

W e l c o m e T o S c o u t s

## Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter April 2001 Edition

"The sagacious reader who is capable of reading between these lines what does not stand written in them, but is nevertheless implied, will be able to form some conception." - Goethe

### District Awards and Recognition

#### 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 volunteers to staff camp. Packets were given out at the last roundtable and all Packs should have their Day Camp information, if not contact Jason. Be sure to sign up early, we expect close to 400 scouts this year.

If you are interested, please call Jason Keen or Linda Rosengren at the Scout Office.

It is not early to submit your nominations for the Green River District awards. Each unit should submit the name of at least one registered adult for the Extra Miler Award. The nomination should be for an individual who has gone above and beyond their position description in service to the unit or scouting. It does not matter what position they hold. Show that you appreciate their contribution. In addition, the District will be looking for nominations for the Couples Award, the Cub Scout leader of the Year, and the Scoutmaster of the Year.

Finally, the Green River District can also nominate a limited number of individuals for the District Award of Merit (the highest award given by a District). Nominees for this award need to have provided significant service to scouting and their community for several years. Nomination forms for all these awards will be available at Roundtable, and through Jason Keen at the Scout office.

### MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR LIST

Within the next month, The Green River District will be updating its list of active merit badge counselors. Units are asked to contact their adults who are on the counselor list and make sure all information is current including name, telephone number, e-mail address (if possible), and the merit badges with which they work. In addition the District is requesting the names of those merit badge counselors that should be dropped from the list for any reason. Please make sure that you confirmed with that counselor that they wish to be dropped. Please submit your updated list and list of names to be deleted to Jason Keen, Don Hamell, or Gary Twite.



### Correction:

**District Picnic Date**

**CANDLE MAKERS have an easy job because they only work on wick ends.**

In a couple previous editions of the Green River Current newsletter we indicated an incorrect date for this summer's district awards picnic. July 12th is the date for this event. Mark your calendars now! (Actually, we'd listed the incorrect date on purpose, just to see if anyone was reading this newsletter. Really!!)

**Friends of Scouting  
108 Units - District Goal is  
\$33,000**

**DEFINITION of an Annual Report:  
A publication that is read more often  
before it is printed, than afterward.**

	100 %	
	75 %	
	50 %	
	25 %	
Kits To Units		% of Goal



Things should be wrapping up with your FOS presentations. Remember the April 30th deadline for the cloth patch incentive at the Scout Shop. We would like to get the Districts Friends of Scouting wrapped up by Early April to ensure all units get their recognitions in a timely manner and that we can start putting the money to good use with our scouts. If you need help with the FOS campaign or have some questions on when and where to turn in your pledge cards contact our DE, Jason Keen.

**Turn in your forms now!**  
**Donations to date = \$24,300.00**



**Order of the Arrow News, WWW**

**Order of the Arrow (Hyas Eena Chapter)**

### **Conclave**

Conclave is scheduled for April 27-29 at Camp Brinkley. Conclave is put on by the OA Section, arrowmen from Washington, Alaska, and across the nation will be attending. It is a weekend full of fun and fellowship. The theme for this year's event is "In Search of Brotherhood." For more information, including registration forms, go to <http://www.w1b.org/index.htm>.

### **Ordeal**

There are only 3 Ordeals this year (normally 4)! Please advise your OA Candidates to plan accordingly. The 1st ordeal of the year is approaching quickly. The Brinkley Ordeal will be held May 18-19. The

## **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 Spring Camporee 2001 "pre-registration incentive" consists of two (2) hats with Camporee patches per unit. These would be for Scoutmaster and SPL of a unit. The Camporee fees are: \$6 per individual if pre-registered and \$8 if a late registration. We have set the day rate at \$3 and the late registration fee at \$4 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, all your old favorites will be new to those Webelos attending.

Please contact the Camporee Games Chief Andrew

2nd Ordeal will conflict with the District Camporee on June 1-2 at Camp Parsons. The 3rd and final date will be September 14th-15th at Camp Sheppard.

WWW,  
Hyas Eena Chapter  
Mike Johnson

Harron 253.631.4801 when your unit has decided what type of field activities or game that your unit will run on June 2, 2001.

Paul Feider  
425.226.3156  
Green River Camporee chair for 2001

## ***Renton River Days & Kent Cornucopia***

*We will again be participating this year in the Renton River Days (July 28) and Kent Cornucopia (July 12-15). There will be several opportunities at both events for Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts to participate in activities and even conduct a few of their own. And as always, lets have a big attendance and participation in the parades at the culmination of each event. Donna Thorkildson (425-226-5954) is helping to coordinate the Renton River Days and Steve Martin (206-719-6993) is organizing Kent Cornucopia. Look for more information and exciting news next month!*

## **Who wants to join Cub Scouts?**

Now is the time to get that head start on building up both your youth and adult membership in your pack. Spring is the best time to recruit current Kindergartners into the Tiger Cub program. We have set up a TIGER ACTIVITY DAY in early June that will get the boys excited about the program and show them what scouting is all about. It will be much like the Cub Scout Day Camp, with a variety of fun games and activities. We have support of both School Districts to meet and recruit out of our schools, so this spring should prove fruitful for our packs membership and help to bring the wonderful experience of Scouting to many more young boys in our community. Pick-up a Spring Recruitment flyer at roundtable and set your Recruitment dates with your school. Jason has all of the flyers and stickers that you will need and can provide help and guidance if needed. It is a good idea to start now in order to be finished by the time school is out in early June.

## **Camporee for Webelos**

Webelos are encouraged to come

**Green River District Web-Site**

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](mailto: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](mailto:AlanCub@aol.com)) or the District Executive Jason Keen ([jkeen@seattlebsa.org](mailto:jkeen@seattlebsa.org))

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](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,  
[bluebeaver@zipcon.net](mailto:bluebeaver@zipcon.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:

**April 14 Cub Basic Training see flyer**  
**April 21 BALOO Training see flyer**  
**May 12 Webelos Leader Outdoor see flyer**  
**May 12 Den Chief Training see flyer**

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 or Ron Hiatt at (425) 277-6919 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.

*"When frightened, run to the nearest person you can find; a person working in a yard, a neighbor or a store. While you should always stay away from strangers who approach you, it is okay for you to ask an adult you do not know for help."*

**Next Youth Protection Training:**  
**Saturday April, 14th 1-3 p.m.**  
**1st Presbyterian Church of Renton**  
**2640 Benson Rd. S.**

***WHAT WOULD THE  
WORLD be like  
if there were no  
hypothetical questions?***



**Tiger Cubs BSA**

**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

**PRETEND you're in a  
vehicle  
going at the speed of  
light.**

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).

## 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 DE Jason Keen for more information.

When an old Scouter died, he left his son an entire collection of antique clocks. And, the son spent the rest of his life winding up his father's estate.

## What happens when you turn on the headlights?



**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:**

**Brett Sutton Troop 499**  
**Tyler Sterling Troop 513**  
**Jacob Bailey Troop 480**

**What do astronauts eat when they take off on a space mission?**  
**Launch meat.**

### Boy Scout Roundtable Features

**March:** Training and Development Sr. Patrol Leaders

**April:** Mountain Survival Exercise & more...

**May:** Back Packing-Equipment, clothing and preparation

**June:** Desert Survival Exercises & Surviving Scout Summer Camp

**July:** No Meeting-District Awards Picnic July 12th...see you all there!

## Do you like Trout?

I bet your Cub Scouts do! The Kent Rotary is sponsoring a fishing derby on May 19th from 7am-12noon. Every Tiger & Cub Scout in the Green River District is invited to participate and catch a fish. Rotary & Trout Unlimited members will be on hand to help the boys and all equipment is provided. The pond is stocked full of trout the night prior of the event so each boy is nearly guaranteed to catch something. The "Old Fishing Hole" is located on Meeker & Frager Rd. in Kent, just west of the Riverbend Golf Course. Wear your uniform, have fun and happy fishing. See the flyer at roundtable for more details.

## HOW DO YOU make a witch itch?

### Take away the "W"

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A special THANKS to all the Scouts and adults from Troops 470, 714 and 480. These fine Scouts went above the call of duty during our food drive and ran a drop-off station, without their help the campaign would not have been a success. And a BIG THANKS to all of the units that participated in Scouting for Food this year. We again made a contribution to many lives that go hungry throughout the year. Well done!

## Green River District Committee

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## Calendar of

# Events

April FOS  
 Apr.- Sprint  
 May Recruiting  
 May Springwood  
 12 Food Bank  
 May Scout  
 19 Fishing  
 Derby  
 Tiger  
 June 9 Activity  
 Day

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](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.

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