

The Quill

Newsletter of Thunderbird District, Grand Canyon Council, BSA

"Strong Values ~ Strong Leadership ~ Character Counts"

December 2005

December

- 6 Tue Commissioners & Committee Mtgs
LDS Relations - Moon Valley location
- 7 Wed Recharter Night
- 8 Thu Roundtable
OA Chapter Meeting
- 14 Wed Recharter Night
- 15 Thu District Operations Meeting
- 20 Tue Tiger Cub Holiday Party
7:00-8:30p Roundtable location
- 23 Fri Deadline for JAN Articles

January

- 3 Tue Commissioners & Committee Mtgs
LDS Relations - Moon Valley location
- 5 Thu Eagle Board of Review - Moon Valley
- 12 Thu Roundtable
OA Chapter Meeting
Troop Committee Training
- 19 Thu District Operations Meeting
- 21 Sat District Recognition Dinner
- 27 Fri Deadline for FEB articles
- 28 Sat Cub Scout Leader Pow Wow

Soldiers Sponsor Pinewood Derby

Article Courtesy US Army Website www4.army.mil/

October 25, 2005

A co-educational International Scouting group formed this summer in Hasar, Iraq, held its first-ever pinewood derby in October, thanks to Soldiers and families of 116th Brigade Combat Team.

This local scouting group, known as Kashafa in Iraq, began July 7 when Soldiers of the 116th BCT's Task Force 1-148 Field Artillery and leaders from the community of Hasar, Iraq, celebrated a ribbon cutting and inauguration of the program. Since that time regular meetings have been held, but last week's meeting was the first time the Scouts enjoyed a pinewood derby.

The event was made possible when family members back home collected and sent car kits to the Soldiers in Iraq.

"The scout leaders with help from the Soldiers built a track and helped the youth build their cars and hold their first competition," said Capt. Matthew Godfrey, a TF 1-148 Field Artillery operations officer.

The Hasar Kashafa consists of three co-ed scouting groups—Tigers (8-11 yr olds), Lightning (12-14 yr olds) and Eagles (15-18 yr olds). The

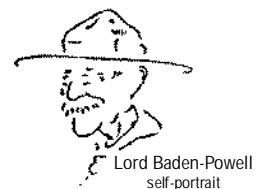


Photo Courtesy of US Army

Scouts from the International Scouting Program in Hasar, Iraq, show off their newly made pinewood derby cars.

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Heard Scout Pueblo
1901 E. Dobbins
Roundtable
3527 W. Happy Valley Rd.
Moon Valley Location
11650 N. 35th Avenue

First-ever

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groups meet weekly and between them they have over 100 regular participants.

"Enabling Iraqi children to laugh and have fun and instill some friendly competition was a key goal to the formation of the scouting organization," Godfrey said.

Working with local leaders to establish community-building programs in the province of Kirkuk is part of the 116th Brigade Combat Team's mission while deployed in north central Iraq. The unit's mission also includes assisting Iraq's new government, supporting economic development, facilitating communications and improving security and stability in the region.

The 116th BCT consists of headquarters and staff sections, two armor battalions, a mechanized infantry battalion, a support battalion, a field artillery battalion, an engineer battalion, and various intelligence, signal, and specialized units. The 116th BCT is one of several Army National Guard units deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom III.

Limited time offer!

Each year, there are approximately 1400 juvenile deaths (and five times that many serious injuries) in the United States which occur as a result of children accessing unsecured firearms. Virtually all of these accidents occur in the child's home or in the homes of friends and relatives where the child is staying or playing.

Between now and December 31, 2005 the Glendale Police Department is conducting a Juvenile Education Campaign concerning firearms. During this time you can have an officer come to your meeting to make a brief (15-30 minute) presentation to your scouts. Officers will bring materials to distribute to families, including a FREE GUNLOCK.

Contact Mike Eyer — 623-930-2436 or meyer@glendaleaz.com — to arrange for a Glendale Police Officer to come to your meeting. Because of grant restrictions, the meeting must occur before December 31 and must be held in Glendale.

Recharter turn-in nights and locations

Wed, December 7

Deer Valley Stake
2939 W. Rose Garden

Phoenix North Stake
325 W. Coral Gables

Wed, December 14

Glendale North Stake
4901 W. Union Hills Drive

Glendale Stake
8602 N. 31st Avenue

Winter Day Camp

December 27 - 29

Heard Scout Pueblo

8:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.

\$35 per Cub Scout

(includes patch & program supplies)

Come join us for a fun-filled three day adventure at Cub Scout Winter Day Camp. Experience winter games in the desert. NOTE: BB Gun, Archery and Swimming will not be offered at Winter Day Camp.

Adults are encouraged to attend as Den Guides—leading a den from station to station. Adults are not charged a registration fee. Registration forms are available at Roundtable and the Council Service Center.

POW WOW 2006

Cub Leaders Need HELP?

Get your Training Needs 1/28/06

Make a neckerchief slide, make crafts for pennies, recycle and give, best methods for scoring pinewood derby, keeping discipline, uniform basics, be smarter than the kids, learn magic, make knots, transition to boy scouts, getting helpers, keeping helpers, try new games, community deeds, Dutch oven cooking, learn ceremonies, blue and gold decorations, how to be a good den leader, pack pizzazz, day camp, keeping records, how to tell a story, campfire program basics, foil dinner, recipes, bullying, Rain-Gutter Regatta, Duty to God, making money, wood crafts, leather crafts, nature, youth protection, safe swim defense, hiking, outdoor programs and more!!!

BRING HOME A RESOURCE BOOK!

Watch for Registration Info at:

<http://www.grandcanyonbsa.org>

Mesquite High School
550 Scout McQueen Road
Gilbert

Brother honoring brother at the Order of the Arrow Wipala Wiki Lodge Banquet on January 14, 2006

Please mark your calendar and plan on attending the 2005 Lodge Banquet this year. This is our opportunity to recognize those that have made our Lodge program a great success. We are all looking forward to seeing all of our brothers at this year's banquet.

Please see our website at www.wipalawiki.org/banquet for more information. Other banquet questions can be sent to banquet@wipalawiki.org or call Dora Delagillo at 602-564-9423. Registration questions should be directed to Gail Roemer at 602-272-9092.

Important whitewater and canoe trip information

All participants planning to take trips on moving water (whitewater) must complete special training offered by a BSA aquatics instructor or designated council instructor (ref: Guide to Safe Scouting). This includes any excursion, expedition or trip using a canoe, raft, kayak, inflatable boat or inner tube. No tour permit for a float activity on moving water will be issued unless all participants have been trained. Trips on the Lower Colorado River have been classified at the same level of difficulty as flat-water. John and Lynn Brennard, 623-582-9497, are your contacts for the following types of training.

Canoe Whitewater Training: Feb 11 (registration deadline Jan 20), March 25 (reg. deadline March 3), and April 15 (reg. deadline March 24). Approx course times (8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). \$5.00 fee due with registration.

Raft Whitewater Training: Make special arrangements with a council approved whitewater instructor. The on-water objectives of the rafting whitewater course will need to be arranged with the professional rafting company by the council whitewater instructor.

Inner Tube Whitewater Training or Kayak Whitewater Training: Referrals to qualified instructors are available.



Congratulations! Thunderbird District November Eagle Scouts

AXTELL, Benjamin Wilford - Crew 9765 - North Point Academy - Build bookshelves and cubbie holes for storage of school materials - 134.6 hours

BAGLEY, Robert Lee - Crew 9827 - Lake Pleasant Park - Rebuild Morgan City Trail - 98.7 hours

DAWSON, Daniel Bryant - Crew 9723 - Paseo Park - Prep and paint hand rails - 127.0 hours

DOWELL, Daniel Adam Rathell - Troop 526 - Estrella Mountain Park - Paint rodeo arena fence after removing rust and preparing for paint - 340.0 hours

ROQUE, Zachary Joseph - Team 6423 - Catalina School - Build bookcases, seating and reading materials for four kindergarten classes - 146.5 hours

Completed Eagle Packets for the Thunderbird District are to be delivered to Bob Turley for certification prior to the Eagle Board of Review - call (623) 939-3434 for an appointment and instructions.

If you download the Eagle Application from the internet, print the Application (in color) back-to-back and head-to-head just like the BSA Eagle Application form. Refer to your printer instruction manual.

District Recognition Dinner tickets available

Tickets for the 47th Annual Thunderbird District Dinner will be available at December's Roundtable—\$13 for individuals and \$25 per couple. We will be honoring our Silver Beaver recipients: Lola Mecham, Jack Mecham and Mike Hockett, Sr. Be sure to get your Award of Merit nominations to Jeff Kornegay and Hall of Fame nominations to Carol Lowe. They are due by Roundtable, December 8.

Editor's note: for those of you reading this at Roundtable—write quickly!



VENTURING · BSA

Latest info on Venturing in the council is available at www.yahoogroups.com under the group "gcventuring".

GCC Youth Venturing Cabinet meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Council HQ.

The next meeting is
December 13

A representative from every Crew is invited to attend.

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BSA Ready & Prepared Award

This award was developed by National Risk Management to encourage and reward Troops, Teams & Crews that incorporate safe practice while enjoying challenging activities. Earning the award helps focus on areas in which emphasizing risk management can reduce fatalities and serious injury, in areas such as: Driver & Passenger safety, BSA Youth Protection, Precautions for Aquatics Activities, Premises Safety and First Aid Readiness, and Personal Fitness and Safety.

The BSA Ready & Prepared Silver Award patch (No. 17037) and BSA Ready & Prepared Gold Award patch (No. 17038) are for individuals and matching unit ribbons are available.

Details at: www.scouting.org/awards/10-278/index.html which includes the downloadable application.

300 gather for Ten Commandment Hike

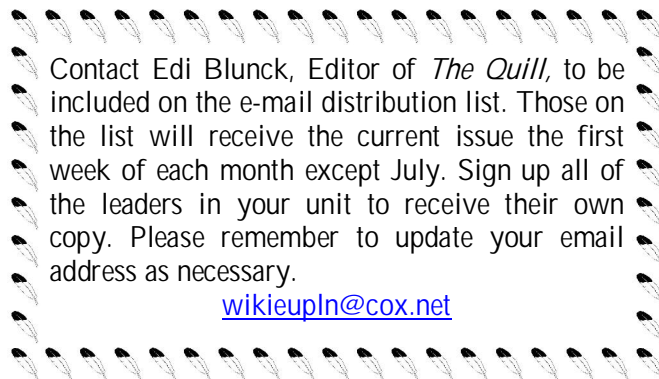
By David Gironda, Sr., Interfaith Chairman, Grand Canyon Council

For the ten year anniversary of our Ten Commandment Hike, on the Friday after Thanksgiving 11/25/2005, our Scout Council's Interfaith Committee held another hike for Scout youth, Boy & Cub, Girl & Brownies, Camp Fire youth and their families. About 300 in all hiked from one worship place to another, where a Commandment was explained and the host described their house of worship. We stopped midway for a bag lunch, ending around 4:00 pm back where we started, hiking over 5-miles. This year's hike was in Sun City, Arizona, with the Commandments explained at the following locations:

- I Sun City Christian Church
- II Saint Elizabeth Seton Roman Catholic Church
- III Presented by Rabbi on nearby lawn
- IV American Lutheran Church of Sun City
- V Evangel Church - Assembly of God
- VI Salvation Army - Sun Cities Area Center
- VII Grace Bible Church
- VIII L.D.S. presentation
- IX Marinette Recreation Center for an outdoor Islamic presentation
- X Since the pastor of the Congregational Church had a family emergency, our 10th stop there was cancelled, so we also presented the 10th Commandment at the recreation center.

On the return back to our cars, we stopped half-way on a shaded lawn area of the Union Hills Country Club, for an additional planned session for P.R.A.Y.'s new Duty to God promotional patch, with over 100 earned at completion, in addition to our special 10th Anniversary hike patch.

It is amazing that the code of conduct given to us all by our creator strikes such a common chord, which bridges the differences among denominations of faiths, and even divisions within a faith. This is a rare occasion in which youth of diverse backgrounds can all share in recognizing the differences between good and evil, along with their peers and family members. Hopefully, this will stay with them as they grow to be our future leaders, GOD willing, or should I say, providing!



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