



Mesa District Varsity Scouts

HUDDLE HANDOUT



Did Someone Say WoodBadge??

August, 1999

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Aug 5	Huddle – Programs, Annual Planning
Aug 20-21	Gathering of the Orange @ R-C
Sep 2	Huddle – Initiative Games & Reflections
Sep 10-11	Varsity Basic Classroom
Sep 17-18	Operation On-Target
Sep 18	WoodBadge Pre-Course
Oct 7	Huddle – Advancement
Oct 11-16	WoodBadge Course @ R-C
Nov 4	Huddle – Varsity Games
Nov 13	Commissioner Basic Training
Dec 2	Huddle – Cook-off
Jan 6	Huddle – Varsity Games <i>(Bring Team Captains!)</i>
Feb 3	Huddle – Teaching Moments
Mar 16-18	Varsity Games

WOODBADGE COURSE



Time is running out to sign up for the final WoodBadge course of 1999 to be held October 11th through the 16th at R-C scout ranch. This course covers some of the greatest leadership training you can

get in or out of the boy scout program. Everyone who attends is amazed at the amount of leadership skills and information presented. This course is guaranteed to help you in coaching your team, guiding your troop, leading at work, at home and in everything you do. Don't procrastinate any longer – Seize this opportunity to sign up and get your registration fees in today! Ask anyone who's been and they'll tell you it's a great life changing experience that you should attend at your earliest convenience. Registration forms and people to answer questions will be available at huddle. For more information contact Vanessa Mortensen at 986-8526 or Gary Jones at 964-0291.

MESA DISTRICT VARSITY CONTACTS

Varsity Commissioner	Gary Jones	964-0291
Huddle Commissioner	Vanessa Mortensen	497-9651
WoodBadge	Vanessa Mortensen	497-9651
Registration		
District Training	Eric Jones	644-9145
District Scribe	Dave Gardner	844-3898
Mesa Varsity Web site	www.MesaVarsity.com	
Council Website	www.grandcanyonbsa.org	

GATHERING OF THE ORANGE

On August the 20th and 21st, at a perfect location (R Bar C) a meeting to end all meetings will be held. It is of course the 7th Annual **Gathering of the Orange!** This years conference will be as good or better than ever before; because you will be there! You and your spouse are invited to attend. This year's theme is **Teambuilding and Leadership.** There will be sessions on *The Basics of Teambuilding, What Teams Really Need From Their Coaches, Out of the Red Box and Into the Big Orange World!* Sounds Great Huh? Well there is more! There will be plenty of Teambuilding games you can use with your boys to build their team and have fun doing it!

While you are learning about Varsity Scouting and Leadership, your spouse can join the "Scrappers Corner". Jana Tenney will bring her piles of scrapbooking cutters, crimpers, benders, folders, spindlers, and mutilators to make your scrap books really cool!

Don't miss this years "Gathering". It's a great way to fill your time before the WoodBadge course in October. See the registration sheet in this newsletter. For more information contact Mike Heaton at 969-5318.

OPERATION ON-TARGET

What is On-Target?

- It is an exciting special program in which Varsity Teams from around the Council use signal mirrors and ham radios to communicate between mountain peaks. This form of signaling evolved from the heliograph used by the military, particularly the U.S. Cavalry in the late 1800's.
- When contact is made, both teams have concluded many weeks of preparation and are now "On-Target."
- A few weeks following the activity, a special "Flashback" meeting may be held with all participants. It is here that each Team can share their results and determine who had the longest signal.

What is its Purpose?

TO PROVIDE A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR VARSITY SCOUTS.

Benefits for your Team:

- Excellent advancement opportunities. On-Target can be tied in with at least 13 merit badges. Each young man can also earn his Varsity Scout Letter/Letter Bars and the On-Target pin through a well-developed program.
- Strong Personal Development. This program features a Mountaintop Ceremony, which may be the most rewarding part of the experience. During this ceremony,

the Coach has an opportunity to emphasize being “On-Target” in all aspects of the young man’s life. Through the Mountaintop Ceremony and other weekly activities, each young man increases their self-confidence and self-esteem.

- **Service Opportunities.** It is easy to include a service project through On-Target.
- **FUN!** A genuine excitement is felt as you see the flash from the next mountaintop that is 30, 50 or even over 100 miles away.

For registration and more information on how to construct your own signal mirrors contact:

Wayne Lines at 962-1385

HOW HUDDLE IS ORGANIZED

The Mesa District Huddle is organized just like a Varsity Team. We have a Team Coach (Varsity Commissioner), Team Captain (Huddle Commissioner), Scribe, Quartermaster and other positions. Each Stake in the district represents a squad. Squad leaders are the Assistant District Commissioners (1st counselors in YM presidency) for their respective stakes. We also have the Maverick squad which is comprised of the non-LDS units in Mesa. At the end of each month we conduct a Team Leaders Council meeting which all of the squad leaders attend. Everyone in attendance there is assigned to one of the five areas of emphasis. (Advancement, High Adventure, Personal Development, Service, Special Programs) All huddle programs and activities (such as rendezvous) are planned and conducted through the Team Leaders Council as a group and then as committees under each field of emphasis.

At huddle you see all of this planning come together. Squads are assigned specific tasks such as the opening, display tables, guest speakers, etc. Usually the evening has a theme which falls under and is directed by one of the five areas of emphasis. Once the opening and main program has completed, each squad is given the opportunity to meet and receive information from their squad leader (ADC).

Then when the night is over and you head for home, the squad leaders gather together again and conduct a reflection of the evening. Here we review how things went, look for ways to improve it and ensure future assignments are on schedule.

Using this method for our Varsity Huddle organization has proven to be a great success over the years. This is the same method that you should use in organizing and running your individual teams. If you are not familiar with the terms and organization described here then here is some resources where you can learn more about it:

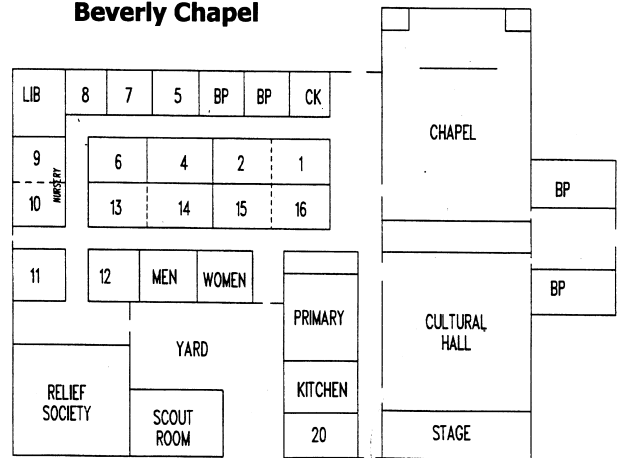
1. Varsity Fast-Start Video (available at you local stake library)
2. Varsity Leaders Handbook (available at BSA Scout Shop)
3. Basic Training (September)
4. WoodBadge (October 11-16)

So if anyone asks “Who’s in charge here?” at huddle, you can answer them with “We all are”, just like a well run Varsity team.

SQUAD CORNER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

for Stake Squad Corners

Beverly Chapel



Stake/Squad	Room
Alma Antelopes	1
Apache Jct. Dutchman	Primary
Central Cougars	4
East Eagles	5
Kimball Knights	6
Kimball East Kings	7
Lehi Lions	8
Maricopa Apaches	20
Mesa Mavericks	Scout Room
Mesa Mustangs	16
Mtn. View Mtn. Men	15
North Norsemen	14
Pueblo Panthers	13
Red Mountain	12
Salt River Salty Rats	11
South Studs	Stage
West Wrens	2

Each Stake is responsible to put chairs away after squad meetings.

**Roses are red,
Violets are blue
I've been to WoodBadge
How 'bout you?**

Now's your big chance! Sign up for WOODBADGE today!
(Editor's note: I used to be a wolf)

WOODBADGE

For more information or to register contact:

Vanessa Mortensen	497-9651
Gary Jones	964-0291
Ken Boren	969-8714
Dave Gardner	369-6399

August 20th and 21st -- Grand Canyon Council
Boy Scouts of America
7th Annual

Gathering of the Orange

This Years Theme: Leadership & Teambuilding

Friday's activities include getting settled in, and then a campfire program around 9P. Saturday's program will be comprised of a Keynote Speaker, Ideas and Methods for Teambuilding, and Leadership Training. And as always, plenty of Fun, Food, and Fellowship with Scouters of the Varsity Flavor! We will conclude by 3:30P.

Registration

Date _____ Name _____ Spouse _____
Position _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____ Phone _____

Please fill out Registration Form and return with fees ASAP!!

(Walk-ins are OK, but please **phone ahead** so we can plan for you!)

No.	Fees	Amount
___	Participants @ \$15 Each	\$ _____
___	Spouse Food-Only Participants @ \$10 Each	\$ _____
___	Spouse Craft Participants @ \$15 Each	\$ _____
___	New Council Environmental/Maintenance Fee (\$1/Person)	\$ _____
	TOTAL	\$ _____

Complete and return with fee to:
(Make checks payable to BSA)

Nick Nichols
423 N. Country Club Dr., Suite 13
Mesa, Arizona 85201

Re: GOTO

GRAND CANYON COUNCIL VARSITY SCOUTS

Operation On Target!

SEPTEMBER 18, 1999

Return to your ADC or mail to:

Wayne Lines
206 N. Fraser Dr. West
Mesa, AZ 85203
(H) 480-833-4154
(W) 480-962-1385
Or Register on the Web At:
WWW.MESA VARSITY.COM

APPLICATION

Team #:		Sponsor:		District:	
Total Boys on Team:		Total Participating:			

	TEAM COACH	ASSISTANT COACH
Name:		
Address:		
City, ST. Zip:		
Home Phone:		
Work Phone:		
Mobile Phone:		

	TEAM CAPTAIN	HAM RADIO OPERATOR
Name:		
Address:		
City, ST. Zip:		
Home Phone:		
Work Phone:		
Call Sign:		
Check if you need a HAM operator:		

Choice of Peaks (In order of preference)				
	Name/Place	Location		
		Latitude	Longitude	Other Description*
1				
2				
3				
4				

* Use Township/Range/Section or Northing & Easting

(For Committee Use Only)

Approved Peak _____ Code Name _____ No _____