

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

July 2007

TWO TROOP 266 SCOUTS ACHIEVE EAGLE RANK

On May 15th, 2007, **Andy Moreno** achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. Andy joined the troop in February 2000 and made rapid advancement progress, making First Class in June 2001 and Star after the 2002 summer camp. He has been a Life scout since September 2003. Andy has served the troop as an Assistant Patrol Leader, Chaplain Aide and Patrol Leader for the Beaver Patrol, was a Guide for the Seekers in 2004, and served as the Senior Patrol Leader at Summer Camp at Camp Fife. Andy served as a Den Chief for a Cub Scout den for one year. The highlights of Andy's scouting activities have been attendance at four summer camps (Parsons, Black Mountain, Fire Mountain and Fife) and a white water rafting trip. Andy has accumulated 40 nights of camping, hiked 106 miles, including seven segments of the Pacific Crest Trail, and performed 49.5 hours of service during his scouting career, including working on three Eagle projects other than his own. He also earned his Ad Altare Dei religious medal. For his Eagle project, Andy added backs to benches in the outdoor theater at Wolf Haven International. Andy is a senior at Olympia High School. He has participated in mixed choir and the men's chorus, Bellicoso, since his freshman year. He graduates in June and plans to attend Audio Technology classes at Evergreen State College. Andy was confirmed at St. Michael's parish where he was involved in Life Teen and journeyed to Juarez, Mexico for two weeks to do mission work building outdoor showers, painting the school and working with the children in the day care. He is active in Jr. League bowling where he has earned scholarships for placing in the top three in numerous Pro-Am invitational tourneys and advanced to the State level at the Pepsi Challenge Youth Bowling Tourney. Andy works part-time for the Building Ind. Assoc. of WA. Andy plans to give back to scouting by continuing to be involved with the troop, possibly with his brother's patrol. His best advice to all young scouts (especially his brother Sam) is to not wait until you are almost 18 years old to do your Eagle project! A Court of Honor is planned for October, 2007.

Mitchell Smith also received his Eagle Scout rank on May 15, 2007. He joined Troop 266 in February 2000, advanced to Star in March 2002 and Life six months later. Mitchell served the troop as a Troop Guide for the Seekers in 2004 and as a Patrol Leader and Chaplain Aide for the Beaver Patrol. He has supported his fellow Scouts by working on seven Eagle Service projects which helped him accumulate 100+ hours of service. Highlights of Mitchell's scouting activities are backpacking and mountain climbing. He logged 58 nights of camping and 333 miles of hiking and backpacking. In 2003 he participated in the Philmont expedition team. In 2004 he climbed Mt. Elinor and Mt. St Helens. He backpacked in the Olympics, on Pacific Crest Trail hikes, a 50-miler in the Goat Rocks Wilderness and on the Wonderland Trail at Mount Rainier. He attended three summer camps (Parsons, Fife and Black Mountain), became a member of the Order of the Arrow in 2003 and earned the Ad Altare Dei Religious Emblem. For his Eagle Project, Mitchell built a retaining wall and chain link fence for Good Shepard Lutheran Church. Mitchell is completing his senior year at Olympia High School and then will be off to Barret Honors College at Arizona State University in the fall.

Backpacking to Flapjack Lake

We have a group doing a 2-day, 1-night backpacking trip to Flapjack Lakes in Olympic National Park. We have space for more Scouts and Scouters on a First Come, First Serve basis.

Who: Mr. Palmer and Mr. Skoropinski are the adult leaders. Any Scout not in the Seeker program or any Scouter is eligible. (Seekers will participate in the general troop programs this fall.)

What: Backpacking to Flapjack Lakes.

When: July 28-29, 2007

Where: Olympic National Park

How: Contact Mr. Palmer as soon as possible, as space is very limited.

e-mail: davidpalmer7@comcast.net; day: 786-5000; evening: 491-3749

Eagle Scout Project Help Needed

Alex Fish's Eagle Project will be replacing ditches with timber steps along a hillside in a neighborhood park (the "Bowl").

Location: Bridle Dr. in the housing development "Bush Prairie". Check in at 7702 Filly Ct when you arrive.

When: Saturdays: July 21 and 28th from 9am to 3pm.

What: Building timber steps to replace erosion ditches.

Lunch and drinks will be provided. Bring work gloves, shovel, soil tamper and cordless drill if possible. Call **(360) 753-7100** to sign up for as many hours as you need!

Brett Bell's Eagle Project will take place on the weekend of August 11th & 12th, and if necessary finishing up on the weekend of August 18th & 19th. The project is to replace and paint the plywood panels (all 66 of them) at the tennis courts at Olympia High.

August 11 & 12 9:00 to noon, noon to 3:00 (2 shifts)

August 18 & 19 9:00 to noon, noon to 3:00 (2 shifts – only if necessary)

Pizza and Drinks and Water will be provided.

Pacific Crest Trail Day Hike – September 15th, 2007

Have you ever skied down the slopes at Snoqualmie Pass Ski Area? Have you ever walked across the ski area under the chair lifts when there was no snow on the slopes? You will have a chance to do that in September when the troop again holds its annual fall Pacific Crest Trail day hike. This year we will be hiking the 10 miles between the Mirror Lake trailhead and Snoqualmie Pass. This hike counts as one of the five 10-mile hikes required for the Hiking Merit Badge. There also should be abundant wild mountain blueberries to pick along the trail. Sign-ups for this hike will be available in late August. But, mark your calendars for this add-on event to the troop calendar.

Thriftway Community Rebate Card

Stormans Inc, owner of **Ralph's Thriftway, Bayview Thriftway** and **Bayview Catering**, offer community non-profit organizations, like Boy Scout Troops, the opportunity to receive a 1% rebate on all sales at their locations. In the past Troop 266 has benefited by receiving several hundreds of dollars through this program. Do you already shop there? Do you have a Troop 266 Community Rebate Card? If not, please pick up a card from Dave Bartruff at any troop meeting and then present the card before every purchase. Also, please feel free to take additional cards and pass them out to family members, neighbors, friends or fellow workers if they might also be Thriftway customers. Proceeds from the 1% rebate help the troop fund programs and awards for the scouts and subsidize summer camp and high adventure costs.

Wildcat Patrol Recommends Local Adventure

On Saturday, July 14 the Wildcat Patrol traveled to the Ape Cave at Mt. St. Helens. There were six scouts, one sibling and three adults who went on the day hike. On arrival they decided to do the more challenging upper cave hike which was 1.5 miles long. This consisted of climbing over, around and through many rock formations of various sizes. After eating lunch some of the scouts decided they wanted to complete the entire cave hike by doing the lower cave which consisted of a much easier 3/4 of a mile hike to the end. After the scouts crawled to the very end of the cave on their bellies (no adults did that part!) A great time was had by all and they highly recommend this day trip for any of the Troop 266 patrols looking for a fun adventure.

North Cascades PCT Backpack, August 29-September 2

Space is still available on a 5-day camping and backpacking opportunity in the North Cascades. The trip will include, 30 miles of hiking, a visit to a glacier, and two boat trips on Lake Chelan. The trip will depart Wednesday afternoon, August 29nd, and will camp near the shore of Lake Chelan. On Thursday we will board a boat for a ride up lake to Lucerne, where we will catch a bus to Holden and then hike about 8 miles to Lyman Lake on the flanks of Glacier Peak. Friday we will visit Lyman Glacier and then hike over Cloudy Pass and between 7-9 miles to one of several camps on Agnes Creek. On Saturday we will hike down Agnes Creek 10 to 12 miles to the road to Stehekin and either camp there and catch the bus to Stehekin in the morning, or catch an evening bus and camp near Stehekin. On Sunday we will catch the boat back down Lake Chelan to our cars and drive home. There is a \$100 fee for this trip to pay for the round trip boat cost, two bus fees, campground fees and gasoline. Scouts should be at least First Class rank and age 13 by the date of the hike. Exceptions will be granted if parent goes on the hike or by permission of the patrol advisor and hike leader. Backpacking experience is required. If you are interested let Dave Bartruff know immediately as final plans are being made.



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

The Chehalis Chapter of the Order of the Arrow held its July meeting at the drag races in Shelton. It was a high-powered, action event with vintage cars plus three classes of gas engines. There were classic muscle cars like Camaros and Chevilles. There were also races with methanol fuel, nitrous methane, and rail cars. There was also a diesel race car built by a class at Centralia College. This event is a pre-qualification for nationals, and we saw many cars hit 300mph. (Imagine a 5-second quarter mile!) We got to visit the open pit area and talk to the drivers and pit crews.

We will continue the summer fun next month with a visit to the Coast Guard Station at Westport on August 11th. Watch your email for details. If you are not getting announcements by email, please send your name and current email to Karl Sergiojan at molodyetz@aol.com.

Remember the only remaining date for an ordeal this year is August 24-26, at Camp Hahobas. If you were selected for Order of the Arrow membership by the troop this year, you must attend one of this year's ordeals or you will miss out on being part of the national honor society of Boy Scouts. If you are interested in sealing your O/A membership, you may contact Lodge Vice-Chief Volk Sergiojan to find out how to get your Brotherhood Honor. E-mail Volk at molodyetz@aol.com.

Boy Scout Night & Sleepover at Rainier's Cheney Stadium

Mark your calendars for Friday, August 24, 2007 for a great Patrol activity! The Tacoma Rainier's Baseball team is having a Boy Scout Night at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma. The night includes tickets to the Rainier's vs. Portland Beavers baseball game, dinner (hot dog/chips/soda), parade on the field for Scouts in uniform, a fireworks show following the game (it is spectacular), sleepover on the ball field following the game/fireworks show, commemorative patches for the event, and a breakfast in the morning. The cost is only \$20/person. This is a fun Patrol activity. Several members of the Flaming Arrows have gone the last couple of years and had a great time. The good news is that you are back in Olympia by 9 AM on Saturday morning. See Mr. Davies at the advancement table for a flier on this event and go cheer on a future Mariners in one of the best ballparks!

Committee Meeting Cancelled for August 13th, 2007

Due to the many activities the troop is involved in during August, there will not be a committee meeting on August 13th. Anyone who wishes to submit information for the troop newsletter for August should send the information directly to Jack Sergiojan at molodyetz@aol.com. Committee meetings will return to their regular schedule on the second Monday of the month on September 10th, 2007.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

Byron Clark	14
Eric Evans	15
Kyler LaViolette	11
James Icenogle	12
Patrick Stack	14
David Drinkard	11
Brian Hegge	14
Jake Blakeslee	12

JULY ADVANCEMENTS

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

Caleb Hou	Star
James Jacobs	Tenderfoot
Brent Knutzen	Tenderfoot
Dylan MacKenzie	Star
Brandon Maguire	Life
Coleton Marshall	Tenderfoot
Erik Meyers	Life

COMING UP

- 1) July 24: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 2) July 28-29: Backpack Trip to Flapjack Lake;
- 3) July 29-August 9: Somers Canoe Base High Adventure Trip;
- 4) July 31: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 5) August 5-11: Summer Camp, Camp Fire Mountain;
- 6) August 7: BOR only, no PLC/PAC;
- 7) August 8-12: Goat Rocks Backpack Trip;
- 8) August 11: Order of the Arrow Trip to Westport Coastguard Station;
- 9) August 14: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 10) August 21: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 11) August 24: Boy Scout Night and Sleepover at Rainiers' Cheney Stadium;
- 12) August 24-26: Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Hahobas
- 13) August 28: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 14) August 29-Sep 2: North Cascades Backpack Trip;
- 15) September 4: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 16) September 11: Troop Meeting, Troop Elections
- 17) September 15: 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.

On the Lighter Side

Can you come up with the answer?

Give this PLENTY of thought, and don't cheat!

See If You Can Figure Out What These Words Have In Common.....

Banana
Dresser
Grammar
Potato
Revive
Assess
Uneven

Are You Peeking Or Have You Already Given Up?

Give It Another Try....

You'll kick yourself when you discover the answer.

Go back and look at them again; think hard.

OK... Here You Go..

Hope You Didn't Cheat. This Is Cool.

Answer

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In all of the words listed, if you take the first letter, place it at the end of the word, and then spell the word backwards, it will be the same word.

Did you figure it out?