

Mesa Varsity Huddle Holler

This month's huddle:

- Cycling
- Basketball
- On-Target
- Rendezvous

Varsity Pledge

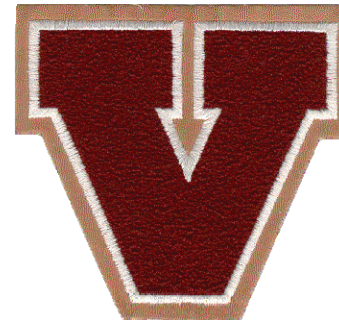
As a Varsity Scout, I will:

Live by the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan;

Honor the dignity and worth of all persons;

Promote the cause of freedom;

And do my best to be a good team member.



Is the pledge just a bunch of words?
What does it mean to your scouts?

Coming Attractions:

- 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
- 10/6 Annual Turkey Shoot!

Important Links...



- MESA VARSITY: www.mesavarsity.org
- ON-TARGET: ontarget.mesavarsity.org
- RENDEZVOUS: rendezvous.mesavarsity.org
- GRAND CANYON COUNCIL: www.grandcanyonbsa.org

Training Dates

Every scout deserves a well trained leader.

- 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

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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 signalling 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 have about 54+ 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!

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Cast Iron Chef Cook-off Mogollon Rendezvous 2009

By John Buck

Are your boys ready to cook a dutch-oven meal? Now is the time to start preparing them for cooking in the cook-off.

Once again we will be sponsoring a
"Cast Iron Chef Cook-Off"™
 at the 2009 Mogollon Rendezvous.

What will the secret ingredient be? How can the boys incorporate it into their dishes?

Over the coming months we will be sharing secrets and tips to help you prepare the boys to compete in the best cook-off of the year.

Dishes will be entered in three categories:

1. **Main Dish**
2. **Bread**
3. **Desserts**

More instructions and tips to follow....



Booshway's Palaver

By Wayne Spencer

“GOT SAND?”

Rendezvous preparations should be in full swing by now. You should be working on your team's "regalia" and other tradable wares.

During the next few months we will have several classes and exhibits showing you how to "enjoy the Rendezvous experience".

I hope you have signed up for "On Target" and are working towards your GOLD CARD for the Rendezvous. If you have not received your gold card requirements reminder look up either myself or the Segundo here tonight.

Don't forget to also check out "Ain't Got None", Rendezvous scribe for information and registration forms.

Keep up the good work, you will be blessed in your efforts as you bless the lives of our heavenly fathers young men.

Rip Snortin'

P.S. Does your TEAM have "SAND IN THEIR CRAW?"

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

If you have questions feel free to contact:

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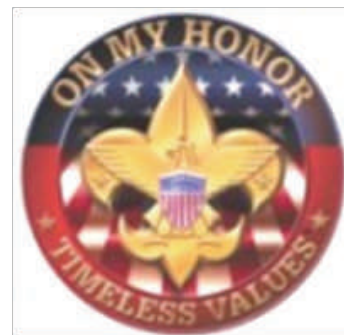
- Woodbadge – Johanna Newmeyer – course director 480-857-6166
Oct 9-11 & Oct 23-25 at Camp R-C; Cost is \$195.00 per person

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

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

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