

Troop 323 Monthly Newsletter

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December Newsletter

FINAL EDITION!!!

November 27, 2011

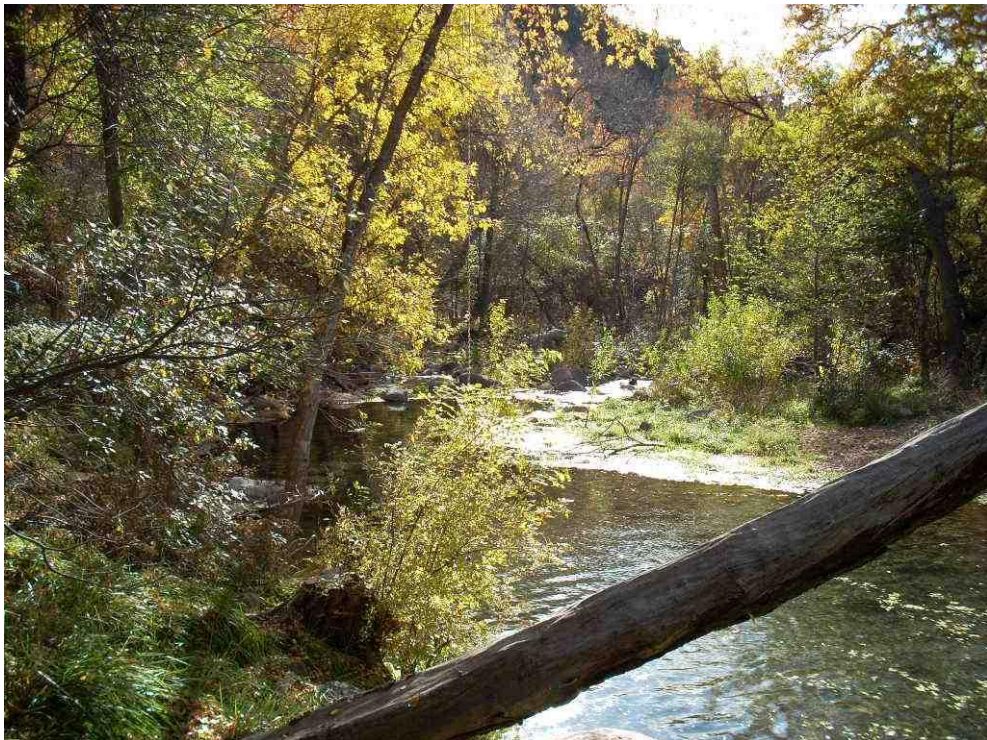
Fossil Creek



Troop 323 Scouts enjoy a fun outing to Fossil Creek on November 19 – 20. Special thanks to Troop leaders Darrin Klootra and David Wright.



Come on in the Water is Fine



A River Runs Through It

WE NEED LEADERS



Several Troop 323 Scouts participated in Leadership Training on Saturday, November 5th. This training is recommended for all Scouts in Troop 323 and serves as a great foundation for Scouts as they take on required leadership positions to achieve future ranks with the Troop. Special thanks to Barry Giesemann for leading this important course.

Andrew Russell: Eagle Scout!

Andrew Russell, a Troop 323 Boy Scout and Senior Patrol Leader recently passed his Eagle Board of Review. Andrew joined Troop 323 as a Webelo and after serving as Senior Patrol Leader, joined Venture Crew 2323 at age 14. He completed Rayadoat Philmont, the BSA's most challenging backcountry program, and is now serving as President of the Venture Crew. He has 135 nights camping, 555 miles hiking, and 53 nights and 460 miles backpacking. He also received his BSA Lifeguard. Andrew's scouting career was profoundly shaped by his start as a Boy Scout with Troop 323.

TROOP 323 EAGLE CEREMONY



Congratulations to Andrew Derrick, Max Olsen, Connor Schira and Carlos Waldron for reaching the rank of Eagle. The four celebrated the occasion with family and fellow Troop 323 members on November 6 at All Saints Lutheran Church. Special thanks to Eagle Scout and Troop 323 Adult leader Mitchell Rutherford for serving as MC and Guest Speaker for this special occasion.

All Saints Lutheran Church: Project Clean-up!



Parents and Troop 323 Scouts gathered on Saturday, October 15 for the All Saints Church Clean-up project. This annual event serves as a “thank you” to parishioners of All Saints Lutheran Church for allowing the Troop to use the church facilities at no charge. All Saints has been gracious and accommodating the Troop with the troop’s many needs.

December CALENDAR

Date	Day	Time	Location	Activity
11/28	Tue	7:00 p.m.	Scoutmaster House	PLC Meeting
12/3-12/4	Sat-Sun	7:45 a.m.	LOM Parking Lot	December Bike Outing! McDowell Mtns
12/13	Tues	7:00 p.m.	<u>Christiansen Household</u> <u>333 E Beck Ln</u> <u>(602 375-0485)</u>	Troop Meeting: Fire Safety
1/10/12	Tues	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Church	January Troop Meeting

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 (***December PLC is to be determined***)
3. **Greenway Parkway Patrol Clean-up: December – Coyotes**

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2012 Merit Badge Round-up: January 28 & February 11

Mark your calendars for the next Merit Badge Round-up which will be held on January 28 and February 11 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. This is a great way for Scouts to earn merit badges they need for advancement. More details on badges and location will be provided in upcoming communications and future Troop meetings. The cost is \$3.00. Parents of new Scouts this is an important event and can help your Scout earn merit badges and help in the road to advancement.

December Outing: Bike Outing!

On December 3 – 4, Troop 323 Scouts will participate in an 18 mile cross country mountain bike ride and car camp in the McDowell Mountain Regional Park. Interested scouts should ensure their mountain bikes are in working condition as a lead up to the trip (all scouts must have a mountain bike for the trip). A troop trailer is available to transport bikes. Scouts will meet at 7:45 a.m. at the Lookout Mountain Parking Lot and will return on Sunday, December 4 in late morning. Trip cost, including food is \$15.00. Participants should have already registered and paid for this outing. See attached flyer for more information and for additional questions, please contact Paul Foulger at 612 845-8163.

FINAL 2011 Troop Meeting: December 13 – Christiansen's House!

There will only be ONE Troop meeting held in December and it will be at the Christiansen household. The theme of the meeting will be Fire Safety and will have festive holiday activities. Please make a note on your calendars that due to the holiday schedule this is the only Troop meeting for the month and the last of 2011. See calendar above for details.

Adult Leadership Training Requirements:

To remain in good standing as a registered adult within Troop 323, adults must complete four basic online classes: Fast Start, Youth Protection (every 2 years), This is Scouting!, and Troop Committee Challenge. If you have any questions about the requirements, please contact Linda Wright a 602 993-6547.

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 meet this requirement. Per the city and per BSA we must have at least 2 adults participating. Also, the Patrol Leader needs to Contact Tanya Halford (City of Phoenix Adopt-a-Street Program Coordinator) at 602 262-4980 and report the date and location of the cleanup so they know we're doing it. Otherwise we'll lose our prime piece of the parkway!

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

A clear and innocent conscience fears nothing.

Queen Elizabeth I

A Final Farewell!

If you are interested in taking over the role of Troop 323 Newsletter Editor in January 2012, please contact David Wright, Scoutmaster. At this time, there will be no further newsletters. Please visit the Troop 323 website (www.phoenix323.org) for future activities and news.