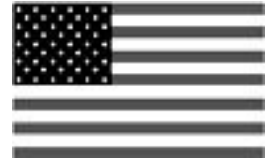




# Arizona Outdoor & Travel Club



**September 2010**

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The Arizona Outdoor and Travel Club (AzOTC) is a non-profit club which provides a variety of outdoor and travel related activities. Membership is open to all adults, single or married. Both family and individual memberships allow dependent children to participate in many of the activities. Activities include hiking, biking, camping, skiing, backpacking, water sports, 4X4 trips and monthly general meetings. For more information and updates,

**Visit us on the web at [www.azotc.com](http://www.azotc.com)!**

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## **Thursday, September 2 — Scottsdale Greenbelt Bike Ride**

RATING: B- DISTANCE: About 15-25 mi LEADER: Ray HikeAZ@aol.com

Meet at 7:45 am (depart at 8) at the parking lot on the NW corner of Hayden Road & Indian School Road. We'll ride north on the Scottsdale greenbelt, and may be on some city streets. HELMETS required. Bring plenty of water. Ride will be cancelled in case of rain. \$5 fee for non-members.

## **Saturday, September 4 — East Webber Creek Photo Hike, Payson**

RATING: B- (at "D" pace) LENGTH: 8 mi ELEV GAIN: 1000 ft

LEADER: Mare muttz9@cox.net

Meet at 6:30 am (depart at 6:45 sharp!) at Denny's, Shea Blvd. and Saguaro in Fountain Hills ([http://www.dennys.com/en/find\\_dennys.aspx](http://www.dennys.com/en/find_dennys.aspx)). Following spring-fed East Webber Creek for much of the route, this hike delves into a pine-shaded, moss-encrusted ribbon of green at the base of the Mogollon Rim. Breathtaking views, wildflowers galore and ten creek crossings combine for a challenging and photo-worthy outing. PACE WILL BE SLOW, with many photo stops; hikers are required to stay together - no exceptions. The route is complicated with slippery, steep, rocky sections! Bring sturdy boots, sun protection, rain gear, at least 3 quarts of water, snacks and lunch. Non-member fee: \$5

## **Tuesday, September 7 – Exercise Hike, Phoenix Mountain Preserve**

RATING: B- LENGTH: 5-7 mi ELEV GAIN: <1000 ft CO-LEADERS: Gary 623 878-6106 and Tom 602 264-9813

Meet at 7:45 am (depart at 8) at the Loehman's parking lot, SW corner of 32nd St and Lincoln. This is a quick-paced exercise hike through the Phoenix Mountain Preserve, which will encompass a variety of trails. Bring water and sunscreen. Cost to non-members is \$5.

## **Tuesday, September 7 — General Membership Meeting**

**6:45 pm, Scottsdale Civic Center Library** (3839 N Drinkwater Blvd – just east of Scottsdale Rd and south of Indian School) Join Mike Buchheit, director of the Grand Canyon Field Institute and professional photographer, for a lively presentation on the "ins and outs" of backcountry travel in Grand Canyon National Park. With the help of fifty-plus slides, insider tips and anecdotes, and official park statistics, Mike will address the various ways that visitors navigate the depths of the grandest of canyons. National Park Service trip planning information will be available, as well as GCFI literature. This is one you don't want to miss! **Meeting starts at 6:45.**

## **Wednesday, September 8 — Humphreys Summit Hike, San Francisco Peaks, Flagstaff**

RATING: A LENGTH: 9 mi ELEV GAIN: 3300' LEADER: Grace 480 767-1727

Meet at 6:45 am (depart at 7) at the Park & Ride on Bell Road, just west of I-17. Join us for this challenging hike to the highest point in AZ. Please call the hike leader the day before, to confirm

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that the hike is still on. Hike will be canceled if there are possibilities of monsoon storms. Bring sunscreen, warm clothing, rain gear, minimum of 3 liters of water, electrolytes and a wind-breaker (brisk winds on the top are not uncommon). Cost to non-members is \$5.

**Thursday, September 9 — Scottsdale Greenbelt Bike Ride**

RATING: B- DISTANCE: About 15-25 mi  
LEADER: Ray HikeAZ@aol.com

Meet at 7:45 am (depart at 8) at the parking lot on the NW corner of Hayden Road & Indian School Road. We'll ride north on the Scottsdale greenbelt, and may be on some city streets. HELMETS required. Bring plenty of water. Ride will be cancelled in case of rain. \$5 fee for non-members.

**Saturday, September 11 — Mingus Mtn - Yeager Loop & Woodchute Trail Hikes**

RATING: A- LENGTH: 15 mi ELEV GAIN: 2000'  
LEADER: Don 480 209-7963  
dgmowry@gmail.com

Meet at 6:30 am (depart at 6:45) from the Park and Ride at the SW corner of I-17 and Bell Rd. We'll first hike the Yeager Canyon, Little Yeager and Yeager Cabin Loop Trails, a beautiful, forested series of trails. We'll take a short drive to the Woodchute Wilderness and hike to the crest and back. In the early 20th century, the summit was cleared of trees and sent down the north side of the mountain via a "wood chute" for shoring timbers for the mines in Jerome. A stand of second-generation ponderosa pines now inhabit the summit. Bring snacks and plenty of water. No dogs, please. Cost to non-members is \$5.

**Saturday, September 11 — Sycamore Canyon Rim Loop Hike**

RATING: B LENGTH: 11 mi ELEV GAIN: 600'  
LEADER: Joyce Morningstar 602 299-7244

Meet at 7 am (depart at 7:15 am sharp) at the Park and Ride lot, I-17 and Bell Road. Our route loops through the forest at the northern end of Sycamore Canyon, the second-largest canyon in Arizona. In addition to nice views into the canyon below, we'll pass ruins of an old sawmill, a spring, and the Pomeroy Tanks, a series of ponds in a rocky basin. Wear sunscreen, sturdy

hiking boots, wide brimmed hat, sunglasses. Bring rain jacket, snacks, lunch, electrolytes and plenty of water. Cost to non-members \$5.

**Wednesday, September 15 — Hike: New Section of the AZ Trail at Flagstaff**

RATING: B/C LENGTH: ~10 mi ELEV GAIN: ~1500 ft  
LEADER: Ralph Engler  
602 996-7312(H) or 480 855-7062(C)

Meet at 6:15 am (depart at 6:30) in the parking lot of the McDonalds at Carefree Hwy and I-17. This is an early fall hike through the aspens, pines, and grassy meadows of a newly-opened section of the AZ Trail. Bring water and sunscreen. No dogs or children. Cost to non-members is \$5.

**Thursday, September 16 — Scottsdale Greenbelt Bike Ride**

RATING: B- DISTANCE: About 15-25 mi  
LEADER: Ray HikeAZ@aol.com

Meet at 7:45 am (depart at 8) at the parking lot on the NW corner of Hayden Road & Indian School Road. We'll ride north on the Scottsdale greenbelt, and may be on some city streets. HELMETS required. Bring plenty of water. Ride will be cancelled in case of rain. \$5 fee for non-members.

**Saturday, September 18 — Groom Creek - Isabella Loop Photo Hike**

RATING: B- (at "D" pace) LENGTH: 8.7 mi  
ELEV GAIN: 1350 ft LEADER: Mare  
[muttz9@cox.net](mailto:muttz9@cox.net)

Meet at 6:30 am (depart at 6:45 sharp!) at Deer Valley Park & Ride, SW corner of I-17 and Bell Rd. Sweet vista views, cool forests and an easy summit climb to a fire tower attract droves of hikers to this popular Prescott trail. Interesting geology, ruins of an old cabin and massive thickets of locust and Gambel oak trees make for non-stop photo opportunities. PACE WILL BE SLOW, with many photo stops; hikers are required to stay together - *no exceptions*. The route has some slippery, steep, rocky sections! Bring sturdy boots, sun protection, rain gear, at least 3 quarts of water, snacks and lunch. Non-member fee: \$5.

**Wednesday, September 22 — Northwest Trail Hike – South Mountain Park**

RATING: C LENGTH: 5.5 mi ELEV GAIN: 150 ft

**LEADER:** Jon Kimoto 602 237-3138  
**Meet at 7 am (depart at 7:15) at 35<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Carver Road/Ceton Drive, southwest corner.** Hike begins up a gradual bajada on an old horse trail. Then west, gaining elevation, across varied terrain on a new trail built by Volunteer Arizona, to the San Juan Ramada. Excellent views of the Sierra Estrellas above the brown cloud. Bring minimum 2 quarts of water, electrolytes, sun protection, sturdy hiking boots, snacks, snake repellent and a cheerful attitude. Be prepared, hike will proceed rain or shine. No dogs or small children. Cost to non-members is \$5.

**Thursday, September 23 — Pinnacle Peak Park Hike and Breakfast**

**RATING:** C **DISTANCE:** 3.75 mi **ELEV GAIN:** 600 ft **LEADER:** Marilyn 480 473-2565  
**Meet at 6 am (depart 6:15) at the ramada at Pinnacle Peak Park, 26802 N 102<sup>nd</sup> Way, in North Scottsdale.** After the hike we will go somewhere local for breakfast. Cost for non-members \$5.

**Saturday, September 25 — Walnut Canyon National Monument Key-Exchange Hike (Flagstaff)**

**RATING:** A- **LENGTH:** 14 mi **ELEV GAIN:** 800 ft  
**CO-LEADERS:** Dan Rothman 480 991-1647 (H) 480 773-5197 (C) and Gary Gleason 623 878-6106  
**Meet at 6:15 am (depart at 6:30) at Park-n-Ride on the SW corner of I-17 and Bell Road.** This hike will take us from Lower Lake Mary to the Walnut Canyon National Monument, via the pleasant and well-maintained Sandy's Canyon and Arizona Trails. Along the way, we'll have scenic views of Walnut Canyon from Fisher's Point and other overlooks. At the Monument, we'll see 800-year-old cliff dwellings as we hike the popular Island Loop Trail. Our two groups will do this hike in opposite directions, combining to end the day with dinner in Flagstaff. Bring sunscreen, sturdy hiking boots, plenty of water, and rain gear just in case. Riders will split entrance fee to the Monument. Cost to non-members is \$5.

**Sunday, Sep 26 — Woodchute Trail Hike**

**RATING:** B- **LENGTH:** 8 mi **ELEV GAIN:** 800 ft  
**LEADER:** Joyce Morningstar 602 299-7244  
**Meet at 7 am (depart at 7:15) at the Park & Ride at I-17 & Bell Road, to carpool to the Potato**

Patch Trailhead on Woodchute Mountain. The trail follows the contour of the mountain near a ridge line, then climbs through a forest of pine and juniper to reach the viewpoint on the north side of the mountain. Great views of Humphreys Peak and the Verde Valley. Bring plenty of water, lunch, a hat, and sunscreen. Cost to non-members is \$5.

**Tuesday, September 28 — Exercise Hike, Phoenix Mountain Preserve**

**RATING:** B- **LENGTH:** 5-7 mi **ELEV GAIN:** <1000 ft **CO-LEADERS:** Gary 623 878-6106 and Tom 602 264-9813  
**Meet at 7:45 am (depart at 8) at the Loehman's parking lot, SW corner of 32nd St and Lincoln.** This is a quick-paced exercise hike through the Phoenix Mountain Preserve, which will encompass a variety of trails. Bring water and sunscreen. Cost to non-members is \$5.

**Thursday, September 30 — Social Hour**

**4:30—6:00 pm, Millennium Resort, Scottsdale 7401 N Scottsdale Rd. 480 948-5050**  
Join us and enjoy the view of the McCormick Ranch Lake and golf course, from the bar or out on the patio of the Millennium Resort. \$4 domestic beers, \$5 well drinks, \$6 wine specials, and ½-price selected appetizers.

**NOTICE: AzOTC CARPOOL FEE RULES**

**On a vehicle-by-vehicle basis:**

1. Each vehicle will begin with a full tank of gas. If a driver does not have a full tank at the beginning of the event, s/he will fill it up at the nearest station.
2. Driver, only, does not pay for gas.
3. The actual cost of gas is divided by the number of passengers in a vehicle at each gas stop, which includes the last gas fill-up at the end of the trip.
4. The trip leader will identify the driving vehicles and the number of passengers per vehicle.



## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

**Interested in Running for Office?** We are going to have a number of openings for new officers on the AzOTC Board. Neither my wife, Kaye, nor I will run for office as the Treasurer or President respectively for 2011. In addition we will need a new Secretary since Marge Blum will complete her service this December. Felix Puskaritz has agreed to submit his name as a candidate for Treasurer, however, assuming he is elected, we also will need another Member at Large. Serving on the Board is fun, and a great way to give back to the sport that we love! If you are interested in submitting your name as a candidate for any of these Board positions, please let Marge Blum know. She can be reached at 480 948-1831 or email her at [Margie@extremezone.com](mailto:Margie@extremezone.com).

**Change of Address or Email Address.** Please let Don Mowry know, and if you are an activity leader, also let the hiking and biking coordinators know as soon as possible.

**Last US Mail Edition of the Newsletter.** This is the last edition of the newsletter we will mail out. In October we will send it out only by email. If you desire to receive the newsletter, please ensure that we have your current email address. I am pleased to report that most people who have received the newsletter by US Mail have given us an email address.

**First Annual Fall Membership Picnic.** This will be held at South Mountain Park on Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. See the Looking Ahead section for more details.

John Nichols  
AzOTC President

"easy"-rated trip starts in Prague and follows the Elbe River to Meissen, Germany. We will cover an average of 30 miles a day. The cycling is mostly on the flat or downhill, though there are several short uphill sections, generally when ascending out of river valleys. The paths are 70% asphalt, 30% well-maintained gravel lanes. Much of the cycling is on dedicated cycle paths. Our route takes us through varied landscapes, from rolling vineyards to sandstone rock formations and craggy canyons. This ancient trading route has a long and colorful history, including medieval fortresses, castles, and churches.

The bike trip includes 7 nights in local hotels, 7 breakfasts, 21-gear touring bikes with rear pannier and water bottle holder. We will have a dedicated tour leader/guide who cycles with the group each day. Luggage is transferred from point to point by hotel vehicles. Also included will be round-trip airfare and hotels for one night before the trip and two nights after the trip (including breakfasts) to allow you to have fun exploring the fascinating city of Prague and its surroundings. *NOT* included in the cost are lunches, dinners and sightseeing on your own before and after the bike trip.

Please contact Ray Lorti [Hikeaz@aol.com](mailto:Hikeaz@aol.com) or Linda Holman [lindaanne@cox.net](mailto:lindaanne@cox.net) for more information.

### **Obtain Discount Harkins Movie Tickets, \$6.50 each**

Purchase from Jan Stockman at the meetings, or call her at 602-376-0196.

## Looking Ahead

### **Saturday, October 2 – First Annual Member Appreciation Picnic—South Mountain Park Activity Complex**

The Free Lunch for members and guests is the kick-off for the new club year. All memberships will run from October 1 to September 30. Come out in the morning and hike or bike before the lunch. Jeff Peebles will DJ and provide music. Anyone having ideas for additional entertainment or skits, please contact Jeanie Eller or Linda Holman.

### **May 27-June 7, 2011 — Czech & German Bike Adventure (Interest only)**

Fourteen lucky AzOTC members will get to ride with us in parts of the Czech Republic and Germany. Our

### **Arizona Ski Council Trips**

#### **January 22 to 29, 2011 - SKI SUN VALLEY**

LEADER: Liz Echeverria, [Liz@LizE.net](mailto:Liz@LizE.net), 602 524-6090

This is a Far West Ski Association trip to fabeled Sun Valley, Idaho. Lodging runs from a low of \$959 to \$1359. To get the details, email or call the leader. There is a limited amount of lodging available. Lodging and bedding selection will be based on receipt of deposit. The price for air fare is not known at this time. Send in your deposit of \$100 (check payable to Arizona Ski Council) to the leader, 4407 E Chuckwalla Canyon, Phoenix, AZ 85044. Don't miss out on this trip!

**\*\*\* WARNING \*\*\***

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has posted public warning signs in several areas south of Phoenix, warning of potential dangers. Here's what the signs say:

**DANGER—PUBLIC WARNING  
TRAVEL NOT RECOMMENDED**

- Active Drug and Human Smuggling Area
- Visitors may encounter armed criminals and smuggling vehicles traveling at high rates of speed
- Stay away from trash, clothing, backpacks, and abandoned vehicles
- If you see suspicious activity, do not confront! Move away and call 911

BLM encourages visitors to use public lands north of Interstate 8

For more information, call (623) 580-5500

The BLM continues to work with law enforcement agents from other federal, state and county agencies to protect the public and natural resources on these lands. The signs are located:

Along SR 84 at Smith Rd  
Along I-8 where it intersects Vekol Rd  
Along I-8 where it intersects Freeman Rd  
Along I-8 where it intersects Bighorn Station at Milepost 138  
Along I-8 where it intersects Farley Cabin at Milepost 136  
Along I-8 where it intersects Hidden Valley at Milepost 151  
Along I-8 where it intersects at Milepost 133  
Along I-8 where it intersects at milepost 132  
Along I-8 where it intersects at milepost 150  
South of Gila Bend on BLM roads numbered 8018c and 8008  
At the county lines between Maricopa County and Pinal County

For more information, visit [http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/info/newsroom/undocumented\\_alien.html](http://www.blm.gov/az/st/en/info/newsroom/undocumented_alien.html)

**SUMMER HIKING SAFETY**

**Follow these guidelines to keep you safe while hiking in the hot summer months:**

- Know your limits! Just because you can hike for hours when it's cool doesn't mean you can do the same hike when it's hot!

- Hydrate before you go! Drink plenty of fluids for several days before you go out in the heat.
- During hiking or backpacking in hot weather, you'll need more fluids to stay hydrated. However, your body can absorb only about 1 quart of water per hour. So drink about ½ to 1 quart of water or electrolyte replacement drink for every hour that you are out in the heat.
- DO NOT drink so much water that you repeatedly bloat yourself. Water intoxication, or hyponatremia, is caused by low sodium levels in the body. This condition is just as dangerous as dehydration and occurs when you drink too much water and don't replace the salts your body lost during sweating.
- Balance your food intake and water consumption. Don't forget to eat (try to eat 100 calories an hour, eating before you feel fatigued). Hot weather may decrease your appetite, but you need to replace the salts your body loses through sweat and exertion. Eat a salty snack when you take a drink.
- If you're hiking at a higher altitude, you'll need to drink more water for dehydration prevention because you lose more fluids at higher altitude.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing. Light colors will reflect away some of the sun's energy. Wear a hat or use an umbrella as well.
- Rest often, sitting in the shade. Wet your hat and shirt. Wear a bandana around your neck.

**SPECIAL NOTICES REGARDING  
MEMBERSHIP - LISTEN UP!**

**Renewal of Membership Necessary**

As of October 1, 2010 AzOTC begins our new membership year. All current memberships expire on September 30, 2010. We encourage all our members to plan to renew their memberships no later than August 15th using the membership application in the newsletter or the application on the web site. Your cooperation will help cut down the heavy burden of man hours and expense of mailing renewal notices. When you send in your renewal we need your current email address and the waiver completed. We also suggest that you check the other information on the form to be sure it is correct.

**No More Hard Copy Newsletters**

As of October 1st, we will no longer print hard copy newsletters nor will we snail mail them. Like most other clubs we have to reduce our costs. We have made this difficult decision which will save us \$4330. We will still email newsletters as usual. We will eliminate the individual and family membership fees for receiving print newsletters. Bear this in mind when you send in your renewals. Currently our membership fees for a full year for individuals and families who receive an email newsletter are \$25 for an individual and \$40 for a family, a savings of \$10 each. Thanks to the members who already have renewed for next year! Each early renewal saves our Club first class postage, printing costs, and labor.

John Nichols  
AzOTC President

## 2010 AzOTC Officers

President: **John Nichols** 480 860-5758  
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### Member Representatives

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### Activity Committee

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### Webmaster

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### Social Committee

Chairperson: **Linda Holman** 480 947-3441  
Email: lindaanne@cox.net

### Coordinators

The following are Volunteer Activity Coordinators. Contact them if you need information or help arranging your activity. Please coordinate your activity schedule through the appropriate Volunteer Activity Coordinator.

Hiking: **Daniel Rothman** 480 991-1647  
Email: dwrr1@yahoo.com  
**Grace Chen** 480 767-1727  
Email: Chenia@aol.com

Adopt-a-Highway: **Marilyn Schrab** 480 473-2565  
Email: marilyn.redbird@gmail.com

Bicycling: **Karl Weinrich** 602 667-3243  
Email: onehiker@iquest.net

All activity write-ups MUST be submitted to the proper Activity Coordinator for review and approval before they are sanctioned events. Activities can be submitted to Activity Coordinators by email. They are submitted to an Activity Coordinator, not to the Newsletter Editor or Webmaster.

Visit us on the web at  
[www.azotc.com](http://www.azotc.com)

## Activity Rating Guide

AzOTC activities are gauged by the following chart. Please consider the difficulty factor prior to signing up for an activity.

### Hike Ratings

Rating	Miles	Elevation Gain
A+	20+	4,000+ ft.
A	16-20	3,000-4,000 ft.
A-	14-16	2,500-3,500 ft.
B+	12-14	2,000-2,500 ft.
B	10-12	1,500-2,000 ft.
B-	8-10	1,100-1,500 ft.
C+	6- 8	800-1,100 ft.
C/D	2- 6	400-800 ft.

### Bicycle Ride Ratings

- A** 30-50 miles on flat terrain or 20-35 miles with hills. Road may have heavy traffic.
- B** 15-30 miles on flat terrain or 10-20 miles with hills. Roads may have traffic.
- C** 10-15 miles on flat terrain, or 10 miles with hills. Quiet streets or bike paths.

Equipment for A & B rides consists of a lightweight bicycle with multiple gearing, water bottle, tire pump, extra tube, repair kit, helmet and riding gloves. We also suggest bike shorts. Riders will not be left by the wayside, but are expected to be self-sufficient. A buddy system is in effect for the last two riders.

Equipment for C rides consists of a bicycle in good, safe repair, water bottle, tire pump, extra tube, repair kit, and helmet. C rides will have a leader and a "sweep".

**Members, please pay attention to the activity rating given a hike or bike ride.** The ratings were designed to give participants an indication of the difficulty of an activity in advance. Some hikes and bike rides sponsored by AzOTC are arduous and can be dangerous for less experienced members. It is extremely important that members wear suggested clothing and carry required equipment (hiking boots, helmets, gloves, etc.). If you have any questions or doubts about the difficulty of the activity or your ability to participate safely, please contact the activity leader. We want everyone to have an enjoyable and safe time on AzOTC sponsored activities.

*Consumption of alcohol during an AzOTC bike or hike activity is prohibited.*

**REMEMBER!** A free membership can be earned by leading 8 activities per calendar year. Sign up 3 new members in a calendar year and earn a free AzOTC tee-shirt.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP – ARIZONA OUTDOOR AND TRAVEL CLUB**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about AzOTC? \_\_\_\_\_

- New Member
- Renewal Member       Individual Membership — \$25/year\*
- Change of Address       Family Membership — \$40/year\*

Include me in the club directory:  Yes  No      I would like to lead/co-lead an activity:  Yes  No

Interests:  Hiking  Biking  Backpacking  Camping  Canoeing  Travel  4x4  Other

I/We, intending to be legally-bound members of the Arizona Outdoor & Travel Club™ (AzOTC), do hereby, for myself, my family, and my heirs, release all rights and claims for personal injuries or damages I/we incur while participating in AzOTC-sponsored activities.

Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Other family member: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to: AzOTC, PO Box 5465, Scottsdale, AZ 85261**

**\*AzOTC Membership Fees Prorated for 2010 Transition Year**

	Full Year	Dec 1 to Jan 31	Feb 1 to Apr 31	May 1 to Jul 31	After Aug 1 for Full Yr
Individual	\$25	\$18.75	\$12.50	\$6.25	\$25
Family	\$40	\$30.50	\$20.00	\$10.00	\$40

**Guest Policy**

We welcome guests! Please give us a try! We encourage guests to participate in activities (rules and space permitting). Non-members are charged \$5 for all activities that are free to members. Selected activities are open to members only. For paid activities, non-members will be assessed an additional fee based on the cost of the activity. Guests must sign a liability release and be aware of the ACTIVITY RATING GUIDE. Guests must call leaders before participating in any AzOTC activity.

**Next General Membership Meeting:**  
**Tuesday, September 7th**  
**MEETING STARTS AT 6:45 PM**

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**\*\* SCOTTSDALE CIVIC CENTER LIBRARY \*\***  
(3839 N Drinkwater Boulevard, Scottsdale)

Join Mike Buchheit, director of the Grand Canyon Field Institute and professional photographer, for a lively presentation on the "ins and outs" of backcountry travel in Grand Canyon National Park. With the help of fifty-plus slides, insider tips and anecdotes, and official park statistics, Mike will address the various ways that visitors navigate the depths of the grandest of canyons. National Park Service trip planning information will be available, as well as GCFI literature. This is one you don't want to miss!

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