

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

May 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 in this trip.

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.

Adult Opportunity for Sasquatch District Training Committee

The Sasquatch District Training Committee is holding a meeting to plan training courses and organize training teams for the coming year (Fall 2007 – December 2008). You are invited to participate: Saturday, June 2, 2007 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM at Camp Thunderbird in the Dale O. Johnson Training Center. Please RSVP to Pat Pearson at 360-918-0066 or email ppearson@pacificharbors.org (Cost to cover lunch and copies \$8.00) Questions? Call Karen Edwards at 360-491-1904

Preston Maguire Achieves Eagle Scout Rank

On April 17th, 2007 Preston achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts, the rank of Eagle. Preston accomplished this feat after being a member of Troop 266 for 7 years. Preston made First Class one year after joining the troop. He then advanced to Star one year later in December 2002 and Life in August 2003. Preston has served the troop as an assistant senior patrol leader at Fire Mountain and has also served the Wolverine Patrol as an Assistant Patrol Leader and Chaplain Aide. The highlights of Preston's scouting activities include attendance at four summer camps (Parsons, Fife, Black Mountain and Fire Mountain) and numerous patrol activities, including skiing/snowboarding, clam digging, hiking at Ape Caves and Mt. Rainier, and camping at Ft Canby State Park and Crystal Mountain. Preston has done a fair amount of hiking and backpacking, participating in seven Pacific Crest Trail hikes and backpacking the 50-miler on the Evergreen Trek in 2003. These outdoor activities have helped Preston complete 43 nights of camping and log 211 miles of hiking and backpacking. Preston became a member of the Order of the Arrow in 2004. He has supported his fellow Scouts by working on four Eagle Service projects which helped him accumulate 46 hours of service. For his Eagle Project he removed non-native and invasive ivy and holly from almost 5000 sq feet at Harry Fain's Legion Park for the Olympia Parks and Recreation Department. Preston is a senior at Olympia High School and is very active in all choral groups, a Drama club officer and Swim team captain. Preston volunteers with the Light the Night Leukemia Walk, WA Dept of Fish and Wildlife Kids Fishing event and volunteered as an intern for the office of the Governor. He will attend the University of Arizona to study Musical Theater and then it's on to Broadway!!

Reid Vasek Achieves Eagle Scout Rank

On April 17th, 2007 Reid achieved the highest rank in Boy Scouts, the rank of Eagle. Reid accomplished this feat after being a member of Troop 266 for 4 years. Reid made regular advancement progress, making First Class eleven months after joining in 2003. He then advanced to Star six months later in August 2004 and Life in July 2005. Reid has served the troop as a Troop Guide, had completed two Leadership Projects and has also served the Rattlesnake Patrol as an Assistant Patrol Leader. Reid is following in the footsteps of his older brother, Eagle Scout Arthur Vasek. The highlights of Reid's scouting activities include attendance at two summer camps (Fire Mountain and Fife), snow camping twice, white water rafting, attending the 2005 National Jamboree in Virginia as well as participating on the 2006 Philmont Expedition team. He also is looking forward to canoeing the boundary waters of Minnesota this summer as a part of the Northern Tier Expedition team. Reid has done a fair amount of hiking and backpacking, participating in five Pacific Crest Trail hikes. His outdoor activities have helped Reid complete 70 nights of camping and log 195 miles of hiking and backpacking. Reid became a member of the Order of the Arrow in 2006. He has supported his fellow Scouts by working on three Eagle Service projects which helped him accumulate 28 hours of service, so far. For his Eagle Project he painted the playground equipment and skirts around the equipment at Lions Park for Olympia Parks and Recreation. Reid is a freshman at Olympia High School. He plays the bass and also plays basketball and club soccer. Reid enjoys reading and plans to attend college after he graduates from high school.

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 will be working on helping the remaining patrol members achieve their Eagle Scout rank. The Badgers participated in the Spring Planning Conference in April.

BADGERS. Several Badgers have interviewed for positions as counselors at Camp Thunderbird this summer. The Badgers participated in the Spring Planning Conference in April.

COUGARS. The Cougars had a pizza party / planning meeting in April and started a new service project of gathering backpacks and supplies for the needy. In May, they went mountain biking and participated in the Pacific Crest Trail hike. Next month, the Cougars are getting together with the Rattlesnakes at LBA Park for an Ultimate Frisbee competition.

RATTLESNAKES. No report received.

EAGLES. The Eagles worked at the Blood Drive at Good Shepherd and went black powder shooting in April. This month they went on the Pacific Crest Trail hike. In June, they will go whitewater rafting.

FLAMING ARROWS. The Flaming Arrows are assisting seekers with their Delezenne campouts and their trail to First Class.

PHEASANTS. The Pheasants participated in a service project in April rehabilitating a home for a low income family. They are doing a climbing wall event and planning meeting this month.

FALCONS. The Falcons went to the Chehalis Scout Rendezvous and an archery event at Olympia Archery in April.

LEVIATHANS. In April, the Leviathans had a planning meeting and went on one of their rides for the cycling merit badge. In May, they will finish their cinematography merit badge. In June, they plan to continue cycling.

SHARKS. The Sharks went on the Crop walk and Pacific Crest Trail hike as well as finishing up their Emergency Preparedness merit badge. They are planning to volunteer at LBA Park and work on the spring coffee fundraiser. In June, they will have a camp out to help patrol members with advancement.

WILDCATS. The Wildcats worked on the Citizenship in the Nation and participated in the coffee fundraiser in April. In May, they went on the Crop Walk, helped with the Cougar Patrol service project, and worked on their Camping merit badge. In June, they plan a patrol swim at the Hoquiam YMCA.



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

Ever wonder how Camp Thunderbird stays looking so nice? We just had our annual O/A Chapter Service Weekend at Camp Thunderbird on May 11-13. We cared for the All-Faith Chapel, spruced up the Nature Lodge, helped build new seating in the amphitheater, and did some all-around cleanup. We also found time to play some awesome video games. We held a Brotherhood Ceremony for four Arrowmen, including three from Troop 266. Congratulations to **Eric Leutkehans, Simon Christian, and James Christian!** Three of the four scouts on the Brotherhood Ceremonies Team are also Troop 266 scouts: Tiluck Bhatt, Karl Sergiojan, and Volk Sergiojan. 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.

If you were just nominated for Order of the Arrow, you should be receiving information about your upcoming ordeals soon. The dates to choose from are June 1-3 or August 24-26. Both ordeals are at Camp Hahobas this year.

Our Lodge sent a contingent to the annual Section W-1B Conclave last month which was held in Anchorage, Alaska. Karl Sergiojan, Volk Sergiojan, and Jack Sergiojan from Troop 266 attended. It was an awesome experience! We toured the Kenai Fjords National Park by boat and saw incredible wildlife, including whales, sea otters, and sea lions. We flew in a bush plane and landed on skis on a glacier at the base of 20,000 foot Mount McKinley. The area serves as the base camp for climbers of McKinley. That's some serious backpacking! We had up close encounters with moose and mountain goats. We got to spend an afternoon with five-time Iditarod Champion Martin Buser and some of his dogs and puppies. And Troop 266 got its first O/A section officer when Karl Sergiojan was elected Section Vice-Chief for the coming year.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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

William Landon	15
Ben Williams	12
Jonny Bueller	13
Brett Campbell	14
Greg Hirschberger	14
Evan Lankford	14
Reid Miller	15
Adam Golden	11
Taylor Kirk	13
Ralph Woodruff	15
Colin Evans	13
Jimmy Jacobs	12
Ian Crinean	17
Mitchell Smith	18

MAY ADVANCEMENTS

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

Byron Clark	Life
Harrison Coleman	Second Class
Gino Deiure	First Class
Dan Moore	Star
Ryan Williams	Star
Preston Maguire	Eagle (April)
Reid Vasek	Eagle (April)
Andy Moreno	Eagle
Mitchell Smith	Eagle
Robert Harkness	Eagle

COMING UP

- 1) June 1-3: First Order of the Arrow Ordeal at Camp Hahobas;
- 2) June 5: PLC / BOR / PAC;
- 3) June 12: Family Summer Camp Orientation;
- 4) June 19: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 5) June 23: Annual Eagle Scout / Troop 266 Alumni Dinner, Gull Harbor Lutheran Church;
- 6) June 23-27: Evergreen Trek--Chehalis to Raymond 50-mile hike;
- 7) June 26: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 8) July 3: PLC / BOR / PAC;
- 9) July 8-14: Hawaii Summer Camp;
- 10) July 10: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 11) July 15-21: Summer Camp at Fire Mountain #1;
- 12) July 17: NO TROOP MEETING due to summer camp;
- 13) July 24: Regular Troop Meeting;
- 14) July 29-August 9: Somers Canoe Base High Adventure Trip;
- 15) July 31: Regular Troop Meeting.

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

The Lighter Side of Gas Prices



"No, THEY LEFT THE MONEY, BUT, THEY SIPHONED ALL OUR GAS..."

