



SCOUT DISPATCH

NEWSLETTER OF NORTH CASCADES DISTRICT | MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL

Construction City Around the Corner



Webelos looking to get their Engineer have the opportunity to do with scouts from across the District at "Construction City"!! This has been a program traditional run by Skagit District that North Cascades is continuing to support. The 2020 Construction

City will be held January 18th at the Burlington Home Depot. Find out more about Construction City on the program page at northcascadesscouting.org

"To me, resilience is about that 'never give up' spirit. It's about getting back on our feet when life sometimes kicks us down. It's about finding the courage within to keep going – despite the odds, despite the obstacles. Over two thirds of parents – 67% – believe that being a Scout helps young people develop this skill, but we want to help all young people. That's why we've come up with these six brilliantly simple ways to develop resilience, and I'd encourage every young person to try them."

Bear Grylls - Chief Scout Ambassador, WOSM

Want to learn more about Chief Grylls's and the Scout Associations work on resilience check out the post on the North Cascades Facebook Page

District Calendar

December

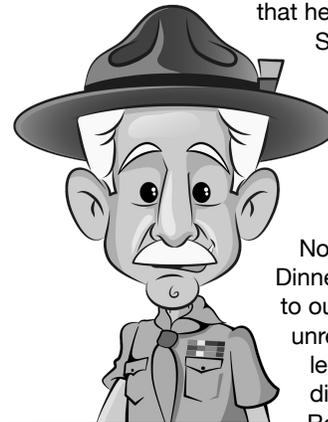
11- District Program Meeting via Join.Me
18 - District Finance Meeting via Join.Me
19- Commissioner Staff Meeting
27-31 Bellingham Service Center Closed for Inventory

January

8 - District Program Meeting via Join.Me
15 - District Finance Meeting via Join.Me
16- Commissioner Staff Meeting
18 - Construction City Webelos Event
23- District Executive Committee Meeting
25 - Council University of Scouting

Baden-Powell Dinners

So we hope you know who Baden-Powell, but if you don't the quick answer is that he was the Founder of Scouting and Chief Scout of the World, for more about Baden-Powell see "Two Lives of a Hero".



Now back to the Dinners. With the change to our new District it was unrealistic to expect unit leaders from across the district to meet for Roundtable in a central location and it would be a lot of effort to conduct multiple Roundtables for the turn out that had been traditional attending. With modern technology it's pretty easy to get information out by email, or keep the website up to date. But we lose some of the interpersonal relationships if we rely on a website to keep the flame of Scouting going.

Enter the BP Dinner. Each month starting in January on the 4th Wednesday of the month our District Director, Sven Gilkey, will be hosting a dinner in Bellingham, Burlington, and Oak Harbor at a restaurant chosen by popular vote. It will be a buy your own meal dinner but it will give Scouters from across the district the opportunity to meet. You don't have to wait for the dinner nearest you, if your up for the drive all are welcome but quarterly the dinner will be hosted in each of the legacy districts.

RSVP and vote on the next location at northcascadesscouting.org ! Sven is looking forward to spending time with unit leaders and scouters from across the entire district so don't leave him alone at the table, plan on joining him for a Baden-Powell Dinner!

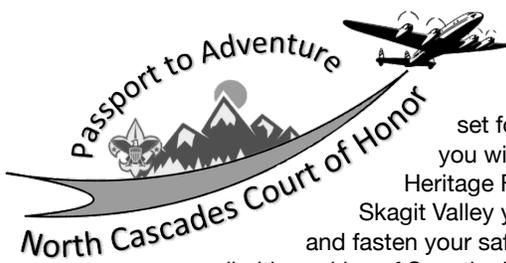
Nominations for District Awards

With the combining of three sets of awards and traditions the North Cascades District program committee will be announcing nominations for adult volunteer awards in the coming weeks. These awards will be designed to recognize volunteers both at the district and unit level for their efforts to bring quality Scouting program to the youth of our community. Please keep an eye out for these nomination requests and think of who in your unit could be nominated for recognition. Included in these nominations will be the District Award of Merit which is the highest honor the District can bestow for service at the District level.



University of Scouting - January

The Mount Baker Council is excited to host the University of Scouting this January 25th where scouters from across the Council can learn about how to bring the spice to Scouting that keeps kids engaged as they also grow in character, citizenship and leadership. You Can find out more about the upcoming University of Scouting at mountbakerbsa.org



Plan for Take Off!

The 2020 District Court of Honor is set for March 28th and it is not an event you will want to miss out on! Held at the The Heritage Flight Museum off of Highway 20 in Skagit Valley you will need to stow your carry on and fasten your safety belt for this adventure into the limitless skies of Scouting! Tickets will be available for coach and first class seating in mid January at northcascadesscouting.org

Sign your Pack Camp Coordinator Up

Cub Day camp is almost 8 months away BUT we are only a little over two months away from Day Camp promo materials going out to packs to start promoting at Blue and Golds and Pack meetings. We are in search of every pack having a 2020 Day Camp Coordinator that will be able to promote Day Camp as well as helping families get registered for Day Camp. The national 2020 Theme is "Down on the Farm" and the Mount Baker Council Day Camp team is already

working on its program. So don't let you pack get behind on this program, remember that scouts are 70% more likely to stay in scouting if they attend Day Camp! For a pack to take advantage of the Early Bird rate every pack will need to have a coordinator so don't let you pack get locked out of the lower price.

Sign you Day Camp Coordinator at northcascadesscouting.org



From the Editor

Scout Rob Checking In! WOW 2019 is almost over and I'm not really sure where the time has gone. We started the year with three districts and have ended with one. As we get through the re-charter process for 2020 District leaders are working to develop better communications and plans for the future to make North Cascades even better. When I was a young 17 year old

staff member I was taught about the BIG "E" which stood for **enthusiasm**. With enthusiasm a small staff could turn a back woods scout camp into the Disneyland of Scouting, but we had to have that Big E. In the same way any pack or troop, and yes even our North Cascades District can be made better with enough enthusiasm. Attitude by no stretch of the imagination can

fix everything but on the opposite end it can ruin anything really quick. As we gear up for 2020 and the launch of our first full year as a new District think of ways we can do things better, then embrace the Big E so that such plans and endeavors can be made happen with the best possible attitude possible. Thank you all for what you do for Scouting!

District Site on Council Website Up and Running

Looking for info about what is going on in North Cascades District? Have you checked the district website? You can find the district page by going to northcascadesscouting.org, we are working to get important information up on the site as well as resources so that it can be a place to find not only info about upcoming events but also district operations and unit resources you might otherwise have to hunt for on the national or council website. If you have suggestions or are having difficulty finding something don't hesitate to reach out to District Director Sven at sven.gilkey@scouting.org.



Schedule Your Pack or Troops FOS Presentation

With our new North Cascades District we have over 50 units to insure have their Friends of Scouting presentations this spring and with that many dates/times/locations we want to get a jump on getting them all on the calendar ASAP! You can sign your unit up by visiting northcascadesscouting.org

Planning has also begun for three FOS events across the District to help raise community support for the need dollars that provide program to almost 1500 scouts across North Cascades District. We also need to make sure that every family that is effected by the Scouting Movement also has the opportunity to support local Scouting. Not every family will be able to give much but if we all give what we can vital services such as our Service Centers, membership campaigns and Camping programs can be everything our youth need them to be.