



# Alumnus



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## Spotlight on Alumni

*Cari Burdette: 20 years of service*



Last year marked the final year of camp staff (for now) for the Fire Mountain Princess. Cari (Crabtree) Burdette started at Fire Mountain in 1991 and has served on the summer camp staff since that time. She has most recently served as the Cub Scout Resident Camp Director for the last decade. Thank you for your many years of service, we look forward to many more years of serving together!

*Dennis Ross: 20 years of service*

Ranger Dennis Ross has announced his retirement as the Fire Mountain Ranger. Dennis has served faithfully since 1991 and has been an integral part of camp in almost every aspect of operation. Dennis will continue to be active as a volunteer in camp. He has touched many lives and made many friends in his years of service. THANK YOU for all you have done. The Camp Ranger position will be filled by long-time camp volunteer Steve Becvar.

## Merit Badge Extravaganza 2013

Since 2003 the FM Staff Alumni Association has hosted a Merit Badge Extravaganza for hundreds of Boy Scouts each spring. In 2013, we need your help as instructors to help provide this great program. If you can help, please email [mbext@firemtn.org](mailto:mbext@firemtn.org).

### Alumni Events

- Dec 28 Alumni Christmas Party
- March 9 Merit Badge Extravaganza Pt. 1
- April 27 Merit Badge Extravaganza Pt. 2
- May 31 Scholarship deadline

## Email or Paper?

Would you prefer to receive paper communication from the Alumni Association? Please e-mail us at [alumni@firemtn.org](mailto:alumni@firemtn.org) to let us know you would prefer a paper copy of the newsletter and other communications.

## Where Are They Now?

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

### **Congratulations on the birth of their baby:**

Ryan Kitzing (04, 07, 09 High Adventure)  
Adam Gessaman (97-05 Scoutcraft, Commissioner)

### **Purchased a home:**

Adam Gessaman (97-05 Scoutcraft, Commissioner)

### **Wedding Bells are ringing for:**

Karl Almgren (01)  
Jordan Gessaman (Shooting Sports)  
Greg Ellis (02, 03 Scoutcraft)  
Tom Herwick (87, 94, 07 Kitchen, Medic)  
Aaron Kramer (03-06 Outdoor Skills, Commissioner)  
Kevin McClinton (86)

Do you know of something that should be shared in this column? Email [dave@firemtn.org](mailto:dave@firemtn.org).

## Fire Mtn Christmas

Christmas comes but twice a year, once up there and once down here! The zany Fire Mtn. camp staff are known for their celebration of Christmas in July, please join us for a more traditional Christmas party in December. The Henrichsen's have opened their home once again for what has proved to be a fun evening. Bring photos and memories of summer camp, a food item to share, and a wrapped white elephant gift for the game. The party is located at 5008 75th Ave NE, Marysville, WA 98270. For more info check out [www.facebook.com/firemtn](http://www.facebook.com/firemtn).



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## Fire Mtn Facelift: The Fire Mountain Brand is Developed



Have you been to Fire Mountain this year? Many remodel projects are underway. Pictured here are the new campsite "Skagit" near the recently remodeled Fort Boeing, and the long overdue new central showerhouse. More pictures are at [www.firemtn.org](http://www.firemtn.org). Recent projects undertaken by the Mount Baker Council include:

- The entrance from the parking lot was improved to feel like the entrance to adventure.
- The exterior of Knoll Lodge was redone.
- The exterior doors, rotted siding and decking were replaced on Salashan Lodge.
- The Trading Post was upgraded with new exterior doors, a new green roof and a new deck, as well as a fresh interior paint job thanks to Scott & Michelle Suchan.
- The Craft Shelter was enlarged and cabinets were added.
- A rock wall was constructed to replace the concrete block wall along the side of the Trading Post and Craft Shelter.

- The Pioneering Shelter was enlarged, cabinets were added and a new green roof was installed.
- Fort Boeing was also renovated, thanks to the generosity of the Nysether family.
- Thanks to the Arlington Rotary Club, the old War Eagle campsite is brand new.
- We also have a brand new adirondack campsite, thanks to the generosity of Brent McKinley.
- The Skykomish & Mt. Rainier campsites have been renovated

If you can contribute time, tools, or money for some of the ongoing projects, please contact [marty@robinetmgt.com](mailto:marty@robinetmgt.com).

### A Tribute to Jim Mock

Jim passed away June 27, 2012 after a prolonged battle with leukemia and heart disease. Jim has been a long time volunteer and tireless worker at Fire Mountain for decades. The work that Jim has done at camp will stand as a living memorial for many more decades. He established a foundation upon which future generations will build. His example of service has touched the lives of many of us and will never be forgotten. The family encourages donations to the Mount Baker Council.

### Donate to Fire Mtn. Alumni

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FMSAA General Fund	\$ _____
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