



Heron News Flash



Sammamish Trails

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

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| 11/5 | District Meeting 7 PM |
| 11/6-7 | Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS) Part 2 |
| 11/12 | Roundtable 7 PM Cubs, Scouts, |
| | OA Chapter Meeting 7:30 PM |
| | Merit Badge Clinic 7 PM Citizenship in the Nation |
| | Webelos Open House 7:30 PM |
| | Advancement Chair Training 7:30 PM |
| 11/13-14 | Take Order Popcorn Distribution to Units |
| 11/14 | Scoutmaster/Asst. Scout master Leader Specific Training |
| | Merit Badge Clinic 9 AM Citizenship in the Nation |
| 11/19 | District Committee Training 6 PM |
| 11/21 | Aviation Merit Badge 9 AM |

December

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| 12/3 | District Meeting 7 PM |
| 12/10 | Roundtable 7 PM Cubs, Scouts, |
| | 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 |

January 2010

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| 1/7 | District Meeting 7 PM |
| 1/9 | Merit Badge Clinic 9 AM Family Life |
| 1/13 | FOS Training 6:30 PM |
| 1/14 | Roundtable 7 PM Cubs, Scouts Venturing 7:30 PM OA Chapter Mtg. 7:30 PM |
| | Merit Badge Clinic 7 PM Personal Fitness |
| | Commissioner Meeting 7 PM |
| | Scouting for Food Mtg. 7 PM |



The Chair's Minute

My first experience in scouting started in 1978, and as a scout leader, I was invited to get trained. In those days, the only way to get any training at all was to attend a District or Council scheduled training. Today, we can begin the training process immediately over the Internet at a time convenient to the scout leader or parent. I invite all scout leaders and parents, to take advantage of the training offered over the Internet.

The training is offered at <http://olc.scouting.org/>. If you are a new leader or new parent to scouting take these three trainings first: "This Is Scouting", Appropriate "Fast Start" for your unit, and "Youth Protection Training". If you are part of your Troop Committee, take the "Troop Committee Challenge".

Ah, if life was only so easy back in 1978.

Wally Kempe
District Chair

* Webelos Open House *

November 12

If you are a Webelos Scout, you will have a chance to meet Boy Scouts from several different troops in the district at the November 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 12th. 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! It will be held at the Rose Hill LDS Bldg. located at 7720 126th Ave NE Kirkland 98033.

For more information, please contact Lisa Wylie at lisa.wylie@comcast.net.

Year of Celebration Patch!

In honor of 100 years of Scouting there is a patch that can be earned. The requirements can be found at scouting.org/100years. Click on Year of Celebration on left side of page.



Popcorn Pick-Up
Volunteers needed Nov. 13 & 14 for Take Order Popcorn Distribution to units.



More information can be found concerning pick-up times for units and volunteer times to help with pick-ups. The times are noon to 8 PM Friday & 10 AM to noon on Saturday at a warehouse (Plasker & Assoc.) in Kirkland at 11001 120th Ave NE. For full details regarding pick-up times and volunteer time sign-ups go to: <http://tinyurl.com/2009Popcorn>

Ross Comer
District Popcorn Kernel
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425-836-3759

Merit Badge Weekend

The move to the fall for Merit Badge Weekend was a success, and the weather even cooperated (for the most part). We had 18 troops (including 3 troops from North Lakes) bringing 190 scouts and 82 adult volunteers to do such new merit badges as Crime Prevention, Cinematography, and Amphibian and Reptile Study (including a field trip to the Reptile Zoo in Monroe), and old favorites as Photography, Space Exploration,

Electronics, and Cycling. Fun was had by all!

Save the date for next year's Merit Badge Weekend: October 22-24!



MERIT BADGE CLINICS

Kirkland

2nd Thursday* of each month 7-8:30 PM

Rose Hill LDS Building
(Roundtable location)
7720 126th Ave NE
Kirkland, WA 98033
Scott Smith
ssmith@microsoft.com
425-893-9704

Redmond

2nd Saturday* of each month 9-11 AM

LDS Union Hill Building
7115 224th Ave NE
Redmond, WA 98052
Foyer Phone: 425-868-2956
Enter North door at end of building.
Bruce Salmon
brucesalmon@comcast.net

General Instructions for Clinics

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

Merit Badge Schedule

November (Both) Citizenship in the Nation

December (Both) Citizenship in the World

January (Redmond)-Family Life

January (Kirkland) Personal Fitness

*Check District Calendar for monthly exceptions

Aviation Merit Badge

On Saturday, November 21st, there is a special opportunity for scouts to earn the Aviation merit badge at the Museum of Flight in the Aviation Learning Center. A team of volunteers is putting together a class using the Museum, and every scout that attends will have the opportunity to complete the Aviation merit badge that day. It will start at 9:00am and finish at 3:00pm. This is the first time this facility has been used for a merit badge and if it works out it will be used again.

There is a limit of 40 scouts and a fee of \$10. To sign up or ask questions please contact Clay Wilson at scouterclay@speakeasy.net.

Cub Winter Camp Wolf and Bear

Wolf and Bear Winter Camp will be here before you know it! This is a popular weekend program, so don't delay and register your pack before it fills! You can mail in your reservation or do it over the phone with credit card at 206-725-0361. Brochure available at seattlebsa.org under camping (Cub Scout).

Looking ahead to 2010, let your cub scouts be intrepid explorers next summer at Outback Adventure Cub Resident Camp at Camp Brinkley!

Scout Night Dec. 5 Seattle Thunderbirds

Check for more ticket information at: seattlenthunderbirds.com

or

Jason Thomsen
jason@seattlenthunderbirds.com
253-239-7825

Commissioner Meeting Cancelled for Nov. 19

You are encouraged to attend the District Committee Training on Nov. 19. See article on page 3.

Commissioner Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday @ 7 PM at :

Lake Washington United Methodist
7525 132nd 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

bob.palmer@slthermal.com

Friends of Scouting Presenters

Units, make sure that you choose your presenter for Friends of Scouting this month, and set a date for the presentation. Two of the best times for a presentation are at your Blue and Gold Banquet or Court of Honor. The presentation only takes 10 minutes. There will be a brief and helpful training for FOS presenters at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, 2650 148th Ave SE Bellevue, January 13th, at 6:30pm. All presenters, new or returning, need to attend. They will learn everything they need to do and say in their presentation

Recharter Time is Here!

Units, your recharter packet is due November 12th at Roundtable. The packet should be signed and include any required adult applications. If you need any help with your recharter, please contact your DE or a commissioner as soon as possible. Let's get this done so we can all enjoy the holidays!

Dutch Oven Seminar Mtg.

Anyone who would be interested in staffing a Dutch Oven Seminar in June at Camp Brinkley please contact Jeff Gettman jg_scouting@hotmail.com. There will be a staff meeting on Tuesday November 17 at the LDS building located at 132 Ave NE and NE 132 Street in Kirkland (Totem Lake area) at 7:15 PM. This had been a very large and popular event in the Chief Seattle Council for several years and this is the first year of a re-introduction

of the event. Come and join us and share your Dutch Oven skills.

New Venture Crew! Civil Air Patrol Venture

We have a new unit in the district, Crew 2050, the Overlake Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. They are excited to be a part of Sammamish Trails and hope to take part in a lot of our activities. They are interested in helping out with events like Camporee and Klondike, with merit badges, doing programs for troop meetings, etc. Their goal is to be a part of the program in the district as well as educate others about what Civil Air Patrol does. They might also move some of their events to Camp Pigott or Camp Brinkley. You can learn more about what they do here: www.gocivilairpatrol.com. Please help me in welcoming them to the district!

Scouting for Food

On January 28th at 7 pm (at the Roundtable location) there will be a Unit Rep. meeting to go over territories and reporting requirements for our 2010 Scouting for food collection efforts. At this meeting collection territories will be discussed and adapted for the 2010 campaign. In addition other food collection opportunities will be coordinated among units. Door hangers will be provided early this year for those who attend the meeting. Please remember that door hanger distribution is scheduled for March 13th and collection and delivery to local food banks is on March 20th. For questions contact Bill Archer Bill@clydehill.org.

Klondike 2010

Klondike Challenge February 19-20
"There are strange things done in the midnight sun, by the men who moil for gold, The Arctic trails have their secret tales that would make your blood run cold" ...
...these words were penned by the fabled poet and writer, Robert Service, as he watched the great Klondike Gold rush going on around him. It was an amazing time in our country with men and women pushing themselves to unbelievable limits in the hopes of striking it rich!
Annually around the country, the BSA puts on its own version the Klondike

Challenge to put its members to the test! Webelos, Boy Scouts, Venturers - time to start dusting off your sled or build a new one because Klondike will soon be upon us. We will host our Klondike at Ensign Ranch once again, the same place as Camporee. The date is February 19-20. Information is posted on the District website or contact Dale Rae at Dale@dfrae.com.

Order of the Arrow

<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 for more details.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Audubon Society has asked for Scout volunteers for work parties on the Bird Loop at Marymoor Park. Work parties are the first Saturday of every month, 9am to 12pm, and meet at the southeast corner of parking lot G. Free parking passes are available. Volunteers are encouraged to bring gloves, refreshments, and appropriate tools. If your troop would like to participate, please contact Project Manager Jim Rettig at jrettigtanager@verizon.net the week before the work party.

The Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance is inviting Scouts to help with its bike trail work parties, too. Learn more <http://evergreenmtb.org/trailwork/> and contact Brian Crowley, brian@crowley.net if your unit would like to help out.

TRAINING CORNER

Scoutmaster Specific 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.

Advancement Chair Training

There will be a special training session for troop Advancement Chairpersons at the November Roundtable. We will cover the mechanics of setting up Boards of Review, conducting Boards, what to cover, as well as all the things that need to happen before the Board. In addition we will have time set aside for a question and answer session to address any issues you may be having in your troop regarding advancement. It will be in the Primary Room. If you have any specific issues that you would like to have covered email Patty Spear at patty@thehouseofspear.com.

District Committee Training Nov. 19

We should all go to the training for district committee members, November 19. After some general information about district functions, "key 3," etc., there will be breakouts for each of our district functions. It will help us see where we all fit in the grand scheme of things, and understand what we are supposed to be doing. Like training for unit leaders, it will help us do a better job with less effort. This is the training for district committee in our council.

6-9 PM
Rose Hill LDS Bldg.
7720 126th Ave NE
(Roundtable location)

An alternative training date is Dec. 8, but it will be held at the Council Service Center in Seattle 6-9PM.

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 Woods

A good time was had by all. The Webelos had a great opportunity to interact with scouts and do many fun activities.



Roundtable Location

Rose Hill LDS Chapel
7720 126th Ave NE
Kirkland, WA 98033

General District Information

To view calendar information or to find more contact information for district volunteers or events go to seattlebsa.org and go to the district page under volunteers.