

Troop 323 monthly newsletter

Summer Edition

May 2009

EAGLE SCOUT COURT OF HONOR – THIS SATURDAY!!!

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Please join Troop 323 as we honor the following boys who have earned the rank of EAGLE SCOUT:

**Brian Ballou
Jeffrey Baranowski
Michael Baranowski
Mark Ernst**

**David Meyers
Travis Meyers
Adam Skebo
Max Wingert.**

The Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held this Saturday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at Shadow Rock Church located at 8th Avenue, South of Thunderbird Road. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony. RSVP's are appreciated to 602-942-9289. Please show your support and congratulate these young men on this important accomplishment.

THANK YOU SCOUTMASTER BARRY GIESEMANN!!!

Many wondered if anyone could step forward and fill the role of Troop 323 Scoutmaster that was so honorably served by Bob Ballou for several years. Well, many thanks go out to Barry Giesemann who has committed a huge amount of time and energy to ensure there was a smooth leadership transition. Barry has given up much to ensure Troop 323 had another successful year. If you have not had a chance to thank Barry for his service, please consider sending him a quick note of thanks to 323.scoutmaster@cox.net. Let's give it up for Barry!!!

Summer Calendar:

Day	Date	Time	Location	Activity
Sat	5/23	10:00 a.m.	Shadow Rock United Church of Christ	Eagle Scout Court of Honor
Mon	5/25	6:30 p.m.	Scoutmaster's house	Monthly PLC
Tue	5/26	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Lutheran Church	Court of Honor
Sat	5/30	8:00 a.m.	All Saints Lutheran Church and Scoutmaster's pool	Camp Geronimo Intro/CPR/Swimming
Wed-Sun	6/4 – 6/7	3:00 p.m.	Depart: June 3 at 3:00 p.m. Return: June 7 at 6:00 p.m.	Special Outing – Havasupai Falls
Sat-Sat	6/13 – 6/20	TBD	Depart in a.m. from Lookout Mountain School	Camp Geronimo
Tue	8/18	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Lutheran Church	Welcome back Troop meeting
Sat-Sun	8/29-8/30	TBD	Bumble Bee Ranch	PLC Planning Retreat for 2010 Calendar

NOTES:

1. Committee meetings are open to anyone. First Wednesday of the Month -- 7:00 p.m.
2. Our Next Troop Meeting is a Court of Honor and will be held on Tuesday, May 26th at 7:00 p.m.!!! Scouts should wear their Class A uniforms.
3. Patrols should continue with the monthly Greenway Parkway clean-up.

Camp Geronimo Reminder!!!

Troop 323 will be participating in Camp Geronimo on June 13 – 20. All fees should be paid at this point. Please contact our new Troop Treasurer Sherri Teille (steille@cox.net) ASAP with any outstanding payments. More details about camp will be discussed on Saturday, May 30th at All Saints Lutheran Church. If you have further questions or concerns please direct them to the Scoutmaster Barry Giesemann (323.scoutmaster@cox.net). Just a reminder, there are prerequisites for most merit badges. Please visit the council website for more information or ask your patrol leader.

Camp Geronimo Intro / CPR & Swimming prerequisites

On Saturday, May 30th at 8:00 am, at All Saints Lutheran Church, Janice Baranowski will be teaching a CPR orientation course required for all Scouts taking the First Aid Merit Badge class at Camp Geronimo. All scouts may want to attend this as a valuable refresher since you never know when you'll need it! Afterwards, Scouts and parents can ask the Scoutmaster questions about camp. Then Scouts taking the Swimming Merit Badge at Geronimo will go to the Scoutmaster's house to complete a few of the swimming prerequisites.

Summer Camp Opportunities: It's Not Too Late!!!

Lake Pleasant Aquatics & Nature Camp

There are still five sessions available for Boy Scouts to attend this hands-on day camp. There are several boys from Troop 323 attending Session 4 from July 6 – 9 and at least one Troop 323 member who will be a counselor at the camp. Boy Scouts can choose from

Rowing, Kayaking, Motor Boating, Water Skiing, Sailing, Fishing and many more. Bus transportation is available each morning and evening for campers. The following sessions are offered:

Session 1: June 8 – 11
Session 2: June 15 – 18
Session 3: June 22 – 25
Session 4: July 6 – 9
Session 5: July 13 – 16

Please see the attached document for more details. If you're not attending Camp Geronimo you must do the swimming requirements before coming to the Aquatics Camp. The requirements can be done at the Heard Scout Pueblo pool on Saturday, May 30th between 8:00 am and noon.

Havasupai Hike – June 4 – 7 **Time is Running Out!**

Troop 323 has 36 reservations for June 4 – 7 for a Havasupai hike. It has been several years since the Troop has completed this memorable hike. Those participating backpackers need to be able to carry their own pack for the 11 mile hike to the bottom of the canyon. The payoff is cool water and crystal blue waterfalls. Hiking at night and early morning will be part of the plan to avoid hiking in the summer heat. Parents of participating younger scouts will be required to attend to ensure they make it out of the canyon. Please contact Paul Foulger ASAP if you plan to attend (pfoulger@aljon.com).

Silver Axe Training

Also known as the National Youth Leadership training, interested Scouts who meet the requirements should consider attending this summer at Camp Raymond, May 25-30th or R-C Scout Ranch, July 27-August 1st. Camperships available – See the Scoutmaster for more details.

THANK YOU DEANNA DIEHN!

Many thanks to Deanna Diehn for her service as the Troop Treasurer and the Advancement Chair. She is passing the reigns over to Sherri Teille as the new Treasurer. Deanna's son Adam will be honored at the Eagle Ceremony and her son Alec is not far behind. Please thank her for her many years of service.

Hip Hip Hooray for the Petkiewicz's!

Thanks to Chris and Maureen Petkiewicz for organizing and leading the very successful 2009 Troop 323 Golf Tournament. Even in the midst of very difficult economic times, the tournament was a big success and fun was had by all. More details on the tally from the tournament will be announced in the Fall newsletter.

Trail To Eagle: Sign Up Early!

Scouts must be 14 years of age and a First Class Scout to attend this camp held at the Lake Pleasant Desert Outdoors Center. This is a program with an emphasis on Eagle Scout required merit badges. The camp is held on June 27 – July 4. Register early because space is limited to only 60 scouts.

Visit Our Website

Need more information -- go to the Troop's website www.phoenix323.org or the website for the Grand Canyon Council www.grandcanyonbsa.org.

Email Address Changes

Notify the troop webmaster, Simon Wright at webguy@phoenix323.org if you have e-mail address changes. We want you to stay connected!

Troop 323 Newsletter Submissions

Please send all submissions for the August, 2009 Newsletter to John Waldron at jwaldron2@cox.net by July 31.

Thought for the Day:

Give me such courage and I can scale the hardest peaks alone -- And transform every stumbling block into a stepping stone.

Gail Brook Burket