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November

- 1 Leaders' Meeting, 9:30 a.m. or
..... 6:30 p.m.
- 1 QSP Magazine Orders Due
- 11 ... Veterans Day - Office Closed
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday - Office
..... Closed

December

- TBA Leaders' Meeting, 9:30 a.m. or
..... 6:30 p.m.
- 23-26 Christmas Holiday - Office
..... Closed

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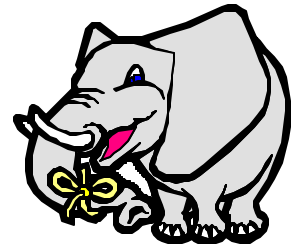
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Membership Corner

Many thanks to those who have renewed their membership and earned the Early Bird Award. For those who have not renewed, please contact your group leader and complete your paperwork and pay your annual membership fee as soon as possible.

Hats off to Leaders who have added new members this fall:

Ivaly Alexander
Amy Hutchison
Lynnea Heerman
Cindy Holland



Remember, if you have members attending meetings who are not registered, get those registrations in soon!

News Hounds Still Wanted

We are looking for "News Hounds" to help us with extra sets of eyes (and scissors) to find news about Camp Fire USA printed in local newspapers.

All you need to do when you find articles, is cut them out and mail them to the West Branch Office.

Thanks to Ivaly Alexander who has agreed to be our *Kitsap Sun News Hound*!

Call Dianne at 360 377 5513 to sign for one or more of the following papers:

Brainbridge Island Review
Bremerton Patriot
Central Kitsap Reporter
Your school newsletter

Port Orchard Independent
North Kitsap Herald
Kitsap Chronicle



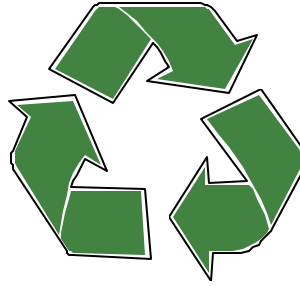
December Leaders' Meeting Question

December 6th is our regularly scheduled Leaders' Meeting. However, Camp Fire Staff will be attending an all day retreat on that date. Should the West Branch meeting be moved to a Thursday (either Dec 1st or 8th), or the next Tuesday, December 13th?

Please check your calendars and bring input to our meeting on Tuesday, November 1st.

November 15th is America Recycles Day

With the involvement and enthusiasm of people like **YOU**, recycling is back, and so are thousands upon thousands of recycled products made from materials that would otherwise be piling up in our nation's landfills. It makes a huge difference to our environment, our quality of life, and our country's future!



How can you help? There are three parts to the recycling process and you are essential to making them work.

1. Recycle – don't put recyclables in the landfill.
2. Manufacturing – using recycled materials in things as simple as craft projects. There's dozens of fun things to do with an empty egg carton!
3. Purchasing – "Close the loop" by buying products made from recycled materials.



Good items to recycle: Tin cans, aluminum cans, newspaper, magazines, phone books, plastic beverage bottles, milk jugs, glass bottles and jars, cereal boxes, other clean and dry cardboard boxes.

Books about recycling: *Follow That Trash!* *All About Recycling* by Francine Jacobs, *I Heard the Willow Weep* by Toni Albert, *Recycle! A Handbook for Kids* by Gail Gibbons, *The Great Trash Bash* by Loreen Leedy; Look for these and other books on recycling in your local library.

Visit www.americarecyclesday.org for more information. Happy recycling!

Plan Ahead to Attend Candy Rally

YOUR FAMILY is invited to Mountain View Middle School on Friday, January 20th at 6 p.m. for dinner and the West Branch Candy Rally!

Enjoy a free dinner, games, skits, and door prizes! Youth members will review safety rules, see the incentives, and review procedures for selling at stores.

Mark your calendar! Save the date! See YOU there!

Caroling and Holiday Fun

The West Branch Camp Fire Groups have a long tradition of entertaining the residents of the Retsil Veterans' Home in December. We are working with the staff of Retsil to arrange singing, interactive activities and hopefully a light meal.

The date and details will be available at the West Branch Office and the Leaders' Meeting in November and December. We hope to have a date and time secured before you read this. Call Dianne at 360 377 5513 for information.



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