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Check our troop website for updated information

Have you checked out the troop website (www.aztroop222.com) lately? The website is maintained to provide parents, scouts and leaders with up to date information on troop activities. New information is added to the troop website every week.

The calendar has information on troop meetings, outings and other scouting related activities. Clicking on a calendar entry will bring up a summary windows. Click on the "More details" link to see additional details.

The photos section has pictures of past activities including trip reports. The photos are a low resolution copy of the original pictures.

This is done to conserve space on the website. All of the photos are freely available for download. If you would like a high resolution photo, please send me an email and I will be happy to send it to you.

The Documents section contains commonly used forms, checklists and past copies of this newsletter.

Please share this website with your family and friends out of town so they can how well you son is doing in scouts. Our site is becoming popular with everyone. Do a Google search for "Camp Geronimo" and our website is in the first 10 results.

Committee member profile—Wanda Nairn

I started my Scouting career when I was a Brownie, then 2 years as a Girl Scout in Orlando, Florida. After moving to Phoenix, Tre joined as a Tiger Cub with Pack 221 where I became the Assistant Leader for Tiger cubs. Later I moved on to be Committee Chair for Pack 221 until 2002. I then moved to Pack 428 where I was their Committee Chair until 2006.

In 2002 I crossed over into Troop 222 where I was assistant advancement coordinator. In 2004 I became the Committee Chair for the Troop. In 2005 Crew 2222 was formed and I became their Committee Chair. I became

the Committee Chair again for Pack-221 in 2005

I'm a member of the Wood Badge Fox Patrol and a proud Member of the Lost Boys [Troop 222 leaders].



Camping recipe – Taco's in a bag

If you like nachos or tacos, this recipe is for you. It's quick and easy to prepare with only 1 skillet to wash.

Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 pouch taco seasoning mix
- Water as needed for taco seasoning
- 4 small size bags of Nacho Cheese Doritos or Corn Chips
- Shredded cheese, salsa or any other taco fixings you like

Directions:

Cook ground beef in a large skillet until no longer pink. Drain any excess oil. Mix in the taco seasoning mix and follow preparation directions (don't forget the water).

Before opening the bags of chips, you may want to crush them a bit. Cut open the Doritos/corn chip bags lengthwise. Add taco meat and any other taco fixings that you like. Eat it right out of the bag.

Troop calendar (see the calendar on troop website for up to date information)

- Sept 11 - District Roundtable Meeting at LDS Church at 35th Ave and Happy Valley Rd. at 7pm. This meeting is for all committee members to learn about what's happening in the Thunderbird District
- Sept 12 to 14 – Lynx Lake Campout. This will be an overnight campout in the cool pines near Prescott. Bring your fishing pole and bait because there is a lake nearby!
- Sept 15 - Court of Honor at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm
- Sept 19 - Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills at Heard Scout Pueblo at 6pm. This is for any leader taking Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts camping. Cost is \$20 per person.
- Sept 20 - Troop Yard sale at Georgia's home. If you have any donations or want to help, contact Wanda.
- Sept 22 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm
- Sept 24 - The REI store at Paradise Valley will present a clinic on Introduction to Map and Compass at 6:30pm. It will cover the basics such as understanding map symbols, orienting the map and compass, triangulation, declination adjustment, and reading terrain features. Bring your own compass!
- Sept 27- National Public Lands Day. Go to <http://www.publiclandsday.org> for more info
- Sept 29 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm
- Oct 2 - Committee Meeting at Bill Johnson's Big Apple at 19th Ave and Bell Rd. at 7pm.
- Oct 4 to 5 - Popcorn Blitz weekend
- Oct 6 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm
- Oct 9 - District Roundtable Meeting at LDS Church at 35th Ave and Happy Valley Rd. at 7pm. This meeting is for all committee members to learn about what's happening in the Thunderbird District
- Oct 11 - Mt Humphrey's day hike
- Oct 13 - School's closed - no troop meeting
- Oct 17 to 19 - Fall Camporee at Wickenburg Rodeo Grounds in Constellation Park
- Oct 20 - Troop meeting at Deer Valley Middle School at 7pm

A Scout is **Thrifty**.
A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

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A Scout is:

- Trustworthy
- Loyal
- Helpful
- Friendly
- Courteous
- Kind
- Obedient
- Cheerful
- Thrifty
- Clean
- Brave
- Reverent



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On my honor
I will do my
best
To do my
duty to God
and my
country
and to obey
the Scout
Law;
To help other
people at all
times;
To keep
myself
physically
strong,
mentally
awake, and
morally
straight.

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Requirements that can be completed on a campout

The troop will be going on an overnight campout at Lynx Lake on September 12-14. Campouts are a great time to get requirements checked off for your next rank. Below is a list of requirements that can easily be completed while at camp. Any scout that is Star rank or above can assist and sign-off these requirements. Don't forget to bring your scout book on the campout!

Tenderfoot Requirements

1. Present yourself to your leader properly dressed before going on an overnight campout
2. Spend at least one night on a patrol or troop overnight campout
3. On the campout, assist in preparing and cooking one of your patrols meals

Second Class Requirements

- 2a. Since joining, have participated in 5 separate troop/patrol activities
- 2b. On a campout, select your patrol site and sleep in a tent you have pitched
- 2c. On one campout, demonstrate proper care, sharpening, and use of the knife, saw, and ax, and describe when they should be used
- 2d. Use the tools listed in requirement 2c to prepare tinder, kindling, and fuel for a cooking fire
- 2e. Discuss when it is appropriate to use a cooking fire and a lightweight stove. Discuss the safety procedures for using both
- 2f. Demonstrate how to light a fire and a lightweight stove
- 2g. On one campout, plan and cook over an open fire one hot breakfast or lunch for yourself, selecting foods from the food pyramid. Explain the importance of good nutrition. Tell how to transport, store, and prepare the foods you selected.

First Class Requirements

3. Since joining, have participated in 10 separate troop/patrol activities
- 4a. Help plan a patrol menu for one campout that includes at least one Breakfast, one lunch, and one dinner and that requires cooking at least two of the meals.
- 4b. Using the menu planned in 4a, make a list showing the cost and food amounts needed to feed three or more boys and secure the ingredients
- 4c. Tell which pans, utensils, and other gear will be needed to cook and serve these meals.
- 4d. Explain the procedures to follow in the safe handling and storage of fresh meats, dairy products, eggs, vegetables, and other perishable food products. Tell how to properly dispose of camp garbage, cans, plastic containers, and other rubbish
- 4e. On one campout, serve as your patrol's cook. Supervise your assistant(s) in using a stove or building a cooking fire. Prepare the breakfast, lunch, and dinner planned in requirement 4a. Lead your patrol in saying grace at the meals and supervise cleanup

What do you call a scout that is...

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| Being towed behind a boat: Skip | Sitting with a car on his head: Jack |
| Hiding in a hole: Phil | Sitting in the sun too long: Wilt |
| Sleeping on your porch: Matt | Falling in the campfire: Frank |
| Hanging on your living room wall: Art | Stuck in the latrine: John |
| Sleeping in your mail box each month: Bill | Throwing up: Ralph |
| Camping on the beach: Sandy | Rock climbing: Cliff |
| Flying over the fence: Homer | Struck by lightning: Rod |
| Hiding in a pile of leaves: Russell | Shaving for the first time: Nick |
| Floating in the lake: Bob | Coming home from camp: Dusty |

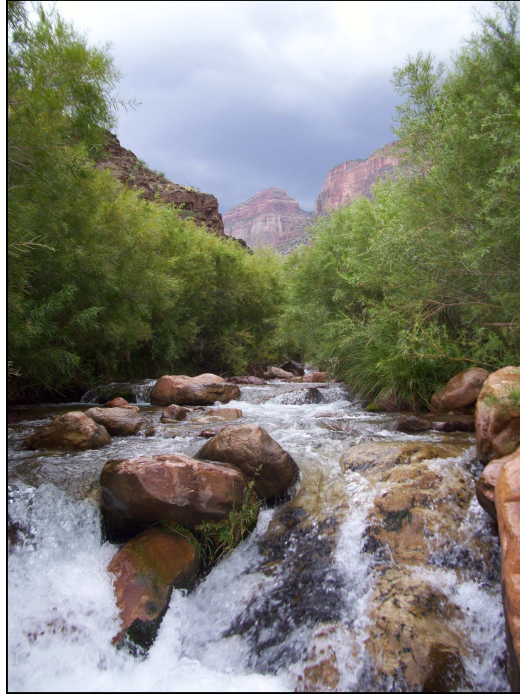
Grand Canyon rim-to-rim trip report (written by: Chris Cropley)

During Labor Day weekend, the troop went on its annual Grand Canyon rim-to-rim backpacking trip. There were 5 adults and 5 scouts that went on this year's trip. Fortunately, all of them made it to the other side

The adventure started on Saturday with a long hike ahead of us. Our goal was to hike 14 miles from the North Rim to Phantom Ranch. It may seem like a long way, but it is all downhill and flat terrain. As you would expect, there were some spectacular views along the way. I had to stop hiking every so often to admire the views and take pictures.

Cottonwood campground was situated half way to Phantom Ranch (7 mile mark). We stopped here to eat lunch, relax and enjoy the creek. The water was cold and felt good on my already tired and sore feet. After lunch and a futile attempt to take a nap, it started raining. Everyone put on their rain gear and headed out on the trail. The rain didn't last long and held off for the rest of the hike to Phantom Ranch.

We arrived at Phantom Ranch late in the day. After 14 miles of hiking, no one felt like exploring what the Ranch had to offer. We took naps, ate dinner and relaxed before bed. Shortly after midnight it started to rain. Everyone scrambled to get their gear covered to stay dry. I lay under my 5X8 tarp on top of a picnic table while the rain poured down. Some went for cover under a nearby over-



hang of rocks. The rain stopped after a few hours.

We spent Sunday morning at Phantom Ranch playing games in the canteen, exploring the area and drying our wet gear. Shortly after lunch we packed up our gear and hiked the 4.5 miles to Indian Gardens. Along the way, we made a stop at Ribbon Falls to enjoy the view and take some photos.

Indian Gardens was a lush, green oasis compared to the rest of the Canyon. The shade from the abundant trees was very much welcomed. In the evening we attended a range program who discussed a wide range of topics. We didn't get any rain, but it was very windy all night long.

Monday morning was our last day in the canyon. We got up at 5:15, ate a quick breakfast, packed up our gear and headed out. The last 4.5 miles out of the canyon was the hardest. The steep uphill terrain combined with my tired and aching feet made for slow progress. After 2.5 hours of hiking, I finally made it out!



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As an
American I
will do my
best to:

Be clean in
my outdoor
manners,

Be careful
with fire,

Be
considerate

in the
outdoors,

Be conser-
vation-
minded.

Do Your Best!

