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Grand Columbia Council, Boy Scouts of America

This information update is provided to the volunteer leaders of the Grand Columbia Council in an effort to provide information to our units and leaders in a timely manner. To subscribe or to un-subscribe, please send an e-mail to fawcett@bsamail.org. Check out the council web-site at www.grandcolumbiabsa.org for additional Scouting information.

Happy Birthday Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America celebrates its 100th birthday on Monday, February 8, 2010. The Boy Scouts were chartered by congress on this day in 1910. Scouting in our council also dates back to 1910 as well with Troop 1 of Cashmere, a troop in Cle Elum and a Troop at Yakima First Presbyterian starting that year. Troop 1 is still in operation. Other troops were started shortly after and continue to be in operation. We have a proud tradition of Scouting over the past 100 years. Our anniversary is not just celebrating what has been done in the past 100 years, but what we will continue to do to make a difference in the lives of young people in the future as well.

The Grand Columbia Council has planned a program for all levels of Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts and Ventures for both youth and adults, to celebrate this milestone in Scouting. 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. The requirements have been designed to make earning the award patch very achievable for both youth and adults.

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.

For more information please visit the council's web-site at www.grandcolumbiabsa.org.

The Harlem Globetrotters 2010 World Tour

The Harlem Globetrotters are coming to town and have invited Scouting units to attend and participate in an evening of Basketball, tricks and fun. A special Scout prices with \$7-\$10 per ticket are being offered for this event. The Harlem Globetrotters will be performing in Yakima on Wednesday, February 17, 2010 at the Yakima Sun Dome and on Thursday, February 18, 2010 at the Wenatchee Town Toyota Center. Please see the attached flyers for ticket order forms. The deadline to order tickets is Monday February 15, 2010. To order tickets or for additional information please contact young@harlemglobetrotters.com

Quality Council Award

The Grand Columbia Council is pleased to announce that it has achieved the Quality Council Award for 2009. To achieve the award the council increased youth membership by 3.8% and units by 3.2%. The council had an increase in district committee members and unit commissioners. The council achieved a balanced budget.

Congratulations to our Council Officers, Executive Board and to everyone in the council for achieving this award.

Council Camporee

Plan to attend the council camporee on May 21-23, 2010 at Pot Holes State Park near Moses Lake. This is one of the events planned in our council to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Scouting. There will be activities for Boy Scouts and for Cub Scouts as well. Additional information will be available on the council's web-site www.grandcolumbiabsa.org by Friday Feb 12, 2010.

Council Court of Honor - Silver Beaver Nominees Requested

The Annual Council Court of Honor will be held on Saturday, April, 10, 2010 at 2:00 PM at the King's Orchard Church in Wenatchee. At this event volunteers from throughout the council will be recognized for their outstanding involvement in Scouting. Among these recognitions will be the presentation of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest honor a council can award a volunteer in Scouting.

Nominations for the Silver Beaver Award are requested. If you know an outstanding Scouting volunteer, please complete and submit a nomination for them. Those who receive this award generally have five or more years of outstanding experience in Scouting. Nomination Forms are available at the Council Service Centers or on the council's web-site at www.grandcolumbiabsa.org.

Wood Badge 2010

The 2010 Wood Badge Course will be take place at Camp Fife in the Fall at Camp Fife. The dates are August 26-28 and September 9-11 (bookending Labor Day weekend). The 2010 Reservation Form can be downloaded at our council's web-site at www.grandcolumbiabsa.org. A deposit of \$75 is required with the reservation form. The remainder of \$175 is due by June 12, 2010.

Those interested in participating in Wood Badge this year are encouraged to complete the reservation form and turn it in to the Scout Service Center by February 28, 2010.

Wood Badge is the best leadership training a Scouting leader can participate in. Download the form and register today.

International Scouting Youth Exchange to Saudi Arabia

The International Division of the Boy Scouts of America is sponsoring the first-ever youth exchange with the Scout Association of Saudi Arabia from April 1-9, 2010. Most of the cost for the trip has been covered by the International Scouting Division with the cost for the participants being \$800 each which includes: airfare, transportation, lodging, etc. Participants must be registered in Scouting and between 16-19 years old. All applicants must be approved to participate through the council and the International Scouting Division. For applications please contact Robert Fawcett as soon as possible by e-mail at robert.fawcett@Scouting.org.

Candy Sales

The council's annual candy sale is an opportunity for units to earn funds to operate their units and to help send their Scouts to Camp. Additional information can be found on the Council's web-site www.grandcolumbiabsa.org. The deadline to order is February 26, 2010.

2010 National Scout Jamboree

The 2010 National Scout Jamboree is Scouting at its best and is the highlight of the BSA's 100th Anniversary. The Council Jamboree Committee has been working to fine tune plans for the council's contingent to the 2010 National Scout Jamboree. The cost for the Jamboree has been **reduced to \$2999**. This price includes Jamboree fees, pre-Jamboree tour including transportation, meals, and lodging, and jamboree participant package. For more information on the Grand Columbia Council's tour and payment go to <http://www.grandcolumbiabsa.org/Jamboree.html>. The Council Information Sheet at this link has complete sign-up information and instructions.

Participants must be at least First Class Scouts, 12 years of age by July 1, 2010 and not yet reached their 18th birthday by August 4, 2010. They must be approved by the Jamboree Committee, attend the pre-Jamboree training, and complete the Jamboree Health & Medical Record.

There is still space available, but they are going very quickly.

Up Coming Events

Feb. 13 Duty to God Hikes (check with District Activities Chair or District Executive for Details)

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 15 President's Day Holiday – Scout Service Centers Closed

Feb. 17 Scout Night at the Harlem Globetrotters 7 PM, Yakima Sun Dome

Feb. 18 Scout Night at the Harlem Globetrotters, 7 PM, Wenatchee Town Toyota Center

Feb. 19-20 CK District Klondike Derby at Camp Fife

Feb. 22. Lord Baden-Powell-founder of the Boy Scouts birthday

Feb. 23 Johnny Jones ___ annual Friends of Scouting Breakfast, Toppenish Eagles Club, Rob McKenna-Speaker

Feb. 26 Candy Sale Orders Due

Mar. 1 Silver Beaver Nominations due at Council Offices

Mar 5-7 Skookum District Winter Camp at Camp Fife

Looking Ahead

Apr. 2 Good Friday Holiday, Scout Service Centers closed

Apr. 4 Easter Holiday

Apr. 6 AppleValley District Good Scout Luncheon

Apr. 10 District Officers Training Workshop, 9 AM, Wenatchee

Apr. 10 Council Program Coordinated Meeting, 12-2 PM, Wenatchee

Apr. 10 Council Court of Honor, 2 PM Wenatchee

Apr. 15 Council Executive Board Meeting

May 21-23 Council Camporee

May 31 Memorial Day Holiday, Scout Service Centers Closed

For a complete list of Council and District dates, please visit the council's web-site at www.grandcolumbiabsa.org.

For questions about district meetings, events and activities, please contact your District Executive

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