



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# Hotsheet



## Tri-Cities Cub Scout Roundtable March 13, 2008

### Upcoming Events

#### **Columbia River Annual District Dinner—Coming March 15<sup>th</sup>!**

Join us for our annual Columbia River District Recognition Dinner on **Saturday, March 15, 2008 at 6:00pm!** This is the annual Columbia River District Leader and Unit Recognition Dinner. Come for the fun, food and fellowship. We will present the District Award of Merit Awards, the highest award that the district can give a volunteer leader. Several other special recognitions will also be presented to volunteers and units who made significant contributions over the past year. Sign up to attend by calling the Scout office. Cost is \$10 per person or \$18 per couple for the catered dinner.

#### **Rattlesnake Ridge District Dinner—March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual district dinner will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and will be held at the LDS Chapel on Jadwin in Richland. This is the annual Rattlesnake District Leader and Unit Recognition Dinner. Come for the fun, food and fellowship. We will present the District Award of Merit Awards, the highest award that the district can give a volunteer leader. Several other special recognitions will also be presented to volunteers and units who made significant contributions over the past year.

#### **Friends of Scouting Kickoffs 2008**

It is not too early to start planning for your unit's successful Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign in 2008. Monies raised by this campaign support our local Council operations. Please be sure that your unit schedules their Friends of Scouting presentation, these presentations can take place at Courts of Honor, Blue and Gold Banquets and other unit events. If you have questions, please call or email Andrea Watson at [awatson@bsaemail.org](mailto:awatson@bsaemail.org) or 509-735-7306.

#### **Columbia River District Pinewood Derby**



Join us on Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 8:00am for our annual District Pinewood Derby. Cost is \$5 per Scout. Cub Scout packs may send their 5 top winners. The race will be held in Kennewick, final location will be announced soon. Registration forms will be available online by March 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be following and enforcing standard pinewood derby rules; if you and/or your pack want to compete in the district derby make sure that your car fits within the standards (you can find them on the little sheet that comes with the car kit). Some of the high points of these standards: cars must weigh 5 oz. or less; you must use the wheels and axles that come with the kit; only dry lubricants (such as graphite) may be used.

#### **Bighorn 2008—Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**



On Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, the annual "Bighorn" all day training event will take place in Burbank, Washington. Over 50 classes will be offered on a variety of Scouting topics including, how to hold a Board of Review, What is ECC?, Lashing and Knot tying, Climb On Safely, 11-year Old LDS Scouting, plus much more!! Registration forms are available now at [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org). We look forward to seeing you and all of your troop leaders there! Questions? Contact Keith Cooke at (509) 279-0459. BALOO certification will also be offered!

#### **Register for Day Camp—May 3**

Day Camp registration will take place May 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Bighorn training event in Burbank Washington. All Tri-Cities Units should plan to register on that day, at any time during the course of the event. **All packs should have a pack representative drop off all registration forms, health forms and money on this day.** All boys must be registered Scouts and all youth and adults must have completed medical forms. All Day Camp fees are due when you register in one check per unit.

Columbia River and Rattlesnake Ridge Day Camp registration packets were mailed out on March 7<sup>th</sup>, if you have not received one, you can download all of the forms on our Council website at [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org) or you can contact the Scout office. If you have any questions, please contact Emilio Avila or Andrea Watson at 735-7306 or [eavila@bsaemail.org](mailto:eavila@bsaemail.org) or [awatson@bsaemail.org](mailto:awatson@bsaemail.org).

## **Columbia River & Rattlesnake Ridge Day Camp—June 24-27, 2008**

Come and discover the exciting world of the Australian Outback! Wolves, Bears and Webelos Scouts are invited to enjoy four days of fun-filled activities. Come and test your skills at shooting sports, enjoy crafts, nature, science and special theme areas. Tiger Cubs (current Kindergarteners), join us for our annual Tiger Cub Day on Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>! We have special program planned just for you! Questions? Contact Andrea Watson at 735-7306.

**Who:** All registered Cub Scouts (new Tigers can attend on Friday)

**Location:** Benton-Franklin Fairgrounds

**Date:** Tuesday – Friday, June 24-27

**Time:** 1:30pm to 8:00pm

**Cost:** \$40 per Scout (\$45 after May 3<sup>rd</sup> except for new Scouts)

Day Camp registrations must be received by May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Extra registration forms can be downloaded off the council website at [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org). There will be childcare available for those Day Camp staff who have children who are potty-trained and under the age of 12. The cost of this service is \$10/day or \$30/week. This fee is also due at the time of registration—space is limited.

## **Wood Badge 2008**

Join us for the Boy Scouts of America's premier adult volunteer training experience in 2008—*August 21-23 and September 4-6 at Camp Grizzly!* This course is for all Scouters - Boy Scout, Cub Scout, Varsity, and Venturing leaders, and district and council leaders. Wood Badge focuses on strengthening every volunteer's ability to work with groups of youth and adults. The course teaches participants the basics of listening, communicating, valuing people, team development, situational leadership, problem solving, and managing conflict. Questions? Contact Pat Gibbons, 2008 Wood Badge Course Director at (509) 783-1227 / [Woodbadge@bmcbsa.org](mailto:Woodbadge@bmcbsa.org) or Andrea Watson at 1-800-821-4939 or [awatson@bsamail.org](mailto:awatson@bsamail.org).

## **Cub Country 2008—Cub Scout Resident Camp—Register now!**



Inland Northwest Council is pleased to invite the Cub Scouts of Blue Mountain Council to attend the new Resident Camp at Camp Cowles Scout reservation—now in its 2<sup>nd</sup> summer! Activities will include swimming at beautiful Diamond Lake, fishing, outdoor cooking, crafts, nature, BB guns, Archery, plus much more. Four sessions will take place during the month of July. In addition, Blue Mountain Scouts will be able to attend for the same price as Inland Northwest Scouts—no out of Council surcharge! Don't miss this exciting opportunity. Contact Andrea Watson, Camp Director at [awatson@bsamail.org](mailto:awatson@bsamail.org) or 735-7306 if you

have any questions. Reservation forms are available online at [www.nwscouts.org](http://www.nwscouts.org).

## **Cub Scout Day Camp-2008 Design the T-shirt Contest!**

Do you have a creative Cub Scout in your den or pack? We are now accepting design ideas for our 2008 Day Camp T-shirt! All registered Cub Scouts ages 7 to 10 years old are eligible to submit entries, multiple entries are acceptable, and designs must incorporate the 2008 Day Camp theme "*Cubs Down Under: Australian Outback*". Submit a Contest entry form with each design (available for download on [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org)). The Cub Scout with the best design will go to day camp for free and be featured in our Council newsletter, the "Spirit"!

## **District News**

### **2010 National Scout Jamboree**

Plans are already underway for our 2010 Council trip to the national Scout Jamboree on July 26-August4, 2010. This is going to be *the ultimate once in a life opportunity as we celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America* with 45,000 other Scouts and Scouters from across the country. Scouts must be at least 12 years old by July 1, 2010 and be at least the 1<sup>st</sup> class rank. Scouts who are interested in attending will be able to apply for a spot on the council troop soon. More details will be available in June 2008.

### **2008 Centennial Quality Awards Program—Set your goals now—Forms past due!**

The newly revised Centennial Quality Unit Awards program for the years 2007-2010 is our opportunity to recognize those units who truly deliver exceptional programs to youth members at all levels of our organization. Unlike the former "Quality Unit" program, the new Centennial Quality Awards program will allow each unit to establish annual goals. The new 2008 Centennial Quality Unit forms are now available. Each unit should have been contacted by their unit commissioner to sit down and set unit goals for 2008. This is a great way to take a look at how your unit is doing and set some goals for the year. For more information on the Centennial Quality Unit program, contact your unit commissioner and visit [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org).

***Visit our webpage to find out what's happening in the Blue Mountain Council!***

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