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An Extraordinary Scouter

Vince Streech, an Extraordinary Scoutmaster

Vince recently retired as Scoutmaster of Troop 379, sponsored by Desert Cross Lutheran Church, a position he has held for 10 years. He got his start in scouting as a boy scout in Troop 91, Fullerton, California. As an adult scouter in Tempe and Salt River Districts, he began as a Webelos Leader in 1978. He then served as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 474, 1979-1984, then scoutmaster, 1984-1987. His current position is as a member at large of the Troop committee. Vince helped 61 scouts on their way to the Eagle rank during his tenure. He has received numerous scouting awards, among them Scoutmaster of the year 1985, District Award of Merit 1995, Silver Beaver 2000, and Scoutmaster Award of Merit 2003. He and his family were recognized as Scouting Family of the Year in the Tempe District in 1984.

Vince says he has completely relived his childhood over and over and over. Experiences include camping in Panama, hiking all the major trails in the Grand Canyon, and going to summer camps in Arizona, California, Washington, Colorado, Maine, Connecticut, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida. He has collected, shucked, and eaten oysters on the shore in Maine, gone on white water rafting trips in New River, West Virginia and the Poudre River in Colorado. He has also enjoyed canoeing and portaging at the Charles Sommers BSA Canoe base in Minnesota.

He says that participation in scouting has been the most rewarding effort he has ever made. He has incredible memories and legacies. Two of his former scouts are Marines in Iraq. He has backpacked in all climes in Arizona and many other places. He can cook over a campfire or in a Dutch oven. He can take care of himself and a whole bunch of scouts in a wilderness setting. He can paddle a canoe or a kayak. He can throw a tomahawk and a boomerang. I can mold a ball and shoot it out of a black powder gun. He can climb rocks with technical equipment. He can tie 100 knots and name every one. Vince says "now, that is Boy Scouting."

Vince is the President of Arizona Traffic Signal Inc., a general engineering contractor specializing in traffic signals and highway lighting. Vince and his wife, Sandra, have been married 37 years. They have two children, Gregory, 34, an Eagle Scout, and Brooke, 31, who holds the Girl Scout Gold Award. They also have three grandchildren, Mary, 10, Madeline, 8, and Vincent II, 5.

—Contributed by Doug Wilson, a longtime friend and admirer of Vince Streech.

*If you know of someone you would like to acknowledge please e-mail at srdpetroglyphs@cox.net

District Chairman's Corner

February was a great month for the Salt River District. We had fabulous participation in Scouting for Food. Our scouts gathered 10,413 pounds of food. This is more than 3,000 pounds more than last year! A very special thank you to Linda Rogers and Doug Wilson. Great Job!!

The 11 year old camporee was a great success too. Thanks to all who planned and carried it out.

Our district is committed to meet our Friends of Scouting goal for this year. Our LDS campaign is under way. To meet our goal we will need every unit to give every family involved in scouting a chance to participate. If a lot of people do a little it will be better than a few people doing a lot.

This year we are pushing to recruit more boys into scouting. Bill Nelson has agreed to be chairman of our District Roundup. Our goal is to have 3,000 youth and 140 units providing scouting for the youth of our community. We now have 2,812 youth and 131 units. Bill will give us all assignments for this program that will help us reach this goal.

I am thrilled with the successes we have had so far this year. We have a great district. Thanks to all who provide leadership in the district. But special thanks go to the scoutmasters, cubmasters, den leaders and all the volunteers who work directly with our boys. It is at that level that we really make a difference. Keep up the great work!

Wayne C. Arnett
Salt River District Chairman

Silver Axe

Are you ready to take Junior Leader Training to the next level? One of the best-kept secrets in the Grand Canyon Council is the fabulous Junior Leader Training Conference provided by Council. Some of you may know it as Silveraxe. If you have boys that are either currently serving in or are thinking of having them serve in a leadership position, you need to send them to Silveraxe. They need to be a First Class Scout; 13 years old on or before June 30, 2004, have at least 1-year tenure in the Boy Scouts of America and have attended at least 1 long-term (6 nights) camp by June 1, 2004. This training has been referred to as "Woodbadge for boys".

They will learn the 12 Leadership skills (we throw in the 12th skill at no extra charge). They will also learn how to successfully run their home Troop. They will write goals to strengthen their home Troop. After the Introduction to Leadership Conference and the Troop JLT Team Building Session, this is the next step in the formal training progression. Sessions will be conducted from May 31st through June 26th. The first session is at Camp Raymond with the subsequent three sessions at Camp Geronimo. Be sure and pick-up a nomination form at Roundtable. If you don't see a nomination form, talk to your Roundtable Commissioner about getting one or visit www.silveraxe.com

The forms are available to download in Adobe Acrobat format in the participant section. If you have any questions, please contact:
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Sessions are filling fast, reserve your slot now.



Cub News



It's Pinewood Derby time again!!!!

Come one, come all, join us for the SALT RIVER DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the races, we will have a lot of fun.

Please put in your registrations NOW!!!!.

Forms are available on the SRD website at:

<http://grandcanyonbsa.org/saltriver/index.html>.

Please get registrations to me as soon as possible. Below are my email address and phone No.

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Scouting News



Spring Camporee

April 23-25
Heard Scout Pueblo

Spring Camporee will be April 23-25 at the Heard Scout Pueblo. Troops, Teams, Crews and Webelos are invited for a competition of Scout Skills and a Dutch Oven Dessert Cook-off to be enjoyed by all. The cost is a mere \$2 per person and it will be held just around the corner at the Heard, so there is no excuse to not attend. Contact Joe Hilton at (480) 820-6788, jhilton@supreme.sp.state.az.us or Roy Hollis at (602) 898-4605, rbhollis@qwest.net or Check out the District Website for information and sign up forms.

Recruiting information

**Every Unit should send
at least one person!
Troops March 11 and Packs April 1**

For Traditional Troops only, Packs, and Crews will follow at later dates. Expert help is being made available Thursday, March 11 at the LDS Church at Lakeshore and Guadalupe. Bill Nelson will be introducing the latest help from National and sharing his vast expertise to make recruiting easy and successful. Those who have attended Bill's seminars in the past have found them to be extremely informative and enlightening. Every unit should send a representative.



VENTURING



The Youth Cabinet has arranged exclusive use of the new state-of-the-art "Solid Rock" indoor climbing gym on Friday night, April 2, from 9 to 11 PM. All Venturing Crews, individual Venturers and their friends (ages 14-20) are invited to attend. Solid Rock has climbing features for all skill levels from first-timers to experienced climbers. This can be a great recruiting activity for your crew! Cost is \$10 including equipment.

Solid Rock is located near I-17 and Pinnacle Peak Rd. and not far from Loop 101.

See the Solid Rock web site:

<http://www.solidrockgym.com/phoenixgym/solidrockaz.html>

Youth under age 16 need to bring this waiver signed by their parent.

http://www.solidrockgym.com/phoenixgym/waivers/YouthWaiver_12304.pdf

Call me (623-581-1103) or email **venturingprez@azwebhost.com** by March 25 to sign up.

Robyn Knoll
President, Venturing Youth Cabinet
Grand Canyon Council
Phoenix, AZ



The Eagle's Nest



Salt River District Eagle Scouts



Congratulations to our February Eagles

<i>Andrew Lee Johnson</i>	<i>Team 6174</i>	<i>George Rogers Kunnen</i>	<i>Troop 7</i>
<i>Andrew David Rogers</i>	<i>Troop 14</i>	<i>Mathew David Petrie</i>	<i>Crew 9578</i>
<i>Austin Neal Heywood</i>	<i>Team 6595</i>	<i>Andrew Dane Billings</i>	<i>Crew 9575</i>
<i>James Wylie</i>	<i>Crew 9074</i>	<i>Nathan Edward Trim</i>	<i>Crew 6571</i>
<i>Steven James Hopper</i>	<i>Team 6470</i>		



Scoutmaster Minute

Words to Live By

Robert Louis Stevenson, the famous author of *Treasure Island* and *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* suffered throughout his short life from respiratory illness and he spent many years looking for a climate that would cure him. He died of tuberculosis at the age of 41 and is buried on Samoa. In spite of his considerable suffering he had twelve positive attitude tips that he lived by that I would like to share with each of you. They are still incredibly good rules to live by.

Make up your mind to be happy, learn to find pleasure in simple things.

Make the best of your circumstances. Everyone has problems. The trick is to make laughter outweigh the tears.

Don't take yourself too seriously, Don't think that somehow you should be protected from misfortunes that befall others.

You can't please everybody. Don't let criticism worry you.

Don't let your neighbor set your standards. Be Yourself.

Do the things you enjoy doing but stay out of debt.

Don't borrow trouble. Imaginary burdens are harder to bear than the actual ones.

Hate poisons the soul, so don't carry grudges, avoid people who make you unhappy.

Have many interests. If you can't travel, read about new places.

Don't hold post mortems. Don't spend your life brooding over sorrows and mistakes.

Do what you can for those less fortunate than yourself.

Keep busy at something. A busy person never has time to be unhappy.

SRD At A Glance

“Highlights”

New Leader Essentials

District Adult Awards Dinner

Outdoor Leadership Training

March

4	Roundtable/New Leader Essentials/ Commissioner Meeting
6	District Adult Awards Dinner, Tempe Stake Center, College & Alameda
9	District Committee Meeting
18	Youth Protection Training (Tempe Stake Center, College & Alameda, 7 pm)
18-20	Varsity Scout Mountain Rendezvous
20	Cub/Boy Scout/Venturer Leader Specific Training
23	Eagle Board of Review
26-27	Outdoor Leadership Training

April

1	Roundtable/Safe Swim Defense/ Commissioner Meeting
9-10	Varsity Scout Basketball
10	District Pinewood Derby
13	District Committee Meeting
23-25	Spring Camporee
27	Eagle Board of Review

May

1	Council Pinewood Derby
6	Roundtable/Safety Afloat/Commissioner Meeting
11	District Committee Meeting
20	Youth Protection Training (Tempe Stake Center, College & Alameda, 7 pm)
25	Eagle Board of Review



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