

Troop 323 Monthly Newsletter

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November Edition

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The Fall Camporeeeeeeeeeee: All Aboard!



Fifteen Boy Scouts from Troop 323 and seven Webelos from Pack 323 showed their spirit at the Fall Camporee, located at the Adobe Mountain Railroad Park. Who knew there were close to 15 miles of miniature railroad tracks within 10 miles of Moon Valley. The boys learned about the railroad industry, railroading and radio controlled model airplanes as potential hobbies and all had a lot of fun in the team building games. Scouts showed their spirit by constantly thanking the many volunteers who put the Camporee together. Their spirit paid off as demonstrated in the photo above. The Troop was awarded the hand-carved Spirit Award trophy which will be passed on to another troop at the Spring Camporee. Special thanks to Bob Fullerton for helping with the food shopping and coordinating all the cooking with nine Dutch ovens. The troop's cooking efforts were rewarded with a first place finish for the pumpkin cobbler dessert and third place for the chicken pot pie main dish.

Thanks to Wade Clemons for getting the troop gear to and from the Camporee by towing the troop trailer. Thanks to SPL Tim Fullerton for leading the troop in this Camporee!

Congratulations to Webelos Nathaniel, Ben, Ryan, Eric, Garrett, Vincent, and Tanner from Pack 323 for winning first place in the uniform inspection. The Webelos and their parents were very grateful to Troop 323 for making them feel welcome at the Camporee. Some of those boys had never camped in a tent and now are more energized to move on in Scouting. We hope they all join us at the Spring Crossover.

November CALENDAR

Date	Day	Time	Location	Activity
11/10	Tue	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Church	Troop Meeting
11/22 –11/23	Sat-Sun	7:00 a.m.	Lookout Mountain	Fossil Creek Outing
11/23	Mon	7:00 p.m.	Scoutmaster's Home (SPL, ASPL, Patrol Leaders, Scribe & Troop Guide)	Patrol Leader Committee (PLC) Meeting
11/24	Tue	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Church	Troop Meeting

NOTES:

1. Troop Committee meetings are open to anyone. First Wednesday of the Month -- 7:00 p.m. or email the Committee @ troop_committee@phoenix323.org to give your input if you can't attend.
2. Patrol Leaders, SPL, ASPL's, Troop Scribe and Guide be prepared for the monthly PLC at the Scoutmaster's house. The meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on November 23.
3. Greenway Cleanup: November - Coyotes; December - Falcons

see if you can borrow one. If you are having problems locating a bike, contact **Mr Wright**. Also, you should practice riding your bike on dirt before the outing to get used to the surface, and to familiarize yourself with using your gears and changing flats. **Fees:** More details to follow.

ADULT VOLUNTEER WANTED: TROOP SECRETARY

Troop 323 has an immediate need for an adult to take over as the Troop Secretary starting in January. This position requires an adult to attend the Troop Committee meetings that are held the 1st Wednesday of the month: 7:00 p.m. at All Saints church. Meetings are typically every month except June and July. The Secretary takes notes and sends these typed minutes for distribution to the committee. If you have been looking for a low stress opportunity to make a contribution to Troop 323 this has your name written all over it. Every parent is asked to take on some role or responsibility to ensure the Troop continues to run effectively.

For more information, please contact the Committee Chair Bret Wingert at wbwingert@yahoo.com or Scoutmaster Barry Giesemann at 323.scoutmaster@cox.net.

Troop Leadership Training

Saturday, 11/7 twelve Scouts attended leadership training at All Saints Lutheran Church. Thanks to Eagle Scout David Meyers, Mrs. Meyers, and your Scoutmaster for leading this training. We hope to have another fun time in the spring of 2010 with this training but we'll be looking for other senior Scouts to assist and another adult to help lead this training. –Another way to help Troop 323!

Wanted: Den Chiefs

Pack 323 is asking for Den Chiefs to help with their meetings. Tigers meet the 2nd Monday at 6:30 pm and the 3rd Monday for Go See It; Bears meet the 2nd Tuesday at 3:30 pm in the park; Wolves meet the 1st Monday at 6:00 pm, and Webelos times and locations vary. Contact the Scoutmaster for information on how to contact the various dens.

December Court of Honor

Getting close to advancement? Our next Court of Honor is Tuesday, December 8th. Don't wait to get your Scoutmaster conference and Board of Review. These can be done at the Fossil Creek outing but BOR's should be done by the troop meeting on 11/24 to give the Advancement Chairman adequate time to get to the Scout Shop to purchase badges.

National Honor Patrol

Patrol leaders can refer to their Boy Scout Handbook to earn additional honors. Completing several basic requirements will qualify Boy Scout leaders to participate in the Honor Patrol. This award includes a star which is placed under the Patrol emblem indicating participation in the National Honor Patrol. Read more about this opportunity in your manual or talk to your Scoutmaster for more details.

Visit Our Website

Need more information -- go to the Troop's website www.phoenix323.org or the website for the Grand Canyon Council www.grandcanyonbsa.org.

Email Address Changes

Notify the troop webmaster, Simon Wright at webguy@phoenix323.org if you have e-mail address changes. We want you to stay connected!

Troop 323 Newsletter Submissions

Please send all submissions for the September, 2009 Newsletter to John Waldron at jwaldron2@cox.net by November 30.

Thought for the Day:

“This is the happiest of all men, for he is superior to everything he possesses.”
-- Voltaire

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