

Green River Current

The Green River Newsletter

December, 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

The area maps are available to view on the district web site at http://members.doubleknot.com/Green_River_District/drives.html

Units can sign up by attending the Land Rush starting at 6:30 at the December 9th Roundtable.



January 21-22 2005

Ensign Ranch/CleElum, WA

More info at RoundTable

Contact Dave McCammon for further information



Congratulations!

2004 Partial Results

- \$114,288 Green River District
- \$9,762 Top unit in district (T449)
- \$40,000 back into local district scouting funds
- TBD Top individual seller in district

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Attention ALL Units!

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Participate in the **Christmas Tree Drive** & earn money on **January 8th**.
We even have **free** tree recycling through the City of Kent!

If your unit has not participated in the past, be advised that the following areas for the tree drive were not taken last year: 5, 21, 27, 30, 32, 33, 34, 37, 52, 53, 56, 57, 58, & 59.



**Merit Badge Clinic
January 22nd, 2005**

Parents don't miss out on the next Merit Badge Clinic that will be held at the Kent 94th LDS building.

We will be holding a special parent's session from 9:00-9:50 a.m. Brian Harron will be leading the session. Brian is the past Green River District Advancement chair and is currently serving as the Chief Seattle Council Advancement Chair.

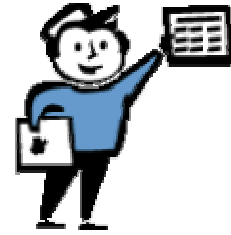
The session will cover the following topics:

- Overview & resources available
- Choosing Eagle Projects & Advancement requirements
- Eagle Project Approval process
- Eagle Board of Review & Guidelines
- Q&A Session

During the 10:00 to 10:50 time slot a panel of parents from the Green River District that have successfully guided their sons to earn their Eagle Scout will discuss the following topics:

- What parents have done to motivate their sons
- How to keep your son pressing forward
- Secrets from Mom
- Ask questions and learn from the best
- And much, much more!

Don't miss it! It will be worth your time!



UNIT PUBLICITY

Positive Publicity Produces
Great Impressions

For some time now, we've all had to endure the barrage of criticism and ill-conceived abuse which has been leveled at the Boy Scouts of America. In almost all cases, the media feeding frenzy resulted from the lack of real knowledge about our program, values and what we're doing. And, about the only honest blame that we (as volunteers) can probably accept is that we haven't regularly told the rest of the surrounding community about our great work. As adult volunteers, we all know full well that we're still accomplishing a super job. When compared to all of the other programs combined, Scouting still remains the greatest youth movement in the history of the world.

Parading our banner (patting ourselves on the back) once in a while, goes a long way in countering the unwarranted negativism which we've politely had to endure. To this end, we need to not only continue putting our best foot forward, but also we need to start tooting our horn. We need to shout the good story about our local Scouting program as loudly as we can. Ultimately, these will auger well for the reputation that Scouts have earned over the past 90 plus years.

How do we go about generating the good publicity we deserve? Again at next month's Roundtable, our Public Relations Chairman will be conducting an informal seminar discussion on the subject of Pack and Troop Publicity. In the meantime, if you don't already have one, each unit in Green River District should appoint a committee member (parent) as their communications/publicity chairperson. These folks should then plan to attend the next Roundtable publicity session.

We may not be able to immediately turn around all of the nonobjective minds here in the Chief

Seattle Council area; but, every great tree that's ever been harvested for lumber was felled with many, many swings of an ax (one whack at a time). And, this is what we've got to do. We need to share each and every "news" item about our Packs and Troops, one story at a time. With enough good publicity, we can eventually overshadow the giant misconception which was fostered by the minority of much uninformed individuals.

Remember, if you don't already have one on your Pack or Troop Committee, recruit and appoint a communications/publicity chairperson, now. And, encourage them to attend our next Roundtable seminar about producing positive publicity



Does your Unit have a Web page?

Send information to John Staneff to be included in the Green River District web page.



Camping Corner

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There are still excellent opportunities for camping and hiking so don't put that gear away just yet. Here are some of the upcoming council events.

Cub Scouts

2005 Mom & Me

Wolf & Bear Winter Camp

Boy Scout

2005 Winter Camp

2005 Summer Camp

(it's not too early to register)

Winter Camp Dates Are Still Available but sign up soon!!!!

The following dates may still be available:

Webelos: Feb 18-20 & Mar 11-13

Boy Scouts & Varsity: Feb 4-6 & 25-27,

Mar 18-20.

Please visit the council website for dates and further information and registration

Activity & Outdoor Survey

With summer activities concluded, we need to know your input on how we did and how we can improve both Council and District Events. The survey is on the District Website. Please e-mail/fax to our District Director, Jason Macpherson.

2005 National Jamboree

The Chief Seattle contingent is full. There are still opportunities to go to Jamboree. For further information, contact the Jamboree Scoutmaster for this area, Glen Martin at 253-347-2299. There are also a limited number of adult staff positions available. For information, contact John Rosenlund @253-905-8640.

District Camporee

Yes, the rumor is correct! Camporee is moving to a new and exciting location. Plan now to come out on June 3-5th at the Seattle International Raceway for Camporee!

The 2005 Planning meetings have already begun on the 1st Wednesday of the month at the SPEEA building. Adult & Youth help is needed. Contact Camporee Chair Bob Czaplinski at 253-631-4419 for further information.

If you have camping information or would like to see special articles, contact Dave McCammon at dlmccammon@comcast.net.

District "Gear Day"

Mar 19, 2005

A gear day will be held at the January Merit Badge clinic. Gather up all of your usable uniforms and camping gear that you are no longer using and bring them. Your donation of scouting gear will directly make a positive impact on the youth in the Green River District.

. Contact Bill Westcott at wwest@foxinternet.net

Boy Scout - Adult Leader Training Opportunities

Essentials Training:

When: February 9th
Where: At Roundtable
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Cost: FREE!!!

Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Training:

When: March 12th
Where: King of Kings Church
18207 108th Ave SE
Time: 7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Cost: FREE!!!
Also: Check out our website for more information!

Adult Leader Outdoor Skill Training:

When: 4/9/04 8:00 a.m. – 5 p.m.
4/14-15/04 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Where: Renton Lions Youth Camp - in
Maple Valley – 21235 SE 184th
Times & Cost: Look for additional information
for the April course on our web site.



Boy Scout Unit Committee Training

The training team will come to your unit to provide this valuable training! Contact either Bob Czaplinski at (253)631-4419 or Tom Bingaman at (425)226-4479 to schedule your time!

Youth Protection Training

A Barrier to abuse Within Scouting

No one-on-one contact between adults and youth members is permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, such as Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youths.

Call Joyce Froisland for training at (253)631-9517

You Don't Want to Miss Cub Scout Roundtable

Cub Leader Training

New Leader Essentials @ Round Table!
To schedule training contact Scott Whitmire @ (253)630-6043 or at whitmire@ieee.org



Green River District Annual Planning Meeting

Saturday, January 15th
Location – TBD

Happy



Holidays!

Green River District Committee

District Key 3

District Chair	John Rosenlund JRREPO53@aol.com	253-905-8640
District Commissioner	Gary Twite buffalogary@lycos.com	253-631-6638
District Executive	Jason Macpherson jmacpherson@seattlebsa.org	206-902-2322
Scoutreach District Executive	Tiffany Jones tjones@seattlebsa.org	206-902-2330

Members at Large

Vice-Chair/Annual Dinner Chair	John Staneff	253-852-2486
Vice-Chair	Bill Westcott wwest@foxinternet.net	253-639-4948
Vice-Chair	Mark Hanson	253-630-6453
Membership Chair	Open	
Advancement Chair	Mike Johnson	425-235-1826
Merit Badge Counselors	Don Hamell grmblist@comcast.net	253-631-8519
Recognition Chair	David Lee	253-630-8959
Finance Chair	Open	
Friends of Scouting Chair	Bill Eastman	253-631-5511
Popcorn Kernel	Scott Gilyeat sagilyeat@earthlink.net	425-433-0530
Cyber-Technology Chair	Open	
Web Master	Bill Campisteguy (Interim)	425-228-284
Camporee Chairperson	Bob Czaplinski bchaz11@comcast.net	253-631-4419
Programs Chair	Bill Westcott	253-639-4948
Camping Chair	Dave McCammon	425-277-9395
Order of the Arrow Adult Advisor	Paul Edwards	253-852-0319
OA Chapter Chief	Chris Westcott	
District Training Chair	Tom Bingaman bluebeaver@zipcon.net	425-226-4479
Boy Scout Leader Training	Bob Czaplinski bchaz11@comcast.net	253-631-4419
Cub Scout Leader Training	Scott Whitmire	253-630-6043
Youth Protection Training	Joyce Froisland	253-631-9517
Activities Chair	Bill Westcott	253-639-4948
Klondike Chair		

Mark Hanson	253-630-6453
Scouting for Food / Xmas Tree Chair	
Open	
Iron Titans Chair	
Ron Hiatt	206-575-8378
Boy Scout Roundtable Chair	
Mike Martin	253-759-1272
Cub Scout Roundtable Chair	
Liz Campisteguy	425-228-2845
Venture Roundtable Chair	
Robert Millard	253-638-3131
PR Chair	
Cecil Stellyes	253-373-0774

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
- Tiger Cub Activity Day Chair
- Newcastle Liaison
- Membership Chair

We also need help with the following:

Training – All Levels
Unit & membership recruitment
Friends of Scouting Zone Chairs
OA adult leaders
Gear Day(s) coordination

Contact John Rosenlund 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



Do you know who your Unit Commissioner is?
If not, give Gary Twite a call.

December	2004	1	Camporee Committee Meeting		
		2	District Committee Meeting		
		4	Cub Scout Leader Training (Position)		
		4	Kent Winterfest Festival		
		8 – 15	Hanukkah		
		9	District Round Table – 7pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Tree “Land Rush” # 2 • OA Chapter Meeting at RT • Webelos to Scout Transition Class 		
		10	Popcorn close out paperwork – including bank deposit slips – due to council		
		15	Quad District LOST Staff Development Meeting		
		16	Unit Service meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cub Scout Roundtable Planning – 6:30 pm • Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 pm 		
		22	OA Executive Committee		
		25	Christmas Day		
		31	New Years Eve		
		All month	OA Unit Elections		
		January	2005	1	New Years Day
				5	Camporee Committee Meeting
6	District Committee Meeting				
8	Christmas Tree Pickup				
13	District Round Table – 7pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FOS training • OA Chapter Meeting at RT • Webelos to Scout Transition Class • 75th Anniversary of Cub Scouting Celebration 				
15	District Planning Meeting				
17	MLK				
20	Unit Service meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cub Scout Roundtable Planning – 6:30 pm • Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 pm 				
22	Merit Badge Clinic (Autumn session) Day 1 – 94th Ave Kent LDS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eagle Panel 9 – 11 am 				
22	Klondike Derby – Ensign Ranch				
26	OA Executive Committee				
26	Quad District LOST Staff Development Meeting				
??	South End FOS Breakfast				
All month	OA Unit Elections				
All month	FOS				
February	2005	??	\$1000 Popcorn Club Party		
		2	Camporee Committee Meeting		
		3	District Committee Meeting		
		5	Merit Badge Clinic (Autumn session) Day 2 – see March		
		6	Scout Sunday		
		8	Anniversary of US Boy Scouts		
		9	Ash Wednesday		
		10	District Round Table – 7pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Turn for America Food Drive “Land Rush” #1 • Youth Protection Training • OA Chapter Meeting at RT • Essential Training 		
		12	Lincoln’s BD		
		14	Valentine’s Day		
		17	Unit Service meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cub Scout Roundtable Planning – 6:30 pm • Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 pm 		
		21	Presidents Day		
		21 – 25	Kent & Renton School Districts Presidents Week Break		
		22	Washington’s BD / Baden Powell’s BD		

		23	Quad District LOST Staff Development Meeting
		??	Bishop's Dinner
		23	OA Executive Committee
		24	Council Coordinated
		All month	OA Unit Elections
		All month	FOS
March	2005	2	Camporee Committee Meeting
		3	District Committee Meeting – 90 day election notice
		??	Kids Activities Day – City of Kent Parks Department
		10	District Round Table – 7pm
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good Turn for America Food Drive “Land Rush” #2 & door hanger pickup • OA Chapter Meeting at RT • Essential Training
		12	SM / ASM Training
		12	Scouting for Food Good Turn for America Food Drive drop off
		??	Commissioner Training
		??	Council Annual Dinner
		17	Saint Patrick's Day
		17	Unit Service meetings:
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cub Scout Roundtable Planning – 6:30 pm • Commissioner Staff Meeting – 7:30 pm
		19	Scouting for Food Good Turn for America Food Drive pik-up & Flag Pick up
		19	Merit Badge Clinic (Autumn session) Day 2 – 94th Ave Kent LDS
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gear Day
		20	Palm Sunday
		23	Quad District LOST Staff Development Meeting
		23	OA Executive Committee
		27	Easter Sunday
		??	Civics Day
		??	OA Spring Fellowship
		All month	FOS
April	2005	1	April Fools Day
		2 - 3	LDS General Conference
		??	Rotary Auction
		??	Daylight Saving Time (move clock forward)
		6	Camporee Committee Meeting
		7	District Committee Meeting
		9	Lost #1

Green River District 2004-05 multi month event chart

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Event	Sept 2004	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005	Feb 2005	Mar 2005	Apr 2005
Recruiting – School night for Scouting	█							
Popcorn Sales	█		Turn in	Pick up	Close out			
Fall MB Clinic		16 th	20 th					
Unit re-charter		Pick up	Turn in					
Christmas Trees			Rush #1	Rush #2	8 th			
OA unit elections			█					
Spring MB Clinic					22 nd		19 th	
Friends of Scouting					Pick up			Turn in
Food Drive						Rush #1	12 / 19 th	

