

TROOP 266 NEWSLETTER

September-October 2006

Three Troop 266 Scouts Make the News

James Bauer, Duncan Moore, and Mitchell Smith, all long-time Troop 266 Scouts, were recently announced as semi-finalists for National Merit Scholarships. They achieved this distinction by their superior scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. Please offer them your congratulations. Academic brilliance—yet another reason why our troop is the best!

2007 Registration and Dues

Annual scout/adult registration and troop re-charter time is upon us again. Watch for the flyer via email in the next few weeks that outlines the cost of registration for your family. A generic flyer will also be posted on the Troop Website. Annual scout registration remains at \$42.00. Annual adult registration is \$12.00. Adults registering as dual members of both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts do not pay any dues if registration fees are paid by Cub Scouts. An annual subscription to Boy's Life magazine also remains at \$12.00. The flyer will provide a tear off section at the bottom to attach to your payment. Payment of dues should be turned in to Dave Bartruff by the payment deadline of November 14, 2006. Funds in a Scout's account may be used to pay dues. If any currently registered scout or adult does not plan to register and continue in scouting next year please let Dave Bartruff know.

Sasquatch District Golf Tournament

Please come to the Howard Andersen Memorial Golf Tournament on September 29th at 9:00 am. Cost is \$100 per golfer, and proceeds will benefit the Pacific Harbors Boy Scout Council. The format will be foursome scramble. There will be golf carts available, a barbeque steak lunch, and prizes.

Sasquatch District Fall Harvest of Fun Camporee

This fun event will be held at Camp Delezenne October 27-29. The cost is only \$13 for both Scouts and adults if paid by October 15th and \$15 if paid after that date. The event is designed to promote team building for patrols. Events include: obstacle course, foot racers, pumpkin chuckin', orienteering, disability awareness, flapjack flippin', plant and tree ID, animal track ID, fire starting, first aid, spider web, basic knots, and more. For more information, contact Carol Glennon 360-268-0580, smt533@hotmail.com.

Updated Troop Membership Rosters

New troop rosters incorporating this year's Seekers into their new patrols (Bobcats and Sharks) along with the identification of the new leaders will be published soon and will be sent via separate email from this newsletter.

Adult Leader Training

The Sasquatch District of the Pacific Harbors Council will be hosting an adult training sessions in October. The troop leadership highly encourages any adult who is interested, and especially Patrol Advisors, to attend the courses. You must register independently through the Tumwater Scout Service Center. Each course is separate and independent. You can choose to do one, or the other, or both.

The first training is New Leader Essentials. This is training suitable for all adults and is conducted in a couple of hours at the Tumwater Scout Service Center. It is scheduled for Wednesday evening, Oct. 11th at 7:00pm.

The second training is Scoutmaster Specifics & Outdoor Skills. This is training for Assistant Scoutmasters and is conducted at Camp Delezenne on Friday evenings through Saturday. The training is conducted over two weekends. The first is scheduled for Friday evening, Oct. 13th at 6:00pm through Saturday, Oct. 14th ending at 5:00pm. The second training weekend is the following weekend Friday - Saturday, Oct 20-21. Participants will sleep in staff cabins on each Friday night.

The district calendar indicates that the next training period will be in May 2007. An information sheet that includes a registration form is available at troop meetings and must be returned to the Tumwater Scout Service Center.

In addition, Advancement Training will be held for adults on Saturday, October 28th. The cost is \$5.00. Please contact the Scout office for more information.

Popcorn Sale

by Laying Hou

Popcorn sale is in full swing. It's not too late to start if you are interested in earning some money for scout activities. This year, 32% of your sale will go to your personal scout account for scouting activities. If you sell \$135, your scout dues will be paid for. Sell over \$785, summer camp will be taken care of. There are choices of prizes at different sales level and bonuses for high sales. Refer to your popcorn Order Form for details.

There will be opportunities for store-front Show and Sell during the weekends in October. Sign-up has started but there are still openings. If you are interested, you can still sign up at the scout meetings, or send me an email telling me which time slot and location you want. These are the open slots:

Safeway, Cleveland Ave, Tumwater

Sunday, October 8, 2pm-4pm

Saturday, October 14, 10am-12pm, 12pm-2pm, 2pm-4pm

Sunday, October 15, 2pm-4pm

Lowe's, Martin Way, Olympia
Sunday, October 22, 1pm-3pm, 3pm-5pm

ACE, South Gate, Tumwater
Sunday, October 15, 1pm-3pm, 3pm-5pm
Sunday, October 22, 1pm-3pm, 3pm-5pm

Fred Meyer, Lacey
Friday, October 6, 4pm-6pm
Sunday, October 8, 3pm-5pm
Friday, October 13, 6pm-8pm
Saturday, October 14, 10am-12:30pm
Sunday, October 15, 3pm-5pm
Saturday, October 21, 3pm-5:30pm
Sunday, October 22, 1pm-3pm, 3pm-5pm

We also have permission to sell at Ralph's Thriftway in downtown Olympia. The exact times are still to be determined, but will most probably be on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. I will send out emails when sign-up begins.

Each time slot is for one scout plus a parent. You can work with a scout buddy, but you must still have an adult with you, and all income will be shared between the two scouts. You have to come pick up the popcorn at my house either the day of your shift or the day before.

Beginning the first weekend in October, you can also 'check-out' popcorn to sell door to door. This is only for new sales and NOT for delivering to the previous Take-Order sales you already did. Those Take-Order sales popcorn will be available on November 20.

Popcorn sale will end on October 24. Be prepared to turn in all popcorn order and payment that evening at the scout meeting. Have fun choosing a prize.

As always, you can reach me at sixteentonine@yahoo.com or 943-7719 for any question.

Merit Badge Powwows

The dates for this year's District-wide Merit Badge Powwows have been set. The first will be held October 21, 2006 from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm at the LDS Olympia Stake on Overhulse Road in west Olympia. Scouts should wear their class A uniform and bring a lunch and signed blue merit badge cards. The Powwows for the winter and spring are scheduled for January 20th and April 21st.

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.

BEAVERS, WOLVERINES. No report received.

BRAVES / DRAGONS. The Braves and Dragons went on a PCT Backpacking trip. Some Braves helped others with their Eagle Scout projects. In October, they plan to go to the merit badge powwow.

BADGERS. Some Badgers worked on their Eagle projects. Some went on PCT backpacking trips. They will attend the merit badge powwow next month.

WOLVES. No report received.

COUGARS. In August, the Cougars took golf lessons and had a 3-day campout at Cape Disappointment. This month, they are continuing on with golf and helped on Jesse Tyler's Eagle project. They will be having a patrol campout in October.

RATTLESNAKES. The Rattlesnakes are planning future activities.

EAGLES. The Eagles went on a bike-hike and a campout in September.

FLAMING ARROWS. The Flaming Arrows went to Camp Easton in August and on a five-day, 50-mile backpack trek in the Olympics from Graves Creek to Duckabush trailhead. In October, they plan a 40-mile hike around Mount Hood. They are planning a bowling night in October.

PHEASANTS. The Pheasants went on a 22-mile bike trip on the Iron Horse Trail at Snoqualmie, including a 2 ½ mile pedestrian tunnel. They went on a hike in the Olympics in September. They are planning to work on Eric Hegge's Eagle project and possibly go to a corn maze this month.

FALCONS. The Falcons went on a 40-mile bike ride on the Chehalis-Western Trail. They had a planning meeting in September.

LEVIATHANS. The Leviathans attended summer Camp #2 and some of them helped out in the Pet Parade. The patrol is planning a campout with another bike ride or a boating activity.

SHARKS and BOBCATS. Welcome to the newest Troop 266 Patrols.



ORDER OF THE ARROW REPORT

By Karl Sergiojan, O/A Troop Representative

We had a terrific time trap shooting at our end-of-summer family barbeque. We met at the Evergreen Sportsmen's Club in Rochester and got a great deal on shotgun rental and ammunition. We had expert instruction from Mike Taylor, Camp Thunderbird's official Rangemaster. Everyone had a great time, and it was truly a family event. Top Mother-Son Shooters were Eric Leutkehans and his mom, Mary "Annie Oakley" Leutkehans, and top brother-sister teams were brothers Volk and Karl Sergiojan and their little sisters Lana and Anya.

The next fun event for all Arrowmen will be the O/A Fall Fellowship at Camp Thunderbird October 27-29, 2006. Your attendance at this event is important because Lodge and Chapter Elections will be held. This event is always one of the year's most fun, with outdoor games, video games, board games, movies, and great food and fellowship. We will also be doing a Brotherhood Conversion Ceremony for those who are eligible and interested in sealing their O/A membership. If you are interested in achieving your Brotherhood Honor, contact your Lodge 2nd Vice-Chief, Volk Sergiojan, at 360-866-2888 or molodyetz@aol.com.

If you have any other questions about O/A, please contact your O/A Troop Representative, Karl Sergiojan, or Chapter Advisor, Jack Sergiojan, at 866-2888 or molodyetz@aol.com.

SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

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

Simon Christian
Willie Blackmon
Blake Inglin
Mark Dempsey
Colin Kirkmire
Andy Moore
Dan Moore
Jade Roberts
Michael Watkins
Nico Garcia
Jake Escobedo
Patrick Ratzlaff
Alex Fish
Phillip Jackson
Cameron Kirchhofer
Chris Gorzynski

SEPTEMBER ADVANCEMENTS

Here are the advancements from the September Board of Review. Congratulations!

Julian Dizon	Tenderfoot
Austin Davis	Second Class
Mikkel Christensen	Tenderfoot
Bryce Inglin	Second Class
Ben Williams	Second Class
Grant Dunn	Star
Andrew Hou	Life

COMING UP

- 1) September 29: Sasquatch District Golf Tournament;
- 2) September 29-October 1: Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor Weekend;
- 3) October 3: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 4) October 10: Communications Merit Badge Class #1; Opening and Closing Pheasants; Service Patrol Rattlesnakes; Gym Activity Eagles;
- 5) October New Leader Essentials Adult Training;
- 6) October 13-14: Scoutmaster Specifics and Outdoor Skills Part 1;
- 7) October 17: Christmas Wreath Sale Kick-off; Opening and Closing Cougars; Service Patrol Dragons and Braves; Gym Activity Falcons;
- 8) October 20-21: Scoutmaster Specifics and Outdoor Skills Part 2;
- 9) October 21: District Merit Badge Powwow, LDS Olympia Stake Center, 600 Overhulse Road, 8:30 to 3:30;
- 10) October 21-22: Fall Planning Conference at Camp Thunderbird;
- 11) October 24: Popcorn Sale Order Turn-In Deadline
- 12) October 27-29: Sasquatch District Camporee;
- 13) October 27-29: O/A Fall Fellowship and Lodge & Chapter Elections at Camp Thunderbird;
- 14) October 28: Adult Advancement Training;
- 15) November 7: PLC / PAC / BOR;
- 16) November 11: Rally Day;
- 17) November 17: Night Hike at Camp Thunderbird;
- 18) November 17-19: O/A Lodge Leadership Development at Camp Thunderbird;

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