CASCADE PACIFIC COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# BRIDGE BUILDER

Scouting News
December-2012

Presented by the
Calapooia District

## Fall Calendar of Events

**December**
**6 District Commissioners Mtg**
**8 District Retreat @10am**
**8 Mom and Me (Council)**
**13 LDS FOS Kickoff @ 6pm**
**13 FOS Family Kickoff @7:15pm –during Roundtable**
**13 Roundtable**
**13 OA Meeting**
**24-25 All Offices Closed***

- **The office and scout shop will be closed for Christmas. Please plan ahead for Pack Meeting and Troop Courts of Honors.**

**January**
**1 New Years Day-Office Closed**
**3 District Committee**
**3 Commissioner Staff Meeting**
**10 Roundtable**
**10 OA Meeting**
**12 Leader Specific Training**
**21 Martin Luther King Jr.-Office Closed**
**24 FOS Turn-in-Albany Office @ 5pm to 7pm**

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**Key District Staff**

Brian Roberts-District Chair
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Richard Chandler-District Commissioner
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## Key Priorities for next 60 days.

- Take online or attend in person Training.
- Set Unit Friend of Scouting goal
- Set Friends of Scouting Unit presentation Date.
- Turn in Scouting for Food Roster.
- Log in to Good Turn for America and report service projects.
- Troops Sign up 2014 Summer Camp Sign up for 2013 Summer Camp.
- Recruit Spring Candy Sale Chair
- Have all leaders update their myscouting.org profile to include their membership ID number so all their online training will connect with Scoutnet.

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## All Leaders update your MyScouting.org profile.

Everyone was required to go online and create a MyScouting account to complete your youth protection. Now is the time to have all leaders update their MyScouting profile with your membership ID number. This will ensure that all your online training gets recorded on Scoutnet. Also, Each unit should update your BeAScout information on MyScouting.org. BeAScout directs people interested in joining Scouting directly to you.

## BSA Task Force propose moving to one Oath and Law for all programs

Scouting's core values are the same in every program, but the words used to express and affirm those values differ depending on whether you're in Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, or Venturing.

That may soon change.

That would mean Cub Scouts would recite the Scout Oath and Law instead of the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. Similarly, Venturers would no longer use the Venturing Oath and Venturing Code.

### When would it take effect?

*If approved*, the change would take effect during the 2015-2016 program year.

More details can be found on http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/08/03/task-force-proposes-moving-to-one-oath-and-law-for-all-programs/.

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## Spring Cub Scout Recruiting

Packs are successful and sustainable when there is an annual influx of new leaders and youth. If your pack did not recruit at least ten kids this fall, please plan on set a join night this Spring. M arch and April is a wonderful time to recruit new youth before camp is upon us.

Why recruit kids this Spring? Every Pack and Troop needs new leaders each year. It keeps your unit sustainable and healthy. New youth comes with the opportunity of new dens and patrols as well as new leaders. Please take an inventory of leadership for 2013-2014. Do you have enough leaders? Do you have full dens and patrols? If not, now is the time to address this problem. Packs can offer the fishing derby and day camp as wonderful opportunities for new Scouts that join in the Spring. Promote Lock-in as a great activity

# Bridge Builder
# Brian Roberts

Brian Roberts is recognized as the Bridge Builder for December. Brian serves as Charter Representative, Troop FOS Chair, and the Chair of the District Committee. Brian works long hours an owner in his company, Unishippers and shares his free time with Scouting. Brian does not have Scout age boys, yet he spends many hours each week in the service to Scouting. Please congratulate Brian as he is recognized as a Bridge Builder.

## Meriwether Super Weekend

Has your unit visited Meriwether during the off season and expressed interest in wanting to take advantage of camp programs outside of the normal summer season? Well the Meriwether Super Weekend and its program has been designed to meet your needs. Throughout the weekend your unit will have the opportunity to take full advantage of the entire camp and all of its programs. Most areas will be open for the majority of program time for open activities, i.e. shooting, climbing and swimming. They will also each have specific times set aside devoted to finishing up merit badge requirements left over from summer camp. The Meriwether Super Weekends will happen on the first weekend of every month from October through May. For more information and to register at cpcbsa.org.

## Charter Renewal to be Completed by November Roundtable.

Every year each boy, adult, and chartered organization must re-register with the Boy Scouts of America. This process may be very simple or it may be long and drawn out. If you are a COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN you are about to enter into this process. Each unit should plan to have this process completed in November. If you will miss the October Recharter Training, it becomes critical to call Richard Chandler this week.

### Key Points to Remember:

1. Before you start, prepare a youth roster of leaders, including their positions and of list of youth members.
2. Set a date to be done Oct. 15th through Nov. 15th. Without a goal, the process may become endless.
3. Make sure you have complete new applications on new adults and youth. Adult applications require youth protection. Proof of youth protection must be provided on leaders with expired training
4. Your time is valuable. Please make sure you have all the unit information before starting.

Your District Commissioner Staff is ready to help you. If you need any help contact Richard Chandler 541-491-3972 or echand1029@cox.net.

## Journey to Excellence: A Unit Guide to a Quality Program for our Scouts.

The Quality unit program has changed. It is now called Journey to Excellence. To be a quality unit your boys will need to advance, have trained leaders, attend summer camp, have an annual program plan, active recruitment campaign, an exciting outdoor program, and plenty of service opportunities. Each month we will be tracking our progress throughout the year. Review the requirements with your committee and work to become a Gold unit in 2012.

## New District Vice-Chair

Beginning in January, Hyrun Anderson will serve as District Vice Chair. Hyrum comes to us with a varied Scouting experiences. Hyrum is a Program Manger at HP and is very active in his church. Hyrum will be working with Brian Roberts, our District Chair as he continues to serve the needs of our Scouts, Leaders, and District. We offer him a special welcome as continues the Journey of Scouting with our District Committee. Please welcome him to our district.

## Spring Recruiting Steering Committee

Some of our packs had difficulty recruiting this Fall. Cub Scout growth is critical to the future leaders and youth of Cub Scouting and even Boy Scouting. This is especially important during times of low Cub Scout growth.
We are forming a steering committee to plan and organize the Spring Recruiting Program. We will be asking leaders to participate. Please take the opportunity to get involved.

## Messengers of Peace Global BSA

**Create peace in your community**

The Scouts of the world have been answering that call for more than 90 years.Today, Scouts in dozens of countries are working for peace by solving conflicts in their schools, building links between divided communities, teaching their peers about health and wellness, and repairing environmental damage. To recognize their efforts—and to inspire more young men and women to help Scouting create a better world—the World Scout Committee has launched the Messengers of Peace initiative. The Boy Scouts of America is proud to join this effort in 2012.

**How can BSA units participate? All they have to do is go online and register the MOP-related community service projects (including Eagle Scout projects) they undertake. Doing so adds pins to a global Messengers of Peace map, which Scouts from around the world can click on to learn how their fellow Scouts are making a difference.**

**Go to www.scouting.org/Awards/JourneyToExcellence and click on the "Service Hours Website" link. Register your**

## *Day Camp Plans*

Day Camp plans are in the works. We are looking for volunteers to serve in senior camp positions. A decision will be made very soon on camp director and program director. We had some interest for those positions during camp last year. If you would like a key position, please let Eric Hearn (ehearn@cpcbsa.org) know very soon.

2013 camp sign-ups have begun at www.cpcbsa.org. Reserve your spot soon.

after the new year.

Scouting can make a difference in the lives of kids, foster good will, and teach life long values. Camping is the vehicle to teach the Scouting program.

Every Scouting program can assist in the effort to make Scouting strong and sustainable. Packs should make a strong effort to hold a join night this Spring.

For more information or to order flyers, please contact Eric Hearn 541-928-6694 or ehearn@cpcbsa.org.

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## 2013 Boy Scout Summer Camp

All Troops should plan on Signing up for 2013 Summer Camp now. At your next PLC discuss with the boys their plans and preferences and reserve your spot. Every should have the opportunity to attend camp. Lets help him get there! The local camps are nearly FULL. Now is the time to sign-up!

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## More Recruiting information!

## Why push to get applications and money during join night?

Many Cub Leaders want to do a soft sell to new families. They let them leave a join night without filling out an application and paying the minimum fee to register. Many parents and boys get lost in the confusion of recruitment. Parents that fill out an application and pay will have a sense of commitment and will want to give it a try. Also, applications that are turned in during September will allow for a boy to get Boys' Life this year and will automatically put boys on your roster for charter renewal saving headaches and data entry for your pack leadership. Don't be a bully, but highly encourage new families to fill out applications and pay during your join night.

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## Unit Fundraising Projects

### Spring Candy/Meat stick sale promises great fundraising opportunity

Beginning in February, the popular candy and meat stick fundraiser will be provided to units seeking a quick, easy, low-risk fundraiser to build funds for summer camp and other Scouting activities. The sale will feature the super-selling World's Finest Chocolate, and famous Tillamook Jerky products. The district product chair, Patty Wilcox can *assist* you with signing up or information about the kickoff scheduled for February. More information will be available soon.

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## Scouting For Food Recap

We offer a special thank you to Elaine March for chairing this year's Scouting for Food Drive. We will have Scouting for Food Segments at Roundtable or by contacting Elaine March at marieemarch@gmail.com or 541-602-6194.

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## Is Your Whole Committee Receiving the Council Online Newsletter?

This newsletter is an excellent source for your entire unit to read and obtain up-to-date Scouting information, camping news, community events, service opportunities, and more! It's easy to sign-up, just ask your fellow Scouters to visit www.cpcbsa.org/ email and signup for their own copies free.

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## Adopt a School Program

As most people know, the council discontinued the Goodwill Goodturn Drive for the Spring. The drive was dropped at the request of Goodwill Industries. As a replacement, the council has replaced the Spring service project with the Adopt a School program.

The Adopt a School Program connects Scouts with their community offering the community service they need. Elaine March, the District Community Service Chair will be chairing the drive. Every pack is asked to contact a school in their neighborhood and plan a project with the principle and PTO President. Please notify Elaine of the project and date. We will log the hours in the Good Turn of America Website. The project is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen ties with your school.

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## BSA CLIMBING FOR THE BEGINNER, MAY 3-5.

Never climbed before, but want to learn? This is a great weekend for the new-to-climbing adult who may later want to become a Climbing Instructor (this event does NOT certify as a climbing instructor, that's a different course, but this is a great place to start for the beginner) Held at Maryhill State Park and Horsethief Butte in Washington. (5/3-5). Register online at www.cpcbsa.org\register.

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## CLIMBING INSTRUCTOR TRAINING APRIL 4-9

Become a BSA trained Climbing Instructor over one fun, engaging weekend at Camp Meriwether. This is NOT a beginning climbing class - prior climbing experience is needed. (4/19-21) Register online www.cpcbsa.org\register.

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## WINTER LODGE

Enjoy a snow-tubing event at a winter lodge on Mount Hood at one of many events planned this winter. The Winter Lodges are close to local ski resorts and a great place for tubing and snow shoeing. Visit the www.cpcbsa.org\register for more details and to register.

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## RADICAL ROBOTS FOR CUB SCOUTS DEC 29TH.

Looking for a Holiday gift and something to do over Winter Break? Bring your Cub Scouts to a morning of fast-paced, engaging science on December 29th. Scouts will learn about and operate several types of robots, play robot games and every scout will build their own robot that they get to take home! Click here to register.

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## Leader Training Offered January 12th!

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**Albany and Salem Offices Closed**
**December 24th and 25th**

## Volunteers Needed!

We would like to have the Albany office open two days a weeks for volunteers. We are looking for two volunteers who can work in the Albany office during a two or three hour block of time. If interested, please contact Eric Hearn 541-928-6694 or ehearn@cpcbsa.org.

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## *Family FOS Kickoff*

### *FOS 2013 is kicking off this month!*

#### *The FOS Campaign*

2012 was a good year for the Friends of Scouting Campaign (FOS). We sincerely thank our leaders, parents, and the many contributors of the FOS program. Our properties, program, materials, and staff are funded for another year due to your efforts. Thank you.

#### *Next Year*

We are beginning to plan for the 2013 Friends of Scouting program. Every pack, troop, and crew should begin to select a FOS Chairman. We will be asking for the name and contact information of your unit chairman when you turn-in your recharter.

It time to begin to consider your plans for the 2013 FOS Campaign. Planning at the district level has already begun. Every unit should select an FOS Chair and be ready to kick off your pack or troop in January. The target date for most LDS Units is January and packs in February at the Blue and Gold Dinner and for troops at the first court of honor in January.

Every unit needs to have an FOS presentation in January or February. Start planning now and when you receive your packet, you'll hit the ground running. When you have your unit's FOS chair designated, please send that information on to Eric Hearn at ehearn@cpcbsa.org or 541-928-6692 or Jim Haggart at jim.haggart@albany.k12.or.us.

We want every pack and troop participating this year. Monies raised provide for year around maintaince for camps, district and council programing, Albany and Salem Scout offices, staffing, materials for district and council programing, funds for low income Scouts, and provide other opportunities to reach out and provide Scouting to the hard to reach communities. Friends in Scouting is critical to the future success of Scouting. Your help is needed to select a unit chair or invite the district to present to your unit.

If the memories and experiences of Scouting were not available to boys, what would they do. Who would lead our communities? Please take the time to recruit a leader to attend the FOS Kickoff.

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## Time to update your training records.

During the Charter Renewal time it is important make sure all of your leaders are credited with the appropriate training. There is a form available to submit training changes. There are many reasons why someone might not be credited a training course they have attended. You will need to know when they were trained and the specific courses taken.

## Silver Beaver Nominations

**Know an Outstanding Scouter?** Nominations are now being accepted for the highest award a council can give: the Silver Beaver Award. Our district Nomination Coordinator is Dustin Johnson at mrbriefs@comcast.net. Your coordinator will help you through the process of research and submitting of forms by February 29th, 2013.

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## CHARTER RENEWAL THANKS.

Thank you to the people in your unit who completed charter renewal. This is not the most fun job in Scouting. As a district we have done very well at getting these done in a timely manner. There are still a couple units working to complete the process. We hope to have them done real soon. Thanks again for your efforts. Your District Commissioner Staff is ready to help you. If you need any help contact Richard Chandler at 602-663-2267.

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## THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

The President's Volunteer Service Award is issued by the President's Council on Service & Civic Participation on behalf of the President of the United States to recognize the best in the American spirit, and to encourage all Americans to improve their communities through volunteer service, and civic participation.

Cascade Pacific Council is proud to be a registered Certifying Organization. Please use our Record of Service Key PNN-25786 to record your qualifying volunteer service hours. More information at www.cpcbsa.org/president .