



BSA Troop 262, Glendale AZ

Troop 262's Charter Organization is St. Helen's Catholic Church and our Troop meetings are held on Monday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00pm in the church Social Center. St. Helen's is located at the N.W. corner of 55th Avenue and Cholla Street in Glendale, Arizona 85304, www.sthelenglendale.org

We currently have 49 registered Scouts ranging from recent new Scout recruits through several working on final stages towards Eagle. While we are a youth led troop, we have a large community of active adult leaders; many have been involved since the Troop's formation and we encourage new Scouts' parents and guardians to become involved as adult leaders to share their experience and broaden the troop's skills base.

Our recent Troop activities have included:

- Summer camp at Camp Raymond where we won the largest collection of individual, patrol, and troop awards of the week and Scouts earned many merit badges
- Helping to run the church community's "Snow Day" family event
- Service project keeping our adopted stretch of 59th Avenue clear of trash
- End-of-summer pool and volleyball party

plus weekly Troop meetings and merit badge activities e.g. Troop members are now working towards the Cycling merit badge in separate gatherings. We are now working on the restoration of the Scout Oath sign originally installed by our Troop at the flags and assembly area at Raymond in preparation for its return there on our next camping and hiking weekend.

We have on average one camping outing each month with an annual week of summer camp alternating in and out of state. While some of these monthly outings are in the form of base camp with day hikes, we target about half of the camping outings to be backpacking at varying levels of challenge.

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Website <http://aztroop262.org> has contacts and calendar information

Troop 262 was established in 1985 and has graduated over eighty Eagle Scouts to date. It is best known for its focus on community service and outdoor activities. While many of our Scouts and adult leaders are active members of the St Helen's congregation, many others are not; we welcome all Scouts regardless of their religious affiliation.