

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

November 2007

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING – 2007

By Scoutmaster David Palmer

As 2007 winds to a close, I personally request that you and your family consider a year end gift to the 2007 Friends of Scouting campaign. This gift helps support Scouting in the Pacific Harbors Council. Your participation also helps our troop qualify for the Quality Unit Award – an award that our troop has earned every year since 1993.

Normally, we would have made our Friends of Scouting request earlier in the year. Due to some mix ups, the campaign did not happen this spring. Next year, we will make this request early in the year.

I understand that we have asked for several financial commitments from your family in the last several weeks: Popcorn, Registration, and Christmas Wreaths. However, Friends of Scouting is important.

- The Tumwater Scout Store is a convenient location to purchase scout supplies, obtain tour permits, hold Eagle Boards of Review and contact Scouting professionals. Your Friends of Scouting dollars go to support this store.
- Our Seekers use Camp Delezenne for camp outs in April, May and June. Your Friends of Scouting dollars go to support this camp.
- The Night Hike and Rally Day happen at Camp Thunderbird. Your Friends of Scouting dollars go to support this camp too.

If you have already made a contribution, please let me know. The Council records show that our troop has only contributed \$300, and I suspect that figure is low. It should be corrected. I have donation information. Please see me. Thank you.

Wreath Sales 2008 Coordinator(s) Needed

Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's wreath sale fundraiser. We appreciate everyone's efforts in selling the wreaths as well as those who paid their no sale donations on time. Congratulations to Ryan Williams for being our top salesman with 69 wreaths sold. The troop is looking for someone new to act as our wreath sale coordinator(s) for the 2008 year. If anyone would like to get more involved with the troop and help with this very important fundraiser, please let us know. Kathy Woodruff and Brenda Halbert will work with you to show you everything you will need to know to make it run smoothly.

Salesmanship Merit Badge

Did you sell wreaths this year as a part of the Troop fundraiser? This activity fulfills one of the requirements for the Salesmanship Merit Badge. You can complete the requirements and earn the badge by attending the class on December 4, 2007 from 6-7 pm, immediately before the December Board of Review and Patrol Leader Council meeting. Remember to bring the 2 homework assignments and see Mrs. Woodruff for assignment slip.

Online Trainings

Are you a new leader? Do you want to qualify to lead a patrol event on or in the water? Has it been a while since you took Youth Protection Training? Here is an opportunity to take charge of your training. Go to the Council Web Site under the heading of "training" and you will find the following Boy Scout training opportunities: Boy Scout Fast Start, Youth Protection Training, Safe Swim Defense, and Safety Afloat. Go to the council website at www.pacificharbors.org and select "training". After you complete the training, print out the completion document and show it to Dave Bartruff to record your training completion in the troop records.

The Next Step in Adult Training

Every boy deserves a trained leader! You will find information about training sessions and flyers on the council website in the "library" section. The next training session will be: New Leader Essentials – Dec. 5, 2007, Tumwater Service Center, 7-10 PM

Eagle Scout Record for Troop 266

Not since November 2004, when five of the troop's Scouts advance to Eagle Scout, have so many advanced to Eagle Scout in one month. This month a new record was set when six Scouts passed their Eagle Board of Review. Brett Bell, Alex Fish, Nico Garcia and Patrick Lockard, all of the Dragon Patrol, along with Erik Hegge from the Badger Patrol and Karl Eckhardt from the Braves Patrol all passed their board this past week. Congratulations to all for achieving the highest rank and Boy Scouts.

Planning for a Spring Break Hiking Trip in the Grand Canyon

The troop is planning for a 6-7 day trip during spring break, April 5-13. Sign-ups for the hike trip in the Grand Canyon will be Tuesday, November 27th. A deposit of \$100.00 per person will be required at the time of sign-up. Backcountry backpacking and camping permits in the Grand Canyon should be made on December 1st for the best chance to get the desired itinerary. Eligibility: 8th grade or age 14. Flyer with details will be sent to eligibles separately. Contact Dave Bartruff if you have any questions.

Trading Post

Anyone out there need hiking boots? A Troop 266 family has 4 pairs of gently used boots that they would like see go to a good home: 5.5 Nevados , 9.5 Nevados , 9.5 Nevados , & 12 Spaulding. If anyone is interested, contact Mary Pong at 956-0911 to make arrangements.



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

At the Fall Fellowship last month at Camp Hahobas, Troop 266's own **Erik Leutkehans** was elected Chehalis Chapter Chief for 2008. Lodge positions were gained once again by **Karl and Volk Sergiojan** who were elected Nisqually Lodge Chief and Vice Chief, respectively, for 2008. We had great training, fellowship, food, and a video game marathon.

Our last chapter meeting at Glow Golf was very successful, and we made nearly \$90 to be used toward purchasing new regalia for our Chehalis Chapter Ceremonies Team. Thank-you to everyone who attended!

We have had a busy fall with Lodge Leadership Development at Camp Kilworth as well as National Leadership Seminar and National Leadership Advisor Training in Oregon this month. If you are interested in some great leadership training opportunities like these, please talk to Chapter Advisor Jack Sergiojan.

Our next Chapter Meeting will be at the regular location, the First United Methodist Church on Legion Way in downtown Olympia, Monday, December 3rd at 7:00 pm. All Arrowmen are invited. to participate.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Joseph Jacobs	11
Erik Meyers	14
Patrick Lockard	18
Austin Kale	12
David Bubge	12
Kyle Selstead	17
Ian McKenzie	12
Brian Carpenter	14
Nick Pendowski	15
Christian Moak	15
Jacob Van Dormolen	12
Daniel Escobedo	18
Colton Chabot	14

NOVEMBER ADVANCEMENTS

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

Brett Bell	Eagle
Jake Blakeslee	Second Class
Kyler Carlson	Second Class
Harrison Coleman	First Class
David Drinkard	First Class
Karl Eckhardt	Eagle
Nico Garcia	Eagle
Mathew Geisler	First Class
Riley Grimstead	Tenderfoot
Alex Fish	Eagle
Eric Hegge	Eagle
Blake Inglin	Eagle
James Jacobs	Second Class
Cole Jameson	Second Class
Randall Jones	Second Class
Patrick Lockard	Eagle
Colin Kirkmire	Life
Brent Knutzen	First Class
Luke Larson	Star
Paul Min	Second Class
Joseph Raines	First Class
Jade Roberts	Life
Brian Russell	First Class

COMING UP

- 1) November 27: Winter Camping, Grand Canyon Sign-Up
- 2) December 4: Salesmanship Merit Badge 6-7 pm; PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 3) December 11: Troop Meeting, Merit Badge Class #5;
- 4) December 15: Service Project at Thurston County Food Bank;
- 5) December 18: Troop Meeting Caroling;
- 6) January 1: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 7) January 8: Troop Meeting, Merit Badge Wrap-Up Class #6;
- 8) January 12: Cross-Country Skiing, Stampede Pass, Trollhaugen;
- 9) January 15: Troop Meeting Winter Camping Preparation;
- 10) January 19: Merit Badge Powwow, LDS Stake Center;
- 11) January 22: Troop Meeting, Merit Badge Class Kick-Off #1;
- 12) January 25: Klondike at Camp Delezenne;
- 13) January 29: Troop Court of Honor;
- 14) February 2-3: Fellowship Weekend and Scout Sunday Service Project;
- 15) February 5: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 16) February 12: Troop Meeting, Merit Badge Class #2;
- 17) February 16-18: Winter Camping;
- 18) February 19: Troop Meeting;
- 19) February 23: Cross-Country Skiing, Stampede Pass, Trollhaugen;
- 20) February 26: Troop Meeting, Order of the Arrow Troop Election, Merit Badge Class #3.

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