

Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter

December 2000 Edition

“It is not always the strongest or smartest who survive, it is the ones most responsive to change.” Charles Darwin

Boeing Scouters

Special FOS information

Volunteer Scouters and families who are Boeing employees can contribute directly to Chief Seattle Council through the Boeing Community fund, in lieu of the United Way, which currently has withdrawn its support from traditional Scouting programs. The form to change your fund routing is on the Green River District's web page (or, contact Alan Dalla Santa at 253-850-5664).

When your gift is made through the BCF, it is combined with all others, and its identity is lost when monies are transferred to the Council. This results in a minor administrative problem, in that individual donations can't be identified by the council or district.

Therefore, instead of filling out the normal FOS pledge/gift card, please let your unit FOS coordinator know that you're giving through the BCF, as well as the amount contributed. That way, you and your unit will then receive the proper credit and recognition when the information is submitted for accounting to our District Executive. As always, the best way to donate to our District is to donate or pledge directly through the District campaign which kicks off on January 1, 2001

“Go confidently in the direction of your dreams-live the life you've imagined.”

Henry David Thoreau

Merit Badge Clinic

The Green River District will be holding its annual Merit Badge Clinic January 27 and March 3, 2001 at the LDS Chapel, at 24419 94th Ave S, Kent. The following Merit Badges will be offered; Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Family Life, Aviation, Fingerprinting, Genealogy, Music, and Photography. Boys may pick three Merit Badges to work on. The clinic is open to all Scouts (including 11 year old scouts, Varsity and

Venturers) in the Green River District. Pre-registration is required. Scoutmasters please return your troop's merit badge choices by Jan. 13, 2001 to the registrar, David Mathews. E-mail with attached file to: mathewsfamily@altavista.com. All forms and registration information can be found on the district website.

Thanks/Above & Beyond

Thanks to Packs 403, 407, 474, 504 and Troop 480 for showing our community what Scouting is all about at Kent's Annual **Make A Difference Day**. While helping others they helped promote our program and gave a wonderful Scout presence at the event.

A Special thanks to Mayor White of Kent for promoting the Scouting program, including us in his weekly Interview with the Mayor talk and actively supporting our youth.

Helping Others- Gene Bruce; Cub Master Pack 403, Pam Glidden; District Commissioner, Troop 453 Scouts; Chris Dalla Santa and Kevin Moen pulled together and helped run a mock Pine Wood Derby Event for a new Pack in the District.

Thank you for all your help!

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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.

Why...

Is something that's as easy as pie called a piece of cake?

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.

If you find...

Yourselves in a hole,
The first thing to do
Is stop digging.

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!

Popcorn Success

Hi Everyone,
I would like to extend a special thank you to the following people for all of their help and assistance in the Green River District 2000 Trails End Popcorn Sales.

Mary Ballowe	Aaron Pratt
Greg Bergquist	Brian Rumquist
Wes Bergquist	Brain Smith
Mina Brink	Kathryn Smith
Jeffrey Brink	John Torres
Christy Cook	Donna Thorkildson
Bill Gilyeat	Richard Thorkildson
Debbie Goltiani	Jeffrey Walker
Jolene Hiatt	Bill Westcott
Ron Hiatt	Chris Westcott
Rhonda James	William Westcott Jr.
Jason Keen	Gary Winn
David MacConaghery	Ian Winn
Geryl MacConaghery	Bill Workman
Maggie Marsh	Sandy Workman

Thank you to all the units that have turned in their paperwork and closed out their accounts. Any unit that has not turned in their popcorn paperwork, please

call **Scott Gilyeat** at (425) 255-1191 or sagilyeat@uswest.net

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 please contact district webmaster Lynwood Stewart at lynwood@nwlink.com. Look for new forms and information weekly.

Green River Training

Boy Scout Adult Leader Training (BSALT)

Pre-registration is required for the Spring BSALT.

#1: March 31, 2001

#2: April 4, 2001

#3: April 11, 2001 (Youth Protection)

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

Contact Tom Bigaman for more information, 425-226-4479 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:

January 27th, 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.

"If a stranger in a car bothers you, turn and run in the opposite direction the car is headed."

Train the Trainer Conference

Saturday February 17, 2001 8am-5pm,
Shoreline Center
18560 1st Ave. NE
Shoreline, WA 98156

Who should attend the Conference?

- All council & district committee members, training teams for all phases of the Scouting program
- Roundtable staff members
- Potential trainers
- Cub leaders – Boy Scout leaders – Venture leaders
- Want to learn more about effective techniques on presenting a quality training program

It could Have Happened

A FIFTH GRADER in Seattle gave this description of human anatomy in a school homework paper:

"The body is composed of three parts: the Branium, the Borax, and the Abominable Cavity. The branium contains the brain. The borax contains the lungs, the liver, and the other living things. The abominable cavity contains the bowels, of which there are five: A, E, I, O, and U."

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.

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 dlmccammon@uswest.net All registration information may be found on the District website.

*"We didn't inherit the Earth from our parents.
We're borrowing it from our children."*

*Chief Seattle (1788-1866)
Suquamish/Duwamish Chief*

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 at 425-255-7045

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@home.com

The Dinner of Annual Delights

WHO: You!

WHAT: Your Annual celebration of Volunteerism in the Chief Seattle Council, we recognize you in your efforts to support Scouting Values in your units and youth.

WHY: Because (a) we care, (b) you deserve the recognition and (c) the food is great.

WHERE: Bellevue's Meydenbauer Center.

WHEN: March 20th, 2001 at 6:45 PM

HOW: Full uniform, with your fellow scouters from your unit and district. Do attend, Do pre-register. Remember to enjoy yourself and celebrate this year's new Silver Beavers. Don't forget to collect all six trading cards!!!

FOS Training / 2001 Campaign

Friends of Scout packets have been distributed to unit leaders at tonight's roundtable. Units can begin their individual campaigns as soon as they receive their packets. We will be having a district FOS training session along with questions and answers for all unit FOS coordinators at the January Roundtable. Please make sure your representative is in attendance. In addition to our family campaign, I would like to invite all those interested in scouting to the FOS breakfast this year. This is a wonderful opportunity for us all to invite our co-workers, employees, managers, friends and neighbors to a wonderful

introduction to the Scouting program; it's results on our youth and to help contribute to our FOS campaign. There will be a number of proud scouts and leaders in attendance and the Seattle Mariners and the radio show "Hot Stove League; Morning Edition" will help present the event. This is a great way to raise donations for your unit campaign and show our community the true value of the Scouting program.

**FOS South Breakfast, February 8th, 2001
7 am Doubletree Hotel/Sea-Tac**

Contact Jason Keen your DE for more information.

Unit Commissioner Training

Who - Anyone that has ever wondered what a Unit Commissioner does or should do.

What - A one day training session that will cover what a Unit Commissioner's job description is.

When - Saturday, February 10th, 2001 from 9 AM to 3 PM

Where - Renton LDS Stake Center, 19714 106th Avenue SE
Renton (near Panther Lake Elementary School)

Please phone Pam Glidden at 253-631-8603 if you have any questions.

Green River District Committee

District Chair	Bill Westcott	253-639-4948
District Commissioner	Pam Glidden	253-631-8603
Membership Chair	Alan Dalla Santa	253-850-5664
PR and Tech Chair	Cecil Stellyes	253-373-0774
Vice-Chair/Annual Dinner Chair	John Staneff	253-852-2486
Recognition Chair	David Lee	253-630-8959
Program Chair	Kerry Scott	425-717-6470
Klondike Chair	Dave McCammon	425-227-9395
Advancement Chair	Gary Twite	253-631-6638
Eagle Coordinator	Brian Harron	253-631-4801
Merit Badge Counselor List	Don Hamell	253-631-8519
Boy Scout Adult Leader Training	Tom Bingaman	425-226-4479
Cub Scout Leader Training	Margaret Brown	253-639-5164
Youth Protection Training	Joyce Froisland	253-631-9517
Boy Scout Roundtable	Bob Czaplinski	253-631-4419
Cub Scout Roundtable	Joan Scott	253-631-2492
Activities Chair	Bob Czaplinski	253-631-4419
Camping Chair	John Rosenlund	425-277-3118
Order of the Arrow Chair	Mike Johnson	425-235-1826
Web Masters	Alan Dalla Santa	253-850-5664
	Lynwood Stewart	253-630-9794
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District Executive	Jason S. Keen	206-902-2322
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Calendar of Events

Jan-Feb

FOS

Jan. 6

X-mas Tree
Pick-up

Jan. 13

Klondike
Derby

Feb. 8

FOS
Breakfast

March

Scouting for
Food

Mar. 20

Annual
Dinner

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

Green River District Executive: Jason S. Keen
Chief Seattle Council (206) 902-2322

E-mail: jkeen@seattlebsa.org

We would like to provide this newsletter in an electronic format to those of you with an e-mail, let us know so that we can put you on the list.

