



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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Oregon Trail Cub Scout Roundtable February 7, 2008

Upcoming Events



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 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! Sign up tonight for what neighborhoods your pack wants to canvass.

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 or 922-7487.

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. All 2007 Centennial Quality Units and Class of 2007 Eagle Scouts will be recognized! Sign up to attend by calling Michelle McAllister at 922-7487. Cost is \$8 per person or \$15 per couple for the catered dinner. Meals for the Class of 2007 Eagle Scouts are free.

Oregon Trail District Pinewood Derby

Join us on Saturday April 19th, 2007 at 3:00am for our annual District Pinewood Derby. Cost is \$5 per Scout. Cub Scout packs may send their 3 top winners in each den. The race will be held at the LDS Stake Building, Hermiston. Registration forms will be available online by March 1st and at March's Roundtable. 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 and the location of the axels can not be changed; only dry lubricants (such as graphite) may be used.



Webelos to Scout Transition – Webelos Woods

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.

Oregon Trail District will host our first annual Webelos Woods in conjunction with the Boy Scouts Spring Camporee. This is a great opportunity for the Webelos to mingle with the Boy Scout Troops and decide with their parents which Troop they are interested in joining. For more information please contact Michelle McAllister at 922-7487 or mmcallis@bsamail.org. Sign-ups will be coming at the March Roundtable.

Bighorn 2008—Saturday, May 3rd



On Saturday, May 3rd, 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. 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!

Cub Scout Day Camps Coming Soon! More details next month!

Oregon Trail District Day Camp: McNary Dam, Engineer Park, June 11-13..

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 or Andrea Watson at 1-800-821-4939 or awatson@bsaemail.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 2nd 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. Registration is available now and Packs are encouraged to register soon after so that they can ensure a spot next summer. 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@bsaemail.org or 735-7306 if you have any questions. Reservation forms are available online at 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). 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

Do you know an Outstanding Scouter?

We are now accepting nominations for the Columbia River 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 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.

Internet Training Opportunities

New Leader Essentials and Specifics will be offered at the LDS Stake Building, Hermiston on Saturday, March 22nd at 9am. Fast start training, Youth Protection training, Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat training courses are now available online! These E-Learning training courses enable you to participate in these vital training courses at your convenience. Do your part to deliver the highest quality Scouting program to the youth in your unit by completing training—nothing impacts the quality of unit programs like trained leaders! Visit www.bmcbsa.org to log on for training!

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

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