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Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter November 2000 Edition

"Experience is the name so many people give to their mistakes." Oscar Wilde

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 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.

Winterfest Parade

Don't miss out on your unit being in the 18th Annual Winterfest Parade. This year it is being put on by the Kent Lions Club, the same organization that puts on the Kent Cornucopia Days Parade. The parade will be held on December 2nd at 4 pm in downtown Kent. Every unit should have received a application in their file at the last roundtable. Pick up an extra one at the November roundtable or call 253-852-5466. This is another great opportunity to have fun and showcase the Boy Scout movement.

Order of the Arrow News, WWW

Unit Elections - Unit elections will be held during November, December, and January. Please contact Chris Johnson at 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

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**

members in the troop should select their representative. Please contact the Hyas Eena Chapter Chief, Chris Johnson at 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.

2001 Spring Camporee June 1,2,3

The Spring Extravaganza in Green River District is our annual Spring Camporee. This year it will be held at King County Fairgrounds at Enumclaw, on the weekend of June 1, 2, and 3, 2001. The Camporee Planning Meetings have been going well, and I am grateful to those dedicated volunteers who come out for "one more meeting"- they willingly do this for the youth of our program. Many thanks for your participation.

The Camporee Planning meeting last Wednesday had consensus regarding the individual fees to be charged. By way of advance notice, the event rates are: \$6 per individual if pre-registered and \$10 if a late registration. We have set the day rate at \$3 and the late registration fee at \$5 per individual. The Camporee staff encourages pre-registration of youth and leaders for this event. There are no reserved campsites this year.

Scoutmasters and Committee chairpersons: Your unit is cordially invited to participate in the Saturday events involving games, races, contests, etc. Figure out what would be fun for the "big scouts" on your committee to run for all the district youth to compete in. Remember that all your old favorites will be new to those Webelos attending.

Camporee Youth staff will be attending our Camporee Planning meetings beginning on 7 February 2001 at SPEEA Headquarters 15205 52d Ave S. Tukwila from 7 to 8:30 P.M. If you scoutmasters have youth at least First Class and age 14 to recommend as staff members, contact Paul Feider or Chris Johnson.

Camporee/Klondike for Webelos

Webelos are encouraged to come check out these fun district Boy Scout activities January 13, 2001 and June 2, 2001. Packs may participate independently as day visitors or overnight if properly sponsored by a troop. What's "properly sponsored" you ask? Send a note to AlanCub@aol.com or call Jason Keen at the Scout Service Center to find out

Webelos Parents Class

For Webelos, moving to Boy Scouts isn't too tough. It's going from fun to FUN! For parents trying to support them, it can be a little tricky. There will be a special class at the February Roundtable for parents of Webelos-age boys. Recently transitioned parents will share battle scars and success strategies to help make this as fun for you as for the boys. And, help you support their natural growth on the trail to Eagle. Get the word out to your dens!

Community Service Opportunities

The Green River District is cooperating with the City of Kent to provide community service opportunities of units and individuals to help with various events in and around Kent. We will be listing these events and try to provide flyers. Two events that are coming up soon that the City Parks Department can use some help with are the:

Holiday Bazaar at the Kent Commons, December 2nd, from 9 am to 5 pm.

Christmas Rush Fun Run, December 8th, 9 am to 12 noon.
Talk with Lesli or Joan.

Thanks for the great Scout turnout at the City of Kent "Make a Difference Day" that was held November 4th. We worked on the new East Hill Park planting trees, building a trail and assembling playground equipment. We even got a plug in the newspaper.

Thought for the Day

When in Danger
Or in doubt,
Run in circles,
Scream and shout!

Popcorn Success

Thank you all for your help and participation in the Green River District 2000 Trails End Popcorn Sales. Here are some of the statistics for this year's sale.

Our sales soared well above last year to \$98,170. We had 30 Units and 618 Scouts participate.

The Top Selling Units are:

Pack 474 \$5,939.00

Pack 420 \$5,788.00

Pack 488 \$5,751.00

Pack 497 \$5,569.00

The Top Selling Scouts are:

J.J. Croteau Pack 448 \$3,010.00

District Web-Site

Green River District Website
The Current is now online! And other district information too. Point your web browser to www.seattlebsa.org, hit the airplane icon for the South districts, and click Green River for the latest schedules, information, and pictures of district events. We're still searching for an embarrassing picture of Jason to feature on the site, if you have one

Christopher Hiatt Pack 462 \$2,431.00
 Hunter Frerich Pack 497 \$2,009.00
 Nick Mikula Troop 202 \$2,000.00

please contact district webmaster
 Lynwood Stewart at
 lynwood@nwlink.com.

Even though the excitement of the sales is over, we are not finished. Now comes the big undertaking of distribution. With this big undertaking, I am asking for volunteers. On Friday, November 17th, 4 - 8 p.m. we will be sorting the popcorn at Food Services of America, 18430 East Valley Hwy. Then on Saturday, November 18th, 8 - 11 am we will be distributing the popcorn to the units. If you are able to assist at either of these times please call Scott Gilyeat.

Registering a time to pickup popcorn on November 18th at Food Services of America, 18430 East Valley Hwy will be at the November Roundtable or call Scott Gilyeat at sagilyeat@uswest.net

Calling All Packs

We will be having a special Re-Charter turn-in/help day on Dec.9th at the Chief Seattle Office. Bring your charters, unit rosters and an appetite. This will be quick and complete for all of your re-charter needs. Normal re-charter turn-in is at the December Roundtable.

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

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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, 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:

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 for registration and information.

Roundtable or at the Scout office. For more information contact Klondike Chair Dave McCammon at dlmccammon@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

FOS Family Chair
Webelos Woods Chair
Scouting for Food Chair

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

Only in America

...does Fat Chance and Slim Chance mean exactly the same thing.

Cub Scout Summer Day Camp

It's not too early to mark your calendars for summer camp. The theme is "Cub Scout Gold Rush" July 10-15 and July 17-20, we need 4 volunteers to staff camp. If you are interested, please call Jason Keen or Linda Rosengren.

Youth Protection Training (open to all Units)

Teach Children Safety Rules:
 Contact Joyce Froisland for more information and how your Unit can become Youth Protection Certified.

District Web-Site

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.

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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 djhamell@home.com

Nominate a fellow Scouter: **SILVER BEAVER**

Scouters!! Do you know someone who has given your unit or the scouting program noteworthy or exemplary service? If so, consider placing their name in nomination for the Silver Beaver award. The Silver Beaver is the most prestigious award that can be presented locally to volunteers in our Council. The time is drawing near - - nothing happens without input. Consider making submission of the name of that outstanding, special scouter a priority and get a Silver Beaver application form turned by the November Roundtable. The paper forms are available from Jason today. Fill out the form as completely as possible and turn in to Jason Keen or Paul Feider by next Roundtable. If you provide Paul Feider (pafeider@gte.net) with your e-mail address, a form is available electronically in Word format. Let Paul know if this file is needed. Your completed form may then be transmitted to Paul Feider who will collect them on behalf of the District Selection team

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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

Green River District Committee

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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.

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

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Calendar of Events

Oct./Nov./Dec. Re-Charter
 November **Tiger School Night**,
 Recruitment, Popcorn Distribution
 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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