

# WELCOME TO TROOP 653

#### Mesa, AZ

Troop Charter: NACM Educational Services, Inc. Meeting Place: Red Mountain United Methodist Church 2936 N Power Road, Mesa, AZ 85215



This packet has important information about our Troop and tells about the scouting program.

- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY WITH YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN-

Please ask any of our Scouts or Adult leaders any questions you have about our Troop or Scouting. You can also find a lot of information in your new Boy Scout Handbook.

Once you have registered with our Troop, be sure to go to our troop website (listed below) and request joining our parent Google group and Slack to regularly receive up to date, troop information.

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# History of Troop 653

Troop 653 is a part of the Lost Dutchman District, one of many districts in the Grand Canyon Council, (Formerly the Theodore Roosevelt Council) and has been one of the largest troops in the East Valley. Our Grand Canyon Council is one of 301 councils, nationwide.

Around 1968, Troop 653 was formed at the original location of Central Christian Church, located closer to downtown Mesa. The troop became inactive for several years, but in 1987, Troop 653 became active again and has been growing ever since.

Mr. Rob Gibbs is our current Scoutmaster. If you have any questions about the Troop or Scouting, please feel free to contact our Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters. In addition, any of our leadership team will be happy to answer anything they can.

Rob Gibbs

Cell: 602-757-2012

# **Troop Structure**

# **Troop Components**

Troo 653 has the following components:

YOUTH	ADULTS
Leadership Council	Troop Committee
Patrols	Scoutmaster Cadre
Support Officers	Involved Parents
Scouts	

# **Troop Committee**

The Troop Committee consists of a Committee Chairman, interested parents and friends of scouting. The Committee approves the troop program, selects Scoutmasters and performs other functions for the troop. A full list of the current committee is listed in Appendix A - Troop 653 Adult Leadership Roster.

The following are several positions you should become familiar with:

Committee Chairman - Mr. Bob Ewald

The Committee Chairman will register you in the troop and ensure the appropriate council information is up to date for the scouts. Mr. Ewald can be reached at home at 480-962-0145.

Advancement Chairperson – Mr. David Wheeler

The Advancement Chairperson tracks your advancements which include ranks and merit badges. If you have transferred from another troop, she will update your records so you may continue your advancement toward Eagle and beyond.

Treasurer - Mrs. Crystal Wade

The treasurer will make sure that your dues are current and that special events are paid and recorded. The Treasurer is also responsible for reporting the troop's overall budget at the monthly committee meetings.

#### **Scoutmasters**

Troop adult leadership consists of concerned volunteers, approved by the Troop Committee, who care about youth in our community. They are:

- Scoutmaster
- Assistant Scoutmasters

For a current list of adult leaders, see Appendix A, Troop 653 Adult Leadership Roster

# Senior Leadership

The Troop is led by several experienced scouts. 2

- Senior Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s)

These scouts lead meetings and activities for the troop. They head the

Leadership Council.

The Leadership Council is responsible for planning and executing the Troop Program. The Leadership Council consists of: 2

- Patrol Leaders?
- Assistant Patrol Leaders
- Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (if applicable)
- Chaplin's Aide
- Scribe

# **Support Officers**

The Troop has several officers who help the leaders with the program and other functions. These offices can include: 2

- Quartermaster
- Librarian
- Historian
- Bugler
- Troop Guide
- Order of the Arrow (OA) Representative

Please refer to the current Troop 653 Support Offices List. You will be asked to fill or assist in some of these positions very soon. Most of these positions are for a six month period, changing in January (at summer camp) and again in August.

## **Patrol Structure**

The founder of scouting, Lord Baden-Powell, stated the "ideal" Scout Troop is four patrols, eight boys each (32 total). Troop 653 tries to model that "ideal" formation.

# Leadership Authority

# Scouts BSA Organization

**BSA National Organization** 

**Grand Canyon Council** 

Charter Organization & Charter Org. Rep.

**Troop Committee** 

Scoutmaster

**Assistant Scoutmasters** 

Scouters and Adult Leaders

Senior Patrol Leader

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Patrol Leaders

Assistant Patrol Leaders

#### YOU

Involved parents are a key part of our ability to provide exciting and valuable programs to our youth. Together, WE are the body of Scouting. Like your body, we have many parts, large and small, working together. When any part of you gets hurt, ill, or cannot function, your entire body suffers. When YOU do not do YOUR PART in the Scouting activities, the goals of Scouting and the Troop suffer.

Troop 653 leaders want you to become part of the troop and help the entire troop progress. That means following instructions given by adult and Scout leaders. Adult leaders of this troop believe the best quality of a future leader is to be a good follower.

Unlike Cubs, there is not one adult leader for every two or three Scouts. Two or three adults lead groups of 10 to 25. Youth leadership, with adult guidance, is the key to Scouting.

You will move into leadership roles soon! Then you will understand the need to be a good follower and the importance of following your leader's instructions.

# **Troop Program**

#### Theme

Our Troop has selected three major areas of focus for our primary program:

- Outings involving camping
- Low-impact backpacking
- Scout Advancements
- Community Service

All activities center around one or more of these interests.

# Weekly Meetings

Scout meetings begin at Red Mountain United Methodist Church, 2936 N Power Road, Mesa, AZ 85215, each Monday promptly at 7:00 p.m. Please do not be late. We meet in Madson Hall building at RMUMC.

If you cannot make it to a meeting, please call your Patrol Leader.

The Troop follows Mesa Public Schools calendar for holidays. We do not meet on school holidays or national holidays throughout the year. Unlike, Cub Scouts, we DO meet throughout the summer with a few breaks due to summer camp dates, etc.

See the Troop Calendar for meeting dates and activities. This can be found on the troop website at www.troop653.com under Calendars on the drop down menus across the top of the webpage.

We strongly suggest boys and parents refer to this calendar at least once a week, maybe Sunday afternoon, to review the Tuesday night meeting agenda and upcoming activities and outings.

Required at meetings "Be prepared":

- \*Class A uniforms during the school year, unless otherwise specified
- \*Class B uniform during the summer months
- Scout Handbook
- Notebook or Pad
- Pen or Pencil

# Typical Meeting Agenda

Room set-up at 6:45 p.m.

Each month a patrol may be assigned to set up before and after the meeting clean-up the room and return it to its original configuration. If you are in the designated Service Patrol, plan to arrive 15 minutes early and stay 15 minutes after the meetings of that assigned month.

Formal Opening – promptly at 7:00 p.m.

- Presentation of Colors
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Scout Oath & Scout Law
- Outdoor Code?
- Posting of Colors

Welcome and Announcements

Scoutmasters and Scouts

**Troop Business** 

- Outing Preparation
- Fund Raising Development
- Elections
- Discussions

Patrol Activities, Rank advancement work, and/or Merit Badge work

#### Pre¬Closing

- Presentation of Awards?
- Scoutmaster's Minute
- Prayer

#### Closing

- Retreat Colors2
- Adjournment

Meetings end at 8:30. We ask that all parents/guardians arrive by 8:30 to pick up their Scout.

Remember if you are assigned as the Service Patrol; plan to stay an extra 15 minutes for room cleanup.

If a Scout needs additional one-on-one assistance, please contact the appropriate leader to set up an appointment before or after the regular meeting.

# **Monthly Activities**

In Troop 653 we do our best to plan one weekend overnight activity each month. Monthly activities and outings include:

- Backpacking Trips
- Campouts
- Summer Camp
- Camporees
- Day Training Sessions
- Tours
- Service Projects
- Fund Raisers

## Summer Camp

Each year, all troop members may attend a weeklong summer camp at beautiful Camp Geronimo near Pine, AZ. Scouts can select from a variety of things to do. Merit badge training, swimming, hiking, nature trails, and camping provide a full schedule for the week. You will learn more about summer camp soon.

# High Adventure

Troop 653 identifies a High Adventure trip each year. Typically this trip is for boys who have made First Class Rank, are 14 years or older and have attended two years of summer camp. These trips are more challenging and require camping skills, experience, and more advanced abilities. Currently there are four BSA High Adventure Camps around the country. These camps are Northern Tier (BSA base camp for boundary water canoeing), Camp Philmont (BSA backpacking camp in New Mexico), Sea Base (BSA water sports camp in the Florida Keys) and the Summit Bechtel Reserve (new home to the National Jamboree) in West Virginia. Troop 653 has also developed some unique High Adventure trips such as backpacking in Havasupai Falls and California's Kings Canyon National Park, and participating in RAGBRAI (Annual 500+ mile bicycle ride across Iowa (from the Missouri River to the Mississippi River)). Check out any of these camps and locations on-line.

# **Service Projects**

Boy Scouts are known for their service work and Troop 653 conducts various service projects which improve our community and environment. A project may be as a Troop, Patrol, or individual. Participation in most will apply toward your rank advancement.

#### **Fund Raisers**

Troop 653 requires a sound financial base to be able to provide a positive experience for the scouts at both meetings and outings. Troop 653 holds fund raisers to help cover the cost of troop activities and keep our annual dues low. The Troop has held carwashes and garage sales in the past to help raise funds. In order to make the events successful, we require all Scouts to participate in our yearly fundraisers. The funds raised from the events assist with maintaining troop equipment such as the trailers, camp gear, fund scholarships, and other incurred costs. Fundraising ideas are always welcome.

## **Training**

Grand Canyon Council and Scouts BSA offer several training programs for Scouts and Adult Leaders. Then include:

#### **National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)**

NYLT is held each year at one of the Scout Camps. It provides a leadership adventure for older Scouts. Once you have achieved First Class rank you are eligible to participate in NYLT. Our troop budgets four partial scholarships per year. Be sure to let the Scoutmaster know if you are interested in applying for NYLT.

#### **Monthly Roundtable**

Monthly Roundtable meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month by ZOOM

#### Scoutmaster Fundamentals (Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills)

Three or four times each year this training is held at various locations. The program consists of various sessions and an overnight campout. All Committee Members are urged to attend. This training is required to serve as a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.

#### **University of Scouting**

This is a continuing program available to all adult leaders. Scouting has so many aspects, no one can learn everything. Many classes are available on-line.

#### **Wood Badge**

Wood Badge is the ultimate Scout training adventure for leaders. Taken from a Scouts point of view, this training and earning your Wood Badge Ticket is the Ph.D. for Scout Leaders.

## Youth Protection Training (YPT)

All adult Leaders (and other adults) are required to take the BSA on-line class; "Youth Protection Training" (YPT) every two years. Also, any parent or sibling 18 or over, who wishes to join the troop on an outing or assist with rank advancements or merit badges, must take this on-line class and provide a copy of their certificate to our training coordinator. Ask any of the leaders for information regarding this class.

# Opportunities in Scouting

#### Rank Structure

The seven ranks of Scouting are:

Eagle

Life

Star

First Class

Second Class

Tenderfoot

Scout

Quickly after joining, leaders work with scouts to ensure they understand the Oath and Law, the Patrol Method, and a few other organizational skills. They then earn the rank of Scout. At our Court of Honor, we celebrate Scout Achievements with family and friends where Scouts are awarded their rank advancements and merit badges. A card and patch is received for each rank you earn. Rank patches are worn on your left shirt pocket. Make sure you save your cards as you will need them in the years to come. We suggest you get a three ring binder and plastic (protector) pages made for baseball card collections. These easily store your rank and merit badge cards for future reference. Staples, Office Max etc sell these protector pages.

#### Advancement

The Scout Handbook defines the ranks requirements. Our program offers each Scout the chance to complete them. New Scouts who join after graduating out of Webelos will receive a formal orientation. Your orientation will cover more about how to achieve the rank of First Class.

The Advancement Chairperson monitors your progress carefully. He/she will track your achievements as you complete your requirements. When you have completed requirements for a rank he/she will confirm you have met them all. Then you can schedule a Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review.

The **Scoutmaster Conference** is your chance to discuss any matter of concern with the Scoutmaster. It is another chance for him to inspire you to progress through Scouting. You also learn how to help him and the other leaders meet our Troop Goals.

A **Board of Review** is a group of committee members and higher-ranking Scouts. They review the requirements for the Rank and make sure you meet them. Scout Spirit is an important factor. It is judged by your appearance, how you wear the uniform and your enthusiasm. The board then discusses your review. If you qualify, you are advanced in rank. If not, the board informs you of items you need to learn or improve before you may advance.

After making First Class rank, you continue your trail to Eagle Scout by way of Star and Life ranks. More is expected from these scouts than when they were in the lower ranks. Boards of Review get much harder

After the rank of Life Scout, you prepare for the top Rank in Scouting; Eagle Scout. The Assistant Scoutmaster over Eagle advancement guides the advancement to Eagle. You must complete all requirements plus develop and manage an important service project. You will prepare your own Eagle Packet and stand before a Council Board of Review. The Scoutmaster(s) is/are always available to guide you through this.

The Eagle Packet contains several items. They are:

- Eagle Application Forms
- Letters of Recommendation
- Your Eagle Project Report
- All rank advancement, merit badge cards and certificates you received during your scouting career.

Save everything you receive. Put cards, patches, merit badges and Scouting souvenirs in a safe place for this important future use. This is why we suggested the three-ring binder with card holding pages. Contact Advancement Chairperson and the Assistant Scoutmaster over advancement to Eagle, for more information or to discuss your advancement status. Your dues need to be current to receive advancements.

## Merit Badges

Our Troop program offers merit badges of interest to Scouts during meetings and outings. There are also many opportunities throughout the Mesa-Phoenix area that provide merit badge workshops, as well as Camp Geronimo, Lake Pleasant, and Camp Raymond. Each merit badge requires you to contact a specific merit badge counselor prior to starting a badge. The Troop and district provide individual counselors for all badges. You will learn more about the merit badge process during orientation and while participating in our Troop.

Scouting currently has 137 merit badges you can earn. Each rank requires a certain number and specific badges. Eagles Scouts must have earned 21 total merit badges.

Each year, scouts who are ranked First Class and above may participate in the troops annual planning meeting which happens in December. These boys are responsible for gathering ideas and planning where our troop will go on outings, the following year. They also select and rank a selection of merit badges they would like to see offered throughout the year. Our Merit Badge Coordinator assists in finding specific Counselors to teach these badges.

\*\*Please note: Anyone can sign off a requirement in your Scout Handbook.

All we ask is that whoever signs off on the requirement makes sure that the scout is proficient on the skill being signed off. For example, if you sign off on a first aid requirement such as how to treat a bee sting, please be sure the Scout knows what to do so when he is asked in his Board of Review so he won't be embarrassed because he doesn't know the answer.

We ask that you do some homework because there is more opportunity to learn some skills at home or on a family campout, outing, or trip. For example, on a family campout or even in your own backyard a Scout, under adult supervision, could learn how to build a proper camp fire and then they could sign him off.

Or you take a trip to a Phoenix Museum or zoo, the Scout could take his handbook and sign off 10 local animal and plant species.

Please take some time to work with your son each week because 20 -25 minutes on Monday night is all we have time for during troop meetings. Besides some of this stuff is fun---Who doesn't like to build a fire?

## **Special Awards**

Your Scout Handbook describes many special awards available. The council has a Trails Award Program. You will earn many of these by attending activities. We often use these trails for overnight and day trips.

Many opportunities exist for individual and group awards. More information is found in your Scout Handbook.

#### Certifications

To perform certain functions, Scouts need certification from the Troop or higher authority. To carry and use a knife or other cutting tool, you require a Totin' Chip. To start a campfire, you must have your Fireman's Chip. These cards certify you were trained in the use and safety of cutting tools and fire. You must follow BSA established rules for your safety and the safety of others.

Higher certifications include the BSA Lifeguard, which you may take locally or at Camp Geronimo.

For more rugged backpacking trips, the Troop requires certification of all backpacking skills. You may be certified two ways:

- Attend a beginner or intermediate backpacking trip
- Attend a training session where you demonstrate backpacking skills

#### Order of the Arrow

Several members of Troop 653 belong to a special honor organization known as the Order of the Arrow (O.A.). New members are elected by the troop each spring. Induction into the O.A. usually occurs at a 'Callout' and members must endure an 'Ordeal'. You will learn more of this honored society as your scouting progresses.

# Venturing / Explorers

A Venturing/Explorer Post is a group of older Scouts who have special interests. The Mesa District started a High Adventure Explorer Post. It is a very good opportunity to meet Scouts from other troops. More information about Explorers and Venturing is available from the Leaders.

# Uniforms and Equipment

#### **Uniforms**

Troop 653 is a FULL UNIFORM Troop. Many Troops with the Mesa District and Grand Canyon Council require the full Scout uniform. We have several classes of uniforms. Most trip flyers will state uniform requirements for each activity.

#### Class A (Field Uniform)

- Troop Hat
- Formal tan Scout Shirt (With all Patches and insignia extras and top button unbuttoned.
- Neckerchief
- Scout Pants or Scout Shorts?
- Scout Belt
- Scout Socks, if wearing shorts

#### Class A (Field Uniform) with Honors

- Class A; listed above
- Merit Badge Sash
- Order of the Arrow Sash (if applicable)

#### Class B (Activity Uniform)

- Troop Hat?
- Brown Troop Tee shirt
- Scout Pants or shorts?
- Scout Socks, if wearing shorts

#### Class C

- Any Scout related Tee Shirt
- Any Type Pants<sup>2</sup>
- Any Type Socks

If you used the formal tan Scout shirt in Webelos:

- Remove all Cub insignia (except Arrow of Light)
- Replace the blue epaulets with green epaulets

You will then have the formal tan Boy Scout uniform shirt.

Uniforms are available at:

The scout shop at the council property in the

**Heard Scout Pueblo** 

1901 E Dobbins Rd. Phoenix 85042

BSA Scout Shop

Online <a href="https://www.scoutshop.org/">https://www.scoutshop.org/</a>

We also have a bin of uniform parts donated from scouts who have outgrown theirs that you are welcome to visit at any time.

## Equipment

To go on many of the Troop activities, you will need a variety of outdoor equipment. Many outings require certain equipment. Optional items will make the activities more pleasant.

Equipment will vary depending on activity, skills and personal desires. Some equipment can be rather expensive. There is a wide variety of price and quality. We suggest you wait to purchase equipment until after you have had our camping orientation and even have been on a few outings with minimal, shared, or borrowed equipment.

We will cover much of the equipment required during orientation. We suggest where to get the best deals. Many 'tricks' have saved Scouts (and their families) lots of money. Others have tried things they wished they had not.

Shop wisely to get the most for your money. REI and Sportsman Warehouse are generally good places to shop, but there are also websites offering lightly used gear at a discount. Check our website for links to popular discount outlets.

There are two lists to follow. The first is for car camping and when we plan group meals.

#### (Car & Group) Camping Equipment

#### Required

- Sleeping Bag (or Blankets)
- Ground Pad
- Mess Kit (plate, bowl, knife, fork, spoon, cup)
- Hygiene Kit (washcloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant)
- Canteen or Water Bottles
- Tent (Can be a shared tent with a scout buddy)
- Raingear
- Backpack (or Storage Bag)
- Scout Handbook
- Paper and Pencil or Pen

#### Optional

- Scout Knife (folding not fixed blade)
- Compass
- Flashlight (with Extra Batteries)
- Clipboard or Notebook

#### **Backpacking Equipment**

## Required

- Sleeping Bag
- Ground Pad
- Cook Kit (backpack stove, cooking pans)
- Mess Kit (plate, bowl, knife, fork, spoon, cup)
- Hygiene Kit (washcloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant)
- Personal First Aide Kit
- Canteen or Water Bottles
- Tent
- Raingear (large enough for you and the pack)
- Backpack
- Flashlight (with Extra Batteries)
- Scout Handbook
- Paper and Pencil or Pen

#### Optional

- Scout Knife
- Compass
- Extra Straps or Line

# Registration, Dues, and Fees

Registering with Troop 653 registers your scout with the Grand Canyon Council and National BSA organization. Troop 653 dues are \$150 per year. Our troop's fiscal year begins in August. This amount is subject to change as the fee schedule is on review by the National Council in the years 2024. You annual dues cover things like:

- BSA (Council and National) Registration 2
- Merit Badge books
- Awards and insignia
- Special Awards
- Some activity registrations or costs
- Group Equipment and supplies
- Boys Life magazine subscription 2
- Insurance

Your dues need to be current to receive advancements. Please check with the Treasurer or Advancement Chairs if you need to know your status of dues.

Due to the increased cost of fuel, we have found it necessary to supplement our activity costs with fuel fees for most trips. We ask for help with transportation from the scouts' parents. Some trips we need additional private vehicles to haul packs, pull the troop trailer or travel where there are four-wheel drive vehicles needed. We will alert you to additional costs for each trip list.

Scholarships for dues are available. Please speak to the Scoutmaster about this at any time.

Our Troop has a "Uniform Closet" which has gently used uniform parts for use by any boy. Please contact the Uniform Closet Chairperson, Scoutmaster, or any Leader for access to the current supply. This closet may also have various pieces of camping equipment and items such as hiking boots. Please consider upcycling the items your son grows out of and bring them freshly washed to any meeting.

# Communication

## Slack App

This is a closed team communication hub for scouts, leaders, and parents to exchange information in real time. Each participant needs ask the troop administration for Slack to add them to our site. You do not require a phone to access it so we want parents AND scouts on it please. We need you to check this frequently (2-3 times a week) for updates and information. Please respond to requests for information as well.

## **Troop Website**

Troop 653 has a website for information distribution, references, sharing troop history, etc. You will find the troop calendar, links to informational sites, useful tools, trip photos, the latest copy of this Welcome Packet, etc. all which you can access 24/7.

We encourage our families to use this tool regularly. www.troop653.com

## Google Group

Once you have joined Troop 653, please go to the Troop website, listed above and request to be added to the Parent Google group.

Troop 653 has created a Google group that includes all of its scout members, parent's email addresses. This is a great way that the troop's leaders can communicate with the whole troop efficiently. You may receive an email (via the Google group) in which you would like to reply to the sender with a question. It is VERY important that you DO NOT CLICK; REPLY, as this will go to everyone on the list (70+ families), but rather, select the personal address of the sender. Please DO use this resource, as the leaders welcome this efficient use of communication.

This will cut down any irrelevant email traffic. TOO MUCH TRAFFIC = NO ONE READING. Please be aware of this. We want to communicate relevant, important information, the best way we can, and the best way for all the troop members.

# Facebook Page

There is a closed group Facebook page: Troop 653 Mesa. It is most for sharing event pictures and highlights. You can request to be part of the group.

# **Summary**

This packet contains a lot of information and we hope it is helpful to you and your parents as you begin your scouting adventure. Remember your new Scout Handbook also contains a lot of very useful information. Be sure to refer to it as you learn new skills, achieve ranks, work on merit badges, record camping trips, activities, and service hours. We are pretty sure you will still have this book, fifty years from now.

If you have just graduated Webelos, the next few weeks are very important. New Scout Orientation will provide more information about Troop 653 and Scouting. Please make every effort to attend these new scout orientations or receive make ¬up orientation. You will also be placed in a Patrol and we believe you will see how you can benefit from and really enjoy your years ahead in Scouting.

If you have any questions, please contact any Scout or Adult Leader.

**Again, WELCOME TO TROOP 653!** 

# Appendix A – Troop 653 Adult Leadership Roster

# **Charter Organization**

- NACM Educational Services Inc.
- Charter Organization Rep Steve Brooks

## **Troop Scoutmasters**

Scoutmaster Rob Gibbs

Assistant Scoutmaster John McCall

Assistant Scoutmaster John Bush

Assistant Scoutmaster Paul Sharpy

Assistant Scoutmaster Berwyn Wilbrink

Assistant Scoutmaster Don Avery

Assistant Scoutmaster Patrick Krause

# Troop Committee 2023-2024

Committee Chairman	Bob Ewald
Treasurer	Crystal Wade
Advancements	David Wheeler
Merit Badge Coordinator	Patrick Krause
Order of the Arrow Reps.	Kyle Overtoom
Eagle Advisor	Rob Gibbs
High Adventure	Rob Gibbs
Fundraising	
Scribe	Wendy O'Neil
Transportation	
First Aid	

Training Coordinator	
Quartermasters	
Chaplain	
Watersports	Berwyn Wilbrink
Uniform Closet	Dan Van Dusen
Tech Support	John Bush
Web Master	Quinten Bush (Youth)

# **NEW SCOUT INFORMATION**

Boy Scout Troop 653, Grand Canyon Council, Mesa, AZ

Every visiting or new Scout is encouraged to complete this portion of the "Welcome Packet" before he leaves his first meeting. We know there will be questions that come up during the next week or so and this is a great way to get some quick answers.

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SENIOR PATROL LEADER is
His Phone Number is
His email address is
If I was assigned to a Patrol, my new Patrol is
My PATROL LEADER is
His Phone Number is
SCOUTMASTER is Mr. Rob Gibbs
Mr. Gibbs contact info: Home/Cell: 602-757-2012 Email: RobDaSailor@gmail.com
TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN is Mr. Bob Ewald
Home: 480-962-0145
ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN is Mr. David Wheeler
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Today's date: