

TRIBUTE TO NATHAN ADAMS AS WE BID HIM FAREWELL

-Bella Donna, December 22, 2011

It is with much pride and bittersweet emotions that we bid our final farewell to Nathan Adams. Nathan has been a pillar to the community, young and not-so-young, as a Beaver Creek School/[Kiwaniis K-Kid member and president, a Builder's Club](#) member and also the first participant of the [Super Star Kids](#), Inc. program of the Verde Valley. He has participated and contributed to community events with [Bread of Life Mission](#), [KC's Family Tae Kwon Do](#), [National Park Service's Junior Ranger and Green Ranger programs](#), [Beaver Creek Kiwanis](#), [Beaver Creek School](#) chorus and many area church programs both in Beaver Creek as well as Camp Verde.

As Nathan moves on to new and exciting adventures, it is with great appreciation that I want to publicly thank all the people who contributed to his growing up and have impacted him in many positive ways. "It takes a village to raise a child" as the old African proverb remind us. As I assemble and reminisce over photos of Nathan, as well as dozens of other children in the community, I am again and again reminded of the 'community' love and concern. I am also deeply appreciative to the National Park Service and their positive impact and influence with Nathan and the community children. As I relive in pictures of Nathan from first to seventh grade, I see picture after picture, and memory after memory of the caring and sharing rangers of our local National Park Service. Hats off to you all, with much appreciation- Kathy Davis, Karen Hughes, Rex Vanderford, Deb Decovis, Case Griffing, Penny Wagner, Kathleen Osterhaus, Mike Hamende, Jim Beckwith and many, many others. Thank you again for having such a wonderful and positive impact on the children of our community.

