

HOT SHEET

Scouting News for the Month of April

Presented by the Great Chinook District



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Adult Leader Training is available in our district. Please ask our training chair, Sharon Kuroda, 360-423-6564 about upcoming training opportunities.

Good Turn for America: Does your unit reported all of your service hours? When you participate in Tree Plants, Goodwill Day, Scouting for Food, or other unit-organized service projects, please make certain that all your hours are reported by the end of the year. This way we'll have an accurate measure of Scouting's impact in our council! Report hours at the project website: www.goodturnforamerica.org. You'll need a password to report your unit's service projects on the website. Get it from district executive name; he/she has a list of passwords.

Are Your Boys Signed-up for Camp? Cub Scouts (including Tigers) and Boy Scouts can attend camp this summer; a tremendous way to keep them excited in Scouting!

Contact 503.226.3423 about available sessions, or visit www.cpcbsa.org for a up-to-date list of open dates and reservation forms. **See you at camp!**

Be sure to get your Scouts' **Goodwill Day** segments and patches by turning in a roster of participating youth at roundtable. Each boy who participated gets a segment, plus a patch if he collected 10 or more bags of donated items. You can also submit names at www.cpcbsa.org/register just look for the Goodwill Good Turn reporting link!

Youth Leadership Training: Sogus & Polaris

The council offers two Junior Leader Training courses for Boy Scout youth: **Polaris** serves Scouts age 13 -14, **Sogus** serves ages 14-17. Scoutmasters recently received a packet including the reservation form and other details on these tremendous leadership-building courses.

Day Camp Shirts Free to Early-Birds

Day camp shirts will continue to be free in 2008 **for boys whose fees are paid by the early-bird date of May 16, 2008** when the den also submits a Day Camp Shirt Order Form by that date. This will benefit dens by providing shirts pre-packaged as ordered. Every den is encouraged to pay fees by the early-bird date of May 16th and also submit the Day Camp Shirt Order Form by May 16th. By doing these two things, the den will pay a reduced rate for camp, and be assured of their (free!) shirts being ready for them upon arrival at camp.

Earth Day is April 22nd!

Urban parks provide a range of benefits to communities, ranging from air and

water purification to building a sense of community. Recreation opportunities in parks can help to reduce crime by offering young people activities to fill their time and building skills and self esteem. The neighborhoods most in need of recreation opportunities and open space generally have the least parkland, the fewest facilities, and the greatest difficulties maintaining them as safe havens. The single largest source of funding for parks, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, has faced substantial cuts in recent years, and funding for urban parks has taken a back seat to other programs.

You can help! Get your unit together on Earth Day and work to improve conditions at your local park.

By showing up in uniform at a local park you can show the community that the Boy Scouts of America care about the environment and are doing something to help.

Wood Badge is the premier training program for all Scout leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. This includes all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity and Venturing Leaders, as well as Professional Scouters. Wood Badge is designed to train adult volunteers using the latest leadership skills and techniques. It is once in a life time training experience and space is available for the fall course, August 21-23 and Sep 11-13. Please register online at www.cpcbsa.org/register.

Friends of Scouting

We are over half way to the finish and only at about 50% of goal for both the Family and Community Campaign. Please do all you can to get the donations in and keep asking. If we don't get this done by the middle of May – we will have to work on it for the rest of the year and it will take away from other things going on. Let's finish this on goal on time just like last year. Then we will be that much closer to Centennial Quality District, 2009.

Camporee

Are you registered for the Camporee going on April 25-27? This is going to be a great event to attend this year. We need to get staff still, please sign up to staff if you can to help out. Dan Kersenbrock is the contact: dakandmdk@hotmail.com.

Membership

We are looking for new members and those Tiger Cubs to join for our Spring

Membership Roundup. Please see Jesse Ramirez at the breakout for information on how to get kids involved – and work on getting the Tigers, kindergarteners, involved now so you have them in June.

We are over half full in the Day Camp at Trojan Park this summer, so it is important to get the kids signed up and registered now so they can go. Once a Tiger Cub goes to camp they will be hooked!