



Heron News Flash

Sammamish Trails



October 2017

November	
11/9	Roundtable 7 PM Cub Scouts, Scouts CHARTERS DUE
11/9	Commissioner Mtg. 7:30 PM
11/9	Merit Badge Clinic (Kirkland) 7PM Citizenship in the Community
11/9	OA Chapter Meeting 7 PM
11/10-11	Merit Badge Weekend
11/11	Scoutmaster Specific Training-- Renton
11/23	Happy Thanksgiving!
December	
12/7	District Meeting 7 PM
12/7&14	Procrastinator's Special (Training)
12/14	Roundtable 7 PM Cub Scouts, Scouts FOS Training
12/14	OA Chapter Meeting 7 PM
12/25	Merry Christmas!

January 2018

1/1/2018	Happy New Year!
1/4	District Meeting 7 PM
1/11	Roundtable 7 PM Cub Scouts, Scouts
1/11	OA Chapter Meeting 7 PM
1/11	Commissioner Mtg. 7:30 PM
1/11	Merit Badge Clinic (Kirkland) 7PM Emergency Preparedness



Pearls of Wisdom --Baden-Powell

"The Scoutmaster guides the boy in the spirit of an older brother."



Chair's Minute

Bait and Switch

Yes, that is what we do in Scouting. Now before I have a bunch of leaders sending me nasty emails, let me explain. **The Bait:** The boy comes into the Scouting program at 7 or 8 with an expectation of fun and adventure. If the program is run correctly he will get 10 to 14 years of fantastic outdoor adventure. **The Switch:** In the process we infuse what BSA calls The Aims of Scouting which are:

Character Development
Citizenship Training
Mental and Physical Fitness

When the boy gets the adventure in his scouting experience and the adult leaders are making sure the Aims of Scouting is being taught then A GREAT SCOUTING EXPERIENCE WILL HAPPEN! We have a lot of events happening to help both boys and leaders accomplish the mission of the BSA which is: "...to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/Media/mission.aspx>

Let's all have a load of fun!

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November Roundtable

CUB SCOUT BREAKOUT:

Pack meetings: Cubmasters join us to discuss Blue and Gold and other Pack Meeting ideas.

BOY SCOUT BREAKOUT:

Adult training awards, recognition, youth leadership development, etc.

Boy Scout Breakout Roundtable Nov. 9th

Do you know what all those knot patches mean on the Scouter uniform? Is your troop Boy-Led? Do know what Boy-Led even means? If you don't

know or have questions about how to make your troop run while you sit back and watch, then the BSA Roundtable breakout is the place to be. We will cover adult training awards and recognition, and youth leadership development in troops. See you there!

Cub Scout Breakout Roundtable: Nov. 9th

We have a special Cub Scout roundtable meeting on November 9th at 7:00 PM. I'd love to have all the Cub Masters, and there will be something for all leaders. Blue and Gold is a banquet birthday party for the BSA that is usually held in February, but you should start planning several months in advance. The suggested theme this year is Abracadabra, and there are many ideas in the Pack Meeting Plans. [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/2017/310-842\(17\)_February_Cheerful.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/cubscouts/pdf/2017/310-842(17)_February_Cheerful.pdf). At Roundtable you will get hands on practice, learn some cub scout magic, and make an easy craft to help make your Blue and Gold truly magical.

Abracadabra, Cub Scout magic!

BSA Changes Adult Registration Requirement for Summer Camping

The BSA's new adult registration requirements - mandating that all adults accompanying a Boy Scout troop to a resident camp or other Scouting activity lasting 72 hours or more must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training - will go into effect June 1, 2018, at the start of the BSA summer camp season.

Requiring registration, background checks, and YPT for adults on Boy Scout extended activities adds another dimension of protection for Boy Scouts.

This change applies to Boy Scout program only at this time

The new requirement applies to any adult accompanying a Boy Scout group on a single Scouting activity where they

are present for three or more nights (not necessarily consecutive)

These adults must be registered as leaders, including the completion of a criminal background check and Youth Protection Training before the activity (CBCs cannot be expedited)

Why is this happening?

This is meant to enhance the "safe space" for overnight Boy Scout activities.

While incidents are rare, this will serve as an added layer of protection for our highest risk activities.

Commissioner Meeting Nov 9 @ 7:30 PM

Commissioner Meetings are held every
2nd Thursday @ 7:30 PM at:

Rose Hill LDS Chapel
7720 126th Ave NE
Kirkland, WA 98033

All Unit Commissioners and ADCs are needed to attend to help all our units have successful programs.

Dale Rae
District Commissioner
dale@dfrae.com

Order of the Arrow Chapter Meeting November 9 (Talapus Tallicum Chapter)

The end of the calendar year is approaching, but there are still a few great events coming up for the OA!

Chapter Meeting

First, during our chapter meeting this month, we will be reviewing our **Arrow of Light ceremony** and then performing the ceremony for the Cub Scout leaders at Roundtable. This is a great opportunity to get to use our button blanket regalia & drums and also prepare to put on this ceremony for the local packs. The meeting is **next Thursday** (November 9th) at 7:00 pm at the Rose Hill LDS Church, and there will be **pizza!**

Fall Rally!

The last big lodge event for the year is **Fall Rally**, which will be on **November 17th-19th** at Camp Edward. There will be tons of training opportunities, games and fun, including:

Introduction to Ceremonies
Regalia Making

Native History
Troop & Crew Improvement
Search & Rescue Introduction
Merit Badge Counselor Training
Troop Volunteer Recruitment & Scoutbook
A Totem Pole Raising
Glow in the Dark Ultimate Frisbee
Gaga Ball

Fall Rally is shaping up to be a great event, so I hope to see you all there!
Sign up here: <https://is.gd/WYGbNm>
(only \$25)!

Arrow of Light Ceremonies

Please contact **BOTH** Phillip Seely (phillip@phillipseely.com) and Dori Ogami (dkogami@earthlink.net) as soon as possible to schedule your Pack's Arrow of Light ceremony!

If you plan on going to any events, make sure your dues are current at <https://is.gd/vuquli>.

Kyle Sullivan
Chapter Chief

Merit Badge Clinics

General Instructions for Clinics

Open to ALL Scouts of any troop.
Bring **Scoutmaster signed blue cards** and wear uniforms.

Kirkland

2nd Thursday* of each month 7-8:30 PM

Rose Hill LDS Building
(Roundtable location)
7720 126th Ave NE
Kirkland, WA 98033
Lorin Thompson
lrthompson5@frontier.com
425-882-4769

Nov. 9: Citizenship in the Community

Dec. 14: No Clinic

Jan. 11: Emergency Preparedness

Redmond

2nd Saturday* of some months 9-11 AM

Union Hill LDS Building
7115 224th Ave NE
Redmond, WA 98052
Foyer Phone: 425-868-2956

Enter North door at end of building.

Matt Laturner

matt.laturner@hotmail.com

425-844-9647

Nov. 11: No Clinic

Dec.: No Clinic

***Check District Calendar for monthly exceptions or new information.**

Employees of Boeing & Microsoft

The time you spent this past summer at Cub Day Camp, hiking trails, herding Scouts to the dining hall, and singing campfire songs helped build your Scouts' sense of adventure, teamwork, and ability to overcome challenges.

Chances are you helped those Scouts create a handful of memories they will keep for the rest of their lives. That same volunteer time, which has already had a profound effect on the youth around you, could have a huge impact financially for Scouting.

Please take the time today to log in your BSA Volunteer Hours.

This process provides essential funding for the same camps and activities your Scouts enjoyed this summer here in Chief Seattle Council. And, for every 50 hours you volunteer, your pack or troop will receive 100 Scout Bucks that can be used for council and district activities.

Click on the link below, if you are a Microsoft employee:

<https://microsoft.benevity.org/user>

Membership Help: "Unit Pin"

The link below explains how to setup and edit your "unit pin" at BEASCOUT.org<<http://beascout.org/>> Adjust your settings for notices, new members interested, where they should be sent, to which email address, and who the public can see as the contact person:

<http://www.seattlebsa.org/Membership/Update-Your-Unit-on-the-Be-A-Scout-Map>

Training



NEW TO SCOUTING?

Looking for Youth Protection so you can register? Go to my.Scouting.org for all online training INCLUDING the **NEW** Scoutmaster, Troop Committee, and Merit Badge Counselor (though we should mention National would still

prefer you take training with a real live instructor).

COMING TRAINING:

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS): 11/3-4 Camp Parsons.

Cubmaster Specific: 12/7
Procrastinator's Special-Den Leader

Den Leader Specific: 12/14
Procrastinator's Special-Den Leader

Scoutmaster Specific: 12/7 & 14
Procrastinator's Special-Den Leader

Venturing Advisor Specific: 12/7 & 14
Procrastinator's Special-Den Leader

Wood Badge: 4/27-29 AND 5/18-20,
2018 at Camp Edward & Camp
Pigott.

For more information on these and additional training opportunities go to SeattleBSA.org/Training-Calendar.

Want to see a national high adventure camp without taking a trek? They also have excellent training for leaders in week-long sessions. You can learn more about the 2018 conferences:

Philmont - <http://www.PhillmontScoutRanch.org/PTC.aspx>

Summit - <http://www.summitbsa.org/programs/training/>

Sea Base – Need a winter break? These are held in the Florida Keys in January. www.bsaseabase.org/ConferenceCenter.aspx

BRYAN ON SCOUTING

A Blog for the BSA's Adult Leaders



[After hearing from volunteers, BSA to allow current Eagle Scouts to receive Eagle Palms retroactively](#)

All current Boy Scouts — even those who completed their Eagle Scout board of review before Aug. 1, 2017 — are now entitled to receive Eagle Palms for merit badges earned before their Eagle board of review.

Find additional articles on Scouting at: <http://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/>. Bryan is one of the editors of Scouting Magazine, the official BSA publication for Scout leaders.



WOOD BADGE AND NYLT

These are intense courses on leadership. They are also surprisingly FUN. Wood Badge is for registered Scouters age 18 or older, in any of the programs (Cub Scouts, etc.) or at the district or council. NYLT is for youth registered in Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, or Venturing. (By the way: "NYLT" stands for National Youth Leadership Training." It is a national course but it is presented by our council.) The two courses are very similar but aimed at different participants.

Wood Badge 2018

Spring: April 27-29 AND May 18-20

Fall: Sept 28-30 AND Oct 12-14

Webpage: seattlebsa.org/wood-badge

NYLT 2018

Session 1: July 30-August 4

Session 2: August 6-11

Session 3: August 13-18

Session 4: August 20-25

(One session will be co-ed, which TBD)

Webpage: <http://seattlebsa.org/youth-training/national-youth-leadership-training>

Eagle Scout Information

Schedule Your Eagle Scout Project Proposal Review

Attention scouts looking to do their Eagle Projects. You can get your project proposal reviewed at Roundtable, second Thursday each month at 7:00. Please call or E-mail John Spear or Ed Barnett to get on the list.

John Spear
John@TheHouseofSpear.com
Ed Barnett (425-883-9610)
ed_barnett@hotmail.com

Eagle Scout Coordinator

Eagle Scout applications and the arrangement of Boards of Review will be handled by Nick Heaton. The Eagle Scout process is as follows: **First:** All eagle candidates will need to call or email Nick with 3 to 7 days notice to arrange to hand over the application and project book. **Second:** Troop

Advancement Leaders will need to give Nick Heaton a two week lead time to arrange to cover the Board of Review with a district representative.

Eagle letters of reference new address:

Nick Heaton
9015 188th St. SE
Snohomish, WA 98296

Nick Heaton
Eagle Board of Review Coordinator
usatyke@msn.com
(425) 246-1533

Report Service Hours Journey to Excellence Good Turn for America

Has your Pack, Troop, Team, or Crew done a service project this year? If so, we want to know! You may report your hours and get more information with the easy [online reporting system](#),

<https://servicehours.scouting.org/UI/Security/Login.aspx>

or you may look for the green postcard at your district roundtable and fill it out on the spot. We want to share our "Good Turn for America" hours with the rest of the country so please help us by reporting all of your service hours each time you complete a service project. That should include Eagle Projects of boys in your troop, service given while on a hike or camp out, Scouting For Food, and other organized service or community service your unit participates in.

Remember to submit your service hours: online at the [National BSA JTE Service Hours Website](#).

*Cub Scout Packs and Venturing Crews should participate in a minimum of 2 service projects in a year (for Bronze)

*Boy Scout Troops and Varsity Teams should participate in a minimum of 4 service projects in a year.

Can You Match? Employer FOS Match

Just a quick reminder - if you gave a gift during the Friends of Scouting fundraiser, your employer may match that gift and increase your donation's impact. You have to initiate the match, so check with your HR office to find out how. There will be a form to fill out or a website to use to report your gift. The employer checks with us to confirm the gift, and sends a check. It's

that easy, but you have to get the ball rolling! Some units have over \$1000 they could raise to help the BSA, not out of their own pockets, with just a couple of minutes work.

And, as always, if you work for Microsoft you can also have your volunteer hours matched. Microsoft hours specifically make up a huge part of our budget each year, especially in Sammamish Trails. Please report them now, and frequently throughout the year.

Your Volunteer Time is Money

Numerous local companies recognize volunteer time through the donation of cash grants to non-profits in which their employees volunteer. This means that for each hour of your volunteer time, your employer may donate money to the Boy Scouts of America. For information on which companies are participating in the program go to: <http://seattlebsa.org/give/matching-and-service-hours>

District Information

To view calendar information or to find more contact information for district volunteers or events go to seattlebsa.org and go to the District page under Volunteers.

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