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Scout Oath

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.

Scout Law

A Scout Is:
Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do a good turn daily

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to...
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors
And
Be conservation minded.

WELCOME TO TROOP 439

Welcome to **Boy Scouts** and **Troop 439**. The goal of Boy Scouts of America is to help boys develop into honorable men. Scouting's values can be incorporated into a boy's home, school, and religious community, adding to all three.

Troop 439's program is designed to follow the aims and goals of the Boy Scouts of America. We strive to instill in our Scouts an appreciation of the duties of citizenship, personal fitness (emotional, mental and physical), and the need for good character. We do this by using the time-tested methods of the BSA. The adult leaders intend to ensure that Troop 439 is a "boy led" Troop. The Senior Patrol Leader and the Troop Leaders Council conduct all program planning, with adults acting only as advisors. Fun is a major part of our program. A boy will not stay in Scouting if he is not having fun. We will have at least one campout every month, sometimes more. Traditionally, June and July are summer Camp months and June is High Adventure month. Troop 439 has offered two adventure trips; one at a BSA High Adventure camp designed for Scouts 13 and older and one open to all Scouts in the Troop. High adventure trips may include Emerald Bay at Catalina Island, 50-mile hiking trip on the Arizona Trail or a week long hiking adventure at the Grand Canyon Havasupi Falls. Our program is structured to allow the Scouts to obtain knowledge and learn Scouting, life, and leadership skills in a structured but relaxed atmosphere.

Quick Facts on Troop 439

Charter Organization – North Valley Residents for Scouting

Charter Representative – Clay Hull 602-550-8569

Meeting Time – Every Tuesday, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (TLC only every third Tuesday)

Meeting Place – Desert View Bible Church, Carefree Highway and Central

Scoutmaster – Brian Wieland 623-465-2767

Committee Chairperson – Clay Hull 602-550-8569

Membership Chairman – Michael Fallon 623-465-0975

Note to Parents

Scouting can and should be a wonderful and rewarding experience for your son. He will be afforded the opportunity to try many new experiences and will be challenged to accomplish things he has no idea he is capable of accomplishing. He will learn outdoor and life saving skills that will serve him throughout his entire life. He will grow as a leader. All of this will be accomplished in a safe and supportive manner. BSA and Troop 439 insist on providing a “safe haven” for all Scouts, i.e., no Scout will be hazed or made to feel uncomfortable in any way. One major difference between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts is that in Boy Scouts, the Scout is given much more responsibility. Scouts are organized into Patrols, and Patrols are responsible for planning their campsites, setting up their tents, and planning and cooking their own meals. During Troop meetings, Patrols will be responsible for different portions of the Troop meeting, such as opening, closing, game and demonstration.

Troop Meetings

The Troop meets every Tuesday from 7:00 – 8:30 PM at the Desert View Bible Church at Central and Carefree Highway. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:00 PM, so Scouts should plan to arrive a few minutes before 7:00 if possible. The meeting will consist of an opening and closing, Patrol meeting, and demonstration or game, all conducted by the Scouts. Generally, on the third Tuesday of the month, there will be a Troop Leaders Council meeting instead of regular Troop meeting. The Troop Leaders Council (TLC), includes the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guides, Troop Instructors, Troop Scribe, Troop Librarians, Troop Quartermasters, Troop Historian, and Patrol Leaders. The purpose of the TLC meeting is to review the previous month’s activities and plan the coming month’s activities. The TLC meeting starts at 6:45 and usually is over by 8:15. There is no regular meeting on the Tuesday’s on which the TLC meets. Parents are invited to stay and observe Troop meetings and to visit with the adult leaders. At times the meetings may seem disorganized and maybe even a little out of order. You must remember that we are doing our best to ensure that Troop 439 remains a “boy led” Troop. It is true the adults could probably do a better job planning and running the meetings, but then the Scouts would gain little in the way of leadership experience.

Camp Outs

Troop 439 makes every effort to have a campout every month. While Scouting is NOT just about camping, it is during the monthly campouts that the Scouts learn valuable skills that will benefit them for the rest of their lives. When we think of Scouting, we generally think of camping, tying knots, first aid, etc. Other valuable skills a boy will learn in Scouting are leadership, how to get along with others, and how to work as a team to accomplish a common goal. A Scout will work on these skills on every campout.

During most campouts, each Patrol is responsible for planning and cooking its meals. During the Troop meeting two weeks prior to the campout, the Patrols will plan their meals and assign the task of “grub master” to one of the Patrol members. It is the responsibility of the grub master to purchase the food. Alternately, the Patrol can gather together, shop and purchase the food together. All the boys in the Patrol who will be participating in the campout will share the cost of the food. The money should be collected before hand; at NO time should the grub master be responsible for paying for all the food. The cost per campout is usually \$7.00 to \$10.00, depending on what the Patrol decides to cook. They are encouraged to cook something for every meal and not just eat donuts or cold cuts. While at the campout, the Patrol will prepare and cook its meals. They will also share in the duties of clean up. The Patrol Leader will fill out a duty roster so each Patrol member knows exactly which duty he has when. Rest assured, there will be plenty of adult supervision for the younger Scouts, but the Scouts will do the work.

Parents Role in the Troop

All parents are strongly encouraged to take an active role in the Troop. Even though we strive to make the Troop a “boy led” Troop, it takes a lot of adult supervision and support to provide the resources needed by the Scouts. All parents are encouraged to become registered adult Scouters and get involved in some manner. Adult leaders serve in many capacities including serving as Assistant Scoutmasters, working directly with the boys, serving in positions on the Troop Committee, which is the logistical support for the Troop and is charged with facilitating the Scouting program for the boys, and serving simply as volunteers for various tasks as they come up. All registered adults are automatically voting members of the Troop Committee. If you intend to provide transportation for Scouts other than your own in connection with any Scouting activity, it is necessary that you register as an adult leader. If you should desire to become an Assistant Scoutmaster, the Troop has a prescribed policy to help you attain this goal. The Assistant Scoutmasters (ASMs) are responsible to the Scoutmaster who is the administrator for the Scouting program. The Scoutmaster oversees all aspects of the program as it pertains to the Scouts including campouts, advancement, discipline and Troop activities. The ASMs help the Scoutmaster bring the program to the Scouts. ASMs are assigned to a Patrol and are responsible for that Patrol. They should attend each Patrol meeting, not to run the meeting, but to ensure that the meeting is accomplishing the tasks that are set before it. This could be planning a menu, getting ready for an opening or closing or working on advancement. He or she is also their guide along the way, helping the Patrol Leader learn and grow in his responsibilities. The Troop Committee includes many Chairmen and Chairwomen who handle the tasks that make the Troop go.

These functions include:

- Adult Training
- Advancement
- Chaplain
- Charter Organization Representative
- Fund Raising
- Health and Safety
- Membership
- Merit Badge Coordinator
- Programs
- Quartermaster
- Secretary
- Scout Training
- Transportation
- Treasurer

In addition to these positions are folks who just wish to help set the course and direction of the Troop. The Committee Chair, who is elected annually, heads the Committee. The Troop Committee is also responsible for setting the policies and procedures used by the Troop.

To be an approved voting member of the committee these three criteria shall be met: 1) District paperwork and Money must be submitted 2) Active membership in Troop 439 for two consecutive months, and 3) Must have taken Youth Protection and Committee Training and provide certification card to Training coordinator.

While the Scoutmaster is ultimately responsible to the Committee Chair, they perform different roles and have complimentary jobs. The most important role parents can and should play is to encourage their son as he advances through the ranks. As any parent knows, young boys are not always very good at keeping up with things and knowing when or where they need to be. A parent's involvement will help ensure the Scout gets to the Troop meetings and takes part in all the Troop activities. Only about 4% of all Scouts reach the rank of Eagle. Of the Scouts who reach Eagle, over 90 percent had parents who were actively involved in the Troop. So, the plea to all parents from the BSA and Troop

439 is ***“Please become involved and help your son attain the rank of Eagle.”***

Web Links That Are Useful

www.grandcanyonbsa.org Arizona BSA Council

<http://usscouts.org/start.asp> National BSA Support Site

Troop Committee Meetings

Troop Committee Meetings are held on the Third Tuesday of each month. We start at 7:00 PM and are done by 8:30 PM (as best we can). The meeting is held on the same night as the Troop Leaders Council. The meeting is at the Desert View Bible Church.

Troop 439 Code of Conduct

The Troop Committee has instituted a Troop Code of Conduct. This document lays out the Conduct requirements, responsibilities of the Troop, responsibilities of the Scouts and Adult Leaders, uniform requirements and discipline guidelines that will be maintained within the Troop. All new Scouts and their parents must sign this document when they join the Troop. All new Adult Leaders also sign it. This Code is based on the principles and guidelines set forth by the Boy Scouts of America and are enhanced to meet our Troop's particular needs.

BSA and Troop 439 Uniform Requirements

Since 1910, the Boy Scout uniform has been a recognizable part of the American scene. Wearing the uniform helps boys develop a sense of belonging to their Patrol and Troop. It reinforces the fact that all members of the BSA are equal to one another. People seeing a boy in a Scout uniform expect someone of good character who is prepared to the best of his ability to help those around him.

Class "A" Uniforms

A new Scout should have an official BSA uniform shirt within the first month of membership. **The uniform requirements for Troop 439 are spelled out in the Troop's Code of Conduct.**

Required insignia and patches are as follows:

- Grand Canyon Council patch (purchase at Scout Shop)
- American flag (comes on Scout shirt)
- Troop number (provided by Troop)
- Patrol patch (provided by Troop when used)
- Rank badge (provided by Troop)

Optional insignia that may be worn include the World Crest and the Quality Unit award. If the Scout has earned his religious emblem, it may be worn. If the Scout earned the Arrow of Light award as a Cub Scout, the Arrow of Light patch may also be worn. The inside of the front and back covers of the Boy Scout Handbook contains templates that show the proper position for the insignia. *No boy will be denied membership in Scouts because he cannot afford to purchase a uniform.* The Troop has a limited supply of donated "experienced" uniforms. Contact the Scoutmaster if you are interested in acquiring one of them. There are also Scholarships available for any boy's who might need them. Please see the Committee Chairman. This matter will always be kept strictly confidential.

When to Wear the Uniform -

The uniform will be worn for all ceremonial and indoor activities, including Troop meetings, Boards of Review, and Courts of Honor. It will also be worn during special outdoor occasions, such as flag ceremonies, Scout shows, and special times during summer camp. The uniform is also required while traveling to and from a Scout function and any time a Scout is representing the Troop or Boy Scouts of America in public.

When Not to Wear the Uniform –

The uniform should not be worn in the following circumstances:

- Do not wear the uniform while selling a commercial product or service, even for Scout fund raising purposes. The one exception is fundraisers endorsed by Grand Canyon Council, such as Popcorn and Scout Show ticket sales.
- Do not wear the uniform in situations that might mistakenly imply an endorsement by the BSA of a product, service, political candidate, or philosophy.
- Do not wear the uniform while engaged in any activity that could dishonor or discredit the Boy Scouts of America, the uniform, or the person wearing it.

Class “B” Uniforms

Troop 439 or BSA T-shirts, referred to as Class "B" uniform, is worn to meetings during the summer months and to campouts and other activities. Troop T-shirts are provided by the Troop for the Scouts and available for parents to purchase.

Equipment Needs

The Troop will have 10 to 12 camping outings per year, which will include a week long summer camp and a week long adventure camp in June or July. At a very minimum, each Scout will need a **sleeping bag, mess kit, drinking cup, and eating utensils** for the campouts. Normally new Scouts can share with one other Scout. If you are new to camping and tents, it is suggested you consult with the Scoutmaster or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters before purchasing a tent. Tents come in a wide range of sizes, shapes, quality and prices. You can pay several hundred dollars or substantially less and still get an acceptable tent. In addition to the items already mentioned, the following lists set forth recommended back packing gear and general camping gear. The Troop generally makes at least one backpacking trip each year and, while backpacks can be rented, all Scouts should consider purchasing a backpack. Even for those campouts where we are not backpacking, a backpack can be a convenient way to carry your gear. Unless you are an experienced backpacker, please consult with the Scoutmaster or one of the assistant Scoutmasters before purchasing a backpack. It is extremely important that a backpack fit properly and backpacks are **never** “one size fits all.” The best advice is to go to

a reputable camping equipment store such as Sportsman's Warehouse or REI, and get advice from their experts. Refer to pages 224 – 227 in the Boy Scout Handbook for more complete lists of suggested camping gear.

Backpacking Equipment List/Personal Equipment

Carrying

- Pack with padded hip belt
- Waterproof pack cover

Sleeping

- Sleeping bag (in compression bag)
- Lightweight pad
- Sleeping clothes
- Stocking hat for cold weather

Clothing

- Change of underwear and socks
- Change of shorts & shirt
- Sturdy hiking boots
- Light weight camp shoes (Optional)
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Appropriate cold weather clothing-think layers, not heavy coats

Eating

- Knife, fork, and spoon
- Plate/Bowl
- Drinking cup

Housing

- Tent
- Ground cloth

Cleanup Kit

- Biodegradable soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Comb
- Sanitizing lotion
- Toilet Paper

Miscellaneous

- Water bottle or canteen
- Water purification tablets
- Small pocket knife
- Small flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Compass
- Matches in waterproof container
- Personal First Aid kit
- Sun screen
- Insect repellent

Optional Equipment

- Pillow
- Camera, extra film
- Watch
- Personal Scouting equipment

Patrol Equipment

Miscellaneous

- Shovel

Cooking/Food

- Backpack stove with extra fuel
- Pots
- Patrol food
- Extra water

Summer Camp Equipment List

Sleeping Gear

- Sheets and fleece blanket (or sleeping bag in compression bag)
- Pillow
- Lightweight cot
- Sleeping clothes
- Mosquito netting and frame
- Fan (battery Operated)
- Tarp for floor
- Ground cloth

Sleeping Gear (Second Year)*

- Sleeping bag (in compression bag)
- Pad
- Pillow
- Tent
- Tarp
- Sleeping clothes
- Fan (battery Operated)

Clothing

- Underwear and socks (6+ pairs)
- Class A uniform(s) (1 or 2)
- Troop or Boy Scout hat (1)
- Rain Hat
- Class B uniforms (5 or 6 t-shirts)
- Sturdy hiking boots
- Light weight camp shoes (Optional)
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Swimsuit
- Swim Towel
- Water shoes
- Shower shoes

Toiletries

- Soap
- Shampoo
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Brush/Comb
- Sanitizing lotion
- Toilet Paper
- Towels & Washcloths (2 sets)
- Deodorant
- Chap stick
- Desenex/A&D

Miscellaneous

- Water bottle or canteen
- Small pocket knife
- Small flashlight (with extra batteries)
- Compass
- Personal First Aid kit
- Sun screen
- Insect repellent (pump, not aerosol)
- Boy Scout Handbook (*very important*)
- Notebook & pens/pencils
- Dirty clothes bag
- Whistle
- Foot Locker (lock optional)
- Twine or parachute cord
- Fanny pack or backpack

Optional Equipment

- Camera, extra film
- Watch
- Fishing gear
- Chair

* At Summer Camp, Scouts are required to sleep in camp-provided tents at Geronimo and Troop or personal tents at Raymond. Depending on the nature of the campout, Scouts will likely find it useful to have a small day pack or fanny pack to take on hikes or day trips. Many of the items from the previous list can be kept in the day pack or fanny pack.

Pack List

Fanny Pack/Day Pack -

- Must have first aid supplies
- Must have water bottle(s)
- Must have short term survival needs
- Must have emergency information (with coins) for phone call

What needs to be inside:

- Water bottle(s)
- Small first aid kit

1. Band aids
2. Antibiotic cream
3. Clean-up wipes
4. Tweezers and scissors
5. Gauze pads
6. Safety pin(s)
 - Small roll of parachute cord
 - Poncho (can be used for shelter) or rain gear
 - Whistle
 - Lighter or waterproof matches
 - Sun Screen
 - Bug repellent
 - Compass
 - High energy bar or snacks, trail mix
 - Small flashlight w/batteries for spare
 - Index card with emergency information w/coin(s) for pay phone

Advancement

The Boy Scout advancement program encourages boys to meet significant challenges that lead to personal growth. As a Scout works his way from Tenderfoot through the ranks toward Eagle, the requirements he must successfully complete will help him develop physically, emotionally, and morally into manhood. The first step in advancement is to earn the **Scout badge**, the requirements for this badge are outlined on pages 2 - 11 of the Boy Scout Handbook. For Webelos Scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light, the joining requirements should simply be a review and conference with the Scoutmaster. As soon as possible after joining the Troop, the new Scout should review the requirements and schedule a Scoutmaster conference.

The new Scout will then begin the journey to Eagle by working his way up through the six ranks in Scouting. The six ranks are:

Tenderfoot
Second Class
First Class
Star
Life
Eagle

The requirements for **Tenderfoot**, **Second Class**, and **First Class**, often referred to as the *skill* ranks, provide a Scout with a solid grounding in the skills that will allow him to take advantage of Scouting adventures. Included are knot tying, first aid, compass and orienteering, cooking, and other basic camping skills. The requirements for **Star**, **Life**, and **Eagle** consist of service to

others and building leadership skills in the Troop while living the Scout oath and Scout law. A total of 21 merit badges are required to advance to Eagle. The requirements for all ranks are located on pages 438 – 449 in the Boy Scout Handbook. The procedure for advancement is as follows:

Tenderfoot, Second Class & First Class Ranks

The requirements for the three skill ranks are explained in Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of the Boy Scout Handbook. The Scout can work on any of the requirements at any time. He does not have to complete the Tenderfoot requirements before working on Second Class or First Class requirements. Once he has completed a requirement, he should ask an adult leader or approved Troop Guide or Troop Instructor to initial his book indicating he has successfully completed that requirement. The sign off lists are on pages 438-443 of the Boy Scout Handbook.

Scoutmaster Conference

The Scout must ask for a Scoutmaster conference. The purpose of the Scoutmaster conference is to give the Scoutmaster a chance to counsel with the Scout, review progress made to date and discuss future goals.

Board of Review

Following the Scoutmaster conference is a Board of Review conducted by three Troop Committee members. The purpose of the board of review is **not to retest** a Scout, rather it is to ensure that he has completed all of the requirements, to determine the quality of his Troop experience, and to encourage him to advance toward the next rank. Boards of review should be scheduled a week ahead of time. While parents cannot sign off on requirements, they are strongly encouraged to take an active role in their Scout's advancement by providing constant encouragement, praise, and support. Parents are asked to periodically review their Scout's progress and encourage him through the rough spots.

Once a Scout has completed all the requirements for a rank, he will be presented with the rank badge as soon as possible, usually at the next Troop meeting. He will be formally recognized at the next Court of Honor.

Star and Life Ranks

The requirements for Star and Life consist of service to others and building leadership skills in the Troop while living the Scout oath and Scout law. A Scout must earn six merit badges, four of which are Eagle required, to attain the rank of Star. He must earn five more to attain the rank of Life. Three of the five must be Eagle required merit badges. The requirements for Star and Life ranks can be found on pages 444 – 445 in the Boy Scout Handbook.

Once the requirements have been met and signed off by an adult leader, the Scout must request a Scoutmaster conference. Following the Scoutmaster conference will be the Board of Review.

Once a Scout has completed all the requirements for a rank, he will be presented with the rank badge as soon as possible, usually at the next Troop meeting. He will be formally recognized at the next Court of Honor.

Eagle Rank

When a Scout reaches the rank of Life, he will be given a “Trail to Eagle” packet that will fully explain all of the Eagle requirements. Like Star and Life, the requirements for Eagle consist of service to others and continuing to build leadership skills in the Troop while living the Scout oath and Scout law. A total of 21 merit badges are required, twelve of which are “Eagle required” merit badges. The Scout must also complete his “Eagle Project,” which is a major project involving service to others. . The Eagle Scout candidate will meet with the Scoutmaster and the Eagle Coordinator in a conference to review his project and requirements. After successfully completing the conference, he will present a completed Eagle application packet to the Council and sit for a Board of Review with Council and unit reviewers, who will determine if he meets the requirements for Eagle.

As noted above, a Scout must earn a certain number of “Eagle required” merit badges to attain the ranks of Star, Life, and Eagle. These are merit badges that the Boy Scouts of America feel are so important that every Scout who is awarded the rank of Eagle should earn them. The Eagle required merit badges are:

Eagle Required Merit Badges

1. Camping
2. Citizenship in the Community
3. Citizenship in the Nation
4. Citizenship in the World
5. Communications
6. Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving
7. Environmental Science
8. Family Life

9. First Aid
10. Personal Fitness
11. Personal Management
12. Swimming OR Hiking

Merit Badges

Merit badges are a part of Scouting for two reasons. First, they encourage a Scout to increase his skill in things he likes to do. Second, they challenge a Scout to try out new activities that may result in fresh interests or hobbies. Earning merit badges can be accomplished in several ways. Summer camp is an ideal place to earn badges. Classes are offered for a wide variety of merit badges and the Scout can work on the badge with a group of other Scouts. Merit badges are also taught at Troop meetings and during campouts. The Four Peaks District also provides a one-day merit badge camp every year. The Grand Canyon Council provides merit badge classes during summer camp sessions at Lake Pleasant, as well as a Trail To Eagle camp. This is a week long event held at Lake Pleasant and is open to 1st Class Scouts and above. If a Scout wants to work on a badge individually or with a buddy, he should contact the Merit Badge Coordinator and a merit badge counselor will be assigned. Once a Scout has completed all the requirements for the badge, he will be presented with the badge as soon as possible, usually at the next Troop meeting. As with the rank badges, he will be formally recognized at the next Court of Honor. At the present time, there are about 116 merit badges to choose from. Refer to pages 190 – 193 for a complete list of the elective merit badges.

Dues and Fund Raisers

As with any program, it takes money to make it happen and be successful. Money to run the Troop is acquired through fundraisers and yearly dues. The philosophy of the Boy Scouts of America and Troop 439 is that the Scout earns his own way as much as possible. With that in mind, the Troop provides several opportunities for the Scout to earn money for the Troop and to earn credits to pay for summer camp and the adventure camps.

Fund Raisers

Several fund raisers are conducted through-out the year to give the Scout the opportunity to earn credits that can be used to pay for Summer Camp, Winter camping and the adventure camps. Fund raisers include: Blue and Gold Dinner for Cub Scouts, the annual Rummage sale and Mistletoe Sales. A percentage of the profits from each fundraiser is returned to the Scouts in the form of credits to be used to pay for summer camp, or the high adventure camp. The amount that each Scout earns is based on hours worked and profits made. The percentage returned to the Scouts is set by the Troop Committee each year. A Scout who actively participates in each fundraiser can easily earn enough credits to pay for summer camp and even perhaps the adventure camps.

Please note – Credits can only be used to pay for various camps and Scout programs. Cash amounts will NOT be returned to the Scout if he quits Scouting. Personal Scout funds can be transferable if a Scout transfers to another Troop.

Yearly Dues

Scouts are required to pay yearly dues in amounts that are set yearly by the Troop Committee. These monies are due when a Scout joins the Troop and at re-charter time. Troop 439 re-charters in December of each year. The money collected from the yearly dues is used to purchase merit badges, rank patches, Patrol patches, leadership patches, etc. Basically, this is the money used to fund the Troop account at the Scout Shop where the items are purchased. It is also used to pay the Scout's annual re-charter fees and insurance in December when the Troop is re-chartered.

Troop 439 Handbook

The Troop 439 Handbook is the document the committee tries to keep all relevant information for the day to day operations of the Troop. Due to the size and the fact that it is constantly evolving to meet the needs of the current time and operations, it is available from the Committee Chairman or the Committee Secretary for you to review.

Committee Communications

The Troop Committee uses e-mail as a primary form of communication. The various Committee Chairs will send out e-mails independently with specific information regarding their specific area and the Committee Chairman will send out Committee Meeting Agendas and Minutes for everyone to read. Please give your e-mail address to the Committee Chairman for inclusion on the Troop list. We do ask that everyone refrain from using the Troop e-mail list for anything beside Troop 439 business.

Appendix

- Troop 439 Calendar
- Current Summer Camp Opportunities
- Current Required Training for Adults
- BSA Class 1, 2 and 3 forms for Scouts and Parents attending campouts
- Driver form for Parents who would like to provide transportation to Scout Events
- Youth Application for BSA
- Adult Application for BSA
- Contact list of Scoutmasters and Committee Officers

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March

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 Scoutmaster Outdoor Training @ Heard Pueblo
2	3	4 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM DVBC WIZARDS - Knots	5	6 4-Peaks Roundtable 7:00 LDS Church 32 nd & T-Bird	7 Set up for Rummage Sale 4pm-7pm	8 Rummage Sale Fundraiser
9	10	11 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM DVBC BORDER PATROL Lashings	12	13	14 Pack 431 Crossover 6:30PM DVBC	15
16	17 Spring Break Week	18 Spring Break Week	19 Spring Break Week	20 Spring Break Week	21 Spring Break Week	22
23 Easter	24	25 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM DVBC 1 st Aid	26	27	28 Outing Badger Spring Backpack Trip	29 Outing Badger Spring Backpack Trip
30 Outing Badger Spring Backpack Trip	31					

April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM <i>Compass</i>	2	3 <i>4-Peaks</i> Roundtable 7:00 LDS Church 32 nd & T-Bird	4	5
6	7	8 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM <i>Court of Honor</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 PLC Meeting 6:30PM Committee Meeting 7:15PM DVBC	16	17	18 <i>4-Peaks</i> Camporee @ Camp Geronimo	19 <i>4-Peaks</i> Camporee @ Camp Geronimo
20 <i>4-Peaks</i> Camporee @ Camp Geronimo	21	22 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	30			

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 4-Peaks Roundtable 7:00 LDS Church 32 nd & T-Bird	2	3
4	5	6 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	7	8	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12	13 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	14	15	16 Outing Wet Beaver Creek	17 Outing Wet Beaver Creek
18 Outing Wet Beaver Creek	19	20 PLC Meeting 6:30PM Committee Meeting 7:15PM DVBC	21	22	23	24 Flags at Veterans Cemetery
25	26 Memorial Day	27 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	28	29	30	31

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
1	2	3 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	4	5 4-Peaks Roundtable 7:00 LDS Church 32 nd & T-Bird	6	7
8 Catalina Island Summer Camp	9 Catalina Island Summer Camp	10 Catalina Island Summer Camp Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	11 Catalina Island Summer Camp	12 Catalina Island Summer Camp	13 Catalina Island Summer Camp	14 Catalina Island Summer Camp
15 Father's Day	16	17 PLC Meeting 6:30PM Committee Meeting 7:15PM DVBC	18	19	20	21 Outing
22	23	24 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	2	3 4-Peaks Roundtable 7:00 LDS Church 32 nd & T-Bird	4 Independence Day	5
6	7	8 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	9	10	11	12 Camp Geronimo Summer Camp
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20	21	22 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29 Troop Meeting 7:00 PM	30	31		

August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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Summer Camp Opportunities

Lake Pleasant Camp



AQUATICS & NATURE DAY CAMP 2008

Lake Pleasant Camp is secluded on a hillside of pristine Sonoran desert, located at the Desert Outdoor Center (DOC) on the east side of Lake Pleasant twenty miles northwest of the Valley. The scenic lake and majestic mountains provide a beautiful backdrop for all the exciting activities packed into this day camp. The camp is a Scouter's dream offering more than 20 aquatic and nature merit badges including canoeing, rowing, kayaking, motor boating, waterskiing, sailing, fishing, fly-fishing, cooking, reptile & amphibian study, insect study, archeology, geology, environmental science, communications and much more.

The Desert Outdoor Center is a 26,000 sq. ft. three building complex designed for education and exploration. The main building contains a multi-purpose gathering hall, an animal exhibit hall, science lab, classroom, a library/resource room, trading post, first-aid room, and a commercial grade kitchen. The amphitheater that overlooks the lake, comfortably seats 150 for outside activities, including a fire circle (when permitted). Head out of one of the barrier-free trails and experience a spectacular view of Lake Pleasant and an up-close look at Waddell Dam.

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=9799&orgkey=62>

This camp is an optional camp that parents and Scouts from Troop 439 have used to gain Merit Badges during the summer. The Scouts have all found the camp to be entertaining and useful (not to mention Fun, Fun, and Fun)



Camp Geronimo is located north of Payson in the shadows of the magnificent Mogollon Rim on nearly 200 acres of forest and meadows. Surrounded by over 5,000 acres of ponderosa pine forest, trails lead from camp to the top of the rim where Scouts can stand at the very edge of the Colorado Plateau.

Camp Geronimo is a year-around facility. In addition to the Boy Scout summer camp program held June through August, Camp Geronimo hosts a number of events ranging from unit camping opportunities to training courses and district events.

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=6347&orgkey=62>

Troop 439 has reserved the week of 12 – 19 July 2008 , session 7, for our Scouts.

Camp Raymond



Camp Raymond and the Grand Canyon Council will provide your Scouts the greatest adventure of their Scouting experience. Camp Raymond, located between the Kaibab and Coconino National Forests, is only 30 miles from downtown Flagstaff, and is surrounded by some of the most beautiful terrain in Arizona.

From the East Meadow, the morning views of the majestic San Francisco Peaks is glorious, and often times the peaks are still covered with snow. Watch elk, pronghorn antelope, and deer graze as your day begins, then enjoy the 160+ acres of Camp Raymond with an adventure program that your Scouts will not soon forget.

Camp Raymond has 15 wonderful campsites, each with a capacity of at least 30 Scouts. Our program provides a swimming pool, handicraft ramada, full shooting sports, including shotgun shooting, Scout craft ramada, a great C.O.P.E. course, and a wonderful commissioner service! Special programs are available for every age Scout from 11 to 18. We promise you, your Scouts can't get bored! Troops may eat at the central dining ramada or supply their own meals. Either way there is nothing like eating outside in this beautiful setting.

For our campers, each campsite is equipped with water, a wash stand, latrine, a cooking area, and picnic tables. Scouts need to bring their own tents and any other equipment they would like to have. Also included in each campsite is a flag pole for central troop programs. All program areas are close to most campsites making access fairly easy for all Scouts at camp.

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/ViewOrgPageLink.asp?LinkKey=6513&orgkey=62>

Troop 439 is expecting to alternate the Geronimo and Raymond camps so the new Scouts will get a different experience and an opportunity to select from a variety of different Merit Badges.

Scouts who have achieved 1st Class or are 12 years of age or older will have High Adventure Camps available like Emerald Bay on Catalina Island.

Camp Emerald Bay

>> [Information for 2008 SUMMER CAMP Participants](#) <<
(Participant information is updated each Spring)
>> [RESERVATION INFORMATION for WLACC SUMMER CAMPS](#) <<



26 miles off the Southern California coast, Emerald Bay on Catalina Island, offers an unparalleled location for long-term camping. An ocean voyage from San Pedro, aboard a pirate ship, separates you from adventure. Summer Camp is the enticement of Scouting that appeals to boys, and a week at Camp Emerald Bay is the preeminent experience. Scout Troops come from all over the Western United States to spend a week by her crystal clear waters.

The program, facilities, equipment and staff at Emerald Bay create an environment for Scouts to productively gain new skills, strengthen values and build character. The program has been refined for over 75 years balancing merit badge and rank advancement with seizing all that the unique aquatic location has to share. The facilities have, over the last several years, been brought into the 21st century offering a state-of-the-art marine science center, rifle range, handicraft lodge as well as the premiere waterfront. Ample and well-maintained equipment helps Scouts meet their goals reliably. And the staff is always dedicated to making your one-week of camp last for a lifetime.

This is an unforgettable experience for your Scouts and Scouters. So, if you are looking for leadership development, self-confidence building, advancement opportunities, or just plain fun, Emerald Bay is the camp for you.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED MEMBERS OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA. RULES FOR ACCEPTANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAMS ARE THE SAME FOR EVERYONE WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, SEX OR HANDICAP.

In 2008 Troop 439 is sending 12 of our more experienced Scouts to Emerald Bay 8-14 June.

Current Required Training for Adult Leaders and Committee Members

BSA has policies in place for Youth Protection and Adult Training. Parents who wish to be actively involved and accompany the Scouts on Camp outs must have the ***Youth Protection training*** documented. Other programs are recommended for your personal information and may be required in some instances. Most of BSA's training can be done online and when complete the certification card can be printed and turned into the Training Chair.

This training can be found at: <http://olc.scouting.org/>

1. Youth Protection Training
2. Boy Scout Leader Fast Start
3. Safety Afloat
4. Safe Swim Defense
5. Troop Committee Challenge

Medical Forms for Scouts and Adults

Scouts

BSA requires that all Scouts have Medical clearance before participating in Outings and Events. The forms are Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3.

The Class 1 must be updated every year.

The Class 2 and Class 3 need to be updated every 3 years.

Adults

BSA requires that Adults under the age of 40 follow the same procedures as the Scouts. Adults 40 and over must have an annual Class 3 medical form completed.

The web links to the forms are below.

Class 1 and 2

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34414.pdf>

Class 3

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34412.pdf>

Parents Who Would Like to Help as Drivers on Outings

Adult Leaders	<u>Passengers</u> TO	<u>Passengers</u> FROM	Insurance/Drivers License Information	Amt. Paid
Drivers	TO	FROM	Insurance/DL information	

This information can be completed and turned in to the Outdoor Activities Chair.