

# **TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER**

**May 2006**

## **Eagle Court of Honor**

**Duncan Moore and Arthur Vasek** will be having their Eagle Court of Honor at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church (Westside on Harrison Ave) at 2 pm Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, following the PLU Training Day. Everyone is invited to attend, and refreshments will be served.

**Arthur Vasek** began his scouting career in fourth grade as a Webelos scout. He earned his arrow of light before he crossed over into Troop 266 in 2000. Arthur really loved backpacking, one of the main reasons he joined scouting. He worked hard to buy his first tent before his first scout backpack trip to Surprise Mountain and Surprise Lake in August of 2000. He went to his first summer camp that year to Camp Parsons. In 2001, he went to Camp Fife. He went on his first high adventure the summer of 2002 when he hiked nearly 50 miles through the Goat Rocks Wilderness. He went on many hikes on the Pacific Crest Trail, completing about 250 miles of it here in Washington. He went to Philmont Scout Ranch in 2003. He was then part of the 2004 canoe trip to the Bowron Lakes in Canada. He also enjoyed learning about mountain climbing and climbed Mt. Adams that year. Also in 2004, he completed most of the Wonderland trail (the 92 mile trail that goes around Mt. Rainier) for the first time. Last year, in 2005, he completed the entire Wonderland trail with Duncan and 2 other scout friends, in 6 days. For his Eagle project, he designed and helped build the shed attached to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church. Arthur has been in the Beaver Patrol. He has been Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader for that Patrol. He has been a Den Chief for his brother's den. He has been troop quartermaster and troop librarian. He is a member of the Order of the Arrow. He is looking on to college and is considering a career in engineering. Arthur hopes to continue being involved in doing community service. His brother, Reid, is a Life Scout and also hopes to make Eagle. His sister, Marie, is involved in Girl Scouts and will work toward a Gold Award. Arthur loves music and plays the cello in multiple groups (including Chickenfist--the 4 electric cello group). He also hopes to continue on in music in college. His advice to younger Scouts is to follow your passion.

**11<sup>th</sup> Annual Troop 266 / P.L.U.**

**Leadership Training Day Saturday May 13th**

**All junior leaders, High adventurers, and parents are invited to meet members of the team that has been National Champs four times. The Lutes have been named by "Sports Illustrated" as "The Nicest Team in Football."**

**What day:** Saturday May 13, 2006

**What time:** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Christian Center at Good Shepherd

**What to expect:** Our EMAL (Every Man – or Mom – a Lute) Brothers from PLU’s nationally recognized football team will share secrets of how to build a world-class team and how to get guys to cooperate. Our PLU Servant Leader Captain this year is **PLU Quarterback Chris Maine**. We will get to know the Lutes by name. After learning their secrets of success, we will play Capture the Flag with them, and we will host them to pizza.

**Who:** *Senior Patrol Leader Erik Luetkehans* will be our event leader.

**This event is open to:** all present and past members of the **Patrol Leaders Council • Troop Guides • Den Chiefs • Scouts who are participating in High Adventures • parents. **Each patrol is expected to send 2 or more members to this event.****

**Bring:** A lot of **questions**, plus an **appetite for pizza**

**Event Advisor:** **Mr. Kris Knutzen**, Troop 266 Scouter and 3rd-generation Lute.

### Crest Trail Day Hike, Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Continuing a long standing tradition in Troop 266, the first Crest Trail hike of the year will be conducted on the Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend. This will be a 10-mile hike that counts toward the Hiking Merit Badge. This hike will be on the section of the trail the troop identifies as Section 3, which is a section in the lowlands just north of the Columbia River and Stevenson, WA. All scouts and parents are welcome to participate. An information flyer and signup sheet for both hikers and drivers will be available at the next two troop meetings on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Any families who have a personal NW Forest Trails Pass that would be available for troop use for this outing please let Dave Bartruff know.

### Adult Leader Training

The Sasquatch District will host the next adult leader training series on May 12-13 and May 20, 2006 at Camp Delezenne. This is comprehensive training for all Assistant Scoutmasters in the Troop. The course integrates into one program the Scoutmaster Specifics and Outdoor Leader Skills courses. Registration must be made in advance along with payment of a \$30 registration fee. Registration forms are available at the Tumwater Service Center and at weekly troop meetings.

## Annual Eagle Scout / Alumni Banquet

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 mystery speaker. Please see the attached flyer. Don't miss it. Your friends, old and new, are eager to see you! See the flyer on page 8 of this newsletter.

## Camp Fire Mountain 2007

At the Spring Planning Conference the Troop leaders voted to return to Camp Fire Mountain for the 2007 Seekers and the Scouts who do not choose to go to summer camp in Hawaii. This camp is in the foothills Southeast of Mount Vernon, WA.

## Thriftway Rebate Card

Do you buy groceries at either Ralph's or Bayview Thriftway? Do you have family, friends or neighbors who shop there? Do you and they have a Troop 266 Community Rebate Card? Our troop benefits by receiving a 1% rebate on all sales at the Thriftway stores by persons using the rebate card. Last year our troop received about \$100 through this rebate program. This is \$100 the troop can use to subsidize summer camp and high adventure programs. Cards are available from Dave Bartruff at any time.

## Merit Badge Counseling Policy

By Dave Bartruff

Recently the troop committee has been asked to review certain policies regarding merit badge counselors and the completion of partial merit badges. Following are the policies that are used to guide Troop 266 leaders and parents in counseling scouts on merit badges and in approving the completion of merit badges:

### - Merit Badge Counseling:

- 1) Any adult can register to be a merit badge counselor.
- 2) Any parent registered as a merit badge counselor may counsel their own son on a merit badge if the counseling is offered to a group of scouts including at least one scout who is not related to the counselor (exceptions approved in advance by the Scoutmaster and the Advancement Chairperson).
- 3) Any Troop 266 Scoutmaster or Asst. Scoutmaster may sign a merit badge card authorizing the scout to begin work on the merit badge, including the scout's parent, guardian or relative. This may be the same person that is also the merit badge counselor.
- 4) Any Troop 266 Scoutmaster or Asst. Scoutmaster familiar with the work the scout and counselor did to meet the requirements of the merit badge may sign the merit badge card indicating final completion of the merit badge except, this person may not be the same person as the merit badge counselor and may not be a parent, guardian or relative of the scout.
- 5) Merit badges completed by an out-of-council, non-BSA camp, merit badge counselor will be accepted only after the scout has a review by an in-council registered counselor.
- 6) Merit badges completed by a non-Troop 266, in-council, merit badge counselor will be accepted if the counselor is on the published council list of counselors.

**- Partial Merit Badge completion:**

- 7) Any adult can register to be a merit badge counselor.
- 8) Counselors will record the completion of each numbered requirement listed in the Merit Badge Handbook on the blue card.
- 9) If the Scout chooses to not finish the Merit Badge with the initial Counselor, the Counselor will return the blue card to the Scout with all requirements successfully completed by the Scout identified, initialed by the Counselor and dated.
- 10) Scouts may also return from Summer Camp or a Merit Badge Pow Wow with a Merit Badge blue card that is only partially completed.
- 11) Any Scout who wishes to continue work on a partially completed Merit Badge with a new Counselor is responsible for making contact with a registered Counselor and requesting that they assist the Scout in documenting the completion of the remaining requirements.
- 12) A Counselor must accept the items marked on the partially completed Merit Badge blue card unless they believe that the entries were not actually completed by the Scout. Counselors may review with the Scout the requirements he has already completed to get a sense of how the Scout completed the requirements and his retention of the material. However, unless the Counselor believes that the Scout did not actually do a requirement that is already signed off he must accept that they are completed and only require the Scout to complete the requirements not yet signed off.

**Summer Camp 2006 Information**

Please plan to come to the troop meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> for Family Summer Camp Orientation. This meeting is where the parents need to sign the permission form and get their packets. Physicals also need to be submitted to Dave Bartruff by then. Scouts and parents can look at the camp website which is [www.inwc-bsa.org](http://www.inwc-bsa.org) and then find Camp Easton on it!

## TROOP 266 ADVENTURES FOR 2007

Troop 266 has two great opportunities for 2007. The first is Northern Tier High Adventure Base. This time at Northern Tier, we will accept the challenge to complete the Ely-to-Atikokan trip. One crew will arrive at Charles L. Sommers Canoe Base near Ely, Minnesota on July 31, 2007, crew E073107A. This crew will head north into the wilderness that is Quetico Provincial Park, reappearing in civilization at Donald Rogert Canoe Base at Atikokan, Ontario, Canada. They will leave for home after breakfast August 10, 2007. The second crew, crew A073107A, will start at Donald Rogert Canoe Base July 31, and head south into Quetico Provincial Park. This crew will emerge on Moose Lake at Sommers Canoe Base, also heading home after breakfast August 10. We will meet soon to begin organizing crews. For more information, please contact Mr. Palmer by e-mail, [davidpalmer7@comcast.net](mailto:davidpalmer7@comcast.net), or by telephone, 360-491-3749.

The second opportunity for 2007 will be going to Camp Pupukea on the island of Oahu for the week of July 8-14, 2007. This camp is on the North shore of Oahu, near very scenic Weimea Falls. This camp will provide the scouts with an opportunity to earn merit badges, including Cooking. Field Sports, Crafts, Aquatics, Scoutcraft, and Nature merit badges can be

earned as well. A special Hawaiiana award can be earned by completing a set of requirements that teach scouts about Hawaiian culture, plants, and cooking while at camp. We will plan a sight seeing tour of Oahu that includes the Polynesian Cultural Center, Pearl Harbor, Diamond Head and Huanama Bay. The cost of this trip will be approximately \$1,200. This includes airfare, camp, and spending money. Those scouts who are interested in participating will need to turn in a deposit of \$100 to Mrs. Parnell no later than June 13, 2006. This trip will require lots of fundraising on the part of the scout, and any ideas for this will be gladly accepted. Furthermore, we will need adult leader participation. Interested adults please contact Mrs. Parnell.

### Sign-up Now for The Evergreen Trek

The Evergreen Trek is an annual event held in Lewis County. All Scouts and Scouters 11 years old and up are invited to participate. Other friends and family are welcome as followers. It is a five-day 50-mile hike from Chehalis to Willapa Harbor along the new Burlington Northern Rails to Trails path. The dates are Saturday, June 24-Wednesday, June 28, 2006. If you register before June 1, the cost is \$20 per person. After that date, it costs an additional \$5 per person. There will be advancement and merit badge opportunities along the way. Scouts working on their merit badge requirements **MUST** come prepared to complete their requirements. Scouts must have a merit badge pamphlet and signed blue card in their possession on the Trek. Merit Badges are available in the following: • **Backpacking** • **Camping** • **Cooking** • **Environmental Science** • **Hiking**. Questions/Contact: **Lesa LeDuc 360-508-0123 chat@sipnsearch.com.**



## ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

We had two great O/A events in the past month. Conclave was a great experience both in classroom training as well as fun and fellowship. Next year's Conclave will be held in Alaska. Don't miss it!

O/A was very active at Scoutfest with many O/A members on staff. Some participated in a fundraiser, selling frappaccino to earn money for future trips. We had a special call-out ceremony for both youth and adult elected O/A candidates. Scoutfest also featured a GREAT fireworks show.

We are having a COW (Chapter Operations Workshop) at Camp Thunderbird on May 26-28 at Camp Thunderbird. All O/A members are welcome to come to this annual Chehalis Chapter event. We will be completing our annual service project maintaining Camp Thunderbird's All Faith Chapel. We will also be having some great fellowship, including a video game / movie marathon.

If you were just elected by our troop to O/A, don't forget to sign up for one of this year's Ordeals: May 19-21 at Camp Hahobas; June 2-4 at Camp Thunderbird; or August 25-27 at Camp Hahobas.

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).

### **MAY BIRTHDAYS**

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

**William Landon**  
**Dayton Kleinhans**  
**Ben Williams**  
**Jonny Buehler**  
**Campbell Brett**  
**Greg Herschberger**  
**Evan Lankford**  
**Reid Miller**  
**Michael Snodgrass**  
**Joe Harris**  
**Taylor Kirk**  
**Ralph Woodruff**  
**Colin Evans**  
**Aubrey Lagerberg**  
**Ian Crinean**  
**Mitchell Smith**

### **MAY ADVANCEMENTS**

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

<b>AJ Davies</b>	Life
<b>Brian Hegge</b>	Life
<b>Patrick Lockard</b>	Life
<b>Aaron Halbert</b>	Life
<b>Sam Moreno</b>	Star
<b>Karl Sergiojan</b>	Eagle Palm #4
<b>Volk Sergiojan</b>	Eagle Palm #7

## **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. BEAVERS. WOLVERINES.** No reports received.

**BRAVES/DRAGONS.** Some Braves and Dragons attended the Scoutfest, some attended the Order of the Arrow Conclave. They are planning a backpacking trip in preparation for Philmont.

**BADGERS.** Some of the Badgers Most of the Badgers attended the Merit Badge Powwow, some attended Conclave, some participated in Scoutfest, and others are helping with the Seeker program. In June, they plan a whitewater rafting trip.

**COUGARS.** The Cougars went skating at Skateland. This month they will go on the PCT day hike. They will be going rock climbing and working on the golf merit badge in June.

**RATTLESNAKES.** The Rattlesnakes went skiing/snowboarding at Crystal Mountain in April. They will be having a patrol planning meeting / X-box night this month.

**EAGLES.** The Eagles went rock wall climbing at Alpine Experience. They are starting the cycling merit badge. They will be their patrol planning meeting soon.

**FLAMING ARROWS.** The Flaming Arrows went on a 12-mile day hike to Big Log Camp along the north fork of the Skokomish River in April. This month they plan to go to PLU Training, to the troop swim, to the wooden boat fair, and begin working on the personal fitness merit badge.

**PHEASANTS.** The Pheasants had a fishing day at the Lacey Parks Fishing Derby in April when they caught trout and learned how to fly fish. They also went ocean beach camping and fishing at Long Beach where they went to the Lewis & Clark Museum, Marsh's Museum, and went beach scavenging. This month, they will go rock wall climbing and swimming at the YMCA and go on a day hike. In June, they plan to have a swimming day at a local lake.

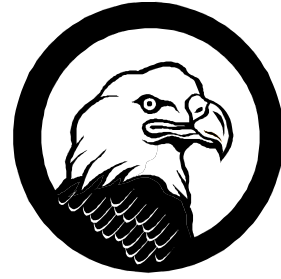
**FALCONS.** The Falcons went skiing/snowboarding and attended the Merit Badge Powwow in April. This month they went to Scoutfest and will go rock climbing and go on the troop swim. In June, they Plan to go cycling, waterskiing, and work at the Eagle Alumni Banquet.

**LEVIATHANS.** The Leviathans went to the Merit Badge Powwow, had a planning meeting, worked on pioneering, and went on a camping trip last month. In May, they went to Scoutfest and are going on a 10-mile bike ride. They will go camping and have a chess tournament next month.

## COMING UP

- 1) May 12-13, 20: Adult Leader Training at Camp Thunderbird;
- 2) May 13: PLU Leadership Day at Lutheran Church;
- 3) May 13: Eagle Court of Honor for Duncan Moore and Arthur Vasek;
- 4) May 16: Braves/Dragons Opening and Closing and Service Patrol; Summer Merit Badge Kick-off; Rattlesnakes Gym Activity;
- 5) May 20-21: Seeker Campout #2 Camp Delezenne;
- 6) May 19-21: Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Hahobas;
- 7) May 23: Troop Swim at The Evergreen State College;
- 8) May 27: Pacific Crest Trail Day Hike;
- 9) May 26-28: O/A We are Having a COW Event at Camp Thunderbird;
- 10) May 30: Court of Honor; Badgers Opening and Closing;
- 11) June 2-4: Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Thunderbird;
- 12) June 6: PLC / BOR;
- 13) June 13: Falcons Opening and Closing; Family Summer Camp Orientation; Pheasants & Rattlesnakes Gym Activity; Pheasants Service Patrol;
- 14) June 21-25: The Evergreen Trek 50-miler;
- 15) June 24: Eagle Alumni Banquet;
- 16) June 24-25: Seeker Campout #3 at Camp Delezenne;
- 17) July 29-August 2: National Order of the Arrow Conference, Lansing, Michigan.
- 18) 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).



## 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:

- + The Gathering Place (new multi-purpose room) at Good Shepherd
- + 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- + Saturday, June 24

**RSVP by May 31, 2006, 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**