

# The Westside Story

Newsletter of the Firebird District, Grand Canyon Council, BSA

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## District Profile

### Stacy Valentine - Training Chairperson

#### **(SURPRISE STACY!!)**

Pack 98, home to "Nubis, The Family Cat... Chaa!" ([www.pack98az.com](http://www.pack98az.com)) is based in Surprise and has certainly jumped out of obscurity over the last few years and has gained the respect of other Scouts and Scouters statewide for their enthusiasm and participation in the Scouting program. During that time, John Valentine has become synonymous with this Pack as the Cubmaster of this award-winning group. He was awarded the District Award of Merit last year and was the first Cubmaster to receive the Hall of Fame award, but as the old adage goes, "Behind every great man stands a great woman".

Rarely content to stand behind, Stacy Valentine has elbowed her way to the front and serves as the Pack's Committee Chair and Treasurer. She has definitely become the backbone of this organization, making sure that the preparations are made for every event that the Pack partakes in. Her obsessive nature and attention to detail is the kind of sickness that makes great Committee members in Scouting!

She has learned that the secret to success is to find and surround yourself with like minded people that are willing to give up another of those coveted "hour a weeks", and who's primary motivation is to give the boys the best program that they possibly can. With that in mind, Stacy assembled a fantastic Committee for the Pack that has definitely helped lead them toward greatness.

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## WHERE? WHEN?

**District Committee Meeting** 1st Thursday of each month  
7PM, LDS Church 10877 N. 77<sup>th</sup> Ave

**Roundtable** 2nd Thursday of each month  
7PM, LDS Church 10930 W. Garden Lakes Parkway

**Eagle Board of Review** 1st Thursday of each month  
LDS Church 12951 N. 83<sup>rd</sup> Ave (83<sup>rd</sup> and Sweetwater)

**OA Chapter Meeting** 4th Thursday each month (except Nov & Dec)  
7PM, Scout Hut, Litchfield Park

Check calendar on back page and the District calendar  
for date changes due to holidays or special events.

(the Bio of Stacy Valentine,

continued from the previous page)

Thanks to John & Stacy's efforts and with the help of the Pack Committee and Leaders, the Pack continues to earn Quality Unit awards every year, with 2004 & 2005 being awarded as a 100% Boy's Life Participation Unit. They routinely pick up the Summer time awards, National Den Awards, and even the Grand Canyon Council National Quality & Council Merit Unit Award. Pack 98 also won the Camporee Spirit award at Camp Raymond last fall, which they will be bringing to the Spring Webeloree at Dead Horse Ranch in April.

Stacy even received some Firebird recognition at the District dinner recently where she joined the likes of Karen Matthews, Tom Crosser, and Ed Wixson, among others as a new winner of the 'Agitator' award! This is one woman who is not afraid to stir the pot if it is a means to an end for the boys. Last year she was recognized for her spark, with a Spark Plug Award.

In addition to her duties on the Firebird District Roundtable Staff, Stacy has also taken on the role of the Firebird District Training Chairperson. Yes, she also suffers from CSN disease ("can't say no") that she picked up from her husband and was one of the key people that were responsible for the success of the last Leader Training events and is hosting the upcoming March Leader Training as well.

Now you know why Pack 98 routinely has a dozen or so of their Leaders at any given Roundtable meeting, because they would have to face Stacy's wrath if they didn't show up!

Stacy will stay with the Pack when John embarks on the "Trail to Eagle" this May to start up Troop 98, a brand new Boy Scout Troop for Surprise, and she will ensure that the Pack is able to make a smooth transition to a new group of Leaders. She will also serve as Committee Chair for the Troop, and in her spare time, runs Brownie Troop 1067 for her daughter as well. (Wanna buy some cookies?)

Stacy wears the Scout uniform with pride, and although she takes great personal satisfaction from all of the good things that she has accomplished, she knows deep down inside that all of the time, stress, and frustrations are paid off in full by the sounds of laughter when the boys are enjoying themselves on their next successful campout!

~ Far from The End ~