

# Huddle Handout

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## 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 good team member.

## Upcoming Events

- October 28: Commissioners Meeting
- November 2 : Election Day
- November 4 : Huddle
- November 6: Scout-O-Rama
- November 14: New Leader Essentials
- November 18: Commissioners Meeting
- November 25: Thanksgiving
- December 2: Mesa District Recognitions Dinner
- December 9: ADC Rendezvous Meeting
- January 6: Huddle
- January 28-29: Varsity Leader Training

## A Time for Turkeys!

### Turkey Shoot

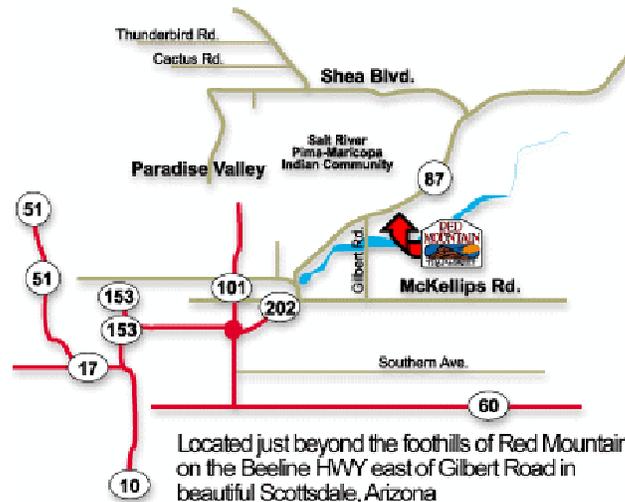
Time has come for the 2004 Turkey Shoot. This annual event is sponsored by the Mesa Varsity Scouts and the Red Mountain Trap and Skeet Club on Beeline highway just east of Gilbert

Road on the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indian Community. The event usually draws hundreds of Varsity Scouts who want to try their hand at blasting clay pigeons from the air as the speed out of the trap.

The club has once again offered us the scout rate of \$4.50 per round if you bring your own shells. They will provide the shells for \$10 per box if you don't want to shoot the Winchester or Federal loads available at Wall Mart at a much cheaper price. There may be guns available for use or rent at the club house on a first come first served basis. You will probably want to bring your old faithful anyway, it is the only one that will shoot straight anyway!

The competition takes place for the entire month of November at the range. The High Adventure PM should call the range and schedule a time for his Team to come shoot. Instruction on gun safety should be taught at Team Meetings leading up to the

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Located just beyond the foothills of Red Mountain on the Beeline HWY east of Gilbert Road in beautiful Scottsdale, Arizona

**The Mesa District Varsity Scout Turkey Shoot lasts the entire month of November at the Red Mountain Club**

## Varsity Service Project - Earn a special "Gold Passport" for the Rendezvous!

As a part of the Mogollon Rendezvous this year, we will be carrying out a major service project for R-C on November 20th this year. There will still be a component of SERVICE at the rendezvous, but the Council has asked us to spray the cabins with wood sealer prior to the winter season this year. The facilities at R-C are great and we will be doing a great service to the camp. Details are posted on [www.mesavarsity.org](http://www.mesavarsity.org).

Also check with your ADC to find out more information.

One more thing... Those teams who support this project will receive a special GOLD PASSPORT for use at the rendezvous. This Gold Passport will entitle the Team to special extra privileges at the rendezvous. Service should be incentive enough, but service and extra benefits is always good. And another thing... Those teams who gave service at

the Bark Beetle Battle, they are already getting a Gold Passport for their willingness to help! The council really appreciated their willingness to help, since there was a flash flood at Geronimo this summer and the clean channel probably helped prevent further disaster from happening.

If your Team is planning to help, email [mikeheaton@cableaz.com](mailto:mikeheaton@cableaz.com).

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“The most  
important  
object in Boy  
Scout training  
is to educate,  
not instruct  
” - Baden Powell

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## Turkey Shoot Continued...

shooting night. The Advancement PM should check out who need the Shotgun Shooting Merit Badge and also use the Team Meeting to pass off the preliminary requirements for the badge. On the night of the shoot, the Team shows up at the range 15 minutes early to get signed in and set up. Following the shooting and the obligatory bragging by the Teams best marksman, the scores will be posted on the chart in the club house!

At the end of the month, the scores will be totaled and the Team with the highest scores will be awarded a Turkey! Or something like that.... Oh well it is the sport that matters! Competition is good for the soul! And it keeps the rest of us humble.

Good Luck and may your pigeons never land whole!

## Food for Thought...

At the outdoor training held last month in Bulldog Canyon east of Mesa, Chef Brad provided training and lunch for the crowd. The meal started with desert.



Claud cooks Beignets with Chef Brad

## News of the District

### Turkey Shoot

**What:**

VS Shooting Sports  
Activity (see article)

**When:**

Month of November

**Where:**

Red Mountain Trap and  
Skeet Club

**Address:**

15001 North Beeline  
Road, Scottsdale Arizona

**Phone:**

480-990-9994

**Cost:**

\$4.50 to shoot

\$10 for shells (or bring  
your own)

\$0.50 per ear for  
protection



night in December. It's Rendezvous Year, so wear your regalia!! Many Scouters from the District will be recognized there for their outstanding service to youth in the Mesa District. Varsity Scout Leader will be inducted into the Hall of Fame for Coaches, Committee, and for the Commissioner Hall of Fame.

Other awards will be given for the District Award of Merit and the Silver Beaver Award. The Silver Beaver is the highest award given by a council to it's members for distinguished leadership of youth.

Tickets are available from your Stake leaders and the dinner begins at **6:30 PM** at the Mesa East Stake Center located on Brown Road East of Gilbert Road.

### [Varsity] Outdoor Training

Outdoor Training was held on Friday October 21st and

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This is truly a standard scouting practice. I think the rule goes "always eat desert first, you never know what is going to happen". The name Beignets is pretty high falutin for a bunch of Varsity Scouts, but they didn't care how you said it, they ate it just the same. It is a kind of a doughnut without the hole.

Then came the pizza! It was kind of a do it yourself kit. First you mixed up the dough in a

ziploc bag, rolled it out on tinfoil, loaded it with pistachio pesto and your favorite toppings, and dropped it into a hot Dutch Oven. Ten minuets later you were feasting on a fresh, hot, personal pan pizza. It was a good time and good food. For some recipes, go to [chefbrad.com](http://chefbrad.com).

We moved the outdoor training from September to October this year and it was a beautiful time of year to camp in the desert! The training was great and we appreciate all those who helped with training.

## From the Rendezvous...

The following letter was recently sent to your Stake President:

September 2, 2004

Dear Stake Presidents of the Mesa District:

On March 17-19 of 2005 (during the Mesa Public Schools Spring Break) the Mesa District Varsity Scouts will be holding the 7<sup>th</sup> Bi-Annual Mogollon Mountain Man Rendezvous at the R-C Scout Ranch east of Payson AZ. This activity has grown to include nearly a thousand Varsity Scouts in 2003 and is a highly anticipated event in the District. There's always an outstanding turnout for this activity and teams who aren't prepared usually wish that they had invested more effort and prepared better. However, everyone has a great experience prepared or not and can't wait for the next rendezvous.

Once again, we would like to request your participation and support of this activity by motivating your Stake and Ward Young Men leaders to plan, prepare for, and participate in this activity. We would like to invite you to attend the rendezvous and hope that at least one member of the Stake Presidency, and one member of each Bishopric plan to be in attendance for the three days to share this experience with your young men. A member of your Stake Young Men Presidency will be there to coordinate your Stake's responsibilities which include: your Stake camp site, the Thursday night Stake campfire program, and the as-

signed outpost activities. There will be no activities on Thursday evening leaving it free for your Stake leaders to meet with your youth.

Proper planning and preparation for the Mountain Man Rendezvous will provide your Varsity Scout Teams with months of activities and training for the boys and their leaders. This activity will give the young men the opportunity to develop, demonstrate and apply the skills that they've been learning and practicing in their Team meetings. The rendezvous provides activities and competition in a semi-competitive environment that includes initiative and team building games along with other Varsity Scout Teams.

In the past we have been fortunate to have an exceptional speaker at an adult leader meeting on Friday afternoon and a culminating campfire for everyone on Friday night. In 2001 Elder Robert K. Dellenbach visited the rendezvous and spoke to us. In 2003 Elder Spencer J Condie visited. Both men were members of the Young Men General Presidency at the time of their visit and spoke to the leaders in a special afternoon meeting and to the boys that evening. They shared with us some very inspiring messages. Everyone who attended in 2001 remembers Elder Dellenbach's experience camping in Alaska with the Grizzly Bears. For a summary of Elder Condie's comments from 2003 please visit the Mesa District Varsity Scout web site at <http://rendezvous.mesavarsity.org/>

[PDF/Condie.doc](#) for a summary of Bro. Condie's talks. We have started the process to invite another speaker of this same caliber for the 2005 Rendezvous. However, we do not know whom, if anyone will be able to participate with us.

Please highlight this event on your calendars and make it a priority to motivate those responsible for the Varsity Scouts in your Stake to attend the Mogollon Rendezvous. The preparation begins at Mesa District Varsity Huddle (Roundtable) on the first Thursday of each month starting in September. Each huddle is important because different information pertaining to the Rendezvous will be given out at every Huddle. If a Coach and his assistants miss Huddle they will miss information vital for the success of their team at the Rendezvous. It is our hope that they will begin the preparation for this activity starting immediately, and continuing through the rendezvous next year. We promise that if they do, you will see strengthened testimonies, increased excitement and activity, outstanding growth and a bond between the boys, and an improved relationship between the boys & their leaders. We look forward to a "mountaintop" experience with your young men and their leaders. Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,  
Gary Jones  
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"The sport in Scouting is to find the good in every boy and develop it." --Baden Powell

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### Re-chartering is underway!

This year re-chartering will be done on the internet. It should be much easier than in the past. Training for District, Stake, and unit leaders has been underway for several weeks now. The goal is to have it completed by Thursday, November 18th. Everyone please pull together to get this done and not let it drag on. For questions call Cal or Andrew @ 602-955-7747

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**Every Boy Deserves a  
Trained Leader!!**

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## News of the District Continued

22nd at Bulldog Canyon near the Salt River. The activities included Rappelling, Rendezvous, Initiative Games, Basic Scout Skills, and Cooking. Special THANKS go out to Heath Lindsey, Claud Cluff, Jim Millar, Jason Reed, Bill Ferrin, and Chef Brad for giving their time to teach these new Varsity Leaders!

### New Leader Essentials

November 14th at 7:00 pm at the LDS Church on Miller and Brown (between Horne & Stapley). This portion of the training continuum is required for all leaders and is an introduction to Scouting and the BSA.

**Other news** to be discussed in upcoming issues include Varsity Leader Training in January, The University of Scouting in February, and the National Muzzleloaders Rendezvous and Shoot at Ben Avery shooting range.

### Huddle

**November** Huddle is our annual trip to the Red Mountain Trap & Skeet Range. The November Turkey Shoot is a favorite activity for the Mesa District. We will meet at the range on Beeline Highway a mile or so east of the Gilbert Road Intersection. The fee is \$10 unless you bring your own shotgun shells. They have a few guns to borrow, but you should probably bring your own and avoid the wait.

**January** Huddle will be a "mini rendezvous" held in the parking lot of the Stewart Building where huddle is held. Each stake will be providing a small portion of their intended activities that evening for Team Captains and High Adventure PMs to participate in. There will also be some good ole rendezvous grub being cooked up at the same time. What a deal! Food and Fun for Free!!

## Coach's Corner

*Don't miss any opportunity for a "Coach's Corner" every time you conclude your meetings or activities with your Scouts. Here is an idea for you:*

### Chivalry to Others

"In days of old, when knights were bold", it must have been a fine sight to see one of these steel-clad horsemen come riding through the dark green woods in his shining armour, with shield and lance and waving plumes, bestriding his gallant war-horse, strong to bear its load, and full of fire to charge upon an enemy.

And near him rode his squire—a young man, his assistant and companion, who would some day become a knight.

Behind him rode his group, or patrol, of men-at-arms—stout, hearty warriors, ready to follow their knight to the gates of death if need be. They were the tough yeomen of the old days, who won so many fine fights for their country through their pluck and loyal

devotion to their knights.

In peace time, when there was no fighting to be done, the knight would daily ride about

looking for a chance of doing a good turn to any needing help, especially a woman or child who might be in distress. When engaged in thus doing good turns, he was called a "Knight Errant". The men of his patrol naturally acted in the same way as their

leader, and a man-at-arms was always equally ready to help the distressed with his strong right arm. The knights of old were the [Team Captains] of the nation, and the men-at-arms were the Scouts. You [Team Captains] and Scouts are therefore very like the knights and their retainers, especially if you keep your honour ever before you, and do your best to help other people who are in trouble or who want assistance. Your motto is "Be Prepared" to do this, and the motto of the knights was a similar one, "Be Always Ready" - BP

