

Arizona

The Central District

November 2019



Grand Canyon Council

Dispatch

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they have a destination.*



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AZ Central District • BSA

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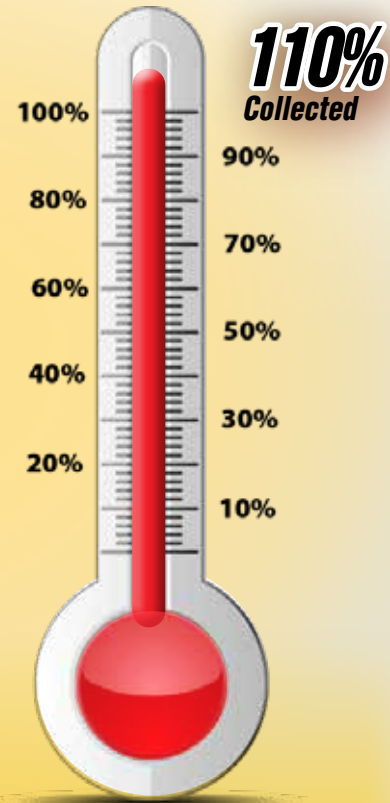
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District FOS Goal **\$78,421**
 Pledged **\$123,212**
 Collected **\$86,511**



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Upcoming Events

November

- 7th Round table
Eagle Packet/Project reviews
- 11th Veterans Day Parade
Veterans Day flag
retirement ceremony
- 14th Eagle Boards of Reviews
- 16th Cub Scout Braves Pow Wow
- 21st District Committee Meeting
- 29th Ten Commandment Hike

Roundtable

1st Thursday of each month
 at Beth El Phoenix
 1118 W Glendale Ave • Phx, AZ • 7:00 pm

Breakout Sessions

Cub Scout breakout:

Arrow of Light to Scouts BSA Transition + Den Chiefs presented by Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioner Orvell Franklin

Scouts BSA breakout:

Scoutbook: The Free and Easy Way to Organize Unit Records presented by Scouts BSA Roundtable Commissioner Janice Ehrlich & Council Advancement Chair Bill Nelson

General Interest:

Unit-Serving Commissioners & JTE: Our Role in Serving YOU, Our Unit Leaders presented by Assistant District Commissioners Judy Walden & Keith Jendricks

It's your opportunity to make History

And that's not just hyperbole • This event will change the world of Scouting in Arizona.

And if you are who we think you are, you're going to want to take part in this experience.

Every once in a while there comes a time in an organization's history when a realignment must take place. This is one of those times. Associated with that realignment are those persons who take it upon themselves to guide the changes that need to take place. You are now in a position where you can influence those changes or have them made to you.

So, this is the challenge. Do you sit back and watch change happen to you or do you step up and join in the making of those changes? We think you will want to lead the change. That's why you are in the position you are in.

Here's the plan. We are going to Philmont. A place with a long honored history of making changes in the lives of Scouts. A fitting place for Scouters to make plans for our future.

This will be a week-long planning session where we develop the tactics that execute our strategic plan. Pretty boring right? Not right! Tactics are the fun and creative part of any plan. Tactics are where the rubber meets the road. Tactics are where what you bring to the table actually means something.

You will come away energized and ready to face the future of Scouting with a renewed spirit.

The Leadership Event that Launches the Next Decade in Arizona Scouting

Ya' won't wanta' miss this one.

Leadership PHILMONT 2020 Inspired WESTERN REGION WEEK

July 19-25th 2020

Council / District Leadership & Structure
 Volunteer & Professional Relationships
 Building a New Council Culture
 Effective Approaches to Fund Raising

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GRAND CANYON COUNCIL, BSA

And just think, if you don't attend you're going to be wondering why those who did are smiling and have a higher degree of confidence in the future of Scouting.

Volunteer Development

By lending your knowledge, skills and expertise you can make a difference to the youth in Scouting

We continue to have a big push to start new Packs and increase our membership in all areas. This also includes our District Staff. We are in need of individuals to fill the following positions:

Membership

We are in need of individuals to help grow our program. We need committee members that can help visit schools in your area and distribute recruiting flyers. This is just a small part of what the membership committee does: the more help they have, the more successful we will be.

Camping Chair:

Our camping chair is now our program chair. If you enjoy camping this might be a good position for you. You'll be promoting the scout camping program and maybe even making some suggestions as to where to camp. Camping (long and short term) is one of the factors that contributes to our district JTE score.

Commissioners.

This is a fun experience! You have the opportunity to interface with other units and see other approaches that work. You can take this back to your unit and expand your knowledge of the scouting program to help us grow.

Questions, please contact

Robert Colony
Vice Chair Volunteer Development
602-619-6267
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Social Media.

If you have an interest in promoting Scouting through Social Media, we are moving toward trumpeting the special rewards Scouting has to offer through online promotion.

Volunteers.

If you're interested in joining our team and helping a committee but don't know where you would fit, come see me. The Central District has an open door and will find a position for you.

Ten Commandments Hike

Sponsored by the Interfaith Religious Recognition Committee

Ten Commandment Hike explores the diversity of religions in our community. It is open to all Scouting youth, families and friends, and other groups with their leaders and friends.

We hike as a single group to each stop. We are greeted by a presenter who will briefly discuss a Commandment, their religion and their house of worship. Each presentation concludes with a few questions and answers pertaining to the stop.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. and the Hike begins promptly at 8:00 a.m. The Hike fee is \$5.00 per person, which includes an event patch.

Please, no pets.

Small children are always welcomed and are free. It is strongly recommended you bring a stroller or wagon to transport them. Our time is divided between sitting and walking.

The lunch stop is before noon. All hikers must provide their own lunch. There are no stores along this route to make purchases.

Soft drinks, water and cookies will be served, courtesy of the Interfaith Religious Committee.

All hikers must bring and carry their own water. Water refill stations will be available throughout the hike. Stay hydrated.



Call Kathleen Polowski, Grand Canyon Council Interfaith Committee Chair at (480) 244-6806, should you have any questions.

Link

<http://www.scoutingevent.com/010-2019TenCommandmentsHike>

**Friday
November 29th
7:30am - 4:00pm
Begins at
Trinity Bible Church
3420 W Peoria Ave, Phoenix
Enter from 35th Ave.**



Roundtable Merit Badge Classes

Central District holds Eagle Rank required merit badge clinics on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the District Roundtable.

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.

November

Family Life - A

December Break

No Class

January

Family Life - A

February

Family Life - A

March

Communications - A

April

Communications - B

Total
520.3
hours of
Service

October New Eagle Scouts

Mason Chaney, Troop 201

Project: **Sunshine Acres Children's Home** - Build four benches that can be folded into a picnic table for the park at Sunshine Acres. - 58 hrs

Nicholas Hulston Troop 644

Project: **New Foundation-Facility for Teenagers** - Repaint, remodel and improve a room that became a new music room for students. - 109 hrs

Charles Talbot, Troop 329

Project: **Beatitudes Campus** - Renovate the garden drip irrigation system. - 353.3 hrs

Recipe of the Month



Camping French Toast on the Trail

Simple luxuries are always a treat on a backpacking hike. This one uses simple ingredients to create a savory morsel to start off your day and you only have to pack in a few light items.

Ingredients

- 5 - dehydrated powdered eggs
- 8 - pieces of bread
- 3 - tablespoons oil
- 4 - pats butter (or more to taste)
- ½ cup - maple syrup
- 5 tbsl - water

Instructions

Rehydrate eggs directly in a zip-top bag using 1 tablespoon + 1 teaspoon water per egg. Close the baggie and massage to fully coat powdered eggs in water. Let stand about 5 minutes, until evenly rehydrated. Add a little extra water if eggs look thick. Add a little vanilla or cream if you'd like.

Heat 1 teaspoon of oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Dip a piece of toast into the zip-top baggie until evenly coated in the egg mixture.

Fry the toast in the skillet until eggs are cooked through and browned on both sides, about 3 minutes each side.

Top with butter and maple syrup while still hot. Pack out the eggie baggie, LNT.



AZ CARDINALS vs LA RAMS

Scout Night with the Arizona Cardinals December 1, 2019

Terrace Endzones \$ 51.50
Service Fee \$ 4.00
Total \$ 55.50

Link

<https://form.jotform.com/azcardinals/the-boy-scouts-grand-canyon-council>



Training

Every Youth Deserves
a Well Trained Adult Leader
Robert Baden Powell

We had 7 leaders from Central District complete IOLS/LST this past weekend (10/18-10/19). Congratulations to the following:

- Charles Sharp – Troop 3546 (G)
- Brad Hubert – Troop 329 (B)
- Jason Johnson – Troop 41 (B)
- Chris Wahl – Troop 41 (B)
- Jason Hobbs – Troop 747 (B)
- Francisco Aledo – Pack 147 (B)
- Patrick Hoffarth – Troop 262 (B)

There is still time to get trained before Re-Chartering

For any leader that needs to complete IOLS, the next course offering is November 8 & 9 at the Heard.

Registration link:

<https://scoutingevent.com/010-GilaRiverDistrictNovemberBALOO>

Note that even though the link says "BALOO", the course is IOLS.

There will also be a day of training on Saturday, December 7th at Cross in the Desert Methodist Church located at 32nd St & Sweetwater. Courses available are Leader Specific Training and Merit Badge Counselor Training.

Link for details:

<https://scoutingevent.com/010-2019PinnaclePeakLeaderSpecific>



Race to the Summit of Training

pngtree.com

Don't wait for deadlines. Aim for 100% trained adult leadership now.*

Top Units Overall

Troop 6 - 92% **
Troop 461 - 92%
Troop 546 - 90%

Top Units By Program

Pack 276 - 86%
Troops 6 & 461 - 92%
Crew 2127 - 50%

* Unit chaplains are excluded from the GCC 100% Trained Initiative.

** Troop 6 was 100% trained on 9/1/19 but has since added new leaders.

Congratulations to the following units who currently meet the 2019 target for the GCC 100% trained initiative. Eleven of fifty-three units have achieved the goal.

Crew 2041 – COR Clay Turner, CC Rebecca Whitlock, Advisor Ray Brantnor

Crew 2127 – COR Laura Jordan, CC Mark Schornak, Advisor Jack Kelly

Troop 6 – COR Jacqueline Hale, CC Rose Miller, SM Steven Radonich

Troop 41 – COR Clay Turner, CC Mark Benavidez, SM Brian Cook

Troop 124 – COR Charles Loftus, CC Jeffrey Chapman, SM Jeff Berard

Troop 127 – COR Laura Jordan, CC Mark Schornak, SM James Poulin

Troop 262 – COR Philip Coury, CC Gary Sypherd, SM Patrick Hoffarth

Troop 329 – COR Peter Kennedy, CC Janice Hebert, SM Tyler Howland

Troop 461 – COR Gary Spruill, CC Chris Collins, SM Richard Hawkins

Troop 546 – COR Raymond Lewis, CC David McAnerney, SM Jason Caldwell

Troop 3546 – COR Janet Petersen, CC David McAnerney, SM Karen Albers

To date no packs have achieved the 2019 target. Pack 276 currently ranks highest at 93%.



Hike of the Month Red Creek Hike

Growing up in the desert southwest, I've come to associate washes and creeks shown on topographical maps as myths: remnants of a time long ago when water flowed in this part of the world. Red Creek, which feeds the Verde River, proved to be anything but dry. The trail head is located at the end of Forest Road 18, which is the last forest road heading north before continuing to Sheep's Bridge at the end of Bloody Basin Road.

The trail follows Red Creek through the reddish canyon. For much of the hike, the creek bed is the trail, so expect to get your feet wet; bring good water shoes! Aside from the water crossings, the hiking is easy. A few boulders get in the way from time to time, but nothing difficult to navigate. The canyon walls and trees provide plenty of shady spots along the creek for lunch or a snack break. About 4.5 miles later, Red Creek merges with the Verde River. There are some nice sandy beaches to setup camp

for evening to turn this hike into an overnight backpacking adventure, as well as a good fishing opportunity.

Because water flows in the creek for much of the year there are large Cottonwood trees lining the creek and watershed area. I hiked Red Creek in early spring before the Cottonwoods began to bud. My recommendation would be to wait until late spring or early summer for full foliage. Or, a fall hike could be awesome to see the changing colors. Evidence of flash flooding was everywhere along the creek so be wary of hiking this trail during the monsoon season. Total out and back mileage is about 9 miles. Plenty of water is available in the creek; however, it will need to be treated before drinking. Red Creek is without doubt one of my favorite hikes in Arizona and highly recommended.

As always, please follow the Guide to Safe Scouting and the seven principles of Leave No Trace.



Further trail details and a map to the trail head can be found here:

<https://hikearizona.com/decoder.php?ZTN=950>





Monday, November 11, 2019 Veterans Day Flag Retirement Ceremony

6:00-7:00 PM

North Mountain Park

Yavapai Ramada.
(1st Ramada on the left as
you enter the park)

10608 N. 7th Street
(7th Street & Peoria)

Phoenix

**Boy Scouts of America
Central District**

We are pleased to announce that we will be having our annual BSA Central District Veterans Day Flag Retirement Ceremony. The ceremony will be held at 6:00-7:00 PM at North Mountain Park on Veterans Day, November 11th. All troops are invited to join us in our ceremony to honor the American Flag. Senator Kate Brophy McGee and Councilwoman Debra Stark will again be in attendance to support our cause. Let me know if your troop plans to attend, so I can work you into the program by helping us retire a few flags.

Roger Ottaway • Activities & Civic Services Chair • BSA Central District

Please honor us with your presence at this important function and support our scouts and their quest to provide our American Symbol a proper retirement.

Recognition is a core value in Scouting

This tradition leads us to choosing those among us who have gone above the norm to create an exemplary District.

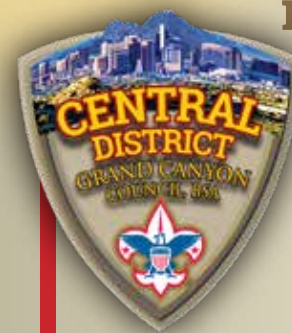


Adult Recognition Dinner on January 25th Save-the-Date

5:00 – 8:00 PM

**First United Methodist
Church - Asbury Hall**

**5510 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85013**



Dinner reservations link will be available at a later date.

Use this link to make your nominations.

<https://www.camelbackdistrictbsa.org/adultrecognition>



So, it is now your privilege to select members of the District you feel have performed their tasks in a way that you feel deserves special recognition at our Annual Dinner
**Nomination Deadline
December 1st, 2019**



Awards

Spark Plug

Cub Scout of the Year

BSA Scout of the Year

Pack of the Year

District Award of Merit

Scouting Family of the Year

Scouter of the Year

Eagle Project of the Year

Hall of Fame

Cub Scout Hall of Fame

Scout Hall of Fame

Venturing Hall of Fame

Order of the Arrow Hall of Fame

Commissioner Hall of Fame

District Committee Hall of Fame

Unit Committee Hall of Fame

Certificate of Service

Commissioner Hall of Fame

District Committee Hall of Fame

Unit Committee Hall of Fame

For award descriptions please go to the link below

<https://www.camelbackdistrictbsa.org/awards>

Arrow Tips (to-do list) for November & December

- Pay your 2020 lodge dues
- Serve at the Braves Pow Wow



ORDER OF THE ARROW

New Ordeal & Brotherhood Members

The following completed their ordeals in September or October to become Arrowmen:

- Troop 6 – Nicholas H
- Troop 41 – Kai A, Mark B, Samuel B, Emmet B, Graham B, Jacob D, Evan M, Robert M, Sam O, Christopher W, Jack W
- Troop 329 – Carter C, Lindsay K, Walker M, Bryce S, Samuel T
- Troop 340 – Benjamin W

The following became brotherhood members at summer camp:

- Troop 41 – Axel D, Talon G, August T

Congratulations, and thank you for setting a worthy example for your fellow Scouts and Scouters.



Eligibility Changes

On June 7th, the National Order of the Arrow Committee implemented a change in the brotherhood requirements. The waiting period between induction and brotherhood eligibility was reduced from ten months to six months. During this time ordeal members should improve their understanding of the Order's symbolism and use what they learned during the ordeal to be better leaders. Those who became Arrowmen at the May ordeals will be eligible for brotherhood before the end of 2019. Six months is the new minimum, but there isn't a maximum. Even if you've been an ordeal member for decades, it's never too late to seal your membership by becoming a brotherhood member.

On February 1st, membership was opened to female youth from girl troops, Venturing crews, and Sea Scout ships. Crews and ships are also now eligible to elect male youth candidates. Previously only male youth candidates were elected by troops and teams. BSA members are considered youth in the Order of the Arrow until turning twenty-one.

Chapter Realignment

A chapter realignment proposal was brought to the October Wipala Wiki Lodge Executive Committee meeting. It would unite all the Central District units into one chapter instead of the current arrangement of separate chapters based on the three former districts of which they were a part: Camelback (Oraibi Chapter), Thunderbird (Tovakinpi Chapter), and Lake Pleasant (Walpi Paho Chapter). If the proposal is approved as expected in November, the chapter serving the Central District will become the Central Chapter. Similarly most other chapters would mirror their district boundaries and share the district name. Two special districts were created for the Yuma and Globe areas to recognize their contributions despite their remote locations in their current chapters. Since the author of this article doesn't receive much feedback from the Tovakinpi and Walpi Paho Chapters, he is discontinuing further mention of them to focus on the Oraibi Chapter, which already serves the majority of troops and crews in the Central District.

The Oraibi Chapter meets on the second Thursday of each month from August to May, at 7:00 pm at Beth El Congregation (1118 West Glendale Avenue). If you are not receiving the chapter emails, please contact Guy Skirpan to be added to the distribution list.

Details for Arrow Tip 1 ((2020 dues)

Pay your 2020 lodge dues if your unit doesn't collect them automatically. Your dues must be current to participate in OA activities and training including the 2020 National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at Michigan State University in August. If you are unsure of your dues status, you can contact Guy Skirpan. Dues are only \$10 per year; a bargain compared to the \$15 to \$20 that many lodges charge..

Details for Arrow Tip 2 (Braves Pow Wow)

Wipala Wiki lodge serves hundreds of Cub Scouts and their siblings every November with the Braves Pow Wow at Heard Scout Pueblo. More events are added each year which means more volunteers are needed each year. Help with set-up on Friday evening (11/15) and / or show the braves what cheerful service means on Saturday (11/16). There is no cost to register as a volunteer, but the benefits include a patch, all meals, camping (if you chose), and the satisfaction of a job well-done. You can register from the calendars on the lodge and council websites.

Calendar

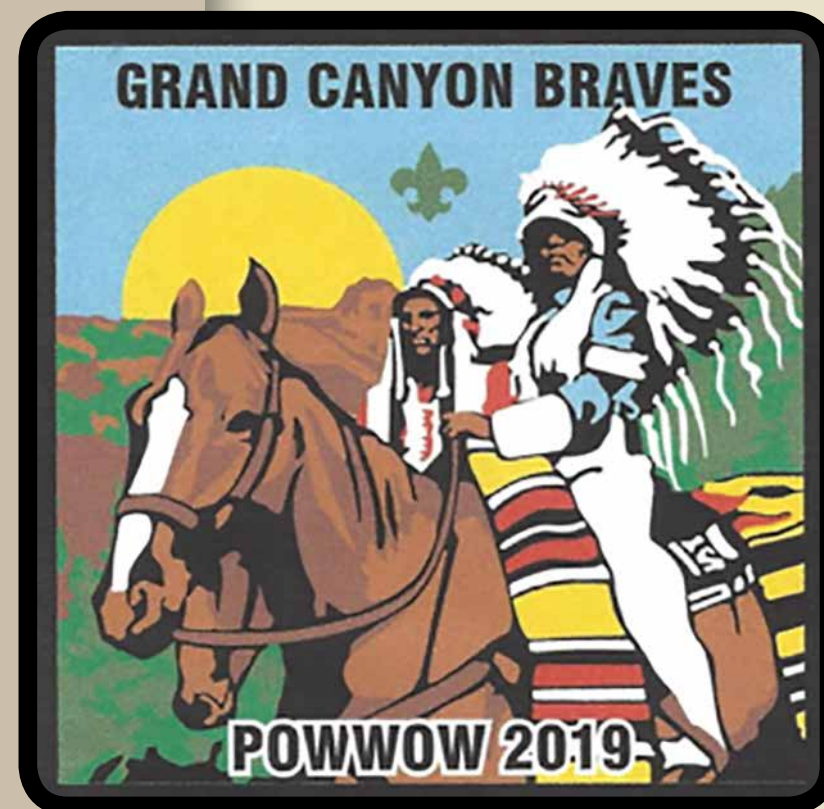
11/8 - 11/10 - Lodge Leadership Retreat at Camp R-C

11/14 - Oraibi Chapter meeting

11/15 - 11/16 - Braves Pow Wow

12/6 - 12/8 - Lodge Winter Fellowship at Camp R-C

1/24 Lodge Banquet



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