

# **TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER**

**July 2009**

## **RALPH WOODRUFF ACHIEVES EAGLE SCOUT RANK**

On May 18, 2009, one day before his 17<sup>th</sup> birthday, Ralph achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts, the rank of Eagle. Ralph joined Troop 266 on March 1, 2003. He quickly moved through the ranks becoming Tenderfoot on 8/26/03, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class on 12/2/03 and then 1st Class on 3/9/04. He achieved the Star rank on 12/7/04 and then Life rank on 6/6/06. Ralph has been through several patrol merges while being an active scout in Troop 266 starting out first with the Bear patrol then merging into the Cougar patrol then on to become one of the Cattlesnake patrol members. Ralph's scouting activities include attending 3 summer camps- Camp Fire Mountain, Camp Meriwether and Camp Easton and completing 48.5 community service hours. For his Eagle Project, he constructed a raised flower garden using concrete retaining wall block for Gull Harbor Lutheran Church. Ralph just completed his junior year at Olympia High School and his main interests are football, singing and being involved with DECA group. He hopes to attend a University where he can continue to pursue his interest in music.

## **OLYMPIA PET PARADE**

**By Kyler LaViollette**

The Olympia Pet Parade is coming up on August 15 from 7 or 8 a.m (10 a.m is when the actual parade starts). It goes from Heritage Park to Sylvester Park (eight blocks). We need 14-15 boys, but we can accommodate more kids if they want to help out. We'll need 4 people for the Color Guard and 10 for holding divisional signs (pets, small dogs, big dogs, impersonations, floats, wheels, etc.) Scouts will get service hours for helping out and participating! Plus, there is free ice cream for all the participants. Please either contact me by email ([bob.mcsponge@gmail.com](mailto:bob.mcsponge@gmail.com)) or sign up on the sheet in room 117 at the next Scout meeting.

## **TROOP 266 SPECIAL AWARDS**

**By Kathy Woodruff**

### **What are Troop 266 Special Rewards given away at Court of Honor ceremonies?**

They are special certificates that can be rewarded, at any COH, to individuals for going above and beyond at any scouting event, helping a fellow scout, being an outstanding leader or mentor, etc. Scouts will receive a certificate called the Scout Spirit certificate and adults will receive a certificate called the ESAM (Every Scout Absolutely Matters).

### **What is the official process for special awards?**

If you have someone you would like to nominate for one of these certificates, contact the Special Awards committee member (Kathy Woodruff) and she will prepare the certificate and have it ready at the next scheduled COH. During the COH ceremony, there is block of time

set aside for “special awards”. The Emcee’s will announce that anyone giving a ESAM/Scout Spirit award should come up to the podium and present the award to the nominated individual. The nominator usually gives a brief statement of why they felt that individual was worthy of getting that certificate as they are presenting it to them

**Who can make a nomination for and ESAM or Scout Spirit award?**

ANYONE. Scouts can nominate fellow scouts or adults and adults can nominate scouts or other adults

**How do I let the Special Awards committee member know of my nomination?**

Nominations can be made at the PLC/PAC meeting scheduled the same month as the COH or you can contact Kathy Woodruff via phone or email or at one of the weekly troop meetings.

## 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.

**CATTLESNAKES**: No patrol activity is currently scheduled due to the fact that most of the boys in the Cattlesnake patrol are now busy planning and completing their Eagle projects.

**EAGLES**. The Eagles went rock climbing in June and plan to go camping in August.

**FLAMING ARROWS**. The Flaming Arrows went bowling in June. In July, they are going on a hike at Shi Shi Beach and planning their 200-mile hike. In August, they will be taking their 200-mile hike.

**PHEASANTS**. In June, the Pheasants went on a Sun Lake camping trip, practiced canoeing for Northern Tier, and had an end-of-school party. In July, plans are to work on Brian Hegge’s Eagle Project, go to summer camp, and canoe at Northern Tier. They plan on a movie/pizza night, bowling, and an MV Curtis trip in August.

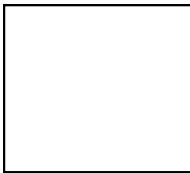
**LEVIATHANS**. The Leviathans have been had a couple patrol overnights and went to Wild Waves and the troop whitewater rafting trip in June and several of them will be attending the second summer camp session at Camp Easton. They are also working on various fundraisers to fund their trip to California the summer of 2010. They had a patrol garage sale in July and will be having a patrol car wash the third weekend in September.

**SHARKS**. The Sharks went on a three-day backpacking trip in June. For July, they will be going bowling and attending summer camp. In August, they will be working on rock climbing and backpacking.

**BEAVER PATROL**. Some Beaver Patrol members did their Order of the Arrow Ordeal in June. They also went on 20-mile and 50-mile bike rides. In July, they will attend summer camp and go on another 50-mile bike trip. For August, the Beaver Patrol is planning a beach hike and campout on Dungeness Spit.

**PATRIOT PATROL.** In June, the Patriots went camping and clam digging. They are going to summer camp in July. Next month, they will be camping and playing capture the flag.

**SCORPION PATROL.** The Scorpion Patrol went swimming at the YMCA in June. They are going bowling and to summer camp in July. Next month, they will be going cabin camping at Lake Cushman.



## **ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT**

**By Jack Sergiojan, O/A Chapter Advisor**

Our Lodge will be sending an eight-man contingent to the National Order of the Arrow Conference (NOAC) at Indiana University from August 1-6, 2009. Three Arrowmen from Troop 266 will be representing our Lodge, including Contingent Leader Caleb Hou, Andrew Hou, and Jack Sergiojan. NOAC is an experience of a lifetime, and thousands of Arrowmen from all over the world will be there!

For you newly selected for Order of the Arrow, your last opportunity to complete your Ordeal will be at Camp Hahobas August 28-30. For more information on these and other exciting Order of the Arrow happenings and opportunities, contact Chehalis Chapter Advisor Jack Sergiojan at [molodyetz@aol.com](mailto:molodyetz@aol.com).

### **JULY BIRTHDAYS**

The following scouts are celebrating their birthday in July.

<b>Mick Mauritzen</b>	12
<b>Byron Clark</b>	16
<b>Joshua Broek</b>	11
<b>Eric Evans</b>	17
<b>Kyler LaViollette</b>	13
<b>James Icenogle</b>	14
<b>Patrick Stack</b>	16
<b>Sean Schorn</b>	12
<b>Joshua Harris</b>	16
<b>Devin Hustoft</b>	14
<b>David Drinkard</b>	13
<b>Brian Hegge</b>	16
<b>Jake Blakeslee</b>	14

### **ADVANCEMENTS**

The following Scouts advanced at recent Boards of Review. Congratulations.

<b><u>March</u></b>	
<b>Justin Bishop</b>	Star
<b>Harold Broek</b>	Star
<b>Taylor Bruchet</b>	Tenderfoot
<b>Brian Russell</b>	Life
<b>Colton Welsheimer</b>	Star
<b><u>April</u></b>	
<b>Michael Wertz</b>	2nd Class
<b><u>May</u></b>	
<b>Paul Raines</b>	Star
<b>Michael Wertz</b>	1st Class
<b>Ralph Woodruff</b>	Eagle
<b><u>June</u></b>	
<b>Joshua Harris</b>	Life
<b><u>July</u></b>	
<b>Joshua Broek</b>	Tenderfoot
<b>Harrison Coleman</b>	Star
<b>Joseph Raines</b>	Life
<b>Adam Weber</b>	Star

## COMING UP

- 1) July 21: Troop Meeting;
- 2) July 25: Summer Camp #2, Camp Easton, Idaho;
- 3) July 26: High Adventure Canoe Trip, Northern Tier;
- 4) July 28: NO TROOP MEETING (summer camp);
- 5) July 31-August 6: National Order of the Arrow Conference, Indiana University;
- 6) August 4: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 7) August 9: MV Curtis Cruise to San Juan Islands;
- 8) August 11: Troop Meeting; Summer Camp Skits;
- 9) August 15: Olympia Pet Parade;
- 10) August 18: Troop Meeting;
- 11) August 25: Troop Meeting;
- 12) August 28-30: Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Hahobas;
- 13) September 1: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 14) September 8: Troop Meeting; Fall Troop & Patrol Elections;
- 15) September 15: Troop Meeting; Merit Badge Kick-off Class #1;
- 16) September 22: Troop Meeting;
- 17) September 26: Troop Fall Annual Planning Conference, Camp Delezenne;
- 18) September 29: Troop Meeting.

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