

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

March 2007

Mark your calendar now

SUMMER CAMP 2007

@ Camp Fire Mountain

Mt. Vernon, WA

<http://www.firemtn.org/programs/>

July 15th – 21st (45 spaces)

Or

August 5th – 11th (25 spaces) (20 Seeker Scouts)

Location: The scenic Walker Valley just outside of Mt. Vernon, WA

Activities: 30+ merit badges including First Aid, snorkeling, mountain biking, climbing and Trail-to-First-Class

Transportation: Bus and a few private vehicles

Cost: \$250 includes R/T transportation and lunch on the way home.

Deposit: \$50 due by **April 10th** to reserve your space with sign ups beginning on March 13th before troop meetings.

Final Payment: \$200 will be due by **May 29th, 2006**

PLEASE NOTE: Scouts may earn their fees for summer camp through participation in the coffee fundraiser. Scholarships are available, if needed.

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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 went snow camping with the troop in February. They will attend the merit badge Powwow and go on the Camp Hahobas campout in March, then participate in the Spring Planning Conference in April.

BADGERS. The Badgers also joined the troop for snow camping last month. They will participate in the Spring Planning Conference in April.

COUGARS. The Cougars went snowshoeing at Snoqualmie Pass and bowling in February. This month, they will go to the Ape Caves, have an archery night, and go camping at Cape Disappointment. They plan on going mountain biking, doing a community service activity, and having a planning meeting in April.

RATTLESNAKES. The Rattlesnakes plan to go snowboarding and bowling in March.

EAGLES. The Eagles worked at the Blood Drive at Good Shepherd and won the pizza party by getting the most donors there. They will attend the Merit Badge Powwow in March and work on the Aviation Merit Badge in April. The Blood Drive will continue at Good Shepherd on May 5th, August 4th, and November 3rd. The Eagles would appreciate help from other patrols in serving drinks and snacks to donors. Parents and Scouts over 16 years old are encouraged to give blood.

FLAMING ARROWS. The Flaming Arrows went winter camping at White Pass in February. In March, they plan to go snowshoeing to Copper Creek Hut. They will participate in the Spring Planning Conference in April.

PHEASANTS. The Pheasants went skiing at Snoqualmie during February. They plan on a movie night in March and a trip to OMS 1 in April.

FALCONS. The Falcons had a game and movie night in February and plan on going skiing at White Pass in March.

LEVIATHANS. No report received.

SHARKS. No report received.

WILDCATS. The Wildcats on worked on the Citizenship in the Community and went snow camping with the troop in February. They will attend the merit badge powwow and the troop campout this month and participate in the Spring Planning Conference in April.



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

Congratulations to the new Order of the Arrow nominees from Troop 266. They are as follows:

**Clark, Byron
Draper, Zack**

**Evans, Eric
Henry, Justin
Cameron Kirchhofer**

**Moore, Dan
Parnell, Kyle**

Within a year of being elected, scouts must complete a weekend "ordeal" at Camp Thunderbird, Camp Delezenne, or Camp Hahobas. The ordeal is a secret ceremony and only those elected can find out what it means. Upon completion, scouts earn the Order of the Arrow Sash and the pocket patch for their Lodge, which they may wear with their Boy Scout uniform while they are active O/A members in good standing.

Once a scout completes his ordeal, he can participate in lots of great O/A activities, high adventures, and service projects. He can work toward the next rank of O/A membership, called Brotherhood, and even aspire to the highest level, called Vigil Honor membership. O/A members can attend Regional and National Conclaves, as well as take part in many fellowship and leadership opportunities.

If you have completed your ordeal as an Arrowman, you are invited to this year's Conclave in Anchorage, Alaska April 27-29. Register online now! Volk and Karl Sergiojan will be on staff there, so talk to them if you have any questions. We hope to see you there.

Patrick Stack achieves Eagle Scout rank: On January 16th, 2007 Patrick achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts, the rank of Eagle. Patrick accomplished this feat in just under 3 years since he joined Boy Scouts in April 2004. Patrick advanced rapidly, making First Class in September 2004, Star 5 months later in February 2005 and Life 7 months after that in September 2005. He began his Eagle Project, re-landscaping a planting area for the Olympia Elks Lodge, in June 2006 and finished in October 2006. Patrick has served the troop as a project leader, coordinating the troop's support of the 2005 Pet Parade, and as an Assistant Patrol Leader. He also served for two years as a Den Chief for a Cub Scout den in Pack 211, receiving his Den Chief Service Award. The highlights of Patrick's short Boy Scout experience include attendance at summer camp each summer since joining Boy Scouts, snow camping, two Klondike Camporees, Aloha Camporee, white water rafting and a backpack trip to Cape Alava. He also has hiked over 122 miles, including over 50 miles on the Pacific Crest Scenic Trail, camped 49 nights and became a member of the Order of the Arrow in 2006. Patrick is in the 8th grade and is home schooled. Each year his family travels to the Bahamas during the winter months. This year Patrick received his Open Water Scuba certification and studied for and passed his Technician and General Amateur Radio License tests. He enjoys Karate and is currently a red belt. He is interested in Aviation and this year joined the Civil Air Patrol. This summer he turns 14 and is looking forward to participating in some of the high adventure activities that are now open to him in Boy Scouts.

Troop 266 Spring 2007 Fundraiser

This Spring, the troop will again sponsor the Dominic's Whole Bean Coffee Fundraiser. 50% of the sales price for each bag of coffee goes directly to the selling scout's activity account. Funds in the account may be used to pay for summer camp, high adventures, scout dues, as well as other scout activities. There are three varieties of coffee beans sold in one pound, sealed bags: dark roast, mild roast and a decaffeinated blend. The dark and mild roast sell for \$ 10.00 per pound and the decaf sells for \$12.00 per pound. Scouts may check out up to six bags on credit in March and April. No more can be taken until those are sold and the funds received by the adult coordinators. The coffee fundraiser ends May 22, 2007. This year, the adult coordinators are Amy Clark (phone: 956-3665) and Joan Lankford (943-3338).

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

Dylan MacKenzie	13
Spencer Kirk	10
Jeffrey Levine	15
Reed Nightingale	18
Erik Hegge	16
Clayton Woodruff	13
Ben Moak	11
Alex I. Jones	14
AJ Davies	14
EJ Carpenter	15
David Holm	11
Joshua Drinkard	12
Morgan Nail	13
Sam Moreno	15
Brian Seek	11
Brett Bell	17
Karl Eckhardt	17

MARCH ADVANCEMENTS

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

James Bauer	Eagle
Joshua Drinkard	First Class
Colin Evans	First Class
Luke Larson	First Class

COMING UP

- 1) April 3: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 2) April 10: Spring Break; troop meeting for seekers only;
- 3) April 14-15: Chehalis Scout Rendezvous Black Powder / Archery Event;
- 4) April 17: Troop Meeting, Rattlesnakes Opening and Closing and Gym Activity; Falcons Service Patrol; Merit Badge Class #5;
- 5) April 21-22: Spring Planning Conference, Camp Thunderbird;
- 6) April 24: Troop Meeting;
- 7) April 27-29: Order of the Arrow Section W-1B Conclave, Anchorage;
- 8) May 1: PLC/PAC/BOR;
- 9) May 6: Crop Walk, Downtown Olympia.

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