

BSA Troop 282

Summer Court of Honor Report

Hello parents of Troop 282,

I would like to thank all the families that came to the court of honor last week. We had a lot of scouts receive rank advancements and merit badges. As always it is a real treat to see everyone and the scouts receive awards.

I would also like to thank all the people and scouts that have been a part of the spring scouting season. We went on some pretty great trips and competed well at the district camporee.

As we begin the summer scouting season we will be headed to camp parsons in July. Then the troop high adventure to the San Juan Islands and NYLT in August. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes to make these great experiences. I want to thank all the trip staff members in advance for all your time helping make these trips successful.

At camp parsons we have 31 scouts attending and they will be working on 91 merit badges, as well as the trail to first class skills. I hope everyone enjoys themselves and takes advantage of every opportunity to learn and teach others at camp!

Cycling in the San Juan Islands will be the highlight experience for the troop. They will get the opportunity to do a lot of traveling by land and sea. They will also get to see quite a bit of wildlife, I am excited to see pictures and hear back from all on that adventure. NYLT in late august will be at Camp Melakwa in the cascades. This course promises to be a challenge for all attending, our own Scott Adolf is the course director and we also have some scouts participating on staff.

Later in the summer in late August we will be gearing up for Duck Parking. This football season we will be doing of other types of work out there. Look for email updates on this as the season draws closer.

Since our last court of honor we have integrated a new record keeping program to track all our scouts' attendance, advancement, and merit badges. I would like to thank our new advancement chair Gwendy Darling for all your hard work to make this change possible. She will be reaching out periodically to all to update us on how this new program works and how parents can track their scout's progress.

Another thing that was announced was that the troop is in need of adult volunteers. We really need adults that are willing to become part of the troop committee and share some of the troop responsibilities that help make the troop run successfully.

If you have a young scout and have time and would like to participate, please contact me. If any Parents would like to attend a monthly outing to see what it is like please see me.

If you may know any youth that might be interested in joining the troop feel free to bring them to a troop meeting, or pass the information on to me. We are always open to new scouts!

Lastly if you were not in attendance, Chris Hammond has stepped down from the troop Advancement chair position. Chris is one of the troop founders and has been involved in numerous levels of scouting for over 20 years. Chris has touched a lot of scouts and scouters over that time. The Scout Executive was also in attendance for her ceremony. Chris has always been a driving force behind the scenes with the troop activities and leadership as well as liaison to the District and Council. I have known Chris for 10 years ever since she was my son's teacher at Eugene Christian School. She asked me to be a part of the troop committee when my son crossed over. Chris has always encouraged me to keep connected to the things I first discovered in scouting. Chris thought I needed more and suggested being on council staff for wood badge courses. I was amazed when I found out how many people are connected to Chris through Woodbadge. Chris has finally worked her Ticket home. If you did not get the chance to see the picture slideshow I encourage you to see it on the troop Facebook page. She has left a tremendous legacy of Eagle scouts and will be missed.

Finally summer has arrived; along with it Mosquitoes, sunscreen and long hot days and nights. I encourage everyone to enjoy the summer season and take advantage of the great summer outings planned before summer is over and we move into fall.

Sincerely

Paul Griffiths
Troop Committee Chair
Troop 282 Oregon Trail Council

