

# Oregon Trail District

April 8, 2010

Boy Scouts



## Year of Celebration 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Award Program—Earn Yours Now!

During our centennial, we honor the enormous impact made by a century of living by the Scout Oath and Law. By showing dedication to five of Scouting's core values, Scouts, leaders, and Scouting alumni can **earn a BSA 100th Anniversary commemorative patch**. Those values are: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. As part of this program, the BSA is also partnering with national and international organizations to offer unique 100th Anniversary service projects. Visit [www.bmcsa.org](http://www.bmcsa.org) or [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) for more details.

## Adult Leader Training Opportunity – Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

There will be a number of training opportunities coming up on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. White Bluffs district training team will offer the following training on that day:

*Scoutmaster Specifics*  
*Venturing Specifics*

*Varsity Specifics*  
*Unit Commissioner Training*

Training begins at 9:00am in Pasco. Please arrive 15 minutes early for registration. All untrained volunteers should plan on attending the training. To register and if you have any questions regarding training, please contact Michelle McAllister at 541-289-7487 or [michelle.mcallister@scouting.org](mailto:michelle.mcallister@scouting.org). Don't forget, "Every Boy Deserves a Trained Leader".

## Spring Camporee- April 23-25

It is nearly time for another Oregon Trail Camporee. This year's Spring Camporee will be held April 23-25, 2009 at Bing Canyon Pioneer Park, Plymouth, WA. The Scout events have been structured to enhance participation by Patrols. Patrols will be judged on Scout skills (see the Scout Handbook for all you need to know), Patrol teamwork, and Scout spirit (Living the Scout Oath and Law)! Units can leave Saturday evening, after 6pm if they wish to be home before Sunday. Registration packets will be available for download soon off the Council website! If you wish to help or have any questions, please contact Tom Lewis – Camporee Director at 541-314-8554.

## Outdoor Leader Skills Training—Held during the Oregon Trail Spring Camporee

Join us on April 23-25 (at the Spring Camporee) for Outdoor Leader Skills Training at Bing Canyon Pioneer Park. Leader Training is required for all Scoutmasters, Assistant Scoutmasters, Varsity Coaches and their assistants to be fully trained for your position. This training involves various selections such as: map compass field course, first-aid, outdoor patrol-style cooking, woods tools, tying, lashing, environment camp smarts, plus much more! To sign up, please contact Michelle McAllister at 541-289-7487 or [michelle.mcallister@scouting.org](mailto:michelle.mcallister@scouting.org).

## Scout and Sports Physicals - \$10

Vista Family Health will have Scout Camp and Sport Physicals for \$10, May 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:30-12pm. Open to everyone, insurance will not be billed. Please call 509-735-2325 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

## Order of the Arrow Spring Ordeal - May 21-23, Bing Canyon

The OA Spring Ordeal will be held at Bing Canyon this year May 21-23<sup>rd</sup>. Please make sure you turn in your election packets as soon as possible to the scout office. Hope to see you there.

## **Primitive Skills Event—presented by the Sagebrush Free Trappers**

Come, learn, and live life as it was in the early American Frontier of 1810-1840. The Rendezvous was an annual gathering of fur trappers, traders and Native Americans. This event is open to all youth groups, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H, Church groups and others. You can come and learn to shoot a muzzle loading rifle, throw a knife and tomahawk, shoot a bow and arrow, participate in mountain man games and learn history and skills at frontier skills demonstrations. MAY 14-16, 2010: Registration is limited to the first 50 youth who register. Cost is \$10 per youth. *Youth must be at least 12 years of age to attend.*

## **Scout Night with Tri-Cities Dust Devils Coming on July 31st**

Mark your calendars for July 31<sup>st</sup> for the Scout Night with the Tri-Cities Dust Devils. The Dust Devils will again be hosting a sleep over in the outfield after the game. We will also be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary throughout the game. There will be a special 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary patch for all those who attend.

## **2010 National Scout Jamboree—Register Now! Space is Limited!**

There is still room for your Scouts to take part in our 2010 Council trip to the national Scout Jamboree on July 26-August 4, 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. Check out [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org) or [www.bsajamboree.org](http://www.bsajamboree.org) for more details and apply to attend at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) under “MyScouting”.

## **National Youth Leadership Training June 14-19, 2010**

Burt Goranson will be Course Director for Eagle Cap Credentials-National Youth leadership Training (ECC-NYLT) for 2010. This is an exciting time for the Council as it will be only the second time we have used the New National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) course. NYLT is a weeklong leadership training program taught exclusively by youth staff for Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Venture crews. Next year’s course will be June 14-19. Cost is \$200 per boy and Scouts must be nominated by their Scout leader to attend. Nomination forms can be downloaded off the council website [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org) soon.

## **Friends of Scouting Campaign 2010**

It is not too early to start planning for your unit’s successful Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign in 2010. 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 541-289-7487 or [michelle.mcallister@scouting.org](mailto:michelle.mcallister@scouting.org).

## **2010 Centennial Quality Awards Program—Set your goals now**

The 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 2010 Centennial Quality Unit forms are now available. Each unit will be contacted by their unit commissioner to sit down and set unit goals for 2010. 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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