

# Hotsheet

## Rattlesnake Ridge District Roundtable January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009



### Upcoming Events

#### **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.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org) or [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) for more details.



#### **Training Opportunities— Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>**

There will be a number of training opportunities coming up on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Our district training team will offer the following training on that day:

*This is Scouting (for all leaders)*  
*Cubmaster Specifics*  
*Den Leader Specifics*

*Scoutmaster Specifics*  
*Webelos Leader Specifics*  
*Pack Committee Specifics*

*Venturing Specifics*  
*Varsity Specifics*



The training will be held at the LDS Olympia building in Kennewick. Training begins at 8:30am. Please arrive 15 minutes early for registration. All untrained volunteers should plan on attending the training. If you have any questions regarding training, please contact Kurtis Hill at 585-9204

#### **Seeking National Hall of Leadership Nominations**



Leaders are those who see possibilities and inspire others to see them too. Over the past century, Scouting leaders have inspired millions of Americans to dream more, do more, and become more. They have shaped our nation's youth by modeling Scouting virtues. And now we have a way to thank them.

The BSA 100th Anniversary National Hall of Leadership provides a one-time opportunity for you to honor and recognize a Scouting leader who positively impacted your life, or the lives of others. *To be nominated, a person must be a living Scout or Scouting volunteer who may or may not be officially registered with the BSA. They must have served as an active Scout or Scouting volunteer for at least one year. A nominee may be young or old — there is no age limit — and you can submit as many nominations as you'd like.*

The nomination period is open until February 8, 2010. Submit your nomination today at [www.scouting.org/100years](http://www.scouting.org/100years).

#### **Centennial Celebration Service Project: Scouting for Food—February 13<sup>th</sup>**

As part of our Centennial celebration next February, we will be holding our annual Scouting for Food drive on February 13, 2010. This event will be our premier Centennial 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary service project. The Boy Scouts of America began nearly 100 Years ago because of one Scout's good turn, and today the Boy Scouts of America helps carry on this tradition of doing a "good turn" with Scouting for Food. All Scouts from Cub Scouts to Venturing Scouts are encouraged to participate.

Our Columbia River district Scouting for Food representative, Sharon Varzandeh, has already or will be contacting each of you about your Scout unit and Scouts participating in this fantastic service opportunity. We will be having a centralized drop off this year at the Columbia Center Mall from 10am-1pm on February 13<sup>th</sup>. Your unit will be issued door hangers to distribute to homes in your area the week before the collection date. Agrinorthwest will have trucks on site for you to drop off all of your collected food to and all food will be sent to the local food bank where it was collected. Please see the attached flyer for more information. You can contact Sharon at 783-0828 or [sharon.verzandeh@verizon.net](mailto:sharon.verzandeh@verizon.net) if you have any questions and to request your area to canvass. Visit [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org) for more information on how you can participate in this event.



## 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. Nomination forms can be downloaded off the council website [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org) this fall.



## Cub Country 2010—Cub Scout Resident Camp—Register now!

Inland Northwest Council is pleased to invite the Cub Scouts of Blue Mountain Council to attend the resident camp at Camp Cowles Scout reservation! Activities will include swimming at beautiful Diamond Lake, fishing, outdoor cooking, crafts, nature, BB guns, Archery, plus much more. Five 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, [andrea.watson@scouting.org](mailto:andrea.watson@scouting.org) if you have any questions.

## District News

### 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).

### 100 Years of Scouting Cub Scout Program Helps Now Available

Get Cub Scouts excited about the history and the future of the BSA with 100th Anniversary Cub Scout Program Helps. We'll have new activity ideas for every month through September 2010. Visit <http://ww2.scouting.org/100years/100years/CubScouts.aspx> to download ideas from this great resource!

### 100 Years of Scouting—are you prepared for our yearlong celebration?

In February 2010, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate 100 years as an organization. Founded as an outlet to prepare every eligible youth in America to become a participating citizen and leader, BSA has more than fulfilled its mission. Today, as we celebrate our first 100 years, we not only reflect on our rich history, but lay the foundation for a strong future, as well. **Help us celebrate!** If you are a Scout, family member of a Scout, BSA volunteer, or just someone who Scouting has positively impacted, you're invited. There are a number of national, council and unit opportunities for you to take part in our once-in-a-lifetime celebration. Check out [www.bmcbsa.org](http://www.bmcbsa.org) or [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) for more details on our celebration plans.



### Rattlesnake Ridge District Dinner

Rattlesnake Ridge will be having it annul Recognition dinner to recognize 2009 Eagle Scouts and outstanding volunteer service. The date is Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm at the West Side Center in Richland.

We are currently taking Award of Merit Nominations and other recognitions like the Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Team Coach and Venture leader of the Year Award nominations.

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