

# **TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER**

**March 2008**

## **FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

Each year, we are asked to support the **Pacific Harbors Council** with a cash donation because they are not supported by the troop membership in any other way. The annual registration fees, for both scouts and adults, go entirely to the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The \$40 dues collected each year by the Troop goes to pay for the national re-registration of its membership and for the activities and purchases on behalf of its troop membership. None of this money goes to the Council or the District.

The Pacific Harbors Council is the organization that provides the local Scout Store in Tumwater, the three Scout Camps, Thunderbird, Delezenne and Hahobas, and the professional leadership in the Council Office in Tacoma and the Sasquatch District Office in Tumwater. It takes approximately \$2.0 million to pay for the operating and capital budgets of the Council and its three Districts each year.

The target donation per troop family is \$200. It is hoped that each scouting family will try to give at least \$50 in support of this year's Friends of Scouting Campaign. Several of the Troops in the Olympia area are giving more per family. As a large and active troop, we would encourage our scouting membership to support fully this annual campaign.

We met on February 19 to initiate our troop's participation in the 2008 Friends of Scouting Campaign. At that meeting, 23 families gave in excess of \$3,300 to the campaign. Alumni families, those whose boys have graduated from the troop, accounted for 6 of the donor families. An Honor Roll list of the donor families is posted in the Troop Display Case and will be included in the Troop Newsletter.

There will be two (2) more opportunities for the families of Troop 266 to discuss this campaign and its merits - March 19 and March 25. Please try to attend one of these forums and contribute to the 2008 Campaign. Make sure that your family's names are added to the following on the Troop 266 Friends of Scouting Honor Roll. Thank you for your continued support of Boy Scouting.

Dave & Kris Bartruff (**Alumni Parents**)  
Brett, Lisa & Justin Bishop  
Dan Bode (**Alumni Parent**)  
Mike, Nancy & Jonny Buehler  
Bill Draper (**Alumni Parent**)  
Patrick, Maria & Grant Dunn  
Alan, Kay, Colin & Eric Evans  
Gary, Brenda & Aaron Halbert  
Yuhan, Laying, Andrew & Caleb Hou  
Cris, Annette & Justin Henry  
Pat, Sophia, Jimmy & Joseph Jacobs  
Rex & Kathleen Kellso (**Alumni Parents**)

George, Kerin, Colin & Sean Kirkmire  
Barry, Renee, Spencer & Taylor Kirk  
Kris, Lindsey, Brent & Bryce Knutzen  
John Level & Paula, Andrew & Mathew Geisler  
James, Meagan, Dylan & Ian MacKenzie  
Keith, Willa & Daniel Moore  
David Nugent (**Alumni Parent**)  
Dave Palmer & Sally Coates (**Alumni Parents**)  
Rick, Colleen & Kyle Parnell  
Jack, Susan, Karl & Volk Sergiojan  
Joel & Ryan Williams

# PATROL ELECTIONS

BY DAVID K. PALMER

Next Tuesday we will elect new Patrol Leaders for our troop. Our goal is for Troop 266 to be Boy Led, Boy Run, so these elections are critical. The Scouts in each patrol will elect their Patrol Leaders at the March 18 patrol meetings.

## **Patrol Leader or PL**

We have several requirements for Patrol Leaders, the chief executive officer for a patrol. First, this Scout must give his consent to run for and serve as PL. Second, this Scout must be eligible to serve as PL during the entire six months. For example, no scout who will turn 18 years of age during this six-month period can run. Third, absent extraordinary circumstances, this young man must be available for the Spring APC, which is April 19-20, 2008, at Camp Thunderbird. This Spring APC is one of the most important events that occur during the PL's term. The PL will have a difficult time planning patrol activities and becoming part of the PLC team unless he attends. If you cannot attend the Spring APC, you should discuss the conflict with your Patrol Advisor before running.

## **Who is the patrol leader responsible to?**

Senior patrol leader and your patrol

## **How long does this job run?**

You will serve as senior patrol leader between March 18, 2008 and September 16, 2008.

## **What are the Patrol Leader's specific jobs?**

- **EVERY SCOUT ABSOLUTELY MATTERS!** Promote put ups and not put downs. Stress and train positive leadership. Spotlight accomplishments and Scout spirit.
- **ASSIGN** each patrol member a task and help them succeed. Work with other troop leaders to make the troop run well. Know what patrol members and other leaders can do.
- **PREPARE** the patrol to take part in all troop activities. Show and help develop patrol spirit.
- **MEETINGS.** Hold patrol meetings separate from troop activities (the goal is 1 or 2 during the 6 months).
- **HIKES, OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES, AND OTHER EVENTS.** The goal is to take part in two of these within 6 months. Make a good faith effort to attend all Troop and Patrol activities.

- **GOOD TURNS OR SERVICE PROJECTS.** Do a Patrol Leaders' Council approved Good Turns or service projects as a patrol (the goal is 2 projects within 6 months).
- **ADVANCEMENT.** Help patrol members advance one rank, at least until all patrol members are First Class rank (the goal is advancement by 3 patrol members).
- **UNIFORM.** Wear the uniform correctly.
- **PATROL LEADERS' COUNCIL.** Attend the Spring Planning Conference or Spring APC. Represent the patrol during all Patrol Leaders' Council meetings within 6 months. If you cannot attend, your assistant or another representative should go in your place and report back to you what happened. Under no circumstance should your patrol be unrepresented.
- **PERMISSION SLIPS.** Be responsible for the distribution and collection of permission slips for each troop or patrol outing.
- **COORDINATOR.** Be the communication link between the Senior Patrol Leader and your patrol.
- **ABSENCE.** In the event of your absence, you agree to contact your assistant patrol leader to act in your place. And if he can not act in your place, contact another member of the patrol to act in your place to represent the patrol.
- **SCOUT BEHAVIOR.** Set good example. Live by the Scout Oath and Law. Quickly correct those in your patrol whose behavior deviates from this.

We have a great group of potential leaders. I look forward to ANOTHER OUTSTANDING PLC for the next six months!

## **OTHER NEWS**

### **TROOP SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS**

If you are a Troop 266 Scout who may be in need of assistance in paying for Scouting activities, the troop has a scholarship fund available for needy families. Please contact your Patrol Advisor or the Troop Committee.

### **SNOW SPORTS MERIT BADGE**

Eight Scouts worked on the Snow Sports merit badge activities at Trollhagen. They should contact Mr. Dan Bode to make sure they finish up the merit badge.

## **BOWRAN LAKES**

### Canoeing High Adventure

Take the trip of a lifetime to the Bowran Lake Provincial Park in upper British Columbia, Canada.

This canoe circuit is world famous. People from all walks of life, from different countries, speaking different languages, come to the Bowron Lake Chain each year. The Circuit is more than 70 miles long and crosses over 9 different lakes. The Park is a game reserve and visitors get the opportunity to view and photograph deer, moose, bears, caribou, mountain goat, beavers and eagles throughout the trip.

The Park is located nearby is [Barkerville](#), a restored Gold Rush Town of the 1860's. With its live theater in the summer and its numerous other attractions, Barkerville is well worth the visit.

The main trip is expected to take 9 days from August 19 through August 27, 2008. The Bowran Lakes Crew will participate in 3 additional water events between May and July. All of the events will be planned and organized by the scouts involved.

Cost of the Bowran Lake trip is expected to be approximately \$200 per participant and will include food, lakes fees, and transportation. This could be higher if the Crew decides to use motels while traveling to/from the lakes. The collective cost of the prep trips will be approximately \$50 per participant subject to the decisions of the Crew.

To be eligible for this high adventure, the scout will need to have had his 14<sup>th</sup> birthday by August 19, 2008. Additionally, each scout will need to have earned his Canoeing, Swimming and Camping merit badges by that same date.

Interested adults and scouts need to make their reservation for this trip with Mr. Nugent. A deposit of \$50.00 is required to secure a reservation for this high adventure. Interested scouts and adults can make their reservation with Mr. Nugent by calling 456-3336 (home), 870-4618 (cell) or 570-0080 (work).



## **ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT**

**By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative**

Congratulations to the new Order of the Arrow nominees from Troop 266: Julian Dizon, Caleb Hou, Ian MacKenzie, and Paul Raines. These Scouts must now complete their Ordeal at Camp Hahobas (May 16-18, 2008 or August 22-24, 2008) or at Camp Thunderbird (June 13-15, 2008).

All Arrowmen should register NOW for Conclave 2008 which will be held April 25-27, 2008 at Camp Fire Mountain. Conclave is the biggest and best local Scouting event of the entire year, and it's something that you don't want to miss! Each year, over 250 Arrowman gather from all parts of Section W1-B to attend the yearly Section Conclave. The Lodges in our Section include Nisqually, Sikhs Mox Lamonti, and T'Kope Kwiskwis from Washington, Nanuk from Alaska, and Achpateuny from the Far East Council. Conclave includes opportunities to build your understanding of the OA

and the concept of servant leadership, to become a stronger leader, to create a tighter bond of brotherhood, and most importantly, to have fun. There will be great training, inter-lodge competitions, and fellowship. W1-B Conclave 2008 will have awesome activities for all Arrowmen this year. Camp Fire Mountain offers Rifle, Shotgun, and Archery ranges for all levels of marksmen. We will have such activities as mountain boarding, mountain biking, and a rock rappelling wall. You will be treated with great meals in the newly built dining hall. Each night, you will be entertained by our Conclave staff with great shows, and prizes will be awarded. Daily events will include fun activities, a Trading Post, patch trading, and our annual Patch Auction. Conclaves change an Arrowman's view of the Order of the Arrow and will keep you constantly craving to visit more events. Our Nisqually Lodge is working to organize group transportation to Conclave in order to reduce the cost. This will be a fraction of the cost of driving to the location yourself and will also be much more fun. If you are interested in sharing a ride to Conclave as a group, we will need to hear from you ASAP. Reduced costs will be determined by the number of passengers who wish to ride together. Contact your local Chapter Chief, or send an email to the Lodge Chief at [molodyetz@aol.com](mailto:molodyetz@aol.com). We have been working hard planning a great Conclave for you. Now we need your help. We need you to sign up NOW for W1-B Conclave 2008 so we can plan food and supplies for the appropriate number of participants. It is easy to register online at [www.w1b.org](http://www.w1b.org). You can pay by credit card or you can copy a form and pay at any nearby Service Center. If you sign up before April 11, 2008, you receive \$15 off the registration price. The early registration cost is only \$35 for the entire weekend, which includes all meals and lodging. If you are a new Arrowman who went through your ordeal in 2007, you get an additional \$5 off; that's only \$30. What a deal!! But don't wait--the price will be \$50 at the door. Your Council of Chiefs has been working all year on making this Conclave an event to remember. Arrowmen from all over the Northwest, Alaska, and Japan will be there. You should, too! Please sign up now and plan to join us next month. If you have any questions, please contact Karl Sergiojan, Nisqually Lodge Chief at 360-495-4446 or [molodyetz@aol.com](mailto:molodyetz@aol.com).

There are still a few spots available at Shasta-Trinity this summer for the once in a lifetime opportunity of ArrowCorps5. Five-thousand Arrowmen from all over the country will be doing service projects and having fun at 5 different National Parks throughout the United States. The fun will include mountain biking, canoeing, and white water rafting. Our Lodge will be sending a contingent to the Shasta-Trinity site in California. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger is expected to be there! For more information, see Karl Sergiojan or visit [www.ArrowCorps5.org](http://www.ArrowCorps5.org) for this great opportunity.

We had our Chapter Annual Planning Meeting earlier this month and came up with lots of exciting events for this year. In lieu of our April Chapter meeting which would fall during Spring Break, please come see us at Conclave. In May, we will have a service weekend at Camp Thunderbird with our annual Chapel upkeep project and video game marathon.

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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

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

### MARCH ADVANCEMENTS

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

<b>Jake Blakeslee</b>	First Class
<b>Jared Brown</b>	Scout
<b>Ian Culhane</b>	Scout
<b>Matthew Hahn</b>	Scout
<b>Caleb Hou</b>	Life
<b>Darion Kalegi</b>	Scout
<b>Sean Kirkmire</b>	Scout
<b>Matthew Moen</b>	Scout
<b>Brady Ritter</b>	Scout
<b>Coty Rohr</b>	Scout
<b>Daniel Ryckman</b>	Scout
<b>Garrett Sager</b>	Scout
<b>Jacob VanDormolen</b>	Star
<b>Lino Velez-Kraft</b>	Scout
<b>Paul Zepeda</b>	Scout

## COMING UP

- 1) March 18: Troop Meeting, Patrol Elections, Merit Badge Class #4;
- 2) March 22: Life to Eagle Workshop at Good Shepherd;
- 3) March 25: Troop Meeting, Seeker Welcome; Summer Programs
- 4) April 1: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 5) April 8: Spring Break; No Troop meeting;
- 6) April 12: Merit Badge Powwow, Olympia LDS Stake Center;
- 7) April 15: Troop Meeting, Merit Badge Class #5;
- 8) April 19-20: Annual Planning Conference at Camp Thunderbird;
- 9) April 22: Troop Meeting, Youth Protection Training;
- 10) April 25-27: Order of the Arrow Conclave, Camp Fire Mountain;
- 11) April 29: 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](mailto:molodyetz@aol.com).