

## **Catalina Council**

### **Assistant Webmaster – Andrew Pongratz**

My name is Andrew Pongratz, and I am a current 11th grader at BASIS Tucson North here in Tucson, AZ. I have been involved with Scouting programs since elementary school, when I started Cub Scouts. I have gone through all the Cub Scout ranks and through Scouts BSA. I am a current Life Scout with my Eagle Project currently in the works to support my school. I am planning on attaining Eagle sometime later this spring.



I got involved with web design when my parents had asked me to help them revamp their company's website. That was around October 2019, and shortly thereafter my troop, Scouts BSA Troop 007, chartered at St. Thomas the Apostle, asked for help revamping its own website, and that was really where I got into web designing for non-profits, specifically with Scouting. After the troop's site was completed, I started looking for other ways to support my community during COVID-19. In July 2020, I saw that Catalina Council could use some help with its website and I volunteered to work on recreating the site so that it could be more functional, organized, and mobile- friendly. Supporting Scouting is important to me, since being a Scout has had a large and beneficial impact on my life.

I have been working on the Council's website for about 6 months now, and it has been fully redesigned and reconfigured, from top to bottom, ready to support Scouting activities here in Southern Arizona! I am going to keep volunteering with the Council because it has been a nice experience learning how a non-profit organization operates, and how Scouting connects different parts of our community in so many ways. Future plans include creating dedicated websites for our Districts, our Camps, and for Papago Lodge. Stay tuned!