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# FMSAA NEWSLETTER

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## Alumni Scholarships

Did you know that the FMSAA awards up to \$2000.00 in Continuing Education Scholarships each year? The FMSAA can award two \$500.00 Alumni Scholarships and one \$1000.00 Big Joe Scholarship. These scholarships recognize members of the Fire Mountain Staff Alumni Association for their outstanding achievements and to provide those individuals with a financial opportunity to further their education. We encourage all past and present staff to apply.

Scholarship applications need to be postmarked by **Tuesday May 31st, 2011** in order to be considered for this year. Mail applications to FMSAA Scholarship Committee: PO Box 14576 - Mill Creek, WA 98082. For requirements and an application, visit: <http://www.firemtn.org/scholarship/>

## Why become a dues paid member?

The Alumni Association started in 2001 with the intention to bring old friends together to help the camp that holds a special place in our hearts. Dues paid membership provides the foundation of our organization grows and serves Fire Mountain and the community. We host a website, provide college and camp scholarships, leadership training, physical

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## Fire Mountain Camp Improvements

Drop by Camp, you will not believe the exciting changes underway!

In July of 2010 the Mount Baker Council approached the Alumni Association along with several other groups asking for lump sum contributions of \$5000-\$10,000 to serve as seed money to fund the "Great Campsite Renovation." The Council properties committee's vision was to bring together the patchwork development of the last 40 years into great campsites at Fire Mountain!

With a focused vision, strong leadership and many grants and gifts, the first campsite work broke ground in September and had not stopped! With new campsite names many of the sites will be ready to open in time for the 2011 summer camp season. The Fire Mountain Staff Alumni Association has helped provide funding, advice, and volunteer hours. This is the largest coordinated renovation of campsites to every take place at Fire Mountain! The Alumni Association has been able to help propel the project forward with our largest financial contribution ever. The Association presented a \$5000 check to the Council Executive Board in October 2010, those early dollars allowed work to begin before the first freeze and it has not stopped all winter.

Work continues every day, 7 days a week with the help of Ranger Denny Ross, Volunteer and Friend of Fire Mountain, Steve Becvar (spending all his annual vacation and is now in camp 3-4 days a week), Marty Robinette (VP Properties and the mastermind), Scott Suchan (Council President and chief fundraiser for the vision), JnR Construction, Bob Hilde (has provided much needed heavy equipment) and dozens of others. In addition to the campsite renovations, the Baden-Powell Duplex is undergoing a to-the-studs remodel, as well as a renovation of the Webelos Shelter. If you can donate time, or would like to contribute materials or additional financial resources, please contact [marty@robinettmgmt.com](mailto:marty@robinettmgmt.com) or call him at (425) 259-9000 extension 23. Or you can call Ranger Denny Ross at 360-202-6355. There are volunteer crews going every weekend and several weekdays as well. Especially needed are amateur and professional carpenters.

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support, historical preservation, one of the largest merit badge events in the northwest, reunions and events for Alumni young and old to reconnect. The Alumni Association also provides camp staff motivational events and gifts, and links from past staff to today. Please consider becoming a dues paid member of the Alumni Association and help provide all these opportunities to this year's staff. You can mail a check for \$15 to PO Box 14576 Mill Creek, WA 98082, or you can donate online at <http://www.firemtn.org/alumni/donate>. Lifetime dues and other financial donations are gladly accepted! For more information, contact [dave@firemtn.org](mailto:dave@firemtn.org)

## Pie Night:

Mark your calendars for Tuesday July 19th as the Alumni head up to camp, pies in hand to share and meet our new and returning staffers for the 2011 Camp Season. Remember that Scholarship recipients are announced at Pie Night and fun is had by all. For more information contact Jenny Miller ([princesspig@yahoo.com](mailto:princesspig@yahoo.com)). We would love for you to come to camp and bring a PIE!!

## Merit Badge Extravaganza, 2011

This year's Merit Badge Extravaganza was another great success thanks to the help and support of many alumni and scouting volunteers we served over 450 Scouts from 44 different Troops. Many thanks go out to the Extravaganza Committee – Jenny Miller, Ed Miller, Bob Dybing and Dave Henrichsen; without their leadership and skills this event wouldn't have happened. We also want to give an extra big THANK YOU to Vicki Miller who planned, prepared and served lunch to over 200 people each weekend.

The Extravaganza is a great way for Fire Mountain Alumni to get back up to camp and teach Scouts. We are always in need of additional instructors and general staff so be on the lookout for more information as we plan for 2012.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

ALUMNI DAY – 6/26

PIE NIGHT – 7/19

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – 7/26

WATERSKI AND BBQ – 8/6

40TH ANNIVERSARY – 9/23-9/24

## Alumni in Camp

How many of you sit at work during the summer thinking back on all those great camp memories? I know I do. Some of my most favorite involve the past staff legends coming up to visit and showing us how it was done back in their day - teaching songs, skits, helping in the program area or just sending a card up to camp would really brighten up the day. We are looking to bring that back to camp in 2011.

This summer our goal is to get alumni up in camp everyday all summer. We are still having our regular events such as Alumni Day, Pie Night, Christmas in July; but we also want to work with the staff and "show them how it's done" by volunteering as a commissioner or helping in a program area. Volunteering at camp is a great experience; a few hours, a few days, an entire week; it can really make a difference to camp and to the staff. Keep an eye out on at [www.firemtn.org](http://www.firemtn.org) and our Facebook page - <http://www.facebook.com/FireMountain> - for more details, and we'll see you up at camp.

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## SAVE THE DATE

*Fire Mountain 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration –  
September 24-25, 2011*

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## 2010 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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YOU'RE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR BOARD MEETINGS – HELD THE THIRD MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH, 7:00 PM AT THE EVERETT SCOUT OFFICE