

# TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

May 2010



## Crest Trail Hike – Saturday, May 29, 2010

### Section 2, Rock Creek Rd to Trout Creek Road

Meet: Good Shepherd Church at **6:00 am** (Eat breakfast first)  
Depart at 6:15 am

Wear: Clothes/Hat for weather, good hiking shoes

Bring: Ten Essentials, Water, Lunch & Trail Snacks  
Money for fast food in on the way home  
\$7.00/person for gas, paid prior to departure (except drivers).

Length: About 10.6 miles, from 1180' up to 3130 and then down to 1720'.

Route: We will drive I-5 south to Oregon, then east on I-84 to Cascade Locks where we cross the Bridge of the Gods back to Washington. Half the hiking group will continue to Carson and to the trailhead on Trout Cr Rd. The other half of the hiking group will drive to the trailhead on Rock Cr Rd.

Drivers: Drivers will also be hikers, and will pass keys to other drivers when the two hiking parties meet in the middle.

Scouts will return at approximately **8:00 pm**. Drop off locations will be coordinated prior to departure from the church in the morning.

Sign up by contacting Dave Bartruff, 357-3545, or at the troop meeting on May 25<sup>th</sup>

Although the plan was to try hiking Section 4 this year, once again we have been thwarted by too much snow.

Therefore, we will substitute Section 2 which has not been hiked since 2007 and which is at a lower elevation.

This hike is also an easy 10-miler but doesn't have the same great views as Section 4. Although the hike is not a part of the Seeker program and is not generally recommended for boys in the 5th grade, they are welcome if accompanied by a parent who can verify that they are ready for a 10-mile hike.

All participants who complete the hike will receive a Troop 266 PCST Challenge Patch (unless they already have one), receive 10-miles of credit toward the 50-mile tabs, and complete one of the five 10-mile hikes required for the Hiking Merit Badge.

If there is interest in scheduling a Section 4 hike on an available date in mid-late June the snow should no longer be a problem.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the hike.

Dave Bartruff  
357-3545

p.s. Anyone interested in leading other hikes on the PCST during the summer is encouraged to contact me to discuss trail segment options that would fit the age, skill level, or time availability of participants. There are several hikes in both the Central and Southern Cascades that can be done as 1-night or 2-night backpacks. I plan to lead a 2-night backpack in early August in the area between Stevens Pass and Glacier Peak. There has also been talk of a Philmont Training Hike that would be open to other hikers going the opposite direction on the trail sometime in mid-July. Stay tuned.

## **Summer Camp Update**

Camp Meriwether is coming soon. All spots have been booked and all payments should be received by the end of May. While we do not sign up for merit badge classes before arriving at camp, there is a list of merit badges available as well as other camp information in a packet available in Room 117 during scout meetings. Everyone attending camp, adults and scouts, must turn in a medical form to Lisa Bishop or Dave Bartruff before the end of the school year. Please call Lisa at 791-2694 or email at [LBishop@hcc.net](mailto:LBishop@hcc.net) if you have questions.

## **White Water Rafting**

Byron & Amy Clark will be leading this event the first weekend of June. Details will be sent out soon.

## **Scoutmaster Fundamentals**

Training will be offered on June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

## **Troop Survey**

All scouts/families will be receiving a survey through email. It is to be completed online. We are seeking your input for future planning. Please take the time to fill it out prior to June 1.

## **Special Thanks!**

Thank you to Tammy Burruss for volunteering to do the ESAM and Scout Spirit Awards!

## **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.

**CATTLESNAKES:** No patrol activity is currently scheduled due to the fact that most of the boys in the Cattlesnake patrol are now busy planning and completing their Eagle projects.

**EAGLES:** No announcements.

**FLAMING ARROWS:** Patrol members are working towards Eagle rank.

**PHEASANTS:** No announcements.

**LEVIATHANS:** The Leviathans had a patrol party in April. They assisted in a Troop 007 Eagle project this month, and will continue in June.

**FALCONS:** No announcements.

**SHARKS:** The sharks participated in the camporee in April, and are planning shotgun & fishing activities in May.

**BEAVERS:** The Beavers participated in the camporee as well, & went bike riding. In May they are planning a backyard campout & troop swim. Possibly a backpack to Lena Lake in June.

**SEA TURTLES:** The Sea Turtles participated in the camporee and went to Hood Canal in April. The next month they went swimming with the troop & went bike riding. They are currently planning to hike Memorial Day weekend.

**PATRIOTS:** No report this month.

**SCORPIONS:** No plans yet.

**PANTHERS:** The Panthers went camping at Hood Canal in April. They are planning to go to Fort Warden & Mt. Saint Helens in May & June.

## **Advancements**

**We had a late BOR last week. Mick Mauritzen earned his 1<sup>st</sup> class. And, three scouts became Eagle Scouts on May 18<sup>th</sup>: Alex Burruss, Sam Moreno and Aaron Halbert. Congratulations!**

## **Alumni Update**

**Matthew Beauregard is now the caretaker at Camp Delezenne.**

## **TROOP 266 CALENDAR 05/01/09 – 08/31/10**

	<u>Type</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
<b>May</b>			
05/02/10	Srv Proj (2.0 Hours)	Downtown Olympia	Crop Walk
05/04/10	PLC/B		PLC/BOR/PAC
05/10/10	Cmte	Room 115	Committee Meeting
05/11/10	Troop Mtg		Merit Badge Wrap-up Class #6
05/15/10	Event	Evergreen State Col.	Troop Swim
05/18/10	Troop Mtg		Game Night/YP Training-Adults
05/22/10	Camping (1.0 nights)	Camp Delezenne	New Scout Campout #2
05/25/10	Troop Mtg		Court of Honor
05/29/10	Hiking (10.0 Miles)	Section 2, PCST	Pacific Crest Trail Day Hike

## June

06/01/10	PLC/B		PLC/BOR/PAC
06/05/10	Camping (1.0 Nights)	Wenatchee River	Whitewater Rafting
06/07/10	Cmte	Room 115	Committee Meeting
06/08/10	Troop Mtg		Family Summer Camp Orient.
06/15/10	Troop Mtg		Summer Merit Badge Kickoff
06/19/10	Camping(1.0 Nights)	Camp Delezenne	New Scout Campout #3
06/22/10	Troop Mtg		First Aid Skills Training
06/29/10	Troop Mtg		First Aid Skills Competition

## July

07/06/10	PLC/B		PLC/BOR/PAC
07/12/10	Cmte	Room 115	Committee Meeting
07/13/10	Troop Mtg		Sum. Camp Prep – Patrol Flags
07/17/10	Camping(7.0 Nights)	Camp Meriwether	Summer Camp #1
07/20/10	Troop Mtg		Seeker Meeting ONLY
07/27/10	Troop Mtg		Game Night

## August

08/03/10	PLC/B		PLC/BOR/PAC
08/06/10	Camping (12.0 Nights)	Philmont, NM	Philmont Expedition
08/07/10	Camping (7.0 Nights)	Camp Meriwether	Summer Camp #2
08/09/10	Cmte	Room 115	Committee Meeting
08/10/10	Troop Mtg		NO Meeting – Summer Camp Wk
08/17/10	Troop Mtg		Summer Camp Skits
08/24/10	Troop Mtg		Orienteering Skills Training
08/31/10	Troop Mtg		Orienteering Skills Competition

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