

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

November 2008

WELCOME TO OUR NEW SCOUTMASTER

By Dave Bartruff

Taking over the reigns of leadership of Troop 266 from Dave Palmer effective November 1st is our new Scoutmaster, Barry Kirk. Barry joined the Troop 266 family when his son, Taylor, crossed over from Cub Scout Pack 211 in February 2004 and became the Eagle Patrol Adult Advisor in September 2004 after they completed the Seeker program. Since then Barry's second son, Spencer, crossed over from Pack 211 in February 2007 and is a member of the Patriot Patrol. Barry is a Trooper with the Washington State Patrol with 24 years experience in King, Snohomish, Pierce, and Thurston Counties, plus 1 year with the State Capitol Detachment. He is also a retired Lieutenant Colonel with 24 years in the US Army Reserve. Another important note: Barry is the first Scoutmaster in the history of Troop 266 who wears a kilt and plays the bagpipes (with son Taylor from the Eagle Patrol as drummer).

The job of being the Scoutmaster of Troop 266 is no small task. A troop of our size with many activities and programs requires a lot of oversight and management. Barry has accepted the responsibilities of being Scoutmaster with the understanding and expectation that there will be help from the adult leaders and parents who have sons in the Troop, as well as from adults who continue to support the Scouting program after their sons have "graduated." He already has asked several of the adult leaders to take on major responsibilities as "Senior Assistant Scoutmasters" to help share the workload and with the expectation that they will seek help from others. More on this later.

Barry's vision for the troop is: (1) Character development through mentoring relationships is primary; rank progression will fall in line as a bi-product; (2) Developing and expanding our adult leadership through education, certifications, and opportunities for participation; and (3) Boy-led, adult-guided troop.

Please welcome and thank Barry to his new leadership role. Please continue your support of the troop by finding how best you can assist him in keeping Troop 266 one of the best in Scouting.

Volunteer Needed – Summer Camp Coordinator

The Troop is seeking an adult or two to coordinate the 2009 Summer Camp at Camp Easton on Lake Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Lisa Bishop is the most recent holder of this job and has a lot of good ideas to pass along to the next volunteer to take it over. Duties include arranging bus transportation, coordinating with the camp, taking sign-ups, deposits and final payments for camp, making payments to the camp, coordinating with the Board of Review Chairman and Advancement Chairman for their support of camp boards and merit badges, and attending committee meetings from January through July. If you would like to learn more about this volunteer opportunity or to outright volunteer for this important job to support the Scouts please contact Lisa Bishop or Barry Kirk.

Assistant Scoutmasters for Leadership

Mr. Alan Evans and Mr. Tom Jameson have volunteered to assist the Scoutmaster by coordinating the various leadership projects available to Scouts in the troop. Any Scout who needs a leadership position to complete the leadership requirement for advancement to the rank of Star or Life should contact these leaders. They can assist the scout by matching them up with an upcoming project. Projects include leading the annual troop caroling night, food bank service project, troop swim, pet parade and troop t-shirts. They can also provide information about being a Den Chief for a Cub Scout Pack.

National Scout Jamboree – 2010 Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouts in America

Every four years the Boy Scouts of America conducts a National Jamboree. The next Jamboree takes place in Virginia, close to Washington, DC at Fort A.P. Hill, from July 26 to August 4, 2010. It will be the most spectacular Jamboree ever in honor of the anniversary celebration! Scouts interested in attending must submit applications to their local council and if selected will be formed into Provisional Troops of about three dozen boys. Each Provisional Troop will conduct several training events at home prior to departure for the event. Adult leaders are also needed to accompany each Provisional Troop.

What is there to do at a National Jamboree? About 43,000 Boy Scouts form a tent city on about 3,000 acres of rolling green hills. While they camp they have the opportunity to use their scouting skills to explore events in physical fitness, environmental conservation and our national heritage. They can experience rappelling, discovering scuba, kayaking, rafting, sailing, trap shooting, archery, bikeathlons, buckskin games, confidence courses, conservation trail, and more. Daily activities include an incredible merit badge midway, arts and sciences, an American Indian village, regional entertainment stages and large arena shows. In the past, the President of the United States has visited.

To be eligible to attend a Scout must be 12 years old and have completed the sixth grade as well as be a First Class Scout by July 1, 2010. Scouts also must be under age 18 through August 3, 2010. To get more information visit www.bsajamboree.org and then register through www.MyScouting.org. You can also pick up an information flyer at the Tumwater Scouting Service Center.

Adult Training for Catholic Scouters

The Pacific Harbors Council's University of Scouting is offering training especially designed for Catholic Scouters on Saturday, November 22nd at Franklin Pierce High School. The available sessions include classes on Catholic Scouting Events and Religious Emblems and Emblems Counselor Training that qualifies adults to help Catholic Scouts earn the faith emblem. Registration can be done in advance or at the door and costs \$20. Lunch is available for \$7 and must be pre-ordered. For more information see the catalog information on the Council website at www.pacificharbors.org.

New BSA Uniform

Have you noticed that BSA is changing its colors? Boy Scout tabs worn on the epaulets of the uniform are now green and the troop numeral (266) is now tan and green. These new colors are optional while existing stocks of red items are exhausted. You are free to change colors if you want, but are not required to. The troop will slowly transition as new scouts join the troop and purchase their Boy Scouting gear. Dave Bartruff still has a stock of red and white troop number patches that will be distributed until they are gone. He will then be ordering new one-piece patches in the green/tan colors and everyone will be welcome to purchase a new patch at that time.

FINAL POPCORN SALES REPORT

By Laying Hou

Troop 266 is the top selling unit in the Pacific Harbors Council this year! We sold \$29,480 worth of popcorn, that is:

316 cases of popcorn moved.

648 tins of Caramel Corn with Peanuts.

240 tins of Gourmet Caramel Corn.

174 boxes of Unbelievable Butter microwavable popcorn.

168 tins of Chocolate Caramel.

150 boxes of Butter Light microwavable popcorn.

144 boxes of Kettle Corn microwavable popcorn.

108 tins of Trail Mix.

102 tins of Caramel Corn Light.

40 cases of popcorn donated to the military.

27 3-way tins with chocolate.

22 Cheese Lover's tins.

16 5-way tins for Chocolate Lovers.

16 boxes of 30-pack microwavable popcorn.

41 scouts in the troop sold popcorn.

26 scouts sold popcorn both last year and this year.

22 scouts receive a prize.

13 scouts sold enough popcorn to pay for their summer camp next year.

12 scouts receive a gift card.

5 scouts going to the Council \$1500 top seller party.

3 scouts sold over \$2500, receiving 6% of their sales amount as scholarship.

3 scouts place in the Council: 1st, **Caleb Hou**, \$5855

4th, **James Icenogle**, \$2765

5th, **Austin Sager**, \$2610

Popcorn will be available for delivery on Nov 14. Questions? Contact Laying Hou at sixteentonine@yahoo.com, or 943-7719.

New requirements for Tour Permits Effective January 1, 2009

For all tour permits submitted in 2009 there will need to be at least one adult on the trip who has taken the Hazardous Weather Training Course. Other requirements to file a tour permit are that one of the adults on the trip be a BSA registered adult member and at least one have taken Youth Protection. If events include activities in or on the water or involve climbing an adult needs to have taken Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat and/or Climb-on Safety.

These courses are available online at www.pacificarbors.org. To take the course you need to log in with your BSA member number which is shown on your membership card or can be obtained by calling the Tumwater Service Center at 357-3111. After completing the online course print out the completion certificate and provide a copy to Dave Bartruff to enter into the troop database.



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

Fall Fellowship at Camp Thunderbird was a great success! We had over 100 Arrowmen in attendance, plus many family members who came to see what O/A is all about. We enjoyed big pad sumo wrestling, an X-Box Halo Tournament, uber Frisbee, uber dodgeball, board games, karaoke, movies, and authentic German food. We were also treated to a spectacular magic show by Jeff Evans, one of the best magicians in the state. We had a Brotherhood conversion with eight Arrowmen sealing their membership in the Order.

In addition, we had our annual elections for both Chapter and Lodge positions. Several Troop 266 Scouts were elected, including **Julian Dizon** as Chapter Vice-Chief of Order of the Arrow Representatives, **Caleb Hou** as Lodge Secretary-Treasurer, and **Karl Sergiojan** as Lodge Second Vice-Chief. Congratulations to all!

We need only 4 more Brotherhood conversions this year to attain our Quality Lodge Award. Your Brotherhood conversion is a very special and meaningful ceremony which seals your membership in the Order of the Arrow. If you have at least 10 months in as an Arrowman, please contact Karl Sergiojan for details.

For more information on these and other exciting Order of the Arrow happenings and opportunities, contact Chapter Chief Erik Luetkehans at eluetkehans@msn.com or Troop Representative / Lodge Chief Karl Sergiojan or Chapter Advisor Jack Sergiojan at molodyetz@aol.com.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Joseph Jacobs	12
Erik Meyers	15
Austin Kale	13
Kyle Selstead	18
Ian MacKenzie	13
Brian Carpenter	15
Christian Moak	16
Jacob Van Dermolen	13

NOVEMBER ADVANCEMENTS

The following Scouts advanced at the November Board of Review. Congratulations to all!

Randy Jones	Star
David Drinkard	Star
Kyler LaViollette	Second Class

COMING UP

- 1) November 18: Troop Meeting; Winter Camping;
- 2) November 21: Night Hike at Camp Thunderbird;
- 3) November 25: Troop Meeting; Wreath Delivery;
- 4) December 1: Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting;
- 5) December 2: PLC / BOR / PAC;
- 6) December 6: Junior Leader Training;
- 7) December 8: Order of the Arrow Lodge Executive Committee Meeting;
- 8) December 9: Troop Meeting; Merit Badge Class #5;
- 9) December 16: Troop Meeting; Caroling;
- 10) December 20: Troop Service Project at Thurston County Food Bank;
- 11) December 26: Florida Sea Base.

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

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Below are some quotations to reflect upon:

Hold yourself for a higher standard than anyone else expects of you. - Henry Ward Beecher

Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go. (written by Eliot appearing in a book of poems by Harry Crosby, *Transit of Venus*, Black Sun Press, Paris: 1931) - T.S. Eliot

All things excellent are as difficult as they are rare. (16th century philosopher) - Benedict Spinoza

A strategy that cannot be evaluated in terms of whether or not it is being achieved is simply not a viable or even useful strategy. - C. H. Roush and B. C. Ball

There is no excellency without difficulty. - Ovid

Confidence is that feeling by which the mind embarks in great and honorable courses with a sure hope and trust in itself. - Cicero

He can inspire a group only if he himself is filled with confidence and hope of success. - Floyd V. Filson

Have confidence that if you have done a little thing well, you can do a bigger thing well, too. - Joseph Storey

I had no vision of the scope of what I would start. But I had confidence that as long as we did our work well and were good to our customers, there would be no limit to us. - Sam Walton

Skill and confidence are an unconquered army. - George Herbert