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Spring Into Adventure: Highlights & Upcoming Excitement!

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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.



OUR MISSION

The mission of Scouting America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

SCOUT MOTTO

Be Prepared!

SCOUT SLOGAN

Do a Good Turn Daily!

FROM THE DESK OF THE SCOUT EXECUTIVE



2025 has started off strong, and we are building incredible momentum! The past three months have been filled with remarkable achievements, and while we proudly celebrate our progress, we must also acknowledge the challenges we've faced. Like many nonprofits, our council encountered another year of deficit in 2024. As we step into this new year, the road ahead will require focus, unity, and action.

One of our standout moments so far was the Eagle Recognition Dinner, where we honored the 2024 Eagle Scouts—young leaders who embody the true spirit of Scouting. These remarkable youth dedicated hundreds of hours serving their communities, demonstrating what perseverance, grit, and service truly mean. We couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments.

But the work doesn't stop there. This is a pivotal year for our council. We are currently facing a $485,000 budget deficit, and our Council was recently identified as an "At-Risk Council" by the National Service Center. As a result, we are required to submit a Council Improvement Plan by April 25, 2025. Over the next few weeks, the Key 3 will work closely together to develop this plan and share it with our broader community. It's important to clarify: we have NOT been identified as a transitional council or one targeted for merger. In fact, our recent efforts and improvements have made a positive impact. Now, we must double down to move our council forward with intention and strength.

To do that, we need your help.
This is the time to show up for Scouting. Here's how you can make an immediate impact:

- Actively recruit new Scouts and ensure consistent attendance in units.
- Deliver high-quality programs that keep our youth engaged and encourage them to stay in Scouting.
- Make your annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) contribution. If every volunteer were to donate just $100 this year, we would raise $225,000—a significant step toward achieving financial stability.
- Help us grow! We served 1,638 youth in 2024, and we've set a bold goal to increase our membership to 1,800 youth in 2025. That growth starts with each one of us.

Scouting thrives when our volunteers, families, and community come together with a shared mission. The challenges are real—but so is our passion and commitment. Let's continue to rise together.
Thank you for being part of this incredible movement. Let's make 2025 a defining year for Scouting in Southern Arizona!



Shannon Roberts, Ph.D.
CEO / Scout Executive

COMMISSIONER'S INSIGHTS

By Joel Stolz
Council Commissioner

The first quarter of the year is always a busy time for the Catalina Council Commissioner Corps, often referred to as the "Recharter and Renewal Crunch." Officially ending on December 31, the recharter process allows for a 60–90-day grace period, depending on the year. This year, with individual Scouts and Scouters handling their own membership renewals online—rather than submitting them as a group during recharter—the process was much smoother. By the end of February, instead of dealing with a large number of unrenewed units, we were down to just six. While this is a positive outcome, any units that remain unchartered at the end of the month will be dropped. This means that youth cannot advance, Eagle candidates will need a chartered unit to hold a board of review, and the unit itself will be unable to meet or be covered by Scouting America's liability insurance. Our Commissioners have been hard at work, helping units navigate any challenges in the process.

For most, online membership renewal was a simple process—clicking a link in an email and completing registration within 5–10 minutes. However, some families encountered issues due to outdated email addresses or a lack of awareness about the new process. Commissioners and council staff stepped in to assist, ensuring that every family who had not yet reregistered was contacted and guided through the online system. As a reminder, if you change your home address, email, or phone number, be sure to update your profile at my.scouting.org. Now is a great time to double-check your information.

In January, members of the Commissioner Corps attended the annual Catalina Council Commissioner Conference. National Service Team member Griffin Robyler shared insights on the Future of Commissioner Service and reinforced how Commissioners serve as a unit's best resource for all things Scouting. February also saw the much-anticipated release of the updated Commissioner Tools and new training guides, further strengthening our ability to support units effectively.

As Scouting America celebrated its 115th anniversary and officially rebranded in February, Commissioners played a key role in spreading the word about upcoming events and activities.

Throughout the first part of 2025, Commissioners have remained dedicated to supporting units across Catalina Council. When you see them at a meeting or event, be sure to say hello and ask what's new in Catalina Council and Scouting America. Commissioners are always ready to help, and if they don't have the answer, they'll find it for you. Don't be surprised if a Commissioner asks, "How can I help?"—because their mission is to help you and your unit succeed.



COMMISSIONERS: GUIDING, SUPPORTING, AND STRENGTHENING SCOUTING.



SPRING INTO ADVENTURE

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As the weather warms up and the days get longer, it's time to kick off the season with exciting adventures that await! This spring, we have a variety of thrilling events lined up for Scouts of all ages. From the Cochise Spring Camporee to outdoor activities, merit badge opportunities, and more, there's no shortage of fun and growth. Whether you're looking to challenge yourself in new ways, spend time with fellow Scouts, or explore the great outdoors, these events will offer something for everyone. Get ready to spring into action and make this season one to remember!

SCOUTING HORIZONS

Calendar of Events | Apr-Jun

APRIL

5

Catalina Council Volunteer Awards Banquet
Scouting wouldn't be possible without the dedication of our incredible volunteers! Join us for an evening of recognition, gratitude, and celebration as we honor those who make a difference.

6

Rose Canyon Fishing Clinic
Join us at Rose Canyon Lake for a free day of fishing! No gear? No problem—we've got poles, bait, and tackle ready for you!

9

2025 Ignite Your Membership
Whether you're new to Scouting or a seasoned member, join us for an insightful evening on best recruitment practices!

11-13

Cochise Spring Camporee
The Cochise Spring Camporee is back! Join Scouts from across the district for a weekend of adventure, skills, and fun—including knot tying, fire building, cooking, and more!

26-27

2025 Wilderness First Aid & CPR Courses
Prepare for your next adventure with Wilderness First Aid (WFA) and CPR! This essential training is a must for backcountry treks and remote outings.

MAY

2

26th Annual Good Scout Awards Luncheon
Join us as we honor individuals and organizations that have made a lasting impact in Southern Arizona, exemplifying leadership, service, and integrity.

17-18

2025 Wilderness First Aid & CPR Courses
Prepare for your next adventure with Wilderness First Aid (WFA) and CPR! This essential training is a must for backcountry treks and remote outings.

30-1

Cub Adventure Weekend
Join us for a weekend of family fun and adventure! Whether it's your first night camping or you're a seasoned pro, the Cub Scout Summer Adventure Weekend will create lasting memories.

JUNE

7

Catalina Council Fishing Day
Details coming!

11-14

Camp Outdoor Adventure 2025
Experience an unforgettable summer adventure at Camp Lawton on Mt. Lemmon! Open to kids aged 10-17, boys and girls, with no Scouting membership required.

15-21 & 22-28

Scout Camp 2025
Scout camp is back for Summer 2025! Join us for a week of fun, adventure, and skill-building. Take on new challenges, make lifelong friends, and develop leadership skills—don't miss out!

More Events



SCOUT SUCCESS STORIES

SCOUTING AMERICA, CATALINA COUNCIL

Scouting is not just about earning badges or going on outdoor adventures — it's a journey that builds character, leadership, and a lifelong commitment to making a difference. We teach our Scouts to embody the values of kindness, resilience, and service, empowering them to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Our Scouts work hard to achieve their goals and give back to their communities, showing that true success isn't just about personal accomplishments — it's about the positive impact they create along the way. From mastering new skills to leading service projects, these stories are a testament to their dedication and heart.

But none of this would be possible without the incredible volunteers who guide and support them. Scouting thrives because of these passionate, selfless individuals who give their time and energy to create unforgettable experiences and life-changing opportunities for our youth.

Let's celebrate the achievements of our Scouts and shine a well-deserved spotlight on the volunteers who make it all happen. Together, they're shaping a better, brighter future — one adventure at a time

Conservation Project

Troop 247, ongoing project



Troop 247 has embarked on a significant conservation project aimed at enhancing the visitor experience along the Upper Nature Trail in Madera Canyon. The project was initiated to address the deteriorating state of around 19 nature signs that had been in place for years, many of which were damaged, outdated, or no longer aligned with the plants they described. As a member of the Friends of Madera Canyon, Troop 247 was asked to step in and take on the task of relocating and replacing these signs to ensure that visitors could continue to appreciate the canyon's natural beauty.

The project has not been without its challenges. The rugged terrain of the canyon has posed considerable difficulties, with some signs located off-trail or on steep slopes affected by years of erosion. Additionally, many of the metal signs were embedded in large concrete bases, making them difficult to remove and relocate. Despite these obstacles, the Scouts have persevered, applying problem-solving skills and teamwork to move the project forward.



To ensure success, Troop 247 Scouts have received proper training and equipped themselves with the necessary tools and safety gear. They have rotated roles such as project manager and safety officer, which has helped them develop leadership and teamwork skills. The most rewarding aspect of the project for the Scouts has been the knowledge that their hard work will contribute to the preservation and conservation of Madera Canyon, leaving a positive impact on both the environment and the local community.

“I worked really hard and put all my heart into it,” said Felicia. “And the hard work and dedication led us to ice cream,” said Crystal.

Not only have the Scouts made significant progress with relocating and improving the signs, but they have also made meaningful connections with the Friends of Madera Canyon and the U.S. Forest Service, who have recognized their efforts. This project has further cemented Troop 247’s status as the first Scout troop to be members of the Friends of Madera Canyon, and their ongoing partnership with the U.S. Forest Service allows them to continue making a difference.

In addition to this project, Troop 247 has been involved in several other conservation efforts within Madera Canyon, such as bench repairs, trail cleanups, graffiti removal, and even major renovations at the Visitor Information Center. Their commitment to environmental stewardship is a testament to the values of Scouting, and their long-term goal is to set an example for future Scouts by showcasing the importance of community service and conservation.

Troop 247’s work on the Upper Nature Trail is just one example of the impactful projects Scouts can take on when they partner with organizations like the U.S. Forest Service. For other troops interested in starting similar conservation projects, Troop 247 encourages them to connect with local U.S. Forest Service offices or other agencies like the National Park Service or Bureau of Land Management to explore partnership opportunities.

As Troop 247 continues its work in Madera Canyon, there are still many signs to be repaired, replaced, and relocated. Other Scout troops and community volunteers are encouraged to join in and support these efforts by partnering with the Friends of Madera Canyon. To learn more or get involved, visit Friendsofmaderacanyon.org or contact Troop 247’s Scoutmaster through Catalina Council.

This ongoing project serves as a powerful reminder that Scouts are always ready to lead by example and make a lasting impact on the environment and their communities.



"By working together and giving back, we preserve nature for future generations and grow as leaders and stewards."



Samuel "Sam" Phillips: A Scouting Legacy of Excellence

Venturing Summit Award Recipient 2025



Venture Crew 733 hiking in the wilderness and in ice caves by Mt. Fuji, Japan

"These international experiences taught me the invaluable lesson that no matter where you go, a sense of community and friendship blossoms when people share a common mission of service, learning, and exploration."

– Sam Phillips

From a Tiger Cub to an Eagle Scout and Venturing Summit Award recipient, Samuel “Sam” Phillips’ Scouting journey reflects dedication, leadership, and a thirst for knowledge. Since joining Cub Scout Pack 513 in 2010, Sam has embraced every aspect of Scouting, from outdoor adventures to community service, leadership, and academic achievement, setting an example for youth across Southern Arizona.

Sam’s Scouting journey began in Whiteville, North Carolina, where he joined Pack 513 as a Tiger Cub. He quickly demonstrated a passion for learning and earned numerous belt loops and pins. By 2014, he earned the Arrow of Light and crossed over to Troop 733 in Tucson, where his leadership skills became evident.

In Troop 733, Sam quickly rose through the ranks, serving as Patrol Leader, Troop Librarian, and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. He completed his Eagle Scout project, a greenhouse for the Las Milpitas Community Farm, and earned his Eagle Scout rank at just 13, marking a significant milestone.

After earning Eagle, Sam completed all 137 merit badges available at the time, traveling both domestically and internationally for specialized badges in water sports and adventure activities. His journey, including a five-year effort to complete the Skating badge, earned him multiple silver Eagle Palms.

Sam also embraced the Venturing program, serving as President of Crew 733. During the pandemic, he kept the crew active by organizing virtual meetings and high-adventure events. He earned the Venturing Summit Award, recognizing his leadership, personal growth, and service.

Sam's adventures took him to the National Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, hiking Mount Fuji in Japan, the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE) at Philmont Scout Ranch, and racing across the country with Spartan Races. These experiences broadened his global perspective on Scouting, leadership, and service.

In addition to his leadership, Sam earned over 80 honors, including the National Medal for Outdoor Achievement, the Dr. Bernard Harris Supernova STEM Award, and the Messenger of Peace Award. He holds certifications in Leave No Trace, Wilderness First Responder, and Outdoor Leadership.



Sam's academic achievements reflect his dedication to excellence. He graduated high school with three associate degrees and earned his bachelor's degree in psychology with honors from the University of Arizona. Sam now shares his knowledge by mentoring younger Scouts and leading workshops.

As Sam looks to the future, he is proud of his journey and excited for what's ahead. His leadership, service, and commitment to Scouting have inspired many, leaving a lasting legacy. Whether mentoring or organizing new crews, Sam's impact continues to encourage others to strive for excellence and give back to the community.







VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

KATHARYN VON MEERSCHEIDT



Scouting volunteers do amazing things every day! It takes the dedication of committed volunteer leaders to make Scouting programs successful. At this time, Scouting America Catalina Council's Programs Department would like to recognize Katharyn von Meerscheidt for her outstanding contributions.

Katharyn serves as the Bear Den Leader for Pack 739 and is also the 2025 Sky Island and Council Pinewood Derby Chair. She played a pivotal role in bringing back the Council Pinewood Derby, which had not been held since 2019. Thanks to her leadership, the Sky Island and Catalina Council Pinewood Derby took place on March 1, 2025, at St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Katharyn led the effort by securing the venue, obtaining a sponsorship from Chapman Porsche, organizing volunteers, coordinating the schedule, and ensuring a well-executed event with her excellent organizational skills. The Programs Department extends its sincere gratitude to Katharyn for her dedication, service, and expertise. Her commitment has been instrumental in revitalizing this beloved program for Catalina Council.

EAGLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Robert Sommerfeld, Becky Chambers, Brian Goldstein, Lakmal Vithanachchi, Erin Russ, Doug Wright













We extend our deepest gratitude to the exceptional committee members who made the Eagle Dinner for the Class of 2024 a reality. Their unwavering dedication and countless hours spent planning, attending weekly meetings, and managing intricate details created a celebration that will be cherished for years to come.

With remarkable generosity of time, energy, and heart, each member played a vital role in crafting an event that not only honored the achievements of the Eagle Class of 2024 but also filled their families and attendees with joy and pride.

Through collaboration, creativity, and an unyielding spirit of service, these volunteers and staff transformed a vision into a radiant, unforgettable reality. Their contributions shine brightly — inspiring us all.



WINTER EVENT RECAP

SCOUTING AMERICA, CATALINA COUNCIL

At Catalina Council, we aim to bring fun and exciting activities and events to our community, and this winter was no exception! From cold-weather challenges to high-speed racing, our Scouts embraced the true spirit of Scouting. Key events included the Klondike Derby, where Scouts honed their cold-weather camping and survival skills, and the Pinewood Derby, which brought thrilling racing action. Our Scouts also proudly represented in Tucson's Rodeo Parade & Cub Rodeo Roundup, showcasing their community spirit, and enjoyed a fantastic Skate Night filled with fun and camaraderie.

In addition to these events, we offered essential training opportunities, including First Aid Training to prepare Scouts for emergencies and Leave No Trace Training to promote outdoor ethics. Stay tuned for more details and photos as we continue to celebrate these amazing experiences!

Klondike Derby

January 17-19, 2025



In January, 71 youth and 22 adults, along with 42 dedicated volunteers, came together to make the annual Klondike Derby a success. This traditional, patrol-based event challenged Scouts to work together, showcasing their leadership, teamwork, and outdoor skills.

Patrols from several troops participated, with Troop 141 emerging as the proud winners of the event. Other participating troops included 339 B, 613 B, 115 B, 219 B, 770 B, 209 B, 115 B, 733 B, and 2020 B.



The Klondike Derby is unique in that patrols design and build their own sleds, which they use to carry their gear through a series of challenges. These sleds played a crucial role as patrols navigated the course, moving from one "town" to the next, where they were tested on various Scouting skills. Challenges included starting a fire, navigating through the course, making pancakes, archery shooting at balloon turkeys, BB shooting at bison, log cutting, and completing first aid and bear-proofing activities. Each patrol also had to prepare their own stew or chili for lunch.

Throughout the day, patrols were awarded gold nuggets for demonstrating Scout Spirit, as they displayed camaraderie, leadership, and a positive attitude, even in the most difficult of tasks.



In the end, Troop 141 stood out, not only for their impressive skills but also for their strong teamwork and Scout Spirit, securing the top spot at the Klondike Derby 2025. This event was a fantastic reminder of the enduring values of Scouting: leadership, teamwork, and the spirit of adventure. Congratulations to all participants and volunteers who made this event possible!

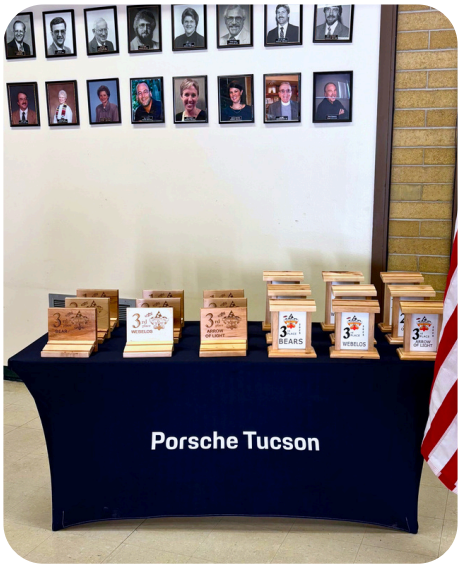
Teamwork, skill, and Scout Spirit – the heart of the Klondike Derby.



Pinewood Derby

January 18, February 23, March 1, 2025

This year, the Pinewood Derby season was filled with excitement, camaraderie, and outstanding displays of Scouting spirit. Three thrilling events brought together Scouts from across the region to showcase their creativity, skills, and competitive spirit.



Scout Shop Pinewood Derby Champ Camp
At our Scout office, we kicked off the season with the Scout Shop Pinewood Derby Champ Camp, where volunteers cut over 60 cars for eager Scouts. The event featured an exciting addition: a Jeep and World War II military paraphernalia for the kids to explore. With three saws running, operated by volunteers from Pack 739, the event was buzzing with energy as Scouts crafted their cars, preparing for the races ahead.

Cochise District Pinewood Derby
Next, Scouts from the Cochise District gathered for an action-packed Cochise Pinewood Derby! Four Packs — Pack 444, Pack 431, Pack 4455, and Pack 430 — came together, bringing 40 Scouts to race 18 cars for the coveted title of Cochise District Champion. It was an exciting day filled with speed, skill, and spirited competition as Scouts raced their hearts out for the top honor!

Sky Islands District and Catalina Council Pinewood Derby
For the first time since 2019, the Sky Islands District and Catalina Council united for the ultimate Pinewood Derby showdown. With 16 Packs and 59 cars participating from the Sky Islands District, Scouts raced to find their winner, who then faced off against the Cochise District champion. The event culminated in an exhilarating final race to crown the ultimate winner of Catalina Council.

These events were a testament to the creativity, teamwork, and spirit of Scouting. We'd like to extend a special thank you to our sponsor, Chapman Porsche, for their support. Congratulations to all participants, and a huge thank you to the volunteers who made these events possible!



Rodeo Parade & Cub Rodeo Roundup

February 20 & 22, 2025

This year, our Scouts had the chance to join the annual Tucson Rodeo Parade, a vibrant tradition that celebrates Western culture. Ten Scouts participated, proudly representing Scouting in the parade. Thanks to the generosity of United Health Care, we were able to use their float, making our entry even more memorable for everyone involved.



Building memories, one adventure at a time!





Cub Rodeo Roundup

Because of its great success last year, we brought back the Cub Rodeo Roundup this year at the Southeast Regional Shooting Range, where 64 Scouts gathered for a fun-filled morning. From BB gun shooting and archery to climbing the tower, arts and crafts, the bike rodeo, and a scavenger hunt, there was something for every Cub Scout to enjoy. The U of A police also joined the event, riding around with the kids and adding to the excitement

We had three lucky winners in the drawing (unfortunately, their names are a mystery!), but the real success was seeing so many Scouts having a blast and building memories together. Thank you to all the volunteers and participants who made this event a huge success. We look forward to next year's Rodeo Parade and Cub Rodeo Roundup!





Scout Skate Night Rolls into Success!

See you on the next adventure — maybe even back on wheels!

Catalina Council Skate Night

March 12, 2025

What an incredible night it was at Skate Country for Catalina Council's first-ever Scout Skate Night!

With spring break in full swing, we wanted to bring the fun to our Scouts — and what better way than a night of skating, music, and laughter? Catalina Council covered skate rentals for all our Scouts and treated everyone to pizza and drinks to keep the energy going strong.

A huge thank you to the 51 Scouts and their families who joined us, laced up their skates, and made it a night to remember. It was amazing to see everyone rolling, spinning, and cheering each other on.

If you missed this one, don't worry — this won't be the last! Keep an eye out for more fun-filled events like this coming soon.



VOLUNTEER TRAINING

As we step into spring, Catalina Council continues to honor the incredible contributions of our volunteers. Their commitment plays a vital role in the success of Scouting pro-grams, and we remain dedicated to equipping them with the tools they need to succeed. Through ongoing training, our volunteers gain the knowledge and skills to lead pro-grams that are safe, engaging, and impactful for Scouts.

By fostering a culture of growth and development, we empower our volunteers to make a meaningful difference in the lives of youth, shaping the future of Scouting in our com-munity for generations to come.

Leave No Trace & Tread Lightly Courses (March 28-30, 2025)





Leave No Trace & Tread Lightly: Promoting Responsible Outdoor Ethics
In March, Scouts and outdoor enthusiasts gathered for our Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly courses, gaining essential skills to minimize human impact on nature while enjoying the outdoors. These courses teach principles of responsible recreation, ensuring that future generations can experience the beauty of our natural world.

The 7 Principles of Leave No Trace
Participants learned key principles, including:

- Plan ahead and prepare – Knowing regulations and local concerns before heading out.
- Travel and camp on durable surfaces – Sticking to established trails and campsites.
- Dispose of waste properly – Packing out all trash and waste.
- Leave what you find – Preserving nature and historical sites.
- Minimize campfire impact – Using lightweight stoves instead of open fires.
- Respect wildlife – Observing from a distance and not feeding animals.
- Be considerate of others – Respecting fellow outdoor visitors.

TREAD Principles for Sustainable Recreation
The Tread Lightly course emphasized responsible exploration by following these principles:

- Travel Responsibly – Staying on designated roads and trails.
- Respect the Rights of Others – Being mindful of landowners and other outdoor users.
- Educate Yourself – Learning about local regulations before heading out.
- Avoid Sensitive Areas – Protecting wetlands, meadows, and wildlife habitats.
- Do Your Part – Leaving areas better than you found them.

Why Scouts Should Take This Course
Scouting is about adventure, leadership, and service—including protecting the outdoors. These courses provide valuable lessons for Scouts earning outdoor-related merit badges and developing a lifelong appreciation for nature. By practicing Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly principles, Scouts grow into responsible stewards of the environment and leaders in conservation.

SCOUT-APPROVED CAMPING TECHNIQUES



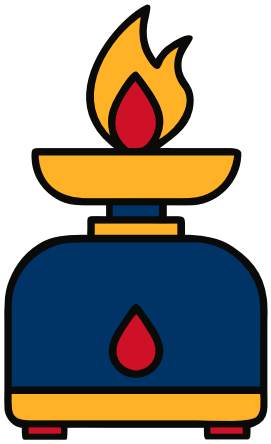
By Scouting America, Catalina Council



As spring brings warmer weather, it's the perfect time to practice Scout-approved camping techniques. Preparation is key for a successful trip, from packing the right gear to setting up a safe campsite. Scouts follow Leave No Trace principles to preserve the environment, ensuring it remains pristine for others. Properly setting up a tent, building a safe fire, and securing food away from wildlife are all essential for a successful adventure. These practices help Scouts develop outdoor skills while promoting environmental responsibility.

Spring camping is also an opportunity to improve skills like knot tying, fire-building, and cooking over an open flame. These techniques are crucial for safety and efficiency in the wilderness. For instance, knowing how to set up a tarp can protect you from rain, while safely handling campfires ensures everyone's safety. With the right preparation, Scouts can enjoy a rewarding outdoor experience.

5 Scouting Tips for Spring Activities



01

Stay Hydrated

Arizona's dry climate can dehydrate you quickly, especially in the spring and summer. Be sure to drink plenty of water throughout the day, and always carry extra water in case of emergencies.

02

Wear Proper Footwear

Arizona's diverse terrain includes rocky trails, desert sands, and rugged hills. Wear durable, supportive shoes or boots to keep your feet comfortable and protected while hiking or camping.

03

Dress in Layers

Spring weather in Arizona can vary, with chilly mornings and warm afternoons. Layering your clothing allows you to adjust as temperatures change, keeping you comfortable throughout the day.

04

Use Sunscreen and Hats

The Arizona sun can be intense, even in the spring. Protect your skin with sunscreen and wear a wide-brimmed hat to shield your face and neck from the sun's harmful rays.

05

Be Wildlife Aware

Arizona is home to diverse wildlife, from snakes to coyotes. Always be cautious while hiking and camping—store food securely, watch your step, and give animals space to avoid potential encounters.









By following these essential camping tips, you'll be well-prepared to make the most of your outdoor adventures. Whether you're a seasoned Scout or new to camping, these skills will ensure a safe and enjoyable experience. So, gather your gear, put these techniques into practice, and join us for all the upcoming camping trips this spring—there's no better time to embrace the outdoors and create lasting memories with fellow Scouts!

"Camping is not just an activity, it's an opportunity to connect with nature, build lasting skills, and create memories that will last a lifetime."



UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCOUTING AMERICA, CATALINA COUNCIL

We're excited to share some of the latest updates and announcements from Catalina Council! From the success of our first-ever after-school program to exciting news about our Philmont adventure and upcoming events, there's so much happening in our Scouting community. We'll also be highlighting the incredible support from our sponsors, whose generosity makes everything we do possible. Stay tuned for more details and stories that showcase the amazing impact of Scouting in our community!

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

Keeling Elementary School: Building Future Leaders Through Scouting



"Building skills, shaping leaders, and inspiring futures — one Scout at a time."

This year marked the launch of our first-ever after-school partnership with a local school to bring the Scouting experience to more kids — and it's already making a lasting impact.

In January, Catalina Council teamed up with Keeling Elementary School to introduce students to Scouting, offering them the chance to learn practical skills, build character, and foster leadership. Since then, the new Cub Scout Pack 2837 has grown to 31 enthusiastic Scouts, meeting weekly to explore a variety of skills and activities.

So far, the Scouts have learned essential first aid, mastered flag folding, tied knots, and earned their Bobcat rank. They've also enjoyed team-building games led by Joe Rielly and discussed personal safety — all while having fun and building friendships.

The impact has been undeniable. Amy Imbody, Co-Coordinator of Achieve, shared how the program has positively influenced the students:

"The Scouting program at Keeling has proven to provide a positive impact on the students attending each week. Behavior and attitude changes have been noted for the students consistently attending the weekly Scouts club. Students are excited to attend each week and are actively engaged in the lessons. Community and cooperative building games learned during Scouts have been played and taught to others during the school day by some of the students. This exemplifies leadership, learning, and safe choices by the Scouts that are being passed to other students at Keeling. Scouts often proudly share the activities and skills learned during Scouts with their families, classmates, and staff. Taking responsibility for their actions and the environment around them is evident amongst the young Scouts."

Pack 2837 isn't just a club — they're a true Cub Scout Pack, embodying the spirit of Scouting. From building practical skills to fostering a sense of responsibility and leadership, these young Scouts are already making a difference — not only in their own lives but also in their school and community.



PHILMONT AMBASSADOR



By Jack Erickson, Philmont Ambassador
Scouting America, Catalina Council

Philmont Preparation: One Troop's Journey to Be Prepared

In December 2023, our crew of 17 Scouts—both boys and girls—received exciting news: we had secured a reservation for a 12-day trek at Philmont Scout Ranch in June 2025. Over the past year, our preparation has focused on completing prep hikes, reviewing essential gear, and budgeting for this incredible adventure. However, starting last fall, our attention shifted to the physical and mental challenges that lie ahead on the rugged trails of Philmont.

One of our crew members, who trekked Philmont with his East Coast troop last summer, shared his reflections: "I vividly remember my first few days on the trail. I was excited, but I was lacking something. I lacked the strength and practice needed to hike Philmont. It was a beautiful sight, but reality hit me fast." Having led other contingents to Philmont in the past, I am determined to ensure that this Scout's experience is not repeated by the 17 Scouts we are preparing for this epic journey.

"Thoughtful preparation and strong leadership make all the difference."

Through my years of experience, I've come to realize that Scouts in Southern Arizona have a unique advantage over many others. With access to elevation and rugged trails in our own backyard, we must take full advantage of these resources to prepare for the challenges ahead. The key is getting our Scouts on the trail, hiking with their packs, and building strength and endurance in an environment similar to the one they'll face at Philmont.

So far, we've completed several day hikes and weekend backpacking trips, while our Scouts have been actively training on Strava, tracking their progress and motivating one another. A breakthrough moment occurred during a backpacking trip atop the Catalina Mountains, where we held Crew Leader elections for our two crews—one co-ed and one all-boys. Alongside my fellow advisors, I have since been observing Scouts on other group hikes, identifying potential candidates for key leadership roles, such as the Wilderness Guia (Philmont's version of the Lorax) and Chaplain's Aide (the spiritual leader and morale booster). As my counterpart on our sister crew put it, "The Chaplain's Aide is far more important than most realize. They lift the crew's spirit when times are tough. Sometimes the right personality jumps out for the role, and other times, you have to look long and hard to find the right Scout.



As we move forward, our goal is not only to prepare top-notch outdoorsmen who are physically ready but also to build the mental resilience needed for this once-in-a-lifetime experience. These Scouts will be tested in ways they've never been before, and as leaders, it's our responsibility to ensure they are as prepared as possible. With consistent training, thoughtful preparation, and strong leadership from our Crew Leaders, we are confident this adventure will be a highlight of their Scouting journey—one they'll share with future generations.



SPARK: CONNECTING SCOUTS FOR LIFE

By Bob Sommerfeld, NESA Council Chairman
Scouting America, Catalina Council

Scouting is a lifelong endeavor. Once you've supported Scouting, you're an alum for life. Every year, the council's Eagle Recognition Dinner closes with the Circle of Eagles, where every Eagle Scout in attendance shares the year they earned Eagle and the council it was awarded from. This year's dinner included Eagles from not only Catalina Council but from across the country.

Several of these Eagle Scouts shared how the friendships and connections they built on the trail to Eagle made a lasting impact — and many wished they still had a way to reconnect. Now, maintaining and rebuilding those connections is possible through Scouting America's Alumni Directory, "SPARK." This directory helps you reconnect with friends from your Scouting journey and find fellow Scouting alumni.

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You're a Scouting alum if:

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Get Connected with SPARK
Joining the **SPARK** alumni directory is free and a great way to stay connected with fellow Scouts. Visit https://directory.scouting.org to create your account or log in. If you're already registered, be sure to update your profile and enable viewing permissions — recent updates require user approval to make details visible.

Want to learn more? Scouting America offers a helpful training module, "**BSA AA SPARK Database General User,**" available at the Learning Center. Just visit https://training.scouting.org, sign in, and find the course under "Catalog."

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GOOD SCOUT AWARDS LUNCHEON

26th Annual Good Scout Awards Luncheon
Scouting America, Catalina Council

The Good Scout Awards Luncheon is a time-honored tradition, bringing together business and community leaders to celebrate the values of Scouting. Now in its 26th year, this event offers a chance to connect, network, and honor those making a difference in Southern Arizona. Join us on May 2, 2025, at the Tucson Convention Center.

Each year, we recognize individuals and organizations that have made a lasting impact, embodying the principles of leadership, service, and integrity. This year, we are honored to celebrate:

- **Cesar "Rico" Rodriguez** – Good Scout Award Honoree
- **Edmund Marquez** – Distinguished Citizen Award Recipient
- **Carlotta Flores** – Lifetime Achievement Award Recipient

Proceeds from the luncheon directly support local Scouting programs, providing youth with opportunities for outdoor adventure, skills training, and character development. For event details and honoree bios, visit **2025 Good Scout Luncheon Catalina Council**.

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Looking ahead, we invite you to consider supporting our upcoming events, including our merit badge program, year-round activities, and signature fundraisers such as the Good Scout Award Luncheon, Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner, and The Legends Ball of Tucson. Our Scouting programs would not be possible without your ongoing support.

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RECOGNIZING OUR EAGLE SCOUTS

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Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner 2025

February 08, 2025

By Bob Sommerfeld, NESA Council Chairman
Scouting America, Catalina Council

Annually, Catalina Council recognizes Scouts who achieved their Eagle and Summit awards in the previous year with a recognition dinner. On February 8th, the 115th anniversary of Scouting in the United States, 56 Eagle and Summit Scouts from 2024 were honored at a dinner held at the Sheraton Tucson. The event not only celebrated these incredible achievements but also recognized and awarded three Eagle Scouts for their outstanding service project submissions. Paysen Horinska of Troop 739 was awarded $100 for third place, Jackson Wright of Troop 299 received $300 for second place, and Caleb Brian Hyatt of Troop 299 won $500 for first place. Caleb will represent Catalina Council at the National Service Project competition for the Glenn and Melinda Adams Service Project Award.





The 253 dinner attendees celebrated Eagle Scout Jim Tarleton's receipt of the National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award, presented by Council President Steve Odenkirk, Council Executive Shannon Roberts, and Council Chair for the National Eagle Scout Association, Bob Sommerfeld. Eagle Scout Nicholas Hiratsuka delivered the keynote speech, inspiring attendees with his message of overcoming challenges, finding inspiration, and staying motivated. Eagle Scouts Rachel Pixley and Ravindu Dinuk Vithanachchi were each awarded $1,000 scholarships through the Kasser Family Scholarship Award. Each Eagle and Summit Award recipient received a special edition coin commemorating their achievement, along with the announcement of the new name, Scouting America, effective that day.

The National Eagle Scout Association, Philmont, Order of the Arrow, Wood Badge, National Youth Leadership Training, Otis H. Chidester Scout Museum, Pimaree, and the 2026 Council Jamboree Contingent staffed display tables to promote various Scouting activities to attendees. The dinner to recognize the Class of 2025 Eagle and Summit Award recipients is scheduled for Saturday, February 7, 2026. Be sure to attend and celebrate the Class of 2025 awardees!

Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner 2025 Photos
Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner 2025 Program
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JIM TARLETON

A SCOUTING JOURNEY OF DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP, AND LEGACY

National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipient
Scouting America, Catalina Council

Jim Tarleton's Scouting journey is one of resilience, leadership, and a deep commitment to making a lasting impact. From his beginnings as an eight-year-old Scout to receiving the prestigious National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA), Jim's life has been shaped by the values of Scouting and his drive to give back to the community. In this exclusive interview, Jim reflects on his experiences, the lessons he's learned, and his advice for young Scouts striving to follow in his footsteps.

Early Days in Scouting
Jim's journey began like many others. "I started at eight years old," he recalls. "They were advertising Scouting at my school, and my mom signed me up. That's how it all began for me, and for many others." Little did he know that this simple decision would lead to decades of dedication to Scouting.

Memorable Moments and Experiences
Throughout his Scouting career, Jim has had countless unforgettable moments. "One of the most memorable experiences was climbing Longs Peak, one of Colorado's iconic 14,000-foot mountains," Jim shares. "The 20-mile round trip was challenging but rewarding."

Jim's journey took him across the United States, with his family's moves due to his father's Air Force career. From North Dakota to Hawaii, each new place was an opportunity to join a new Scouting unit. His first summer camp, on Maui, was particularly special. "I've camped everywhere from North Dakota to Hawaii, and I've participated in activities like Klondike Derbies in Colorado, where we camped in tents on eight feet of snow. Those experiences were tough but unforgettable."

Earning the Eagle Rank
Jim earned his Eagle Scout rank in 1975, a milestone that marked a turning point in his Scouting journey. "At the time, I wasn't sure I could achieve it," Jim admits. "But it taught me to take things one step at a time. The accomplishment made me realize that perseverance can get you anywhere, even when you doubt yourself."

In those days, earning Eagle required earning at least 21 merit badges, holding leadership positions, and completing a significant service project. Jim reflects on this journey as a process of growth: "It was a journey of progression—from learning the basics of Scouting as a Tenderfoot to taking on leadership roles and planning a meaningful project."

Continuing the Journey as an Adult
When Jim's son got involved in Scouting, it reignited his passion for the movement. "I realized how important it was to give back, and that kept me engaged," Jim explains. Even after his son aged out, Jim continued his involvement in Scouting, motivated by his desire to help others have the same transformative experiences he had.

Over the years, Jim has played a significant role in improving summer camp programs, including building realistic first aid mannequins and other resources to enhance the Scouts' learning experiences. He also became a part of the National Merit Badge sub-team, overseeing updates to merit badge requirements and contributing to the restructuring of Scouting's organization.

The National Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA)
Receiving the NOESA was an honor Jim never expected. "I was deeply honored and surprised," Jim says, reflecting on the recognition. "There are so many incredible Eagle Scouts out there, and I never expected to be considered. This recognition places me alongside others I greatly admire, and that's humbling."

Mentorship and Advice for the Next Generation

Throughout his journey, Jim has been inspired by many mentors. “One in Wyoming stands out—when I was close to quitting Scouting, he came to my house and convinced me to stay. Thanks to him, I stayed on track and eventually earned my Eagle rank,” Jim recalls.

For young Scouts aspiring to earn their Eagle, Jim offers this advice: “Don’t rush the journey. Take your time, enjoy the experiences, and make the most of what Scouting has to offer. It’s not a sprint; it’s a marathon, and the memories you create along the way are just as valuable as the rank itself.”

As for Eagle Scouts looking to continue making a difference, Jim encourages them to find ways to give back: “Even as life gets busy, little efforts can make a big difference. Volunteer, mentor younger Scouts, or help with community projects.”





A Legacy of Giving Back

Reflecting on his journey, Jim says that one lesson from Scouting has stayed with him: “Never give up. Even when a task seems impossible, perseverance can help you achieve it.”

His legacy of giving back is evident in the lasting impact he’s made within the Scouting community. “I hope to inspire others to give back and encourage the next generation to do the same,” Jim says. “If we all pay it forward, the ripple effect can lead to meaningful change.”



The Future of Scouting

For Jim, Scouting’s values of selflessness, community, and service are as relevant today as ever. “Scouting teaches selflessness and the importance of giving back, which are values our world needs more than ever,” he reflects. “It’s about fostering a sense of community and service.”

Jim’s advice for those considering getting involved in Scouting programs is simple: “Remind them of the values Scouting instills—moral character, leadership, and a sense of service—and show them how much fun and fulfillment come from being involved. Seeing Scouts achieve something they never thought possible is incredibly rewarding.”

Jim Tarleton’s story is one of dedication, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to making the world a better place, one Scout at a time. Through his continued involvement and lifelong journey, Jim embodies the heart of Scouting—perseverance, service, and community.

Thank you, Jim, for inspiring us all with your Scouting journey.





















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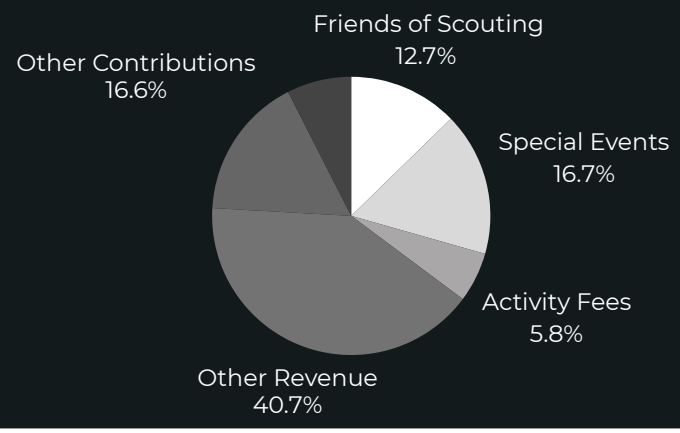
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