

Troop 577 Newsletter



JANUARY 2003

January Theme-Pioneering

Jan. 1 st	HAPPY NEW YEAR
Jan. 4 th	Christmas tree pick-up
Jan. 6 th	Troop meeting-pioneering activity is design a catapult, winter Klondike meeting, Order of Arrow elections
Jan. 10-12	Winter camp
Jan. 13 th	Troop meeting-building and testing a ballista, winter Klondike meeting
Jan. 15 th	Wednesday PLC meeting, 7:00 pm at church
Jan. 17-18	Klondike
Jan. 20 th	6:30 pm CPR training (note time change for meeting)
Jan. 27 th	Board of Review, Advancement-3 merit badges 1) E Prep, 2) snow sports, and 3) to be determined

EAGLE SCOUT

Congratulations to Patrick Donoghue on becoming the newest Eagle Scout in Troop 577. We are really proud of Patrick for all the hard work that went into this accomplishment. Way to go Patrick!

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP **Saturday, January 4th**

The Scouts need to be at the church no later than 8:45 AM Saturday morning. For the scouts safety, please make sure they wear highly visible clothes because they will be working around the trucks. Also, please make sure they wear old clothes and **HEAVY DUTY WORK GLOVES** to protect their hands from the trees and cold.

Mrs. Hulker has graciously stepped up to be in charge of lunch on Saturday. If you have any extra hot dogs, buns, cans of chili, or hot chocolate, please send them with your Scouts in the morning. Please contact Mrs. Hulker at 425 861 1931 if you can volunteer sometime from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to help serve lunch.

This is our biggest fund raiser of the year. It is important for all the Scouts and parents to turn out to make this a successful fundraiser. These funds go to support our activities for the rest of the year.

FRIENDS OF SCOUTING

At our troop committee meeting in December, Alice Stenstrom had received about 30% of the forms. Mrs. Stenstrom will be contacting everyone who has not turned in them in. It is important we have **100%** return on this. We receive free merit badges if we have everyone turn in their forms and in turn this saves the troop a lot of money.

BRADEN ELLIS'S EAGLE PROJECT

Braden Ellis attended the last troop committee meeting. He did a presentation on his Eagle project and asked for adult support. His Eagle project is fingerprinting children for their safety. He needs adult volunteers to support the Scouts doing the fingerprinting. This will occur in February or March at possibly 3 store locations in the Kirkland area. This will happen on a couple of different weekends with 2 2-3 hour shifts. The elementary schools targeted would be Mark Twain Elementary, Rose Hill Elementary, Ben Franklin Elementary, Peter Kirk Elementary, and A.G. Bell Elementary. The hours the Scouts would put in counts for service hours for rank advancement.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR

Thank you to Jay Bexell for stepping up as new outdoor activities coordinator. If you have any fun ideas for the boys this coming year, I'm sure he would appreciate a call from you. Thanks again, Jay!

WINTER CAMP

At last count, we have 16 Scouts and 3 Leaders going to Winter Camp. Have a great time guys!

KLONDIKE

Klondike sounds like a fun activity this winter. The Scouts will be shooting BB guns, camping in the snow, and curling with frozen chickens. The fee is \$7. They will be going to Cle Elum Friday night and be there all day Saturday. Mr. Becker made the sleds several years ago. They are beautiful. Please email Mr. Ogami for excerpts on Klondike.

WREATH SALES

Congratulations to all of the boys who participated in the wreath sales this past season. The total sales were \$6000. Approximately, \$2700 went directly into the boys accounts. This is a great start at saving for the upcoming events of this year.

Kris Carlson was our big salesman. He sold about \$1000 worth of wreaths. Good job, Kris!

A special thank you to JIM MEDDING who chaired this event and housed \$6000 worth of wreaths in his garage. Thanks again, Mr. Medding.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

It has been brought up at the adult committee meetings that we would like 3 counselors for each Eagle required merit badge. The list of Eagle merit badges is First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Personal Fitness, Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving, Environmental Science, Personal Management, Swimming or Hiking or Cycling, Camping, and Family Life.

Being a merit badge counselor is a great way to share you knowledge with the boys and help the troop out. There are more than 100 merit badges-something for everyone.

If you are interested in supporting our Scouts, please call Julie MacAller to find receive a merit badge counselor application. Scouts can contact Mrs. MacAller to receive a list of merit badge counselors.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

We still have the secretarial position available.

Kris Betty would like to share the position of Committee chair or to have someone take over the position so she can step down. The Committee Chair runs the regular monthly committee meetings and works with the Scoutmaster to improve Troop quality. Please contact Mrs. Betty if you might be interested.

PHILMONT 2004

The minimum age to attend Philmont is 14 years old. Each Scout who is interested in going will need to put down a \$50 deposit by January 31, 2003. The total cost of camp will be \$495 plus the extra costs of transportation and gear. Two types of gear will be needed. It can get very cold at night and very hot during the day. A target amount might be \$750 until we get closer to going. Rich Whitehill will be giving a presentation on Philmont at the February Court of Honor. Be sure to attend if you are interested.

JAMBOREE

Yes, believe it or not Jamboree is just around the corner. If your Scout signs up before the end of the year to attend the next Jamboree, he will receive a T-shirt.

NEXT SUMMER'S 50 MILER

We have received information that the next 50 Miler will occur in Sisters, Oregon next summer. Training will start in February. There will be some pretty interesting terrain- meadows, forests, and wastelands. Please contact Russ Morris for more details if you are interested.

PARENT'S MEETINGS

Jan. 6 th	Parent Committee Meeting
Jan. 20 th	Troop Committee Meeting

PARENTS, please don't miss these 2 important meetings.

The Parent Committee Meeting is a time when we discuss our recommendations and concerns with the Scoutmaster.

The Troop Committee Meeting is after the PLC. We have an opportunity to ask questions and discuss any concerns we have with the SPL. We also get an overview of the upcoming month's activities.

This is a way for you to make a difference and support your Scout.

FEBRUARY EVENTS

(subject to change)

Feb. 3 rd	Parent Committee Meeting
Feb. 7 th	Court of Honor
Feb. 9 th	PLC, Scout Sunday
Feb. 10 th	Troop Committee Meeting
Feb. 15-16	Sequim Bay
Feb. 17 th	Troop meeting
Feb. 17-21	Mid-winter break
Feb. 24 th	Advancements, Board of Review

MARCH EVENTS
(subject to change)

Mar. 3 rd	Parent Committee Meeting
Mar. 8-9	Tolt Campground
Mar. 10 th	Troop Elections
Mar. 16 th	PLC
Mar. 17 th	Troop Committee Meeting
Mar. 22 nd	Scouting for Food Collection
Mar. 24 th	Advancement
Mar. 28-30	Merit Badge Weekend
Mar. 31 st	Board of Review

If you would like to add anything to your newsletter, please contact Shirley Hanna at pnwgarden.gal@verizon.net or 425 883 6882. Items need to be turned in by the 20th of each month.

HIGHLIGHTS

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