



Operation On-Target 2006 After Action Report

(Turn in following the activity on September 16, 2006. We will use the information to form a database for further reference describing the peaks in our system. This is also our record for the Rendezvous Gold Passport!!)

General Information:

Peak/Location: Mt. Ord Lookout Tower Drive/Hike: Drive and Short Hike Car/Truck/FWD: Car
Hike In Dist.: 1 Mile Hike Diff. Easy/Moderate/Difficult: Easy to Moderate
Trail Marked (Good/Bad): Good (it is actually a road the lookout uses to drive up to the station)
Visibility (360°/270° / 180° / 90° / Give Details) : 360° from atop the tower and about 270° from top of peak
Peak Capacity/How Many Teams: 2 Teams (4 people in tower at a time) Recommend for next year? : Yes
Why or why not: It is a fantastic location. The boys enjoyed their time atop the tower. We made many connections.

Detailed instructions on how to get to the actual site for signaling:

Take highway 87 north. Just after you pass mile marker 222, you'll see a sign for Mt. Ord on the right side of the highway. You'll turn right onto a graded dirt road and drive for a few minutes until you get to a fork in the road. Go left at the fork and continue driving on the main road until you get to a ranger barricade. You will have seen the tower before you get to the barricade. Park at the barricade and hike up the road for about a mile. At the top of the mountain, get the attention of the lookout (this year Rob was the lookout's name). Climb the tower and begin signaling to the north/east first. As time passes, the roof of the tower will cast a shadow on this side of the catwalk and it will be harder to signal from here.

Detailed instructions on how to get to the time capsule (if applicable):

The time capsule is actually being kept in our Bishop's office. I told him it would be fine if he wished to open it and review the personal goals the boys documented. He could remind the boys of their goals and check their progress throughout the year.

Use of Mirrors:

On Look-out Tower: One 2'x2' Mirror and Two 1'x1' Mirrors Ground: One 2'x2' Mirror
Need Two Setups? It worked well, as this is a popular site Comments: At times we were confirming contact from multiple sides of the tower. The more the mirrors, the more fun the boys have.

Access:

Open/Controlled: Controlled

Contact Name: Mesa Ranger District

Contact Phone: 480-610-3300

Contact Name: Quinton Johnson

Contact Phone: 928-467-3200

Contact Name: Fire Prevention Chief (Theresa)

Contact Phone: 602-526-0642

Contact Name: Ranger Lookout (Rob)

Contact Phone: 847-894-6932

Problems/Comments: We actually had to cut through a lot of red tape to get permission to use the lookout tower this year. The old lookout (Mean Gene) has retired, and no one at the Mesa Ranger District office seemed to have a clue that we've been using the tower for on-target since 1983. The Mesa Ranger District office also said they had not received the bulletin that Mike Heaton had sent out. They told me there was no way they could allow civilians atop the tower. At that point, I called Ranger Quinton Johnson. Quinton called the Mesa Ranger District office for me, and obviously spoke to the right people because I then got a call from the Fire Prevention Chief. She asked me a lot of questions about the activity and the insurance provided by the BSA. Finally, she granted us permission to use the tower and gave me the contact information of Rob, the lookout.

Activity:

No. of Boys: Five

No. of Leaders: Four

How many times has this unit participated in On-Target: Twice (we were on Mt. Peeley last year)

Mirror Contacts:

<u>Location/Peak</u>	<u>Radio Verified</u>	<u>Team Number</u>
1. Diamond Point	Yes	6761
2. Milk Ranch Point	Yes	6613
3. Myrtle Point	Yes	6570
4. Al Fulton Point	Yes	6772
5. Woods Canyon Lake	Yes	6798
6. Mount Peeley	Yes	6387
7. Milk Ranch Point	Yes	6867
8. Humbolt Mountain Lookout Tower	Yes	6854
9. McFadden Peak	Yes	6557
10. Promontory Point	Yes	6688
11. Hi View Point	Yes	6873

Draw any maps and/or pictures that would be helpful:

MT. ORD: Located half way between Fountain Hills and Payson. Site elevation is 7128' with 80' Pirod self-supporting tower. Coordinates 33-54-18 and 111-24-28. HAAT 3313. Service area is Fountain Hills, Beeline Highway (I - 87) and Roosevelt Lake area. Air Conditioned, back-up generator; secured. Just past mile marker 222.

