



Heron News Flash

Sammamish Trails



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 2011

9/1	District Committee Mtg. 7PM
9/8	Roundtable 7PM Cub Scout Boy Scout
9/8	Commissioner Meeting 6:30PM
9/8	Merit Badge Clinic (Kirkland) 7PM Aviation
9/10	Merit Badge Clinic (Redmond) 9AM Citizenship in the World
9/10	Leader Specific Training
9/23-24	Introduction to Outdoor Learning Skills (IOLS)
9/23-25	Autumn Venturing Rendezvous

October

10/6	District Meeting 7PM
10/8	Merit Badge Clinic (Redmond) 9AM Environmental Science
10/13	Roundtable 7PM Cub Scout, Scout, Varsity, & Venture Youth Protection Training Recharter Training & Packet Distribution Life to Eagle Seminar
10/13	Commissioner Meeting 6:30PM
10/13	Merit Badge Clinic (Kirkland) 7PM American Business
10/15	Program and Training Conference 7:30 AM
10/20	Christmas Tree Recycling Area Assignments
10/22	Webelos Woods 8 AM
10/28-30	Merit Badge Weekend

November

11/3	District Meeting 7 PM
11/10	Roundtable 7 PM Cub Scout, Scout Youth Protection Training
11/10	Commissioner Meeting 6:30 PM
11/10	Merit Badge Clinic (Kirkland) 7PM Citizenship in the Community
11/11-12	Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills (IOLS)
11/12	Merit Badge Clinic (Redmond) 9AM Emergency Preparedness

Pearls of Wisdom From Baden-Powell

"A boy is supremely confident of his own power, and dislikes being treated as a child."



The Chair's Minute

When I was a new scout leader I was fortunate to have a Scoutmaster who dragged me to Roundtable every month kicking and screaming, "I don't have time for all of this"... Sound familiar? At Roundtable we learned how to be better Scout Leaders and the ideas you learn will save you a lot of time.

As the new year starts there are many ways the Sammamish Trails District can help any Scout Leader and save you time. Two of the most valuable services we provide are TRAINING FOR YOUR POSITION and ROUNDTABLE. Personally I recommend you not miss attending Roundtable each month. The helps and ideas I learned from the more experienced scout leaders were things I could use right now in my troop.

Some topics covered last year in the District Boy Scout Roundtable were:

Running a PLC, Recruitment/Retention, Younger Scouts/Trail to 1st Class, Older Scouts, Parent Involvement, Training, Merit Badge Counselors, Patrol and Troop Organization, Disabilities/ADHD, Summer Camps, High Adventure Outings, Safe Swim, Safety Afloat, First Aid, CPR, Scoutmaster Conferences, Board of Reviews, Scoutmaster Minute, Patrol and Troop Organization, Purchasing Scout Equipment (Saving Money & Getting Good Stuff), Winter Camping, International Scouting, Campsite Hygiene, Advancement, Drugs/Alcohol Abuse, Troop Elections & Position Requirements, Safety, Eagle Projects & Application Process, Physical Fitness

If you are a Cub Scout Leader it gets even better. At Cub Roundtable you will be present and fed the themes and ideas for the month. It is all laid out for you. It will cut hours off your preparation time each month. If you don't attend you must like working harder!

So let the District make your scout job much easier and help save you time.

Attend Roundtable. You will be glad you did.

Thanks for working for the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow.

Wally Kempe
District Chair
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Program and Training Conference October 15

Program and Training Conference: 70+ sessions for you to choose from, to help Scout volunteers be more effective in presenting the program – and have more fun, and do less work. **You can get almost all your position training done at this conference, and there are many other sessions you can join.** October 15 at North Seattle Community College. Details are online at <http://www.seattlebsa.org/Training>. Classes are filling up, so sign up soon.

Cub Scout Roundtable (2nd. Thursday of the month)

It is that time again! Time to start planning your Cub Scout program for 2011-2012! I know, you were promised "an hour a week," but let us help you make the time you do spend a little easier. Are you or someone you know new to Cub Scouting? Are you changing positions in your pack? Are you looking for answers on how to get through all of this stuff? Come join us at the Sammamish Trails District's Cub Scout Roundtable!

We meet on the second Thursday of every month (September through June) and discuss any and all topics related, and some completely unrelated, to Cub Scouts! Need a craft or project? Want an idea for someplace to go to get your

Geologist Activity Awards? How about a Tiger Cub field trip? These are just a few of the topics we once covered, and can again!

We meet at the Rose Hill LDS Building, 7720 126th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98033. Opening flags and announcements start at 7:15 PM, and we are out of the building at around 8:30. Bring any and all Cub Scout questions, and invite a friend, and any new Cub Scout Leaders in your pack. You all remember when you were new to this great program, and all the questions you had. Let's help all the new leaders get off on the right foot!

Steve Gengo and Rick Quinn
Cub Scout Roundtable Commissioners
Sammamish Trails District

Popcorn Fundraiser

It's popcorn time again!
Everyone get ready to sell, buy, and eat!



Contact Ross Comer at rossc@microsoft.com if you have questions or need information.

Life to Eagle Seminar Oct. 13

Who should be there?

Troop Eagle Scout adviser: Know the steps each scout must accomplish ON THEIR OWN in order to achieve Scouting's highest award.

Troop Advancement person: Make sure you don't make it harder, or worse yet, jeopardize a scout's ability to get the rank, by not taking the necessary steps.

Life and Star Scouts: Learn the steps and participate in a discussion on how to find Eagle Projects, make sure you know how to fill out the application and work book, and get the timing right!

This training will be at the OCTOBER ROUNDTABLE immediately after Flag ceremony. Flags are at 7:15pm and the training will be in the same chapel at 7:30pm. Last a little over an hour. And it is FREE!

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Can You 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, then 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! Meeting our fundraising goal (we are at 56%) depends on those matching gifts. 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 or Boeing, 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 unit will receive a 10% credit for any hours you report that can be used for a variety of Scouting fees.

Thank you!

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Merit Badge Day at the Zoo September 17

From 9AM to 3PM, Cascade District (nedkarren@gmail.com) is sponsoring the 3rd Annual Merit Badge Day at the Woodland Park Zoo. The following merit badges will be offered: Mammal Study (limit of 30 scouts), Reptile/Amphibian (limit of 30 scouts), Forestry, Geology, Orienteering, Geo caching and Veterinarian Medicine. Total registration will be limited to 250 scouts.

Registration is through the Council website at seattlebsa.org. Once on the site, go to the Volunteers/Scouts tab, scroll down and click Event Registration, then scroll down to Council Events and you'll see the 3rd Annual Merit Badge Day at Woodland Park Zoo and a red "register" button.

Scouts in uniform will be admitted into the Zoo free with an accompanying paying adult (\$17.50). Scouts will be limited to two classes, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Please bring two blue merit badge cards signed by your Scoutmaster for the classes for which you register. Please remember to wear your uniform. You may also want to bring a lunch, although food is available in the Zoo. We will have an hour for lunch.

We are looking for additional merit badge counselors, or individuals who are knowledgeable on a particular badge and would like to register as a counselor, for all of the badges, except Mammal Study and Reptile/Amphibian.

Merit Badge Clinics

General Instructions for Clinics

Open to ALL Scouts of any troop.
Bring 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
Kevin Ibrahim
kevin@yoda7.net
425-8149002

Sept. 8: Aviation

October 13: American Business

Nov. 10: Citizenship in the Community

Redmond

2nd Saturday* of each month 9-11 AM
7115 224th Ave NE

Redmond, WA 98052

Foyer Phone: 425-868-2956

Enter North door at end of building.

Scott Porter

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Sept. 10: Citizenship in the World

October 8: Environmental Science

Nov. 12: Emergency Preparedness

***Check District Calendar for monthly exceptions**

Bellevue

Cascade District Merit Badge Clinic

contact nedkarren@gmail.com,

Commissioner Meeting

September 8

Commissioner Meetings are held every 2nd^d Thursday @ 6:30 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.

Bob Palmer

District Commissioner

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Autumn Venturing

Rendezvous

September 23-25

As summer comes to an end, we must all begin to look towards the fall...and an action packed weekend at the Autumn Venturing Rendezvous (AVR)! Try your hand at different artillery such as pistols and high power rifles. Go on a hike in the dark and silent night. Prepare yourself for a wide variety of water activities such as kayaking and scuba while the summer heat still lingers, but remember to bring your swim test certification, which should be completed before arriving at AVR. All these fun activities and more will be available to you for \$45. Registration is now open at: https://www.seattlebsa.org/index.php?option=com_dtregister&Itemid=187&eventId=818&controller=event&task=individualRegister (Council site → Volunteer/Scout section → Event Registration → AVR under council events)

If you have any questions, please e-mail our VOA president at eferee@crew115.org.

Order of the Arrow

NEW MEETING DATE: Our Chapter Meetings now take place on the **third Thursday of each month**. The **September Talapus Tillicum Chapter Meeting** is from **7:00 to 8:30** p.m. on **Thursday 09/15/11** at the **Rose Hill LDS Church** (7720 - 126th Ave. N.E., Kirkland, WA 98033). All Arrowmen, especially Troop/Team OA Representatives, should be attending our monthly Chapter Meetings!

CHAPTER JACKET: Want to join the best dressed Arrowmen in the Lodge?

Purchase an Official Chapter micro fleece full zipper Jacket with two zippered side pockets and embroidered Chapter Logo for only \$35.00. Contact Tim Fugman (timfugman@hotmail.com) for more information or to purchase a Jacket!

CHAPTER TRADING POST: We will have a Chapter Trading Post open before each Round Table. See us *for all of your Order of the Arrow needs. District Activity Patches are also available; the proceeds going to fund Chapter activities.*

ORDEAL & BROTHERHOOD

CEREMONY: The September Ordeal will be at Camp Brinkley from 7:00 p.m. on Friday 09/09/11 until 11:00 a.m. on Sunday 09/11/11. A Brotherhood Ceremony will occur after dinner on Saturday. Register NOW at <https://www.seattlebsa.org/OrdealRegistration>.

Training

Fall Training Events:

September 10: **Position-Specific Training Day** for all leaders, Cubs-Scouts-Varsity-Venturing. Location:

Lake Washington United Methodist
7525 132nd Ave NE
Kirkland, WA 98033
9AM-3PM

September 23-24: **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**, required training for Scoutmasters, Coaches, and many Advisors to recharter.

October 15: At the **Program and Training Conference**, there will be **position-specific training** for all leaders, Cubs-Scouts-Varsity-Venturing.

November 11-12: **Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills**, required training for Scoutmasters, Coaches, and many Advisors to recharter.

Cub Scout Leader Specific Training

All the position-specific trainings for Cub Scouts are now available online. Go to MyScouting.org, select eLearning, select Cub Scouts. Please **PRINT** the certificate at the end and turn it in to Cassie Heaton, Kris/George Taylor. You should get credit

automatically without giving us the certificate, but that system doesn't always work as expected. There are still in-person trainings available. The two offered this fall are Sept. 10 and Oct 15 (Program and Training Conference).

NYLT 2012

(National Youth Leadership Training)
Camp Sheppard



Start encouraging the youth to participate in this exciting training event. Dates will be listed soon.



WOOD BADGE

Your last opportunity to take Wood Badge this year will be in the Fall. The Spring Course was full and was just completed. It's leadership training that can be used for scouting, work, home, etc. It's a great way to improve your leadership abilities. It's effective small-group leadership training.. Sign up now!

September 23-25 and October 7-9
(Course Director is Nick Heaton 425-246-1533)

Space is still available so sign up soon
Details available online at:

<http://www.seattlebsa.org/Wood-Badge-Home> .

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Report your Service Hours!

Has your pack, troop, crew, ship or post done a service project this year? If so we want to know! You may report your hours with the easy **online reporting system** (<http://seattlebsa.org/Main-Website-Content/Good-Turn-for-America/>) or you may look for the green postcard at your district roundtable and fill 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 in 2011

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. Listed below are companies who participate in this type of program.

[Adobe](#) - Volunteer Request Program

[AT&T Wireless](#) - AT&T Cares

[Bank of America](#) - Volunteer Grants Program

[Boeing](#)

[Citigroup](#) - Volunteer Incentive Program

[Home Street Bank](#) - Community Partner

Volunteer Grant

[Medtronic, Inc.](#) - Volunteer Match Program

[Microsoft](#) - Employee Engagement Program

[Motorola](#) - Volunteer Grants Program

[Nike](#) - Employee Involvement

[Qwest](#) - Employee Matching Time

[Travelers](#) - Matching Funds Program

[State Farm Insurance](#) - Good Neighbor Grant

Program

If you do not see your employer listed and they participate in this type of program, please notify us at council@seattlebsa.org or 206-725-5200. Check with your human resources department for more information about your employer's program.

General 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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