

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

January 2009

Winter Court of Honor, January 27th

The next Court of Honor that will recognize the achievements of our Scouts is coming up. Everyone is expected to wear full Class A uniform (tan scout shirt, neckerchief, and slide). Merit Badge sashes are encouraged but not required. Please bring cookies or other snacks to share. Refreshments can be dropped off in the gym before the ceremony. If you have any questions, you can ask Ian MacKenzie, Josh Drinkard, or Mrs. Welsheimer.

Troop Bowling Party for Wreath Sales

This year the requirements to attend the party are that the scout sold at least 7 wreaths in order to be eligible to attend the bowling party. The party is scheduled for Saturday, January 31, 2009, at the Westside Lanes at 1:45 PM. The troop will pay for shoe rental and 3 games of bowling. If you want refreshments you will need to buy those for yourself. The bowling alley does not allow any outside food or beverages. Please RSVP to Sue Drinkard at 357-8428

Scoutmaster Conferences

The Scoutmaster and Troop Committee have approved a new assignment of Assistant Scoutmasters to perform Scoutmaster Conferences needed for Advancement. Any Scout needing a conference should contact one of the following adult leaders:

For the Rank of Eagle – Barry Kirk, Scoutmaster

For the Rank of Life or Star – Chris Jones or Bill Hegge, Assistant Scoutmasters

For the Rank of First Class, Second Class or Tenderfoot – Jan Skoropinski

If the designated adult leader is not available, any Scout may contact Mr. Dan Bode for a Conference

New Boy Scout Annual Health and Medical Record

Get prepared for a new Health and Medical Record that will require annual visits to a doctor in order to attend summer camps or high adventures. The new form will be required for all scouting activities beginning January 1, 2010. BSA is recommending that everyone begin using the form immediately, although those Scouts and Adults under the age of 40 who have an existing Class 2 or Class 3 form that is not three years old by December 31, 2009 can continue to use that form. Any Scout requiring a new physical exam for activities in 2009 can still use the old Class 2/3 form but it will only remain valid until December 31, 2009. The new form can be viewed at:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf

A Frequently Asked Questions sheet provided by BSA can be viewed at:

<http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/Resources/MedicalFormFAQs.aspx>

Troop Merit Badge Classes

Beginning February 10th the troop would like to start three merit badge classes. To make the classes work we need parent help in leading/teaching the classes. Thanks to Dennis Davies and John Level the Emergency Preparedness and Citizenship in the Nation classes are now covered. While they have volunteered to lead the classes they expect the support of parents whose sons are in the class. In order to conduct the Citizenship in the World class we still need one more adult to step forward and volunteer to lead the class. If you can help out please let the Scoutmaster, Barry Kirk, or Dave Bartruff know.

Summer Camp 2009 – Camp Easton on Lake Coeur d’Alene

As previously announced, in 2009 the troop will return for their second summer camp at Camp Easton, last visited in 2006. And again we will depart for camp on the Saturday morning before camp so that the scouts can spend the afternoon and evening at Silverwood Park. There will be two camp sessions to choose from. The first week of camp will be July 11-18. The Scoutmaster for the first week of camp will be Barry Kirk. The second week of camp will be July 25-August 1. The troop still needs a Scoutmaster to lead the second camp. We are now approaching the time when we will be taking deposits for attendance at camp. The deposit required by the camp is \$75 for each scout and must be paid to the camp’s Council by the end of March. Sign-ups and deposit collection will begin on February 10th for the 35 slots in each of the two weeks of camp, with 10-20 slots being saved for new scouts in the second week of camp. Reservations for slots in each camp will be on a first paid basis. Funds from Scout Accounts may be used to pay the deposit. Payments of deposits must be made by March 20th.

Volunteer Still Needed – Summer Camp Coordinator

The Troop is seeking an adult or two to coordinate the 2009 Summer Camp at Camp Easton on Lake Coeur d’Alene, ID. Lisa Bishop is the most recent holder of this job and has a lot of good ideas to pass along to the next volunteer to take it over. Duties include arranging bus transportation, coordinating with the camp, taking sign-ups, deposits and final payments for camp, making payments to the camp, coordinating with the Board of Review Chairman and Advancement Chairman for their support of camp boards and merit badges, and attending committee meetings from January through July. If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity or to outright volunteer for this important job to support the Scouts please contact Lisa Bishop or Barry Kirk.

New Requirements for Tour Permits Effective January 1, 2009

For all tour permits submitted in 2009 there will need to be at least one adult on the trip who has taken the Hazardous Weather Training Course. Other requirements to file a tour permit are that one of the adults on the trip is a BSA registered adult member and at least one have taken Youth Protection. If events include activities in or on the water or climbing, an adult needs to have taken Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat and/or Climb-on Safety. These courses are available online at www.pacificarbors.org. To take the course you need to log in with your BSA member number which is shown on your membership card or can be obtained by calling the Tumwater Service Center at 357-3111. After completing the online course print out the completion certificate and provide a copy to Dave Bartruff to enter into the troop database.

Troop Order of the Arrow Elections February 24th

The following Scouts will be eligible for election to the Order of the Arrow next month:

Mathew Geisler	Colin Kirkmire	Alex Jones
Brian Hegge	Brent Knutzen	Ryan Williams

The following Scouts need one more night of camping to become eligible:

Brett Lundmark	Jacob Min
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The following Scouts need two nights of camping to become eligible:

Jake Blakeslee	Jimmy Jacobs	Cole Jameson
Harrison Coleman	Joseph Jacobs	Joseph Raines
Riley Grimstead		

Scouts have until February 17th to complete their camping nights. If any Scout who is not listed above believes he is eligible, please contact Dave Bartruff immediately.



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

We had a great turn-out at the Annual Awards Dinner earlier this month. We had several special guests, including Del Loder (an Order of the Arrow National icon), Steve Englehorn (the Bailiff for the Washington State Supreme Court—only the sixth person to hold that position in state history!), and our keynote speaker, Eagle Scout and Washington State Supreme Court Justice Richard Sanders. Several Troop 266 members received special awards at the dinner, including **Erik Luetkehans**, who won the Nagatamen Award, **Volk Sergiojan**, who won the James E. West Award, and **Karl and Jack Sergiojan**, who each won the Founders Award. We also recognized 8 new Vigil Honor Members.

Thank you to everyone who helped us this year to meet all the requirements for Quality Lodge for the first time in many years. We worked especially hard to demonstrate positive membership growth and to attain our 30% Brotherhood conversion rate.

Our Annual Chapter Planning Meeting will be held this coming Sunday at Charley Bates' home. We always have a great time with all the activities to do there, including golf, foosball, table shuffleboard, a sauna, a workout room, and a jacuzzi. For the sauna or spa you need to bring a swim suit. Towels will be provided. All Arrowmen and their parents are welcome to come join the fun and plan our activities for the coming year. Also coming up February 20-22 is our Fellowship at Camp Thunderbird. All Arrowmen are welcome to attend. Look for details on both of these upcoming events via email.

For more information on these and other exciting Order of the Arrow happenings and opportunities, contact O-A Troop Representative Karl Sergiojan or Chapter Advisor Jack Sergiojan at molodyetz@aol.com.

Scout Account Policy

The troop committee recently reviewed and revised the policy that controls the use and disposition of the Scout Savings Account maintained in the troop for scouts. The Account exists for the management of funds earned by the scout during fundraising activities to be used to pay for scouting activities. Funds may be directed to pay for high adventure activities, summer camps, annual dues and Boys' Life subscriptions, Eagle Court of Honor expenses and equipment. If a scout transfers to another Boy Scout Troop, Venture Post or Explorer Post that maintains a similar account the balance can be transferred to the new unit. The account remains active until the Scout turns age 18 unless he continues BSA membership as an adult, in which case the account is retained in his name as an adult. When a scout leaves the troop after age 18 the account is closed out in one of the following ways:

1. Transfer account balance to one or more active scouts in the troop;
2. Transfer account balance to the troop scholarship fund; or
3. If the account balance is \$10.00 or more the Scout or family may request that the balance be cashed out.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

The following scouts are celebrating their birthday in December.

Paul Zepeda	12
Coleton Marshall	13
Danny Rychman	12
Tiluck Bhatt	18
Ian Culhane	12
Justin Bishop	13
Lino Velez-Craft	12
Kellan Barnett	18

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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

Bryce Inglin	14
Nathan Dailey	15
Bryce Knutzen	16

DECEMBER ADVANCEMENTS

The following Scouts advanced at the December Board of Review. Congratulations to all!

Nathan Dailey	Star
Andrew Escobedo	Star
Josh Drinkard	Life
Luke Larson	Life
Kyle Selstead	Eagle
Ryan Williams	Life

JANUARY ADVANCEMENTS

There were no advancements in the month of January.

COMING UP

- 1) January 27: Court of Honor;
- 2) January 31: Bowling Party for Wreath Sellers, Westside Lanes;
- 3) February 1: Order of the Arrow Annual Chapter Planning Meeting;
- 4) February 3: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 5) February 7: Fellowship Weekend, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church;
- 6) February 8: Scout Sunday, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church;
- 7) February 8: Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meeting;
- 8) February 9: Troop Committee Meeting
- 9) February 10: Troop Meeting, Merit Badge Class #1;
- 10) February 14: Winter Camping at White Pass;
- 11) February 17: Troop Meeting;
- 12) February 20-22: Order of the Arrow Fellowship at Camp Thunderbird;
- 13) February 24: Troop Meeting; Merit Badge Class #2; Order of the Arrow Elections;
- 14) March 2: Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting;
- 15) March 3: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 16) March 9: Troop Committee Meeting
- 17) March 9: Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meeting;
- 18) March 10: Troop Elections;
- 19) March 17: Patrol Elections, Merit Badge Class #3;
- 20) March 21: Life to Eagle Workshop at Good Shepherd Church;
- 21) March 24: Summer Programs, Seeker Welcome;
- 22) March 28: Spring Planning Conference at Camp Thunderbird;
- 23) March 31: PLC / PAC / BOR.

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

Food for Thought

On the Weather

Don't knock the weather; nine-tenths of the people couldn't start a conversation if it didn't change once in a while. - Kin Hubbard

To keep a fire burning there's one easy rule. Keep the logs together, near enough to keep warm and far enough apart for breathing room. Good fire, good marriage, same rule. - Marnie Reed

Happiness is not in our circumstances but in ourselves. It is not something we see, like a rainbow, or feel, like the heat of a fire. Happiness is something we are. - John B. Sheerin

The hearts that love will know never winter's frost and chill. Summer's warmth is in them still. - Eben Eugene Rexford

It has done me good to be somewhat parched by the heat and drenched by the rain of life. - Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

On the New Year

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man. ~Benjamin Franklin

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things. ~John Burroughs

The object of a New Year is not that we should have a new year. It is that we should have a new soul and a new nose; new feet, a new backbone, new ears, and new eyes. Unless a particular man made New Year resolutions, he would make no resolutions. Unless a man starts afresh about things, he will certainly do nothing effective. ~G.K. Chesterton

May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions. ~Joey Adams

Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one hole more in the buckle if necessary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but on the first of January let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take no interest in the things that were and are past. ~Henry Ward Beecher

On Leadership

The leader seeks to communicate his vision to his followers. He captures their attention with his optimistic intuition of possible solutions to their needs. He influences them by the dynamism of his faith. He demonstrates confidence that the challenge can be met, the need resolved, the crisis overcome. - John Haggai

Ethics must begin at the top of an organization. It is a leadership issue and the chief executive must set the example. - Edward Hennessy

The best leaders are those most interested in surrounding themselves with assistants and associates smarter than they are. They are frank in admitting this and are willing to pay for such talents. - Amos Parrish

The best leaders of all, the people know not they exist. They turn to each other and say, we did it ourselves. - Zen Saying

There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things. (from 'The Prince') - Niccolo Machiavelli