

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

December 2007

TRANSITIONS

By David Palmer - Scoutmaster

The year is 2011. Scouting in the United States has just passed its centennial. Troop 266 is just over 25 years old. The troop committee is meeting to decide how to recruit a new Scoutmaster. The current Scoutmaster has led the troop with distinction, and it is an awesome troop, where Every Scout Absolutely Matters. But, the Scoutmaster plans to retire, and the troop committee has no idea how to find a replacement.

This is my vision – for my successor.

I plan to retire as Scoutmaster by November 1, 2008. At that time, I will have served 5 years as Scoutmaster and over 9 years as an adult leader in Troop 266.

Together, we have done great things. We have gone to every national high adventure base: Philmont Scout Ranch, Northern Tier Canoe Base, and Florida Sea Base. We have gone to summer camp at Camp Fife, Camp Meriwether, Camp Easton, and Camp Fire Mountain. Andy Palmer, Eric Oderman, Volk Sergiojan, Patrick Lockard, Erik Luetkehans, Jeff Levine, Andrew Hou (twice), and Erik Hegge have served as Senior Patrol Leaders. Two Scouts, Zack Draper and Erik Hegge, and one adult, Mr. Draper, have attended all three high adventure bases. Four Scouts have earned the 100 nights of camping award - David Kuhns, Jr., Andy Palmer, Karl Sergiojan, and Volk Sergiojan. We have added 10 patrols. We have added several new troop awards: the Troop 266 Triple Crown Award, the 100 Hours of Service Award, the 50 Hours of Service Award, and the Extreme Patrol Camping Awards (Bronze Extreme, Gold Extreme, and Silver Extreme). Forty-four (44) guys have earned their Eagle Scout rank.

I am fortunate to work with many quality adults. Several have the ability to serve as the Scoutmaster of my vision. He or she just needs to step forward and say, “I am here; call me.” Let me know if you are interesting in discussing the Scoutmaster position.

When I became Scoutmaster, I relied on Scoutmaster Emeritus David Workman for advice and support. I intend to give this same gift to my successor.

I have enjoyed working with many, many members of this Troop, both Scouts and adults. This is a committed group that has supported the program that I envisioned and has given a great deal of its time. We could not ask for more.

Scout Night at UPS

The University of Puget Sound in Tacoma is having a “Take a Kid to the Game Night” on January 11, 2008. This night will be more of a family night to take in a great basketball game. Scouts in their uniform with paid adult will receive free admission.

Sasquatch District Merit Badge Powwow

The next Merit Badge Powwow will be on January 19, 2008 at the Lacey LDS Stake Center, 1602 Ruddell Road from 8:30am to 3:30 pm. Wear you Class A uniform and bring signed blue merit badge card(s) and your lunch. Also, if you plan on doing any craft merit badges, bring money to buy craft kits. **Questions?** Contact Bob or Denise Marlatt at (360) 866-0786

Klondike

The annual Klondike Event will be held January 25-27, 2008 at Camp Delezenne. It features Pioneering, Orienteering, First-aid, Knot Gauntlet, Rope Making, Patrol Cooking, Dutch Oven, Just-Do-It-Stations, Figure-It-Out Stations, and more. And don't forget the famous dog sled races! Troop 266 individuals and teams have won many of these events in the past. Come and compete as a patrol—the fellowship is terrific. If you want to prepare ahead of time and get to know what Klondike is all about, come to the Pre-Klondike Workshop at Camp Delezenne on January 5th. See the Pacific Harbors Council website for registration information. **QUESTIONS?** Klondike Mike aka: Mike Stamon mgstamon@comcast.net or Adak Alvin aka: Alvin Gay alving@comcast.net.



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

Please join us for the annual Nisqually Lodge Awards Banquet. It will be held at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Tacoma on January 12, 2008 at 6:00 pm. All Arrowmen and their families are welcome to attend. Come celebrate last year and get a preview of what's ahead for 2008. Meet your new Lodge and Chapter officers. We will have an Italian menu catered by Joeseppi's. Lodge and Chapter awards, including Nagatamen, Founders and James E. West Awards will be given. Also, meet the newest Vigil Honor members from our Lodge. There is a discount for early reservations, so sign up soon. See www.nisqually155.org for details.

Another great opportunity for Arrowmen this coming summer is ArrowCorps5, where 5,000 Arrowmen from all over the country will be doing service projects and having fun at 5 different National Parks. The fun will include mountain biking, canoeing, and white water rafting. For more information, see Karl Sergiojan or visit www.ArrowCorps5.org for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Our next Chapter Meeting will be at the regular location, the First United Methodist Church on Legion Way in downtown Olympia, Monday, January 7th at 7:00 pm. All Arrowmen are invited to participate with new Chapter Chief Erik Luetkehans.

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.

BRAVES / DRAGONS. The Braves and Dragons have been helping the remaining patrol members achieve their Eagle Scout rank.

BADGERS. The Badgers have also been finishing up their Eagle projects.

COUGARS. No report received.

RATTLESNAKES. The Rattlesnakes worked on archery and participated in Rally Day, the Night Hike, and Wreath Sales.

EAGLES. The Eagles had a patrol planning conference and attended the Night Hike, Rally Day, and participated in Wreath Sales.

FLAMING ARROWS. The Flaming Arrows advanced their entire patrol to Life rank, went to Rally Day, the Night Hike, and Junior Leader Training, and did Wreath Sales.

PHEASANTS. The Pheasants participated in Rally Day, the Night Hike, and Wreath Sales and also had a patrol planning conference.

FALCONS. No report received.

LEVIATHANS. The Leviathans had a Patrol Planning Conference. They also participated in JLT, Rally Day, and Wreath Sales.

SHARKS. The Sharks worked on a special service project--Toys for the needy at Christmas time. They also participated in Rally Day and Wreath Sales.

WILDCATS. The Wildcats attended Rally Day and the Night Hike and worked on Wreath Sales

SCORPIONS. The Scorpions participated in Rally Day, the Night Hike, the Football Game, JLT, and Wreath Sales.

PATRIOTS. The Patriots attended Rally Day, the Night Hike, Junior Leader Training, and also participated in the Wreath Sales.

BEAVERS. The Beavers had a Patrol Planning Conference and participated in Rally Day, the Night Hike, JLT, and the Wreath Sales.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Coleton Marshall	12
Tiluck Bhatt	17
Matthew Middleton	13
Justin Bishop	12
Kellan Barnett	17

DECEMBER ADVANCEMENTS

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

Jonathan Biles	Second Class
Justin Bishop	Second Class
Daniel Escobedo	Eagle
Eric Evans	Life
Adam Golden	First Class
Riley Grimstead	Second Class
David Holm	Tenderfoot
Joseph Jacobs	Second Class
Austin Kale	First Class
Coleton Marshall	First Class
Ian McKenzie	Life
Paul Min	First Class
Ben Moak	Tenderfoot

COMING UP

- 1) January 5: Pre-Klondike Clinic at Camp Delezenne;
- 2) January 8: Troop Meeting, Merit Badge Wrap-Up Class #6;
- 3) January 12: Cross-Country Skiing, Stampede Pass, Trollhaugen; Nisqually Lodge Order of the Arrow Awards Banquet, Saint Patrick's Church, Tacoma;
- 4) January 15: Troop Meeting Winter Camping Preparation;
- 5) January 19: Merit Badge Powwow, LDS Stake Center;
- 6) January 22: Troop Meeting, Merit Badge Class Kick-Off #1;
- 7) January 25: Klondike Patrol Competition at Camp Delezenne;
- 8) January 29: Troop Court of Honor;
- 9) February 2-3: Fellowship Weekend and Scout Sunday Service Project;
- 10) February 5: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 11) February 12: Troop Meeting, Merit Badge Class #2;
- 12) February 16-18: Winter Camping;
- 13) February 19: Troop Meeting;
- 14) February 23: Cross-Country Skiing, Stampede Pass, Trollhaugen;
- 15) February 26: Troop Meeting, Order of the Arrow Troop Election, Merit Badge Class #3.

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