



Columbia River District

Serving the communities of Kennewick and Finley

“Cubs Down Under: Australian Outback” Cub Scout Day Camp 2008 Columbia River District & Rattlesnake Ridge District

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.

NEW Tiger Cubs (current Kindergarteners), join us for our annual Tiger Cub Day on Friday, June 27th! We have a special program planned just for you!

Day Camp registrations must be received by May 3rd at Bighorn. Extra registration forms can be downloaded off the council website at 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. Questions? Contact Emilio Avila or 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 3rd except for new Scouts)

Day Camp Registration Due May 3rd

Day Camp registration will take place May 3rd at the Bighorn training event in Pasco, Washington. 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 pack.

Day Camp registration packets were mailed out on March 1st, if you have not received one, you can download all of the forms on our council website at www.bmcbsa.org, or you can contact the Scout office. If you have any questions, please contact Emilio Avila at 509-735-7306 or eavila@bsamail.org.

Our 2008 Day Camp is going to be great!
Don't miss out on all of the Australian Outback fun!

Columbia River Annual District Dinner: A great success!

On Saturday, March 15th, volunteers from across our district celebrated another successful year in the Columbia River district. Over 95 people attended this year's dinner, held at the First Methodist Church in downtown Kennewick. Attendees were greeted by great Western decorations and feasted on a delicious catered meal of pulled pork and chicken, potato salad, and beans courtesy of David Harris, Advisor for Crew 148 and owner of Catering to You.

We were privileged to hear an incredible speech by Mike Durst, director of the CBC Observatory, about the importance of the Scouting for the youth of our community.

The awards portion of the evening began by awarding Vern Allen his Wood Badge beads and then recognizing each of the units who were “Centennial Quality Units” in 2007. The following awards were also presented:

<i>Cubmaster Knot:</i> Fred Settle	<i>Webelos Leader Knot:</i> Will Nichols	<i>Sparkplug Award:</i> Andy Bjazevich	<i>Cubmaster of the Year:</i> Don Stewart & Deana Ahrend
<i>Rookie of the Year:</i> Paul Giever	<i>Chartered Organization Representative of the Year:</i> Larry Goodwin	<i>Mr. & Mrs. Scouter of the Year:</i> Derek & Shellee Bagley	<i>Scoutmaster of the Year:</i> Brian Killand, Troop 179

The *District Award of Merit* was also presented to three outstanding individuals, each of whom has dedicated their lives to helping young people grow through the Scouting program. The 2008 District Award of Merit winners are:

Sam Dechter—Scoutmaster, Troop 275	Jay Van Buren—Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop 126	Gene Kinsey—Committee Member, Troop 126
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Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to ensure that this year's District Recognition dinner was so successful. A special thanks to the following: Pack & Troop 179 for our flag ceremony; 1st United Methodist Church for the facility; Rob & Shannon Phipps for desert and set up; Sharon Varzandeh & Deana Ahrend for setup and take down; David Harris for catering; Rodney Larson and Charles Merritt, our district chairman and district commissioner.

Columbia River & Rattlesnake Ridge Districts Day Camp Adult Training

On Thursday, June 5th at 7:00pm, all adults attending day camp must attend training at the Benton County Fairgrounds Building #5 in Kennewick. Training will include youth protection policies, what to bring, emergency procedures, daily camp schedule, plus much more! This is the best way to have all the information you need to make sure 2008 is the best day camp experience possible for your Cub Scouts. See you there!