



Mesa District Varsity Scouts

HUDDLE HANDOUT



November 4th, 1999

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM:

SHOOTING SPORTS

- 6:00 pm Shooting begins
- 7:00 pm Opening – Mesa South Studs
Award Presentations
- 7:15 pm Squad Corners
- 7:30 pm Shooting Resumes

Thanks to Red Mountain Trap & Skeet, Daniel Anderson (BB, Pellet, Blowguns), Tom Smith (Archery)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT MONTH: VARSITY HUDDLE COOKOFF
2 dishes per stake, no ground fires
- ADC Changes – Bob Hunt, Dennis Ryan
- Rendezvous CD - \$5 each from Quartermaster Claud Cluff
- District Awards – Nominations due by December Huddle
- Ben Avery Information – February – Rangemaster certifications, Trading opportunities – Fred Bollinger
- Scout-O-Rama - November 6th
- Pow-Wow - January 15th
- University of Scouting – February 19th @ Heard Scout Pueblo
- Youth Protection – November 15th – Wayne Lines
- New Leadership Position - OA Unit Representative is Eagle Approved

WOODBADGE

Congratulations to all who went to Woodbadge Training in October! Thanks to all who helped make this training possible! **“Remember to check your resources!”**

Couldn't attend? Had a conflict? - Its not too early to start planning for Woodbadge next year. June 2000 @ Camp Raymond - contact John Boone. October/November 2000 (weekend course) @ Heard Scout Pueblo - contact Ken Boren.

Commit today for the ultimate leadership-training course. Woodbadge will teach you the skills that you need to have a great program and will assist you in everything you do in life.

VARSITY BASIC TRAINING

The next varsity basic training will be conducted in February. To register or obtain more information call Eric Jones (Mesa District Training Chairman) at 644-0145.

Where is everyone? Look around. Are all the Varsity Leaders from your unit here? -- NO? -- Well tell them they were missed and that they won't want to miss next month! (Remember to bring your appetite.)

If you've got a great recipe that you'd like to share, don't forget to bring it with you to the December huddle. We will put them all together and make them available to the District.

WEBSITE HELP

Help is needed for the Mesa District and the Grand Canyon Council Web sites. If you have a computer and a connection to the Internet and would like to assist, or if you have any handouts that you would like to share with all please contact Dave Gardner by sending an E-mail to david@davids.org.

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Eric Jones – District Training Chair
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Wayne Lines – District Youth Protection Coordinator
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Claud Cluff – District Quartermaster
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Joe Mortensen – Trading Blanket
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Fred Bollinger – Rangemaster
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Nick Nicoles – University of Scouting
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Daniel Anderson – BB, Pellet, Blow Guns
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GUNS AND FIREARM SAFETY

(The following information is taken from the Guide to Safe Scouting published by the Boy Scouts of America in the "Second 1999 Revision" section VIII on pages 25 & 26)

The Boy Scouts of America adheres to its longstanding policy of teaching its youth and adult members the safe, responsible, intelligent handling, care, and use of firearms, airguns, and BB guns in planned, carefully managed, and supervised programs.

Except for law enforcement officers required to carry firearms within their jurisdiction, firearms shall not be brought on camping, hiking, backpacking, or other Scouting activities except those specifically planned for target shooting under the supervision of a certified BSA or National Rifle Association firearms instructor.

Boy Scout Standards

Boy Scouts are permitted to fire .22-caliber bolt-action, single-shot rifles, air rifles, shotguns, and muzzle-loading long guns under the direction of a certified Instructor, 21 years of age or older, within the standards outlined in current Scouting literature and bulletins. BSA policy does not permit the use of handguns in the Boy Scouting program.

Shotguns

1. It is recommended that either 20-, 16-, or 12-gauge semiautomatic shotguns be used, Gas operated shotguns are recommended.
2. Ammunition containing No. 8 shot or smaller is recommended on ranges with a protected down range of 600 feet. Additional down range distance of 150 feet (total 750) is required for No. 6 shot size. Shot larger than No. 6 is not to be used.
3. Shooting safety glasses and ear protectors must be worn on shotgun ranges.
4. All training and shooting activities must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified shotgun instructor or coach who is 21 years of age or older.

Muzzle Loaders

The following standards for muzzle-loading long guns are to be used by members of the BSA:

1. Muzzle-loading rifles must be recently manufactured, percussion only. BSA recommends those that are .45 or .50-caliber. Rifles made from kits must be checked by an expert gunsmith.
2. Recommended loads of .FFFg blackpowder are not to exceed 1 grain per caliber. One-half of this amount is frequently sufficient for target shooting.
3. Shooting safety glasses and ear protectors must be worn.
4. All training and shooting activities must be supervised by a currently certified NRA/NMLRA muzzle-loading rifle instructor who is at least 21 years of age.
5. Each pupil must have one instructor or adult coach under instructor supervision when loading and firing.

Rifles

The following standards are established for rifle use in scouting activities:

1. Breech-loading rifles will be single-shot, bolt-action of the .22-caliber rim-fire type only. They may be chambered for the .22-short or .22-long rifle, but not for the .22-WRF rifle (which uses a more powerful cartridge). Air rifles are also permitted.
2. Semiautomatic rifles will not be permitted.
3. Repeating rifles having a tubular magazine will not be permitted.
4. Repeating rifles having a removable clip-type magazine will be permitted but must be used as single-loaders.
5. All rifles used in BSA shooting sports shall have a trigger pull in excess of 3 pounds, and shall be tested with a 3-pound weight or scale at least once a week while in use. If the trigger mechanism is activated by the 3-pound pull, the rifle should be immediately removed from service.
6. Shooting safety glasses and ear protectors must be worn on the range.
7. All training and shooting activities must be supervised by a currently NRA-certified rifle instructor or coach who is 21 years of age or older.