

# Alumni Communities



THE QUARTERLY DIGITAL NEWSPAPER

## Breaking news from the council!

We are pleased to present the inaugural newsletter of the Cascade Pacific Council Alumni Communities, a network of Scouting-affiliated groups uniting former youth members, leaders, and supporters of Scouting America across northwest Oregon and southwest Washington.

Regardless of whether your involvement was with Cascade Pacific Council or another Scouting organization, our communities invite you to reconnect, share experiences, and contribute to the advancement of today's Scouts through engagement, mentorship, events, and service.

Yours In Scouting,



Rob McDonald and Mason Lewallen, Co-Chairs

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# Scouting Skills Saves a Life

**GABRIEL BREEDING** is a 17-year-old Life Scout from Troop 648. A tradition of 648 is that they would introduce themselves with the following info: my Name, my school, toothbrush color, and favorite flavor of ice cream.

Gabriel attends Fort Vancouver High School of International Studies; his toothbrush color is white and favorite flavor of ice cream is mint moose tracks.

He likes to think of himself as someone who applies himself.

He's trying to keep good grades, be active in his troop and chapter, and give my best effort whenever a task is given.

He believes that everybody should apply themselves, so that when we try to put in the finest effort, we bring out the best in not only ourselves but others.

This is why he has gotten to the point and why he will continue to go further.

This adventure started when he was in second grade, when he joined Cub Scout Pack 306.

It was here that he learned the Scout Oath and Law and earned his Bobcat, the introduction to Scouting. He went to a variety of summer camps from Butte Creek Scout Ranch to Camp Clark on the Oregon coast. He then moved from Bear to

Webelos to eventually Arrow of Light. While he was an Arrow of Light, he saw all the variety that troops had to offer. It was the first BIG self-determined decision that he had made by joining Troop 648 at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Orchards.

It was a shame to see some friends go to different troops or to conclude their scouting Adventures but in the end, he thought he had made the right choice by joining troop 648.

He is sure that those who did not join him at 648, continue to apply themselves even if they went elsewhere.

It was at troop 648, where he and his friends created the Cobras patrol. Eventually they had to merge because enough people had simply fallen off, but they were all great company, and now as the Titan Patrol they plan to continue to do great things.

An example of this is the 50-mile Canoe trip that they are planning on the Columbia. During this 5-day escapade, they will complete 10 hours of conservation along Caterpillar.

This adventure is completely youth-led and merely advised by a couple of adults. This is one of the final actions that they will be doing together before they age out of the program.

Skills that he has learned in Scouting were First Aid and CPR. A skill he hoped to never use. A few months ago, he was at work at Domino's. He was checking someone out at the counter when he saw it.

A car jumped the curb of the nearby car wash. He knew something was not right and ran to see if someone needed help. He found a man in the car, who looked like he was in distress. He opened the car door, pulled the emergency brake, and pulled him from the vehicle and laid him on the cool grass. He proceeded to do CPR till the paramedics arrived. He left on a stretcher about five minutes later breathing on his own.

He still does not know who he helped that day, but he knows that scouting helped save his life and he learned that scouting is more than just merits and Camporees.

Scouting helped him be prepared for that moment. That's what he hopes every Scout takes away from this program—that by applying yourself, by putting in your finest effort, you won't just improve your own life. You'll be ready to help someone else when they need it most.

**NOTE:** Gabriel earned the rank of Eagle Scout in June 2025 and was recommended to receive the Medal of Honor award. Congratulations.



# Spotlight – Steve Gold: Scouting Impact On One’s Life



## A Foundation of Faith and Fellowship

My journey began in 1980, fueled by the simple excitement of an eight-year-old following his friends into Cub Scouting. In those early days, tied closely to my upbringing in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints,

Scouting was simply the fabric of our lives. From the weekly meetings at our den mother’s home to the countless campouts that followed, my enthusiasm only grew. What started as a social rite of passage quickly transformed into a training ground for life, instilling in me a deep reverence for the outdoors and a stubborn sense of perseverance that has stayed with me ever since.

## The Impact of a Single Conversation

The true turning point, however, occurred on the rugged trails of Mt. Jefferson Wilderness when I was fifteen. Though I didn’t always feel like the most

popular scout, I had a leader who saw me. He chose to hike alongside me, offering not just encouragement for the physical climb, but a living example of what it meant to lead with kindness. That "high adventure" became a mental landmark for me. The faces of the men who mentored me during those formative years are etched into my memory, serving as the blueprint for the kind of man—and leader—I wanted to become.

## Paying it Forward: From Philmont to Oregon

Since settling back in Oregon in 2008, my involvement in Scouting has evolved from a personal pursuit into a mission of service. My time at Philmont Scout Ranch in 2009 was a spiritual and instructional catalyst; standing in "God’s Country," I realized that Scouting is the ultimate vehicle for **Servant Leadership and Teaching with Purpose**. Today, whether I am working with young men or women, my goal remains the same: to be that voice of encouragement on the trail, just as my leader was for me at fifteen. Scouting doesn’t just change lives by accident; it provides a rugged, beautiful environment where young people can discover they are capable of doing hard things.

“Let’s do this together!” – Steve Gold

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## 2025 National Eagle Scout Association (NESA)

### Outstanding Eagle Scout Award Recipients



The National Eagle Scout Association established the **NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award (NOESA)** to commemorate the Boy Scouts of America’s 100th Anniversary in 2010. Since its inception, the award has become an important recognition among Eagle Scouts, recognizing their distinction. The award is presented solely to Eagle Scouts who demonstrate remarkable achievements *well beyond their Scouting endeavors* by excelling in their careers/vocations at local, regional, or national levels. NOESA recipients Inspire others through their positive actions, demonstrating excellence in their chosen professions, hobbies, community service, and adherence to religious beliefs.

The Cascade Pacific Council Alumni Communities congratulate our three new NESA NOESA recipients.





**DAVID PARRY** works for HP as the Director of Home Print Solutions, Partnerships, and Analytics.

Organizational head to serve our customers driving simple and easy printer software experience with photos, documents,

scanning, and device interactions. The organization leads in three areas: software product team focused on making printing as simple as possible, influencing and building relationships with alliances to operating system partners and 3rd parties, and gathering the data-evidence to give credence to the direction.

David is a member of the Willamette University Alumni Board of Directors (2020-Current). Chair of Membership and Awards Committee. Serving to further the interests of Willamette University and its alumni, help foster closer

relationships between alumni and the university and its students, to help promote activities beneficial to the university and its alumni, to assist in the recruitment of students, and in general to promote the university to its constituents and the community. He is also, Member of the United Methodist Open Door Churches Board of Directors (2020-2024). Board member of the Salem-Keizer Open-Door Churches. Which is an association of six area Methodist Churches. This board governs the administrative nature of the church, its outreach, and its ministry.



**RON STANKYE** led a decorated serving as a Special Agent (SA) and Supervisory Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). Ron has received numerous commendations and awards throughout his career to include the following: In 2018, SSA/CDC Stankye received the FBI Core Values Award for Leadership from FBI Director Christopher Wray; an “On the Spot Award”

from FBI Director Comey; a “Certificate of Achievement” from FBI Director Mueller; a “Unit Commendation Award” issued by the Portland Police Bureau to members of the Metro Explosive Disposal Unit for work on several bombing incidents. In 1992, SA Stankye received the “Law Enforcement Officer of the Year” issued by American Legion Post #155, Longview, WA.

Ron is an active member of St Joseph Catholic Church in Vancouver, WA. and is a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Ron serves as an usher at the masses. He has previously assisted with the construction crew for the annual

sausage festival, which proceeds benefited St Joseph Catholic School. Ron also assisted with officiating and scoring at the school CYO athletic activities, including basketball, volleyball, swimming, and track. For the past 4 years, Ron has received the gold level award from the President’s Council on Volunteer Service. This year, Ron has qualified for the “Lifetime” Presidential Award for Volunteer Service.



**SCOTT WEST** has worked for 36 years for the Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF). Over his career Scott has been involved in Wildland Fire Management.

He is currently the North Cascade District Unit Manager for the Molalla Unit. It manages wildland fire management for Clackamas and Multnomah counties approximately 400,000 acres of forested lands in the urban interface.

Scott has a commitment to his community he lives in. Scott has been a Volunteer Fire Fighter for 7 years. Coached youth soccer for 10 years. Has been a 4H leader for rifle shooting sports and was the Oregon National

Team Coach in 2023. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus since 2007. He is active in his Church helping with childcare during mass, coffee & donuts, church cleaning, church events, an eucharistic minister and an usher. He was on the City of Stayton’s Park and Recreation Board for 7 years and held the role of chair for 2 years. He also served on the City of Stayton Budget Committee for 17 years. Scott believes in giving back to the community he lives in to make a better place for all.

## Camp Meriwether Centennial Celebration News!

The Alumni Communities want to reengage you back into Scouting and we hope you **join with us to grow the Scouting movement**. One way to reconnect is attending **Camp Meriwether 100th Anniversary**, the alumni will be having a hospitality tent during the weekend. Please come visit us by [registering today](#).



**FRIENDS of SCOUTING**

## Investing in the Future of the Northwest

Great futures don’t happen by accident, and they don’t happen without local support. When you give to [Friends of Scouting](#), you are making a direct investment in the future of our region.

By keeping your gift local, you are directly funding the scholarships that send kids to well-maintained camps, the training that empowers our unit leaders, and the safety standards that give parents peace of mind. From the urban centers of Portland and Vancouver to the coastal forests and high cascades, your support keeps Scouting accessible, safe, and thriving.



# Subcommittees

**Call to Serve!** We are looking for additional Alumni Community members and committee chairs to help serve on the following committees. For a listing of job descriptions please go to our “[Get Involved](#)” webpage.



## Eagle Scout Alumni

- Co-Chairs: Rob McDonald and Boy Yokoyama

## Silver Beaver

## Wood Badge Association

- CPCWoodBadgeAssn@gmail.com

## Camp Alumni

- Baldwin
- Butte Creek
- Clark
- Cooper
- Ireland
- Lewis
- Meriwether

- Co-Chairs: Tim Kniser and Jim Thompson

- Pioneer
- Royce Final
- Chair: Tom Grimm

- Spirit Lake
- Co-Chairs: Mark McConnell and Dennis Roberts

## Adventures & Events

## Awards & Recognitions

- Co-Chairs: Steven Gold and George Harrison

## District Coordinator

## District Alumni Coordinators

- Cascadia

- Mid-Columbia
- Pacific Shores
- Pacific Trail
- Rivers Edge
- Santiam River
- Spirit Lake
- Timberline
- Dan Wolf

## Marketing & Communications

## Membership

## Young Adults

## Empty Nester

## Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

- Adventures/Events – First Wednesday of the Month
- Awards & Recognitions – When Needed

For more information about subcommittees, please contact Rob McDonald at [alumni.chair@cpscscouting.org](mailto:alumni.chair@cpscscouting.org).



## Let's Connect

**Meet Up's – Need Your Help!** We are looking for help in hosting Meet Up's in each of the districts and venues where to host them. If you are interested in hosting a Meet Up or know some great venue locations, please contact Rob McDonald at [alumni.chair@cpscscouting.org](mailto:alumni.chair@cpscscouting.org)

## We going to a new Customer Relationship Management System

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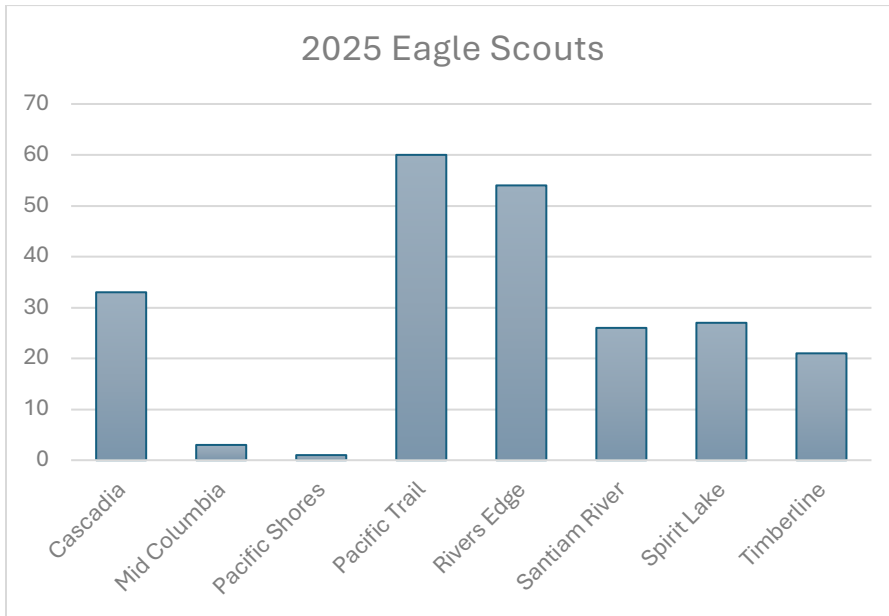


- Alumni
- Prospective families
- Text messages to be sent for important reminders and deadlines.
- In addition, each member, alumni and prospective families will be able to update their

Scouting history which would include current/prior positions, awards, and training.

We are requesting that our Alumni Communities [update your information](#) on the new system. That way we can connect you with alumni, Scouts and Scouters in your area and by interest.

## Eagle Scouts by District's



Are you receiving your newsletters from [newletters@cpcscouting.org](mailto:newletters@cpcscouting.org) and emails from [alumni.chair@cpcscouting.org](mailto:alumni.chair@cpcscouting.org), please check your spam/junk folder and accept them.



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[CPC Eagle Scout Alumni Website](#)

### Awards/Recognitions Deadlines Alumni Awards

**Council Alumnus of the Year** – Deadline to submit nominations for this award is on or before December 31<sup>st</sup> to be honored for the current year.

**Council Distinguished Alumnus Award** – No deadline.

### NESA Awards

**NESA Distinguished Eagle Scout Award** – Nominations accepted between April 1 – July 31 each year.

**NESA Outstanding Eagle Scout Award** - Quotas must be used each year by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NESA Silver Wreath Award** - Nomination quotas must be used by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NESA Glenn A. and Melinda W. Adams National Eagle Scout Service Project of the Year Award** – Nomination deadline is January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**NESA Scholarships** - The application portal opens December 1, 2025, and closes January 31, 2026.

**Cascade Pacific Council Eagle Scout Scholarships** – Review the [website](#) for deadlines.

