

Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter

September 2003 Edition

"To prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath & Law."
BSA Mission

Greetings fellow Scouters!!

"It is that time of year again when the Green River District is scrambling around trying to solicit applications for those worthy Scouters (and we all know them) who deserve a bit more recognition for what they do for our program. You can help out if you know of a Scout leader, who you feel needs a little extra recognition for that superb job they are doing. Get a Silver Beaver Application Form (paper) at Round Table, fill it in, and hand it to Paul Feider or Tom Bingaman at the next (October) Round Table.

If you have access to the internet, go to www.seattlebsa.org, and when the page opens go to "Forms" and scroll down to "Recognition" and then scroll to "Silver Beaver Application Form" and then print this PDF file. Fill in the form as completely as possible, listing all known District and Council-level involvements, previous recognitions, community and church service rendered, and previous scouting history. Be somewhat secretive in the collection of this information, so that no false hopes are raised.

Chief Seattle Council awards about 10 Silver Beavers annually; and this is the highest form of recognition given by the local Council. As the selection process starts at our Council level, there are perhaps a hundred applications to deal with; so let's all do our part help keep this selection process going. The deadline imposed by Chief Seattle Council this year is an early November turn-in, so the time to get on this is right now!

Paul Feider, GRD Silver Beaver Nominations Chair

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Renton, WA 98058-7915 "



Do you know who your Unit Commissioner is?
If not, give Dave Nelson a call at 206-772-1866 to find out.

New district program highlights

Again, your district committee and the district commissioner staff have published a brand new 2003-2004 PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS "book." These were distributed at last month's Roundtable. Most of you found them in with the rest of your regular mail. The PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS are an invaluable tool for planning your respective Pack or Troop's annual schedule, and we sincerely hope that this publication will aid your unit in producing a quality program that will be exciting for all Scouts, Scouters, and their families.

We've made every possible effort to insure accuracy of the information contained in the PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS brochure, at the time of publication. However, changes do occur. So, be sure to attend each and every monthly Roundtable meeting for the most up-to-date schedules and latest information.

Don't just punch holes in this copy of the PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS, and file it away in a three-ring binder. Share the information contained therein with all of the leaders in your unit. Have copies available at every recruiting function, as well as throughout the Scouting year. Make sure all of the adults in your unit are aware of the scheduled training events, and encourage them to attend. Make lots and lots of copies of your PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS for everyone else in your unit. And, we wish you all Good Scouting!!



Camping Corner

Camping Report

Attention: Scoutmaster & Unit Leaders

I am in the middle of compiling the district camping report. I need to know of all of your camping experiences; summer camp (include LDS Encampment); long term (4 or more nights); trips to Philmont or any of the other national camps. Please e-mail to me at jrrepo53@aol.com, or leave me a message at 425-277-3118. Your earliest possible response would be appreciated.

2005 National Jamboree

Though two years away, recruiting has already started for both scouts and adult leaders. For further information, please go to the Council webpage and click on the Jamboree link.

WashJam 2004

This event is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 3-6, 2004. It is expected up to 10,000 scouts and scouters will attend this multi-council event, to be held at Ft. Lewis, WA. The theme of the event is "Live the Law" and the program will be more of a Jamboree type experience. Mark your calendars now for this event. More information will be available in the next issue.

By the time you read this, most all of you will have attended summer or long term camp. Hopefully everybody had a great time and made significant progress towards the "Road to Eagle". Just as a reminder, there is still great camping and hiking opportunities in September & October, so get out that calendar and make plans!

Camping Opportunities

Please go the Council web page, www.seattlebsa.org, for a list of upcoming council camping activities for Cub & Boy Scouts. We will update camping activities in the next issue.

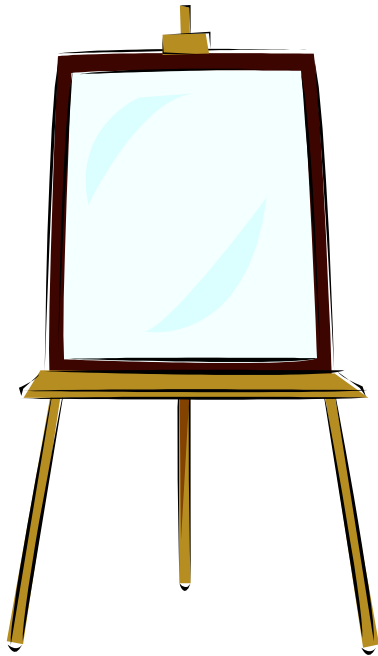
Camping Survey

The survey is on the Green River District site. Please take a few minutes and share your experiences with us. We are looking for positive as well as constructive feedback for Cub & Boy Scout events. This feedback will be used at our quarterly council camping meetings, to improve the programs. Please, let us know what we did well and where we need to improve. Please e-mail to jmacpherson@seattlebsa.org or fax to Jason @ 206-725-2862.

Remember Popcorn sales!

Sept - Nov 2003

Contact Scott Gilyeat at 425-255-1191



Training for Adult Leaders

Venturing Leaders

Venturing Leader Specific Training (VLST) is available at 9:00 AM on the Saturdays Sept. 13th (John Knox Presbyterian Church) - information can be obtained on the Chief Seattle Council website under Adult/Basic Leader Training.

Registration is available through the Aquila District on the council website.

Following the VLST course on Saturday there is also the opportunity to take New Leader Essentials at 3:30 PM - providing your complete Adult Venturing Leader Basic Training in ONE day! Crew and Ship Leaders (Presidents, VPs...) are also invited to take this training.



Scout Leader Training

ESSENTIALS Training

Sep. 11 & Oct. 9

Scoutmaster & Asst. Scoutmaster Training

Nov 15

Adult Leader Outdoor Skills Training

Oct. 11, 17 & 18

Please check the web-site for times and places. Contact Bob Czaplinski at (253) 631-4419 for registration and information.

Cub Scout Leader Training

These are training opportunities that give you the skills to be a successful (and stress-free) Cub Scout Leader! Contact Scott Whitmire at 253-630-6043 for registration and information.

New Leader Essentials

- Sept 4th, Oct 9th, Nov 13th

Cub Leader Position

- Dec 6th
- Cubmaster / Committee Chair
- Den Leader
- Webelos Den Leader
- Tiger Cub Den Leader

School night for Scouting

Sept - Nov 2003

Green River District Committee

District Key 3		
District Chair	Bill Westcott	253-639-4948
	wlwest@foxiinternet.net	
District Commissioner	Dave Nelson	206-772-1866
	dvdnls@att.net	
District Executive	Jason Macpherson	206-902-2322
	jmacpherson@seattlebsa.org	

Members at Large		
Vice-Chair/Annual Dinner Chair	John Staneff	253-852-2486
Membership Chair	Pending	
Advancement Chair	Gary Twite	253-631-6638
Eagle Coordinator	Mike Johnson	425-235-1826
Merit Badge Counselors	Don Hamell	253-631-8519
Recognition Chair	David Lee	253-630-8959
Finance Chair	Pending	
Friends of Scouting Chair	Pending	
PR and Tech Chair	Cecil Stellyes	253-373-0774
Web Master	Lynwood Stewart	253-630-9794
Nominations Chair / Camporee	Paul Feider	425-226-3156
Programs Chair	Open	
Camping Chair	John Rosenlund	425-277-3118
Order of the Arrow Adult Advisor	Paul Edwards	253-852-0319
OA Chapter Chief	Shawn Martin	
District Training Chair	Tom Bingaman	253-226-4479
Boy Scout Leader Training	Bob Czaplinski	253-631-4419
Cub Scout Leader Training	Scott Whitmire	253-630-6043
Youth Protection Training	Joyce Froisland	253-631-9517
Activities Chair	Open	
Klondike Chair	Mark Hanson	253-630-6453
Popcorn Kernel	Scott Gilyeat	425-255-1191
Scouting for Food / Xmas Tree Chair	Liz Campisteguy	425-228-2845
Iron Titans Chair	Ron Hiatt	206-575-8378
Boy Scout Roundtable Chair	Bob Czaplinski	253-631-4419
Cub Scout Roundtable Chair	Arthur Pinkers	253 854-5754
Venture Roundtable Chair	Robert Millard	253-638-3131

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

- Membership Chair
- Finance Chair
- FOS Family Chair
- Recruitment Night Chair
- Program Chair
- Activities Chair
- Tiger Cub Activity Day Chair
- Newcastle Liaison

We also need help with the following:

Training
 Unit & membership recruitment
 Friends of Scouting Zone Chairs
 Eagle Board of Review Chairs
 OA adult leaders
 Gear Day(s) coordination

Contact Bill Westcott for more information.

For more information on events, check the newsletter or our website.

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

Public Relations Chair: Cecil Stellyes

We would like to provide this newsletter in an electronic format, let us know your email address so that we can put you on the list.

Visit us on the Web @ www.seattlebsa.org

Green River District 2003 Calendar**Rev 8: 09-04-03****revisions are highlighted**

September	2003	11	District Round Table
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Night Training / District Popcorn Kickoff • OA Chapter Meeting at RT • Boy Scout New Adult Leader Essential Training
		12 – 13	OA Ordeal – Camp Sheppard
		16	Elections - Primary
		17	Quad District LOST Staff Development Meeting
		18	Cub Scout Roundtable Planning – 6:30 pm
			Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7 pm
		24	OA Executive Committee
		All month	Popcorn Sales
		All month	Recruiting / School Night for Scouting
October	2003	1	Camporee Committee Meeting
		2	District Committee Meeting
		4 - 5	LDS General Conference
		9	District Round Table
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-charter distribution • OA Chapter Meeting at RT • Boy Scout New Leader Essential Training
		11	LOST #1
		11	Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
		13	Columbus Day
		16	Cub Scout Roundtable Planning – 6:30 pm
		16	Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7 pm
		16	Scout Day at Seattle Seahawks – 1 pm
		17 - 18	Lost #2
		18	Merit Badge Clinic, Skyway LDS Day 1
		18	Tiger Cub day at Kent Valley Ice Centre – 11:30 – 4:20 pm
		22	OA Executive Committee
		25	Camp Halloween at Camp Brinkley
		26	Daylight Saving Time (move clock back)
		30	Council Coordinated – Set FOS goals
		24	Popcorn forms are due
		31	Halloween
		All month	Recruiting / School Night for Scouting
		All month	Popcorn Sales (ends on 20th)
November	2003	1	Silver Beaver nominations due at council
		1	Boy Scout day at Kent Valley Ice Centre - 11:30 – 4:20 pm
		4	Election Day
		5	Camporee Committee Meeting
		6	District Committee Meeting
		8	Pow Wow
		8	Re-charter Day / Gear Day
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Protection Training
		11	Veterans Day - help at Tahoma National Cemetery
		13	District Round Table
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-charter pickup • Cub New Leader Essential Training • Christmas Tree Land Rush # 1 • OA Chapter Meeting at RT
		15	SM & ASM Training
		15	Popcorn pick up
		15 – 16	Webelos Readyman Campout
		22	Merit Badge Clinic, Skyway LDS Day 2
		19	Quad District LOST Staff Development Meeting
		20	Cub Scout Roundtable Planning – 6:30 pm
			Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7 pm
		26	OA Executive Committee
		27	Thanksgiving Day
		All month	OA Unit Elections & Recruiting / School Night for Scouting

Green River District 2003-04 multi month event chart

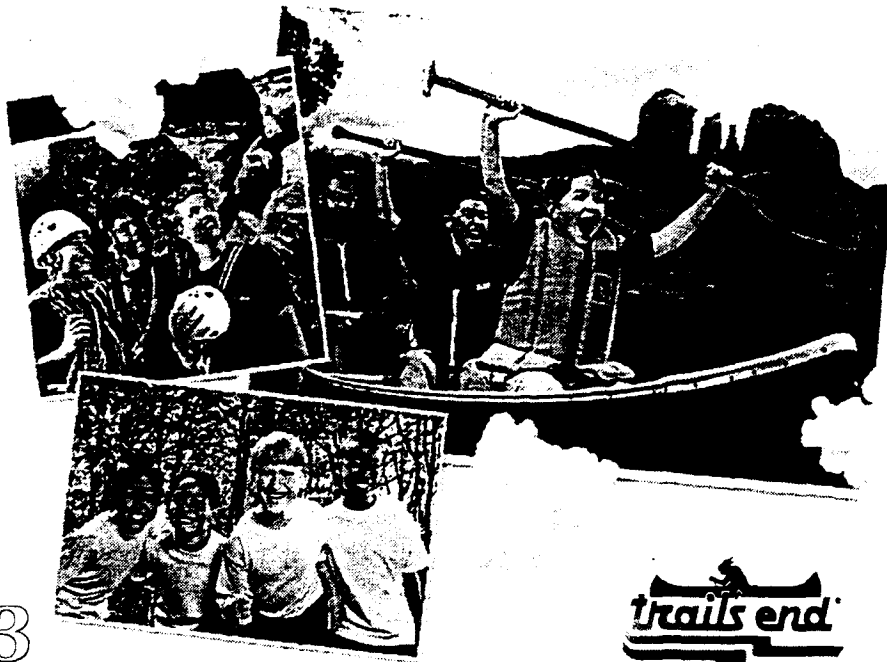
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Event	Sept 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004	Feb 2004	Mar 2004	April 2004
Recruiting - School night for Scouting	[Pink Bar]							
Popcorn Sales	[Pink Bar]	Turn in	Pick up					
Fall MB Clinic		18 th	15 th					
Unit re-charter		Pick up	Turn in					
Christmas Trees			Rush #1	Rush #2	Pick up			
OA unit elections		[Pink Bar]						
Spring MB Clinic					24 th	21 st		
Friends of Scouting					Pick up			Turn in
Scouting for Food					Rush #1	Rush #2	Drop off	Pick up

Green River District Fall Merit Badge Clinic

The Green River District will be holding its annual Fall Merit Badge Clinic October 18 and November 22, 2003 at the (note location change) Skyway LDS Church Building, at 8220 S. 126th St. Seattle Wa. 98178. The following Merit Badges will be offered; Atomic Energy, Dentistry, Electricity, Family Life, First Aid, Law, Medicine, Personal Management, Public Speaking, and Radio. Boys may pick three Merit Badges to work on. The clinic is designed for older scouts 14 years old and older. Pre-registration is required. The registration forms will be available at August and on the website. Classes are being limited to 20 scouts per class. Registration will be closed when classes are full. Scoutmasters, please return your troop's merit badge choices by the September Roundtable. There will be a collection box at Roundtable or you can e-mail the forms to the registrar, David Nelson, dvdnls@att.net

Note: scouts must bring their own merit badge cards (blue cards)



2003



POPCORN PROGRAM



New Stuff for 2003

NEW PRIZE PROGRAM - The prize program has been completely re-vamped to meet your unit objectives. Easier order forms, guaranteed turn around times, better prizes and a new patch designed by the National Supply division that will knock your socks off!

Additionally, top sales programs are being implemented to recognize the top sales scouts from each district, the top sales scout in the council and the top selling unit in the council. Trips, mountain bikes, pizza parties and much, much more will be offered to motivate your Scouts and your leadership.

\$1,000 Sales Club - Initiated for last year's sale this program invites all of our Scouts who sold \$1,000 or more to a pizza party hosted by the Scout Executive for the Chief Seattle Council.

NEW COMMISSION PROGRAM - The commission program will be simple and based on your unit accomplishing three things. 1) Turn in the Unit Commitment Form to sell popcorn in 2003 (21%); 2) Attend one of the early bird kick-off programs offered council wide (6%); 3) Meet the early bird settlement date of December 5, 2003 (6%). Add it all up and your unit could earn an all time high of 33% commission.

EASIER PAPERWORK - Paperwork has been stream-lined to meet the needs of your unit sales manager. We are all busy and paper-work can be cumbersome, but with the changes we have made this year, there will be less and it will be easier...and, we will be able to do more electronically.

STRONGER PRODUCT LINE-UP - The Chief Seattle Council after considering sales information has improved the product line-up to a 'Seven Product Super Program'. This program will increase profits to your unit and help you enjoy the benefits of doing just one fundraiser in 2003.

Unit Planning Steps for 2003

NOW - Fill out Unit Commitment Form below and mail to the Chief Seattle Council, BSA - PO Box 440408 - Seattle, WA. 98114 or fax to 206-721-8985.

Meet with unit leadership to discuss program concerns, issues, support areas needed, dreams and goals.

JUNE - Unit leadership participates in an individual meeting to establish their plan, budget and communication plan.

JULY - Meet with unit leadership to review and finalize roles and dates for their school night and parent orientation for Scouting kick-off.

AUGUST - SEPTEMBER - School Nights to recruit Scouts.

SEPTEMBER - Unit leadership attends Council-wide early bird kick-off's. Earn an additional 5% by attending the kick-off scheduled in your area.

OCTOBER - NOVEMBER - Sell - Sell - Sell

DECEMBER - Celebrate your units success by throwing a pizza party!

Unit Commitment Form	District	_____
Unit No.	Leader's Name	_____
Unit Popcorn Kernel's Name	_____	
Mailing Address	_____	
_____	City	Zip
Email Address	Phone	_____
How many Cub Scouts/Scouts in your unit _____		

For more information, contact our
District Popcorn Kernel, Scott Gilyeat, (425) 255-1191, sagilyeat@earthlink.net

RECRUITING

Fall

Roundtable Recruitment Seminar

- Program promotion
- School Night Planning

School Night for Scouting

- Fun and Informative
- New Member sign-up
- Begin Re-Charter Process

Winter

Less conflict with sports activities, plenty of time to make age/grade-appropriate rank.

- Usually Peer to Peer Recruiting
- School Night style recruiting supported on request

Spring

- Continuing membership – flexible Summer program.
- Spring Tigers - for packs who can support a new group through the summer. A great boost for Fall Recruiting.
- Spring enrollees eligible for summer camps

Summer

Casual peer recruiting – bring a friend along on an outing. When he figures out he's having fun, sign him up!

Information and assistance are always available.
Contact the District Executive, Jason Macpherson
(206) 902-2322