



Salt River District Petroglyphs February 2005



A Case for Giving

It only cost \$11.20 to become a scout. Most parents don't know this as they often pay more to join a unit, but all that Council sees is \$11.20 to register each scout. Actually, Council doesn't get that \$11.20. \$10 goes to National to register the scout and \$1.20 goes to purchase insurance. So Council starts with nothing in which to support that scout. Imagine a unit without Council. Well there are District volunteers, but would they exist without Council to organize and support them? Are the Units going to build and support them? Each unit would have to train their own leaders with no materials. There would be no roundtables for central sharing of resources and ideas. No District activities like Camporee, District Pinewood Derby, Fishing Derby, etc. There would be no Scout-O-Rama, no Day Camp and Summer Camp and no place to have one on your own. Many units depend on fundraising like Scout-O-Rama to fund their units; who is going to cover those funds the unit needs? Many scouts depend on scholarships and discounts provided by Council to Camp. Camp costs are kept below the costs of other camps, but there are still many scouts that would not be able to go to camp without this help. My own boy went to summer camp on scholarship as has other scouts in the troops I was associated with.

Council works hard to support the District and Units. The Grand Canyon Council has one of the leanest staffs of all scouting's councils. In order to keep the cost of becoming a scout as low as possible to makes its benefits available to all kids Council depends on donations. Yes, they receive funds from other resources and businesses too. Fundraising is a very competitive business. Dollars move back and forth depending upon the economy and the whims of politics and nature. They must look to every possible resource for funding and that includes scouting families.

Council has determined that it cost Council \$98 per scout to maintain the program they provide. Not everyone can afford to give that amount while others may be able to give more. We all know that scouting is the best and only program that helps kids to grow with real experience in a safe environment. Council needs our help to reach every possible resource to support its efforts to build and maintain scouting in our lives and communities.

The fairest and most efficient way for us to do this is for each unit to ask each and every family in their unit to contribute whatever they can. Every \$1 helps and counts. Our goal in the Salt River District is 100% participation that is every scouting family giving at least \$1. Encourage those that can give more to give as much as possible, but also encourage \$1 or \$5 donations equally acknowledging that scouting is an important part of our lives. If your unit can make the 100% goal by the end of march, you unit will be eligible for the Gold program providing units with discounts for Award purchases and day and summer camp.

If you want more information or help with a presentation to your unit, please contact Brenda Cleghorn, 480-814-7039 or eyedogforme@cox.net.

Scouting supports me and I support scouting,
Roy Hollis, SRD District Commissioner.

WINTER CAMPOREE REVIEW

Winter Camporee Review

As this reporter surveyed the battlefield, he was awed by the silence. Little remained of the prior days competition and battle. Remnants of fortifications and unexploded snowballs that had missed their marks littered the field. The day before warriors challenged each other in competition, displaying dogged endurance in sled racing and cross country skiing, demonstrating hunting accuracy with spears and fishing prowess at ice fishing, and munitions accuracy in snowball throwing. After lunch, they prepared for battle by building fortresses and mocked their foes with ice sculptures. Soon the battle was met. Snow was flying everywhere in scout spirit, no one was hurt. There was no ultimate decision. The battle see-sawed back and forth until the battle weary scout warriors went back to their camps and turned their energies to dinner and general snow play. Over 200 young men and “older boys” endured cold nights down in the teens and warm sunny days in the upper 50’s. As I visited each camp Saturday night, many warriors had already headed off to bed while the “older boys” sat around the campfire reminiscing of older battles, competitions, and great times shared with their young scouts. There will be another day, another chance meet again on the battlefield of Camporee and compete again in the spirit of scouting and do battle once again with their fellow scouts.

Way more to come!

Cubs	Troops, Teams, and Crews
Scouting For Food	Scouting For Food
Scout Sabbath and Scout Sunday	Scout Sabbath and Scout Sunday
Blue and Gold	University of Scouting
Webelos Bridging	Webelos Bridging
Pinewood Derby	Downhill (Summer Camp)
District Pinewood Derby	Rendezvous (Teams and Crews)
Webelos Woods	Weekly Troop Meetings
Bicycle Rodeo	Quarterly Court of Honor
Monthly Pack Meetings, Weekly Den Meetings	Bicycle Rodeo
Graduation	Summer Camp

Don't Forget the District Dinner, Training, Friends of Scouting and other District opportunities for Adult Scouters.

District Awards Dinner – Saturday, March 5th

Last year we added new activities like the Bicycle Rodeo and Fishing Derby. Training opportunities were expanded and our District Committee expanded to better serve our units.

Units camped, had their own rodeos and derbies, ran activities and games at Scout-O-Rama and school carnivals, did flag ceremonies and community service, and marched in parades.

The Salt River District is families, scouts, leaders, unit committee members, and district committee members. Each person in the district is a part of its success. Whether helping a unit or helping at the District level, we want to hear about them and recognize them for their service our community. Pick up a District Awards form at Roundtable or download it from the District web site. Turn it in by February 18th. Please contact Erik Earl, (602) 955-7747, ext 233 or erikearl@grandcanyonbsa.org, or any District Committee member if you have questions regarding awards.

Popcorn Consignment Sales

With no prizes, the profit to the unit goes up. The same great popcorn we sold in October can be sold all year round. Council has a store of product that you can pick up and sell, returning anything unsold. Profits are immediate as you only pay the "after" discount prices for the product you sell. If Council runs out of product, more can be ordered so we can still satisfy demand anytime. Soon, On-Line sales will be available where those who want to purchase from Trails End directly can do so at the same price with profits going to Your Unit, just like regular sale! Have questions or want to try consignment sales? Contact Brenda Cleghorn, eyedogforme@cox.net

Training

All Adults in the District who work with scouts need to get trained. **Youth Protection is required of every Adult working with youth.** For any Aquatics activity a trained Adult (Safe Swim Defense and/or Safety Afloat) must be present. To insure safety and maximize fun, all leaders need to get trained. Unit Committees need to be trained too to ensure a smooth operation. If for no other reason, because knowing what to do and how to do it right makes for a far less stressful experience for both the Leaders and Scouts. The District Trainers are knowledgeable and caring people who want you to find the same joy in Leadership that they have experienced. Training is key to that success.

Next Training Dates

Trainer Development Conference	Feb 19
New Leader Essentials	Mar 3
Cub Scout Leader, Cub Committee, Scoutmaster Basic Training	Mar 12
Webelos and Scoutmaster Overnight	Mar 18-19

If you have questions please contact SRD Training Neal Nickoliason at NEALNIK@aol.com, or your Unit Commissioner.

Have you taken On Line Youth Protection Training, but got no card?

All adults (including non-leaders) working with youth are required to take the BSA Youth Protection training whether on-line or from one of the many courses offered by any District. The On-Line version has some quirks that you need to be aware of to get you proper certification. First, go to <http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org/> and select Training, Youth Protection. Enter the requested information and take the test. Great, you passed, you will get your card in the email, . . . or will you. They don't tell you that in order to get your card in the mail you had to have entered your scouting ID number, something many of us don't keep track off. They don't even give you a warning that the number is required. So, how are you going to prove that you took your training? Well, print that final passing notice web page. Bring it to the next roundtable and give it to your District Executive or District Commissioner and one of us will get you a card.

For Scout, Varsity, and Venturers.

The Grand Canyon Council will be offering 6 sessions of Junior Leadership Training this year. We are using the new course material, which is based on the same material in Woodbadge 21st Century. Now is the time for youth to sign up to ensure they can get the session they desire. See the council website and or www.silveraxe.com for more information.

Salt River at a Glance

Activity	Dates
District Elections	January 27
11 year old Camporee (LDS)	February 4-5
Scouting For Food	February 5
District Calendar Planning	February 24
District Dinner	March 5

District Elections – Thursday, February 24

District Committee positions are elected on a yearly basis. Those interested in a particular position should contact Erik Earl, (602) 955-7747, ext 233 or erikearl@grandcanyonbsa.org. Elections will be held at the regular February District Committee meeting held at the Lakeshore LDS Church. Any registered adult scouter can vote.

Scouting For Food - February 5

Hunger is year round. After the Holidays, food donations go way down and the food banks begin to empty. This National Scout Good Turn event provides a much-needed boost in supplies for the food banks. All units should sign up and take an area to cover for this event on February 5. Sign-ups begin in December (this month) and bags will be available at the January Roundtable. Contact Linda Rogers, LRogers@netbsa.org, to sign up or ask questions

District Dinner and Scouter Awards - March 5, 2005

The District wants to award those scouters who have helped the units of our District be successful. Scouters are nominated by their units. Do you have someone in your unit who has really helped your unit to have a great year? Nominees do not have to be District Level scouters. We want to honor the people in you unit who have contributed to your unit's success. We have many ways to award these behind the scenes helpers, many not listed on our forms. The nomination forms are available at Roundtable and on the District Website. Please contact Erik Earl, (602) 955-7747, ext 233 or erikearl@grandcanyonbsa.org, if you have questions regarding awards.

3 Month Calendar

February 2005

3	Roundtable
4-5	11 Year Old Camporee
5	Scouting for Food
6	Scout Sunday
12	Scout Sabbath
22	Eagle Board of Review
24	District Committee/Key 3 Meeting – District Calendar 2005/2006 Planning

March 2005

3	Roundtable
5	District Awards Dinner
5	Summer Camp Downhill (Boy Scouts)
22	Eagle Board of Review
31	District Committee/Key 3 Meeting
21-23	Winter Camporee
25	Eagle Board of Review
27	District Committee/Key 3 Meeting

April 2005

7	Roundtable
	District Pinewood Derby
26	Eagle Board of Review
28	District Committee/Key 3 Meeting

Eagles Nest

New Eagles from last months Board of Review:

GAREN COLE RIDENHOUR	Troop 778
JORDAN DAVID KEENEY	Crew 9778
FRANK MATEJ CERNIK, II	Troop 75
BRYAN AUSTIN BORG	Troop 278
JEFFREY C. SWINDLE	Crew 9578
SEAN MICHAEL BARR	Troop 278
KEITH CHARLES KNIGHT	Troop 14

***Thanks to all the new and old Eagle Board Members
for stepping up to cover the boards for these worthy scouts.***

District Web Site

We are doing our best to keep it updated and to make as much information as possible accessible on the Districts Activities. The Calendar has been recently updated, as has the Activities page. Several of the flyers have been made available as Word documents or PDF file from the website. Email addresses are available for most of the Activities to write for questions or to sign up. The web site is the best way to stay on top of what is happening as well as the fastest point of contact for all things District. Check it out!

Go to the Council Web Site and select District, Salt River from the side menu.

www.grandcanyonbsa.org, District, Salt River

Or go to:

www.users.qwest.net/~rbhollis

Want Ads

The District is in need of Volunteers to help keep it running smoothly, keeping units informed, trained, and ensuring more fun for all our scouts. We have some specific positions to be filled, but there are a lot of other places where we can use members at large. Come join us and share your heart and brain with the rest of us. Contact Erik Earl, (602) 955-7747 ext 233 or email erikearl@grandcanyonbsa.org.

Petroglyphs Editor

Trainers – All Levels

Members At Large

Commissioners – All Levels

Many areas need committees or several scouters to make things work. We are always in need of Commissioners and Trainers. Individual events, like Camporee, Webelos Woods, Pinewood Derby, Fishing Derby, etc. need committees to run these events.

The Petroglyphs is a publication of the Salt River District. All you see above comes from various sources in the District. News and items are encouraged from any Scouter in the district. Please contact the Editor with your items at least 2 weeks in advance of the next Roundtable to ensure publication.

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