

# **TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER**

**June 2006**

## **SUMMER BACKPACKING AND CAMPING**

Thanks mostly to Jeff Carpenter we will be returning to backpacking on the Pacific Crest Trail in the Southern Cascades on Sections that haven't been hiked for several years. A flyer announcing the summer program is included as page 4 of the newsletter and will be available at troop meetings. Other hikes can be added if any other patrols or adults want to lead the trip. Beginning June 13<sup>th</sup> information flyers and signup sheets will be available at each troop meeting. The first Pacific Crest Trail Backpack trip will be July 8-9. This trip is planned for Section 6 of the PCT between Indian Heaven Wilderness and Mt. Adams Wilderness. This is an easy 2-day hike of 14.7 miles with camping on the shores of Steamboat Lake. Information about the day hike at Stevens Pass in September will be available in August.

## **CAMPING MERIT BADGE CHANGES**

Effective January 1, 2006 the requirements for the Camping Merit Badge were changed. The changes generally add more requirements to show and demonstrate hiking skills rather than explain or discuss. Scouts who have started their work on the merit badge prior to January 1, 2006 have the choice of completing the merit badge using the old requirements or the new requirements, but cannot pick and choose between the two. Scouts start work on the badge when they complete their first camping night as a Boy Scout. The only Scouts who will be required to complete the Camping Merit Badge using the new requirements will be the current Seekers who joined Boy Scouts after January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006 and any other Scout who has not started work on the requirements. A copy of the revised requirements will be available at the advancement information table at troop meetings.

## **EAGLE SCOUT / ALUMNI DINNER**

This year's Troop 266 Alumni and Eagle Scout Reunion will be at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. It will be a great night with great friends - and a great speaker. Please see the attached flyer. Don't miss it. Your friends, old and new, are eager to see you!

### **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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

**Kyle Parnell**  
**Erik Luetkehans**  
**David Kuhns, Jr.**  
**Robert Harkness**  
**Zach Draper**

### **JUNE ADVANCEMENTS**

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

<b>Justin Henry</b>	Star
<b>Cameron Kirchhofer</b>	Life
<b>Dylan MacKenzie</b>	Tenderfoot
<b>Ian MacKenzie</b>	Tenderfoot
<b>Daniel Moore</b>	Tenderfoot
<b>Ralph Woodruff</b>	Life



## ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

Congratulations to Troop 266's newest Arrowmen who completed spring ordeals this year: **EJ Carpenter, James Christian, Simon Christian, Andrew Geissler, Taylor Kirk, Erik Leutkehans, Eli Pong, and Patrick Stack.** If you were elected by our troop to O/A this year and have not yet been to an ordeal, you have one last chance. The final ordeal for the year will be August 25-27 at Camp Hahobas.

We had a COW (Chapter Operations Workshop) at Camp Thunderbird on Memorial Day weekend. We did our Annual Chehalis Chapter Service Project of maintaining the Camp Thunderbird All Faith Chapel. We did some touch-up painting, cleared brush, and replaced old benches. We got to sleep in the cabins overnight and played lots of video games.

This summer, we are having two cool activities. In July, we will be going trap shooting at the Evergreen Gun Club. In August, we will be getting SCUBA diving instruction again at Capital Divers. Please watch for your Chehalis Chapter Newsletter and announcements to get the latest information.

If you have any questions about O/A, please contact your O/A Troop Representative, Karl Sergiojan, or Chapter Advisor, Jack Sergiojan, at 866-2888 or [molodyetz@aol.com](mailto:molodyetz@aol.com).

## 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.

**BATS. WOLVERINES.** No reports received.

**BEAVERS.** The Beavers are having a planning this month.

**BRAVES/DRAGONS.** Some Braves and Dragons participated in a Philmont preparation hike on Section 1 of the Pacific Crest Trail. Some will do another hike this month and some will go to summer camp in July.

**BADGERS.** Some of the Badgers went on the Pacific Crest Trail hike. Some went on the whitewater rafting trip. Others participated in the Order of the Arrow Ordeal. This month some are planning going on the Pacific Crest Trail Backpacking trip. Next month will be summer camp.

**COUGARS.** The Cougars on the PCT day hike and troop swim last month. They will be going rock climbing in June. They are also responsible for opening and closing at the Eagle Alumni banquet. They plan camping, fishing, and working on the golf merit badge in July.

**RATTLESNAKES.** The Rattlesnakes had a planning meeting in May. They will be having a going away party for the Hartranfts this month (The family is moving to Virginia.). In July, they will go on bicycle rides and hikes.

**EAGLES.** The Eagles had a planning meeting and sleepover, went on the troop swim, and participated in PLU leadership training in May. They are going on a bike trip at Iron Horse this month and to summer camp in July.

**FLAMING ARROWS.** The Flaming Arrows went on the PCT day hike, to PLU Training, and to the troop swim in May. They will go on a 50-mile bike trip and to the Alumni Banquet in June. For July, this patrol is planning a 40-mile backpacking trip around Mt. Hood and summer camp.

**PHEASANTS.** The Pheasants went fishing and hiked Luna Lake in May. This month, they will have an end of school party and a swimming day at a local lake. They plan to attend the midnight showing of Pirates of the Caribbean in July.

**FALCONS.** The Falcons went rock climbing, to PLU Leadership Training, to the troop swim, and on the PCT hike. In June, they plan to go cycling. In July, they will go waterskiing and tubing.

**LEVIATHANS.** The Leviathans went on a 10-mile bike ride, had a game night, went to PLU Leadership, and troop swim in May. They will have a chess tournament this month. Some members will help with the Eagle/Alumni banquet in June. In July, they have a 15-mile bike ride and a Millersylvania Park campout.

## COMING UP

- 1) June 20: Braves and Dragons opening and closing; Flaming Arrows gym activity; Cougars service patrol;
- 2) June 21-25: The Evergreen Trek 50-miler;
- 3) June 24: Eagle Alumni Banquet;
- 4) June 24-25: Seeker Campout #3 at Camp Delezenne;
- 5) June 27: Rattlesnakes opening and closing; no gym activity;
- 6) July 4: No Troop Meeting, Independence Day
- 7) July 11: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 8) July 15-22: Summer Camp #1, Camp Easton, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- 9) July 18: No meeting except seekers due to summer camp;
- 10) July 25: Badgers opening and closing; Eagles / Dragons gym activity; Falcons service patrol;
- 11) July 29-August 5: Summer Camp #2, Camp Easton, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
- 12) July 29-August 2: National Order of the Arrow Conference, Lansing, Michigan;
- 13) August 25-27: Last Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Hahobas.

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



## Crest Trail Hiking/Backpacking Summer 2006

<u>Date</u>	<u>Distance</u>	<u>Duration</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Elevation Min - Max</u>
<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.1 miles</b>	<b>Day Hike</b>	<b>Section 3</b>	<b>900 - 2810'</b>
	Between Trout Cr (Rd 43) and Rd 68, Along Wind River and Panther Creek, half hill and half flat.			
<b>June 23<sup>rd</sup></b> (TBD Fri. or Sat.)	<b>19.5 miles</b>	<b>3-day</b>	<b>Section 1</b>	<b>180 - 3320'</b>
	A mostly down hill hike to the Columbia River at Bridge of the Gods.			
<b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>14.6 miles</b>	<b>2-day</b>	<b>Section 6</b>	<b>3315 - 4575'</b>
	Trail between the Indian Heaven Wilderness and the Mt. Adams Wilderness with Steamboat Lake Camp in the middle.			
<b>August 4<sup>th</sup></b> (Depart Fri. evening)	<b>16.6 miles</b>	<b>3-day</b>	<b>Section 11</b>	<b>4425 - 6550'</b>
	Norse Peak Wilderness, Government Meadow to Crystal Mountain ski area. <i>(Backpacking MB)</i>			
<b>August 11<sup>th</sup></b> (Depart Fri. evening)	<b>17.7 miles</b>	<b>3-day</b>	<b>Section 12</b>	<b>3460 - 5480'</b>
	Government Meadow to Tacoma Pass. <i>(Backpacking MB)</i>			
<b>August 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>22.4 miles</b>	<b>3-day</b>	<b>* Section 21</b>	<b>3020 - 5580'</b>
	Henry M. Jackson Wilderness, Union Gap to Cady Pass. <i>(Backpacking MB)</i>			
<b>September 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>29.5 miles</b>	<b>3-4 days</b>	<b>Section 9</b>	<b>4400 - 5690'</b>
	William O. Douglas Wilderness between White Pass and Chinook Pass. <i>(Backpacking MB)</i>			
<b>September 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>39.1 miles</b>	<b>4 days</b>	<b>*# Section 26</b>	<b>3800 - 7126'</b>
	Pasayten Wilderness between Harts Pass and the Trans-Canada Hwy. <i>(Backpacking MB)</i>			
<b>September 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.0 miles</b>	<b>Day Hike</b>	<b>Section 20</b>	<b>4060 - 5030'</b>
	Stevens Pass to Union Gap, another up and down hike from both ends with a great alpine lake (Lake Valhalla) in the middle.			

Requirements: For overnight backpacks First Class rank and age 13 by date of the hike. *Exceptions if parent goes on the trip or by permission of hike leader and Patrol Advisor.* Group sizes limited in some areas. \* The Section 21 and 26 trips require backpacking experience, preferably on previous Pacific Crest Trail backpack trips. # The Section 26 trip is limited to adults and senior scouts.



## Calling all ESAM Alums & Eagles

Come to the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Troop 266 Alumni & Eagle Reunion

- Saturday June 24, 2006, 5:30 p.m.

**Our Inspirational Speaker will be a mystery guest**

- Troop 266 Hall of Famer
- Troop 266 Eagle Scout
- College graduate
- Now employed in a very responsible position in America's work force



### Who is invited?

- + Troop 266 alumni and families
- + Currently active Eagle Scouts and their families
- + Today's leaders of the troop
- + Selected patrols

### Where & when:

- + Gull Harbor Lutheran Church  
(Boston Harbor Road at 46<sup>th</sup>)
- + 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- + Saturday, June 24

**RSVP ASAP to Mr. Gene Baxstrom**

360-943-8072 / [gene@baxstrom.com](mailto:gene@baxstrom.com)

**Break bread with fellow alums, Eagles and some of today's Scouts**

- Dinner & dessert will be catered.
- Suggested donation: \$15 per person / \$35 per family
- Make checks payable to Troop 266; you may send your check to **Gene Baxstrom**,  
1909 Water Street SW, Olympia, WA 98501

**See old friends, and meet your new ones**

**Find out the amazing things that your troop has been doing**

**See and hear live music especially for your ears**

**See a Troop 266 photo slide show - Scouts and alums in action**

**Troop 266 Hall of Famer, Greg Ireland, will speak at June 24 reunion**

## Latest Scoop on the Eagle / Alumni Banquet By Dave Workman

Greg Ireland, one of our troop's outstanding Hall of Famers, has confirmed that he will be the keynote speaker at our troop's 4th annual Alumni and Eagle Scout Reunion on Saturday, June 24, at Gull Harbor Lutheran Church.

Greg is a commercial airline pilot with Horizon Airlines, based in Denver, Colorado. He graduated from Troop 266 and Olympia High School in June 2000 and then earned his bachelor's degree at the University of North Dakota.

Greg is one of the people who made Troop 266 what it is today.

The youngest person elected Senior Patrol Leader in the modern era of Troop 266, he was a first-year Scout in 1993 when his fellow Scouts selected him to lead them.

Always a person to set and achieve high goals, Greg became one of our troop's youngest-ever Eagle Scouts, traveled to the Russian Far East to help establish Boy Scouting there, hiked more than half the Pacific Crest Trail in Washington, attended the National Jamboree of Scouting, backpacked the legendary Chilkoot Trail in Alaska, hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and back, and was a founding member of the troop's original Flaming Arrows Patrol.

Don't miss the opportunity to hear Greg's inspirational message. Join him and other distinguished alumni and Eagle Scouts, and families, at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 24, 2006, at Gull Harbor Lutheran Church. The church is four minutes or two miles north of Priest Point Park. It's on the right (east) side of Boston Harbor Road at 46th Street

Please call with your RSVP to Mr. Gene Baxstrom at 943-8072. Or you can send him an email at the following address: [gene@baxstrom.com](mailto:gene@baxstrom.com). Let Mr. Baxstrom know how many people will be in your party.