

Lynda Hammond **THE GARAGE SALE GAL**



Boy Scouts' Sale Lynda Hammond

Eric Schneck is pretty excited.

He just received a Life Scout Award, which means he's now even closer to becoming an Eagle Scout, the highest rank for the Boy Scouting program. "It's just great. It feels good. All five of my uncles are Eagle Scouts so I have a lot to live up to," says the 8th grader from Stapley Junior High School in Mesa. Eric still has five more badges to earn including "family life" and "camping" before he gets promoted to Eagle. That may take a few years as the criteria are long and involved.

But first things first, Eric's Dad—Chris—while very proud of his son's accomplishments-- is hoping first for a car, a couple of boats, a camper, a few appliances and some nice furniture. No he's not greedy, in fact, quite the opposite. You see Chris is in charge of raising money for Boy Scout Troop 653 and he's hoping for some generous donations in order to raise the big bucks at their upcoming garage sale. The troop needs the money for all their camping trips, books as well as supplies needed as each troop member works towards merit badges. "We're trying to keep the boys from having to go to mom and dad for that extra money," Chris Schneck explains.

The 60 members hold car wash fundraisers too but they learned last year—during their first garage sale fundraiser---that holding a big sale is the best way to bring in money fast. Last year, they raised \$3400.

So, far this year donors have been generous but the Scouts still need some of those big ticket items to sell. And here's some added incentive if you're thinking about forking over an old car. Chris says anything you donate is a tax write off and he'll provide you with a receipt—provided you turn over the keys to that car or boat!

While Dad is thinking about the money, son Eric is thinking about the troop's upcoming camping trip to the Mogollon Rim in October. "That's my favorite thing about being a Boy Scout. It's just fun to be outdoors and in the wilderness learning different things and hanging out with your friends."

Okay so if you want to donate things in order to help the troop with their trips and other expenses, here's what to do. Contact Chris Schneck, fundraising chairman for Boy Scout Troop 653 via email chris.troop653@gmail.com or phone 480-924-7964 to work out the details.

You can also help by buying at their upcoming sale.

Boy Scout Troop 653 Sale

**Saturday September 24 6:30-1
Central Christian Church
933 N Lindsey Rd.
Mesa 85213**



(pic provided by Lynda Hammond) From left: Chris and Eric Schneck, Rick Wagner with sons Connor and Travis and Mark and Erik Knowles along with just a few of the items up for sale.

Talk to the Garage Sale Gal!

Do you have a question or comment about garage or estate bargain sales? Email the Garage Sale Gal: Lynda@GarageSaleGal.com.

Lynda Hammond is the author of the new book, [The Garage Sale Gal's Guide to Making Money Off Your Stuff](#). Check out www.GarageSaleGal.com for details on where to buy the book. Contact her at Lynda@GarageSaleGal.com.

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