

Mesa Varsity Huddle Holler

This month's huddle:

- Frontiersman
- Climbing & Rappelling
- On-Target
- Rendezvous

Coming Attractions:

- 9/4 September Huddle
- 9/11-9/13 Climbing & Rappelling Training
- 9/20 OPERATION ON-TARGET
- 10/2 October Huddle
- 10/18 Varsity Leader Specific Training
- 10/24-10/25 Varsity Leader Outdoor Training

Time for a fresh new beginning...

By John Buck

The summer is over and the "High Adventure" behind us but that doesn't mean the fun and excitement needs to be left behind too....

We are entering an exciting time with On Target next month and Rendezvous just around the corner.

Don't forget that while these are fun and exciting activities they are also a great opportunity to enrich our young men



spiritually as well as physically.

Use On Target as a vehicle for an uplifting "Mountain Top Ceremony" to "encourage each other to seek greater heights in our lives, let our light and the light of scouting shine forth through our example to others and to set, work for and achieve lofty personal and team goals."

Visit the Website...

We will be making a concerted effort this fall to keep the Mesa District Varsity Website up to date with news, resources and current cal-

endar information. Please stop by and let us know how we can improve it.



MESA VARSITY:
www.mesavarsity.org
ON-TARGET:
ontarget.mesavarsity.org

From the Training Committee...



Now that we've had a couple of months off, it's time to get back into the training mode.

If you are an ADC, Unit Commissioner, COR, Coach, Assistant Coach or Commit-

tee member, you should have received training in the following:

- ADC Fast Start (ADC's only), Fast Start
- New Leader Essentials

Varsity Leader Specific Training
Varsity Leader Outdoor Training
Woodbadge for the 21st Century

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OPERATION ON TARGET

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To: All Varsity Leaders in the Grand Canyon Council

The date for Operation On Target is fast approaching and it is time for everyone to get organized and get signed up. The date is September 20, 2008 and you should plan to be on your chosen spots ready to do your signaling between 9:00 AM and Noon.

This year we are encouraging each team to coordinate with the other teams in your stake to create your own local network of mountains. Please contact your stake ADC or Unit Commissioner and make those arrangements. To do so will increase your odds of having a successful day immeasurably. You should also talk with him about having a stake "Flashback" fireside program where you can invite parents and friends to come and share your experiences. Also remember that to qualify for a Gold Passport at the Rendezvous next spring, you will need to have filed an After Action Report before the end of the year.

Currently we only have about 15-20 mountains spoken for, so there are lots of good choices left, but they will start going fast so you need to get your requests in as soon as possible. Pick your own spot or choose one from our mountain list, then sign up at www.mesavarsity.org. We are hoping to limit the number of teams on any one mountain to no more than two, so be sure and provide at least three options. To have more than two really defeats one of the objectives of the activity which is to give everyone as many different places to shoot at as possible. We also want to be sure that no one is a "lone ranger" with no one close by to shoot at.

We just obtained a new supply of the ADOT Aeronautical Charts for your use on the mountain. They will be available at huddles or you can pick one up at one of the local airports in the flight operations offices. There are a lot of other valuable resources available on our website.

Please be sure and get your young leaders involved in all phases of planning for this activity. It will mean the difference between a very successful event, a so-so experience or even a miserable failure. It needs to be their

program! Let them do it!

If you need help finding a ham radio operator, please contact Gary Hinton, our radio coordinator, at ghinton1@cox.net. One of the local ham groups has recruited a number of operators who would like to participate. Gary can help you get connected to one of them.

Be sure and plan an outstanding Mountain Top Ceremony. An assortment of VIP letters are available on our website or on the national site at www.ontargetbsa.org. Pick one that will be inspirational to your boys. You might also wish to invite parents and ward or stake leaders to write letters as well. Even if the sun doesn't shine or it actually rains, (heaven forbid) you can still have a great OT experience, if you are prepared.

Good luck to all.
See you on a mountain!

Wait no longer! Select one of the many majestic and challenging peaks in our area and start making your preparations for a great activity.



Mogollon Rendezvous 2009



It's that time again...

Rendezvous is almost upon us. Over the next 7-8 months we will be including here in the "Huddle Holler" information and advice in getting your teams ready for Rendezvous 2009.

The 2009 Resource Book, Forms and Syllabus are up on the website at rendezvous.mesavarsity.org

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It's never too early to start getting ready for Rendezvous...don't be one of those teams trying to get capotes done in March, start now.

FYI:

Tandy Leather has recently moved. Their new address is 1932 E. University Dr., Tempe, AZ 85281. They are currently having a Mountain Man Rendezvous Sale through the end of September and they have some good deals on leather and supplies:

1/8"x25yds Brown Latigo Lace \$12
Replica Bear Claws \$2.50
#2 Deerskin \$1.99/sf

Booshway's Palaver

By Wayne Spencer

"Hello The Camp",

Summer is coming to an end and your young men will be returning to school. I hope you had a great opportunity to participate with them on a Super Activity they will remember for the rest of their lives.

It is now time to "make beaver" in preparing your Teams for the Mogollon Mountain Rendezvous on March 19-21, 2009. We are looking forward to having a great Rendezvous and hope you will do your part in providing the "complete Rendezvous experience" for these young men.

I want to give you one thought to help you and your young men so that they can have an awesome experience and get the most out of the Rendezvous:

PREPARE NOW TO BECOME A GOLD CARD TEAM

Requirements:

- Team service project (get more details from your ADC)
- Participate in one District ON TARGET activity and file an action report with Mike Heaton (last one is coming up next month)

- Have two leaders fully trained (youth protection, basic and outdoor training) prior to registration (last training opportunity is coming up)
- Register on time by February 2009 Huddle.

Benefits:

- Early check in at Rendezvous
- Early start times for Rendezvous activities
- Early start times for Colter Run
- Premium parking
- Fast Lane Pass allows you quick access to crowded events

Please take advantage of all the Rendezvous has to offer your young men by preparing now to receive the GOLD CARD. We appreciate all you are doing for your young men and this program.

Rip Snortin`

P.S. Now is the time to start on your Team's "Foofarraw"

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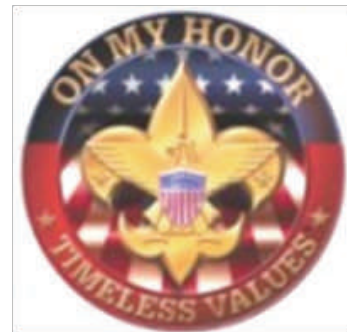
From the Training Committee...continued

Listed below are some of the upcoming trainings you will want to attend yourself, or have your untrained leaders attend.

- New Leader Essentials – August 7th; will be taught at Huddle during breakout sessions
- Woodbadge – Mac Feezor – course director
August 21-23 & September 4-6 at Camp Geronimo; Cost is \$195.00 per person
- New Leader Essentials – October 2nd ; will be taught at Huddle during breakout sessions
- Varsity Leader Specific Training – Location: Mesa East Stake Center
October 18th – 6:45 am to 3:30 pm; Cost is \$25.00 per person (cost includes the outdoor session on the 24th & 25th)
- Varsity Leader Outdoor Training – Location: Bulldog Canyon
October 24th & 25th; begins at 6:00 pm Fri the 24th & ends Sat at noon on the 25th

Just remember, “Every young man deserves a well trained leader”.

Take care and we'll see you at the next training.



Varsity Scouting Tips

Varsity Scouting has five fields of emphasis. A youth member, called a program manager, is responsible for each of the five fields of emphasis and works with an adult member called a program adviser from the team committee to coordinate each phase of the program. Are you using all 5 fields of emphasis in your program?

The five fields of emphasis are:

Advancement—Varsity Scouts use the same advancement program as Boy Scouts. They can also receive the recognitions offered through such programs as the Fifty-Miler Award; Mile Swim, BSA; etc.

High Adventure/Sports—This program field of emphasis includes high adventure and sports and is supported by 27 program features.

Personal Development—Varsity Scouting promotes growth through spirituality, leadership abilities, citizenship, social and cultural attributes, and physical fitness.

Service— The emphasis is on service, with the intent that it become integral to one's daily experience. Projects are conceived, planned, managed, and carried out by individual Varsity Scouts and/or the Varsity Scout team.

Special Programs and Events—Varsity Scouts take an active part in special programs and events at district, council, regional, and national levels.

