

Be Prepared: for the Adventure that Lies Ahead

ince we don't have a July issue of the Dispatch we are announcing the special Roundtable Kickoff early, so you have ample notice

and can get it on your calendars. The Grand Canyon Council and the BSA are under going major structural and program revisions. Central District Roundtable helps you navigate these changes. On August 2nd we kick off the new program year with a trade show format. Visit booths staffed by district leaders and other experts to learn about these topics and more:

Roundtable gives you the skill to do, plus the will to do. You will find resources, make friends, and build

confidence whether you are new to the

BSA or an experienced veteran. End the evening with a cool reward at the ice cream sundae bar. Mark your calendar for August 2nd at 7:00 pm.

No Roundtable or Newsletter in July

August 2nd

Roundtable Breakouts

**Cub Scout breakout:** Leader Recruitment & Suc cession Planning Boy Scout breakout: High Adventure:

The Sky Is The Limit

Special breakout: Promoting Citizenship through Flag Ceremonies

> We'll also have a display by the Arizona Scouting Museum.

Activities for your den, pack, troop, or crew

Position-specific training

Supplemental training

Charter renewal

Journey to Excellence

Recruiting and retention

Starting new units

Family Scouting

Chartered organization

Advancement

Scoutbook

Camping/outdoor events

Civic service

Fundraising

Friends of Scouting

Order of the Arrow

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• Flag Collection on the 4th Short Stack Event

Lost Pueblo Safari

Vamporee

Eagle Recognition

Merit Badge Schedule

Hike of the Month



Order of the Arrow

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# Arizona **The Central Distric**

**2018 Cub Scout Summer Day** 

**Camp** 

#### This 3-DAY Safari **Exploration** is packed with fun-filled activities for youth AGES 5-10 9 Session to choose from

**Session 1**: May 31-2018 03:00 PM **Session 2**: June 04-2018 03:00 PM **Session 3**: June 07-2018 03:00 PM Session 4: June 11-2018 03:00 PM Session 5: June 14-2018 03:00 PM **Session 6**: June 18-2018 03:00 PM **Session 7**: June 21-2018 03:00 PM Session 8: June 25-2018 03:00 PM **Session 9**: June 28-2018 03:00 PM

At the Heard **Scout Pueblo** 901 E Dobbins Rd Phoenix. AZ 85042

## **Contribute Your Old Wornout Flags**

## This event has a 42 year history Flag Collection on the Fourth of July

e are pleased to announce that Boy Scouts of America from the Central District region will be at the Royal Palm Park for the July 4th celebration to collect torn and warn out flags ready for a retirement. This is a call going out to all troops in the Central District, that you are invited to attend the celebration to collect flags and walk in the neighborhood parade.

BSA is one of the last true groups that has the duty to uphold the values to present and retire the American symbol. One of this year's goals is to encourage more troop involvement at civic events. And we would like to encourage troops in the Central District to attend and show support for our civic duty. In addition, the plan is to increase troop involvement with providing more flag



November 11th

A covered table will be provided for the flag collection station area. The event starts at 7:00am and ending at 9:00am. The

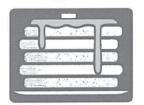
parade will start at 8:00 AM and travel around the neighborhood park area. Last year those in attendance included Councilman Daniel Valenzuela, Councilwomen Debra Stark, and Senator Kate Brophy McGee. This event has a long history (42 years) for the neighborhood, which is one of the local politician's favorite public gatherings. This is the perfect place for BSA Central District to kick off their civic service duties and activities when fulfilling our obligation to honor the American flag.

ceremonies at private and public events. Seeking higher profile events will be a central objective when trying to raise the scout

involvement in civic activities. This event will be considered the "kick-off" for the Central District's civic service projects.

On a second note, Central District would like you to reserve the date of November 11th for our Veterans Day Flag Retirement Ceremony. This is a Central District regional event that will fulfill our civic duty by retiring the American flags collected at the July 4th celebration and from general collection sites.

Royal Palm Park • July 4th Celebration • 8405 North 15th AvenuePhoenix, AZ (setup time starts 5:30 AM) News coverage of the event.





# SHORT STACKS FOR A

You're Invited to an Applebee's® Flaplack Fundraiser Event to support

**Grand Canyon Council** 

Venture crew (older and more adventurous boy/girl scouts) ......

Tickets: \$8.00 Date: 06/09/18 Time: 8am - 10am

For Ticket Purchases Contact Rebecca (602) 510-5355 ruadahm@yahoo.com

Applebee's Location For Event 2 E Camelback Rd Phoenix, AZ 85012 602-266-3330



# Vamporee October 26-

This is a Three District Event with hundreds of Scouts

Pinnacle Peak, Sonoran Sunset and Central Districts at Camp Geronimo





# The Central District

**May Camelback District Eagle Scouts** 

#### Robert Beers. Troop 6

**Project:** Major improvement project at the Arizona Military Museum. Included sanding and staining wood walkway, upgraded signage, protected poster artifacts with frames, and more.

Colin Burke. Troop 401.

Installed artificial grass and gravel at Soul Sanctuary. giving the home for recovering drug addicts and their families a much-improved back vard.

Carter Clees. Troop 401

Built and installed playground equipment, a tether ball court, ping pong table, and patio furniture at Soul Sanctuary, a home for recovering drug addicts and their families.

Bennet Crews. Troop 41.

Built three wheel-chair accessible garden beds for New Way Academy.

#### • Seth Crews, Troop 41,

Restoring an old shade structure for New Way Academy. Also planted new shrubs around the area.

- Joseph Fournier, Troop 340, Organized and facilitated the first and highly successful blood drive involving United Blood Services at St Thomas the Apostle church.
- Jake Grunewald, Troop 329, Created a fenced dog park with play structures for the dogs, benches and shade at the Native American Connections facility.
- Rowan McCullough, Troop 201, Built fish habitats for the Arizona Game and Fish Department and located in Roosevelt Lake.
- Jonathon Tucker. Troop 329. Built six fish shelters and placed them in the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area.

Daniel Leichtv. Troop 201.

Rebuilt a playground at the Southwest Autism Research and Resource Center (SARRC). The new layout included creating a simulated grocery store to teach the kids shopping skills.

- Nicolas Pacioni. Troop 340. Built three stands designed to hold ID cards used by students in the Dream Center and program the cards to work with the identification machine.
- Matthew Szeto. Troop 329. Built two picnic tables, planted orange trees, and removed dead plants and unwanted fire ring from Orangewood Presbyterian Church.
- James Tucker, Troop 329, Built and installed more than 125 feet of split rail fencing at the Rio Salado Habitat Restoration Area.

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his month's camping site is the Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch in Gilbert. This city park, located east of Greenfield Road on Guadalupe Road in Gilbert has three camping areas on it's 110 acre wetland. Camp sites, which

> include fire rings and grills, can be reserved thru the Gilbert Parks and Recreation Department.

Activities include fishing in Water Ranch Lake for trout, catfish, bass and sunfish. Scouts under 14 years old are not required to have a license. Also, on Friday and Saturday evenings, The Gilbert Rotary Centennial Observatory, located at the Riparian Preserve at Water Ranch is open to the public for star gazing or astronomy merit badge work! Or, you can take a tour of the Preserve, or work on other merit badges. No matter what you choose to do on your overnight camping trip you'll have fun at this close to town (okay, in town) location.

No

Roundtable Merit Badge Classes



#### June 7th

Personal Management - A

#### July - Break

#### **August 2nd**

Personal Management - B

#### September 6th

Personal Management - C

#### October 4th

Personal Management - **D** 

#### **November 1st**

Emergency Preparedness - A

#### **December - Break**

#### **January 3rd**

Emergency Preparedness - B

Central District holdings Eagle Rank required merit badge clinics on the first Thursday of each month Thursday at 7:00 pm at the LDS Church at 1316 Cherry Lynn, Phoenix.

No fee. The boys should wear their Class A uniform and bring paper and a writing instrument. If possible, read the requirements before class. The merit badge book can be purchased at the Scout Shop. and it can also be downloaded as an interactive digital eBook from www.ScoutStuff.org.



For full details on the merit badge requirements. please look at: www.meritbadge.com

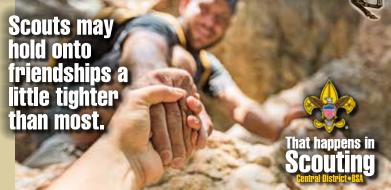
Link to event registration: https://scoutingevent.com/010-tdvadvmav



## **Central District Planning Retreat**

All District Level Leaders and Volunteers (District vice chairs. Committee chairs and committee

members) are welcome to attend. SAVE-THE-DATE and beat the heat for some cooler weather and planning together for a great Scout year ahead! Bring your great ideas.



#### **Are You NEW to your District Leadership Position**

and not really sure what it means to lead a committee or a team?

#### **Please Join Us September 8th**



for a professional level one day course discussing what it means to be a leader at the District level in the **Grand Canyon Council** 

# Today's Advancement

very unit should have at least one adult familiar with current advancement procedures. We have another opportunity here in 2018 for you to catch up on all of the changes. "Today's Advancement" will be taught August 4 (noon to 5:00pm) at the Council Service Center, 2969 N Greenfield Rd. Cost is \$5.00, and you can register at: <a href="https://scoutingevent.com/010-TodayAdvAug">https://scoutingevent.com/010-TodayAdvAug</a>

"Today's Advancement" course provides new and experienced unit, district and council advancement administrators indepth education regarding the management of advancement according to the Guide to Advancement. The education covers

such topics as management of unit advancement programs, building advancement committees, available advancement education materials, mechanics of advancement. coordinating positions of responsibilities, the Merit Badge program, boards of



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#### Reflections on a Fine Example of Scouting By Daryl Olson

n the afternoon of May 20th I had the distinct privilege of attending a court of honor with Troop 805. From the moment I arrived I felt welcome, as one of the parents quickly recognized I was in uniform

and greeted me. Then, Richard Bates introduced himself as the Scout Master, let me know I was expected, and also made me feel welcome. A Scout is Friendly, Courteous, and Kind.

I was particularly impressed with how all the youth and leaders were in there full uniforms and they all matched. This is no small task and it speaks volumes to how important

unity and being part of a troop is to 805. I was particularly impressed by the fact that all the youth had their shirts tucked in. This may seem like a small thing but it signifies respect for the uniform. A Scout is

Clean and Reverent.

The committee is clearly organized and the leadership is committed to the success of the youth and the troop. The color guard was respectful and efficient as they posted the colors and led the group in

the pledge of allegiance. The Patrols were clearly defined and the youth leadership was easy to identify, both by having the appropriate insignia on their sleeve and in the way they carried themselves.

The meal that was From the moment the meeting collectively provided made started I felt right at home for a great opportunity with my fellow scouters. I to meet more members was quickly introduced and again the collective greeting of the troop and enjoy was warm and welcoming. conversation additional Several other members of conversation. Again, I was treated like a visiting scout masters also introduced dignitary and invited to get themselves and made my food first. In some me feel at home.

situations, I might have felt a little awkward since I was a stranger BUT among troop 805 I was made to feel completely at home and a welcome member of the greater scouting family. I was humbled and grateful for the graciousness of my host.

I was impressed by the program and how it was youth led when appropriate. I particularly liked how mothers who were receiving their first pins were given a neckband to proudly display them This showed me further unity within the troop and the desire to have everyone adorned with uniform that was "uniform" with fellow scout parents. I also liked how the significance of pinning the mother's pin upside down so that the scout could "do a good turn" was recognized and called out.

As the young men read what each of the rank advancements signified I was reminded of my own journey to eagle. Too often the process, the steps required, the growth, and so many things that are part of advancement are passed over and not given the attention they deserve. A patch is just a patch if there is no meaning behind it.

Troop 805 is clearly a unit worthy of emulation by all troops. Scoutmaster Bates was well prepared with the scout appropriate jokes and not afraid to call the youth out where they had opportunities to make improvements. My son received his Eagle last year but if I had another scout just getting started I would want them to be a member of Troop 805.

I believe it was assistant scoutmaster Dave Slobodianuk who aptly identified me as a "Purist", so in keeping with this I'd like to give a Big Hand to Troop 805.



### Arrow Tips (to-do list) for June and July



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# ORDER OF THE ARROW

#### **Chapter Meetings**

The new Central District serves units from parts of the following three former districts: Camelback (Oraibi Chapter), Thunderbird (Tovakinpi Chapter), and Lake Pleasant (Walpi Paho Chapter). Wipala Wiki Lodge is retaining the chapter boundaries based on the former districts through at least the end of 2018.

The Oraibi Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month from August to May at 1316 East Cheery Lynn Road (LDS building). Pickup basketball starts at 6:00 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. The date and place for Tovakinpi Chapter meetings is not available at this time. Contact chapter adviser Jonathon Taylor for the most current information. The Walpi Paho Chapter meets at 7:00 pm on the fourth Thursday at 8155 West Thunderbird Road (New Life Community Church). Units with arrowmen should be sending their troop OA representatives to facilitate communication between the chapter, unit leadership, and the units' arrowmen.

#### **Show Your Chapter Spirit**

Get a new Oraibi Chapter patch for just \$3. Come to a chapter meeting or the chapter snack bar at district and lodge events to purchase. Walpi Paho Chapter has short-sleeved T-shirts for \$15..

#### **Details for Arrow Tip 1 (Troop OA Elections)**

Plan for your unit election of OA candidates. Order of the Arrow elections must be conducted by a team from the lodge (council) or chapter (district). A troop may not conduct its own OA election. Troops may schedule an Order of the Arrow election once per calendar year. This is the responsibility of the troop Order of the Arrow representative (OAR), an arrowman who should be appointed by the senior patrol leader. If the unit has no arrowmen or has not appointed an OAR then the SPL should schedule the election through the chapter adviser. Please provide at least three weeks' notice.

A candidate for the Order of the Arrow has one year from his election date to complete an Ordeal (thus becoming an Ordeal member). If he fails to attend an Ordeal in that time then he must be reelected (or renominated in the case of adults) for another opportunity to join. The lodge typically schedules inductions on the first and third weekends in May and the second weekends in September and October. Please schedule unit elections and call-outs accordingly.

#### **Details for Arrow Tip 2 (Summer Camp)**

The Order began as a way to recognize the best examples of Scout spirit and leadership among those attending summer camp at Treasure Island in the Delaware River near Philadelphia in 1915. It has always been a camping honor society with close ties to the summer camp experience in particular. Those chosen as candidates must have completed a five night (minimum) long-term camping experience under the standards of the BSA in the two years before their election. Encourage your unit to attend one or more resident camps this summer. Be there to guide the younger Scouts, help them grow, and enable them to fulfill one prerequisite for becoming a member of Scouting's National Honor Society.

#### **Details for Arrow Tip Item 3 (New Program Year)**

Many units hold their annual planning conferences during the summer. Make sure the Order of the Arrow is represented and considered. Check the lodge calendar for induction weekends, events, and training to avoid conflicting troop activities. Make sure the SPL appoints a troop OA representative who can encourage candidates and members on their journey to Brotherhood, recognize them as they move through the induction sequence, promote camping and service, and attend chapter meetings.



No known chapter meetings scheduled for June and July.

- 7/30 8/4 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) Indiana University
- 9/7- 9/9 Induction weekend (Ordeal & Brotherhood opportunity) – Camp Raymond
- 10/12 10/14 Induction weekend (Ordeal & Brotherhood opportunity) – Heard Scout Pueblo
- 10/19 10/21 Section W6W Conclave R-C Scout Ranch

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