



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# Hotsheet



## Oregon Trail Districts February 7, 2008

### Upcoming Events

#### Klondike Derby

Have you always wanted to take your unit winter camping, but weren't quite sure how to do it right? Well then join us for our annual Klondike Derby! Many years ago, man raced by means of dog and sleds across the frozen wastes of Alaska in search of gold! Scouting has capitalized on this theme and has developed the KLONDIKE DERBY as an activity for the Boy Scouts. **Klondike Derby will be held February 29- March 1, 2008** at Andes Prairie. Contact the Council Service Center to sign up your unit and visit [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org) for more information.



#### 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 Michelle McAllister at [mmcallis@bsamail.org](mailto:mmcallis@bsamail.org) or 922-7487.



#### Scouting for Food

The time to start planning our Annual Scouting for Food Drive is upon us! In conjunction with the Good Turn for America program, the **annual Scouting for Food drive is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2008**. This is an annual Council level service project to aid those in need in our community. During the months of January and February, units will sign up for specific geographical areas to cover. The door hangers will be distributed and then the bags of food will be collected. **Contact Michelle McAllister at [mmcallis@bsamail.org](mailto:mmcallis@bsamail.org) or 922-7487 to sign up and to receive your printed door hangers.** This is a Good Turn for America project, so your Scouts will qualify for the Good Turn for America patch! Visit [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org) for more information on how you can participate in this event.

#### District Dinner

Join us for our annual Oregon Trail District Recognition Dinner on **Friday, March 14, 2008 at 6:30pm!** This is the annual Oregon Trail 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 Michelle McAllister at 922-7487. Cost is \$8 per person or \$15 per couple for the catered dinner.

#### Harlem Globetrotters-Discount tickets available!

Check out the world tour of the Harlem Globetrotters with your Scout unit! Discount tickets are available for Scout groups. Their exciting new show will take place on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at the Toyota Center in Kennewick. Special Scout patches will be available. To sign up or for more information, check out [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org). Seating is limited so sign up soon!

#### Webelos to Scout Transition

As spring fast approaches, many Webelos Scouts are making preparations to transfer into Boy Scout troops. Be sure that your troop holds a Troop Open house to encourage local Webelos Scouts to join! This is a crucial transition and it helps ease both Scouts and parents concerns about this big change. For more information on how your troop can conduct a Troop Open House, contact Michelle McAllister. Be sure to submit Boy Scout applications for these new boys as soon as possible. This is an exciting time in a Webelos Scout's life—let's make it one he'll remember!

## **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.



## **Eagle Cap Credentials 2008 (ECC-NYLT)**

Randy Price will be Course Director for Eagle Cap Credentials-National Youth leadership Training (ECC-NYLT) for 2008. **The course will take place on June 12-14 and June 19-21 at Sacajawea State Park in Pasco, WA.** This is an exciting time for the Council as we will be using the New National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course for the first time. NYLT is a week long leadership training program taught exclusively by youth staff for Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venture crews. The course is the most advanced Scout leadership program offered by the Blue Mountain Council. NYLT prepares youth for effective Troop or Team leadership through the leadership skills he acquires and the sharing of his experience with his home unit. More important, he will have experienced personal growth in a memorable setting that will benefit him far beyond his Scouting years. More information will be available at next month’s Roundtable. ECC 2008 will take place in June 2008.

## **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@bsaemail.org](mailto:awatson@bsaemail.org).

## **District News**

### **Internet Rechartering—Success!!**

Thanks to everyone for turning in their recharters on time! It was great to have everyone’s paperwork turned in and processed before the end of the year.

### **Do you know an Outstanding Scouter?**

We are now accepting nominations for the District Award of Merit and other annual district awards such as Rookie of the Year, Sparkplug award, Cub Scouter of the year and many others. These nominations need to be submitted to Andrea Watson or Rodney Larsen no later than Feb 29, 2008. Visit our council webpage to download the form at [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org) or pick up a form tonight at Roundtable!

### **2008 Centennial Quality Awards Program—Set your goals now**

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 will be 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 pack 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).

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