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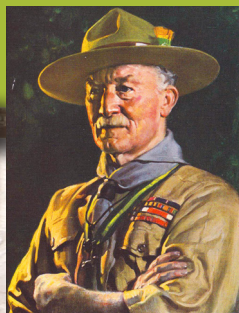
# The Camel's

MARCH 2016

# Harrrumph



BSA Grand Canyon Council  
**Camelback District**



*"The more responsibility the Scoutmaster gives his patrol leaders, the more they will respond."*  
Robert Baden Powell

*Scoutmasters and team coaches, plan to have your units' Order of the Arrow candidates called-out at the spring camporee campfire on Saturday.*

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## Spring WESTERN DAYS Camporee

It's time for the annual Round-Up for the Spring Western Days Camporee partners. Registration is now available online. Need all you-yall to hitch up and register. Plans are being made now for a real fun time. And don't forget to bring some western duds during Saturday's events. Webblows II are also invited to come out and join in

on the fun. Must be hosted by a Troop.

We also plan to host Lake Pleasant District at this here

camporee. Camporee Packet is also be available at time of registration and will also have them available at Roundtable.

Class "A" uniforms will be required for certain things but you can also dress up in western style clothing during the events. **There may even be a winner for the BEST WESTERN OUTFIT.**

Were planning on a Western Shoot-Out by the actors at Pioneer.

When making your Gateway and or skits for campfire it should be Western style. Gateways are to be constructed using rope lashing and have a western theme. Saturday Night Campfire Skits are also to be related to the Western Theme.

For more information contact;  
Camporee Chairman Hobert Dunn  
ishawlogotsu@yahoo.com

Richard Miller  
District Camporee Camp Director  
Likekeusa@centurylink.net

**Fun for all  
and all for fun.**

Register at

<http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/event/1806006>

## District Committee Training Workshop

A requirement for the District Committee Scouter's Key is to complete the 3-hour District Committee Training Workshop, which will be held at the Grand Canyon Council office on Thursday, March 31, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.

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## FOS Kickoff

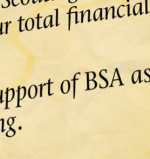
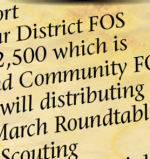
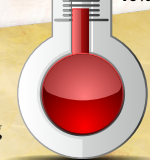
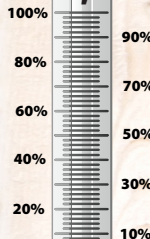
Dear Scouters,

Our 2016 Friends of Scouting Campaign is kicking off. Friends of Scouting helps our units by providing needed resources for district and council operations as well as support for unit scouting advancement. Our District FOS campaign has begun and raised \$2,500 which is half way to our goal. Our LDS and Community FOS campaigns are beginning and we will be distributing the Community FOS packets at the March Roundtable. Our total year to date Friends of Scouting contributions are \$3,500 and our total financial goal for 2016 is \$116,000.

Thank you for your generous support of BSA as you contribute to Friends of Scouting.

Mike Warren  
Camelback District Friends of Scouting Chair

\$116,000



VENTURING, BSA

## BIG EVENT

Annual Venturing Day at Heard Scout Pueblo

- SCUBA
- Pistol Shooting
- COPE Course
- Rappelling

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More info here

<http://www.camelbackdistrictbsa.org/#1venturing/ca9l>

Fri-Sat-Sun  
**April**  
**29, 30 May 1**  
Heard Scout Pueblo

## Spring Leader Specific Training



Kevin Reeve and Elias Sandoval are hosting the spring Boy Scout Leader Specific and Outdoor Leader Skills Training Course for one weekend only - March 18th and 19th - at the Heard Scout Pueblo at South Mountain. This course is for any Boy Scout leader including Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Primary Presidents, and Committee Members just to name a few.

The course will be offered in both English and Spanish so that all leaders can learn the right way to run the Scouting program. The training experience includes an overnight stay so remember to bring your camping gear.

**Registration is still available.**

<http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/event/1881592>

<http://www.camelbackdistrictbsa.org/#1springcamporee/c1wda>

[www.camelbackbsa.org](http://www.camelbackbsa.org)



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## District Committee Training Workshop

The purpose of the training is to provide district committee members and all commissioners the information to do the best job in their district Scouter roles:

- Organization and functioning of Camelback District today, including the programs unique to this district such as a separate Venturing "program manager" committee, Soccer & Scouting, and Volunteer Development.

- Resources available to commissioners and operating committee members.

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- Specialized information on district communications channels, including the Camel's Harrumph email newsletter, district web page and Friends of Camelback District Facebook page.

- Resources for recruiting Scouters for district operating committees and as commissioners, including Friendstorming lists, Nominating Committee activities, Scouting Alumni and National Eagle Scout Association lists.

**And to have some fun and fellowship with your fellow Scouters, all in one evening!**

This dynamic training, which will help you do whatever Scouting job you have volunteered for, is scheduled for the 5th Thursday in March. Scouters in Camelback District normally reserve Thursday evenings for adult leader meetings, and the extra Thursday in March means that the District Committee Training Workshop won't conflict with the other scheduled Scouter meetings.

**Registration  
is now open**

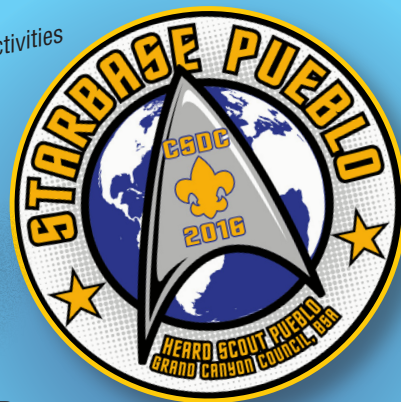
Are you ready to blast off to  
**STARBASE PUEBLO**  
This 3-Day camp experience is packed with fun-filled activities planned around "Starbase Pueblo" theme:

Participate in these  
Fun exciting activities!

Archery  
BB Guns  
STEM  
Crafts  
Swimming  
Games/Sports  
Decorate your  
Space site

**Cub Scout  
Day Camp**

Cost \$75.00  
after May 1st -  
\$90.00



### 2016 Camp Dates

Session 1 June 2-4 Thu.-Sat.	Session 2 June 6-8 Mon.-Wed.	Session 3 June 9-11 Thu.-Sat.	Session 4 June 13-15 Mon.-Wed.
Session 5 June 16-18 Thu.-Sat.	Session 6 June 20-22 Mon.-Wed.	Session 7 June 23-25 Thu.-Sat.	Session 8 June 27-29 Mon.-Wed.
	Session 9 June 30-July 2 Thu.-Sat.		

[www.grandcanyonbsa.org/StarBasePueblo](http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/StarBasePueblo)



### Wilderness First Aid Certification

**16hrs \$100** (Regular \$250)

### Wilderness First Aid +CPR/AED Certification

**16hrs \$110** (Regular \$250)

Training is held at  
**Heard Scout Pueblo**

1901 E Dobbins Rd, Phx, AZ

Seating is limited and classes fill  
up fast so register today at  
[www.frcpr.com/phx](http://www.frcpr.com/phx)  
or call 720-524-6447

<http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/event/16-hour-wilderness-first-aid-2016/1826949>

### Limited Time Offer from Grand Canyon Council

Approved by Boy Scouts of America  
for High Adventure base programs & treks

If you have a large Unit and would like a individual  
training in Wilderness First Aid or CPR/AED  
Please call us directly for information.

## Arrow of Light Ceremonies Offered to Cub Scout Packs

Ceremonies play an important role in Scouting by recognizing achievements and creating memories that last a lifetime. Every Webelos Scout deserves a special Crossing Over commemoration. The young men of the Order of the Arrow can help you "Do Your Best" to reward the hard work put forth by you, your boys, and their parents with a meaningful and impressive Indian-themed ceremony.

Any Camelback District pack wishing to have an Arrow of Light ceremony performed by the Oraibi Chapter can send a request to [uwivita@cox.net](mailto:uwivita@cox.net). Reservations must be made at least two weeks in advance. Availability of the team is not guaranteed (we're volunteers just like you), so early requests are more likely to be accommodated on your preferred date. We recommend scheduling the ceremony separately from a pack meeting and limiting participation to the Webelos, their families, and pack leadership. A maximum of twenty AOL recipients can be accommodated in a ceremony. The latest that we can schedule a pack performance is 4/9/16.

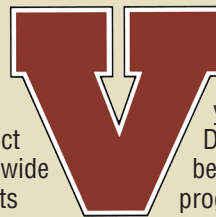


## Oraibi Chapter Order of the Arrow Call-out at Spring Camporee

Scoutmasters and team coaches, plan to have your units' Order of the Arrow candidates called-out at the spring camporee campfire on Saturday 4/16/16. The Oraibi Chapter will present a meaningful ceremony to recognize candidates and inform them of how to become members of the Order. Schedule your unit election before the camporee (see separate article in this newsletter) and begin your candidates' journeys in a way they'll remember forever.

Any youth Arrowmen who are interested in performing on the ceremony team or adult Arrowmen who can assist the team with transportation and logistics should e-mail [uwivita@cox.net](mailto:uwivita@cox.net) for more information. Our team currently supports the district with Arrow of Light and call-out ceremonies. We support the lodge with pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood ceremonies. We currently have five experienced ceremonialists and would love for more members to enhance and expand our offerings. The team is well-known and respected in the Wipala Wiki Lodge and has fun at our occasional practices and ceremonies.

## More on Varsity Vision



For the first time ever the Camelback District is hosting a Council-wide training for Varsity Scouts and their Adult Coaches and Mentors at the Heard Scout Pueblo at South Mountain on May 6th & 7th. Cameron McMurtrey and other Philmont-trained Varsity Scouters will present this exciting and interactive overnight course along with some of the best and brightest NYLT-trained

youth in the Camelback District to teach us all the best way to run a Varsity program. Whether you know everything there is to know about the Varsity program or you just accepted a position as a new coach or mentor, this course will help you and the young men in your team to truly catch the "Vision" of the Varsity program. Sign your team up today as registration is limited!

**Fri-Sat  
May 6,7**  
Heard Scout Pueblo

## Roundtable Merit Badge Classes

**March** Citizenship in the Community  
**April** Family Life  
**May** Family Life  
**June** Family Life  
**July** Communications  
**August** Communications



This is an excellent opportunity to help Scouts in our Council to earn merit badges that are seldom offered elsewhere, and to get them interested and excited about pursuing a career in one of the many STEM fields. Scouting is encouraging its young men to explore STEM careers or a STEM-related field of study and help them set goals for their lives.

Throughout the day, the boys will be introduced to several potential vocations through merit badge sessions led by persons who are experts in those vocations. Through hands-on learning, the objectives are to get Scouts excited about potential careers and help Scouts to set good educational and career goals.

The merit badges on offer to study are Animation, Game Design, Robotics, and Movie Making\*\*. The boys can only choose one merit badge for the whole day. There are no pre-requisites.

**Sat  
March 26**  
**8-11:30am &  
1-4:30pm**  
Univ. of Advanced Tech  
2625 W. Baseline Rd.  
Tempe, AZ

# STEM

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## Merit Badge University

For full details on the merit badge requirements, please look at: [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org)

<http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/event/1852428>



The Venture Big Event is for recruiting new members into your Venture Crew.

## Venture Big Event at the Heard Scout Pueblo

Venture Scouts can bring friends to sample one of the many high adventure activities possible in Venturing, receive orientation to Venturing, and sign up into a Venture Crew as a new member. The optional activities at the Heard Pueblo include overnight camping, Introductory SCUBA instruction, Rifle and Pistol Shooting, Rappelling, COPE course activities, and an interfaith worship service.

**Fri-Sat-Sun  
April 29, 30  
May 1  
Heard Scout Pueblo**



Each participant will need to pay \$26 and will select the events to include in their Big Event Schedules, then download the

appropriate parental consent forms. Signed consent are required, and forms will be collected at the registration check in, and at each adventure activity location.

A Big Event Schedule for an individual participant can include camping over

Friday night at the Heard Pueblo with their Venture Crew and a potential Venture recruit, cooking a breakfast meal Saturday morning,

Then the Venture Scout can buy lunch at the taco stand and take a guest to the recruiting station for information about membership the values of Scouting.

After dinner cooked in camp by the Crew, the Venture Scout will enjoy an evening around the campfire, wake up Sunday morning and attend an Interfaith Worship Service before breaking camp.

Venture Crews can make the Big Event a half-day Saturday experience by checking in at 7AM, attending Rappelling at 8AM, Scuba at 10AM, and finishing up with lunch and the recruiting station at Noon. Crews and individuals should plan together to structure their Big Event experience to suit their needs. Each sample adventure experience will include information about how to contact consultants and include the adventure activities into the Crew's annual plan. A Crew that wants to consider a SCUBA trip can begin to learn how, or a Crew that wants to do team-building and leadership can conduct additional advanced COPE experience into the annual plan.

<http://www.camelbackdistrictbsa.org/#!venturing/ca9l>



Jeff Porter

## Meet Your New District Chair

Jeff still remembers the April night in 2nd Grade when his Dad took him down to the local elementary school to sign up for Cub Scouts. The following week he got his first uniform. He remembers

den meetings, fishing in the draw with canned corn as bait at Day Camp, burning an egg into the mess kit pan at a Camporee inter-troop competition, feeling like his fingers were frozen on a troop snow camp, and practicing the bugle in the car along with hundreds of other memories on the Scouting path as a young man. He is a second-generation Eagle Scout and treasures the learning and experiences provided by mentors, teachers, advisors, and counselors along the way.

Jeff married into a Scouting family (Becky's Grandpa 'Bob' Jarman wouldn't have given permission if Jeff wasn't an Eagle Scout) and begin his adult Scouter service in 2003 as an Assistant Scoutmaster for Troop 47. Since then he has served as Den Leader, Cubmaster, Merit Badge Counselor, and as a committee member at the Unit and District levels. Fourteen years later, including the privilege of attending Philmont Leadership Training twice with his family, he feels he is "beginning to catch the vision of Scouting" and the role it can play in shaping the lives of young men.

Prior to accepting the nomination to serve as District Chair for the Camelback District, Jeff was serving as the Training Committee Chair. That was an outgrowth from his Wood Badge experience where he discovered his vision for the youth required trained and enthusiastic volunteers. He previously served as the Adult Recognition Chair and encourages all Adult Scouters to earn their "awards" which includes commitment to training, tenure, and program quality to provide the youth with the optimal experiences for their development. He is excited to work with the adult Scouters in the Camelback District to accomplish that vision.

## Hike of the Month Riparian Preserve



This 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.

For more information:

<http://www.camelbackdistrictbsa.org/#!blog/cv71>

# Build-A-Boat Challenge

This year marks the 5th year anniversary of the Build-A-Boat Challenge

**B**oy Scouting and Venture units will design and build a boat to row in competition against other units for the 1st through 4th place leather ribbons! Dress like Pirates, Vikings, Pioneers, Castaways, etc., and decorate your craft to try and win the coveted "Perpetual Nautical Spirit Trophy". Your crew will be challenged as you engineer your vessel. Use teamwork, and cunning tactics as you plan your strategy. Try not to sink your Boat or you will receive the not so coveted "Barnacle Barge Rusty Propeller" This year there will be changes to the Race portion of the B-A-B. The racers will be moving wooden treasure chests from shore to shore. We will be timing the speed of each boat. This will help

in determining overall race winners. As usual, the spirit award will be up for grabs. As well as the Rusty propeller for those of whom arrive at Davey Jones locker first.

The rain gutter regatta will be an amazing event this year. We are focusing on new Cub Scout aquatics requirements this year. Cubs will be able to complete some of these activities while attending. Each registered Cub or sibling will receive an event patch. There will also be 3 metal

Sat  
April 30  
Lake Pleasant



Treasure chests full of pirate goodies for the 1st through 3rd place winners. The race will be triple elimination randomized by a computer bracket program and visible to the racers. Of course Participants should wear a pirate costume and win prizes for best. We are also focusing on decorating the regatta area with lots of nautical items. Fishing nets, canvas sails, block and tackle, and of course the rain gutters will be special wooden pirate ship gutters.

The committee is working hard to bring out the best possible quality event that we can.

**Registration this year is \$8 per Cub and \$15 Per Scout/venture.**

The big event takes place April 30th, and can be found on the Grand Canyon Council website. You can download lots of event information their as well as watch a video of the event.

I hope to see you there,  
***Or I'll run ya through!***

Yours in Scouting Admiral Crayfish -  
jayw Caldwell@gmail.com

## Outdoor of the Month Tech

### Etekcity Ultra Bright Portable LED Camping Lantern



**T**his little lantern includes 30 individual low powered LED bulbs, with a long lifespan. Carry 360° of luminous light while saving energy. It's constructed with military grade plastic and promising long-time durability.

The extremely lightweight build allows you to take your lantern on the go with ease. When not in use collapse the lantern to a smaller size; store it effortlessly, taking little space. Fold down to 3.6 x 5.3"

It has enough battery capacity for up to 12 hours of regular, continuous use.

Suspend the lantern or carry with ease. Ideal for outdoor trips or emergency events. 10 years warranty included by Etekcity

Found Online at Walmart & Amazon

**Gentlemen,  
start your  
engines.**

**Camelback District  
Pinewood Derby  
Finals  
April 30, 2016**



**There were 54,366 new  
Eagle Scouts in 2015,  
1362 were from the Grand Canyon Council**



# Scouts in White Sashes

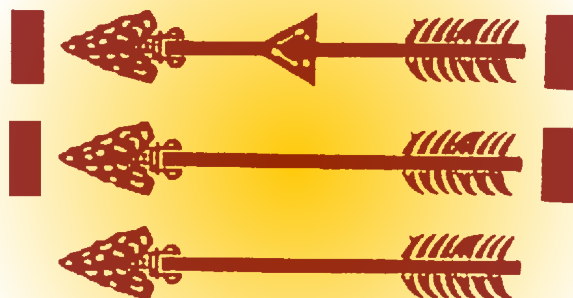


**H**ave you encountered a Scout or Scouter wearing a white sash with a red arrow on it? Have you noticed other sashes that have more than just the arrow? Have you wondered what these sashes and symbols mean?

The wearers are members of the Order of the Arrow, the BSA's national honor society. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold as defined below:

- Recognize those who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and through that recognition cause others to conduct themselves in a way that warrants similar recognition.
- Promote camping, responsible outdoor adventure, and environmental stewardship as essential components of every Scout's experience, in the unit, year-round, and in summer camp.
- Develop leaders with the willingness, character, spirit, and ability to advance the activities of their units, our brotherhood, Scouting, and ultimately our nation.
- Crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Youth members of troops or teams may be selected as candidates for membership in the Order by their fellow youth unit members. Most adult candidates are nominated by their troop or team committees following a successful youth-candidate election. Other adults serving in district or council positions may be nominated as candidates by those respective committees. Adult candidates may be male or female. Youth candidates are always



male since they come from the all-male membership of troops and teams. All future references to candidates and members in this article will be masculine.

Each candidate is typically recognized during a public Call-out ceremony at a BSA gathering such as summer camp, camporee, roundtable, or a unit meeting / activity. To become an Arrowman, the candidate must undergo an "Ordeal" which uses symbolic challenges to strengthen the virtues of brotherhood, cheerfulness, service, and leadership. The ordeal is administered by the lodge which is chartered by the BSA to the local council. Wipala Wiki Lodge serves the Grand Canyon Council. Most lodges are further divided into chapters which support smaller geographic areas of the council. The Oraibi Chapter serves the Camelback District.

The Ordeal begins with a pre-Ordeal ceremony which sets the expectations of the candidate and introduces him to the Native American symbolism used throughout the induction process. Over the next

approximately twenty hours the candidate has opportunities to reflect on his Scouting career and to develop a better understanding of his place in Scouting and his future potential. Following this time of develop a better understanding of his place in Scouting and his future potential. Following this time of reflection, the candidate participates in an Ordeal ceremony where he receives a white sash embroidered with a red arrow. The new Arrowman has now achieved Ordeal membership, but this is not the end but just another step in his journey.

The Order of the Arrow is unusual among organizations requiring nomination because primarily non-members bestow the opportunity to join. A new Ordeal member must return to his unit (or district / council position if applicable) and render service to those who saw his potential and nominated him for his candidacy. He should recall the lessons learned in his Ordeal as he encounters adversity and seeks to overcome it. An Arrowman's primary responsibility is to his unit, and this is especially true for an Ordeal member. In the case of a youth

member who grows complacent toward Scouting as he grows older, this expectation can be used as leverage by youth and adult leaders in the unit to keep the Arrowman active and engaged.



Photo shows example of scout correctly wearing the sash

After ten months or more of service following his Ordeal, an Arrowman can seal his membership in the Order by participating in a Brotherhood ceremony. At this time he is asked to look back on the example he has set and the things he has accomplished since his Ordeal. He also looks ahead to new ways that he can further the goals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership and is noted with a new sash which has bars embroidered above and below the arrow. A Brotherhood member is expected to continue serving his unit but also to consider an expanded role in the district, council, BSA, chapter, local lodge, or the national lodge.

Those who render exceptional service to the lodge, the Order of the Arrow, the BSA, or the council camp(s) may be nominated for the Vigil Honor. This nomination can again come from a non-member of the Order or from any Arrowman (not necessarily a Vigil member) following at least two years of Brotherhood membership by the nominee. The lodge scores all nominations and is able to select a number of Vigil candidates up to roughly two percent of the lodge's membership each year.

At least half of the Vigil nominations selected must be youth (defined as less than twenty-one years old). A Vigil candidate again undergoes a time of reflection preceded and concluded by meaningful ceremonies. The new Vigil member receives a sash with an embroidered triangle (the symbol of leadership in the Lenni Lenape tribe upon which the Order's traditions are based) added to the elements from the Brotherhood sash.

Next time you see a Scout or Scouter in a white sash (or wearing other insignia identifying him as an Arrowman) you will know that he is among the best in the BSA. If your troop or team isn't benefiting from the Order of the Arrow program then consider contacting the chapter to learn more or to schedule an election. In your unit, encourage candidates to attend an Ordeal and Ordeal members to continue their journeys, further their understanding, and attain Brotherhood membership when they are ready. Nominate deserving, eligible Brotherhood members for the Vigil Honor. Expect all Arrowmen to provide cheerful service, promote outdoor experiences, and lead the way toward a better BSA.

