

OCTOBER 13, 2013

Hello Catholic Scouters! Please read this month's bulletin for important information!

>**Walk in the Son Retreat meeting** is Wednesday, October 16 at 6:45 pm at the Grand Canyon Council offices at 2969 N. Greenfield in Phoenix (near the 51 and Thomas Road.) This is an important planning meeting for the retreat and we need your help! Dinner will be served---come on over and enjoy dinner and be part of our retreat team! Please RSVP to [gkeating@sttheresaphx.org](mailto:gkeating@sttheresaphx.org).

>**Walk in the Son" Scout Retreat--**Please mark your calendars and plan on having your scouts attend this spiritual retreat which will be held at Heard Scout Pueblo on February 7-9, 2014. The main retreat is Saturday, February 8 and will include "faith hikes" in South Mountain, a visit by park rangers and AZ Game and Fish, crafts, a special service project, mass and an evening campfire. Overnight camping will be available for Cub Scout packs, Girl Scout and Boy Scout troops, and families. Please visit our website at [www.phxdccs.org](http://www.phxdccs.org) for more information.

>The **PhxDCCS quarterly meeting** is Wednesday, October 23 at 6:30 pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Center (DPC). Important information will be discussed and plans for future events made. Minutes for the last quarterly meeting can be reviewed on the website. Please go to [www.phxdccs.org](http://www.phxdccs.org) and click on "Minutes" under the Forms and Docs tab. Please join us!

>**Diocesan Venturing Crew 2009** invites youth ages 14-20 to join them for a hike on Saturday, October 26 from 11 am - 2 pm at the Rio Salado Habitat located at 2439 South Central Avenue. A ranger will lead the group on a hike through the habitat with lunch and a meeting to follow.

Crew 2009 is chartered by both the Diocese of Phoenix and the Serra Club and supports various diocesan events that include the annual Seminarian Picnic at Mt. Claret and the annual Catholic Scout retreat sponsored by our committee. In addition, the crew plans their own activities that have included hiking, horseback riding, kayaking, go kart racing etc. A focus in Venturing is leadership and the crew members plan their own events with adult mentoring as needed. The crew has an activity/meeting once per month. If you enjoy service to the church and

adventure, this is the crew for you!!! Youth can be dually registered in this crew and another crew or troop...it doesn't have to be a choice between units or this can be their only scouting endeavor. Please spread the word to youth you know that might be interested.

Please RSVP for the hike at [azcrew2009@gmail.com](mailto:azcrew2009@gmail.com) by October 21st.

>**Ad Altare Dei and the Pope Pius XII religious emblems programs**---If you know of Catholic scouts who are interested in working on these emblem programs and they are not yet signed up with a counselor or facilitator, please email [ngwelton@gmail.com](mailto:ngwelton@gmail.com) for contact information on the counselor or facilitator nearest to you. Groups are starting classes so please don't delay!

>**Other patch programs available to our Catholic youth**--both boys and girls--include the diocesan St. John Bosco Award, the NCCS Rosary Patch series and the Footprints of the Saints Patch series. Additionally, Women in Scripture and Models of Faith are two patch programs available through NCCGSCF. Girl Scouts can also work on the My Promise, My Faith pin. Information about all of these programs can be found on our website at [www.phxdccs.org](http://www.phxdccs.org).

>**Scout Sunday**--BSA has set the date for the next Scout Sunday as February 2, 2014. You can be somewhat flexible with the date though and celebrate mass the day before, the next weekend or later in February. Girl Scout Sunday is March 9, 2014. If your parish has both programs it is appropriate to combine the Scout Sunday event. It is nice to make arrangements with a parish to have scouts usher, altar serve, bring up the gifts for communion, and hand out song sheets and bulletins.

Many packs and troops recognize scouts for an achievement(s) at the Scout Sunday mass. This is a great time to present Cub Scouts with their Light of Christ and Parvuli Dei emblems, Brownies with the Family of God and all scouts with patches from the other programs mentioned above. Having the scouts present in uniform at mass on Scout Sunday always generates interest in the religious emblems and the scouting program in general.

Please contact me with any questions, comments or information you might have.  
Thank you for your support of Catholic scouting!