

COMING UP

- 1) October 21: Troop Meeting;
- 2) October 23-26: Price of Freedom Conference, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania;
- 3) October 24-26: Order of the Arrow Oktoberfest at Camp Thunderbird;
- 4) October 28: Troop Meeting;
- 5) October 30: Thurston County Good Scout Dinner, Great Wolf Lodge;
- 6) November 1: PLU Breakaway Football Game and Team Visit
- 7) November 4: PLC / BOR / PAC;
- 8) November 7-8: Order of the Arrow Lodge Leadership Development;
- 9) November 11: Troop Meeting; Wreath Order Turn-in;
- 10) November 15-16: Rally Day, Camp Thunderbird;
- 11) November 18: Troop Meeting; Winter Camping;
- 12) November 21: Night Hike at Camp Thunderbird;
- 13) November 25: Troop Meeting; Wreath Delivery;
- 14) December 2: PLC / BOR / PAC.

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

Here are some interesting quotes for you to ponder:

You never see the stock called Happiness quoted on the exchange. - Henry Van Dyke

There is great force hidden in a gentle command. - George Herbert

Leaders must invoke an alchemy of great vision. - Henry Kissinger

Leaders aren't born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal. - Vince Lombardi

A leader is one who knows the way, goes the way and shows the way. - John C. Maxwell

Time is really the only capital that any human being has, and the only thing he can't afford to lose. - Thomas Edison

We should all be concerned about the future because we will have to spend the rest of our lives there. - Charles F. Kettering

Take care of the minutes, for the hours will take care of themselves. - Lord Chesterfield

The time which we have at our disposal every day is elastic; the passions that we feel expand it, those that we inspire contract it; and habit fills up what remains. - Marcel Proust

Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of the nonessentials. - Lin Yutang



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

Fall Fellowship at Camp Thunderbird will be held October 24-26, 2008 with an Oktoberfest theme. We will have big pad sumo wrestling, human gyro spinning, an X-Box Halo Tournament, uber Frisbee, uber dodgeball, euro soccer, board games, movies, and authentic German food. We have also arranged a special performance by Jeff Evans, one of the best magicians in the state. Families are welcome to attend on Saturday. We will also be having Chapter and Lodge elections. We encourage everyone who is interested to run for office. The leadership training and experience you will receive is awesome. In addition, we are encouraging all those who are eligible for their Brotherhood Honor to attend the Oktoberfest and seal their membership in O-A with Brotherhood. We need only 8 more Brotherhood conversions this year to make Quality Lodge. Please call Karl Sergiojan at 1-360-495-4446 for details.

One of the first leadership opportunities available after Fall Fellowship is Lodge Leadership Development which will be held this year on November 7-8. The leaders from our Lodge get together once a year and teach courses to Arrowmen who are looking forward to becoming Lodge committee members. Lodge Leadership Development is aimed at helping our Lodge improve its leaders, both youth and adults, so we can achieve and maintain a Quality Lodge. This year we will be focusing on developing new leaders within our Lodge. This course is nationally recognized for its great leadership skills development within the Chapter and Lodge, but it will also be a lot of fun and fellowship with other members of the lodge. The course is offered at the incredibly low price of \$15 with all food and supplies provided. The Nisqually Lodge looks forward to seeing you there.

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Jake Escobedo	16
Brady Ritter	12
Ben Ricks	13
Mathew Geisler	13
Phillip Jackson	17
Cameron Kirchofer	15
Tristan Pham	13

OCTOBER ADVANCEMENTS

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

Harrison Coleman	Star
Julian Dizon	Life
Mathew Geisler	Star
Joshua Harris	Star
Spencer Kirk	Star
Dylan MacKenzie	Life
Benjamin Moak	Second Class
Jacob Van Dormolen	Life

PLU Football Game

Let's go to the PLU football game on November 1st. The Lutes have been involved with the troop coming to our May leadership event. We've been going to a game each fall for 12 years. This year we will see them play the Whitworth Pirates at Puyallup's stadium.

We'll meet at the church at 12 noon. Bring a sack lunch to eat at the campus and cash for a stop at McDonalds on the way home. The game starts at 1:30 and after the game we usually get to go in the locker room to hear the post game highlights. We then go to the campus for the afterglow - a big meeting with the team and friends/family members. It's always inspirational (win or lose) and the Lutes have great teamwork. We'll return to the church around 7:45 PM.

Help cheer on the Lutes - they really need us this year! Call Dan Bode 451-1832 for more info. Sign up at the next two meetings.

Troop Membership Dues Renewal

It is time for your annual renewal as a member of Troop 266. You may make your dues payment at any upcoming troop meeting or by mail to Dave Bartruff at 3201 Amhurst St. SE, Olympia, WA 98501. Please make your payment no later than **November 18, 2008** so that the registration with the council office is not delayed. Registration is also contingent on meeting the troop expectation of selling five wreaths during the Troop Holiday Wreath fundraiser or paying the no-sale buyout-option payment. Payment may be made by cash or check made payable to Troop 266 or by using funds from your Scout Account. To continue or begin a subscription to Boy's Life magazine please mark the appropriate line and include the extra \$12.00 in your payment. New subscriptions begin delivery about April of next year. If you do not plan to continue your membership in Boy Scouts please contact Dave Bartruff & let him know so he will not need to re-contact you.

If your family registration last year included adult leader registrations, to continue adult registration(s) please indicate their name(s) on the form and return dues payment of \$20.00 per adult in addition to the Scout annual dues and Boy's Life. If an adult is also registered in another unit (Cub or Boy Scout) and the BSA registration fee is paid by the other unit you are considered a Dual Member. There are no dues for a Dual Member in Troop 266. If an adult in your family that has not previously been registered as an adult leader (Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Member) wishes to do so for 2009 the adult needs to fill out an Adult Registration form in addition to paying the \$20.00 dues. Forms are available from Dave Bartruff. If a previously registered adult in your family does not wish to register for 2009 simply do not pay the \$20.00 registration fee.

Change to Class A Uniform

As discussed at the Patrol Leader Council, Class A uniforms are again the required uniform for all troop meetings. No more Class B or activity shirts until next spring.

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

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TROOP 266 ANNUAL WREATH SALE FUNDRAISER

By Sue Drinkard

Our annual troop fundraiser has begun. It officially began on Tuesday, Oct 14th and ALL SCOUTS ARE REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE. Packets were given to all the scouts that were at that meeting. We still have MANY scouts who have not picked up their packets. Packets will be available to pick up at scout meetings on Oct. 21st and 28th. However, the longer it takes for you to pick up your packet, the less selling time you will have. The packet contains all the details for the sale. Orders and money may be turned in before and during the scout meetings on October 21, 28, and November 11.

Each scout is required to sell a minimum of 5 wreaths. We are encouraging each scout to sell the wreaths; however, if you are not able to sell the wreaths, the troop is once again offering the no-sale payment option which is \$7 per wreath not sold. The no-sale fee is also due by November 11th.

Wreaths that the boys deliver themselves are selling for \$20. Wreaths can also be ordered and shipped anywhere in the continental USA for \$28. Checks should be made out to BSA Troop 266.

Wreath delivery will be on Tuesday, November 25th, at Good Shepherd. All wreaths must be picked up on this date.

There are cash prizes for the top 5 sellers (with a minimum of 20 wreaths sold). Scouts who sell at least 7 wreaths are eligible for a bowling party paid for by the troop.

****IMPORTANT**** Please let Dave Bartruff know if your son is not going to continue on with Scouts so that we can remove his name from the selling list.

If you are not going to be at the scout meetings for the next few Tuesdays, contact Sue Drinkard (360-357-8428 or sadrinkard@aol.com) in order to make arrangements to pick up your packet. Adults in the troop are also welcome to sell wreaths.

Popcorn Orders Due

Popcorn orders are due this Tuesday, Oct 21, at the scout meeting. Please turn in all orders and money at that time unless you have prior arrangement with Laying Hou. Choose a prize according to the sales level you have achieved. \$1500 sellers get an extra \$50 bonus gift card, and an invitation to the Council party at Bullwinkle in Puyallup. Popcorn will be available for delivery on Nov 14. Questions? Contact Laying Hou at sixteentonine@yahoo.com, or 943-7719.