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Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter February 2001 Edition

"You can get help from teachers,
but you are going to have to learn a lot by yourself, sitting in a room."
Dr. Seuss



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

Unit Publicity

Does your Pack or Troop committee have a publicity (or communications) chairperson? If not, there really ought to be one. This vital function can be the key to (both) the good media publicity that your unit deserves, as well as the vital internal communications (within your Pack or Troop) that really makes your program go from so-so on up to the super level.

At next month's Roundtable, or no later than the following Roundtable (always the second Thursday of each month), we're going to start some informal seminar/discussions where we can exchange ideas on how to best handle you unit's publicity and communication needs. When announced, this is the one meeting your publicity chairperson needs to attend.

No, we're not going to turn ourselves into instant whiz-bang marketing and public relation experts. That's for people who work downtown. But, what we will do here in Green River District, is to pick up some basics of media publicity so that we can tell the good story of Scouting, and get your Pack or Troop members' names (and picture) in print.

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 March 3, 2001 at the LDS Chapel, at 24419 94th Ave S, Kent. The following Merit Badges will be offered; Citizenship in the Community,

Watch for the start of these publicity sessions, which will be conducted during one of our regular Roundtable meetings.

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



TO ERR IS HUMAN, but if the eraser wears out before the pencil, you're overdoing it.

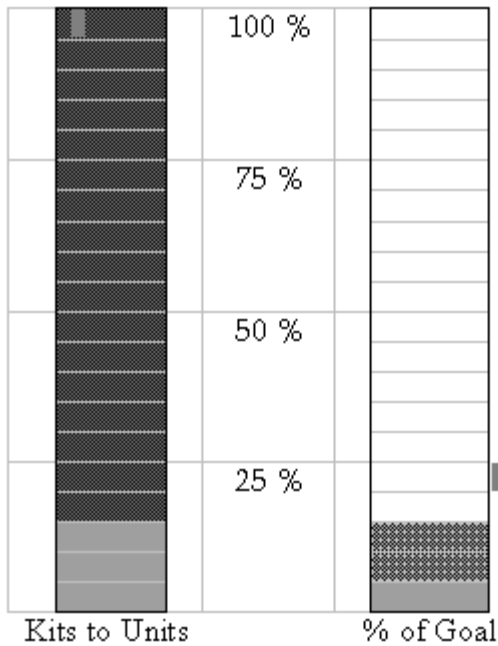
The Green River District is proud to announce that the last two months the following scouts have obtained the highest rank offered in our scouting program-the rank of EAGLE SCOUT:

**Joshua Hwang Troop 747
Chad Romney Troop 416
Wesley Bergquist Troop 499**

Is your Pack Planning to attend SHINDIGO?

Friends of Scouting

108 Units – District Goal is \$33,000



Pick your unit presenters now!
Donations to date = \$3,203.00

**As you slide down
 the banister of life,
 May the splinters never
 point the wrong way.
 Irish Blessing**

2001 Spring Camporee June 1,2,3

The Spring Camporee Corner

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 support "one more meeting"-so willingly for the youth of our Scouting program. Many thanks for your support.

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.

has decided on the "pre-registration incentive", consisting of two (2) hats with Camporee patches per unit. The thought was these would be for Scoutmaster and SPL of a unit. The Camporee fees 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. Late fees will apply to all registrations processed after the May 18, 2001. The Camporee staff encourages pre-registration of youth and leaders for this event in order to better plan this prestigious event. Remember, there are no reserved campsites this year, and we will again camp jamboree style.

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

Unsolved Mystery: Why did Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Camporee for Webelos

Webelos are encouraged to come check out this fun district Boy Scout activity 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

School Night Teams

New packs and struggling packs turn to the District Executive for help in putting on a successful school night. Unfortunately, he gets double- and triple-booked during this critical time of year. Some units and therefore a bunch of boys get left out this way. Green River District would like to assemble a team of leaders capable of helping or leading school nights. Training is available. If you would be willing to share an evening's time with one or two packs that really need it this Fall, contact the district membership chair Alan Dalla Santa (AlanCub@aol.com) or the District Executive Jason Keen (jkeen@seattlebsa.org)

A window of opportunity never opens itself.

Green River District Web-Site

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](mailto:Lynwood.Stewart). 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, 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:

March 27th, Cub Scout Basic (TBA)

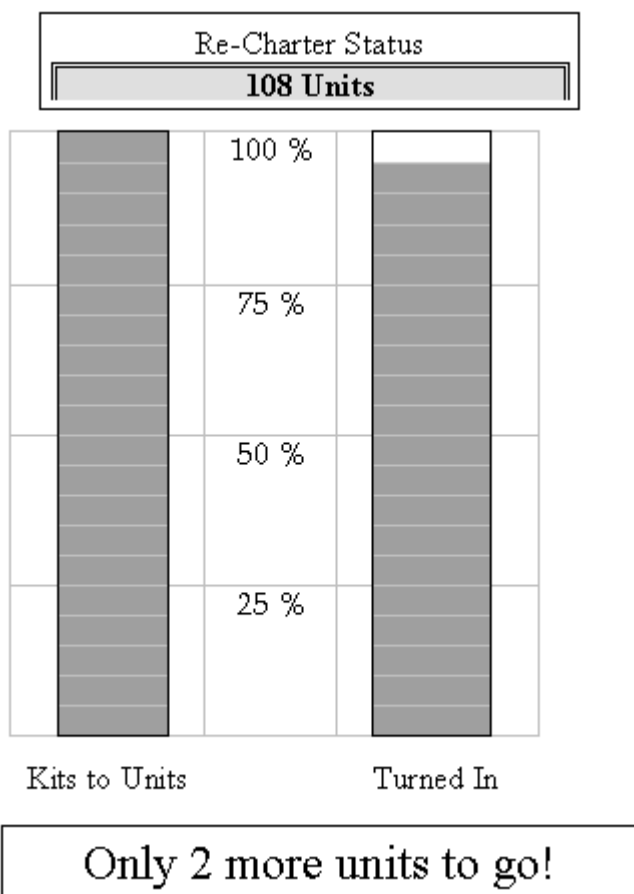
These are training opportunities that give you the skills to be a successful (and stress-free) Cub Scout Leader! Contact Margaret Brown (253)639-5164 for registration and information.

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 walk or play alone outside at night, use the buddy system."



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 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.

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
Tiger Cub Chair
Recruitment Night Chair

Contact your Activities Chair, Bob Czaplinski or

Scouting For Food

If you have not signed your unit up for this wonderful community event, tonight is your lucky night. Ken Maker, our Scouting For Food Chair will be conducting the land rush and helping all our Troops, Packs and Crews sign up. Remember the Dates, March 17, 24. And come back next month to pick up your SFF bags and confirm your area. Help make this Scouting good turn a tremendous event, and help bring food to those that are hungry. Be sure to let our community know what a great cause Scouting For Food is this year.

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

---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

DE Jason Keen for more information.

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.

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.

***Most people don't
 mind criticism
 as long as it's about
 everyone else.***

Hot Date!!!!

Mark your calendars now. JUNE 12th is the next annual Green River District awards picnic. The exact time and location will be confirmed in the next *Green River Current* newsletter.

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.

Watch for it!

Also, besides some good fellowship and the recognition of our outstanding volunteers, the next edition of our Program Highlights "book" will be available. Don't miss the picnic, and you can be the first kind on the block with a new copy, hot off the press!!

Tiger Teams

When a unit starts from scratch it can be overwhelming for the new volunteers who step up to try to make it work. The lag between "let's do it" and the next Leader Basic and the next three Roundtables can allow new leaders to become discouraged or overwhelmed. In steps a Tiger and gives them enough basic information to last them until CSLB or BSALT, enough program ideas to last until the next Roundtable, and enough enthusiasm and encouragement to let them know they made a good choice in signing up as Scout Leader. Some old-timers might know these as ACORN Teams. The concept works, we just need to identify the team members, how about YOU? Contact Alan Dalla Santa or Jason Keen (jkeen@seattlebsa.org).

**Change is inevitable,
except from a vending machine.**

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

Don't point a finger...lend a hand.

Green River District Committee

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Dave McCammon

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.

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Scouting For Food Chair

be willing to share your knowledge and expertise, please contact Pam at the above phone number.

Ken Maker 425-235-4342

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E-mail: jkeen@seattlebsa.org

Calendar of Events

Jan-Feb- FOS
Mar
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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let us know so that we can put you on the list.