

## Community and Environment Are Priorities During 3rd Annual Scouts Community Good Turn Month



Scouts and families from Troop 211 participate at Saguaro National Park in a project removing buffelgrass to prevent wildfires and protect local vegetation.

TUCSON, ARIZ (April 17, 2023) - April is Catalina Council's 3rd Annual Community Good Turn Month, a month of service hosted by Catalina Council, Boy Scouts of America (BSA). Scouts, families and friends are participating in local, safe, outdoor services to clean and improve our local environment in honor of Earth Day and Arbor Day.

Many service projects are in the works this month to protect the Earth including restoration projects, trail improvement projects, and trash clean-up at local parks and highways.

Scouts from Troop 211 recently removed buffelgrass –an invasive species that chokes out native vegetation and allows wildfire to spread – from a canyon in Saguaro National Park-Tucson Mountain District as part of Community Good Turn Month.

Organizations across Southern Arizona including Marana Community Gardens, Arizona Arts Academy (Hereford), and Veterans of Foreign War Post 2066 (Nogales) will benefit from Catalina Council's Community Good Turn Month as Scouts volunteer to provide cleanup and reorganization services. Canned food is also being collected by the Scouting community for local food banks and food drives.

“The goal of Community Good Turn Month is to showcase to the Southern Arizona community that Scouting is alive and a community resource for everyone,” said Jeff Hotchkiss, CEO of Catalina Council, BSA. “We encourage Scouts to protect the environment, help the community, and to set an example as leaders of our next generation.”

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