

Mesa District Varsity Scouts

HUDDLE HANDOUT



Did Someone Say WoodBadge??

September, 1999

UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDAR

Sep 2	Huddle – Annual Planning
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. The Pre-Course meeting is scheduled for September 18th. 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 Registration	Vanessa Mortensen	497-9651
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

Thanks to all those who assisted in making this years Gathering of the Orange a great success! This years gathering was once again a real activity with lots to do and learn from. The spouses had fun scrapbooking and the rest of us enjoyed the games, learning sessions and general socializing with fellow orangers. Plan now to attend next years gathering with your spouse to be held on August 18th and 19th of 2000.

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.

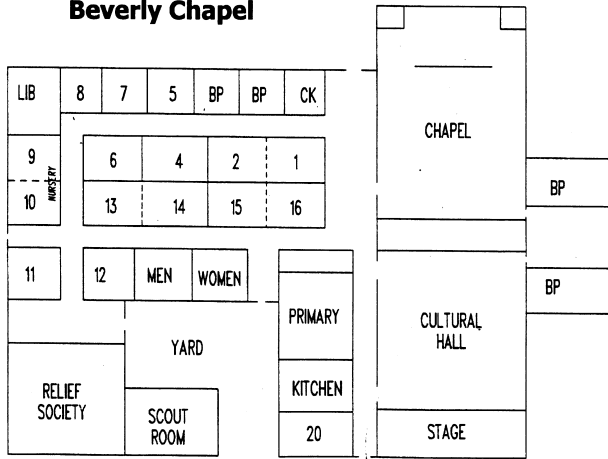
For registration and more information on how to construct your own signal mirrors contact:

Wayne Lines at 962-1385

SQUAD CORNER ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

for Stake Squad Corners

Beverly Chapel



Stake/Squad	Room
Alma Antelopes	1
Alta Vista	9
Apache Jct. Dutchman	Primary
Central Cougars	4
Citrus Heights	12
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
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

VARSITY BASIC TRAINING

Our semi-annual basic training course is coming up on September 10, 11 and an overnight activity on September 24 & 25. If you have not been to training in the last three years it's a great opportunity to understand and revive your varsity program. Those who should attend are:

Ward Level:

Position	Qty
Team Coaches	1
Assistant Team Coaches	1
Committee Chairman	1
Committee members	5
Ward YM Presidency	4
Bishoprics	3
Charter Organization Reps	?
Anyone helping in your program	?

Therefore, each ward should have at least **15** trained varsity leaders. How many does your ward have?

Stake Level:

Position	Qty
Stake Presidency	3
High Counselors	12
Stake YM Presidency	4

Each stake should have at least **19** trained varsity leaders.

Just because you've been to scout basic training (we call that the "red" training), doesn't mean that you shouldn't be trained in Varsity as well. The Varsity program is completely different than the red program and is specifically designed to help youth ages 14 and 15. Get the vision of the program – Get the training. For more information or to sign up for this session call Eric Jones at 644-9145.

GRAND CANYON COUNCIL VARSITY SCOUTS

Operation On Target!

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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 _____