

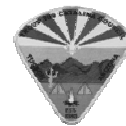


Troop 209 New Parent Orientation

March 24, 2009



Troop



Who is Troop 209?

- Boy Scout troop part of the Old Pueblo District, Catalina Council
- Chartered by the Knights of Columbus, Roy Champeau Chapter #8077
 - Owns troop equipment
- Founded in 1995
- Registered Scouts, Registered Adults, Adult Volunteer, Parents/Guardians.

Dues/Registration

- \$40/6 months dues, collected in July and November
- \$10 registration fee, \$1 transfer fee
 - Adults just pay registration

When do we meet?

- Mondays, 7:00 PM at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church Hall



Troop



Typical Meeting

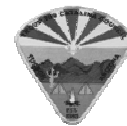
- Boy run
 - Grouped into Patrols
 - William Madson is Senior Patrol Leader
 - Elections held twice a year for leadership positions
 - Plan for upcoming events such as activities and campouts
 - Buy food, plan meals, assign duties, plan activities, and coordinate departing times/return times.
- Adults supervised
 - Committee meets about once a month
 - Registered adults
 - Adult Volunteers

Fundraising

- Popcorn Sales in the fall - Need "Popcorn Chair"
- Christmas tree sales?



Boy Scouts



Boy Scouts verses Cub Scouts

- Boy Scouts expected to have greater responsibility
 - Need to keep track of their own advancements and requirements for merit badges
 - Merit Badge Councilors are available to guide the scouts
 - Expected to contribute to the running of the Patrols and Troop
 - Need to help out during activities, meal preparations, camp setup/takedown
 - With experience, provide guidance for younger and newer scouts
 - Help with recruitment of Webelo Scouts
 - Pin clinic
- Boy Scout activities are geared more toward development of "lifetime" skills as opposed to craft types of activities



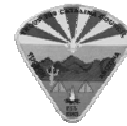
Boy Scouts



- Will experience greater adventures in both location and distance from home.
 - Summer camps have been held in California, New Mexico
 - Troop 209 has gone to Florida Keys for scuba diving
 - Will be encouraged to participate in community service activities
 - Veteran's Day services
 - Knights of Columbus activities such as assisting at dinners
 - Requires an investment in personal gear
 - Sleeping bags, hiking boots, day pack/hydration pack
 - May include tent, backpack



Boy Scouts



Advancement

- Leadership
- Advancement requirements
 - Boards of Review
- Boy Scout Court of Honor recognition events
 - Quarterly events that Scouts receive merit badges and advancement recognition
 - Special ceremony with a formal agenda and scout participation
- Attendance at scouting meetings/events/campouts/activities for the scout counts towards advancements



Adults

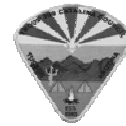


Adult parent of Boy Scout verses Cub Scout

- Should be active participant in the development of their Boy Scout
 - Familiar with advancement requirements
 - Find ways of getting scout to activities
 - Keeping track of required medical forms – physicals, permission slips
 - “Facilitating” their Boy Scout’s requirements of merit badges, but not doing the work or forcing their completion



Adults



- A greater need for the adult to participate in the Troop than a Pack
 - Drivers to activities are usually needed
 - Troop Committee participation is encouraged
 - Ensures that quality adult leadership is recruited and trained
 - Advises the Scoutmaster on policies related to Boy Scouts
 - Supports leaders carrying out their program
 - Responsible for finances
 - Cares for troop property
 - Ensures the troop has an outdoor program
 - Supports the Scoutmaster in working with individual boys and problems that affect the troop program
 - Meets, on average, once a month at the same time as the scout meeting



Adults



- Help assist and provide “two deep” leadership and oversight at activities
- Can attend scout activities, but not interfere with operation of the Troop during that activities
 - Boys will be responsible for conducting their business
- Assist in Court of Honor preparations
- Can serve as activity coordinators
 - Pin Clinic and Lock-In oversight



Adults



Troop Committee

- Review past events, plan future events
- Volunteer Positions
 - Can always use help!!!

Adult volunteers

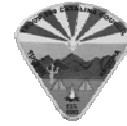
- Drivers
- Assist Committee people
 - Take scouts for food shopping

Training

- Adults need BSA Youth Protection Training within 90 days of registration
- New Leadership Essentials
- Troop Committee Challenge
- On-line training, In-Person Council Training



Activities

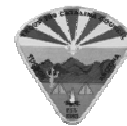


Activities

- Uniform
 - Class A, Class B, Adult polo shirts
- Equipment
 - Troop Equipment
 - Trailer
 - Personal Gear
- What activities do we participate in?
 - Campouts / Hikes
 - Permission slips / Medical form / Driver info
 - Service Projects
 - Meetings
 - Preparation for events
 - Games



Activities



- Examples of Troop 209 activities/events/fundraisers:
 - Campouts: Mt. Lemmon, Double V, Romero Pools, Lyman Lake, Roper Lake, Parker Canyon Lake, Balboa Park – San Diego
 - Hikes: Picacho Peak, Bug Spring Trail and Satan's Switchback on Mt. Lemmon, Romeo Pools
 - Summer Camps: Camp Geronimo, Camp Cloudcroft, Outback Island
 - Activities: Ski trip
 - Camporee Events – District-wide camping events: Willow Springs Ranch, St. David
 - Popcorn Sales, Christmas Tree Sales



Resources



- Troop Handbook – Handout and available on-line
- Troop Website – aztroop209.org
 - Committee Notes
 - Troop e-mail: committee@aztroop209.org, Password:
 - Calendar
 - Camping/Hiking info
 - Meetings
 - Patrols
 - Links
 - Photos
 - Miscellaneous
 - Merit Badges in progress
 - Merit Badge Info
 - Webelos Info