

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

July-August 2006

TROOP AND PATROL ELECTIONS

BY SCOUTMASTER DAVID K. PALMER

Time is passing fast, and next month we will elect new leaders for our troop. Our goal is for Troop 266 to be Boy Led, Boy Run, so these elections are critical. The Scouts will elect the Senior Patrol Leader at the September 12th troop meeting, and the Scouts in each patrol will elect their Patrol Leaders at the September 19th patrol meetings. For our new patrols, this patrol election will be their first.

Senior Patrol Leader or SPL

We have several requirements for Senior Patrol Leader, the chief executive officer or CEO of Troop 266.

First, this young man must give his consent in advance to run for and serve as SPL.

Second, this young man must be eligible to serve as SPL during the entire six months. For example, no scout who will turn 18 years of age during this six-month period can run for SPL.

Third, absent extraordinary circumstances, this young man must be available for the entire Fall Planning Conference (or "Fall APC"), which is October 21-22, 2006, at Camp Thunderbird. This Fall APC is one of the most important events that occurs during the SPL's term. The SPL will have a difficult time planning his term unless he attends. If you cannot attend the Fall APC, you should discuss the conflict with Mr. Palmer before running.

Duties of a SPL

- Run all troop meetings, events, activities, and the Fall APC.
- Chair meetings of the patrol leaders' council or PLC.
- Appoint troop members to serve in the troop's other junior leader positions (with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster).
- Delegate duties and responsibilities to other junior leaders.
- Assist the Scoutmaster with troop junior leader training.
- Set a good example.
- Wear the Scout uniform correctly.
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Show Scout spirit.

Patrol Leader or PL

We have several requirements for Patrol Leaders, the chief executive officer for a patrol.

First, this Scout must give his consent to run for and serve as PL.

Second, this Scout must be eligible to serve as PL during the entire six months. For example, no scout who will turn 18 years of age during this six-month period can run for PL.

Third, absent extraordinary circumstances, this young man must be available for the Fall APC, which is October 21-22, 2006 at Camp Thunderbird. This Fall APC is one of the most important events that occurs during the PL's term. The PL will have a difficult time planning patrol activities and becoming part of the PLC team unless he attends. If you cannot attend the Fall APC, you should discuss the conflict with your Patrol Advisor before running.

What is expected of each PL

- Represent the patrol at all PLC meetings and the Fall APC.
- Keep patrol members informed of decisions made by the PLC.
- Play a key role in planning, leading, and evaluating patrol meetings and activities.
- Help the patrol prepare to participate in all troop activities.
- Learn about the abilities of other patrol members and fully involve them in patrol and troop activities by assigning them specific tasks and responsibilities.
- Attend troop junior leader training and continue to work on advancement.
- Encourage patrol members to complete their own advancement requirements.
- Set a good example by having a positive attitude, wearing the Scout uniform, showing patrol spirit, and expecting the best from yourself and others.
- Devote the time necessary to be an effective leader.
- Work with others in the troop to make the troop go.
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Solicit ideas and concerns from patrol members so they have input to the planning and operation of the patrol.

We have a great group of potential leaders. I look forward to ANOTHER OUTSTANDING PLC for the next six months!

OTHER NEWS

Pet Parade Volunteers Needed

We need 12 volunteers to be sign holders and represent Troop 266 at the Downtown Olympia's Pet Parade on Saturday, August 19th. This is a fun way to earn service hours! Great especially for younger scouts. Check-in will be at 8:00 am at Heritage Park. Snacks will be provided. To sign up or if you need more information, please call Clayton Woodruff @ 943-6962 or reply by email to: kwoodruff@mutualmaterials.com.

Merit Badge Deadline, Tuesday, September 12th

The last day to turn in completed blue merit badge cards to Mrs. Parnell or Mr. Bhatt is September 12th for award at the September 26th Court of Honor.

Tacoma Rainiers

The Annual Boy Scout night at the Tacoma Rainiers is coming up Friday, August 18, 2006. Game time against Tucson is 7:05 pm.

CREST TRAIL DAY HIKE, Saturday, September 16th

The last Crest Trail hike of the 2006 season will cover 8 miles (7.3 on the PCT) from Stevens Pass north to Union Gap on September 16th. A flyer and sign-up sheet will be available at Troop meetings beginning August 22nd.

Eagle Projects – Look for flyers and sign-up lists at upcoming troop meetings.

1. Patrick Stack's project is the weekend of August 26-27 at the Olympia Elks Lodge.
2. Jesse Tyler's project is Saturday September 23 at Tumwater Hill Elementary School

Hawaii Summer Camp

Please see Coleen Parnell at the troop meeting for final signups and deposit for next year's summer camp in Hawaii.

Popcorn Sale

Need a way to pay for summer camp in Hawaii? Andrew Hou and his mom, Layying Hou, are heading up our troop's popcorn sale efforts. Look in next month's newsletter for more information on how to take advantage of this great fundraising opportunity.



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

If you were elected by our troop to O/A this year and have not yet been to an ordeal, you have one last chance. The final ordeal for the year will be August 25-27 at Camp Hahobas. If you were elected this year and do not complete your ordeal this month, you are no longer a candidate, and you would have to be re-elected next year to have the opportunity to become an Arrowman.

Any current Arrowman who wants to serve at the summer Camp Hahobas ordeal or wants to achieve his Brotherhood Honor, contact your Lodge 2nd Vice-Chief, Volk Sergiojan, at 360-866-2888 or molodyetz@aol.com.

Our Nisqually Lodge Contingent of 18 Arrowmen just returned from the National Order of the Arrow Conference at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan. We had a great time, and everyone agrees it was one of the best NOACs ever! Volk and Karl Sergiojan received Merit Recognition as members of the Chehalis Chapter Ceremonies Team and also served on the National Communications Staff. There are lots of opportunities for service, leadership, and fun at NOAC. Make plans now for the next NOAC which will be held at Indiana State University in 2009.

All Arrowmen, including those who are new to O/A and just completed their ordeal, are invited to attend a special event September 10th from 10 am to 4 pm. We will be going trap shooting at the Evergreen Gun Club in Rochester, and we have arranged a special discount price. Please watch for details in the Chehalis Chapter Newsletter.

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.

COMING UP

- 1) August 22: Regular Troop Meeting, Scoutmaster David Palmer returns;
- 2) August 25-27: Last Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Hahobas;
- 3) August 29: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 4) September 5: PLC / BOR;
- 5) September 12: Regular Troop Meeting, Troop Elections;
- 6) September 16: Pacific Crest Trail Day Hike
- 7) September 19: Regular Troop Meeting, Patrol Elections.

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