

Troop 323 Monthly Newsletter

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October Newsletter

October 2, 2011

Horton Springs = Happy Campers!



Dave Christiansen led Troop 323 Scouts on the September kick-off outing to Horton Spring on September 17 – 18.



It takes a village...



A very motley crew!

Troops thanks Barry Giesemann for service and dedication!



At the September 27th Court of Honor Scoutmaster duties were officially turned over to David Wright who succeeds Barry Giesemann. Scouts and parents had a chance to thank Barry for his 3 years of dedicated service as Scoutmaster. Barry has been instrumental in training the new Scoutmaster over the last six months and will remain involved in the troop (i.e., see photo above). Again, many thanks to Barry for all of his varied contributions over the last three years!!!



ATTENTION: ALL TROOP 323 Members
Brenden Rawlins' EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 8, 2011
(Meet at Lookout Mountain at 7:30 a.m.)



The Upward Foundation
6306 N. 7th Street
Phoenix, AZ 85014

Come help Brenden Rawlins with his Eagle project as he constructs steel cabinets, paints and beautifies the campus of The Upward Foundation. This nonprofit provides special education and childcare for children with developmental disabilities. Your contribution of time will also earn you community service hours toward your next advancement. See Brenden's attached flyer for more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:
TROOP 323 EAGLE CEREMONY

1:00 p.m. Ceremony – 2:00 p.m. Reception
November 6, 2011
All Saints Church

All Troop 323 Boy Scouts and their parents are invited to celebrate
as four Scouts from Troop 323 are honored as Eagle Scouts.

More Information to Follow in the Upcoming Weeks!

October CALENDAR

Date	Day	Time	Location	Activity
10/5	Wed	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Church in small classroom	Troop Committee Meeting
10/8	Sat	8:00 a.m.	Upward Foundation, 6306 N. 7 th Street (see flyer for details)	Brenden Rawlin's Eagle Project
10/11	Tue	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Church in Fellowship Hall	Troop Meeting
10/21-10/23	Fri – Sun	5:00 p.m.	Meet at LOM School parking lot Trip Leader Scoutmaster & Scott Sawottke	Camporee-Rancho Tres Brisas in Camp Verde by river
10/24	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Scoutmaster Wright's home	Patrol Leaders Council Monthly Meeting (PLC)
10/25	Tue	7:00 p.m.	Moon Valley Park *not at the church	Troop Meeting and Recharter deadline (cooking competition)
10/29	Sat	8:00 a.m.	All Saints Church	All Saints Service Project
11/5	Sat	8:30-11:30 a.m.	All Saints Church Leader Mr. Gieseemann	Troop Leadership Training for Scouts

1. **All adults are encouraged to come to Troop Committee meetings.**
First Wednesdays -- 7:00 p.m. – All Saints Church
2. **Patrol Leaders, Scribe, Guide, SPL, ASPL's are required to attend PLCs** at Scoutmaster Wright's home (*Next PLC Meeting: October 24 @ 7:00 p.m.*)
3. **Greenway Parkway Patrol Clean-up: October – Wolverines; November – Bighorns; December – Coyotes**

Camporee: This Month's Outing!

The October outing is the Camporee held October 21 - 23. **We depart Lookout Mountain School on Friday, October 21 at 5:30pm** (arrive at 5pm) and drive to Rancho Tres Brisas, adjacent to the Verde River in Camp Verde, AZ. We'll return on Sunday, October 23rd early afternoon. Adult volunteers in our district are planning a great event and we'll have to register as a group online soon after the October 11 Troop Meeting. Some of the activities include orienteering, Frisbee golf, ham radio, climbing, canoeing, inner tubing, the infamous Verde River Rope Bridge, water balloon launch, and Mark Twain boat building contest. We are inviting the Webelo II's of Pack 323 and their parents to camp with us so we need a good turnout of Scouts and adults to help make them feel welcome. Parent volunteers are still needed to chair and run some of the events listed on the attached flyer. If you are interested you can contact Christine Ertz at ckertz@cox.net or call 602-617-5978. You will need to confirm your attendance by the next troop meeting on October 11 for this fun annual event.

ALL SAINTS SERVICE PROJECT: October 29 @ 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mark your calendars for the yearly Service Project to benefit All Saints Church. The church has been generous to let Troop 323 utilize their facilities at no charge to the Troop and the yearly service project is our way of thanking the church and its members for their kindness. Landscape clean-up is planned for the morning and Scouts and their parents are needed for this project. Please bring gloves, a hat and sunscreen. Scouts and parents will earn service hours for advancement. Contact Wade Clemmons at usndaboys@cox.net for more information.

Rechartering: Don't be Left Behind!

Each year Troops 323 is required to register its members, both Scouts and adult leaders. Parent leaders and Scouts can use the attached form to register. **Basic yearly Scout dues are \$52.20 (\$16.20 Council fee plus \$36 Troop fee) with an optional fee for Boy's Life Magazine of \$12.** There is an additional opportunity to make a contribution to the Friends of Scouting on this form as well. Important Note: parents who participate in outings or have direct contact with Scouts must register as members and complete the attached paperwork. **Parent registration fees are \$16.20** and the attached registration form can be used to register siblings and/or parents on the same form. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Wright at dwright125@cox.net. **Please help Linda by turning in all the necessary forms and payment at the Oct troop meetings (Oct 11th and 25th).**

Upcoming Leadership Training:

Troop Leadership Training is available to all Scouts will be held on **Saturday, November 5th from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.** at All Saints Church. This training is recommended for all Scouts in Troop 323.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is scheduled for **Monday – Friday, December 19-23 overnight at the Heard Scout Pueblo.** This training is important and the troop will likely pay half the registration cost if you ask the committee. Unfortunately most of our Scouts don't start their Christmas break until **Friday, December 23rd.** Your Scoutmaster is in negotiations with the BSA to change the dates but that may be beyond his control, just like getting school principals, band directors, and coaches to coordinate their schedules with our troop activities.

Order of the Arrow -- The next and final Order of the Arrow Ordeal for the boys who were elected last spring is scheduled for **October 7-9th** at the Heard but you must register online at www.grandcanyonbsa.org and go to the OA section. The boys who attended the Camp Raymond Ordeal need to notify Scott Sawottke so he can record it in Troopmaster and give you credit for the number of nights you camped.

Thank you!

Troop 323 would like to thank Scoutmaster David Wright for compiling photos from Camp Geronimo on to a CD and giving one to each family who had a Scout at camp.

Parent Volunteers Needed

Troop 323 is in need of a variety of volunteer positions. We are asking that each family have at least one parent identified in a volunteer position. Some adults and some families have taken on more than one position so please help. There are many to choose from and require many different skillsets. Some of these positions are only busy a portion of the year and some require an extended commitment. No doubt, there is a position just right for you. **Some of these positions are needed immediately** to ensure the troop keeps running effectively. The following is a list of adult volunteer/leadership positions in no particular order:

Adult Volunteer Positions:

Chartering Organization Representative
Committee Chair
Scoutmaster
Patrol Advisors/ Assistant Scoutmasters
Assistant Scoutmasters
Troop Treasurer
Troop Committee Secretary
Outdoor Activities Coordinator
Advancement Chairman
Equipment Coordinator/Troop Trailer
Fundraising Coordinator/Golf Tourn.

Membership/Rechartering Coordinator
Medical Records Coordinator
Troop Newsletter Editor
Troop Webmaster
Eagle Advisor
Troop Clothing Coordinator
Camp Geronimo Coordinator/Planner
Troop Training Coordinator
Adult to Lead Scout Training
Cub Scout Pack 323 Liaison
Board of Review Adult Participants
Crossover Coordinator
Outing Leaders
Church Cleanup/Service Coordinator
People to Liaison with our district
Merit Badge Counselors
Scouting for Food Coordinator

Adult Training Requirements

To remain in good standing with Troop 323 and be re-chartered this Fall, there will be new training requirements for adult leaders for the upcoming year.

Necessary Adult Training

Every Registered Adult must take:

Fast Start (online)
Youth Protection (required every 2 yrs)
This is Scouting! (online)

Trip Leaders

Hazardous Weather (online)

Scoutmaster & All Assistant SM's

Intro to Outdoor Skills
Scoutmaster/Asst SM Specific Training
(held in classroom)

Required for Most Outings

CPR, Safe Swim, Safety Afloat and
Climb on Safely

The LIBRARIAN is in the HOUSE!

Wesley Bohult is the new Troop Librarian. Please return any merit badge books borrowed from the summer or that may be sitting around

your house to Wesley. Books can be returned to the October 11 Troop Meeting or to Wesley's house at 15428 N. 10th Avenue. You can email him at w.bohult@cox.net . (Wesley reports that all the books have been moved successfully from his brother Eric's bedroom to his own room and he is officially open for business! ☺)

Greenway Park Clean-up:

Just a reminder, each month a different patrol is responsible for cleaning up Greenway Parkway from 7th Avenue to 19th Avenue. Patrol leaders must report clean-up service hours for all participants to Scott Sawotke (ssawot@cox.net). The city of Phoenix is now requiring all participants to either wear safety vests, or other bright clothing. Our class B shirts cover this. Per the city and per BSA we must have at least 2 adults participating. Also, the city now wants us to report to them once a cleanup is done so they know we're doing it. Otherwise we'll lose our prime piece of the parkway!

October – Wolverines

November – Bighorns

December – Coyotes

Useful Sites

www.phoenix323.org

www.bsahandbook.com

www.myscouting.org

www.grandcanyonbsa.org

www.grandcanyonbsa.org/training

www.tbirdscouting.org

www.meritbadge.org

www.scouting.org

www.scoutstuff.org

WORDS OF WISDOM

Real generosity towards the future lies in giving all to the present.

Albert Camus

Newsletter Editor NEEDED!

If you are interested in taking over the role of Troop 323 Newsletter Editor in January 2012 please contact John Waldron. Please send all submissions for the November Newsletter to jwaldron2@cox.net by **October 21, 2011.**