

Troop 220 Newsletter.

October 2009

For the parents and adult leaders of Troop 220.

From the editor:

Hello! I am Kimberly Benthin, I am a parent and committee member/treasurer with Troop 220. This is the first installment of a newsletter for the *adults* of the Troop. This is a part of my Wood Badge ticket and I hope you will bear with me as this newsletter evolves. If you have any ideas or questions please call 503-407-2025, 503-632-8416 or email me hbranch@bctonline.com.

Email:

If you do not wish to receive the email at this address – please contact Kimberly Benthin at the above numbers and email address and I will make the changes.

Calendar: This is just part of the calendar that you should have received via email from SM Rothi.

- October 5: Troop meeting.
Re-charter dues, are due!
Permission slip and \$15.00 fee due for Pioneering Campout at Scouter's Mtn.
- October 7: PLC meeting 7:30pm
- October 8 Roundtable
- October 9-11: OA Ordeal – Scouters Mountain
- October 12: Troop meeting
Permission slip and fee due for Webelos Woods
- October 16-18: Pioneering Campout at Scouter's Mtn.
- October 19: Troop meeting
Parent & Committee Meetings
Wreath Packets will be distributed.
- October 23-25: Webelos Woods
- October 26: Troop Meeting
- November 2: Troop Meeting
Permission Slip and Fee due for Tree Plant Campout
- November 4: PLC Meeting at 7:30pm
- November 7: 2010 Jamboree Contingent Meeting
OA Leadership Conference
- November 9 Troop Meeting
Wreath Sales to be turned in.
- November 12 Roundtable
- November 13-14 Tree Plant Campout

News:

Happy 100th Birthday Boy Scouts of America!!

If you haven't heard already the Boy Scouts of America turns 100 next year! Cascade Pacific Council is offering a "Centennial Award". If the Troop as a group completes the requirements a Centennial shoulder patch is earned. The Council award began in May of 2009.

National BSA is offering "A Year of Celebration" award. (See the following pages for requirements.) The National award began September 1, 2009. I volunteered to track these awards (Wood Badge ticket again) Adults have specific requirements to earn the "A Year of Celebration". I will track the requirements with spreadsheets – I will have them at troop meetings if you are curious! If you have any questions or would like to help please let me know! In fact helping to coordinate some of the events to help the boys earn the award are some of the requirements for the adults!

A note about Dues and Re-charter:

The annual dues charged by National have increased in price. The Troop Committee decided to increase the Troop annual fees. The cost is \$50 annually due on the first Monday in October. Or you may pay \$25.00 in October and \$25.00 the first Monday in April. Webelos crossing over in the Spring will pay the \$25.00 fee in the Spring. The Boy's Life magazine subscription and OA dues are in addition to the annual fee and also due on the first Monday in October.

Change in procedure:

It was announced at the Parent Committee meeting and at the COH that in order to participate in outings the fee and permission slip must be turned in two weeks before the event. The calendar notes the dates for these events as well as the due date for the fee and permission slips!

A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference Boy Scout Patch Requirements

By completing three of the five requirements, Boy Scouts can earn each of five award ribbons. *A Year of Celebration* will be in effect from Sept. 1, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2010.

LEADERSHIP

1. Identify someone from your Scouting experience you think is a good leader. Ask them what makes them an effective leader and then talk to your parent or Scoutmaster about what makes a good leader. Write 200 words on the leader you chose and share with your troop leader.
2. Teach a Scout a rank requirement and help them to a successful completion.
3. Serve in a troop or team leadership position for three months.
4. Serve as a youth staff member for a unit, district, or council event or camp.
5. Serve as a den chief for a Cub Scout or Webelos den for three months.

ACHIEVEMENT

6. Talk to a family member or family friend who used to be in Scouting or a Scout leader and ask about their favorite Scouting achievements. Write 200 words and share with your troop leader or parent OR fill out your family's Scouting Family Tree at www.Scouting.org/100years.

1. Advance to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, or Eagle rank, or earn two merit badges.
2. Earn the religious emblem for your faith.
3. Attend 90 percent of your troop or team meetings for three consecutive months.
4. Earn one of the following awards: BSA Lifeguard, Mile Swim, BSA Emergency Preparedness Award, or BSA Physical Fitness Award.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Over the years, the Boys Scouts of America has partnered with several national organizations to accomplish some great service projects. If you are looking for service project ideas, consider the following options:

Nothing But Nets, Scouting For Food, Habitat for Humanity, Our National Parks, American Red Cross, Arbor Day Foundation, Take Pride in America, The Salvation Army, Cell Phones for Soldiers, Preserve Our Waterways, 2010 US Census

* Make sure that all service hours are recorded online for "Good Turn For America."

1. Participate in Scouting for Food or another food drive by spending at least one hour placing bags, collecting bags, distributing food, or spreading the word about food collection.
2. Volunteer to plant trees or landscape an area around a church, synagogue, or other place of worship or a not-for-profit organization that is not the Boy Scouts of America.
3. Provide two hours of service in a group community service project approved by your Scout leader.
4. Recruit one new boy or adult leader into Boy Scouts or Varsity Scouts.
5. Provide two hours of volunteer service at a hospital, senior citizen or veteran's facility, or another facility approved by your Scout leader.

CHARACTER

1. Participate in a flag ceremony, in uniform, for a non-Scouts organization.
2. Earn one of the Citizenship merit badges.
3. Present a written record of your daily Good Turns for a period of 30 consecutive days, verified by your parent, guardian, or Scout leader.
4. Provide two hours of assistance at an activity conducted by a Cub Scout pack, another troop or team, or other youth-serving organization approved by your Scout leader.
5. Conduct a family project (such as the examples found in the Family Life merit badge pamphlet) approved by your Scout leader.

OUTDOORS

1. Earn Hiking, Camping, Backpacking, Canoeing or Wilderness Survival merit badges.
2. Attend a Scout overnight campout and practice the principles of Leave No Trace.
3. Attend a full session of council summer camp, participate in a council or national High Adventure program, or earn the "50 Miler Award."
4. Participate for at least two hours in an outdoor conservation project approved by your Scout leader.
5. Participate in a Scout backpacking trip separate from requirement No. 2.

A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference Adult Leader Patch Requirements

By completing three of the five requirements, adult Scouting Leaders can earn each of five award ribbons. *A Year of Celebration* will be in effect from Sept. 1, 2009, through Dec. 31, 2010.

LEADERSHIP

1. Help organize a new unit.
2. Compile a list of all adult and/or alumni e-mail addresses in your unit, get their permission, and submit the list to your local council Scout service center so Scouting communication can be improved.
3. Actively support a unit in at least two activities related to the BSA 100th Anniversary.
4. Recruit a new adult volunteer, or find a Scouting alumnus, who registers with the BSA.
5. Help any registered youth with their Year of Celebration Leadership award.

ACHIEVEMENT

1. Actively serve on one advancement review for any Scouting program or participate in any rank advancement award ceremony.

2. Earn any BSA training award, BSA Emergency Preparedness Award, or BSA Physical Fitness Award.
3. Help any youth member with advancement toward rank.
4. Be a registered member of a Centennial Quality Unit.
5. Help any youth member earn any 100th Anniversary *Year of Celebration* award.

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1. Be an active participant in Scouting For Food or another food drive or help with a Salvation Army service project.
2. Be an active participant in the Nothing But Nets project found on the national 100th Anniversary Web site.
3. Be an active participant in a Take Pride in America project or a project benefiting the National Parks Stewardship Awards program.
4. Be an active participant in an American Red Cross or a Habitat for Humanity project.
5. Be an active participant in any unit's service project.

CHARACTER

1. Work with any youth so he achieves a religious emblem.
2. Do a Good Turn for seven consecutive days.
3. Participate in a discussion on good character at a unit meeting.
4. Help any youth member achieve his Year of Celebration Character patch.
5. Learn about and participate in a flag retirement ceremony.

OUTDOORS

1. Participate in a unit, district, or council outdoor event.
2. Assist a unit in an outdoor conservation project.
3. Attend camp with a unit (Cub Scout day camp, summer camp, Venturer camp, etc.).
4. Attend a professional (major or minor league) baseball game, or another public event, in uniform with a unit.
5. Visit the "Get in the Game Geocaching" page on the 100th Anniversary Web site www.Scouting.org/100years and participate in a BSA 100th Anniversary geocaching activity.