

TROOP 141 SCOUTMASTER'S UPDATE!

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2009



APACHE LAKE CAMP OUT – TONIGHT IS THE NIGHT!!! 9/18/09

September 18th, Friday night is the departure for Apache Lake! **Be sure to bring:**

- Sunscreen
- Rain Poncho
- Bug spray

WE HAVE 24 Scouts and 30 Adults signed up! Congratulations to Patrol "B" the Blind Hikers who had the most attendance and uniform points for this scoring period. Those lucky scouts get to eat with the Adults. The main theme on this campout will be water activities and there should be canoes, kayaks, sailboats and big water ski boats in attendance. There will be a Saturday night cooking competition between patrols with 'lavish' prizes to the winning patrol.

Don't forget your Tonto Pass, Life Jackets, etc. Mr. Long will be going up early to stake out our Site. Look for the blinking Yellow STROBE light when you arrive. That's our Camp!

SERVICE PROJECT FOR THE CHURCH

Thank you to ALL who showed up and helped fulfill the request that the church made for service. We were able to complete 3 of the four projects. Mr. Siepker will be arranging a Tractor to complete the dirt spread. A hearty thanks to all of the scouts and parents that pitched in. If you showed up, you can count 2 hours of service time toward rank advancement. [Click here for the Pictures](#)

KEVIN B'S EAGLE COURT OF HONOR:

Kevin had 60 people show up to honor him. [Click here for pictures.](#)

QUARTERMASTER WORK DAY!

Thanks to Mr. Czapko and Troy C we have an organized troop shed. Mr. Siepker picked up another Easy Up to replace the one that was bent, Mrs. Barone salvaged a lot of towels plus she sanitized our pots, and Mr. Findysz bought us two Dutch ovens and ANOTHER Easy UP! We now have 4 12x12 shade providers and you can bet they will get used at Apache Lake. We also moved all of the stuff that was in the closet in Linder Hall out to the Troop shed. We will have to spend some time organizing and cataloguing our treasures that we found in there. Many thanks to all of the Scouts and parents that came out to help. [Click Here for Pictures!](#)

HIKING SERIES:

There three 10 Mile hikes planned 1 per month through Thanksgiving. If you want to get the Hiking Merit badge this year, attend the Merit badge class on the 25th and 5x 10 Mile hikes plus 1 20 Mile hike and this Eagle Required Merit badge can be yours this year! **The next really cool hike is Agua Caliente Hill on September 29th.** Check the calendar for details and permission slips.

PERSONAL FITNESS MERIT BADGE

The Personal Fitness merit badge will be started on Tuesday Sept 22 at 7 PM at TVLC. At this session requirements 1-5 and part of 6 (body composition) will be reviewed as well as the plans for the remaining requirements. If you sign-up for the Sept 22 class either at a Monday meeting or via email (treasurer@scouttroop141.org) before Thursday Sept 17 a worksheet will be provided for you. (Please note that Mr. Winston will NOT be at the Sept 14 meeting!) At the Sept 22 meeting adults and flexible cloth tape measures will be needed to make various body measurements of the scouts. The more tape measures and the more adults present, the quicker it will go.

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This is NOT a merit badge that can be earned in one night. There is a 12-week daily fitness requirement as well as interval fitness milestone tests that need to be done. The milestone tests will be conducted every other Monday night at Udall Park prior to the weekly scout meeting beginning Monday Sept 28. In the days between the interval tests the scouts are REQUIRED to do physical activity EVERY DAY for 12 weeks! What constitutes physical activity will be discussed on Sept 22. Also, it will be helpful if some adults can stay at Udall to transport scouts to the Monday meeting.

Scouts who attend the Monday night fitness tests are exempt from the class A uniform requirement as long as the scout is wearing the troop t-shirt or sweatshirt.

POPCORN SALES:

There are NUMEROUS upcoming Show and Sell Appointments set up!

Ace Hardware Bear Canyon/T.V

Sat. Sept 19th 9-10:30 and 10:30-12-->

Sun. Sept. 20 same place and times

Frys Golf Links/Harrison

Fri. Sept 25th 4-5:50 and 5:50-7:00

Sat. Sept. 26th 9-10:15, 10:15-11:30 and 11:30-1:00

NEXT MEETING: Monday September 21st – FALL COURT OF HONOR

****NOTE THIS MEETING STARTS AT 6:30****

Please join us for a celebration of accomplishment which will include:

- The Geronimo Badge Awards
- Rank Awards
- And Oodles of Merit badges

Class "A" Uniforms are mandatory – Please remember to wear your merit badge sashes, and bring your mom's brag rag if you are advancing in rank.

Fall COA MEETING SCHEDULE:

Leadership Patrol enters carrying the troop and American flags.

• The court of honor members enter. (**Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, Treasurer, Advancement chair, Assistant Scoutmasters, Venture leader**)

• The color guard enters carrying the colors. The Scouts and audience members stand at attention. (**Leadership Patrol**)

• Silent Pledge of Allegiance Ceremony (**Leadership Patrol**)

• Brief Announcements (**Scoutmaster**)

• The chairperson convenes the court of honor. (**Committee Chair**)

• The court chairperson calls on members of the court to make awards presentations.

• Geronimo Badges – (**Treasurer, Mrs. Phillips**)

• Merit Badges (**By Counselors if Available – Coordinated by Advancement Chair**)

• Rank Advancement (**Scoutmaster**)

• Special Service Recognition (**Scoutmaster & Committee Chair**)

• Special program features are presented—Scout demonstrations, SKIT – **Patrol "B"**

• Retire the colors. (**Leadership Patrol**)

• Close. The court of honor will close with the troop's regular closing ceremony.

POT LUCK Also: Please bring a desert dish to share.

MOVING THE MEETING ROOM: (MOVED!)

Our Meetings are in the **FAMILY LIFE CENTER** aka the **GYM**.

VENTURE UPDATE:

Venture will be at Apache Lake this weekend, Please see Mrs. Scully for details

UPCOMING EVENTS (Color Coding RED TEXT is an event that has changed, Color coding /Shading other colors)

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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.

09/19/2009	Apache Lake Campout – TONIGHT!
09/19/2009	Popcorn Sales Day – Ace hardware
09/20/2009	Popcorn Sales Day – Ace Hardware
09/21/2009	Fall Court of Honor (NOTE 6:30 Time! Bring a Desert)
09/22/2009	Personal Fitness Merit Badge
09/25/2009	Popcorn Sales Day – Frys
09/26/2009	Popcorn Sales Day _ Frys
09/26/2009	Agua Caliente Hill 10 Mile Hike
09/28/2009	Personal Fitness Milestone (Udall Park)
09/28/2009	Troop meeting (Personal Fitness Milestone 6:30 Udall Park)
09/29/2009	Hiking Merit Badge
10/03/2009	Paul H's Eagle Project (Part 1)
10/04/2009	Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC)
10/05/2009	Committee Meeting
10/10/2009	Paul H's Eagle Project (Part 2)
10/12/2009	Troop meeting (Personal Fitness Milestone 6:30 Udall Park) *Recharter Begins*
10/13/2009	Law Merit Badge (Class) 6:30-8:00 PM
10/16/2009	Law Merit Badge (Court Tour) 09:00 AM to 3:00 PM
10/17/2009	Gila River Canoe Camp
10/19/2009	Troop meeting (Personal Fitness Milestone 6:30 Udall Park) *Recharter *
10/20/2009	Citizenship in the Community Merit Badge
10/24/2009	Hike – Wasson Peak 10 Miler
10/26/2009	Troop meeting (Personal Fitness Milestone 6:30 Udall Park) *Recharter *
10/31/2009	Cops and Rodders (Service opportunity)
10/31/2009	Spanish Trails District Merit Badge Day

ADULT TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: For our Scout Leaders, please renew your Safety Afloat and Youth Protection training by going to the BSA On Line Learning Center Training Link: <http://olc.scouting.org/>

MR. BROCK UPDATE

He has been fighting his disease vigorously and has stopped his treatments to give his body a little time to catch up. His faith is an inspiration to all of us. Please keep him in your prayers.

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WEEKLY THOUGHT: [Safe Swim Defense](#)

Safety Afloat has been developed to promote boating and boating safety and to set standards for safe unit activity afloat. **Before a BSA group may engage in an excursion, expedition, or trip on the water (canoe, raft, sailboat, motorboat, rowboat, floating in an inner tube, or other craft),** one adult leader must complete Safe Swim Defense training, have a commitment card (No. 34243) with them, and agree to use the eight defenses in this plan. The eight defenses are:

1. Qualified Supervision
2. Physical Fitness
3. Safe Area
4. Lifeguards on Duty
5. Lookout
6. Ability Groups
7. Buddy System
8. Discipline

[Learn More about this by clicking HERE](#)



 **Safe Swim Defense**

This is to verify that _____

_____ has satisfactorily completed specific instruction in Safe Swim Defense and has agreed to use the eight defenses in this plan on every occasion when _____ goes swimming. (Unit and No.) _____

This card is good for two years from date: _____

_____ Council
Boy Scouts of America

Signed: _____
Aquatics Counselor Approved by Council

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