

Alumni Communities



THE QUARTERLY DIGITAL NEWSPAPER

Busy Summer – Ready to Start the Fall!

It was a busy summer, with the 2026 Scouting America Jamboree happening at the end of July and Camp Meriwether's 100th Anniversary during Labor Day weekend. For me, being a volunteer staff for the Alumni and National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) booth at the National Jamboree opened some great opportunities for our council by being able to meet some of the key National leaders from the Alumni and NESA committees. It is always nice to place a face with a name

when talking with folks from National.

Camp Meriwether's 100th Anniversary Labor Day weekend brought over 500 individuals to camp to celebrate 100th years of summer camp adventures. It was an awesome weekend meeting former alumnus, youth, parents and leaders.

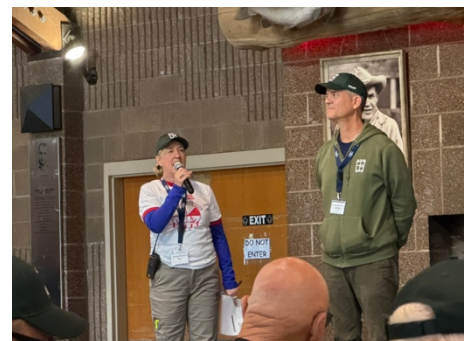
A big shout out of thanks to Kaleen and Stephen Deathridge who lead the event, our council key 3 and those awesome volunteers who supported the weekend. Yours In Scouting,



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Scouting America National Key 3, Roger Krone (l), Ricky Mason (m), and Devang Esai (r), speaking at the National Jamboree Alumni/NESA booth.



Rob McDonald and Mason Lewallen, Co-Chairs, alumni.chair@cpcScouting.org



Spotlight – George Harrison: Scouting Impact on One’s Life



George Harrison receiving the Helen Howells Memorial Commissioner Award.

When I was a youth in the program, I tried to reach out and do things that no one else was doing. When I did that in school, I did not get positive results. So, I got active in doing things where I could make a difference. I created the scoring system for events at camporee. I started working with our District Commissioner to serve my local units. I tried to create a program for the Order of the Arrow to support units, the TRACS program... I found that working with people, we could bounce ideas around to create new and exciting programs and use that excitement to grow the membership. Everything got better when we collaborated.

Andy Letourneau, as a Lodge Chief as well as several Advisers... we spent time dreaming of the big picture. I was good at the lists: keeping an eye on all the projects. As I stepped into the role of Scoutmaster, I recruited people that wanted to think about what could be: Dreamers... We brought that to our (very young) Patrol Leaders Committee. We had intense training and planning events that led to some very interesting calendars. I am very proud of what our troop did.

As a small business owner, my store was written up for my superlative staff. They were seen as personable and enthusiastic. I think I learned enthusiasm in the outdoors. I think I learned teamwork and mentorship from the Order to the Arrow, camp staff and working in my District and in my Patrol.

Camp Meriwether 100th Annensary

Commemorating our history through pictures.



Family and friends visiting Camp Meriwether 100th Anniversary weekend.



Stephen Deathridge (r) leading a panel discussion of past Camp Meriwether Camp Directors.



Spirit Lake Camp Alumni coming together at the Camp Meriwether.



Camp Meriwether Program staff entertaining the camp visitors at lunch.



Opening the 75th Camp Meriwether Time Capsule.



Camp visitors riding the horses from Camp Butte Creek.



Our Council President and Board Chair Andrew Danner (r) and Council CEO Gary Carroll (l) discussing the new council 5-year strategic plan to Camp Meriwether alumni, families and staff.



A visit from the past, camp artifacts, celebrating 100th years at Camp Meriwether.

Celebrating Our Volunteers – Scouting Alumni Service Commemoration

Those of us who live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law understand the importance of Scouting. We became Scouting volunteers and alumni because we believe in the character-building, leadership and values that the Scouting Movement provides youth. Scouting America Alumni has developed a commemorative medallion to celebrate the years of service. The purpose behind this homage is to allow, districts, or councils to present them in a public setting but without a formal process.



Santiam River District celebrate their volunteers and alumni with 25- and 50-year recognitions of the Scouting Alumni Service Commemoration. Those recognized at the celebration were Jon Aabery (37 years), Doug Commins (27 years), Harry Cooley (33 years), Daniel Kohler (50 years), Byron Medows (37 years), Dolly Olson (40 years), David Parry (30 years), Steven Potter (40 years), Mike Stalen (34 years), D. Olcott Thompson (40 years) Michael Vander (26 years) and Scott West (25 years). Congratulations to all those who received the Scouting Alumni Service Commemoration. If you have individuals deserving, please check out the [Scouting Alumni Service Commemoration](#) page or contact the council alumni awards subcommittee.



Alumni and National Eagle Scout Association (NESA) Awards



It is that time of the year to think about those individuals who are deserving recognition for the Scouting America [Council Alumnus of the Year Award](#) which is given for exceptional service to the alumni movement on a council-wide basis. Each council may select one nominee for this award annually.



The National Eagle Scout Association's [Outstanding Eagle Scout Award](#) and [Silver Wreath Award](#) recognize Eagle Scouts whose lives reflect exceptional leadership, service, and lasting impact. Both honors celebrate the enduring values of Scouting beyond the achievement of Eagle Scout, while recognizing different stages and levels of accomplishment.

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.



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@cpcscouting.org

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-Finel
 - 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

For more information about subcommittees, please contact Rob McDonald at alumni.chair@cpcscouting.org



Are you receiving your newsletters from newletters@cpcscouting.org and emails from alumni.chair@cpcscouting.org? Please check your spam/junk folder and accept them!

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.



Awards/Recognitions Deadlines

Cascade Pacific Council request all National awards to be submitted by October 31st of each year to review and approve these awards.

[Alumni Awards](#)

Council Alumnus of the Year – Deadline to submit nominations for this award is on or before December 31st 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 31st.

NESA Silver Wreath Award - Nomination quotas must be used by December 31st.

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

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

[Cascade Pacific Council](#)

Eagle Scout Scholarships – Review the Eagle Scout Alumni [website](#) for deadlines.

For more information related to the awards, please contact our Co-Chairs: Steven Gold (s3a2bgold@gmail.com) and George Harrison (ancient_wonders@hotmail.com)



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