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## Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter October 2000 Edition



Friends of Scouting family campaign time is upon us.

Last month, we asked that each unit appoint their respective FOS coordinator and provide the name and phone number to the District Executive, Jason Keen, by October 1st, 2000. We are missing that information from every unit to date. So, for those Packs and Troops that have not yet submitted the name of their FOS coordinator to Jason, please do so by the close of business on October 13th. We had a great campaign last year and we need to have our FOS organization in place s soon as possible for another successful drive this year.

### District Program Highlights

We've tried something new this year. Month before last, the Green River District Committee and Commissioners published a fantastic brochure of general information, complete with most all of the upcoming activities and training events. At last month's regular roundtable, each unit was provided a copy of the 2000-2001 District Program HIGHLIGHTS.

This all new planning tool will come in very handy when you're working on your pack or Troop calendar, this year. Also, all of your adult leaders and committee members can plan to attend the various training sessions that they need. We've even included information about your school district's schedule, which always needs to be considered before planning Scouting

### Christmas Tree Pickup

It is time to sign up for your areas. Look for the signs for signing up for this year Christmas Tree Pickup drive. I will be available to answer any of your questions.

Here is the schedule:

October - Collect request for areas

November - Publish assigned areas

The Christmas Tree Pickup coordinator is Mike Johnson, (425) 235-1826

### WEBELOS at CAMPOREE

Changes in national policy and bridging/timing issues have confused a lot of WEBELOS parents about who can come to Camporee. To clarify, WEBELOS can enjoy Camporee in several ways. The simplest is just to visit and observe for the day. The best is to be hosted by a troop and participate as a WEBELOS den. This may include an overnight, however WEBELOS camping rules apply including adult/youth ratios. The troop is responsible for "room and board" and just a little guidance through the program. Hope you hook up with a troop of good cooks! For more information, call Alan Dalla

activities and events.

The "book" easily comes apart so you can make copies for everyone in your unit who needs to also share in this information. Let us know if it was useful in your leadership efforts.

### **Order of the Arrow News, WWW**

Unit Elections - Unit elections will be held during November, December, and January. Please contact Chris Johnson at (425) 228-4941 to schedule your date. If you get his answering machine, please leave your name, number, unit number, and desired date. Chris will call you back to confirm your date.

**Troop Representative** - Does your unit have an OA Troop Representative? This is a new troop leadership position that qualifies for satisfying the leadership requirement for rank advancement. The OA Troop Representative provides the communications interface between the OA Chapter (Hyas Eena) and the OA members in the Troop. The OA members in the troop should select their representative. Please contact the Hyas Eena Chapter Chief, Chris Johnson at (425) 228-4941 with the name or your OA Troop Representative or if you have any questions.

**Hyas Eena Chapter Positions** - Have you tried leadership in your troop and ready to expand your experience to a district level position? The chapter is looking for interested youth and adults who are interested in serving as vice chiefs and advisors. If you are interested or have questions, please call the Chapter Chief, Chris Johnson at (425) 228-4941.

### **Commissioner's Corner**

I'm proud to report that attendance at the District Commissioner's Meeting increased by 50% last month! This is a very positive sign about our Commissioner staff's commitment to Green River District Units.

Santa 253-850-5664 or e-mail  
AlanScout@go.com.

## **2001 Spring Camporee June 1,2,3**

Remember all you Scouts, Webelos and leaders; that the Annual Spring Camporee will be held this year from June 1 thru June 3 at the fabulous King County Fairgrounds at Enumclaw. We are looking to have outstanding weather, and the temperatures could probably be a bit warmer. This just makes for a better camping opportunity. Contact Alan DallaSanta for information on getting increased Webelos participation in this activity! Webelos leaders should contact their local scout Troop in the area, and ask about the equipment needed. If the unit committee decides daytime participation is all that can be supported this year, come on out for the day. It will be a fun day for all! All registered attendees will get a great Camporee 2001 Patch. Paul Feider, Green River District Camporee Chairperson, has already begun the planning activity for this event. The advance copies of the Camporee Leader Guide can be provided in an electronic format if you just provide Paul your e-mail address. Paul can be reached at (pafeider@gte.net) or you may telephone him at 425.226.3156 (and be sure to speak distinctly because he has "old ears")

### **Recent Media Attention/Future Challenges**

With our recent victory in the Supreme Court of the United States, the Boy Scouts of America and Chief Seattle Council have been the topic of many news reports in recent weeks. The subsequent media "bandwagon" attention has only increased since the decision of King County United way to

LeRoy Raymond will be emailing a Commissioner's Newsletter to all Commissioner staff. He has requested email addresses from the Commissioners.

Joan Scott proudly informed us that the Cub Scout Roundtable attendance is up to 57 leaders. This is great news! Congratulations Cub Roundtable Staff!! You're doing an excellent job!!

cease their funding of traditional Scouting in the Chief Seattle Council. As you may well know, this recent turn of events will present some new challenges for our district and council financially. I am confident we can overcome these challenges with your continued support and your innovative ideas for our future. Your District Executive will be more than happy to answer any specific questions related to these recent decisions and also welcomes your suggestions for new ways to fund this great program for our youth.

## How to Attract new Cubs

Recruit 25 new boys into the program, have full access to your school, have every parent volunteer; sounds like a dream right? Well, not for everyone, there are some packs out there that are blessed with these advantages. Wonderful, the Scouting program will thrive and effect youth for years to come. On the other side of that coin, are the packs that have strong committed leaders, a quality program for the boys, but for some reason, they are faced with challenges that inhibit the pack from growing and reaching every boy that wants to join.

For those packs that know they need more boys to keep the pack strong and want to invite more boys to experience the scouting program, here are a few events that should help you in your endeavors.

A) Recruit throughout the year; utilize PTA parent nights, Open House, school carnivals and curriculum nights. September, October

## Popcorn Sales Final Push

Some dates to remember as the popcorn sale approaches it's final weeks. Popcorn orders must be turned into Scott on or before October 23. Once we have all orders we will then order the product and will have it ready for distribution on November 18th. It sounds like people have been having fun and the boys should have some great prizes. For more information contact our Popcorn Kernel, Scott Gilyeat at (425) 255-1191 or [sagilyeat@uswest.net](mailto:sagilyeat@uswest.net)

and November are traditionally the best and most effective times to recruit and merge new boys into the program. If your first School Night was not a success, plan another one for October or November. A representative from the District Committee will come out and help run it for you.

B) The District will be having several community recruitment events in October and November at local fire stations: Boys will be invited to attend, take a tour of the fire station, have some fun with their parents and by the end of the recruitment evening they will be new cubs and off to their new packs.

C) On November 2 between 5-9 PM, new Tigers and 1st graders interested in the Cub Scout program are invited to attend a free night at the Boeing Museum of Flight. We will be giving out a tiger prize to every Tiger Cub that brings along a friend to join that night. This is a great way to get new boys excited about the program, and hey, it's FREE!

D) Finally, be creative and flexible. If your Pack runs into problems, remember there are always other options. Every boy should have the opportunity to join Scouting and with creative approaches to recruiting we can give these boys that opportunity.

**Contact your District Executive Jason S. Keen for more details, strategies and questions.**

## Green River Training

### Boy Scout Adult Leader Training (BSALT)

Pre-registration is required for the Spring BSALT.

#1: March 24, 2001

#2: March 28, 2001

#3: April 11, 2001 (Youth Protection)

#4-5: April 20-21, 2001 (outdoors at Lions Camp)

Contact Tom Bigaman for more information, 253-226-4479 or tbing19@idt.net.

### Cub Scout Leader Training

All registered leaders and volunteers that work with children should plan to attend the Cub Scout Leader Training series. The training sessions are very informative and a lot of fun! If you have not attended training before, plan to attend one of the following Cub Scout Leader Basic Training sessions:

**October 14**, Cub Leader Basic Training, Den Chief and Youth Protection, Cross & Crown Lutheran Church, 10940 SE 168th St. Renton, WA  
Time: 8:30 am-12:30pm and 1-3 PM Youth Protection.

**October 17,24**, Cub Basic (part 1,2) Lutheran Church of the Cross, 23810 112th SE Kent, WA  
Time: 7-9pm both evenings.

**December 2**, Cub Scout Basic (TBA)

These are training opportunities that give you the skills to be a successful (and stress-free) Cub Scout Leader! Contact **Margaret Brown** at (253) 639-5164 for registration and information.

### Youth Protection Training (open to all Units)

#### Teach Children Safety Rules

Contact Joyce Froisland at (253) 631-9517 for more information and how your Unit can become Youth Protection Certified.

## District Web-Site



The Green River District is proud to announce that the following scouts have obtained the highest rank offered in our scouting program - the rank of EAGLE SCOUT:

Brian Ferguson Troop 449  
James Opfar Troop 464  
Jeff Jones Troop 464  
Aaron Gibbs Troop 467  
Kyle McCammon Troop 462

*"One of the proudest moments of my life came in the Court of Honor when I was awarded the Eagle Scout badge. I still have that badge. The three great principles which Scouting provides: self-discipline, teamwork, and moral and patriotic values are the basic building blocks of leadership."*  
Gerald R. Ford

**Congratulations and well done!**

## Pow Wow

Date: November 4, 2000  
Theme: "World Brotherhood of Scouting"

Look for your Pow Wow class catalog in the mail! Come and get ideas for your Cub program and share your ideas with other leaders all over Puget Sound. Get a Blue and Gold lunch and play games in the midway. Don't forget to visit the Trading Post and pick up your Pow Wow patch and 2000 book! All in all a great Cub Scout fun day is planned. Call the Council Service

The Districts' two webmasters, Lynwood and Alan have been working hard to develop and release our site and it should be on your computer screens in the next few weeks. As the site develops, please remember that the site is its infancy and will have more info as we proceed. To reach the site follow the link from the Council website, [www.seattlebsa.org](http://www.seattlebsa.org).

## Klondike Derby Jan. 13th, 2001 "Rush For The Gold"

The annual Green River District Klondike Derby is soon approaching. This year plans to be a great event with a new program and different date. Webelos are encouraged to attend for the day as a guest of a troop for an exciting day filled with scout games and activities. This year Klondike Flyers and leader guide is available at Roundtable or at the Scout office. For more information contact Klondike Chair Dave McCammon at 425-227-9395 or [dlimccammon@uswest.net](mailto:dlimccammon@uswest.net)

## Open District Positions

*"Anything that is done to increase the effectiveness of the Boy Scouts of America will be a genuine contribution to the welfare of the Nation."*

Woodrow Wilson

Camping Chair  
FOS Family Chair  
Webelos Woods Chair  
Scouting for Food Chair

Contact your Activities Chair, Bob Czaplinski or DE Jason Keen for more information.

**Tired of not many Cub Scout oriented events-call Bob Czaplinski your Activities Chair and help sponsor a new event-the one you come up with could be a real**

Center for more information at (206) 725-5200.

### Merit Badge List News

Calling all merit badge counselors and Troop leaders. For some time now we have had two mediums for providing you the official Green River merit badge list. We can print you a paper copy of the current list at the Scout office or you can contact our District Merit Badge Chair Don Hamell and he can provide you with an electronic version via e-mail or floppy disk. For more information contact Don at 253-631-8519 or [djhamell@nwl.com](mailto:djhamell@nwl.com)

## RECHARTER

There are several things Green River's packs; troops, teams and crews should do to be prepared for re-charter:

Electronic Re-charger will be available for the first time by using an application such as Troopmaster (v1.10), Packmaster (v1.04), Scoutmate (v5.2) and Scoutsoft (v3.5). It must be ScoutNET compatible. Keep in mind that electronic re-charter does not mean paperless re-charter. You simply enter the information using your unit management software, then save it to a disk and send it to the council office with the member/leader applications. (We need these for the signatures.) Please include payment with your disk. There will be more detailed information during the re-charter orientation.

Review requirements for the Quality Unit Award. It's not too late to train unit leaders.

Your unit's committee chair should appoint a committee member to be in charge of the charter renewal process and attend the charger renewal orientation.

**Packs** Orientation and re-charter distribution will be during the November 9th roundtable. Re-charters are due on or before the December 13th roundtable.

**winner!**

## Green River District Committee

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Camping Chair

**Troops, Teams and Crews** Orientation and re-charter distribution will be during the October 12th roundtable. Re-charters are due on or before the November 9th roundtable.

### **LDS Units**

Because of the difference in the organization of LDS units, a separate re-charter meeting will be scheduled with each stake.

Re-charters may be turned in to your unit commissioner or district executive if you are unable to return them at roundtable.

Any questions, please call Jason Keen at 206-902-2322 or [jkeen@seattlebsa.org](mailto:jkeen@seattlebsa.org)

### OPEN

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# Calendar of Events

Oct. School Night Recruitment

Oct Popcorn Sale

Oct./Nov./Dec. Re-Charter

Nov. 4 Pow-Wow

Dec. 2 Kent Winterfest

Jan. 6 X-mas Tree Pickup

Jan. 13 Klondike Derby

Any questions or comments regarding the Green River Current should be directed to:

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