

Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter

January, 2004 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



Scouting for Food - A National "Good Turn"

Scouting for Food Overview: In March 2004, the Chief Seattle Council, Boy Scouts of America will conduct its annual Scouting for Food campaign. This annual community service project is designed to fight against hunger locally, helping to fill the shelves of neighborhood food banks at a time of year when needs are high and supplies are low. With the high unemployment rate, there is a greater need than ever to collect food for the hungry. During the last 18 years, this national program has collected millions of non-perishable food items for families in need. Our 2004 goal is to collect 300,000 items. A second objective is to increase community awareness about hunger in Western Washington. Segment patches will be available for purchase at the Scout Shops.

How does the Scouting for Food campaign work? First, send your unit coordinator to the February 12th Roundtable at 6:30. Our goal is for **EVERY** unit to participate. Unit coordinators will learn how the campaign works and be able to request a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice of areas at that time. They will be informed by email what the unit area is. The areas are shown here and are available on CD. Your area will also be sent

to the coordinator electronically. Scouts will distribute food collection bags **in uniform** on Saturday, March 20, 2004 to each residence in their **assigned** neighborhood. The following Saturday, March 27, Scouts will collect full food collection bags **from same residences** and deliver them to the designated local food banks. The food collection bags will be available for pickup at the March 11th Roundtable beginning at 6:30.

District Coordinator Comments: This is one of the most worthwhile community services we do as a district and council. Please make every effort to send someone to this very informative and important meeting. If you have any questions please email me at Lcampisteguy@comcast.net or phone 425-228-2845.



Christmas Tree Drive Update

We do not have a total count from the City of Kent on how many trees were brought in, but as soon as we have one, we will let you know. Thanks to all the units who participated in this years tree drive.



Webelos to Scout Transitions Class

The last year of Cub Scouts and the first year of Boy Scouts is a critical time for scouting families. The transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts is something we try to prepare the boys for, but little is offered to minimize the shock for the parents. The January Roundtable will host a Webelos-to-Scouts transition Class for 1st and 2nd year scouts and their families covering program differences, hints for shopping for a Troop, differences in parent involvement, and answers to your favorite questions. A Boys Scout panel will be available to talk to your Webelos Scout too. Pass this information on to other Webelos families.

Any questions??? Email Alan Dalla Santa at owlnscout@aol.com.

Klondike Derby 2004

Join us for a great time in the snow. Our annual Klondike is set for January 10. We invite all Scout units and Webelos Dens to attend. See our District web site for further information.

Early 2004 Merit Badge Clinic

Our first Merit Badge Clinic of the year is set for January 25 & February 21. See the end of this newsletter for info and the signup sheet.



Camping Corner

Camping & Outdoor Opportunities

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.

Summer Camp 2004

There is still space available in both Camp Pigott & Camp Parsons for the 2004 Summer Camping season.

Interviews for Summer Camp staff will be held in February & March. If interested in applying, contact the Council Camping office for further information.

Please go the Council web page, www.campingdept@seattlebsa.org, for updated information on dates, availability and registration.

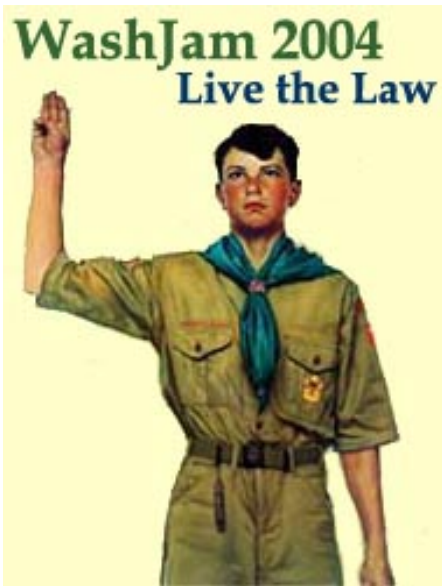
Tour Permits

Please remember to file Tour permits for any activities outside of normal unit meetings. Some reminders when you fill out the permits:

Complete all requested information
(Especially for the section on
"Guide to Safe Scouting & Insurance")
Incomplete permit requests will be rejected.
Properly completed permits, will receive an
authorized, numbered approval from Council.
You can fax your permit requests to 206-725-
2862.

2005 National Jamboree

Recruiting has already started for both scouts and adult leaders. (We are just under 18 months before the Chief Seattle contingent leaves for Jamboree!) For further information, please go to the Council webpage and click on the Jamboree link. Jamboree Troops will begin to fill in the next 3-5 months, so secure your scout's space soon! 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. Please log on and review for the latest information.

2004 Camporee

As previously reported, 2004 Camporee will be held June 4-6th, 2004 at King County Fairgrounds. Planning meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month. Watch for special articles from the Camporee Chair, Paul Feider in future issues.

If you are interested in serving on the Camporee Adult or Youth staff, please contact Paul Feider.

Camporee Vice-Chair

We are actively recruiting a Camporee vice-chair to assist our current chair, Paul Feider, for the 2004 Camporee and take over as Chair for the 2005 Camporee. Please contact Paul or myself for further information.

Camporee Location Committee

We are looking at potential locations other than KCF for the 2005 Camporee and beyond. We feel holding the Camporee at different locations would be of benefit to all, and promote a varied camping experience for the Scouts. In order to ensure equal representation, we are inviting all interested units to provide a representative to become a member of this committee and

participate. This is for the future of your scouts as well as the District. Please contact me for further information as I would like to have our kick-off meeting in February.

If you have questions or would like to see other information or special interest items in the Camping Corner, please contact me. I can be reached:

John Rosenlund

Jrrepo53@aol.com

425-277-3118 (evenings)



Order of the Arrow (OA)

It is unit election time! The Lodge Chief has set the election dates from November 1, 2003 through March 15, 2004. If you have a specific date you would like to have the election team come visit your troop, please let us know about it.

To be eligible, a scout must have current registration in a troop or varsity team. He must hold First Class rank or higher. He must have completed 15 days and nights of Boy Scout camping in the last two years. This fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one long term camp of five days and six nights. This requirement can be satisfied by a council summer camp, a fifty miler or a jamboree. To be eligible, a scout must also have his scoutmaster's approval.

Scoutmasters, check your scout's advancement records. If you have a worthy scout who is close to First Class and you think he would be an asset to the Order of the Arrow, and you want him to have the opportunity, then select a later date for the election. If you have no scouts that fall into that category, then don't delay.

Remember, there are 52 units in Green River District that can have elections. All of you CANNOT schedule your elections between March 1st and 15th.

Please contact Scott Whitmire, the Inductions Adviser, at whitmire@ieee.org or by phone at 253-630-6043. If for some reason, you can't reach Scott, contact the Chapter Adviser at greenriveroa@comcast.net or by phone at 253-852-0319.

JLT

Several of your fellow chapter members are leading next summer's JLT sessions. Alan DallaSanta and Paul Edwards are serving as Scoutmasters while Tim Goltiani, Mark Hausman, Patrick O'Keefe, and Chris DallaSanta are serving in other capacities.

We need lots of youth staff. If you have attended JLT in the past or served on JLT staff and are interested in staffing next summer, please contact me at greyscouters@comcast.net or Alan DallaSanta at Owlscout@aol.com



Boy Scout - Adult Leader Training Opportunities

Trainer Development Conference:

When: February 7, 2004
Where: Scout Service Center, at the Seattle Scout Office
Time & Cost: See flyer or:..
Contact: Marie King
Phone: (360)794-8291
E-mail: rieking@hotmail.com

Essentials Training:

When: March 11, 2004
Where: At Roundtable
Time: 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Cost: FREE!!!

Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Training:

When: March 6, 2004
Where: Will be determined by January
Time: 7:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Cost: FREE!!!

Adult Leader Outdoor Skill Training:

When: March 27th, and April 2nd & 3rd
Where: Renton Lyons Youth Camp - in Maple Valley
Times & Cost: A flyer will be coming out in January with more information

Wood Badge Training:

Cost: \$185.00
Spring Course: June 25th-27th & July 9th-11th, 2004
Where: Camp Sheppard
Course Director: Gordon Kramer: (425) 392-6993 Home or (425) 865-5052 Work
E-mail: wbadgekramer@wmconnect.com

Fall Course: September 17th- 19th & October 1st-3rd, 2004
Where: Camp Parsons
Course Director: Scott Eliason:
(206) 824-7645 Home (206) 310-4157 Cell
E-mail: sreliason@msn.com

Additional information regarding all the above training may also be directed to:
Bob Czaplinski (253) 631-4419 Home
E-mail: bchaz11@msn.com

Green River District Committee

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| District Key 3 | | |
| 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 |

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| Members at Large | | |
| Vice-Chair/Annual Dinner Chair | John Staneff | 253-852-2486 |
| Membership Chair | Nicole Yemothy | 253-859-9445 |
| 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 | Open | |
| Friends of Scouting Chair | Bill Eastman | 253-631-5511 |
| 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

- Finance 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
District Website

If you have any interest in helping support and maintain our district website please contact John Staneff at JohnStaneff@comcast.net



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 Calendar

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revisions are highlighted

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| January | 2004 | 1 | New Years Day |
| | | 1 | District Committee Meeting |
| | | 3 | Christmas Tree Pickup |
| | | 7 | Camporee Committee Meeting |
| | | 8 | District Round Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOS training • OA Chapter Meeting at RT • Webelos to Scout Transition Class |
| | | 10 | Klondike Derby |
| | | 15 | Cub Scout Roundtable Planning – 6:30 pm Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 pm |
| | | 17 | District Planning Meeting & District Committee Meeting – 9 am until 12 noon |
| | | 19 | MLK |
| | | 21 | Quad District LOST Staff Development Meeting |
| | | 29 | <i>South End FOS Breakfast</i> |
| | | 24 | Merit Badge Clinic, Kent LDS Day 1 |
| | | 28 | OA Executive Committee |
| | | All month | OA Unit Elections |
| | | All month | FOS |
| | | All month | Winter Camp – Camp Sheppard |
| February | 2004 | 1 | <i>Scout Sunday</i> |
| | | 4 | Camporee Committee Meeting |
| | | 5 | District Committee Meeting |
| | | 8 | Anniversary of US Boy Scouts |
| | | 12 | Lincoln’s BD |
| | | 12 | District Round Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouting for Food “Land Rush” # 1 • Youth Protection Training • OA Chapter Meeting at RT |
| | | 14 | Valentine’s Day |
| | | 16 | Presidents Day |
| | | 16 – 20 | Kent School District Presidents Week Break |
| | | 16 - 20 | Renton School District Presidents Week Break |
| | | 18 | Quad District LOST Staff Development Meeting |
| | | ?? | Bishop’s Dinner |
| | | 19 | Cub Scout Roundtable Planning – 6:30 pm Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 pm |
| | | 21 | Merit Badge Clinic, Kent LDS Day 2 |
| | | 22 | Washington’s BD / Baden Powell’s BD |
| | | 25 | <i>OA Executive Committee</i> |
| | | 25 | Ash Wednesday |
| | | 26 | <i>Council Coordinated</i> |
| | | All month | OA Unit Elections |
| | | All month | FOS |
| | | All month | Winter Camp – Camp Sheppard |
| March | 2004 | 3 | Camporee Committee Meeting |
| | | 4 | District Committee Meeting – 90 day election notice |
| | | 6 | SM / ASM Training |
| | | 6 | Kids Activities Day – City of Kent Parks Department |
| | | 11 | District Round Table <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scouting for Food “Land Rush” #2 • OA Chapter Meeting at RT |

- Essential Training

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| 18 | Commissioner Training |
| 16 | Quad District LOST Staff Development Meeting |
| 17 ? | <i>Council Annual Dinner</i> |
| 17 | <i>Saint Patrick's Day</i> |
| 18 | Cub Scout Roundtable Planning – 6:30 pm |
| | Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 pm |
| 20 | Scouting for Food drop off |
| 24 | OA Executive Committee |
| ?? | <i>Civics Day</i> |
| 27 | Scouting for Food pick up & Flag Pick up |
| 27 | Lost #1 |
| ?? | <i>OA Spring Fellowship</i> |
| All month | FOS |
| All month | OA Unit Elections |
| All month | Winter Camp – Camp Sheppard |
| April 2004 1 | April Fools Day |
| 1 | District Committee Meeting |
| 2 - 3 | Lost #2 |
| 3 - 4 | LDS General Conference |
| 4 | Palm Sunday |
| ?? | <i>Rotary Auction</i> |
| 4 | Daylight Saving Time (move clock forward) |
| 5 – 13 | Passover |
| 7 | Camporee Committee Meeting |

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 | Apr 2004 |
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| 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 | [Pink bar] | | Turn in |
| Scouting for Food | | | | | Rush #1 | Rush #2 | Drop off | Pick up |

Registration for Green River 2004 Merit Badge Clinic

First Saturday
24 January 2004
8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Second Saturday
21 February 2004
8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Both Sessions at
Kent LDS Building
24419 94th Ave S.

Form No.
110501 rev.
11/8/03

Sign-up Information

Date Submitted _____
 Troop/Team/Crew # _____

Adult Leader Information

Name _____
 Phone _____
 E-Mail _____

E-mail address

Dan Bryant
 bryantd@foxinternet.com

CC

Robert Millard
 robertlmillard@yahoo.com

All registration forms must be e-mailed by 1/3/04(no exceptions)

| | Name | Phone | Session 1 | Session 2 | Session 3 | Alternate |
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Merit Badge Codes:

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| CC=Citizenship in the Com. | AV=Aviation |
| CN=Citizenship in the Nation | P=Photography |
| CW=Citizenship in the World | GN=Genealogy |
| CO=Communications | M=Music |
| FL=Family Life | PM=Personal Management |