

# **TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER**

**July 2010**

## **Popcorn Sales are coming!**

Scouts-- Here's your chance to win cool gifts and prizes plus earn money for next year's camps and/or high adventure activities!

Parents – Here's a chance for your son to earn money toward his own camp fees and activities!

Sign-ups for Show-n-Sell store fronts begin Tuesday August 17<sup>th</sup>.

Popcorn Sales begin Labor Day Weekend – Friday, Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010!

## **Wild Waves!**

**Scout Day at Wild Waves, Friday , August 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Enjoy a day of fun with over 60 rides, slides, & attractions for only \$20.99 plus tax (save \$19 off general admissions)**

**To purchase tickets: visit [www.wildwaves.com](http://www.wildwaves.com) and enter “scoutday” in the promo code section.**

**Hours of Operation: 10:00 – 8:00**

## **Advancements**

**The following Scouts advanced at this month's BOR's. Congratulations!**

Joshua Broek	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Mathew Howse	<b>Eagle</b>
Aaron Burruss	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Eric Evans	<b>Eagle</b>
Eric Carpenter	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	Brian Hegge	<b>Eagle</b>
Kelson Crawford	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	Alex Jones	<b>Eagle</b>
Philip Dailey	1 <sup>st</sup> Class		
Taeus Janssen Madden	1 <sup>st</sup> Class		
Dominique Thompson	Star		
Zane Wolf	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class		
Paul Zepeda	Star		

## **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:** No announcements.

**FLAMING ARROWS:** Patrol members are working towards Eagle rank.

**PHEASANTS:** No announcements.

**LEVIATHANS:** No announcements.

**FALCONS:** The Falcons worked on the Horsemanship Merit Badge in June. They are planning a get-together in August.

**SHARKS:** No announcements.

**BEAVERS:** The Beavers are planning a campout in July and will be attending Camp Merriweather in August.

**SEA TURTLES:** No report this month.

**PATRIOTS:** The Beavers worked on the Boating Merit Badge and went camping in June.

**SCORPIONS:** The Scorpions attended the Planning Conference in June and summer camp in July. They are planning a sleepover, wild waves, and go-karts in August.

**PANTHERS:** The Panthers went to the Ape Cave Camp in June, swimming and a PCT Backpack in July, and are planning a hike at Mt. St. Helens in August

## **Alumni Update**

Kyle Parnell and Kyle Bell celebrated their Eagle Courts of Honor and Millersylvania State Park on June 6, 2010.

**Kyle Parnell** got involved in scouting when his longtime childhood friend, William Landon, introduced him to Cub Scout Pack 209. He earned his Arrow of Light with the pack before crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 266 in 2003. Kyle spent his first year with Troop 266 in the seeker program under the guidance of Mr. Skoropinski and Mr. Nugent. Kyle received a superb foundation for the rest of his scouting career. Kyle participated in several Summer Camps with his troop. but the one that was his favorite was Camp Malahula on the island of Maui, Hawaii. Camp Malahula inspired Kyle to work as a camp counselor at Camp Thunderbird for two summers as a lifeguard. Another high point of Kyle's scouting experience was going to Northern Tier Canoe Base. Kyle, his Dad and the rest of the crew covered 164 miles in 7 day, the furthest any crew paddled that summer.

Kyle was elected to the Order of the Arrow in February of 2007. With the encouragement of Jack and Karl Sergiojan he went through his O/A ordeal and brotherhood in the same year. Kyle earned

his Eagle rank on January 19, 2010. He completed his Eagle project at Millersylvania State Park by designing and building a three sided, roofed, information kiosk that the park will use to pass on information when the office is closed. Kyle earned 26 merit badges and a Bronze Eagle Palm.

Outside of scouting Kyle enjoys athletics. He has been swimming competitively with Thurston Olympians Swim Club since he was 11 years old. He lettered all 4 years with the Olympia High School swim team. As Co-Captain his Junior and Senior year he qualified for the 4A State Championships in the 50 and 100 yard freestyle. In his senior year he made the Championship Final, in the 100 Freestyle and the Consolation Final, in the 50 Freestyle.

Kyle also enjoys snowboarding and wakeboarding. He especially enjoys family spring breaks spent in Winter Park Colorado. During the summer he likes to wakeboard at Summit Lake.

This Fall, with an Academic Achievement Award, he will be attending Pacific Lutheran University with the goal of achieving a Physics Degree. Afterwards, he hopes to transfer to Columbia University in New York to finish a degree in Structural Engineering.

Kyle's advice to younger scouts is to take advantage of the opportunities the troop provides. Each outing, camp, hike, or class gives you a chance to learn a skill or earn a merit badge that will benefit you in either a life lesson or a rank advancement.

**Kyle Bell** started his scouting experience when he became a Tiger Cub Scout with Pack 225 at McKenny Elementary in 1998. With his Dad as a Den leader he advanced to Webelos and earned his Arrow of Light in 2003. Kyle then joined Troop 266 where he started on his path to becoming an Eagle Scout. Kyle achieved the rank of Eagle Scout on November 17, 2009. Kyle earned a total of 28 merit badges. He spent his first six months as a Boy Scout in the troop's seeker program before going off to his first summer camp at Camp Fire Mountain near Mount Vernon. The other summer camps that Kyle attended were Camp Fife near Yakima, and Camp Easton near Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Kyle has been a Camp Counselor for the last three summers at Camp Thunderbird, primarily staffing the Archery and BB Gun ranges.

Kyle's Eagle project was coordinating and directing volunteers in applying a sealant on the wooden playground structures in three City of Olympia parks. Outside of scouting, Kyle enjoys studying the martial art of Tae Kwon Do which he did for more than eight years, earning a first and second degree Black Belt. He has also played the Saxophone since the 5th grade and has been in the Jazz Band and Wind Ensemble his Junior and Senior years at Olympia High School. Kyle also participated in Marching Band and Pep Band all four years of High School. Kyle has also been learning how to play the electric guitar, which he is enjoying immensely.

Kyle's favorite thing in scouting has been the time spent as staff at Camp Thunderbird. Kyle feels his biggest help in scouting has been his older brother, Brett (also an Eagle), his parents, and his patrol advisor, Craig Hartranft.

This summer Kyle plans to work at Camp Thunderbird again. In the fall, he will be attending Washington State University where he plans to study Neuroscience, with a long range goal of going to Medical School.

Kyle's advice to younger scouts is too complete as much of the eagle requirements as early as they can. Life gets really hectic once you get into High School.

## **TROOP 266 CALENDAR 07/20/09 – 10/31/10**

**Type**

**Location**

**Remarks**

## July

07/06/10	PLC/B		PLC/BOR/PAC
07/12/10	Cmte	Room 115	Committee Meeting
07/13/10	Troop Mtg		Sum. Camp Prep – Patrol Flags
07/18/10	Camping (5.0 Nights)	Camp Meriwether	Summer Camp #1
07/20/10	Troop Mtg		Seeker Meeting ONLY
07/27/10	Troop Mtg		Game Night

## August

08/03/10	PLC/B		PLC/BOR/PAC
08/06/10	Camping (12.0 Nights)	Philmont, NM	Philmont Expedition
08/08/10	Camping (6.0 Nights)	Camp Meriwether	Summer Camp #2
08/09/10	Cmte	Room 115	Committee Meeting
08/10/10	Troop Mtg		NO Meeting – Summer Camp Wk
08/17/10	Troop Mtg		Summer Camp Skits
08/24/10	Troop Mtg		Orienteering Skills Training
08/31/10	Troop Mtg		Orienteering Skills Competition

## September

09/07/10	PLC/B		PLC/BOR/PAC
09/13/10	Cmte	Room 115	Committee Meeting
09/14/10	Troop Mtg		Troop & Patrol Elections
09/21/10	Troop Mtg		MB Kickoff Class #1
09/25/10	APC	Camp Thunderbird	Fall Planning Conference
09/28/10	Troop Mtg		Court of Honor

## October

10/05/10	PLC/B		PLC/BOR/PAC
10/11/10	Cmte	Room 115	Committee Meeting
10/12/10	Troop Mtg		Wreath Kickoff–MB #2
10/19/10	Troop Mtg		Klondike Cooking Class #2
10/23/10	Camping (1.0 Nights)	Location TBD	Troop Klondike Campout
10/26/10	Troop Mtg		Merit Badge Class #3

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