



# BSA TROOP 320 NEWSLETTER

## *Soaring to New Heights*

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### Upcoming Events:

- 11/1: Troop Meeting
- 11/4: Adult Committee Meeting
- 11/5-11/7: Wolverton Mountain Campout
- 11/7: Pancake Breakfast
- 11/8: Troop Meeting
- 11/11: Roundtable/OA Meeting
- 11/15: Troop Meeting Pack 494 Visit
- 11/20-11/21: Columbia Gorge Backpacking Trip (Call Scott Inloes for Further Details)
- 11/22: Troop Meeting
- 11/29: Troop Meeting
- 11/30: TLC Meeting

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## Wolverton Mountain Gun Campout

The Wolverton Campout was once again a huge success! We had a great turn out and an exciting time. Scouts had the opportunity to learn how to practice gun safety as well as handle various types of fire-arms. A thank you to Tom Nelson and Mark Rembowski for once again organizing the troop favorite.



## Re-charter Information

It's that time of year again! Kevin Ehlers, the troop treasurer has been collecting dues from all registered scouts and adults. Each scout and adult should have received a financial printout at one of the troop meetings. These re-

ports show the amount of money currently in the scouts account (funds raised by scouts during our monthly pancake breakfast) and the yearly re-charter and/or boys life subscription dues. A reminder, that all money needs

to be in by November 15th. For any questions, or concerns please contact Kevin via email at ehlers@qwest.net or call him at (360) 573-9854 .



## Adult Committee Meeting

Thanks to all who were able to attend this month's Committee Meeting. For those who were unable to attend, please visit the troop's website and view a copy of the committee meeting minutes. It is asked that all adults in leadership positions attend these monthly meetings and parents planning/running upcoming campouts do so *at least* one month ahead of time. The next committee meeting is on Thursday December 2nd 2004, 7:00 pm at Hazel Dell Fire Station #1. Items on the agenda for next month are as follows:

AGENDA ITEM:	ADULTS TO ATTEND:
Walk and Knock	Kim Ruestig and Dave Walters)
Tree Flyer Pass-out	Sandra Cook/Maggie Mohammadi
Tree Recycling	Sandra Cook/Maggie Mohammadi
Christmas Tree Pickup	Brad Koopman/Chris Ruestig/ Ed Kraft
Trillium Lake Campout	Paul Quimby/Dan Funk
Timberline Campout	Kerry Cook
High Adventure Funds	N/A



## Boy Scout Recruitment

Troop 320 is currently recruiting Webelos Den's to cross over into the troop in Late February/Early March. We have distributed flyers to various schools and packs at the cub scout roundtable. The recruitment of younger scouts is a vital aspect in helping our troop flourish for years to come. Please encourage any cub dens that you may be affiliated with to come and visit the troop

at one of our troop meetings. Copies of our recruitment flyer can be found on the troop website under the "Newsletter" section. Feel free to print it off and distribute.

### WEBELOS DENS SCHEDULED TO VISIT:

Webelos from Pack 494 on November 15th 2004

## TLC Corner

The TLC Meeting last month (October 26th) was canceled. A reminder that all scouts in leadership positions are required to attend Troop Leadership Meetings held the last Tuesday in every month 7:00 pm at Hazel Dell Fire Station #2 (Felida) If scouts cannot make a TLC meeting, they need to call the Senior Patrol Leader IN AD-

VANCE and arrange for someone to be there in the scouts place. Scouts that fail to attend half of the TLC meetings and do not make arrangements WILL NOT RECEIVE CREDIT FOR LEADERSHIP needed for rank advancement. The next TLC meeting will be Tuesday November 30th.

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*"The price of greatness  
is responsibility"*  
-Winston Churchill

## Scoutmasters Minute

### THANKSGIVING

As Americans, we have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving. We live in freedom, most of us have an abundance of food and clothing, and we all have adequate shelter. We are as blessed as any people in the world, but sometimes we forget that and gripe that we don't have even more. Let's remember that a lot of the worlds population goes to bed hungry in homes that few Americans would want

to live in.

So it's good to remind ourselves occasionally that we are lucky and thank God for our blessings. That's what Thanksgiving really is, a time to give thanks. The Pilgrims started it more than 100 years ago when they gathered to thank God for a bountiful harvest.

Today Thanksgiving is a time for family gatherings around a groaning table followed by watching football games. There's nothing

wrong with that. But it's important that we don't forget the real meaning of Thanksgiving. So when you sit down with your family for Thanksgiving dinner, take time to count your blessings and thank God for them.



## Troop320.net

### Website:

As you probably already know, the troop has a website at: <http://www.troop320.net>

On the website you will be able to obtain a wealth of information on upcoming campouts, and events, patrol rosters, calendars, past newsletters, financial reports, adult committee minutes, summer camp information, in-depth backpacking tutorials and so much more. Check it out today!

### Weekly Updates:

Weekly updates are sent via email after every troop meeting recapping any important information that you missed if you were unable to attend. These emails are usually sent out between Tuesday and Wednesday night following the meeting. If you have not been receiving the weekly updates please send a request to [troop\\_320@hotmail.com](mailto:troop_320@hotmail.com) so we can add you to the address book.

### Eagle Egg Hunt:

The eagle egg hunt on the website has been discontinued for now. Winners received \$2.00 gift certificates to Ice Cream Renaissance. From time to time though, there will be an eagle egg hidden in the website. (Find it by clicking on links) So keep checking!



### Troop Roster

The Troop roster is available online. For security purposes, it is password protected. To access it:

**USER NAME AND PASSWORD NOT AVAILABLE IN ONLINE NEWSLETTER FOR SECURITY PURPOSES**

## Newsletter Submissions

The monthly newsletter is back by popular demand. I am asking though, that adults (and even scouts) submit information to be published in the monthly newsletter. Whether it is a write-up for an upcoming event you are in charge of, Merit Badge Class Information, or any other write-ups that you feel should be in the newsletter

please e-mail them to [troop\\_320@hotmail.com](mailto:troop_320@hotmail.com). Please submit write-ups no later than the first Sunday of every month. Newsletter submissions are essential in creating a good and informative monthly newsletter.

-Dan Sweeney, Jr. Asst. Scoutmaster



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