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## Council Newsletter



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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 unsubscribe, please send and e-mail to [fawcett@bsamail.org](mailto:fawcett@bsamail.org). Check out the council web-site at [www.grandcolumbiabsa.org](http://www.grandcolumbiabsa.org) for additional Scouting information.

### **Are You Ready for an Activity?**

Whenever your Scouting unit goes on an activity or campout outside of your community or when there is an element of risk to the activity, you must complete a Tour Permit and get it approved at the council service center. The tour permit should be submitted two weeks in advance, but must be turned in no later than one week in advance. When your trip is greater than 500 miles one way or you leave the United States, you must complete a National Tour Permit. Allow two to six weeks for processing through the region for National Tour Permits. Our council service centers are now checking for training that is required for the a permit.

Leaders on the activity must to complete different training depending upon the activity. Youth Protection Training must be completed by all registered leaders in Scouting. At least one leader on the activity must complete Planning and Preparing for Hazardous Weather training. If your event involves swimming, Safe Swim Defense Training is needed and if your event is boating you'll need to have Safety Afloat Training. All of these training courses are valid for two years from the date the training is completed.

All of the above training is available at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org). If you have not yet created a login at this site, you will need your BSA membership number to do so. This website is a social networking site for the Scouting community and also has information and training that is useful to adult Scouting volunteers, including Youth Protection, Weather Hazard Training, Fast Start and much more. When this training is taken after logging in, it becomes a part of your Scouting training record.

Please share this information with all the leaders in your unit. Tour permits processed after July 31, 2009 will not be approved without the necessary training being completed.

### **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. Participants should register before July 15, 2009.

### **Sleeves for Scouts**

Do you remember the first time you put a Scout uniform? The feeling of pride in knowing you were a Scout, the feeling of belonging, and knowing you were a part of the largest youth movement in the world?

Imagine that day if your family was unable to afford the price of even a used shirt. That's what many fellow Scouts around the world are facing. To them the Scout uniform is more than a shirt: it is a symbol that shows the world "I am a Scout." We have the opportunity to give them that chance to feel that pride.

The Boy Scouts of America proudly announces the Sleeves for Scouts campaign. We are asking Scouts and Scouters to gather up all the clean, wearable uniform shirts they have outgrown and no longer use. The shirts will be donated to Scouts in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and other places around the world where young boys are waiting to put on a uniform and feel that sense of pride you remember so well.

If you have uniforms you would like to donate, please drop them by the Scout Service Center in Wenatchee or Yakima and we will make sure they get passed on for the Sleeves for Scouts campaign.

### **Tell Us About Your Service Project**

[www.goodturnforamerica.com](http://www.goodturnforamerica.com) (GTFA) is a national BSA media outreach program to tell the story of what Scouting is doing in your area. To report your unit's service hours, [click here](#) After reporting your unit's service hours, take the Good Turn for America certificate to your local Scout shop to purchase your Good Turn for America patches. Anyone who worked on the project is eligible to receive a patch. Or share your project good news story, [click here](#) share your service project story for possible inclusion on this web-site as well as possibly being featured in National publications. The web-site also has [PR Advertising and marketing tools for units](#) To register for GTFA or to access your unit's [online advancement](#) you will need to get your unit ID number from the council registrars. Contact: [joyce.adcock@scouting.org](mailto:joyce.adcock@scouting.org) or [barbara.dower@scouting.org](mailto:barbara.dower@scouting.org).

### **Up Coming Events**

July 5-11 Camp Bonaparte First Week

July 5-11 Camp Fife Second Week

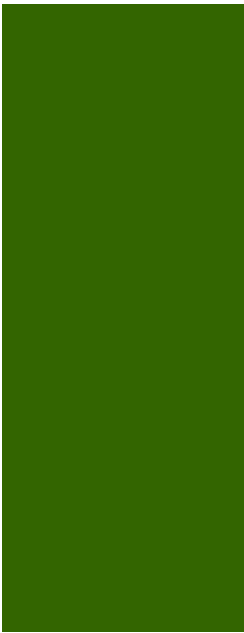
July 10 Skookum District Recognition Event, 6 PM, Camp Fife

July 12-18 Camp Bonaparte Second Week

July 12-18 Camp Fife Third Week

July 19-25 Camp Bonaparte Third Week

July 19-25 Camp Fife Fourth Week



July 26-Aug 1 Camp Fife Fifth Week  
Aug. 14-15 OA Fellowship at Scout-A-Vista  
Aug. 31 Popcorn Show & Sell Orders Due On-Line

Looking Ahead

Sept. 7 Labor Day Service Centers Closed  
Sept. 18-Oct. 24 Popcorn Sale  
Nov. 7 Council-Wide Bigfoot Leaders Training, Wenatchee  
*For a complete list of Council and District Events, please visit the council web-site at: [www.GrandColumbiaBSA.org](http://www.GrandColumbiaBSA.org).*

For information on specific District Events or questions, please contact your District Executive

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