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RE: Yuma Area BSA Scout Leaders Sweep Up District Awards

It is with great honor Yuma Area BSA Scout Leaders share the following information in an effort to extend recognition amongst the Yuma community:

Yuma, Arizona. One youth Scout and many of Yuma's adult BSA Scout leaders were recognized and presented with awards for their dedication and exceptional service to BSA Scouting at BSA Gila River District's Annual Recognition Tribal Council on Saturday, March 25th:

District Award of Merit – Presented to Cubmaster Cub Scout Pack 8051/Venturing Crew 8051 Crew Advisor Jacob Anderson

This is the highest honor that can be conveyed from the District level to registered and trained Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature. With two young sons, he wanted to get involved and help share his passion for the outdoors with other youth. Jacob Anderson became involved in Scouting many years ago as a Den Leader of Pack 8051, became Cubmaster, is an active member of the Troop Committee holding a variety of supportive roles. His oldest son earned the prestigious rank of Eagle Scout in 2021 and his youngest son is already a Life Scout. In April 2020, at the height of Covid, Jacob felt the need to get his sons out of the house. He invited other Scout families with teenagers for floats down the river and to kayak and hike in the great outdoors. This sparked Jacob's interest to reinvigorate Venturing Crew 8051. All it took was a couple of calls, and magic happened. While the world seemed to be shut down, 10 teenagers signed up for adventures! In October 2020, Yuma was proud to host the Colorado River Canoe Run (CRCR) and the 'Crew' was excited to be involved and it was a great opportunity to showcase the power of Scouting – literally in Yuma's back yard! Jacob really got behind the CRCR and was extremely instrumental in its resounding success in 2022. Nothing pleases a leader (or community) more than hearing even the smallest compliment or expression of enjoyment.

Commissioner Hall of Fame – Presented to Jerry 'Glen' Moss, Unit 8054

This award recognizes Commissioners who are part of the District's Commissioner Service team by volunteering as a Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner, or Roundtable Commissioner. In 2005 Glen registered to be an Associate Advisor for Venture Crew 8051 and remained involved with the Crew until 2010 with many adventures including Boundary Water Canoe Area, Yellowstone National Park, Glacier National Park, and white water rafting on the Deschutes River in Oregon.

In 2009, Glen took the opportunity to revive BSA Troop 54 which included the Troop, a Cub Scout Pack, and a Girl Scouts of America Girl Scout Troop. Over the years Glen has served in many capacities in Scouting with Unit 8054 and currently also serves - as a Unit Commissioner - a liaison between the Grand Canyon Council and the local Unit 8054.

Scout of the Year (Honorable Mention) – Presented to Eagle Scout & Venturing Crew 8051 President, Vaughn Grosse

This award recognizes Scouts who have demonstrated exceptional Scout spirit, leadership skills, participation in activities in Scouting and a strong record of participation in activities outside of Scouting and celebrates Scouts that exhibit desirable qualities of character defined in the Scout Law, patriotism and civic responsibility/citizenship, courage, self-reliance, and personal fitness. Throughout Vaughn's Scouting career he has developed exceptional leadership skills, became certified as a lifeguard, in 1st Aid and CPR, has been nominated twice for the Heart of Yuma's Outstanding Youth Leader and participates in the City of Yuma's Fire Department Co-Op program with the goal to become a Firefighter.

Lemuel Siddons' Honor Roll of Scouting Achievement – Presented to Scoutmaster Bryan Hinton - BSA Troop 8051G, Scoutmaster Chuck Thompson - Boy Scout Troop 8051, and Gary Goodwill - Webelo 1 & 2 Leader for Pack 8054 as well as to Melissa & Joshua Rothman, Kristin Little, Brad Grosse of BSA Troop 8051, and Yuma community members: Bart Owens, Hal Anderson, Jim Wright, John Lobeck, Steve Jeski and Tom Boblett for their help with the success of the 2022 Colorado River Canoe Run

This award is presented to adult volunteers and youth who are passionate about Scouting, want to leave a legacy, have an impact beyond themselves, and see Scouting thrive. Special recognition of Scoutmaster Bryan Hinton who started up Yuma's first BSA Girl's Troop and to Scoutmaster Chuck Thompson for his dedication to Scouting for over a decade, each take on multiple duties within their unit to move the BSA Scouting program and movement forward.

Gila River District Star Scouter – Unit 8051 Chairman/Associate Venturing Crew Advisor Gen Grosse - Venturing Crew 8051

This award recognizes adult volunteers in Gila River District who dedicate their time in service to the district and set the example of the Spirit of Scouting to others. Gen has been instrumental in engaging Scouts with community organizations and helped orchestrate the success of the District's 2022 Colorado River Canoe Run.

Gila River District Green Machine Service Longevity Award – Assistant Scoutmaster Troy Love - Boy Scout Troop 8051

This award is presented to registered adult volunteers in the Gila River District in recognition for creating a sustainable program – meaning not only have they volunteered their own time but also prepared others to carry work forward in their absence. Troy Love became involved in Scouting many years ago and is the Unit's Merit Badge counselor for Eagle required Citizenship in the Community, Nation, World, and Citizenship in Society. Troy's background in counseling makes him the perfect person to provide mentorship for Scouts seeking to learn, and earn, these important traits. Troy is also very instrumental in providing support to update Troop Advancements and works closely with the Scoutmaster, Scouts, Troop Committee and Scouting families to ensure all feel welcomed and truly have a feeling of belonging. He is also a fabulous cook and while on campouts he takes the opportunity to teach Scouts his recipes so they can incorporate it into their meal planning.

Orbit for Sustained Unit Service – Scoutmaster Carol Troxel, Boy Scout Troop 8054 and Wolf/Bear Den Leader Jim Powell, Cub Scout Pack 8054

This award celebrates adult volunteers in Gila River District that continue to take on responsibility within a unit and provide opportunities for Scouts to thrive in a quality program because of their time, talent, energy and passion for Scouting.

Gila River Rocket Award – Scoutmaster Bryan Hinton, BSA Troop 8051G, Lion/Tiger Den Leader Amy Westmoreland, Cub Scout Pack 8054

This award celebrates new adult volunteers in Gila River District that take on responsibility immediately upon joining a unit and create value for a program through their time, talent, energy and passion for Scouting.

The following prestigious awards can only be earned by Yuma Area Adult Scouters:

Silver Saguaro Award – Cubmaster Cub Scout Pack 8051/Venturing Crew 8051 Crew Advisor Jacob Anderson

This award is presented to registered adult volunteers for outstanding service to Scouting over a period of time. This prestigious award is the highest honor that can be conveyed to an adult volunteer.

Copper Star Award – Scoutmaster Bryan Hinton - BSA Troop 8051G and Assistant Scoutmaster Joshua Priest – BSA Boy Scout Troop 8051

This award recognizes adult scouters who dedicate their time to promoting the Spirit of Scouting to others in service to the District. This includes service such as coordinating District Program, Advancement Committee, Round Table or serving on the District Committee.

Christ Lutheran Church and Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church proudly Charter BSA Scouting programs:

Christ Lutheran Church

Cub Scout Family Pack (Kindergarten to 5th Grade) meet Mondays from 6:30-7:30 pm, contact Yumapack8051@gmail.com

Scouts BSA Female Troop (5th Grade to 18) meet Monday from 6:30-8:00 pm, contact girlstroop8051@outlook.com

Scouts BSA Boy Troop (5th Grade to 18) meet Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 pm. contact cthompson8051@hotmail.com

BSA Venturing Crew (Co-Ed ages 14-20) meet 1st/3rd Thursdays from 6:30-8:00 pm, contact CrewAdvisor8051@gmail.com

Sierra Vista Presbyterian Church

Cub Scout Pack (Kindergarten to 5th Grade) meet Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm, contact gmoss926@roadrunner.com

Scouts BSA Boy Troop (5th Grade to 18) meet Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 pm, contact eric_tolman@yahoo.com



8054 Leader Award Recipients: Front row - Amy Westmoreland, Carol Troxel, Back Row - James Powell, Glen Moss, Gary Goodwill



8051 Leader Award Recipients: Gen Grosse, Kristin Little, Joshua and Melissa Rothman, Jacob Anderson, Chuck Thompson, Troy Love, Vaughn Grosse and Bryan Hinton. Not pictured, Joshua Priest