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## Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter January 2001 Edition

"Tut, tut, child," said the Duchess. "Everything's got a moral if only you can find it." Alice in Wonderland - Lewis Carroll

### *Positive Publicity Produces Some* **GREAT IMPRESSIONS**

Since last June's Supreme Court decision, we've all had to endure the barrage of criticism and ill-conceived abuse, which was leveled at the Boy Scouts of America. In almost all cases, the media feeding frenzy resulted from the lack of real knowledge about our program and what we're doing. And, about the only honest blame that we (as volunteers) can probably accept is that we haven't regularly told the rest of the surrounding community about our great work. As adult volunteers, we all know full well that we're still doing a super job. When compared to all of the other programs combined, Scouting still remains the greatest youth movement in the history of the world.

Parading our banner (patting ourselves on the back) once in a while goes a long way in countering the unwarranted negativism, which we've politely endured for the past six months. To this end, we need to not only continue putting our best foot forward, but also we need to start tooting our horn. We need to shout the good story about our local Scouting program. Ultimately, this will auger well for the reputation that Scouts have earned over the past 90 years.

How do we go about generating the good publicity we deserve? Starting next month, or no later than the March Roundtable, our marketing and Public Relations Chairman will be conducting informal seminar discussions on the subject of Pack and Troop publicity. In the meantime, if you don't already have one, each pack and Troop in Green River District should appoint a committee member (parent) as their communications chairperson. These folks should then plan to attend one of the Roundtable publicity sessions, when announced.



### **THERE IS STILL ROOM FOR YOU AT THE NATIONAL JAMBOREE!**

Chief Seattle Council has a few spots available for those interested in attending our National Jamboree as either a scout or a staff member. Why wait for another four years to go by before participating in this great adventure? The East Coast tour and Jamboree event will leave from Seattle on July 16 and return on August 2, 2001. Call Kevin Kilduff now at 206.902.2316 for an application form

### **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

We may not be able to immediately turn around all of the nonobjective minds here in the Chief Seattle Council area; but, every great tree that's ever been harvested for lumber was felled with many, many swings of an ax (one whack at a time). And, this is what we've got to do. We need to share each and every "news" item about our Pack or Troop, one story at a time. With enough good publicity, we can eventually overshadow the giant misconception, which was fostered by the minority of uninformed individuals.

Remember, if you don't already have one on your Pack or Troop Committee, recruit and appoint a communications (publicity) chairperson, now. And, very soon, we'll start our Roundtable discussions about producing positive publicity.

**TIME FLIES like an arrow;  
Fruit flies like bananas and grapes.**

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](mailto:mathewsfamily@altavista.com). All forms and registration information can be found on the district website.

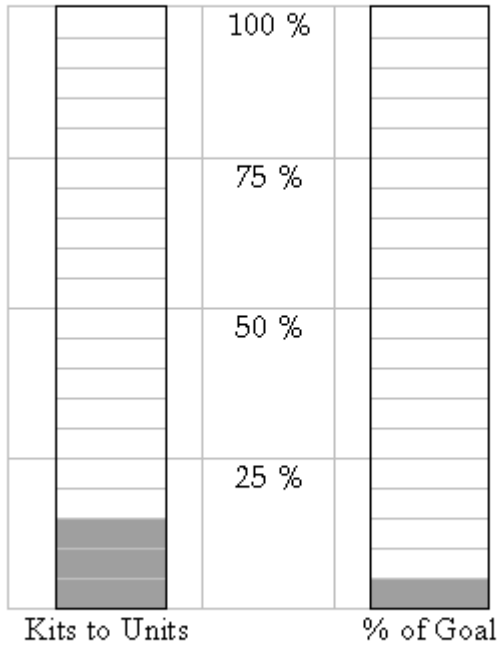


The Green River District is proud to announce that the last two months the following scouts have obtained the highest rank offered in our scouting program-the rank of EAGLE SCOUT:

**Travis Foster Troop 202**  
**Jason Conrad Troop 402**  
**Miguel Colon Troop 408**  
**Don Robertson Troop 490**  
**Eric Haddenham Troop**  
**467**  
**Dan Eastman Troop 464**  
**Marlin Judd Troop 513**  
**Andrew Bybee Troop 513**

## Friends of Scouting

108 Units – District Goal is \$33,000



You get more than you give  
When you give more than you  
get.

An **OUT-OF-WORK**  
jester is nobody's fool.

**Pick your unit presenters now!**  
**Donations to date = \$1,500.00**

### 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

## 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.

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.

Beginning with the February 2001 meeting, there are four total meetings remaining prior to Camporee, and youth staff must attend at least three of these to remain involved.

Paul Feider  
Green River Camporee Chair  
2001

***"Even if you're on the right track,  
you'll get run over if you just sit  
still."***

Will Rogers

### **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](mailto: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!

**You get more than you  
give  
When you give more than  
you get.**

### **Green River District Web- Site**

The Current is now online! And other district information too. Point your web browser to [www.seattlebsa.org](http://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@nwlinc.com](mailto:lynwood@nwlinc.com).

## **Green River Training**

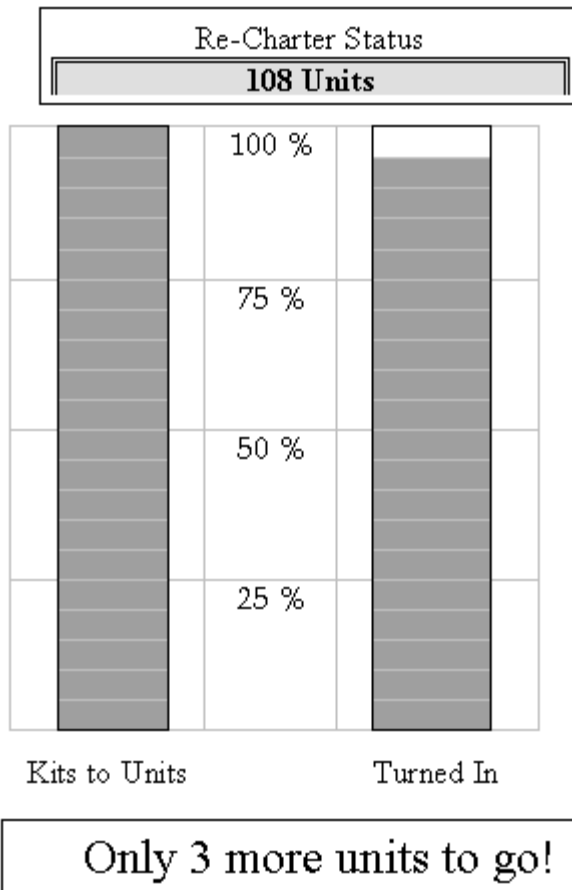
### **Boy Scout Adult Leader Training (BSALT)**

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,  
[tbing19@idt.net](mailto:tbing19@idt.net).**

### **Cub Scout Leader Training**

All registered leaders and



## 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 [dlmccammon@uswest.net](mailto:dlmccammon@uswest.net) All registration information may be found on the District website.

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:

### March 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 (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.

***"Never HITCH HIKE"***

**14th Annual Kent Kids' Arts  
Day  
March 3rd  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm**

## 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

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

### Train the Trainer Conference

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

Who should attend the Conference?

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

---Hey Den Leaders, want to take your den to experience a fun and artistic full day that you do not have to do any work on? Then go on down to the Kent Kids' Art Day where your scouts get to create imaginative hands-on art projects led by professional artists while being entertained by children's performers. Clowns Unlimited will also be there from 11am - 3pm.

---This event is at the Kent Commons on 525 4th Ave North in Downtown Kent. Tickets in advance are only \$4 or \$5 at the door.

---This is a great opportunity for your scouts doing something they enjoy anyhow without you having to do any of the work at an event that is already being run by the City Parks.

---Call 253-856-5050 for tickets or info.

*Tom Bingaman and Cecil Stellyes*

*Really aren't retired. They just added five days to each weekend.*

### The Dinner of Annual Delights

**WHO:** You!

**WHAT:** Your Annual

## 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.

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."

**"There's nothing wrong with needing reading glasses to read. You need a drinking glass to drink, don't you?"**

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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

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### Just Plane Dumb

If at first you don't succeed,  
 Then skydiving is not for you.

## 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-

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### **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**

Anyone that has ever wondered what a Unit Commissioner does or should do is invited to attend a one-day training session that will cover what a Unit Commissioner's job description encompasses.

On Saturday, February 10th, 2001 from 9 AM to 3 PM a select staff will

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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 253-  
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

conduct the training session at Renton LDS Stake Center, 19714 106th Avenue SE, Renton (near Panther Lake Elementary School).

Please join us and don't forget to bring a sack lunch.

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

We are always on the lookout for new Unit Commissioners also. Currently we need Commissioners for Cub Scout Packs. If you would be willing to share your knowledge and expertise, please contact Pam at the above phone number.

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

Popcorn Kernel

Scott Gilyeat 425-255-1191

**District Executive**

**Jason S. Keen 206-902-2322**

**E-mail: [jkeen@seattlebsa.org](mailto:jkeen@seattlebsa.org)**

# Calendar of Events

Jan-Feb FOS

Jan 13th Klondike Derby

Feb 8th FOS Breakfast

March Scouting For  
17,24 Food

Mar 20th Annual Dinner

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

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**Chief Seattle Council (206) 902-2322**

**E-mail: [jkeen@seattlebsa.org](mailto: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.