

# **TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER**

**April 2008**

## **MORE TROOP 266 SCOUTS EARN EAGLE SCOUT RANK**

### **Brett Bell**

On November 21, 2007 Brett was a part of a historic month for Troop 266 when six scouts achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts, the rank of Eagle. Brett accomplished this task after being a member of Troop 266 for almost 7 years. He made First Class 11 months after joining the troop and then advanced to Star in five months and Life one year later in September 2003. Brett has served the troop as a Troop Guide and has also served the Dragon Patrol as a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. The highlights of Brett's scouting activities include attendance at four summer camps (Fife - twice, Black Mtn and Fire Mountain), canoeing the Bowron Lakes in Canada, snow camping four consecutive years, whitewater rafting the Wenatchee River, and numerous patrol activities, including Hands Across the Border at the Peace Arch Park. These outdoor activities have helped Brett complete 49 nights of camping and log 24.6 miles of hiking. Brett became a member of the Order of the Arrow in 2005. He has supported his fellow Scouts by working on six Eagle Service projects which helped him accumulate 65 hours of service. For his Eagle Project he replaced the plywood hitting surface on the Olympia High School tennis courts. Brett also has staffed as a counselor at Camp Thunderbird for the past three years, and will be again this year. Brett is a senior at Olympia High School and will be attending Washington State University in the fall where he will pursue a degree in Electrical Engineering. His other activities include training in the martial art of TaeKwonDo (for the past six years), where he has attained the rank of Black Belt, and playing saxophone in the High School Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble.

### **Alex Fish**

On November 21, 2007 Alex was a part of a historic month for Troop 266 when six scouts achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts, the rank of Eagle. Alex transferred to Troop 266 as a Life Scout from Troop 618 in Longview, Texas in November 2005 after spending most of his Scouting life with Troop 194 in Pleasanton, Texas. Alex served the Pleasanton troop, dubbed the "rainmakers", as Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader multiple times for the Dragon Patrol as well as the troop's Scribe position. While with troops in Texas he participated in several summer camps as well as two winter camps at Camp Perry Scout Reservation and canoeing down the Guadalupe River. When combining the records from Texas and Troop 266 Alex complete 80 nights of camping including Philmont Scout Camp and a 20-day Alaskan expedition. Alex became a member of the Order of the Arrow, BSA's honor society, in 2003 while in Texas. He has supported his fellow Scouts by working on numerous Eagle Service projects which helped him accumulate 149 hours of service. The highlights of Alex's scouting activities in Washington include whitewater rafting on the Methow and Wenatchee Rivers and backpacking on a section of the Pacific Crest Trail. For his Eagle Project he built two sets of stairs to eliminate two dangerous gullies and improve access at Bush Prairie

Neighborhood Park. Alex is a senior at Tumwater High School. He is active in athletics and school activities having lettered in both varsity soccer and marching band. Alex received several high school awards including the all-academic award (greater than 3.75 GPA) in varsity soccer as goalkeeper and forward. After being accepted by several engineering schools in the Western U.S., Alex has decided to pursue a Mechanical Engineering degree at Washington State University in the fall.

### **Blake Inglin**

On 10/30/07 achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts, the rank of Eagle. He accomplished this feat after being a member of Troop 266 for almost seven years. Blake made First Class nine months after joining the troop. He then advanced to Star one year later in September 2002 and Life in January 2004. The highlights of Bryce's scouting activities include attendance at four summer camps (Black Mountain, Fire Mountain and twice at Fife), a week long Canoe high adventure on the Bowron Lakes in Canada and taking part in the 2005 Sea Base expedition in the Florida Keys. Blake has done a fair amount of hiking and backpacking, participating in four Pacific Crest Trail hikes and backpacking the 50-miler on the Evergreen Trek in 2003. These outdoor activities have helped Blake complete 53 nights of camping and log 182 miles of hiking and backpacking. Blake has supported his fellow Scouts by working on four Eagle Service projects which helped him accumulate 40 hours of service. For his Eagle Project he built and installed bat and birdhouses for Olympia High School at Freshman Pond. Blake is a Senior at Olympia High School. Due in large part to his high adventure trip to the Florida Keys, Blake is interested in biology and marine biology, and has spent two years working with the Hood Canal Salmon Enhancement Group. From August through October each year, he has spent hundreds of hours working as part of a team that is re-establishing a run of summer Chum that became extinct in the Tahuya River, while doing research on the Union River run. He has also been a camp counselor at the Muscular Dystrophy Association Summer Camp at Camp Seymour in Gig Harbor, WA; and spent his last spring break working in Juarez, Mexico building and improving housing and living conditions for the poor. His goal is to attend Western Washington University to study Marine Biology or Marine Ecology.

## **TROOP 266 SCOUTS EARN SERVICE ACADEMY APPOINTMENTS**

**Congratulations** to Eagle Scouts **Patrick Lockard** and **Nico Garcia** on their admissions to the Military Academy at West Point and the Naval Academy in Annapolis, respectively. They will be getting a tier one education at two of the most academically competitive colleges in the country. Their scholarships are valued at \$450,000 each, and they will also get paid while in school. But that's not all. Brutal 20-mile marches with 30 pound packs, in all kinds of weather---even RAIN, practicing basic navigation skills, setting up tents in the dark. These are some of the activities that Patrick and Nico will be doing this summer as they enter life at the academies. For other plebes, these experiences will be new, and many will drop out before academic courses even start in the fall. But for Patrick and Nico, it will be no big challenge, like just another day in Boy Scouts. Good luck to you both!

## **HIGH ADVENTURE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **BOWRAN LAKES**

Take the trip of a lifetime to the Bowran Lake Provincial Park in upper British Columbia, Canada. This canoe circuit is world famous. People from all walks of life, from different countries, speaking different languages, come to the Bowron Lake Chain each year. The Circuit is more than 70 miles long and crosses over 9 different lakes. The Park is a game reserve and visitors get the opportunity to view and photograph deer, moose, bears, caribou, mountain goat, beavers and eagles throughout the trip. The Park is located nearby is [Barkerville](#), a restored Gold Rush Town of the 1860's. With its live theater in the summer and its numerous other attractions, Barkerville is well worth the visit. The main trip is expected to take 9 days from August 19 through August 27, 2008. The Bowran Lakes Crew will participate in 3 additional water events between May and July. All of the events will be planned and organized by the scouts involved. Cost of the Bowran Lake trip is expected to be approximately \$200 per participant and will include food, lakes fees, and transportation. This could be higher if the Crew decides to use motels while traveling to/from the lakes. The collective cost of the prep trips will be approximately \$50 per participant subject to the decisions of the Crew. To be eligible for this high adventure, the scout will need to have had his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 19, 2008. Additionally, each scout will need to have earned his Canoeing, Swimming and Camping merit badges by that same date. A deposit of \$50.00 is required to secure a reservation for this high adventure. Interested scouts and adults can make their reservation with Mr. Nugent by calling 456-3336 (home), 870-4618 (cell) or 570-0080 (work).

### **NORTHERN TIER**

Troop 266 obtained a high adventure canoe reservation to Northern Tier National High Adventure Base in 2009. Our base will be Northern Expeditions in Bissett, Manitoba. This canoeing program includes a float plane flight to start and end the trip. The fishing is reportedly the best at Northern Tier. You must be 13 years of age by July 26, 2009 to participate. The trip is July 26, 2009 to August 5, 2009, and travel time. Please see Mr. Palmer if you are interested. More information will follow in the near future.

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **TROOP SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

If you are a Troop 266 Scout who may be in need of assistance in paying for Scouting activities, the troop has a scholarship fund available for needy families. Please contact your Patrol Advisor or the Troop Committee.

### **SNOW SPORTS MERIT BADGE**

Eight Scouts worked on the Snow Sports merit badge activities at Trollhagen. They should contact Mr. Dan Bode to make sure they finish up the merit badge.

### **SUMMER CAMP 2009**

At the Spring Planning Conference, the Patrol Leaders' Council at Camp Delezenne selected Camp Easton for the troop's summer camp in 2009.



## **ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT**

**By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative**

We just returned from the annual Order of the Arrow Conclave which was held at Camp Fire Mountain this year. It was an amazing event, with attendance in excess of 307 Scouts and Scouters from all over the Northwest plus including Alaska and Japan. Three Troop 266 Scouts made this event happen as part of the Council of Chiefs. **Erik Luetkehans** was in charge of Activities, **Karl Sergiojan** was the Section Vice-Chief, and **Volk Sergiojan** organized Shows, which most people agreed were the best in recent memory.

There are only a few spots available at Shasta-Trinity this summer for the once in a lifetime opportunity of ArrowCorps5. In the largest national service project since World War II, five-thousand Arrowmen from all over the country will be doing working for a week and having fun at 5 different National Parks throughout the United States. The fun will include mountain biking, canoeing, and white water rafting. Our Lodge will be sending a contingent to the Shasta-Trinity site in California. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is expected to be there! For more information, see Karl Sergiojan or visit [www.ArrowCorps5.org](http://www.ArrowCorps5.org) for this great opportunity.

## **PATROL VISIONS FOR TWO YEARS**

### **Scorpions**

More members  
Everyone to 1<sup>st</sup> Class  
Idaho, Oregon, Washington road trip  
Get everyone to Star

### **Patriots**

More things accomplished during meetings  
Patrol members to pay more attention  
Everyone to Star  
More trips

### **Beavers**

Waterskiing  
Everyone to Eagle  
Sailing  
More campouts  
Cabin camping

### **Leviathans**

Finish current MBs  
Everyone to Life  
75 mile bike ride  
Everyone to Eagle

## **Wildcats**

10 more MB snowboarding  
Make First Aid kits  
More service projects  
Snorkling

## **Sharks**

25 miler in 3 days  
3 mile relay swim  
More campouts  
Raise attendance  
Star and above  
50 mile backpacking trip

## **Falcons**

Eagle for everyone  
50 mile backpacking trip  
Build a mini helicopter  
Go to MAKE: fair  
Genetic engineering revolution (?)  
Reverse global warming (?)

## **Flaming Arrows**

Everyone to Eagle  
More activities

## **Pheasants**

More Service projects  
More campouts

## **Cattlesnakes**

More outings  
Go bowling  
More attendance  
Just do more stuff

## **Eagles**

More Service projects  
More campouts

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

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

**Andrew Hou**  
**Brandon Maguire**  
**Kyle Darling**  
**Caleb Kirchhofer**  
**Eli Pong**  
**Andrew Geissler**  
**Darion Kalegi**  
**Caleb Hou**  
**Gino Deiure**  
**Kyler Carlson**  
**Andrew Sedivy**

### **APRIL ADVANCEMENTS**

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

<b>Adam Weber</b>	First Class
<b>Gino Denuire</b>	Star
<b>Dan Moore</b>	Life
<b>Erik Luetkehans</b>	Eagle

## **COMING UP**

- 1) May 4: CROP Walk, Downtown Olympia;
- 2) May 6: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 3) May 13: Troop Meeting; Final Summer Camp Payment Due; Merit Badge Class #6;
- 4) May 17: PLU Leadership Training;
- 5) May 20: Troop Meeting; Summer Merit Badge Kick-off;
- 6) May 27: Troop Meeting: Court of Honor;
- 7) May 30: Troop Swim at The Evergreen State College;
- 8) May 31: Pacific Crest Trail Day Hike.

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