



Alumnus



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Fire Mountain Welcomes New Camp Director

*Sven Gilkey takes over Camp Director
Eric Buher returns as Program Director*

Sven Gilkey is a life-long Scout and Scouter born and raised in Fairbanks, Alaska. He has ten years of summer camp experience and has worked for the Boy Scouts since 2007. He joined the Mount Baker Council staff in December and is serving as the Camp Director for Fire Mountain Scout Camp. Sven has been actively preparing for an exciting summer camp experience including hiring a great staff. Eric Buher will return as the Program Director and together they will lead camp to a great season! If you have not met Sven, drop by camp this summer and welcome him to the Fire Mountain Family.

Scholarship Apps due May 31

Be sure to apply before it's too late!

Each year the Fire Mountain Staff Alumni Association has the ability to award up to 3 scholarships (two in the amount of \$500 and one in the amount of \$1,000) The purposes of these scholarships are to 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. All FMSAA members in good standing pursuing education of all levels are encouraged to apply.

The deadline for the Fire Mountain Staff Alumni Association Scholarships is May 31. Check out the link below for all the details.

<http://firemtn.org/alumni/scholarships/> For any additional information or questions you can contact Ed Miller at ed@firemtn.org

Where Are They Now?

Wondering what happened to all your camp friends? Several Alumni have recently celebrated special moments in their lives in the last year:

Congratulations on the birth of their baby:

Lynn Strub (1998-2003 Waterfront, Climbing)

Purchased their first home:

Jacob & Cari Burdette (1991-2011)

Alex Vogt (2000-2003 Nature)

Wedding Bells are ringing for:

Scott Miller (2002-03 High Adventure)

Jonathan Dippold (2000-2002 Waterfront)

Jordan Telford (2000-10 Program Director)

Ryan Kitzing (04, 07, 09 High Adventure)

Andrew Rawlings (2000-2003 Waterfront, Trading Post)

Steve Maurer (82-2000) & Pat Armitage (78-79)

David Ulbrich (2008 Waterfront)

Kari Nelson (1996-98, 02-03 Kitchen, COPE)

'Don Don' Schaffer (91-91 Rifle Range)

Do you know of something that should be shared in this column? Email dave@firemtn.org.

Alumni Events

Join us this summer for events with our current year's summer camp staff! If you can't make it up during an event, drop by camp and visit the staff, volunteer for a day or a week - email programdirector@firemtn.org if you want to spend time helping at camp this summer.

May 31 Scholarship deadline

June 29 Staff week begins

July 1 - 5pm Alumni BBQ at Fire Mountain

July 17 9pm Alumni Pie Night @ Fire Mtn.

July 26 9pm Christmas in July @ Fire Mtn.

Aug 4 Waterski party at the Ross Home

Aug 11 Last day of summer camp

2013 MB Ext: March 9, April 27



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Merit Badge Extravaganza 2012

by Jenny Miller, FMSAA Chair

MBE 2012 was a great success! I would like to personally thank all of the wonderful volunteers that made this event happen (Merit Badge Counselors, Kitchen/Lunch crew, parents that participated in the work parties on both weekends, FMSAA Board and Alumni Members) – without them we would not have been as successful. Furthermore, not only did we have 2 sunny weekends with no rain in sight, but lots of happy faces all throughout camp working hard for merit badges to help them advance their scouting careers. A few stats for the MBE are:

- Over 400 scouts participated in earning a variety of Merit Badges at Fire Mountain
- More than 30 registered MB Counselors volunteered their time for the duration of the event
- We offered 16 different merit badge classes
- We added the Fly Fishing Merit Badge
- Offered to Scout Troops the opportunity to pick up blue cards at the end of the event in April
- Had an excellent work party organized by Bob Dybing and led by Denny Ross on both weekends
- Canned food donations topped over 270 pounds donated to the local food bank

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Email or Paper?

Would you prefer to receive e-mail only communication from the Alumni Association? Please e-mail us at alumni@firemtn.org to let us know you would prefer e-mails only.

Fire Mtn Facelift

If you have not been to Fire Mountain in the last few months, you may not recognize the place! A massive effort to improve camp facilities is underway lead by Marty Robinette and Scott Suchan. The projects include a rebuild of all campsites, new modern shower facility, trading post remodel, duplex remodel, and an upgrade to almost every corner of camp. This is a highly visible and impactful package of improvements and has recieved wonderful reviews from almost everyone who has seen the improvements. The Council Properties committee needs your help - if you can contribute time, tools, or money before summer camp begins, please contact marty@robinettmgmt.com.

Alumni Fundraising

Hello there, my name is Danny Lee and I have been on the board of the Fire Mountain Alumni Association continually since its inception many years ago. We had a lot of dreams back in those early days. We were constantly thinking about what we wanted to provide for the camp and the staff. There was really no way to finance those dreams back then. Our only real source of income was the yearly dues payment that we asked of the membership. The membership back then was very small and so we looked forward to the future when we could finance projects and provide a scholarship to help the hard-working summer staff in achieving their educational goals. Now as I write this, the financial state of the FMSAA is looking very good. We are able to fund a couple of small scholarships and also support the camp staff during the summer with some fun, stress-relieving events. In addition, we are able to finance various camp improvement projects. We are still dreaming though, and thinking about better ways to support the camp and the staff. We are currently developing a handful of new fund-raising ideas and strategies. For now, I would like to simply ask you to think of the FMSAA as you make your financial plans for the year. Simply visit our website at <http://firemtn.org/alumni/join/> and use the Paypal button to instantly show your support for our association.