

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

June 2007

North Cascades PCT Backpack, August 22-26

A new backpacking opportunity is being added to the schedule of activities this summer. Dave Bartruff is planning a five day trip that will involve four nights of camping, 30 miles of hiking, a visit to a glacier, and two boat trips on Lake Chelan. The trip will depart Wednesday afternoon, August 22nd, 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. Sign-up will be available in June and will require the payment of a non-refundable deposit to pay for a group camping site on the first night, the prepaid boat round trip cost, and the two bus trips. 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. Because the trip will be through the Glacier Peak Wilderness Area the size of the group is limited to 12. The first 12 to pay their deposit will get to go. The amount of the deposit, and final costs, will be announced as soon as a few more details are worked out. Transportation support will be needed either by hiking adults or parents willing to drop off or pick up hikers. If you are interested let Dave know so that he can get a sense of the interest in participating.

(See email from Dave dated 6/21/07 for update information on this hike. Sign up sheet available next troop meeting.)

Great Service Opportunity at Priest Point Park

Join Volunteers from all over Olympia Saturday, June 30 from 9-noon as we rove the woods of Priest Point Park, saving trees by freeing them from that most ignoble of enemies: IVY! Tools, gloves and refreshments will be provided. Meet at the Rose Garden parking lot and dress for the weather. All are welcome, but those 17 and under must have signed parental permission, 14 and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Questions? Contact Olympia Volunteers in Parks (VIP) Coordinator Todd Smith at 753-8365.

Troop Committee Changing Meeting Night

The troop committee, which has been meeting on the third Monday of the month, will be changing the date of the meeting to the second Monday of the month beginning June 11th. Any member of the troop interested in sitting in on the committee meeting is always welcome to attend. The meetings are held in one of the classrooms of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church beginning at 7pm and lasting between 1 to 2 hours.

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!



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

We just held the first of two ordeals this year at Camp Hahobas. Sixty-one candidates successfully completed their ordeal and were welcomed into Order of the Arrow

membership. Six Arrowmen also sealed their O/A membership by attaining their Brotherhood Honor. The Chehalis Chapter Ceremonies Team (including Troop 266 members Eric Leutkehans, Karl Sergiojan, and Volk Sergiojan) performed all three ceremonies: Pre-Ordeal, Ordeal, and Brotherhood. 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. The only remaining date for an ordeal this year is August 24-26, also at Camp Hahobas.

Order of the Arrow is not all service and ceremonies. We had a fun night at our June Chehalis Chapter meeting. We played miniature golf at the brand new course in Hawks Prairie. We got to play for free thanks to a generous O/A benefactor. Everyone had a great time. We usually meet on the first Monday of the month, but for July, we will meet instead on Sunday, July 8th at 1:00 pm at the drag strip at the Shelton Airport. We will be seeing the finals of the Nostalgia Drags featuring pre-1972 cars. If you are an Arrowman and have not been receiving meeting announcements, please submit your e-mail address to O/A Representative Karl Sergiojan at molodyetz@aol.com.

We are already getting ready for the 2008 Order of the Arrow Section W-1B Conclave which will be held in April 2008 at Camp Fire Mountain. Volk Sergiojan was selected as Conclave Vice-Chief in charge of shows, and he promises to have something awesome in store for you. If you have never been to a conclave, come see what you have been missing!

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.

BRAVES / DRAGONS. The Braves and Dragons have been helping the remaining patrol members achieve their Eagle Scout rank.

BADGERS. The Badgers have been helping out with Eagle projects, working on camp staff, and doing service projects at Camp Thunderbird.

COUGARS. The Cougars went on a mountain bike ride in May. They are planning a campout in July.

RATTLESNAKES. The Rattlesnakes helped with two Delezenne campouts in May. They plan an ultimate Frisbee challenge with the Cougars in June. They plan on doing Eagle projects, going hiking and biking in July. Three Rattlesnakes are seeker guides and will be going on Seeker hikes also.

EAGLES. The Eagles worked at the Blood Drive at Good Shepherd in May. They are planning bowling and whitewater rafting activities in the coming months.

FLAMING ARROWS. The Flaming Arrows are assisting Seekers with their Delezenne campouts and their trail to First Class. They are planning to go backpacking in the Goat Rocks Wilderness and whitewater rafting in June and to summer camp in July.

PHEASANTS. In May, the Pheasants participated in the blood drive and the troop swim. In June, they will have a pizza party, go to a movie, and work on their cinematography merit badge. In July, they plan on archery, a climbing wall event, and a campout.

FALCONS. The Falcons attended the troop swim in May. This month, they enjoyed canoeing, fishing, archery, camping, and a service project. In July, they are planning horseback riding and archery.

LEVIATHANS. The Leviathans went rifle shooting in May. They are going bike riding and whitewater rafting in June. They will have a campout and play capture-the-flag in July.

SHARKS. The Sharks went on the Crop walk and Pacific Crest Trail hike as well as finishing up their Emergency Preparedness merit badge and the backpack service project. In June, they will join the troop campout at Camp Flager. They will attend summer camp in July.

WILDCATS. The Wildcats worked on service projects and merit badges and went on the troop swim in May. They will go to summer camp in July.

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	15
Erik Luetkehans	17
Paul Min	13
Jonathan Biles	11
Robert Harkness	18
Zach Draper	17
Adam Weber	11
Brent Knutzen	11
Brian Russell	11

JUNE ADVANCEMENTS

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

Justin Bishop	Tenderfoot
Grant Dunn	Life
Adam Golden	Tenderfoot
Justin Henry	Life
Brett Lundmark	Life
Paul Min	Tenderfoot
Brian Russell	Tenderfoot
Karl Sergiojan	Eagle Palm
Jacob VanDormolen	Tenderfoot

COMING UP

- 1) June 23-27: Evergreen Trek--Chehalis to Raymond 50-mile hike;
- 2) June 26: Opening Falcons; Gym Activity Leviathans; Service Patrol Braves & Dragons; Merit Badge Class #1;
- 3) July 3: PLC / BOR / PAC;
- 4) July 8-14: Hawaii Summer Camp;
- 5) July 10: Opening Braves; Gym Activity Flaming Arrows; Service Patrol Sharks; Merit Badge Class #2;
- 6) July 15-21: Summer Camp at Fire Mountain #1;
- 7) July 17: NO TROOP MEETING due to summer camp;
- 8) July 24: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 9) July 29-August 9: Somers Canoe Base High Adventure Trip;
- 10) July 31: Regular Troop Meeting.

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