there is a HUGE forest of drowned trees to canoe in and explore. This part of the lake is the Premier bass area. Bring your pole, bait and lures.

Mr. Long will teach the MOTORBOATING MB on this trip. But you can also fulfill requirements for Fishing, Small Boat Sailing (If Will M brings his boat), and Water Sports (Water Skiing is no longer offered).

PARENTS – (VOLUNTEERED)

- **Reservations:** Mr. Long
- **Trailer Tow:** Mr. Rencken (in Mr. Long's truck)
- **Canoe Tow:** Mr. Findysz
- **Life Guard:** Mrs. Phillips
- **Assistant Leader:** Bill Juhasz
- **Tour Leader:** Dave Rencken
- **Adult Grubmaster:** Bill Juhasz Cost for grub is **\$5.00** a meal or **\$20.00** / adult. Kids are \$

2.50 a meal or **\$10.00** Workbook for Fishing [.pdf .doc](#)

Workbook for Motorboating [.pdf .doc](#)

Workbook for Small Boat Sailing [.pdf .doc](#)

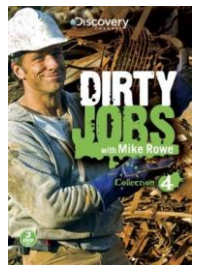
Workbook for Water sports [.pdf .doc](#)





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FISHING MERIT BADGE (YOU CAN EARN THIS NEXT WEEK!!!!)

Here is a great opportunity to earn a quick MB next week. Boy Scouts can earn their fishing merit badge at this 2-day event hosted by Troop 109 in Spanish Trails District. The first evening will be a fishing clinic to go over all the requirements for the Fishing Merit Badge. The following Saturday will include a free day of fishing at Rose Canyon Lake. Participants must attend both days to earn the merit badge. Please brush up on and be familiar with the fishing knots prior to the clinic. Bring a signed blue card.

Day 1: Tuesday, September 7th, 6:00pm-9:00pm - Rincon Congregational Church, 122 N Craycroft

Day 2: Saturday, September 11th, 8:00am-12:00pm - Rose Canyon Lake

For more information or to RSVP: Cconrad_az@yahoo.com or 520-488-7773

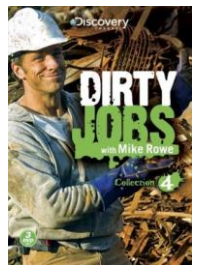
UPCOMING EVENTS (Color Coding RED TEXT is an event that has changed, Color coding /Shading other colors indicates a new event since the last email). As you can see we are getting a full schedule already. Additional details are available by viewing the Troop Calendar. As you can see we have a FULL month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

08/27/2010	O/A – Fall Ordeal (Camp Lawton)
08/28/2010	Quartermaster Work Day
08/30/2010	TROOP MEETING
08/31/2010	Patrol Leader's Conference
09/06/2010	Labor Day – No Meeting
09/07/2010	Spanish Trails Round Table
09/07/2010	Fishing Merit Badge (Spanish Trails)
09/09/2010	Eagle Board of Review
09/11/2010	Fishing Merit Badge (Spanish Trails) Rose Canyon Lake
09/11/2010	Reserved for Eagle Project
09/12/2010	Nick J's Eagle Project Fundraiser (Car Wash)
09/13/2010	TROOP MEETING FALL COURT OF HONOR!!!
09/14/2010	Coin Collecting Merit Badge
09/17/2010	Roosevelt Lake Campout/Water
09/20/2010	TROOP MEETING
09/24/2010	Spanish Trails Camp Lawton Service Weekend
09/25/2010	Chemistry Merit Badge
09/26/2010	Jacob's Eagle Project
09/27/2010	TROOP MEETING
10/16/2010	Greg's Eagle Project
10/23/2010	Nick's Eagle Project



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EVENT HELP 2010-2011

(A HUGE Thank you to parents that have volunteered to help out at ROOSEVELT LAKE 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 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

Service 9/24 – 9/26/10 - The Spanish Trails Service Weekend is Scheduled – Click here for info: http://www.catalinacouncil.org/ST_Service_Weekend.pdf

Camporee October 8th – 10th – Spanish Trails Camporee at Double V Ranch. This is the 100 year BSA celebration for the rest of us!
<http://www.scouttroop141.org/outings/Camporee/stcamporee2010.pdf>

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

YELLOWSTONE: (DATELINE AUGUST 2010 – MR. WINSTON)



Here is what I have so far. There are 3 group campsites at Yellowstone (Bridge Bay, Grant Village and Madison). Bridge Bay and Grant Village are on Yellowstone Lake and are my first choice. The cost is as follows (2010 rates as 2011 rates are TBD): \$83/night for groups between 20-29 and \$95/night for groups between 30-39. As of today there are plenty of openings the week of July 10 (leave Tucson on July 8 to arrive on the evening of July 10 then spend 4 days in Yellowstone and leave on Friday morning). The person I spoke with stated that we would almost be guaranteed to get the dates we wanted if we made our reservations by November.

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

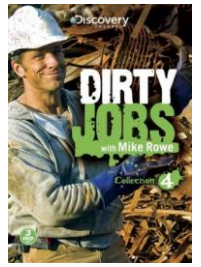
Other costs TBD would be food and gas money and whatever you can think of.

Join Troop 141 on its 2011 Summer Adventure to Yellowstone National Park. We are planning to camp near Yellowstone Lake at either the Bridge Bay or Grant Village campground. Tentative dates are July 9-17 (2 days of travel each way and 4 full days at Yellowstone). Please contact [Mr. Winston](#) either at a troop meeting or via email by the Court of Honor on Sept 13 if you are interested in attending. Families are welcome to attend.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, there are a lot of trips on the calendar that will cost beyond the normal 20-30 dollars of a campout. With this in mind, it is likely that the troop will be asked for more Scholarship support. We want to give as much as we have fairly to all who ask.



The Troop Committee recognizes that a system of evaluating and awarding this benefit has to be established to be fair to all. With this being said, many factors will be weighed when deciding who gets Scholarship money:

- Did the scout apply for Catalina Council Scholarship money
- Has the troop given this scout scholarship money for this event in previous years
- Has the scout participated in Fundraising activities during the year.

NONE of these are eliminating factors but they DO help make the decision to support a scout much easier when several compete for the same pool of funds.

We'll try to do as much fund Raising as we can this year to help everyone go to the exciting places that are on the calendar!



POPCORN Selling IS HERE! Please be ready to do SHOW AN SELL and Get the forms that were mailed out filled in to win fabulous prizes! Mr. J and Mrs. J gave a presentation on this last Monday. There will be SHOW and SELLS planned.



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:

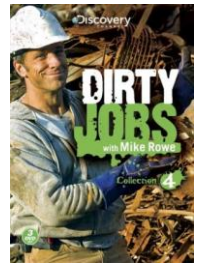
- Here is the 12 Step Presentation for going from Life Scout to Eagle Scout:
<http://catalinacouncil.org/spanishtrails/Life-to-Eagle.pdf>
- Here is the New Application for Eagle
http://catalinacouncil.org/spanishtrails/Eagle_Application_09.pdf
- Here is an Editable version of the Eagle Workbook:
http://www.troop1631.org/forms/Eagle_Scout_packet.rtf
- Where to write for Congratulatory Letters:
<http://usscouts.org/eagle/eaglecongrats.asp>





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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.

Right now the trailer committee is on the fence as to which way to go. Hopefully we will be ready for Roosevelt Lake!

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.

WEEKLY THOUGHT:

Labor Day:

One of the key principles of Scouting, besides earning merit badges, being a leader, and earning rank, is the concept of providing service to the community. Here at Troop 141 we have always tried to provide a wealth of opportunity to give back to the community by doing service projects.

While you are enjoying yourselves this weekend (Barbecuing, camping, boating or whatever) take a moment to reflect on the scout slogan of "Do a Good Turn Daily". Does a good turn always have to be a 'Labor'? No, but most often it involves providing some kind of 'Service' to another that needs it.

Over the years at troop 141 we have provided a significant amount of Labor to the community in the form of projects, service work days, etc.

This fall will be no exception. We have quite a few service projects already lined up on the calendar.

The First will be:

Nick J,

Sept 12th, He's raising funds by running a Car Wash at the church (TVLC) to buy Materials for:

Project Day October 23rd.

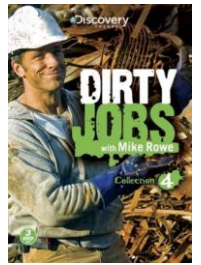
Nick is planning to work for "Youth on Their Own" by repairing/building shelves, cleaning up an area behind their building, drywalling and painting. Youth On Their Own supports the high school graduation and continued success of homeless youth by providing financial assistance, basic human needs and guidance.

Then comes:



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Jacob H

Project Day September 26th

Jacob will be building a shed for that Tucson Garden. They have been robbed many times because they have no secure place to keep their stuff.

And Finally:

Greg R

Project Day October 16th,

Greg will be building some things for the church and working behind the open air chapel next to the troop shed. This is a GREAT opportunity to give back to the wonderful Tanque Verde Lutheran Church that provides us with so much and asks for nothing in return.

A Scout is HELPFUL



Have a FUN / Safe Labor Day Holiday