

THE MOUNTAIN ECHO

May 2009

MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL, BSA

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and east to Skykomish*



Strengthen Your Pack, Troop, Crew or Ship with Spring Recruiting



Is there a right time of year to recruit new members and new parents? Many have asked this question. Of course there are specific times of the year when recruiting is concentrated but the real answer is year-round.

Spring is a great time to recruit the graduating Kindergarteners. They are excited about wearing the new Cub Scout uniform, and getting an opportunity to go to Cub Scout Day Camp. Tiger Cubs are the new life energy of any Pack. Don't forget other ranks also. Remember the right amount to recruit is to replace the number of Webelos Scouts that crossed over into Boy Scouts and then add some new ones for attrition.

Boy Scout Troops should be looking at the graduating 5th graders. Plan a special troop activity that is simple but fun and demonstrates what Boy Scouting is all about. Encourage your Scouts to invite a friend.

Venturing Crews and Sea Scout Ships can invite graduating 8th graders and other young men and women to try out their programs for the summer. Begin with a creative open house or activity that highlights your program. Point out that these new freshmen will have new friends when they begin high school.

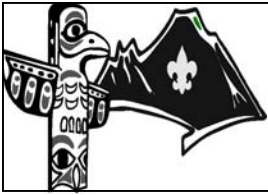
Start now and plan for a successful recruiting event in your unit. Kids don't join unless they are asked.

If you need help, contact your District Membership Chair, or Council Membership Chair Charles Rincon at mr.chazz@verizon.net.

Mount Baker Council's Court of Honor is May 16th at Camp Fire Mountain. Contact the Everett or the Bellingham Service Centers or go to the council website at www.mountbakerbsa.org for further details.

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Eagles



Newest Eagle Scouts

BSA policy is very strict about including Scout's names in electronic communication to a broad audience. Therefore, the Mount Baker Council Executive Board determined that to comply with Youth Protection Guidelines, only a Scout's first name and last initial would be used in the monthly New Eagles List.

Barry W.—Crew 183
LDS Lake Stevens 1st Ward
Advisor: Forrest Warner

Daryk K.—Crew 316
Snohomish United Methodist Church
Advisor: Don Kohler

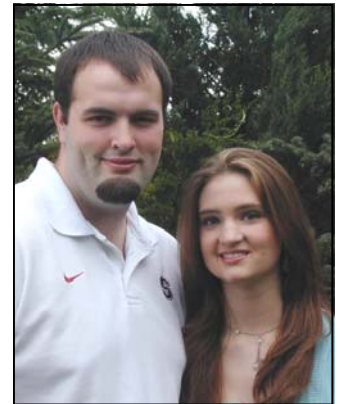
Keegan M.—Troop 4100
Salem Lutheran Church
Scoutmaster: Michael Nayor

Tyler C.—Troop 4057
LDS Mt. Vernon 1st Ward
Scoutmaster: Richard Pollock

Joshua P.—Crew 112
LDS Everett 2nd Ward
Advisor: Bryan Morrison

New Employee Bio: Robert Dockter - Puget Sound District Executive

Born in Norfolk, Virginia, my family moved to North Lynnwood when I was 5 years old. My two older brothers and I are products of the Mukilteo School District having gone to Picnic Point, Harbor Pointe, and Kamiak High School. I was a member of both Pack 320 and Troop 123. In 3rd Grade, I started playing football and never looked back. Actually, being the biggest kid in my class, I was 6' tall and 215 pounds in 6th grade. I always stood out on the field in more ways than one. I was blessed to be able to excel in the classroom, on the field for Kamiak athletics, and as a member of the Kamiak High Show Band, playing the tuba.



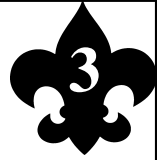
When it came time to choose a college, it came down to choosing which full-ride athletic scholarship I wanted to accept. Stanford University stood alone as the favorite as it was the one place where I could truly be an accomplished Student-Athlete. I played for the Stanford Football team for 4 years. My senior year, I suffered a concussion that ended my football career. Focusing on finishing my degree, I earned both my MA and BA in Sociology with a focus in Interpersonal Relations and Social Psychology and I also picked up a minor in Religious Studies.

While at Stanford, I met my beautiful wife Amie, who happened to still live in Lynnwood at the time. Our relationship blossomed and eventually came to fruition at our wedding in June of 2007. After finishing my Masters Degree in December of 2008 we moved back home to the Lynnwood area, where we now happily reside. I am excited to join the Mount Baker Council as the District Executive for Puget Sound and serve the communities that I call home.



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Friends of Scouting, Council Auction, Popcorn Sales, Memorials



Last Chance – the Trail’s End Popcorn Spring Online Sale Ends May 15th

Between now and May 15, your online sales at www.OrderPopcorn.com can go towards your camp expenses. Also, you can earn a Coleman gift card when you sell at least \$200. And remember, online sales always count toward our College Scholarship Program.

Earn Camping Gear with a Coleman Gift Card

<u>Sell at least:</u>	<u>You will earn a:</u>	<u>Sell at least:</u>	<u>You will earn a:</u>
\$200	\$20 Coleman Gift Card	\$800	\$80 Coleman Gift Card
\$400	\$40 Coleman Gift Card	\$1,000	\$100 Coleman Gift Card
\$600	\$60 Coleman Gift Card	\$2,500	\$250 Coleman Gift Card

Now, there’s more than just popcorn to choose from

With brand new products like Chili Lime Almonds, Wasabi Soy Almonds and Yogurt-Covered Pretzels, www.OrderPopcorn.com has more variety than ever for your friends and family to try.

Getting started is easy

Email the Scout’s name, troop or pack number, district and council name to support@orderpopcorn.com or you can call us at (800) 782-4255 with this information. We will generate an order key and instruct you on how to use it.

Earn Money for College or Mission*

Any Scout who sells at least \$500 online between March 15 and May 15 will automatically be enrolled in our College Scholarship Program*, where 6% of his total sales are invested in his own account. The usual minimum to enroll is \$2,500, so don’t miss out!

* May be used to fund missionary trips



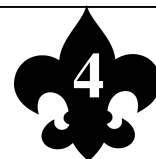
Everett Good Scout Breakfast a Success

The fifth annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) *Good Scout Breakfast* is history and we thank all those who hosted tables, worked behind the scenes and donated to the 2009 Community FOS Campaign. We thank Dr. Keith Leonard for his leadership, all of our table hosts, and the O’Donnell Family for their support and for their service to local Scouting.

This year’s Council FOS campaign goal is \$715,000 and the Breakfast was one of many functions designed to help us reach our goal.



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Boeing Employees Can Multiply Their Support to Scouting!

Spread the word to friends and associates about the Boeing Employees Community Fund and Mount Baker Council Scouting

These designations make a big difference to the Mount Baker Council, more so this year than in previous years. Boeing employees can make changes to their designation plan anytime. Note that Boeing does not match employee giving but helps Scouting in many other ways.

Use the ECF# A-S0495 to direct funds to the Mount Baker Council

If you don't use the code, your gift may go to the Chief Seattle Council or some other Scout Council rather than to local Mount Baker Scouting.

Getting the word out to Boeing Employees

Since Boeing no longer conducts EGF agency fairs and programs where Scouting has a visible presence, we need you to spread the word! Tell friends and associates about this avenue of giving and the importance of designating gifts to support local Scouting.

What counts for FOS credit?

Designated payroll deduction dollars like EGF contributions may be credited toward your unit's Friends of Scouting Recognition (Bronze, Silver, Gold and Presidential) but IRS non-profit accounting rules do not allow us to book them as FOS donations from individual donors.

Questions? Contact Council Finance Secretary Susan McCaughan at the Everett Scout Service Center for details. She can be reached at (425) 338-0380 or at smccaughan@mountbakerbsa.org.



Donate Your Vehicle and Help Support the Scouts!



We are currently working with the Volunteers of America to generate revenue from the sale of donated autos, boats, motorcycles, motor homes, trailers, airplanes and heavy equipment. To date, vehicle and vessel sales have raised about \$21,000 for our council. Contact the Development Department at the Everett Scout Service Center at (425) 338-0380 or fos@mountbakerbsa.org for details or contact the company directly and indicate that your donation is to benefit local Scouting.

**United
Way**



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Skagit District Good Scout Breakfast a Success

Skagit District held its first annual FOS event to raise FOS dollars and tell Scouting's story to business and community leaders. Thanks to all those who helped make this event possible and who donated time, talent and treasure to strengthen Scouting. Special thanks to the Janicki Family for their continuing support.

TURN IN SIGNED FOS PLEDGE CARDS ASAP!

Please turn in all the completed pledge cards you have as soon as you can. That allows us to quickly begin sending statements to those who have selected the monthly payment option. If needed, call the Scout office and we can arrange for somebody to come pick them up from you.

GIVE 2 BSA



2009 SCOUTING HERITAGE AUCTION

Celebrating Scouting's 100th Anniversary



Auction Chairman **Franklin Lobb** announces that the 2009 Scouting Heritage Auction will have a new look, a new theme and a new location. The date is Saturday, October 24 and will be held at the beautiful new Tulalip Resort Hotel. The evening will feature a gourmet dinner with silent & live auctions. If you want to stay overnight, a block of 15 gorgeous rooms has been reserved for auction attendees at significantly reduced prices.

Corporate Sponsor tables of 10 are available for \$1,250. Individual tickets are \$100 per person or \$150 per couple. There are many other sponsorship opportunities available. For reservations or additional information, contact us at the Everett Scout office at (425) 338-0380 or email us at auction@mountbakerbsa.org or check out the council website at www.mountbakerbsa.org.

Procurement Help is needed!

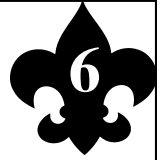
Procurement Co-Chair **Pat Armitage** tells us that in order to make this the best Council Scout Auction ever, we need your help to procure getaways, fun hands-on experiences, collectible art, show and concert tickets and lots of other Live Auction (\$500 and up) and Silent Auction items. You may contact Pat at italian-maid@verizon.net or call the Everett Scout Office for request letters, auction fact sheets and other information.

Getting Flyers, Procurement Forms and More

Auction flyers, procurement forms, donor fact sheets and talking points are available on the council website at www.mountbakerbsa.org

The Auction Team

Pat would like to introduce those Scouters who are helping with the auction procurement this year. They include: **Michele Suchan, Karin Alsip, Mary Jo Brentari, Jack Somppi, Kim Moore, Rose Griffin, Joan Cottingham, Linda Bergsma, Arty and Elenor Nakis, Dr. and Mrs. Keith Leonard, Rocío Noble, Marsha Robson, Donna Hawks, Joyce Law, Eric Shellgren** and many others.



Need Some Procurement Ideas for the 2009 Scouting Heritage Auction?



Tours and Outdoor Adventures

- Tickets to zoos, aquariums, wildlife parks, etc.
- Tours of Seattle Underground, Port of Seattle, Sea-Tac Airport, Boeing Flight Center, Air Museum
- Time on Boeing or Alaska Airlines simulators
- Frequent Flyer Miles
- Airplane, helicopter tours, ride with traffic pilots
- Hands-on tour of studio such as glass blowing, fine art/craft session, print making, etc.
- Tour television or radio stations, be a guest on a talk show
- Day on a working tug

Experiences, Vacations & Getaways

- Week or weekend at a condominium, cabin, or in a motor home. Open scheduling is preferred!
- Week or weekend trips to ski lodges, Hawaii, Disneyland, Victoria, etc.
- Bed & Breakfasts
- Offer to baby-sit, take care of house or pets while they're away
- Cooking classes, beer brewing and other hands on skill development

Home and Garden

- Construction, repair, painting wallpapering, maintenance skills to offer home owners
- Gazebos, decks, hot tubs, playground equipment, landscaping
- Tools for shop, lawn and garden, etc.
- Doghouses, kennels, fences
- Fine arts and crafts

Anything Homemade

- Quilts, afghans, comforters, Dolls, dollhouses, playhouses, Desks, shelves, etc.
- Rocking chairs, rocking horses, children's toys,
- Homemade foods (e.g. dessert a month for a year or six months)

Sports & Exercise

- Golf rounds, hunting and/or fishing trips, skiing, sailing, etc.

- Skydiving, ballooning, etc. adventures and/or lessons
- Exercise and sports equipment
- Gift certificates for health clubs, bowling, golfing, etc.
- Suite, box seats or good tickets to sporting events and sports memorabilia

Parties and Meals

- Progressive dinners, ethnic dinners, catered dinners with business & community leaders
- Gift certificates to restaurants and hotels
- Murder Mystery dinners
- Birthday parties, evening party packages with limousine service
- Secret recipe tasting parties

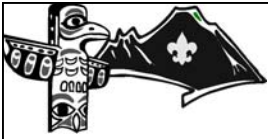
More Ideas

- Televisions, stereos, computers & software, phones, clocks
- Bicycles
- Jewelry
- Autos or boats, new or reconditioned (donated and/or free leases)
- Trading cards
- Antiques

Theme Packages or baskets

- Chocolate lovers Basket
- Junk food garbage can
- "South of the Border" Food Basket
- Family Fun Basket
- Wheelbarrow full of gardening items
- Baby Basket
- Mystery basket (with hints)
- Bathroom Basket
- Pet's Basket
- Northwest Gourmet Basket
- Teddy bear Basket
- Kitchen Basket

For Procurement Forms, auction flyers or to schedule pick up of donated items, please contact Susan McCaughan at (425) 338-0380 or by email at auction@mountbakerbsa.org



Key 3



Voice of the President



Bill Griffin
Council
President

As I consider what to say in this, my final Echo column as Mount Baker Council's President, I reflect on the two years of my term in office. In this time we have achieved a lot of successes. We have conducted some very significant capital projects in both of our camps and all signs indicate that these facilities will have record attendance this summer. Having visited a lot of Scout camps in our area and across the country, none approach

the quality of our facilities. To the credit of many generous and wonderful donors and workers, we have made nearly a million dollars in improvements to each of our two camps.

There have been some other successes that we can be proud of as well. We have had superb programs and our training record puts us in the top three of the 302 councils in the nation. We have experienced sufficient funding to allow us to weather the economic downturn without having to resort to taking out a loan to meet fiscal obligations and with each of you to continue, we should successfully realize a balanced fiscal position this year. Last year we established a new five-year long range plan for the council. In doing so, we set down a process to annually evaluate progress in the plan. The communication mechanism between council and district levels has been strengthened. These steps and many others have served to improve the service Mount Baker Council renders to our youth. But, these steps could

not have been made without the tremendous effort and contributions that have been made by the volunteers, professionals, and office staff of our council. I will be eternally grateful for the work of these wonderful people. They have faithfully kept the service to youth as their motivation. Their and my own driving principle has been, "what is BEST for the kids?" In my fifty-three years in Scouting, I have not seen a more dedicated group of individuals than those I had the honor of working with in this council. For this, I thank each of you with all my heart.

What has kept me involved in Scouting for all of these years? My life was positively changed for the better by my involvement in Scouting. I have also seen what it has done for my family, for our children, for our grandchildren, and for an untold number of other youth and adults I have shared the program with or sat around a mountain campfire with. I often say that Scouting does as much for adults as it does for youth and I am sure that this is not a stretch. Even in my ripe old age, I gain much more each day I contribute to the program. For this reason, I may be reluctantly stepping down as president, but my wife and I are not going away. We still haven't paid the debt we owe the Boy Scouts of America. See you at the trail head!

Commissioner's Comments



Neal Oshiro
Council
Commissioner

It seems like we're just getting underway with spring only to realize that summer is just around the corner. I'm sure your program calendar is filled with all sorts of fun activities.

While you're busy gearing up for spring and summer events, there's one very important area to which I'd like you to pay very close attention: your unit's leadership in the fall.

You might be thinking there's a whole lot of time between now and the start of the next school year to identify replacement leaders, but I ask you to think again. As this school year draws to a close, most people will be focusing on non-scouting activities associated with the coming of summer, as well as planning and preparing for scouting events. It will become very easy to overlook the unit's future leadership composition.

Now is a great time of the year to identify new leaders. Now is the time to engage them in your unit's program and get them gradually accustomed to a leadership role. It will also give them ample opportunities to get training. A few units have a pretty effective program of leadership progression. Some of them involve a year round plan, which I strongly encourage, but even those programs generally ramp up at this time of year to ensure new leaders are ready to roll in September.

I certainly want you to enjoy your spring and summer activities; they're fun. But, allocate some effort now to take stock of who your leaders will be after the summer is over. Your unit commissioner will help you out. A last minute scramble is no fun, especially for your commissioner. If you haven't already started some early leadership planning, please do so very soon. You'll be thankful you did.



Duane Rhodes
Scout Executive

In My Corner

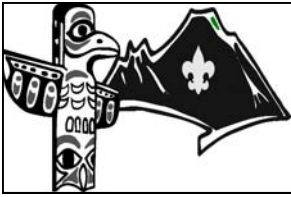
You already have a Scouting to-do list; this is a list of things I want to point out that are going very well in our council:

Camping - Boy Scout summer camps will have record attendance this year. Cub Scout day camps and resident camps have strong initial sign-up, still in progress.

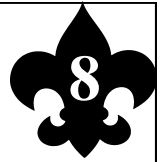
Training - We continue to rank each month in the top five of all 302 councils in the nation.

Community Service - Year-round, we are the leaders in community service across our five-county area, teaching young people the duty and satisfaction of helping others through hundreds of projects.

Yes, we have a lot more to do, but we also have a lot to be proud of, and every once in a while we need to remember that.



District Details



Island

Orcas, Shaw, Fidalgo, Whidbey, San Juan Island and San Juan

Chairman - Vacant

District Commissioner - Vacant

District Director - Duc Button, 425-350-9602, dbutton@mountbakerbsa.org

***Meetings at St. Stephans Ch., 555 SE Regatta Dr. OH**

****Meetings at Oak Harbor**

**Chamber of Commerce,
32630 SR 20 Oak Harbor**

www.mountbakerbsa.org/districts/island

May 2009

- 1/3 -District Camporee—M-Bar-C Ranch, South Whidbey
- 6 -District Committee mtg—Oak Harbor, Chamber of Commerce 7pm
- 7 -Order of the Arrow mtg—Anacortes Village Pizza, 8th & Comm. 7pm
- 14 -Roundtable—Oak Harbor St. Stephans Church, 7pm
- 20 - Eagle Scout projects/boards—Oak Harbor St. Stephans Church, 7pm
- 29 -Key Three mtg—TBD
- 29-31 -Webeloree

June 2009

- 3-District Commissioner's Meeting
- 3-District Committee Meeting
- 4-OA Chapter Meeting
- 11-Roundtable
- 17-Eagle Scout projects/boards



Klahaya

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Quality District 1997 1998 2000 2001 2002 2003 2005 2006 2007

Chairman - Dennis McNamara, 360-223-1279, ispydox@aol.com

Dist. Commissioner-David Read, 360-805-5841, david.read@callison.com

Vice-Chair Program-Dan Savage, 425-308-1776, dansavage@comcast.net

Training Chair - Kory Miller, 360-668-2419, korywm@verizon.net

Executive-James Monroe, 425-338-0380x110, klahaya@mountbakerbsa.org

NOTE: District Committee Meeting location is at Canyon Creek Cabinet, 16726 Tye St SE, Monroe

NOTE: Roundtable, Commissioner and Order of the Arrow Meetings at Snohomish LDS, 8522 131st Av SE, Snohomish

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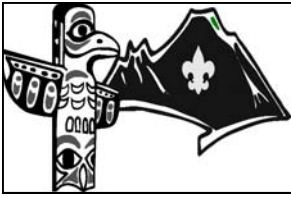
May 2009

- 2 -Centennial Trail Clean Up
- 5 -District Committee Meeting: 7:00 PM
- 9 -Merit Badge Clinic 8:30 AM Lake Stevens LDS Building
Citizenship in the World, Model Design & Building
- 14-District Roundtable: 7:30 PM **Program Planning Packets will be distributed**
- Cub Scout Roundtable-A Campin' We Will Go**
- Boy Scout/Varsity Scout-Making Annual Plans: Prepare, Plan & Publish**
- Venturing Scout Roundtable- to be announced**
- 14-District Commissioner Staff Meeting: 7:30 PM
- 14-Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting: 7:30 PM
- 20-District Eagle Board of Review- Scouts will be notified of location

June 2009

- 2 -District Committee Meeting: 7:00pm
- 6 -Merit Badge Clinic—LDS Church Lake Stevens, 10120 Chapel Hill Rd. 8:30 AM— Badges to be announced
- 11 -District Roundtable: 7:30pm
Cub Scout Roundtable—Be a Sport
- Boy Scout/Varsity Scout Roundtable—Health Care**
- Venturing Scout Roundtable—to be announced**
- 11-District Commissioner Staff Meeting: 7:30pm
- 11-Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting 7:30pm
- 17-District Eagle Board of Review—Scouts will be notified of location
- 20-Commissioners Conference-for all Unit Commissioners, Roundtable Commissioners, ADC's, etc.

*For more information see the
Drumbeat
in your unit mailbox
or visit the district website*



District Details



Puget Sound

Bothell, Brier, Canyon Park, Edmonds, Lynnwood,
Mountlake Terrace,
Mukilteo, Mill Creek & Woodway

Chairman - Shannon Roeder, 425-248-5455, sroeder@verizon.net
Commissioner - Rob Jezek, 425-742-0989, rjezek@verizon.net
Executive - Robert Dockter, 425-275-7362 rdockter@mountbakerbsa.org

Roundtable & Order of the Arrow at Mountlake Terrace LDS
22015 48th Ave W, Mountlake Terrace
District Committee Meetings at Alderwood Manor Youth Club
19719 24th Ave. W
District Commissioner Meetings at Lynnwood LDS 17321 44th Ave.,
Lynnwood
www.mountbakerbsa.org/districts/pugetsound

**Support Scouting by contributing to
Friends of Scouting.
The goal is 100% participation.
Please turn in the pledge cards as soon
as possible.**

May 2009

1/3-Scout Olympic Camporee at Camp Brinkley
7 -District Committee Meeting 7:30PM
14-Roundtable 7:30PM
14-OA Chapter Meeting 7:30PM
15/17-Introduction to Outdoor Skills at Fire Mtn.
16-BALOO
16-Court of Honor at Fire Mountain 6:00PM
26-District Commissioner's Meeting 7:00PM

June 2009

4-District Committee Meeting 7:30PM
5/7-OA Lodge Meeting & Banquet
11-OA Chapter Meeting 7:30PM
11-Roundtable 7:30PM
20/25-National Youth Leadership Training
22/25-Day Camps at Lynndale Park
23-District Commissioner's Meeting 7:00PM



Skagit

Serving Families of Skagit County
Quality District 2006 2007 2008

Chairman - Arty Nakis, 360-856-0747,
art@edcoonline.com
Commissioner - Janie Palmer, 360-724-3176,
jandj@wavecable.com
Executive - Jim Summers, 360-421-1610,
jsummers@mountbakerbsa.org

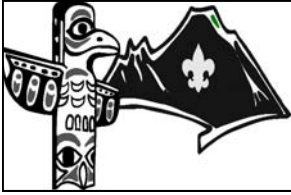
All District Committee Meetings at
Washington Federal Savings,
300 East Fairhaven Ave., Burlington
District Roundtable at Mount Vernon LDS Church,
1700 East Hazel St., Mount Vernon
www.mountbakerbsa.org/districts/skagit

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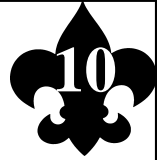
09-Cub Scout Specific Training
09 -Boy Scout Specific Training
09 -Varsity Specific Training
09-Venturing Specific Training
12 -Eagle Boards & Project Reviews, 7:00 p.m.
14 -Commissioner's Meeting 6:30 @ LDS Church
14 -Roundtable, 7:00 p.m., LDS Church, 1700 E. Hazel St, M.V.
14 -Order of the Arrow meeting, 7:00 p.m.
14 -New Leaders Essentials Training

June 2009

4-OA Chapter Meeting, 7:00pm
9-Eagle Boards & Project Reviews, 7:00pm
11- Commissioner's Meeting 6:30pm @ LDS Church
11-Roundtable, 7:00pm, LDS Church, 1700 E. Hazel St., M.V.
23-District Committee Meeting 7:00pm



District Details



Tillikum

Mukilteo, Mill Creek, and Everett

Chairman - Eric Salzer, 425-348-0923 ejsalzer@gmail.com
Vice Chair - Michele Suchan, 425-760-4812, msuchan@frontierbank.com
Commissioner - Richard Shurtz, 425- 670-6551, rshurtz@edlynlaw.com
Director - Duc Button, 425-350-9602, dbutton@mountbakerbsa.org

For the latest news and information, please visit the district's web site.

www.mountbakerbsa.org/districts/tillikum

**If NOT noted, ALL meetings are held @
LDS Ward 110-50th St. SW, Everett

The district would like to thank Stacey Robert for her years of service as District Membership Chair.

Please welcome Michele Johnson as the new District Membership Chair.

(425) 513-5662 shelleajohnson@comcast.net

May 2009

- 1/3-Camporee at Fire Mtn.
- 7-Roundtable/Eagle Board/OA Chapter Meeting 7PM
- 8-District Recognition Dinner and Auction 6:30PM
- 14-District Commissioner Meeting 7PM
- 16-District Pinewood Derby at Everett Mall 11AM
- 25-Offices Closed
- 28-District Committee Meeting 7PM

June 2009

- 4 -Roundtable/Eagle Board/OA Chapter Meeting 7PM
- 4 -District BBQ. Bring a side dish or dessert to share. 7PM
- 11-District Commissioner Meeting 7PM
- 16-Council Coordinated Meeting 7:30PM
- 25-District Committee Meeting 7PM



Tyee

Arlington, Marysville, Camano Island, Granite Falls, Lakewood, Stanwood and Darrington

Chairman - Dewaine Craig, 360-474-8376, dbcraig93@hotmail.com
Vice Chair LDS/BSA relations - Paul Willard, 425-252-6500, paulwillard@hotmail.com
Commissioner - Ken Young, 360-659-2401, Ken_young@verizon.net
Executive - Hilary Black-Ward, 425-931-3655, hblackward@mountbakerbsa.org

* District Committee at the Stillaguamish Senior Center

**Roundtable meetings at the Marysville LDS Church unless otherwise noted. The church is located at 9215-51st Ave. NE, Marysville.

www.mountbakerbsa.org/districts/tyee

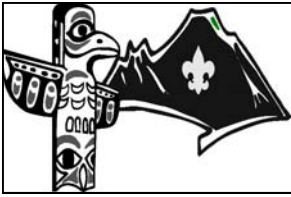
Commissioner meetings will be held before Roundtable meetings 6-7pm at the LDS Building-9251 51st Ave. Marysville

May 2009

- 2-Introduction to Outdoor Skills Part 2
- 2-Centennial Trail Clean-up—Tyee and Klahaya Districts' Annual Good Turn for America Project. For details contact Gary Larsen at garylarsen@rocketmail.com.
- 7-District Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 9-District Pioneering Day—Granite Falls. Open to Boy Scout Troops and Webelos Dens. Contact Ed Moore at eddrewmoore1@aol.com
- 14-Commissioners' Meeting 6:00pm
- 14-Roundtable 7:30pm LDS Church, 9251 51st Ave. Marysville
- 21-Eagle Boards 7:00pm Masonic Hall, Columbus and 5th Ave. Marysville

June 2009

- 4-District Committee Meeting 7:00pm
- 11-New Leader Essentials 6:00pm
- 11-Commissioner's Meeting 6:00pm
- 11-Roundtable 7:30pm LDS Church, 9251 51st Ave. Marysville
- 18-Eagle Boards 7:00pm



District Details



Whatcom

Serving Families of Whatcom County

Chairman - David Cottingham, 360-733-6668,

davidcottonham@msn.com

Commissioner - Pam Meyer, 360-647-0925,

whatcommish@gmail.com

Director - Peter Self, 360-224-7722,

pself@mountbakerbsa.org

Roundtable is held the 2nd Thursday of each month.

May 2009

7-Commissioners' Meeting 5:30pm

7-District Committee Meeting 6:00pm

14-OA Chapter Meeting 7:00pm

14-Roundtable 7:00pm

June 2009

4-Commissioner's Meeting 5:30pm

4-District Committee Meeting 6:00pm

11-OA Chapter Meeting 7:00pm

Report from a Mount Baker Council Scouter in Iraq

CDR Larry Douglas, US Navy deployed to Iraq in April 2008. In Baghdad he was assigned to a group assisting in the provincial economic reconstruction of Iraq. Tracking what economically is taking place, he traveled in the northern part of Iraq to the cities of Mosul, Tikrit and Samarra.

Larry is an Assistant Scoutmaster in Whatcom District's Troop 4006. He and his wife Sharon (also an ASM with the troop) have had two sons active in Scouting. Shortly after arriving in Iraq he got involved with the GZ (Green Zone) Scout Council, helping Boy and Girl Scouts. This was later changed to the IZ (International Zone). Assigned a troop role as the Assistant Quartermaster, he helped inventory and maintain several shipping containers of Scout camping equipment donated to the council.

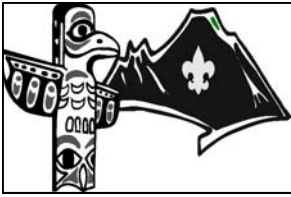
One weekend with 15+ military volunteers and civilians, they helped and directed approximately 30 GZ Scouts clean up and paint the playground equipment on one of Saddam's abandoned parks. For outdoor adventures, the Scouts use a 4 acre property surrounded by a 9' high concrete wall. This was formally one of Saddam's private hunting grounds. Approximately 120 scouts participating in camping and skill stations and Larry was responsible for teaching camp fire safety. The council uses the property for their annual Scout camp and for weekend training sessions.

As part of the Citizenship in the World Merit Badge, Troop 4006 Scouts wrote letters to GZ Scouts and the Troop's parent committee contributed \$240 worth of Scouting items. This included Mount Baker Council t-shirts and shoulder patches. Troop 4006 Scouts collected additional Scouting items such as first aid kits, flash lights, water bottles, compasses, and *Boy's Life* magazines. All this was shipped off to the GZ Council along with over 200 candy bars that Ferndale Cub Scout Pack 26 donated to service members in Iraq. Larry reported that all items were received and greatly appreciated!

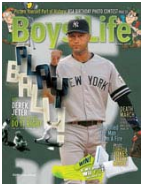
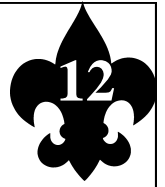
On February 4th, a few weeks before CDR Douglas was to depart Iraq, he was presented with the Iraq Service Knot for his service for the IZ council. As a token of thanks, the IZ Council also provided Troop 4006 with a US flag (picture included) that was flown over the council grounds in Baghdad. Troop 4006 will include both the flag presentation and recognition of Larry's Iraq Service Knot during their spring Court of Honor on May 1st, 7:00 pm at Bellingham Covenant Church, 1530 E. Bakerview Road in Bellingham.

Scouting started in Iraq in the 1930's and was very popular under the monarchy. When Saddam took it over, he militarized it which compromised the program. There had been Scout camps throughout Iraq but there are only 4 left today. American Scouters are helping to re-introduce World Scouting to the families in Iraq.





Council Program



Help Wanted – Boy's Life Promoter

The mission of *Boy's Life* magazine is to entertain and educate America's youth and to open their eyes to the joyous world of reading.

This is accomplished through a proven mix of news, nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting.

Scouts, Parents and Leaders like *Boy's Life* because it fosters reading, promotes faster advancement, stimulates support from the family for Scouting, encourages boys to stay in Scouting longer and it's an essential element of the program.

We are looking for Scouters to help promote *Boy's Life* to Scouts and their families throughout the council. If you have a passion for encouraging young people to develop good reading habits that will last them a lifetime contact James Monroe at jmonroe@mountbakerbsa.org or at 425 338 0380, x110.

Advancement and the Hummingbird

My daughter came back to the house from a walk a few days ago and announced she had to go back out and rescue a hummingbird she had found. I went with her, expecting to find an injured or nearly dead creature to have to bury after an obligatory stay in a shoebox full of tissue.

The bird was in the road and not moving. From the tip of its beak to the tip of the tail was not more than three and a half inches. It was clearly very young. I thought it had passed on until it feebly flapped its wings and flopped around upside down. The flapping was more like that of a sparrow than a hummingbird. We collected it in a shoebox and took it home.

After boiling some sugar in water for two minutes (to kill fungus and spores in the sugar) we fed Tam (my daughter names everything) with an eyedropper. Initially, he did not drink. Again my thought was he was a goner. A few minutes later, he started drinking like crazy! Have you ever seen the tongue of a hummingbird? Tam took off and started flying around the bathroom with the familiar buzzing sound only a hummingbird can make.

We caught Tam and fed him three more times before taking him outside. Once outdoors, he delayed on the edge of the shoebox for a few seconds, then shot off into the sky and disappeared.

Cute story... but how does it apply to advancement?



A unit can be like a small, starved hummingbird. If a unit is not doing well, is it getting enough advancement? Youth enjoy being recognized for their accomplishments. If a unit has not had a Court of Honor recently maybe that is all it needs to regain its strength and take off. A little advancement and recognition go a long way, like an eyedropper with some sugar water in it.



Enter The 2009 National Park Foundation Junior Ranger Essay Contest!



Hey Kids! National parks are great places to explore nature, discover exciting animals and plants, and have fun in the outdoors. Our national parks need everyone's help to remain America's most special places - including yours! So tell us what you think by answering this question: Why are our national parks important to you and what is your best idea to protect our parks for the future?

The First Prize winner will win a \$1,000 Visa gift card and the opportunity to direct a \$5,000 contribution from the National Park Foundation to his or her favorite national park. The funds will be used by the park to put into action big ideas like those included in the winning essay. The top three essays will be featured in the Junior Ranger Gazette and on the National Park Foundation website!

<http://www.nationalparks.org/get-involved/essay-contest/>

Trek Opportunities 2010

Mount Baker Council provides an annual opportunity for Scouts and Venturers to attend a trek to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico as part of a Council Contingent crew.

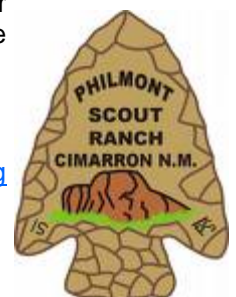
These crews are made up of Scouts 14 and older, from all units in the Council, especially for those units that are not large enough or lucky enough to get a Philmont trek on their own.

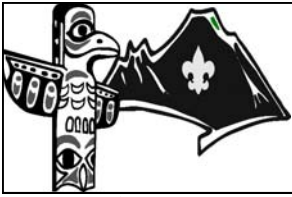
We are already taking registrations for the 2010 crew on a first come, first served basis. Units interested in filling up one of the two crews we have reserved can also apply.

Registration forms are available in both Council offices. Included are all fees, practice hike, air and ground transportation from Seattle airport.

For more information, please contact:
Jack Brown 360-647-1527 or
Philmont@MountBakerBSA.org
for details.

2010 dates: June 30-July 13
Budgeted Cost: \$1450





Council Program



CUB SCOUT PACKS NEED NEW TIGER CUB FAMILIES!

Tiger Cub Families will Provide Leadership for Years to Come

Questions: Why is there a Tiger Cub program and why are Tiger Cub families so important for Cub Scout packs?

Answer: These families will be the backbone of Pack leadership in the years to come so you can't afford to not add these special new families.

Recruit new Tigers into your Pack through sign-ups in schools or at Den and Pack events. Create an exciting opportunity for current kindergarten boys to get involved into your Tiger Cub Den, like a community-wide rain-gutter regatta. Invite all the kindergarten boys from your school, church or community network to a fun afternoon of sailboat racing.

And what about your Wolf, Bear and Webelos 1 Dens that have lost boys over the past Scouting program year? Consider fun and simple Pack outdoor activities to which your Scout's friends and neighbors could be invited.

Why Are Advancement Reports Important?

It is a very sad day when a Boy Scout, just prior to his 18th birthday, turns in his final paperwork for the rank of Eagle only to find out that he is missing pertinent information/records and his dream of becoming Eagle may not be achieved. How does this happen?

Along this young man's Scouting path, his troop's advancement person did not turn in an advancement report to document earned ranks and merit badges. Advancement reports must be turned in at one of the Mount Baker Council Scout Service Centers when purchasing rank and merit badges. If no report is turned in then no rank or merit badges can be sold and no history is entered into our system for the Scouts. It is mandatory that we know when a Scout earns his ranks and merit badges (all of which are mandatory to prove he has earned the rank of Eagle). Make it a great day for those future Eagles by turning in your unit's advancement reports. Did you know you can generate an advancement report on-line? There are a couple of advantages to doing an advancement report on-line: 1) at any given time units can see what the Scouting Service Centers show as being earned by the Scouts in the unit; and 2) units can see who is currently registered because a non-registered Scout will not appear on the screen. The advantage to the sad Scout above is that his rank and merit badge history could have been checked long before the Scout turned in his Eagle project. If you need more information on advancement reports, please call the Everett or Bellingham Service Centers.

ROUNDTABLE IS IMPERATIVE

You can't spell success without U!

U need to come to roundtable to receive ideas that will help make your unit successful

U need to come to roundtable to receive instructions that will help make your unit successful.

U need to come to roundtable to receive training to help make your unit successful.

U need to come to roundtable to ask questions of other leaders and peers to help make your unit successful.

U need to come to roundtable to receive motivation and encouragement to help make your unit successful.

U need to come to roundtable to support other units by sharing what helps make your unit successful.

Success is the progressive realization of a worthwhile dream.

Come to roundtable so U can learn to dream big!



Training



WOOD BADGE 2009

If you list tin foil cooking as a skill on your resume... You might have gone to Wood Badge!

In 1911, Baden-Powell took the first steps in training Scouting's adult leaders by organizing a series of lectures for Scouters. He made great strides in the years that followed, culminating in 1919 with the establishment of Wood Badge training. Wood Badge recipients now number more than 100,000 and can be found in all corners of the world.

A Scouter participating in Wood Badge has the opportunity to:

- Understand Scouting as a family of interrelated, values-based programs providing age-appropriate activities for youth.
- Recognize contemporary leadership concepts and discover how they are relevant to the Scouting movement.
- Apply the skills learned as a member of a successful working team.
- Revitalize their commitment to Scouting by sharing in an inspirational experience that provides Scouting with renewed leadership.

Many Scouters consider Wood Badge to be a peak experience of their Scouting careers. It has served as a source of training and inspiration to thousands.

The Wood Badge Experience:

There are two parts to Wood Badge in the Boy Scouts of America, the practical part and the application period. Both must be completed to receive the Wood Badge - two wooden beads to be worn around the neck on a leather thong.

The practical part is a two-weekend experience to demonstrate as practically as possible the aims and methods of Scouting. The course is a multifaceted presentation of leadership skills, organizational tools, and participatory activities based on the best Scouting traditions and the latest in team development theory. In addition, participants will enjoy the fellowship of learning along side many other Scouters, and along the way will have a great deal of fun.

The application part of Wood Badge is a period of up to 18-months during which the participants practice and demonstrate a working knowledge of the leadership principles presented during the course. This is accomplished by the use of the Wood Badge "ticket", which represents the participant's commitment to complete a set of personal goals related to their Scouting position. These goals will significantly strengthen the program in which the participant is involved.

Who can attend Wood Badge?

Wood Badge for the 21st century is for all leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. It has been developed for Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity Scout and Venturing leaders, as well as council and district leaders. The course content and leadership principles introduced apply to Scouters of all leadership positions and will provide a common foundation of leadership skills to be used throughout all program areas.

Qualifications:

Each Scouter invited to participate in Wood Badge training must be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America and have completed the basic training courses for their Scouting position. They must successfully complete a BSA class 3 physical.

Course Dates:

The course will be held over two weekends at Camp Fire Mountain in eastern Skagit County.

September 17-19, (Thursday – Saturday)

AND

October 8-10, (Thursday – Saturday)

More information and applications are available at the Mount Baker Council Service Centers in Everett (425) 338-0380 and Bellingham (360) 734-3940 and on the Council website at www.mountbakerbsa.org

Linda Domnick
Course Director

lmdomnick@comcast.net



Training



Orion National Youth Leadership Training Mount Baker Council BSA

June 22 – June 27, 2009
August 10 – August 15, 2009
Camp Black Mountain

Do you want to ramp the program of your Troop or Varsity Crew up to new levels you've never seen before? Send your youth leadership to find out about a tool box of leadership skills at Orion National Youth Leadership Training. They will learn much more than this, and most importantly, come home several feet off the ground, excited to run the unit with adult guidance.

The Toolbox of leadership skills

Vision – Goals – Planning – Creating a positive future
SMART Goals – Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Timely
Planning and Problem – Solving Tool – What, How, When, Who
Assessment Tool – SSC – Start, Stop, Continue
Teaching EDGE – Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, Enable
Stages of a Team – Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing
Leading EDGE – Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, Enable
Conflict Resolution Tool-EAR – Express, Address, Resolve
Ethical Decisions – Right vs. Wrong, Right vs. Right, Trivial
Communication - MeSeR – Message, Sender, Receiver
ROPE – Reach, Organize, Practice, Experience

Sign up now! The June course is filling very quickly and the early discount fee for the August course ends May 8. The cost is less than summer camp and the Opportunity Fund is available for those needing financial assistance.

Applications and more information are available at the service centers or on the council web site at www.mountbakerbsa.org/training/nylt/nylt.htm. You can also contact:

Eric Shellgren	erics@whidbey.com	425-330-0775
Jim Rhodes	jim.rhodes@shell.com	360-333-1569



Training



BALOO Training Registration (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)



Who: Any Cub Scout parent who wants a Pack Outdoor Program.
REGISTRATION IS LIMITED TO 40 PARTICIPANTS

When and Where: **There are a few spots left at the May 16, 2009 training. Sign up now!**

Saturday, May 16, 2009, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Check-in begins at 8:30 am) **AT**
Fire Mountain Scout Camp (26027 Walker Valley Road, Mount Vernon)

Why: Learn how to use the Pack Outdoor Program (*and go camping*)
Skills needed to go Pack camping
Resources available for your program
Safety rules that protect everyone (*national standards and guidelines*)
How the outdoor program reinforces good citizenship and character
Learn about our natural resources
Help develop and teach self-reliance
How to use it to supplement advancement

Cost: \$15.00
(*Includes continental breakfast, lunch, snacks, and materials.*)

Childcare: Childcare is not available

TAKE THE FORM BELOW AND FEES TO THE EVERETT OR BELLINGHAM OFFICE NO LATER THAN:

Saturday, May 9, 2009 for the May 16, 2009 course
You can also mail registration to the Everett Service Center at:



Mount Baker Council
1715 - 100th Place SE #B
Everett, WA 98208
ATTN: BALOO



Questions? Contact BALOO Coordinator: Mary Jo Brentari, 360.333.8139 or islandhut@comcast.net

- PLEASE FILL OUT A SEPARATE FORM FOR EACH PARTICIPANT -

Saturday, May 16, 2009 (Fire Mountain Scout Camp) from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Name of Trainee _____ Pack # _____ District _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State: Washington Zip Code _____
Phone (_____) _____ E-mail (write clearly) _____

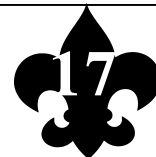
I would like to spend Friday night, before training, at Camp? _____ Yes _____ No
(*No additional fee will be charged for camping on Friday night but you will need to bring your own gear and food.*)

Make checks payable to, "Mount Baker Council BSA" and write "BALOO 2009" in memo section.

Total Fees Paid \$ _____



Training



TRAINING CONTINUUM

This chart will help you to better understand what training is required for your registered Scouting position.

* Required Training
** Recommended Training

	ONLINE COURSE	Tiger Cub den leader	Den leader (Wolf/Bear) Assistant den leader	Webelos den leader Astd. Webelos den ldr.	Assistant Cubmaster	Cubmaster	Pack committee	Scoutmaster Assistant Scoutmaster	Troop committee	Varsity Scout Coach Asst. Var. Scout Coach	Var. team committee	Crew associate Advisor	Crew Advisor	Crew committee	Scout Parent unit coordinator Skipper Mate	Commissioner	Chartered organization representative	
Required Adult Leadership Courses																		
Fast Start (for your specific program level)	✓	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	**	**	*
This is Scouting! (replaces New Leader Essentials)	✓	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	**	**	**
OR New Leader Essentials, offered until 7/09																		
Tiger Cub Den Leader Specific		*																
Cub Scout Den Leader Specific			*															
Webelos Den Leader Specific				*														
Cubmaster Specific					*													
Pack Committee Specific						*									**		**	
Scoutmaster Leader Specific								*										
Troop Committee Challenge	✓								*		*				**		**	
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills								*		*								
Varsity Coach Leader Specific										*								
Venturing Leader Specific												*	*	*	**		**	
Youth Protection Training - must renew every 2 yrs.	✓	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					*		
Venturing Youth Protection - must renew every 2 yrs.	✓											*	*	*				
Scout Parent Unit Coordinator Training	✓														*			
Commissioner Basic Training	•															*		
Chartered Organization Representative Training	•																*	

Supplemental Courses

Roundtable		Monthly leaders' meeting providing latest news and program resources - for all.
BALOO (Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation)		Required of at least 1 adult giving leadership on a pack overnighter.
Hazardous Weather - valid for 2 yrs.	✓	Required of at least 1 adult giving leadership on an outing.
Safe Swim Defense - valid for 2 yrs.	✓	Required of at least 1 adult giving leadership to an activity with water activities.
Safety Afloat - valid for 2 yrs.	✓	Required of at least 1 adult giving leadership to an outing with water craft.
Climb on Safely - valid for 2 yrs.	✓	Required orientation for anyone organizing a climbing/rappelling program.
Trek Safely - valid for 2 yrs.	✓	Designed to help youth & adult leaders plan and carry out safe outings.
Staffing the District Committee	✓	Helps district Scouters achieve the mission, goals & objectives of the district.
Generational Diversity	✓	Helps us appreciate the diverse ages/life experiences within our organization.
Trainer's Edge		Required training for Wood Badge/NYLT staff—for all wanting to develop skills.
University of Scouting		One day event offering 100+ classes—for all program levels

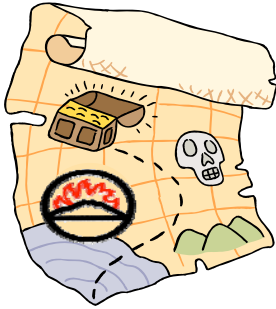
Advanced Courses

Wood Badge		Advanced training in leadership & team development—for all program levels.
Sea Badge		Advanced training in leadership & team development—for Sea Scout adults.
Powder Horn		High Adventure resource management. For all; targets Venturing/Boy Scout adults.

Visit www.scouting.org for online training courses as well as numerous training modules and power point presentations.



Outdoor Program



CUB SCOUT OVERNIGHT RESIDENT CAMP



JULY 8 – 11

FIRE MOUNTAIN SCOUT CAMP

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP YET?

CUB CAMPING FOR PACKS, DENS AND INDIVIDUALS

PIRATES OF CULTUS

CONTACT THE SCOUT OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION

CUB SCOUT CAMPING AVAILABLE

Scouting means outings. Ask a Cub Scout why he wants to be a Scout and you will almost always hear, "To go camping". That is what all Scouts do.

Your pack and dens have a great opportunity to put the outing in Scouting this year. The process is simple.

1. Have an adult in your pack take the BALOO Training. Meeting this National Standard will help assure your overnight camping experience will be a fun and safe experience.
2. After choosing a place to camp have your BALOO Trained adult and one other adult member of the pack visit the chosen site to insure it has the required facilities as defined in the BALOO Training Packet. Most federal, state, county and city parks, with full amenities, do not need a visitation.
3. Fill out and turn in to the Scout office the appropriate Tour Permit, at least two weeks before the camping event.
4. Have a plan B and have a great Cub Scout Overnight Camp Out.

To save some of the planning steps above, the Mount Baker Council offers many opportunities to take your Cub Scouts camping overnight.

The Memorial Day Family Camp: May 23 – 25 (Fire Mountain only)

Cub Resident Camp: July 8 – 11 (Fire Mountain only)

In addition to those opportunities, each parent can spend quality time on an overnight with his or her Scout, at Fire Mountain.

Fun Fest: June 20-21 and June 19 – 21

Fun With Son Overnights: August 21 – 22

Mark your calendars and start your planning now. It's never too early to plan your pack or den overnight camping event.

For more information on Cub Scout Overnight Camping provided by Mount Baker Council Camps contact the Everett Scout Office @ 425-338-0380.





Outdoor Program



What Are You Doing



Next Summer?

Join the Scout Camp Staff!

Adult and Youth Positions Available!

Be a part of a team that will be second to none in fun and can help you to further develop your leadership skills.

For Black Mountain:  Email Jim Summers
at jsummers@mountbakerbsa.org
or call him at
(360) 421-1610 for details.

For Fire Mountain:  Email Jim Hovis
at jhovis@mountbakerbsa.org
or call him at
(206) 235-4322 for details.

REQUIRED UNIT LEADERSHIP TRAINING AVAILABLE AT SUMMER CAMPS

Does your Troop, Pack or Crew Leadership meet the National Training Requirements to provide a safe and well organized outing for your unit?

Did you know that before your unit can participate in certain types of outings one or more of the adult leaders going on the outing needs to be trained for that type of outing? In particular if your unit plans to do any water related outing or go climbing or trekking, The Boy Scouts of America has training opportunities and requirements that must be met before an outing can occur.

If your unit would like to go boating or swimming one or more adults must be trained in Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat and be at the event. If your unit plans a climbing outing an adult must be trained in Climb on Safely. Likewise, adult leaders in your unit should attend a Trek Safely training session before leading a trek. And Leave No Trace training should be part of every leader's portfolio.

Throughout the year, most district Roundtables provide these trainings for adult leaders during their regular sessions. You can contact each District Roundtable Commissioner for their training schedule. What many leaders do not know is that all of these trainings are offered in one place, every week during Summer Camp operations.

Both Camp Black Mountain and Fire Mountain Scout Camp offer all these trainings each week camp is in session. At Black Mountain, Safe Swim Defense/Safety Afloat, Climb on Safely, and Trek Safely are offered starting the week of July 12, continuing each week through August 15th. The specific day an individual training is offered may change, so be sure to contact camp before showing up.

Fire Mountain will begin offering training the week of July 9, continuing through the week of August 13. Again, a camp activity sometimes requires the schedule to be changed so make sure to contact camp before you go.

The tentative days chosen for training at both camps is Tuesday: Safety Afloat/ Safe Swim Defense, Wednesday: Climb on Safely, Thursday: Leave No Trace, and Friday Trek Safely is taught. There is no fee for the trainings but a call to camp to let them know you are coming is in order. Trained cards will be issued at each camp. Be a good leader. Be trained. Be prepared.



Outdoor Program



Summer Camp Staff Needed

**** Specific Open Positions ****

Camp Black Mountain and Fire Mountain Scout Camp, the Boy Scout resident camps of the Mount Baker Council, are looking for mature leaders with a passion for the out of doors and helping today's youth experience it. Positions available include but are not limited to:

C.O.P.E. Director (must be 21)

Waterfront Director (must be 21)

Conservation and Ecology Director

Climbing Director (must be 21)

Mountain Sports Director (includes mountain biking and mountain boarding)

And much, much more!

Positions are also available for those who are 16 - 21.

Interviews are ongoing with and are scheduled by appointment.

Camp Black Mountain will need staff from July 5 - August 9, 2009

Fire Mountain will need staff from June 25 - August 15, 2009

For more information about Camp Black Mountain Staff contact Jim Summers (360) 421-1610

or e-mail jsummers@mountbakerbsa.org

For more information about Fire Mountain Scout Camp Staff contact Jim Hovis (206) 235-4322

Or e-mail jhovis@mountbakerbsa.org



Sikhs Mox Lamonti OA Lodge to Sponsor Work Party at Camp Black Mountain

Our very own Camp Black Mountain sustained a lot of damage during the December storms and the subsequent flooding of Silver Lake. At one point, the lake was above the flag pole on the parade field. When the snow melted, a landslide almost completely covered the COPE road right by the ranges, and a torrential Maple Creek washed out both the road and the culvert on the way out to Totem Village.

When the LEC heard about this, we decided that it was time for "The clan that cheerful service brings to fellow man" to jump in – the lodge! So, we have scheduled a work party at Black Mountain on the 16th of May. More details will be available soon on the website (www.mountbakerbsa.org/oa). Here is what we do know:

1. Going to Black Mountain is always a lot of fun!
2. There will be lots of cheerful service to be done – we have a list of 72 jobs that we could work on.
3. We need lots of people to make the weekend effective – come and bring all your OA friends!
4. There will be a cost for the weekend to help pay for your meals. You will need your Medical form (at least Parts A and C or old Class 1).
5. You should come and help get our camp ready for the summer, because that is what the OA is about!

The lodge invites members and non-members to join in giving service to this great camp!





Outdoor Program



Council Camps Wish List

Do you have any of these items in good condition that you could donate to camp?

Please contact Jim Hovis at (206) 235-4322 if you can help with any of these items.

- Have troop or other group build wheel-chair trail to fishing dock
- Sturdy work bench
- Benches for camp site fire bowl
- Steel rings for camp site fire pit
- 3/4" T&G exterior plywood
- PT 2X4's 8 & 10 ft. lengths
- Anvil
- Medium sized vice
- Spring steel rake



Summer 2009	Total Site Capacity	Week 1-FULL	Week 2	Week 3-FULL	Week 4	Week 5
Fire Mountain		July 12-18	July 19-25	July 26-Aug 1	Aug 2-8	Aug 9-15
		Unit	Unit	Unit	Unit	Unit
Blackhawk**	24	50	412/71	431*	36*	9
Chief Joseph	18	490*	419	618*	180*	1513*
Cochise**	18	707*	367	698*	222	850*
Crazy Horse	44	400*	423*	51*	150*	*
Duckett	12	*	*	4055	465	579*
Enumclaw**	32	1541*	206	84	49	24
Geronimo	18	60*	115*	1523*	14	4079
Lakota	18	*		4036	80	9518*
Little Beaver**	32	42	483*	274*	61	22/12
Nooksack	32	138/38	T86	92	191	*
Oglalla**	18	*	*	4097	29	82
Osceola**	20	4007	398*	137	446*	1
Red Cloud**	16	*	66*	597*	4427	4082
Running Deer**	32	91	172*	101*	565*	596-3/549-5
Sitting Bull	26	19th Seymour	222*	71*	637*	4063
Tecumseh	18	577*	*	413	182	65
War Eagle	44	220*/ 4057	312	411*	422*	975*

Camp Work Party Corner

Black Mtn.
(first Saturday)
April 4
May 2

Contact to reserve lunch:
Jeremy Casados
360-599-2854

Fire Mtn.
(second Saturday)
April 11
May 9

Contact to reserve lunch:
Ted Carpenter
425-778-8678
Dennis Ross
360-422-6542

For overnight camping reservations, please contact the **Everett Office** at 425-338-0380.

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Black Mountain		July 12-18	July 19-25	July 26-Aug 1	Aug 2-8
		Unit	Unit	Unit	Unit
Big Rock	28	189	4003	*	4081
Blue Water	22	*	*	*	4078
Cedar Cove	38	4020	4067	361*	89/9208*
Circling Eagles	14	4053	4051	380	
Eagle's Nest	24	288	363	183	57
High Ridge	20	1*	673*	4074	19
Maple Point**	60	4001	571*	Bothell	4059/187
Osprey Heights	10	23	*	T177*	44
Totem Village**	40	36	571*	945*	4098/4027*

* indicates Out of Council Units

** Adirondacks

Council Calendar

Mount Baker Council Scout Shops



May 2009

- 2 Black Mountain Work Party
- 9 Fire Mountain Work Party
- 10 *Mother's Day*
- 16 Council Court of Honor
- 16 BALOO at Camp Fire Mountain
- 21 OA LEC 7:30pm
- 23/25 Council Offices closed
- 25 *Memorial Day*

June 2009

- 5/7 OA Business Meeting & Banquet at Fire Mountain
- 6 Black Mountain Work Party
- 12/13 Family Camping at Camp Fire Mountain
- 13 Fire Mountain Work Party
- 13 Executive Board Offsite
- 16 Commissioner Cabinet Meeting 7:30pm
- 18 Executive Committee Meeting 7:30am
- 19/20 Commissioner Conference at Camp Fire Mountain
- 20/25 NYLT
- 21 *Father's Day*

July 2009

- 3 Council offices closed
- 4 *Independence Day*
- 16 Executive Board Meeting/Dinner at Black Mountain

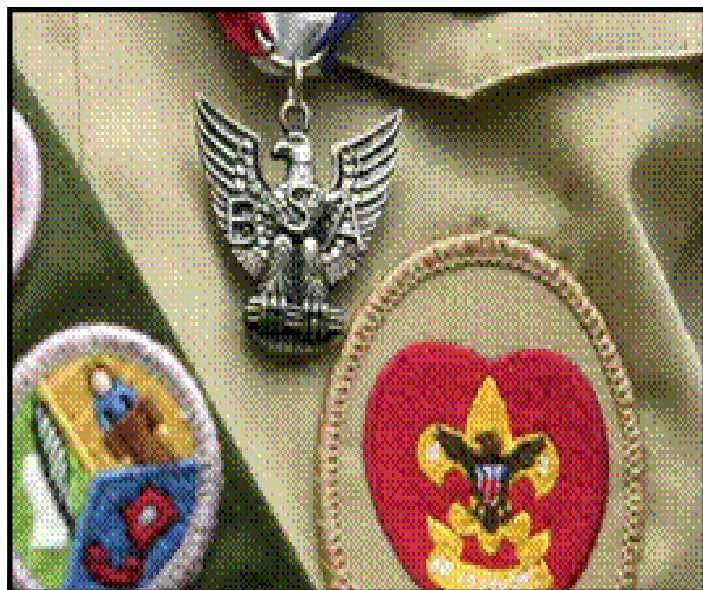


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