



# Heron News Flash

Sammamish Trails



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October

10/8	Roundtable 7 PM Cubs, Scouts, Venturing & Varsity Huddle
	Merit Badge Clinic 7 PM Citizenship in the Community
	Life to Eagle Seminar 7:10 PM
	Order of the Arrow TAT Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM
	Recharter Packets Distributed
10/10	Merit Badge Clinic 9 AM Citizenship in the Community
10/10	Order of the Arrow Banquet
10/15	Commissioner Mtg. 7 PM Christmas Tree Mtg. 7 PM
10/17	Program and Training Conference 8 AM
10/23-25	Merit Badge Weekend @ Camp Pigott
10/31	Webelos Woods
10/31	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Part 1

### November

11/5	District Meeting
11/6-7	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Part 2
11/12	Roundtable 7 PM Cubs, Scouts, Varsity Huddle
	OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM
	Merit Badge Clinic 7 PM Citizenship in the Nation
	Webelos Open House 7:30 PM
11/14	Scoutmaster/Asst. Scout master Leader Specific Training
	Merit Badge Clinic 9 AM Citizenship in the Nation
11/19	Commissioner Mtg. 7 PM
11/19-21 TBD	Take Order Popcorn Distribution to units

### December

12/3	District Meeting
12/10	Roundtable 7 PM Cubs, Scouts, Varsity Huddle
	OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM
	Merit Badge Clinic 7 PM Citizenship in the World
12/12	Merit Badge Clinic 9 PM Citizenship in the World
12/17	Commissioner Meeting 7 PM



A one-stop training event for: All Scouting Parents • Cub Scout Leaders • Boy Scout Leaders • Venturing Leaders District Leaders • Unit Commissioners. A lot of practical, fun classes to help make your units great.

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For more information visit:  
<http://training.seattlebsa.org>

### The Chair's Minute

Last spring, as the Wood Badge staff was setting up for the weekend we had a real medical emergency take place to one of the staff. There were many in the staff that had taken several classes in First Aid including some advanced Wilderness First Aid classes and immediately sprang into action and provided what turned out to be life saving first aid. After several hours, the paramedics were able to stabilize the staffer enough to transport him to the hospital.

The reason for me telling this to you is to emphasize the value of training. I have found most of the training required or suggested by the BSA to be about safety, especially the training that does not have a title with "first aid" in it.

If your goal is to have a fun, safe, and effective unit, then please attend the

Program and Training conference on October 17.

The Program and Training Conference (known as PTC) is being held on Oct. 17, Sat. If you are not "Trained" this is a good time to do it as you can do it in one day (cubs) and get a good start in the other programs. If you are "Trained" they have other classes that you can attend to get ideas on what to do in your dens, packs, troop, team, or crew.

Next to the class descriptions are symbols indicating what program (cubs, boy scouts, etc.) they are geared for. You are not limited to any area. If you see a class that you would like to take to increase your knowledge feel free to sign up for it. Food is always a good choice.

To register on-line, go to [seattlebsa.org](http://seattlebsa.org).

I hope to see you there. You will find me in the Dutch oven class just before Lunch.

Wally Kempe  
District Chair

### Popcorn



Popcorn sales are off to a strong start. Thanks to the more than 20 volunteers from across 4 districts that helped to organize and distribute Show and Sell popcorn. Despite distributing 60 pallets of popcorn to over 50 units across the eastside, some units have already run out of some items, especially the yummy new Trail Mix.

REMINDER: Popcorn sales are one of the most visible ways that scouts are seen by the public. It is critically important that we show ourselves at our best. Not only does this include having scouts dressed in their official dress uniform (and not in jeans and non-scout t-shirts) but also acting at the high level expected of scouts, which means no "horsing around" or arguing while selling. Popcorn sales can be very competitive so it is important that

everyone remember the Scout Law as they work to reach their goals.

**Orders for "Take Order" are due in just a few short weeks on October 26<sup>th</sup> as are payments for "Show & Sell."** There are also lots of opportunities for prizes for all sellers throughout the sale. **Nov. 19-21 (final dates/times TBD) Take Order Popcorn Distribution to units.** More information can be found at <http://groups.google.com/group/sammamishtrailspopcorn> or <http://seattlebsa.org>.

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### Order of the Arrow

The annual banquet is October 10<sup>th</sup> at Mercer Island Presbyterian Church. For more details or to sign up go to: <http://www.tkopeckwiskwis.org/>

The Order of the Arrow Chapter is available to do Arrow of Light ceremonies for any pack. Contact John Riekema at [eagleope@mtscout.org](mailto:eagleope@mtscout.org) for more details.

### Life to Eagle

A life to Eagle seminar will take place at Roundtable on October 8<sup>th</sup>. All Life and Star near Life rank Scouts and their parents plus Troop Advancement Chairs and other scout leaders are encouraged to this seminar. The seminar will cover the Eagle application and Eagle project.

### Eighth Annual Cub Scout Rocket Launch



We had a great rocket launch this year with over 120 boys and recruits making approximately 300 launches. A good portion of the rocketeers were new or potential recruits to cub scouts fulfilling our goals of providing an exciting welcoming event by the District.

Special thanks goes to NW Scouters for sponsoring the event and providing the Loaner Rocket Fleet, Lake Washington Youth Soccer Association for the use of the fields, Dave Ward of the Kirkland Missile Agency, and the multitude of volunteers who helped make it possible including Kim Oban, Harry Pierson, James Norman, Russ Norman, Silke

Schuhmann, Robert Osborne, Rick Quinn, Bill Archer, George Christ, Benjamin Hansford, and John Schill.

### READY.....SET.....



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**BLAST OFF!**



### Recharter

Recharter packets will be distributed at October Roundtable, Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be a short presentation on recharter for those new to the process beginning after the opening session at about 7:45 PM. Recharter should be completed so that you can turn in your completed packet at November Roundtable, 11/12.

### Friends of Scouting

Thanks to some recent Microsoft Matching hours contributions, we are at 102% of our goal! Congratulations to everyone that helped the district reach this. Please continue to turn in your Microsoft hours and pay any unpaid FOS pledges.

### Christmas Tree Recycling

The annual Christmas Tree Recycling area assignment meeting will take place on October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Scout Room at the Rose Hill LDS Building, 7720 126<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Kirkland. Contact Russ Wiscombe at 425-827-7771 or [russellwiscombe@hotmail.com](mailto:russellwiscombe@hotmail.com) if you have any questions.

### Merit Badge Weekend

Do your Scouts want to do the Photography merit badge? How about Space Exploration? Cinematography? Coin Collecting? Then mark your calendars for **October 23-25** for the Sammamish Trails Merit Badge Weekend at Camp Pigott.

Troops will be able to sign up starting Friday, September 11 through October 2 on the MBW website (<http://meritbadgeweekend.sammamishtrails.org/>). **Payments will be due at the October 8 Roundtable.**

We are trying to keep the cost at \$16, but much will depend on how many scouts participate.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [mbw@sammamishtrails.org](mailto:mbw@sammamishtrails.org).

### Merit Badge Clinics

#### Kirkland

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday\* of each month 7-8:30 PM

Rose Hill LDS Building  
(Roundtable location)  
7720 126<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Kirkland, WA 98033  
Eric Carter  
[erichca@hotmail.com](mailto:erichca@hotmail.com)  
435-821-8598

#### Redmond

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday\* of each month 9-11 AM

LDS Union Hill Building  
7115 224<sup>th</sup> Ave NE  
Redmond, WA 98052  
Foyer Phone: 425-868-2956  
Enter North door at end of building.

### General Instructions

Open to ALL Scouts of any troop. Bring blue cards and wear uniforms.

### Merit Badge Schedule

*October* (Both) Citizenship in the Community

*November* (Both) Citizenship in the Nation

*December* (Both) Citizenship in the World

\*Check District Calendar for monthly exceptions

## Commissioner Meeting

**Oct. 15**

Commissioner Meetings are held every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday @ 7 PM at :

Lake Washington United Methodist  
7525 132<sup>nd</sup> Ave NE  
Kirkland, WA 98033

All Unit Commissioners and ADCs are needed to attend to help all our units have successful programs.

Bob Palmer  
District Commissioner  
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## TRAINING CORNER

### **Webelos Woods**

This is great opportunity for Webelos to learn about Boy Scouts, practice some skills, and meet members of the troops in the Redmond and Kirkland area.

Webelos Woods will be held Saturday, **October 31** at the First Baptist Church, 16700 NE 95<sup>th</sup> St, Redmond. The first session will be from 8:00AM to 12:00PM and the second session from 12:30PM to 4:30PM. There is a small fee of \$15 for each den per session. Sessions have the same offerings.

For more information please contact Russ Norman at [res0kuff@verizon.net](mailto:res0kuff@verizon.net).

### **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) for Webelos Leaders**

The course will be taught at:

#### **Part 1**

Oct. 31

8 AM- 4:30 PM

University Presbyterian Church

#### **Part 2**

Nov. 6-7

7:00 Pm Fri.-5:00 PM Sat.

Camp Pigott

View flyer at:

<http://www.doubleknot.com/openroster/s/DocDownload.asp?id=32808>

### **Cub Scout Leader Training**

Available at the Program and Training Conference on Oct. 17.

### **Boy Scout Leader Training**

Training for Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters, and anyone else interested in the program for a troop, is available on November 14. This helps you take advantage of the actual Boy Scout program, help the Scouts run the best possible program, and do it all with less effort and more success. For information, check with Mark Verdeck, [m.verdeck@comcast.net](mailto:m.verdeck@comcast.net).

### **Wood Badge**

Two courses are offered in 2010. It's leadership training that can be used for scouting, work, home, etc. A great way to improve your leadership abilities. It's effective small-group leadership training..

April 30-May 2 and May 14-16 (course director is Rich Wilkens)

September 16-18 and October 7-9 (course director is Linda Anderson)

### **Training Policy Change!**

National plans to make training required for top leaders in 2011 and all direct-contact leaders in 2012. The unit will not be able to recharter unless those leaders are trained. If a unit does not recharter, the unit ceases to exist as a BSA unit.

**Says who?** This information is on the BSA National website,

<http://scouting.org/training/trainingupdates.aspx> . It is a bit vague. It says "Plans are to require training for all top leaders in 2011 and all direct-contact leaders in 2012." Our Council has told us about it too, and it looks definite. Plan on it! Get trained, get the others in your unit trained.

### **\*Webelos Open House\***

If you are a Webelos Scout, you will have a chance to meet Boy Scouts from several different troops in the district at the October Roundtable. All Boy Scout troops from the Kirkland and Redmond area will be invited to set up a table at the Webelos Open House to be held from 7:30PM to 8:30PM on Thursday, November 5th. Webelos and their parents are invited to meet boys from the various troops as well as some of the adult leaders. You can ask questions about Boy Scouts in general, learn about the various troops, and decide which troops that you might like to visit. Each Boy Scout troop has their own unique personality. Troops often have boys from several different Cub Scout Packs. Each Webelos can decide which troop meets their needs and is the best fit for them. This is a perfect opportunity to get to know several troops at the same time!

For more information, please contact Lisa Wylie at [lisa.wylie@comcast.net](mailto:lisa.wylie@comcast.net).

### **Misc. Information**

*To view calendar information or to find more contact information for district volunteers or events go to [seattlebsa.org](http://seattlebsa.org) and go to the district page under volunteers.*

## Cub Scout Recruiting

We are having great success at recruiting new Cub Scouts this fall! Check out the chart below and let me know if you need any help at all with recruiting and follow-up. Keep turning in those applications for new boys and adults.

Miranda Otjen, *Sammamish Trails District Executive*

Pack	School(s) Served	Joining Night	New Boys So Far
428	Rose Hill/Ben Franklin/Rush	9/23	4
546	Dickinson/Explorer	9/14	15
550	Peter Kirk	10/6	-
554	Lakeview/Community School	9/8	5
556	Alcott	9/14	0
557/591	Mann/Redmond/Einstein/Rockwell	9/21	14
558	Rosa Parks	9/22	9
559	Helen Keller	9/21	19
561	Audubon	9/15	12
565	Thoreau	9/14	0
566	AG Bell/Juanita	9/18	8
567	Sandburg/Discovery	9/15	7
572	Homeschool/Christian	9/22	1
578	Wilder	9/24	14
580	Frost/Muir	9/21	10
581	Bear Creek	9/21	0
595	Mark Twain	9/29	0
615	Holy Family	??	-