

# Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter

October 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

## Silver Beaver!!

Silver Beaver nominations from the district are due to Tom Bingaman or Paul Feider this month. There is no minimum or maximum requirement for Silver Beaver. Emphasis is placed on service to not only scouting, but also youth in the community, and religious organizations. The nominations are turned into the council and a committee determines who is selected. The new Silver Beavers are recognized at the annual Chief Seattle banquet that is normally held in April.

Paul Feider, GRD Silver Beaver Nominations Chair  
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<p.feider@comcast.net>

snail-mail: 13027 S.E. 184th Place  
Renton, WA 98058-7915 "

## Vigil

OA Vigil - Four members of our Order of Arrow (Hyas Eena) chapter have been nominated for the highest recognition level called Vigil. All nominees are selected by youth members in the Lodge. This is a great honor that is only achieved when the outstanding service of a member is recognized by other members of the OA and submitted. When you see the following nominees please take a moment to congratulate their service to scouting. The four nominees are:

William Westcott, Jr.  
Patrick O'Keeffe  
Paul Edwards  
Cecil Stellyes

## Green River District Fall Merit Badge Clinic

The Green River District will be holding its annual Fall Merit Badge Clinic October 18<sup>th</sup> and November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please note the change in location, Skyway LDS Church building located at 8220 S. 126<sup>th</sup> 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 3 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 on the website. Classes are being limited to 20 scouts per class. Registration will be closed when the class is full. Scoutmasters, please turn in your troop's merit badge choices in the collection boxes at Roundtable, or email the forms to the registrar, David Nelson, [dvdnis@att.net](mailto:dvdnis@att.net).

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

## District Website

If you have any interest in helping support and maintain our district website please contact John Staneff at [JohnStaneff@comcast.net](mailto:JohnStaneff@comcast.net)

**Remember Popcorn sales!**

**Sept – Nov 2003**

**Contact Scott Gilyeat at 425-255-1191**



**School Nights for Scouting  
October – November 2003**





### Camping Corner

#### Camping Corner

Welcome back Scouts & Scouters. It's going to be a great year for outdoor activities in the District and Council. Continue to watch the Current for the latest information. Camping & Outdoor Opportunities Even though school has just started, the camping & outdoor program is in full swing---

##### Mom & Me

This popular event is back bigger and better for 2004. It has been expanded from 9 to 12 weeks and registration is open now, for all 2004 dates.

##### 2003 Cub Scout Winter Camp

This event is for Wolf & Bear Cub Scouts. The dates are December 6-7, 13-14 and 20-21, at Camp Sheppard.

##### Camp Halloween

This event will be held October 25<sup>th</sup> at Camp Brinkley & Camp Parsons. Though not an overnight camp, it is many scouts first exposure to the Council Camps, and is a day of guaranteed fun. Mark your calendars now.

##### Webelos/Boy Scout Winter Camp

Reservations are currently being accepted until October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003. A lottery drawing will be held on October 27, 2003 to determine first choice of dates. All Boy Scout Troops who sign up to staff at Mom & Me will be placed ahead of the lottery drawing.

Please go the Council web page, [www.campingdept@seattlebsa.org](http://www.campingdept@seattlebsa.org), for updated information on dates, availability and registration.

#### Activity & Outdoor 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. Please, let us know what we did well and where we need to improve. Please e-mail to [jmacpherson@seattlebsa.org](mailto:jmacpherson@seattlebsa.org), or fax to Jason @ 206-725-2862.

#### 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. If your troop or adult leadership committee would like a presentation on Jamboree, please contact John Rosenlund at 425-277-3118.

#### WashJam 2004

This event is scheduled for Labor Day weekend, September 3-6, 2004. It is expected up to 10,000 scouts (open to Cub Scouts who are encouraged to attend) and scouters will attend this multi-council event, to be held at Ft. Lewis, WA. The theme of the event is "Live the Law". The website for this event is now up, at [www.washjam.org](http://www.washjam.org). Please log on and review for the latest information.

#### Gear Exchange Day

Please take time to clean out and inventory the QM and review your units gear and equipment needs. If you have surplus gear in good condition, please bring to Recharter Day, November 8, 2003.

We have recently recruited several new Packs & Troops who have immediate needs for the following:

- Cub & Boy Scout Uniform shirts and pants
- Tents/Sleeping bags
- Camping/Cooking Gear.

Remember, a Scout helps all people at all times! Any assistance in this area would be most appreciated.

#### 2004 Camporee

When Washjam was announced, the District Committee felt that with the commitment to WJ for staffing that Council will be requesting and the short time frame between the events, it may not be feasible to hold 2004 Camporee. After several months of seeking input from the units and other District members, the Committee reached a consensus decision at our October 2, 2003 meeting.

1. We will hold Camporee at the King County Fairgrounds on June 4-6<sup>th</sup>, 2004, as originally planned. Because of OA activities, many new scouts experiencing their first campout, etc, it was felt we needed to maintain the event to ensure continuity in our outdoor program.
2. The Committee is aware that many units would like a more "challenging" location to allow the scouts to fully utilize their outdoor skills. We have been exploring several alternate locations and if the logistical issues can be overcome, we may have several options on where to hold 2005 Camporee.
3. The Committee urges all scouts and scouters to support and attend Camporee and if schedules permit, WashJam 2004. We feel there is significant value in these events and they are a large part of our outdoor program in 2004. Aside from being great learning experiences, they should be great fun as well.
4. A Camporee 2004 initial planning meeting will be announced soon.

If you have any questions on Camporee, please call John Rosenlund at 425-277-3118.

## Green River District Committee

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

<b>Members at Large</b>		
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	425-226-4479
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	425-433-0530
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
- Recruitment Night Chair
- Program Chair
- Activities Chair
- Tiger Cub Activity Day Chair
- Newcastle Liaison

We also need help with the following:

Training – All Levels  
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](http://www.seattlebsa.org)



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

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 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup>					
Unit re-charter		Pick up	Turn in					
Christmas Trees			Rush #1	Rush #2	Pick up			
OA unit elections		[Pink bar]						
Spring MB Clinic					24 <sup>th</sup>	21 <sup>st</sup>		
Friends of Scouting					Pick up			Turn in
Scouting for Food					Rush #1	Rush #2	Drop off	Pick up

# Green River District 2003 Calendar

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revisions are highlighted

October	2003	2	District Committee Meeting
		4 - 5	LDS General Conference
		9	District Round Table
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-charter packet distribution</li> <li>• Silver Beaver Nominations due to district</li> <li>• OA Chapter Meeting at RT – election training</li> <li>• Boy Scout New Leader Essential Training</li> </ul>
		11	<b>Lost #1</b>
		11	Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO)
		11	OA Annual Dinner
		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	<b>Lost #2</b>
		18	Merit Badge Clinic, Skyway LDS Day 1
		18	Tiger Cub day at Kent Valley Ice Centre – 11:30 – 4:20 pm
		22	<b>OA Executive Committee</b>
		25	Camp Halloween at Camp Brinkley
		26	<b>Daylight Saving Time (move clock back)</b>
		30	Council Coordinated – Set FOS goals
		24	Popcorn forms are due
		31	Halloween
		All month	Recruiting / School Night for Scouting
		All month	<b>Popcorn Sales (ends on 20<sup>th</sup>)</b>
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"> <li>• Youth Protection Training</li> </ul>
		11	<b>Veterans Day</b> - help at Tahoma National Cemetery
		13	District Round Table
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-charter final turn in</li> <li>• Cub New Leader Essential Training</li> <li>• Christmas Tree Land Rush # 1</li> <li>• OA Chapter Meeting at RT</li> </ul>
		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 – 7:30 pm		
26	<b>OA Executive Committee</b>		
27	Thanksgiving Day		
All month	OA Unit Elections		
All month	Recruiting / School Night for Scouting		
All month	Re-charter		
December	2003	1	Popcorn closeout / money due
		3	Camporee Committee Meeting
		4	District Committee Meeting
		6	Re-charter Day / Gear Day
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Leaders Essential Training</li> <li>• Youth Protection Training</li> <li>• Combined Cub Leader Training</li> </ul>
		6	Long Term Camping Seminar
		6	Kent Winterfest Parade

# Green River District 2003

## Re-Charter & Gear Day

Join us for this multi-functional day of Boy Scout activities. We will be having several volunteers on hand to assist you and your unit with re-charter issues (please try to turn these in by their normal

deadlines), training, merit badge councilors needs, Order of the Arrow (OA) membership renewals & election sign-up; sign-ups for Christmas tree collection, Klondike Derby, Friends of Scouting (FOS) unit contacts and presentation dates; and unit leader email sign-ups.

Also check out the OA's Gear Day with lots of scouting and camping equipment & supplies. Bring your old usable items to give away, trade, or sell. Take home some truly great items for your new scout or unit. An excellent time to recycle your scouting items that you no longer need!

LDS Kentwood Bldg (*next to Kentwood HS*), 26104 164th Ave SE, Kent WA Nov 8th, 2003 - 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 pm

(check off as you visit each table)

**Unit Re-charter**

Help with re-charter  
Re-charter turn in

**Youth Protection Training**

10:30 am -12:30 pm adult  
classes for Cub/Troop/Venturing  
Sign ups for training parents

**OA re-registrations**

Unit election dates  
Unit membership renewals  
Troop representative sign-up

**Troop & Packmaster Demo's**

**Gear Day**

Bring your old stuff to trade  
Pick up items you might need

**Christmas Tree early sign-up**

**Klondike Derby early sign-up**

**Merit Badge Counselors**

Counselor sign ups  
MB counselor lists & disk's

**FOS early sign-up**

Unit coordinator sign-up  
Unit presentation dates  
Unit presenter sign-up

**Unit email sign-ups**

Scout / Cubmasters  
Venturing / Varsity Leaders  
Committee Chairs

Remember:

**Unit Charters are due at our  
November 13th Roundtable**

# Adult Leader Outdoor Skill Training

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Recommended for 2<sup>nd</sup> year *WEBELOS LEADERS, ALL PARENTS, GUARDIANS*, who intend to participate with their units in outdoor activities, *ALL NEW* Scoutmasters & Assistant Scoutmasters, *ALL NEW AND EXPERIENCED* Troop Committee Members and who wish to gain a better understanding of the outdoor program, and those current Scoutmasters and Assistants that have not received any outdoor skills training over the past 3 years.

**WHAT WILL BE COVERED:** A “**hands-on training**” to give adults and adult leaders the practical skills necessary to successfully lead Scouts in outdoor activities. Some of those skills include: setting up campsites, pitching tents, hiking, outdoor cooking, knot tying, whipping ropes, lashings, the correct handling of woods tools, using Leave No Trace guidelines, putting on an interfaith worship service, setting up campfire programs, selecting proper gear & equipment, fire building, first-aid, using a map & compass, and other pertinent skills (related to the outdoors) – to the skill level of a First Class Scout.

**HOW LONG:** The training done in two consecutive weekends – an all day Saturday event, followed by a subsequent Friday night (overnight campout) and a following all day Saturday experience.

**TIMES:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, 8 AM – 5 PM, and a following Friday, 6 PM through Saturday at 8 PM

## **DATES FOR 2003:**

Fall Session 2003: October 11, 17 & 18

Spring Session 2004 April 17, 23 & 24

Fall Session 2004: October 9, 15 & 16

**LOCATION:** Renton Lions Youth Camp  
21235 SE 184<sup>th</sup> St. (just off the Cedar Grove Road)  
Maple Valley, WA 98038

**REQUIREMENTS:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday, dress warm, rain gear, a sit-upon, pen / paper, a water bottle, and a mug to drink hot fluids from– it gets cold near the river, year round. 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend – all the above and: a backpack, tent, 10 essentials, compass, etc. (Any appropriate gear necessary to spend one (1) night in the outdoors). *NOTE: BORROWING GEAR FOR THE TRAINING IS ACCEPTABLE.*

**COST:** There is a \$15.00 fee at the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday’s registration. This fee will cover the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday’s lunch, hot beverages, and other materials.

**For more information, you may contact Bob Czaplinski  
at (253) 631-4419 or e-mail him at [bchaz11@msn.com](mailto:bchaz11@msn.com)**

# Adult Essential Training

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

*ALL PARENTS & GUARDIANS* of **any** scouts (Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, or Venturing), and *ALL NEW* adult scout leaders (Tiger Cubs through Venturing).

## **WHAT WILL BE COVERED:**

An overview of the entire Scouting Program – from Tiger Cubs through the Venturing Program

## **HOW LONG:**

One (1) - 1 ½ hour session (approximately)

## **DATES FOR 2003:**

Thursday, September 11, 2003, at Roundtable night

Thursday, October 9, 2003, at Roundtable night

Thursday, Saturday –November 6, 2003 (on Recharter Day) \*

Thursday, November 13, 2003, at Roundtable night

Thursday, March – 11, 2004, at Roundtable night

Thursday, April – 8, 2004, at Roundtable night

*\*Location to be determined.*

**LOCATION (at Roundtable):** Kent LDS Church

24419 94th Ave. S ( LDS Church )

Kent, WA 98031

**TIME:** 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM.

**COST:** There is no charge for this training session

**For more information, you may contact Bob Czaplinski, at (253) 631-4419, or by e-mail at [bchaz11@msn.com](mailto:bchaz11@msn.com)**

# Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster Training

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND:**

A **MUST** for *ALL NEW* Scoutmasters & Assistant Scoutmasters, and those experienced unit leaders that have not received any training in the past 3 years. And, for *2<sup>nd</sup> year Webelos Leaders* who are going to bridge-over into Boy Scouting in the next 3 – 6 months.

Also, **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED** for *ALL NEW AND EXPERIENCED* Troop **Committee Members** who wish to gain better understanding about the roles and responsibilities of their adult unit leaders.

## **WHAT WILL BE COVERED:**

An overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters - focusing on how they can be effective unit leaders and run a successful boy lead program.

**HOW LONG:** This is a one (1) - all day session

## **DATE:**

Saturday, November 15, 2003

Saturday, March 6, 2004 (location to be determined)

Saturday, November 13, 2004 (location to be determined)

## **LOCATION (tentatively location):**

Renton LDS Stake \*

19714 - 106th Ave. SE

Renton, WA 98055

**Note: Smoking and coffee drinking are not permitted inside or outside the facility**

## **TIME:**

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM.

## **REQUIREMENTS:**

Come prepared with copies of the "**Boy Scout Handbook**" and "**Scoutmaster's Handbook**", pencil or pen, a notebook or pad, and a sack lunch.

## **COST:**

There is no charge for this training. Some refreshments and snacks will be Available

**For more information, you may contact Bob Czaplinski at (253) 631-4419 or e-mail him at [bchaz11@msn.com](mailto:bchaz11@msn.com)**