



100 YEARS OF SCOUTING

Celebrating the Adventure ★ Continuing the Journey

February 2010

Dear Unit Leader,

The year 2010 has arrived and with it comes the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. This letter is being sent to unit leaders like yourself to inform you of the event and activities that the Grand Columbia Council has planned to celebrate this milestone in scouting.

First, an activity that we hope will be memorable and fun for both scouts and Scouters alike. To celebrate the centennial, the council is issuing two commemorative patches. The first patch is available for purchase and comes with a 100th Anniversary activity booklet. A second limited-edition patch is also available. However this patch must be earned through involvement in the selected scouting and community activities listed in the booklet.

These commemorative patches are available for both youth and registered adults. All levels of scouts are included: Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity and Venture. The requirements have been designed to make earning the award patch very achievable for both youth and adults. For your information, the enclosed order form lists the activities/requirements to earn the limited edition patch.

Purchased individually the cost for each commemorative patch and activity booklet is \$5.00. However if you order for your entire unit at the same time using the enclosed order form, the cost drops to \$4.50 each. Each booklet comes with one Grand Columbia Council BSA Centennial patch. When 6 of activities listed in the booklet have been completed, the booklet is signed and returned to the Yakima Service Center and a limited edition GCC Centennial award patch will be mailed out. The cost of the second, limited edition patch is included in the initial cost.

Please note that the limited edition patch can only be *earned*, it cannot be purchased separately. Besides using the order forms, individual booklets will be available for purchase at both the Yakima and Wenatchee Service Centers. It is expected that the patches and booklets will be available by mid-February.

Also enclosed is a sheet that gives you a Schedule of the main events that are planned both by the council and/or your district volunteers. Dates of, and participation in, individual events may vary by district.

We hope that the scouts in your unit will make the most the upcoming scouting year. After all, the 100th Anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America only happens once!

Yours in Scouting,

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