CASCADE PACIFIC COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

BRIDGE BUILDER

Scouting News
February-2013

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Calapooia District

Fall Calendar of Events

February
7 District Commissioners Meeting
7 District Committee Meeting
8-9 Lock-in
13 Candy Sale Kickoff
14 Roundtable
14 OA Meeting
14 Valentine's Day
15-17 Klondike
18-President's Day (Office Closed)
28 FOS Turn-in (Albany Office)

March
7 District Commissioners Meeting
7 District Committee Meeting
14 Roundtable
14 FOS Turn-in @ RT
14 OA Meeting
16 Leader Training
28 FOS Turn-in (Albany Office)
29 Good Friday
31 Easter

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Key Priorities for next 60 days.

- Attend Roundtable Every Month
- Take online or attend in person Training.
- Conduct a Friends of Scouting Presentation.
- Log in to Good Turn for America and report service projects.
- Troops Sign up 2014 Summer Camp
- Sign up for 2013 Summer Camp.
- Plan Spring Recruiting Activity
- Attend the Candy Sale Training
- Have all leaders update their myscouting.org profile to include their membership ID number so all their online training will connect with Scoutnet.
- Review progress towards Journey to Excellence campaign.

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.

February is Scouting Anniversary Month

This is a great month for packs to hold a Blue & Gold celebration. There are many other activities you can do to celebrate the birthday of Scouting. Flag Ceremony at your school, City Council resolutions, special party with games and invite the school. Circle your wagons and come up with a fun and exciting way to celebrate our anniversary.

Leadership Standards

If you haven't already heard, the BSA National Executive Board met last week and tabled a vote regarding the BSA national membership standards. This means volunteer National Board members would like to further consider a motion revising national policy regarding sexual orientation. They plan to spend the next four months to further study and discuss the issue. The discussion and study could then lead to a vote at the National Annual Meeting scheduled for the third week in May.

Emotions are high on both sides of the question of leadership standards. Parents and adult volunteer leaders are concerned over the issue. The issue of sexual orientation is not new in our society-schools, churches, community organizations- all have had to make decisions regarding the issue of sexual orientation.

So what does this mean for us locally in our council? Kids need us to stay focused on the mission of Scouting first and foremost. Our primary responsibility at this time is to keep our organization focused on delivering Scouting to our children. We will continue preparing for summer camp, the jamboree and for many other important activities.

I am reminded that kids need Scouting more

than ever. We need to be careful and thoughtful about this decision. Our families could be impacted by the decision we make. Whatever is decided, we will choose a direction as a nation of Scouting supporters. Please remain calm and continue to focus on the program of Scouting. Our boys deserve our best and the best of Scouting.

As Matt Devore, Our Scout Executive said last week..."We aren't advocates for the right. We aren't advocates for the left. We are simply advocates for kids". The youth don't care about the politics. They care about camping, hiking, and other great elements of Scouting.

Eric Hearn
District Director
Calapooia District, C.P.C.

Comments maybe sent to feedback@cpcbsa.org.

Bridge Builder Arnold Poole

Arnold Poole, a long time Scouter and Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 99, has been selected as Bridge Builder for February. Arnold serves as district training chairman for the Calapooia District. In his professional life, Arnold works as an attorney in Albany.

In late December, Arnold offered to take on Klondike scheduled for February (this month). Arnold can always be depended upon to take on the tough challenges and bring solutions for Scouting. We thank Arnold for his time and talent as we recognize him as a bridge builder.

Wood Badge 2013- Fanning the Flames of Leadership.

Wood Badge is the premier training program for all Scout Leaders. This includes all Cub Scout, Boy Scout, Varsity and Venturing Leaders, as well as Professional Scouters. Our council is offering a spring 2013 course. **The 2013 Wood Badge course will consist of two 3-Day Sessions (Fri - Sun) Both at Camp Clark.**

Weekend One; April 12-14

Weekend Two; May 3-5 at Camp Clark

Register now at www.cpcbsa.org/register

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.

Day Camp Plans

Day Camp plans are in the works. We are looking for volunteers to serve in senior camp positions. We are excited to announce Chrystal Willoughby will serve as Camp Program Director and we will soon select a Camp Director.

We had some interest for those positions during camp last year. If you would like to volunteer, please let Eric Hearn (ehearn@cpcbsa.org) know very soon.

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

TWILIGHT DAY CAMP-NEW IN 2013!

Twilight Day Camp is the same great day camp program that you know and love jam-packed into the evening hours! There are many reasons to attend day camp in evening, but here are just a few: It is cooler in the evening on those hot summer days! It is easier to get parents to volunteer for camp (less time off

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.

THE CANDY SALE IS BACK!

Back by popular demand, the Cascade Pacific Council will once again be offering an opportunity for your unit to raise funds to help your boys go to camp and other Scouting activities. We will once again be selling World's Finest Chocolates, Tillamook Meat Sticks and Pine Valley cookie dough. The sale begins Feb. 22 and will end on April 3. Sign up tonight or contact your Patty Wilcox at 541-740-1345 or patriwilc@gmail.com for full details.

This is a proven fundraiser, so sign up today! Important Deadlines: February 14: "Early Bird" sign up

March 22: Cookie dough order/payment

April 11: Roundtable: Paperwork / payment due to district Final product return.

SOLVE Global Youth Service Day. April 26th-28th

Welcome to our newest community partner SOLVE. Service in the outdoors is a cornerstone of both organizations. Global Youth Service Day will show Scouting's support for our environment. Go to www.cpcbsa.org/solve for more information. (Projects are available in Washington State.)

SOLVE AND SCOUTING CLEANING UP OREGON AND SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON.

SOLVE (formerly SOLV) and the Boy Scouts of America have joined forces to clean up Oregon and SW Washington. Join one of the many pre arranged projects or create your own and SOLVE will provide you with bags and take care of the trash collected. Go to www.cpcbsa.org/solveit for more information.

SOLVE

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.

Have you seen our Facebook page? Check it out!

http://www.facebook.com/CalapooiaDistrict

Find us on Facebook

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.

2013 Scout Camporee

Camp Alpine-May 3th-5th

A committee is being formed to organize the camporee for 2013. Please contact Tim Hagey at troop99cpc@gmail.com or 541.829.3058 for details.

Aviation Day-Registration opens March 14, 2013

In cooperation with Horizon Air, earning your aviation merit badge is one terrific way to learn the basics of aviation including the principles of flight, aircraft instrumentation, airport and hanger facilities, and local career opportunities. This is an annual meriting with the experts event every May and is limited to 200 scouts. For more information go to www.cpcbsa.org/aviation .

MERIWETHER SUPER WEEKENDS

www.cpcbsa.org/superweekends First weekend every month from March - May: For units that would like to go to Meriwether during the second season and have a camporee/rendezvous program atmosphere. All shooting ranges will be open as well as the climbing tower and waterfront. Time and staff members will be set aside for minimal Trail to First Class work and Merit Badge partial completion as well as general free time. Look for the program guide in the coming month.

Commissioner College March 16th 8am-4:30pm.

Where?: First United Methodist Church
Cost?: $10.00 Includes lunch, collectors patch and handouts

Commissioner College will help adult volunteers learn how to best help Scouting units succeed. Some units are doing well and just need periodic maintenance, while other units are struggling. This program has different levels or degrees. Each year you advance to the new series of courses. In addition, there are courses on running quality roundtables. You do not need to be a commissioner to attend. Go to www.cpcbsa.org/register for more information.

Adult Leader Training
March 16th @ 9am
Albany Mennonite Church

Become a Friend of Scouting

Everyone who knows a Scout has witnessed the values that Scouting instills. Funding is essential to increase Scouting's impact. Every dollar of your donation stays local and extends Scouting to more young people here in northwest Oregon and southwest Washington. "The Friends of Scouting campaign is the central fundraising activity of Scouting. Please join me in supporting this great cause of developing kids!" – Jake Nichol, CEO, Leatherman Tool Group. Let's all make a difference and become Friends of Scouting today.

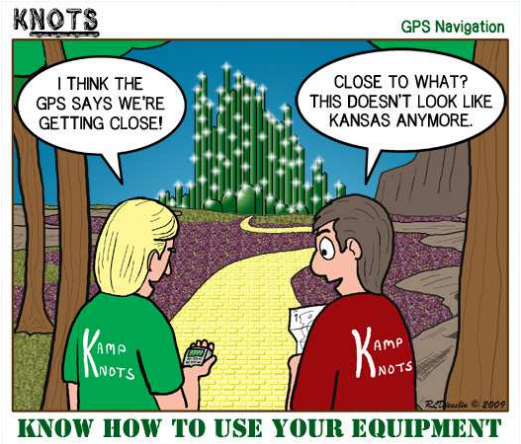
By now, every pack or troop should have set a date for a Friends of Scouting Presentation. Most units will conduct a Friends of Scouting Presentation in February or March. A few minutes of your time can make a difference for Scouting. We would like to be finished with the Friends of Scouting drive by April 1st.

The FOS Focus

A Friend of Scouting provides a vital portion of the financial support we need to teach Scouting principles that will result in a positive influence on character, citizenship, and personal fitness. The youth of today are America's future leaders. You can help shape that future by investing in Scouting today.

Scouting exists because of the volunteer and financial support provided by the community. This is true as much today as 100 years ago. It is easy to share how their money is spent. Every FOS Brochure has a pie chart showing income and expenses. This year I en-courage you to speak from the heart. Share why Scouting is important to you and how Scouting has affected your son's life. Your honesty will help you share the message of Scouting.

The contributions you collect today will help Scouting long into the future. How? New packs and troops will be started and many more boys will benefit from Scouting. The council's summer camp's will receive the care they need. District programs will continue to reach new leaders and families new to Scouting. New leaders will receive the training and support they need. The council will also provide a staff ready and willing to help units succeed as they travel the Scouting journey.



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Congratulations to Troop 322
First Unit to Reach FOS Goal

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FOS Turn-in Dates

February 14th @7pm
Lebanon LDS Chapel

February 28th @5pm
Albany Scout Office

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March 28th @5pm
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What is It All For?

Friends of Scouting pays for the much needed services for our program. Training, Roundtables, district support, office support, staff, and year-around maintenance of our camping facilities…to name a few. The money from FOS is important to the ongoing support of Scouting. We encourage every family to get involved. Together, we can keep Scouting healthy and successful more years to come.

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. March 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. The rocket approach rarely works. Flyers that read–come to our pack meeting usually achieve poor results. A concentrated recruiting effort works best to recruit new leaders and youth. It takes time to explain your program to new parents. These patents will have questions and need time to learn about Cub Scouting.

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.

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!

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.

GIRLS CAMP-SIGN UP TODAY

In August, Gilbert Ranch is opened up to girls (ages 8-13) for the same great fun-filled program that the Webelos go through. Those encouraged to attend include siblings of Cub Scouts or Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Heritage Girls, and Campfire Girls. Go to www.cpcbsa.org/register for more information

DUTCH OVEN COOKING CLINICS

Learn the secrets of successful Dutch oven cooking at these fun, engaging, and hands-on clinics.

Youth Clinic, April 13, 2013
Adult Clinic, April 20, 2013

Register Online:
www.cpcbsa.org/register.