

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

April 2006

TROOP 266 ADVENTURES FOR 2007

Troop 266 has two great opportunities for 2007. The first is Northern Tier High Adventure Base. This time at Northern Tier, we will accept the challenge to complete the Ely-to-Atikokan trip. One crew will arrive at Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base near Ely, Minnesota on July 31, 2007, crew E073107A. This crew will head north into the wilderness that is Quetico Provincial Park, reappearing in civilization at Donald Rogert Canoe Base at Atikokan, Ontario, Canada. They will leave for home after breakfast August 10, 2007. The second crew, crew A073107A, will start at Donald Rogert Canoe Base July 31, and head south into Quetico Provincial Park. This crew will emerge on Moose Lake at Sommers Canoe Base, also heading home after breakfast August 10. We will meet soon to begin organizing crews. For more information, please contact Mr. Palmer by e-mail, davidpalmer7@comcast.net, or by telephone, 360-491-3749.

The second opportunity for 2007 will be going to Camp Pupukea on the island of Oahu for the week of July 8-14, 2007. This camp is on North shore of Oahu, near very scenic Weimea Falls. This camp will provide the scouts with an opportunity to earn merit badges, including Cooking, Field Sports, Crafts, Aquatics, Scoutcraft, and Nature merit badges can be earned as well. A special Hawaiiiana award can be earned by completing a set of requirements that teach scouts about Hawaiian culture, plants, and cooking while at camp. We will plan a sight seeing tour of Oahu that includes the Polynesian Cultural Center, Pearl Harbor, Diamond Head and Huanama Bay. The cost of this trip will be approximately \$1,200. This includes airfare, camp, and spending money. Those scouts who are interested in participating will need to turn in a deposit of \$100 to Mrs. Parnell no later than June 13, 2006. This trip will require lots of fundraising on the part of the scout, and any ideas for this will be gladly accepted. Furthermore, we will need adult leader participation. Interested adults please contact Mrs. Parnell.

Change to Class B Uniform

Remember, beginning with the first troop meeting on April 12th after daylight savings time the uniform for troop meetings again returns to Class B. This means the troop t-shirt, any summer camp or scouting related t-shirt or red polo shirt. New scouts that do not yet have a troop t-shirt can continue to wear the Class A uniform.

Crest Trail Day Hike, Saturday, May 27th, 2006

The first Crest Trail hike of 2006 will be conducted on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. This will be a 10-mile hike that counts toward the Hiking Merit Badge. It will be on the section of the trail the troop identifies as Section 3. All scouts and parents are welcome to participate. An information flyer and signup sheet for both hikers and drivers will be available at upcoming troop meetings. Any family that has a NW Forest Trails Pass that would be available for troop use for this outing please let Dave Bartruff know.

Summer Camp 2006 at Camp Easton

We will be collecting final payment for Camp Easton on April 18th and April 25th. The final payment is \$250.00 unless a scout has money in his scout account. At the time of final payment, we will also need to know the scout's T-shirt size and whether he will be attending Silverwood Theme Park. We also need to collect \$26.50 from each adult chaperone to cover the entrance fee for Silverwood. **Physicals** for most scouts who attended camp during the past two years are still good for this year after parents sign and date them again to attest that there is no change in physical condition. Existing physicals will be available at troop meetings during April and May for signing. Physicals for new scouts and any scouts that do not have a current physical should be turned in as soon as they are completed. If you need a Class 3 Physical Form see Dave Bartruff as soon as possible. **Adults attending camp** must also have a current Class 3 Physical (within one year of the camp date for those age 40 by the first day of camp). **Parent Summer Camp Orientation** will be Tuesday, June 13th for both camps. At the meeting there will be information handed out about the camp and permission slips to be signed. All Physical Forms must be signed and/or turned in by this date. Parents of scouts attending summer camp should make every effort to attend this meeting.

Camp Fire Mountain 2007

At the Spring Planning Conference the Troop leaders voted to return to Camp Fire Mountain for the 2007 Seekers and the Scouts who do not choose to go to summer camp in Hawaii. This camp is in the foot hills Southeast of Mount Vernon, WA.

Thriftway Rebate Card

Do you buy groceries at either Ralph's or Bayview Thriftway? Do you have family, friends or neighbors who shop there? Do you and they have a Troop 266 Community Rebate Card? Our troop benefits by receiving a 1% rebate on all sales at the Thriftway stores by persons using the rebate card. Last year our troop received about \$100 through this rebate program. This is \$100 the troop can use to subsidize summer camp and high adventure programs. Cards will be available after troop meetings in April and from Dave Bartruff at any time.

Adult Leader Training

The Sasquatch District will host the next adult leader training series on May 12-13 and May 20, 2006 at Camp Delezenne. This is comprehensive training for all Assistant Scoutmasters in the Troop. The course integrates into one program the Scoutmaster Specifics and Outdoor Leader Skills courses. Registration must be made in advance along with payment of a \$30 registration fee. Registration forms are available at the Tumwater Service Center and at weekly troop meetings.

Scouting Festival 2006 – Ft. Lewis, WA, May 5-7th

The Pacific Harbors Council will again host a Scouting Festival at Ft. Lewis this year. In addition to camping for two nights in a group campsite, Boy Scouts will have a great activity Midway and Saturday evening campfire with entertainment and fireworks. There will also be a Trail to First Class area where Scouts who need to complete activities can be assisted by program staff. Sign up online at pacificharbors.org.

Merit Badge Pow Wow, April 22nd

The last Merit Badge Pow Wow before summer will be held at the LDS Church at 600 NW Overhulse Rd on Saturday, April 22nd. As always, Scouts should bring signed merit badge blue cards for each merit badge they will be working on as well as a bag lunch. Scouts also should be in uniform and be accompanied by adult leaders.

April 22, 2006

OLYMPIA LDS Church

600 NW Overhulse (Mud Bay and Evergreen Parkway)

Planned Merit Badges (Subject to Change)

Merit Badge	Session I	Session II	Comments
Camping	X		Requires outside work
Citizenship in Community	X	X	
Citizenship in World	X	X	Require Outside Work
Citizenship in the Nation	X	X	
Communications	X	X	
Family Life			By Appointment
Personal Fitness	X		
Personal Management	X	X	
Emergency Preparedness	X	X	
Environmental Science	XX	XX	Requires outside Work
Radio	X		
Electronics		X	
Genealogy			
Dog Care		X	
Music	X	X	
Medicine	X		
Cycling	X		
Hiking	X		
Backpacking		X	
Small Boat Sailing	X		
First Aid	XX	XX	

Scouts should bring: Merit Badge Cards; Lunch; Uniform; Scout Leaders. The next Powwow will be on October 21, 2006.



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

Congratulations to the following adults who were selected by the troop for Order of the Arrow: Dave Davies, Reg Lankford, and James Christian.

For those of you who have made it through your Ordeal and are already Arrowmen, register now for Conclave 2006. It will be held at Franklin Pierce High School in Tacoma, April 21-23, 2006. In addition to the fun, fellowship, and great shows Arrowmen can also attend Teaquan Wask University, including the College for New Arrowmen, the College of Inductions and Ceremonies, and the College of Chapter and Lodge Leadership. Don't miss Conclave in our own backyard this year. Next year's Conclave will be held in Alaska.

If you were just elected by our troop to O/A, don't forget to sign up for one of this year's Ordeals: May 19-21 at Camp Hahobas; June 2-4 at Camp Thunderbird; or August 25-27 at Camp Hahobas. Great leadership opportunities abound for Arrowmen. For example, Volk Sergiojan and Karl Sergiojan were just selected to be on staff for the National Order of the Arrow Conference in Lansing, Michigan this summer.

If you have any questions about O/A, please contact your O/A Troop Representative, Karl Sergiojan, or Chapter Advisor, Jack Sergiojan, at 866-2888 or molodyetz@aol.com.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

The following scouts are celebrating their birthday in April. Please join us in wishing them a happy birthday and a great year!

Jesse Tyler
Eric Nail
Andrew Hou
Brandon Maguire
Caleb Kirchhofer
Matt Mueller
Eli Pong
Nils Henry
Andy Moreno
Andrew Geisslet
Gino Deiure
Andrew Sedivy
Todd Toney

APRIL ADVANCEMENTS

The following scouts advanced at the April Board of Review. Congratulations!

Brian Carpenter	Star
Bryce Knutzen	Life
Christian Moak	Life

UPCOMING PATROL ACTIVITIES

Here is the patrol activity information we received this month. It may give other patrols ideas for their own activities, or give patrols a chance to include others in their plans.

BATS. BEAVERS. WOLVERINES. No reports received.

BRAVES/DRAGONS. Some Braves and Dragons attended the spring APC at Camp Thunderbird. They plan to attend Merit Badge Powwow later this month. Some members will also attend the Order of the Arrow Conclave.

BADGERS. The Badgers will have a spring planning conference soon. Some of them attended the Spring APC. Most of the Badgers will attend the Merit Badge Powwow. A few will attend the O/A Conclave.

COUGARS. The Cougars did a community service project at the Port Orchard Veteran's Home and had an archery event. This month they plan to go to the Merit Badge Powwow and to Skateland.

RATTLESNAKES. The Rattlesnakes went skiing/snowboarding at Crystal Mountain. They will be attending the Merit Badge Powwow this month and going on the PCT hike in May.

EAGLES. The Eagles went rock wall climbing at Alpine Experience. This month they will partner with the Elks Club to do a service project serving ice cream to the elderly. They are also starting the cycling merit badge.

FLAMING ARROWS. The Flaming Arrows went rock wall climbing at Warehouse Rock Gym. They will attend the Merit Badge Powwow and go on a hike and campout at Mount Rainier this month. They plan to attend PLU Leadership Training Day and the Scouting Festival in May. Their goal is to try to get everyone in their patrol to Star rank.

PHEASANTS. The Pheasants went on a two-night campout to Long Beach. They spent the night on the beach, toured the town, saw the Lewis and Clark winter fort, and saw shipwrecks. They are planning a fishing day at the Lacey Parks Fishing Derby on April 22nd. In May, they will go on a backpacking trip.

FALCONS. The Falcons had a planning meeting, went to the troop spring APC, and went skiing/snowboarding in March. This month they will go rock climbing and attend the Merit Badge Powwow. In May, they will go on the troop swim and the PCT day hike.

LEVIATHANS. No report received.

COMING UP

- 1) April 18: Merit Badge Class #5; Leviathans Opening and Closing;
- 2) April 21-23: Order of the Arrow Section Conclave;
- 3) April 22: Merit Badge Powwow at Olympia Westside LDS Church;
- 4) May 2: PLC / BOR;
- 5) May 5-7: Scouting Festival at Fort Lewis;
- 6) May 9: Merit Badge Class #6;
- 7) May 12-13, 20: Adult Leader Training at Camp Thunderbird;
- 8) May 19-21: Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Hahobas;
- 9) May 23: Troop Swim at The Evergreen State College;
- 10) May 27: Pacific Crest Trail Day Hike;
- 11) May 30: Court of Honor;
- 12) June 2-4: Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Thunderbird;
- 13) June 6: PLC / BOR;
- 14) June 13: Family Summer Camp Orientation;
- 15) June 24: Eagle Alumni Banquet;
- 16) July 29-August 2: National Order of the Arrow Conference, Lansing, Michigan.

Please submit your stories, items of interest, and any other contributions for upcoming newsletters to the Newsletter Editor, Jack Sergiojan, at molodyetz@aol.com.